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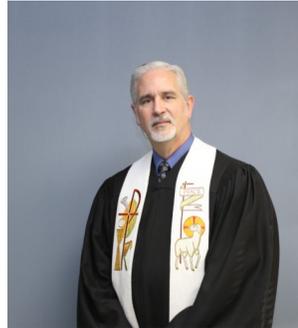
Asbury - "Where Hearts are Warmed for Christ"

April 19th, 2016

A word from the Pastor

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I just sat down in my favorite chair here in the parsonage. With my computer in my lap and my wife by my side, I am finally getting to my newsletter article which is "past due." I have just come home from Randy's funeral and meal. While I am tired, I am also energized. I know it sounds odd, but this weekend has been about as busy as it possibly could be; hospital on Thursday, funeral home and wedding rehearsal on Friday, District meeting on Saturday morning and wedding on Saturday night, Church services on Sunday and funeral home on Sunday evening, and then the funeral this morning. As I sit and reflect, I find myself physically tired but happy. I know it sounds backwards, but I want to take the time in this article to tell each of you who are members of Asbury how thankful I am to be able to serve as your pastor. There is nothing else in all of creation I desire more than to serve as a pastor in God's church. I am honored to be at Asbury and privileged to walk with all of you through good times as well as life's challenges.



I am happy, but I do not want you to think I fail to recognize how difficult many of the challenges are which we face together. There is nothing more difficult than walking with someone through times of grief and loss. At the same time, for a pastor, there is nothing more rewarding. To be given the opportunity to speak of God's love and promises to people who need to hear them is an honor which every faithful pastor understands. To celebrate the union of a man and woman as husband and wife is a privilege. To baptize your children is an honor. To be entrusted with leading worship is awe-inspiring. To simply be asked to be part of your life together is humbling.

As a congregation, you have welcomed Steph, the kids, and myself into your family. We are truly blessed to be part of the Asbury family, and I know they join me in affirming to you that we are grateful for your love toward us.

I want to communicate to you once more that I am here, we are here! If you ever need anything, day or night, please do not wait to call! Call me immediately, and I will do everything in my ability to be present with you in

Our Mission

Connect - to God and neighbor

Equip - to disciple

Send - to serve

Our Vision

A vibrant faith community that reaches out with the love of Christ to every generation for the transformation of the world.

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Sunday Worship:

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Worship Services, Sanctuary

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages

Serving Schedule:

Greeters April 24th

9:00 a.m. Sammie Rogers,
Mike Krueger

11:00 a.m.

Ushers April 24th

H. Lane Captain, M. Waldrip,
B. Johnson, D. Hughes, K.
Magness, J. Curry

Technology April 24th

Media Computer Carolyn K.

Sound Board 9:00 John B.

11:00 Anthony M.

Video Camera 9:00 Sunder P.

11:00 Jaci B.

Greeters May 1st

9:00 a.m. Sammie Rogers,
Mike Krueger

11:00 a.m. Marilyn Andjulis

Ushers May 1st

D. Andjulis Captain, B. Jones,
P. Patterson, G. Haynes, M.
Krueger, T. Jones, M. Nelson,
K. Lind

Technology May 1st

Media Computer Anthony M.

Sound Board 9:00 Tim B.

11:00 Mike W.

Video Camera 9:00 Sunder P.

11:00 Jaci B.

Attendance:

April 10th, 2016

9:00 68

11:00 87

Sunday School 68

Prayer Requests

PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND AND THOSE IN NURSING HOMES:

Lois Holt
Gertrude Merrit (Parks)
Trula Palmer

Mona Rogge
Wanda Stahl
Clarence Stahl

Jerri Nickel
(Madison Health
Resort)

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY & DEPLOYED:

Alex Kinne, Navy Power
School

Military & their families

Prayers for Asbury Family and Friends:

