

But inside this old carcass a young girl still dwells, and now and again, my battered heart swells.

I remember the joys, I remember the pain, and I'm loving and living life over again.

I think of the years all too few, gone too fast, and accept the stark fact that nothing can last.

So open your eyes, people, open and see, not a crabby old woman; look closer . . . see ME!!

Lest we forget, not only are we blessed to have so many young families and children coming into our midst, we are also blessed to have many older individuals who have served the Lord faithfully for many years. Each one is a unique blessing in the life and ministry of Asbury. Together we are the body of Christ in this place and as such, each one of us is valuable to the ministry of the church. You are never too young to serve the Lord and you are certainly never too old. To all of you who have lived long lives of service to God - Thank You.

Blessings,

Pastor Russ

### Blanton Outreach

Asbury Church will continue to sponsor Blanton Elementary School during the 2016-2017 school year. Our primary purpose is to pray daily for the staff and students.

The other part of this project is for you to "adopt" a staff member to pray for, and/or send them a card or gift certificate, or make them some cookies or whatever on special holidays or their birthday. We will have the staff fill out a form to give you some ideas for things you might like to do for them. There are approximately 55 staff members, and we would like to have a sponsor for each one. We will have forms for you to pick up and fill out in the foyer. Please feel free to contact LaNelle (559-7824) or Mike Agee (559-4502) if you have any questions!

### Labor Day Picnic

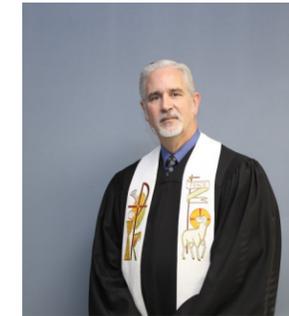
Come join us on September 4th for a labor day picnic starting at 6:00 p.m. at the UTPB park!



# THE JOURNAL

Asbury - "Where Hearts are Warmed for Christ"

August 30th, 2016



## A word from the Pastor

God's grace and peace be yours in Christ Jesus our Lord,

A number of years ago a woman living in a nursing home wrote the following poem that wasn't found until after her death. However, it demonstrated the reality that life flies by even if you live to a ripe old age. I think you will be touched as I was. It's entitled, "Crabby Old Woman."

What do you see, nurses? What do you see? What are you thinking when you're looking at me?

A crabby old woman, not very wise. Uncertain of habit, with faraway eyes?

Who dribbles her food and makes no reply. When you say in a loud voice, "I do wish you'd try!"

Who seems not to notice the things that you do, and forever is losing a stocking or shoe?

Who, resisting or not, lets you do as you will with bathing and feeding, the long day to fill?

Is that what you're thinking? Is that what you see? Then open your eyes, nurse, you're not looking at me.

I'll tell you who I am as I sit here so still, as I do at your bidding, as I eat at your will.

I'm a small child of ten with a father and mother, brothers and sisters, who love one another.

A young girl of sixteen with wings on her feet, dreaming that soon now a lover she'll meet.

A bride soon at twenty, my heart gives a leap, remembering the vows that I promised to keep.

At twenty-five now, I have young of my own, who need me to guide and a secure happy home.

A woman of thirty, my young now grown fast, bound to each other with ties that should last.

At forty, my young sons have grown and are gone, but my man's beside me to see I don't mourn.

At fifty once more, babies play round my knee, again we know children, My loved one and me.

Dark days are upon me, my husband is dead, I look at the future, I shudder with dread.

For my young are all rearing young of their own, and I think of the years and the love that I've known.

I'm now an old woman and nature is cruel; 'Tis jest to make old age look like a fool.

The body, it crumbles, grace and vigor depart. There is now a stone where I once had a heart.

### 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

Pastor Russ Nebhut

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Serving Schedule:

Greeters September 4th

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

11:00 a.m. Marilyn Andjulis

Ushers September 4th

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

Technology September 4th

Media Computer Anthony M.

Sound Board 9:00 Tim. B.

11:00 Mike W.

Video Camera 9:00 Sunder P.

11:00 Jaci B.

Greeters September 11th

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

11:00 a.m. Mary Davidson, Lois Lutes

Ushers September 11th

B. Johnson Captain, H. Lane, M. Krueger

Technology September 11th

Media Computer Mike D.

Sound Board 9:00 John B.

11:00 Anthony M.

Video Camera 9:00 Sunder P.

11:00 Jaci B.

Attendance:

August 21st, 2016

9:00 72

11:00 103

Sunday School 52

August 28th, 2016

9:00 68

11:00 97

Sunday School 52

# Prayer Requests

## PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND AND THOSE IN NURSING HOMES:

Lois Holt	Mona Rogge	Mary Jo Hill
Gertrude Merrit (Parks)	Wanda Stahl	Joy Bolding
Trula Palmer	Clarence Stahl	

## Prayers for Asbury Family and Friends:

Sue Angle	Anita Guinn	Kay Kingon	Jerri Nickel	Don & Barbara Shinn
Barchie Family	Melba Hayden	Earl Kinne	Sandi Phillips	Sandra Vickers
Whitney Campbell	Lois Holt	Nancy Lovett	Lisa Ramirez	Mike Waldrip
Shelli Childers	Eddie Johnson	Jenica Maroney	Prisilia Ramirez	Missions in Mexico
Hospital: David Weyant				Flood Vitcims in Louisiana
Mike Curry				
Clarence Stahl				

## PRAYERS FOR MILITARY & DEPLOYED:

Military & their families

## Sacramento Christmas Gifts

It is approaching the time when we will once again seek to provide Christmas gifts to the staff at Sacramento Camp. Last year we experienced a unique time with the staff when we delivered the gifts you provided. They were overwhelmed by the outpouring of love you expressed through your gifts.

