

THE ASBURY NEWSLETTER

Sunday Services

9:00 AM: Contemporary
11:00 AM: Traditional
10:00 AM: Combined Service on
5th Sundays

With Rev. Julie A. Lewis

Sharing God's Love in Our Community

Sunday Programs

9:00 AM: Sunday School for ages
2 - 18
9:00 AM: Nursery Available
9:30 AM: Adult Sunday School
4:30- 6:30 PM: Youth Group for
grades 5 - 12



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Upcoming Sermon Series

Rooted in Christ, Love Boldly
(Grounded in our Baptismal Vows)

Through this series, we will explore our charge to
“love boldly” through the lens of our
baptismal vows.

From the Desk of Rev. Julie A. Lewis

Dear Dear Friends and Family of Asbury,

First of all, I want you to know I thank God for you! The many prayers, cards, texts and words of encouragement I received before and after my surgery were very healing to my soul! I am recovering well and have been back at work for a few weeks now. Everything went well and I am grateful to God! We never really know if complications will arise and anytime we undergo any sort of medical procedure, we are placing ourselves in the hands of people we trust to do their best job. I am thankful that trust in my case had a good outcome.

At times like these, and other challenges we might face in life, we first should put our trust in God. Sometimes it can be difficult to walk a path of uncertainty, not knowing the future and have no sense of anxiety or fear. However, I have found that when I put my trust in God first, I can relax, knowing that even if I don't know the outcome, my God does. When I look over my life, I can see all the things God brought me through. There were bad times as well as good and things didn't always go how I would have liked it, but in the end, something good always came out of it. God works all things for good and I can see that when I look back. So can you if you take the time. That's how I know I can trust God, no matter what we face on any given day.

On Sunday Mornings:

- 8/2/26 Title: Tell the Whole Truth (Part 1)
Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-21
- 8/9/26 Title: Tell the Whole Truth (Part 2)
Scripture: Ephesians 4:11-16
- 8/16/26 Accountable to Christ and One Another
Scripture: Ephesians 4:17-32
- 8/23/26 Nurture One Another in Love
Scripture: Ephesians 5:6-21
- 8/30/26 Embody Christ in the World
Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20

In our world, there is a lot of uncertainty. We don't know what will happen in this war with Iran, with the economy, in our government, with the cost of housing, the cost of gas and food and if we can make our budgets stretch enough to live comfortably. There may be people, undocumented immigrants, who don't know if and when ICE will knock on their door and what would happen if they do. There may be people facing a difficult diagnosis or the impending loss of a loved one. We just can't know what the future holds. However, we do know who holds the future and we can put our trust in him. God will never leave us or forsake us. No matter what they say on the news, our God is bigger and more powerful than all of that. Remember that when anxiety begins to build. Take hold of God's hand in prayer and let God lead us through the days ahead. Then we too will thank God for all he has done for us!

Grace and peace,
Rev. Julie A. Lewis

Mission Team News

Senior Helper Program

The Senior Helper Program is still available to lend a helping hand. Check the flyer on the church's info center for more information or to volunteer to be a "helper" for an hour or two on an as needed basis.

HOPP Update

The Mission Team has decided to discontinue our participation in the HOPP program. The last pack n pray and food distribution will be August 26. Help is needed to pack at 9 AM at Whatcoat UMC in Dover and the distribution the same day in Asbury parking lot from 12:00 to 1:30. The Mission Team is discussing the possibility of volunteering at a Food Bank packing location once a month this Fall.

Blessing Box

Blessing Boxes continue to be heavily used and donation of items is always greatly appreciated. During this hot weather cases of water or juice boxes are always very helpful. Check with Penny Carney to find out the current needs.



Mission of the Month

The mission of the month for August is Pastor's Discretionary Fund and September will be for the Liberian Conference. Your generosity is always very greatly appreciated.

