

WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshiping with us today. If you need any assistance, please call on our ushers. They would be glad to assist you. Following the service, please join us in the Social Hall for refreshments and fellowship. 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
Lillian H. Lindsay by Marie Winters and the George Lindsay family.**

Flowers are also given in memory of Louise Wiley by her family.



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 - \$10,778.75

Given Last Sunday - \$9,316.37

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$388,038.60

Year-to-date Received - \$348,112.77

Rev. Billy Hester, Senior Minister
Randy Canady, Church Administrator
Laura Angell, Youth Director
Detective Santana Willis, Security

Ray Ellis, Minister of Music
Claudette DeLong, Office Manager
Ashley Stroud, Children's Programs
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**Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
September 11, 2016
11:15 A.M.**



The Church of Holy Fools

17th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Kathy Hodges

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sometimes believing, sometimes doubting,

All: we come to God's house.

One: Sometimes weeping, sometimes laughing,

All: we come to God's house.

One: Sometimes afraid, sometimes joyful,

All: we come to God's house.

One: However we feel, whatever has happened to us,

All: here, we are welcomed.

It is good to be in God's house.

*HYMN *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale* No. 122

SCRIPTURE I Corinthians 1:18-25

ANTHEM *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!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Jeanette Purvis

Silence & Reflection

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer No. 895

Choral Amen Asbury Choir

*HYMN *Lord of the Dance* No. 261

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SERMON **The Church of Holy Fools** Rev. 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 *You Alone Are God* 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

*RECOVENANTING LITANY

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.

*HYMN *We Shall Overcome* No. 533

*BENEDICTION Rev. Hester

*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

* Please stand as you are able.

**Children are invited to attend Children's Church (K-6th grades)

Study Groups

The Enneagram

A study with Richard Rohr
Mondays at 1:00 p.m. for lunch, 1:30 for study, starting September 12th
Facilitator ~ Pam Parker Kress

Disciple: Fast Track

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. starting September 20th
Facilitator ~ Helen Downing

“Half Truths”- God Helps those who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn’t Say by Adam Hamilton

Monday at 6:30 p.m. September 12th thru October 17th
Facilitator ~ Rev. Grady Mills

Course in Miracles

by Helen Schucman & William Thetford
Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.
Facilitator ~ Rev. Marilyn Leigh

Support Groups

Eating Disorder Support Group

Mondays at 7:30 p.m.
Facilitator & Contact ~ Ruthie Deffley

Men’s Group: A Support Group that Welcomes All Men

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. starting September 15th
Facilitators ~ Dwight Campbell, Bill Jahn & Wayne Bland

Our Time: A Fellowship Group for Parents with Young Children

First & Third Sunday of the month at 10:00 AM starting September 20th
Facilitators ~ Nick & Ruthie Deffley

Social Justice Group

Reconciling Ministries Network

1st Sunday of the month at 1:15 p.m.
Facilitator ~ Lance Wilhelm

Sunday Programs

10 o’clock Hour for Adults

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. starting September 11th

Creative Kids

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. starting September 11th

Youth Program: TGIY

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. starting September 7th
Director ~ Laura Angell

Children’s Program: G-Force

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. starting September 21st

Music & Arts

Adult Choir

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. ~ Director, Ray Ellis

Handbell Choir

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. – Director, Ray Ellis

Asbury Memorial Theatre

Watch for audition notices

Fellowship Opportunities

Busy Bees

Mondays at 10 a.m.

Wednesday Night Suppers

Wednesdays starting September 21st at 5:45 p.m.

Health & Wellness

Breema: Presence Through Movement & Touch

See newsletter & email for dates, 10 a.m. till noon
Facilitator ~ Laura Ike; Contact – Tricia Richardson



Wednesday Night Suppers Reservation Form

You still have the option of either **salad bar** or **hot meal with a small salad**

- Both options include a homemade dessert and roll.

In order to prepare we need your reservation!

There are three ways to reserve your spot:

- Place this form in the offering plate
- Go to our website www.asburymemorial.org and register
- Call the church office at 233-4351

Supper is served at 5:45 p.m. - Serving stops at 6:30 p.m.

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED
ON MONDAYS, NO LATER THAN NOON.**

Also, the type of meal must be selected at time of registration. If you do not make a reservation, you will need to wait until 6:15 p.m. so all who made reservations have been accommodated.

Meal Date:

09/21 ___ 09/28 ___ 10/05 ___ 10/12 ___ 10/19 ___ 10/26 ___
11/02 ___ 11/09 ___ 11/16 ___ or Permanent Request ___

Name: _____

Phone No.: _____

Indicate number for dinners:

_____ Adult Meal \$6.00 _____ Adult Salad Bar \$6.00 (1 trip only)

_____ Child's Meal \$3.00 (12 and under) _____ Child's Salad Bar \$3.00

Maximum Family limit is \$24.00 per family

<u>Menu</u>	<u>Date</u>
Blackened Chicken Breast, Green Beans, Loaded Baked Potato Salad	Sept 21st
Lasagna (meat and veggie), Steamed Veggies	Sept 28th
Pork Chops (fried), Red Rice, Grilled Veggies	Oct 5th
Rotisserie Chicken, Yellow Rice, Broccoli Casserole	Oct 12th
BBQ Pork, Squash Casserole, Pasta Salad	Oct 19th
Spaghetti, Green Beans	Oct 26th
Baked, Ham, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans	Nov 2nd
Fried Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Broccoli Casserole	Nov 9th
Roasted Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes	Nov 16th