It was clearly expressed to us how thankful they were for Asbury. No other congregation has ever done this for the staff in the past. We were the first and as your pastor I believe we should make this an annual event. I have seen first hand what these amazing individuals accomplish in the lives of the children who attend the various camps each year.

Sacramento Camp Director Bill McQuaig and his wife Cindy will be visiting Asbury on October 30<sup>th</sup> and we will receive an update on all the camp is doing and their plans for the future. You will have an opportunity to meet them and ask any question you desire.

In the meantime, I believe it will be easier on everyone to begin the collection of gifts sooner rather than to wait until the Christmas season.

Please watch for the board displays in the near future.

Blessings and Merry Christmas - Early!

Pastor Russ

# From the Mailbag

Dear Asbury United Methodist,

We are so appreciative for such a wonderful breakfast. Thank you for thinking of us and showing your support. Thank you again for helping us have such a positive start to what is going to be a great school year!

Amanda W., Kathleen Weilby and David Weilby

Dear Asbury,

Your VBS program rocks! Thank you, thank you, for your help, donations and support. Because of your generosity, we were able to stuff over 300 backpacks with school supplies! Looking forward to working with you next year.

The Rainbow Room

# Lectionary Readings

**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH: JEREMIAH 18:1-11, PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18, PHILEMON 1-21, LUKE 14:25-33**

**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH: JEREMIAH 4:11-12, 22-28, PSALM 14, 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17, LUKE 15:1-10**

# Asbury Upcoming Events

## Sunday, September 4th, 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  
6:00-9:00 p.m. Church Picnic, UTPB Pavilion

## Monday, September 5th, 2016:

OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

## Tuesday, September 6th, 2016:

10:00 a.m.-Noon MOPS  
12:30 p.m. Read & Review Book Club, Parlor  
6:30-8:30 p.m. Tai Chi  
7:00 p.m. VSC, #121  
7:00 p.m. *The Shack*, 1423 Wedgewood

## Wednesday, September 7th, 2016:

9:00-11:00 a.m. Armor of God Bible Study  
4:30 p.m. Melody Makers  
5:30 p.m. Supper  
6:15 p.m. Activities  
7:15 p.m. Choir

## Thursday, September 8th, 2016:

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

## Saturday, September 10th, 2016:

8:00-9:30 a.m. UMM Breakfast, Fellowship Hall  
9:00 a.m. Church Work Day

## Sunday, September 11th, 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

## Monday, September 12th, 2016:

1:00 p.m. Deadline for Newsletter Articles  
6:00 p.m. Power Flex  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

## Tuesday, September 13th, 2016:

Newsletter Day  
6:30-8:30 p.m. Tai Chi  
7:00 p.m. VSC, #121  
7:00 p.m. *The Shack*, 1423 Wedgewood

## Wednesday, September 14th, 2016:

9:00-11:00 a.m. Armor of God Bible Study  
4:30 p.m. Melody Makers  
5:30 p.m. Supper  
6:15 p.m. Activities  
7:15 p.m. Choir

## Thursday, September 15th, 2016:

9:00 a.m. Stitches  
10:30 a.m. Parks Communion Service  
12:30-3:30 p.m. Vision Support Group, #110  
6:00 p.m. Power Flex  
6:30-8:30 p.m. Tai Chi  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

## Sunday, September 18th, 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

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# Announcements

## CHURCH-WIDE PREPARATIONS for our 55th ANNIVERSARY and OPEN HOUSE!!

We are having guests over to our church home on September 24th-25th to celebrate our Anniversary. To prepare, we need to have a very detailed cleaning, inside and outside: scrubbing, dusting, vacuuming, window washing, floor cleaning, mopping, yard sprucing, bush and tree trimming, and sweeping. To accomplish this, each of our family needs to find something to clean and improve. Make sure your room is "set" for visitors. We hope to have a leader for every room (including your part of the hallway) in the church and, yes, even the bathrooms. If the first impression of your room is the need to de-clutter, that is a good place to start. Also, the hall bulletin boards will need a fresh face; hall walls and baseboards need cleaning, as well as doors and doorways. We want someone to sign up for each space and make sure it shows the best.

This is a very exciting time in our church home. Please make an effort to assist your church family with cleaning your space. Mom was correct, "A clean room makes people think you care!" Please join us on September 10th for a church-wide cleaning, or you may start today to make sure your room is the nicest. THANK YOU FOR CARING!

Your Trustees.

## Electronic Giving

We have had Electronic Giving in place for about a year now and I am happy to report that it has worked flawlessly. I would like to once again encourage each family of our congregation to consider this as an option for your gift giving to the church.

As a member, you can make your church contributions through an automatic draw on your checking or savings account. You can select the amount and the frequency of the donations. The cost to the church is minimal and there is no additional cost to you as a member.

We are very encouraged by the simplicity of this option for financial support for our church. If you would like more information or to sign up, please call the church office at [432-366-4455](tel:432-366-4455).

## "The Armor of God" Women's Bible Study

Dear Sisters in Christ! You are invited to join us for "The Armor of God," a Bible study by Priscilla Shirer, lasting 7 weeks. Please pray about attending and inviting other ladies to join us.

This Bible study begins on Wednesday, August 31st from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Atkins Community Room at Asbury UMC. The last day of this Bible study will be on October 12th. The Member Book is \$17 (\$13 + \$4 spiral binding). Nursery is available, just please let us know if needed. For more information, contact Abby McCullough at [432-559-3019](tel:432-559-3019), or Belinda Richey at [432-559-8763](tel:432-559-8763).