Children's Ministries

Vacation Bible School

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped our Vacation Bible School a wonderful success! We are grateful to each volunteer who gave their time and talents, everyone who supported VBS through generous financial gifts, and all who faithfully prayed for this ministry. Your kindness, generosity, and prayers made it possible to share the love of Jesus with our children and their families. Thank you for partnering with us to plant seeds of faith that will last a lifetime. Thank you for your continued support.



School Supplies

The mission project for Vacation Bible School was collecting school supplies for the Smyrna School district. The congregation of Asbury is asked to participate in this worthy endeavor. Donations may be made until August 23rd, by placing the supplies in the tub under the information table by the back entrance. Thank you in advance for your generosity!.



Sunday School

Sunday School will resume on September 13th during the 9 am service. Volunteers are needed to assist in the preschool class, the elementary class, and the middle school/high school. Please contact Wanda Foltz (at wandaf.asbury@gmail.com) for questions or to volunteer.

Youth Group



Updates

The mission trip to Savannah, GA June 14-19 for high school students was a great experience for all of us.

- The students were able to take part in some awesome activities where they could feel they were making a difference in the lives of others!

Our Back2School bash event is Sunday, August 31 at the home of Jennings & Lisa Hastings for a pool party event.

- Please contact Michelle to sign up and to get the address.

Sunday Youth Group resumes at Asbury on Sunday, September 13th, 4:30-6:30.

Plans are being made for the youth to hopefully attend the UMC National Youth Rally in Dallas, TX, July 2027.



Asbury Fellowship Park

Movie Night on the Lawn

In July, Asbury Fellowship Park partnered with the Boys and Girls Club to host a community movie night on the lawn, showing the movie “Sonic”.



Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School Update

Would you like to enhance your walk with Jesus?

Learn more of the major themes of the Bible?

Why not consider joining our Adult Sunday School class at 9:30AM every Sunday from September 13th through May, in the Matthews Room. All are welcome!”

Introducing Our Lay Leader

Lay Leader Introction

Greetings, Asbury family!

Every one of us has a role to play in the life and ministry of our church, and together we are called to share the love of God through Jesus Christ. As your Lay Leader, I look forward to serving as a bridge between our congregation, our pastor, and our leadership team by listening, encouraging, and sharing ideas and concerns, and helping us work together as we seek God's direction for Asbury United Methodist Church.

I have been blessed to call Asbury my church home since moving to Delaware in the late 1980s, and through the years I have been grateful for opportunities to serve Jesus alongside you in many different ministries. I have found particular joy in children's ministry and in sharing His love and grace with others. Although an injury earlier this year delayed this introduction, I am thankful to now begin this new season of serving with you.

I look forward to partnering with each of you as we embrace our shared responsibility for living out Asbury's vision, mission, and current focus of **Sharing God's Love in Our Community**. If there is ever a way I can listen, support, or help connect you with our church leadership, please don't hesitate to reach out. I would love to hear from you at lisastonertorbert@gmail.com.

Blessings & Love,
Lisa Torbert

Asbury Bulletin Board: News, Notes, & Needs



Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

The 8th annual Mayors' Prayer Breakfast will be held on October 7th. There are 8 seats available if anyone would like to attend. Seats are \$14 each and checks should be made payable to Asbury UMC. These spots will be first-come-first served, as seats are limited.

Confirmation Classes

Pastor Julie is going to be offering a Confirmation Class in August. This will be a 2-day class. If you are interested (age 11 and up) or have a young person who might be interested in attending, please let her know so the schedule can be set.

CPR/ AED Classes

A CPR/AED class is being scheduled for October. Interested persons should contact Wanda Foltz. There are a limited number of spots in this class. First priority will be given to Safe Sanctuaries trained volunteers in the children's ministry and youth ministry.



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Follow us on Facebook for updates of what is going on in the Church and community as well as daily scriptures and prayer items posted each morning at sunrise.

Daily devotion “method” is part of what it means to be a Methodist!

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