Sue Angle

Barbara Cates

Herb Hintz

Fred Martin

Reis Ritz

Chris Aldrich

Carmella Ciulla

Mary Hodges

Carol Maxwell

Shirley Rybolt

Debbie Atkinson

Ryan Conrad

Bri Hurst

Bob McCoy

Don & Barbara Shinn

Eric Baker

Jon Decker

Dotty Jones

McDonald Family

Michelle Simpson

Michael Ballard

Geneva DeShazo

Sandra Jordan

Drew Menasco

Cheryl Stark

M'Lou Belton

Matthew DeShazo

Carolyn Kent

Elijah Mendoza

Paul Stephans

Neva Bird

Marianne Dunn

Jim Ketcham

Nathan Mendoza

Diane Thomas

Phyllis Blair

Chuck Ellison

Kay Kingon

Barbara Moses

Laura Turner

Jim Bolding

Veronica Farrow

Earl Kinne

EJ O'Donnell

Jim Ward

Dan Brazeal

Kathy Fillpot

Betty Krueger

Lynn Patterson

Jake Westmoreland

Dr. Steve Brown

Brantley Gover

Keylee Latham

Lynn Phillips

David Weyant

Brian Browning

Jill Groves

Ralph Lewis

Molly Pruitt

Phyllis White

Susan Bryans

Melba Hayden

Kathy Lollar

Toni Rainwater

Hearts and Hands Orphanage

Norma Bustamante

Cathy Herzog

Frank Love

David Reedy

Vickie

Deborah Hicks

Noel Reedy

Congratulations to Michael Branum, Jack Cherry, Steven Fisher and Austin Martin for being inducted into

Announcements

Candidate Search

The year 2016 is off to a great start, and exciting things are happening at Asbury. New people are coming, and wonderful changes are taking place. This year promises to end with new people and changes as well. Our long time church administrator, Paula, has announced her retirement for the end of this year. She has graciously announced her departure early to give our congregation sufficient time to find a qualified replacement. The SPRC is now in a position to begin to receive names nominated from the congregation for consideration.

While church membership at Asbury is not required, we do prefer an individual with strong Christian values who is active in a Christian congregation. This individual must have strong accounting skills, be a good organizer, work well with volunteers, and be self-motivated. If you would like to make a suggestion of an individual who you believe would be a good administrator for our congregation, please provide this person's name and contact information to Pastor Russ or Don Jordan (SPRC chair). The SPRC will begin interviewing once time has been provided for our membership to provide this input. God bless Paula, and God bless

Sympathy: Family of Randy Campbell.
Randy joined Asbury on October 29th,
1989 and joined the Church Triumphant
on April 14th, 2016.

Hospital: Ed Kull

NEW EXERCISE MINISTRY - Receiving Donations!

There is much interest in a larger Exercise Ministry, an opportunity for our Asbury family to keep fit! We would like to facilitate a larger room with more equipment. If you have any equipment you would like to donate, we would be happy to pick it up from you. (Of course, funding also helps :-)
Items needed might include:

Treadmill, elliptical walker, exercise bicycle,
stairsteps, flat screen TV

For information, contact Oscar Lopez at 972-971
-1032.

Lectionary Readings

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH: ACTS 11:1-18, PSALM 148, REVELATION 21:1-6, JOHN 13:31-35

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 1ST: ACTS 16:9-15, PSALM 67, REVELATION 21:10, JOHN 14:23-29

Asbury Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 24th, 2016:

8:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Prayer
9:00 a.m. Asbury Worship
10:00 a.m. Life Lessons
11:00 a.m. Instrumental Praise Worship
5:00 p.m. Ascent Youth

Monday, April 25th, 2016:

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, April 26th, 2016:

6:30-8:30 p.m. Tai Chi
7:00 p.m. VSC Meeting, #121

Wednesday, April 27th, 2016:

Super Wednesday!
9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
4:30 p.m. Melody Makers
5:30 p.m. Supper
6:15 p.m. Activities for all ages
7:15 p.m. Choir

Thursday, April 28th, 2016:

9:00 a.m. Stitches
6:30-8:30 p.m. Tai Chi
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Sunday, May 1st, 2016:

8:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Prayer
9:00 a.m. Asbury Worship
10:00 a.m. Life Lessons
11:00 a.m. Instrumental Praise Worship
5:00 p.m. Ascent Youth

