

WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshiping with us today. If you need any assistance, please call on our ushers. They will be glad to help you. Please join us in the Social Hall after the service for our Coffee Hour. To learn more about Asbury, drop by our "Connection Corner" during Coffee Hour. We hope you have a meaningful worship experience and will leave Asbury renewed, fulfilled, and challenged!

**The flowers for today's service are given
in memory of Glen Dalton
by Aaron and Erin Dalton.**



Mission Statement

Asbury Memorial UMC is a place where all people, individually and collectively, develop their spirituality, use their talents, and grow in faith as we become a living example of people who love, serve, and celebrate God, each other, and our community.

Our Tithes and Offerings

Weekly Budget Need - \$12,254.63

Given Last Sunday - \$13,411.00

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$428,912.05

Year-to-date Received - \$426,700.61

Billy Hester, Senior Minister
Randy Canady, Church Administrator
Claudette DeLong, Office Manager
Candace Jenkins, Connectional Ministries
Chris Kincade, Asst. Youth Director

Ray Ellis, Minister of Music
Laura Angell, Youth Director
Ruthie Deffley, Family Ministries
Ashley Stroud, Children Ministries
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**Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
September 9, 2018
11:15 A.M.**



The Path to Life

16th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Angie Jenkins

INTROIT *Welcome to the House of the Lord* Asbury Choir
In 2009, the Asbury Choir commissioned composer Mark Miller to write a song for the 100th birthday of Asbury Memorial UMC. The result was *Welcome to the House of the Lord* which has become one of our favorite anthems. Welcome!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: A new day has dawned, a new church year begun.

All: O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice.

One: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.

All: O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path.

One: We enter this new church year with hope and excitement.

All: O Lord, remind us that You lead us.

Guide us as we look to You and worship You. Amen.

*HYMN *Maker in Whom We Live* No. 88

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Claire Marich

Silence & Reflection

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer No. 895

Choral Amen Asbury Choir

SCRIPTURE Selections from the Book of Proverbs

One: For the Word of God in scripture and story,

for the Word of God among us,

for the Word of God within us,

All: we give thanks.

*HYMN *When We Are Living* No. 356

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SERMON **The Path to Life** Rev. Billy Hester

TITHES & OFFERINGS

We recognize and bless the gifts brought to the table and those given to support the mission of the church through automatic payment.

OFFERTORY *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* Asbury Choir

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Marich

*RECOVENANTING LITANY Wayne Bland

One: As we begin the new church year, the members of Asbury Memorial are invited to renew the covenant we made with God and one another when we became part of this faith community:

All: Today, I affirm my relationship with this faith community.

As a member of Asbury Memorial,

I will strive to deepen my commitment:

to love God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength,

to love my neighbor as myself,

to follow the way of Jesus, who served and healed others,

and to offer my prayers, presence, gifts, and service to this

local expression of the Body of Christ. Amen.

*BENEDICTION Rev. Hester

Be present at our table, Lord;

Be here and everywhere adored;

**Thy creatures bless, and grant that we
may feast in paradise with Thee. Amen.**

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Here I Am, Lord* Congregation

The congregation is invited to "sign" and to "sing" the following:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

*POSTLUDE Asbury Musicians

* Those who are able, please stand.

** Children are invited to Children's Church (1st – 5th grades)