Monday, May 2nd, 2016:

Russ and Stephanie out of town until Friday
2:00 p.m. Deadline for Newsletter Articles
6:00 p.m. Power Flex
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, May 3rd, 2016:

Newsletter Day
10:00 a.m.– Noon MOPS
1:00-3:00 p.m. Read & Review Book Club
6:30-8:30 p.m. Tai Chi

Wednesday, May 4th, 2016:

Super Wednesday!
9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
4:30 p.m. Melody Makers
5:30 p.m. Supper
6:15 p.m. Activities for all ages
7:15 p.m. Choir

Thursday, May 5th, 2016:

9:00 a.m. Stitches
12:30-3:30 p.m. WTX Twilight Vision, #110
6:00 p.m. Power Flex
6:30-8:30 p.m. Tai Chi
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Sunday, May 8th, 2016:

8:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Prayer
9:00 a.m. Asbury Worship
10:00 a.m. Life Lessons
11:00 a.m. Instrumental Praise Worship
5:00 p.m. Ascent Youth

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From the Mailbag

Dear Church Family,

It is with much sadness that I have decided to transfer my membership to a UMC here in Midland. These last two years have really been a struggle with my health issues, and I have had to make some very tough decisions. Asbury UMC will always have a special place in my heart. You have always been my rock and refuge when I was in my darkest times. Thank you so much for accepting me with open arms and your blessings. I will miss seeing all of you, but know that I will try and come for a visit when possible.

Love always,

Kay Kingon

My Dear Asbury Family,

Thank you so much for your recent prayers and the beautiful Easter lily. It's not as beautiful as you wonderful people!

Chris Brokaw

P.S. A very special thanks to Pastor Russ for his visit at the hospital!

Asbury UMC,

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Methodist Children's Home! God has used you all to bring the hope of Christ to our children, youth, and their families. We are grateful for your investment in their lives and for your partnership in ministry.

Blessings,

To my Asbury Church Family,

I wish to express my gratitude for the recognition on Sunday, April 10th. It is an honor to have a cross with my name hung with the original church cross and crosses honoring some of Asbury's beacons of light. I am very humbled by this event.

Love & blessings,

Dear Asbury United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your support of the Newspapers in Education program in local schools. Our Newspapers in Education program is built on the belief that by working together—the community, teachers and newspaper—we can all come closer to our shared goal of helping our children broaden their horizons. Together we can help them make sense of the world in which they live and become informed and involved citizens who can better determine the course of their lives. Your support provides newspapers each week in local schools. We appreciate that you are willing to do the extras that keep us heading toward excellence in education/.

Sincerely,

Russ Davis

deserve. I will make mistakes and pray I learn from them, but I promise I will always try!

We are a blessed family, and we are part of a blessed congregation. I pray when you enter the sanctuary the next time you are in worship that you will take time to look around. We are young, and we are old. Some are married and some are single. We are white, black, and brown but we are all smiling. We love one another because we know without any doubt we are loved by our God. Asbury is different than it used to be. We will change and be different in the future. Each new person who enters our lives is a gift from God, and we change and become more clearly the church God is calling us to be. Know that you are part of something God is doing, and I celebrate with you that it is wonderful!

Blessing and all of God's love,
Pastor Russ

Magnify the Lord- Asbury's 55/20 Celebration

Asbury is having a Birthday! Our congregation will turn 55 years old this Fall, and we are also approaching the 20th anniversary for the building of the Sanctuary. An anniversary committee has been appointed and the members are working diligently to prepare a wonderful celebration.

The date has been set for September 25th and our former pastor Rev. Will Cotton will be returning to lead our celebration worship.

In order to facilitate our celebration, the anniversary committee is making a request of all our members and friends. We are asking each family to consider a special donation of \$55.00 in honor of our 55th year as a way to underwrite the expenses of our celebration. We are requesting this special offering as a way to provide a unique celebration and not impact our regular operating budget. Please give if you can, but know that we are blessed as a congregation as we all have much to celebrate.



Pastor Russ Nebhut

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