

Announcements

Electronic Giving

We have had Electronic Giving in place for about a year now, and we are happy to report that it has worked flawlessly. We 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.

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.

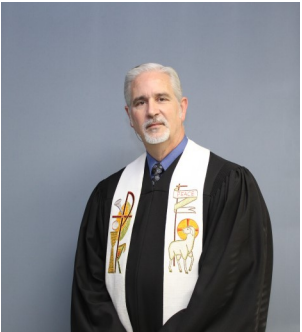
The other part of this project is for you to “adopt” a staff member to pray for, and/or send them a card or gift certificate, or make them some cookies or whatever on special holidays or their birthday. We will have the staff fill out a form to give you some ideas for things you might like to do for 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!



THE JOURNAL

Asbury - "Where Hearts are Warmed for Christ"

September 13th, 2016



A word from the Pastor

Grace and peace to all of you in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ,

We are only a little over a week away from our glorious 55th anniversary service, and the time of preparation has been fast and furious. We are making all things ready for a God glorifying celebration! Planning for this event has simply added one more item into our already packed schedule at Asbury. The growth we have experienced and the number of groups utilizing our facilities has transformed our church into one of the busiest churches in our community.

One area which is to be a focus of the pastor in each church is to “equip” people for works of service. Yet, because of the crazy nature of our schedules, this rarely is accomplished. To begin the process of providing focused training for the laity of our congregations and equip them for the ministry, Asbury has become a host site for Lay Servant Ministry Training. We have already held one Lay Servant Ministry weekend, and we are scheduled to host our second weekend on October 7th & 8th.

In July, we taught only the “Basic Course.” This is an introductory level course for anyone interested in the Lay Servant Ministry program. Beginning in October, each time a weekend is held there will be two courses taught. The Basic Course will be offered each time for anyone who desires to enter into the program. In addition to this, an Advanced

Course will be taught to specifically train laity for ministry in a specific area. There are dozens of different Advanced Course topics which can be provided.

This October we will be offering an Advanced Course titled: Lay Pastoral Care Giving. This course prepares a lay member of the congregation to minister to individuals who are in various situations and times of need. The course will cover ministries to the elderly, including providing communion to those who are shut-ins. There will be training on making visits to hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living centers, as well as how to conduct a home visit. End of life issues will be addressed with a focus on death and dying. Crisis intervention will be addressed because life in this world is hard and tragedies do happen. We will learn how to step into some of the most trying circumstances of life and be instruments of God’s peace and hope.

As your pastor, I encourage you to consider how these courses can equip you to minister to the members of our congregation and beyond into our community. Registration information is located at the Welcome Center in the narthex of the sanctuary. I pray these classes will prepare our congregation to fulfill the mission God has entrusted to each of us as His Church in the world.

In Christ,
Pastor Russ

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 18th

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

11:00 a.m. Charles & Bonnie Cotten, Terry Richey

Ushers September 18th

D. Andjulis, D. Hughes, M. Lippman

Technology September 18th

Media Computer Mike D.

Sound Board 9:00 Tim B.

11:00 Mike W.

Video Camera 9:00 Sunder P.

11:00 Jaci B.

Greeters September 25th

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

11:00 a.m.

Ushers September 25th

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

Technology September 25th

Media Computer Carolyn K.

Sound Board 9:00 John B.

11:00 Anthony M.

Video Camera 9:00 Sunder P.

11:00 Jaci B.

Attendance:

September 4th, 2016

9:00 54

11:00 84

Sunday School 46

September 11th, 2016

9:00 74

11:00 82

Sunday School 54

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	Neva Bird

PRAYERS FOR ASBURY FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Sue Angle	Corey Carrell	Lois Holt	Jenica Maroney	Sandra Vickers
Christie Applegate	Shelli Childers	Eddie Johnson	Jerri Nickel	Mike Waldrip
Barchie Family	Mike Curry	Kay Kingon	Sandi Phillips	David Weyant
Marilyn Brown	Mark Farquhar	Earl Kinne	Lisa Ramirez	Missions in Mexico
Paul Brown	Anita Guinn	Imiah Lively	Prisilia Ramirez	Valorie
Whitney Campbell	Melba Hayden	Nancy Lovett	Don & Barbara Shinn	

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 30th 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 Members of Asbury UMC,

I want to express my thanks and appreciation to you for your support of the Korean Ministry in El Paso, Texas. Your donation is allowing this ministry to move forward and is providing assistance that you have helped make possible. Once again, thank you very much for your generous donation.

Sincerely,

Eduardo Rivera

District Superintendent

Lectionary Readings

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH: JEREMIAH 8:18-9:1, PSALM 79:1-9, 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7. LUKE 16:1-13

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH: JEREMIAH 32:1-3, 6-15, PSALM 91:1-6, 14-16, 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19, LUKE 16:19-31

REMINDERS

There have been some situations recently that need to be addressed.

The **water valve** for the outside faucets is missing. If you know where it is, please return it to the church office so others may have access to it when necessary.

Some **HVAC** units have been turned off, but the fans have been left running, or, in other words, in the "on" position instead of "auto". PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF YOU TURN SOMETHING ON, PLEASE TURN IT OFF. That relates to lights, fans, air conditioners, heaters, etc.

Thermostats for the Fellowship Hall and/or kitchen have been changed from "Permanent Hold" to another setting and not changed back. AGAIN, please follow the directions for those thermostats that are posted in the Fellowship Hall and in the kitchen. All you need to do is adjust the temperature settings, and return them to their "saved" settings when you are done in the room(s).

IN GENERAL, if you turn it on, turn it off. If you change a setting for use during an activity, return it to the "resting" setting. If you borrow an item from one room and move it to another location, return it to the original location. If you need a resource from the resource room for a class or activity, return the unused supplies to their rightful place in the resource room. (Don't ask someone else to replace it for you or by leaving it where it doesn't belong!) If you create a mess, clean up after yourself.

I am CONSTANTLY asked if I know where this is, or where that is, or who left this situation, or who borrowed this or that, and I do not know when someone uses something and it is not returned to its "home". You may think I have eyes in the back of my head, but I cannot see through walls, no matter what my children or my husband think! So, PLEASE be aware of where you find something and return it when you are done using it. That way all of us can benefit from the resources we have throughout the building.

Just for your information, our electricity bill for August was over \$2,300. If everyone would help us conserve lights, temperatures, etc., we can utilize our financial resources to the best of our ability as well.

Thank you for your consideration of others at all times.

Your Business Administrator,

Paula Waldrip

Asbury Upcoming Events

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
 5:00 p.m. Ascent Student Ministries

Monday, September 19th, 2016:

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Power Flex
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, September 20th, 2016:

10:00 a.m.-Noon MOPS
 6:00 p.m. CPS, #111
 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tai Chi
 7:00 p.m. VSC, #121
 7:00 p.m. *The Shack*, 1423 Wedgewood

Wednesday, September 21st, 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 22nd, 2016:

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

Saturday, September 24th, 2016:

55th Anniversary Celebration Weekend
 4:30- 6:30 p.m. Open House, Asbury UMC
 7:00 p.m. Anniversary Banquet, FunDome

Sunday, September 25th, 2016:

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast, F/H
 10:45 a.m. Prayer
 11:00 a.m. 55th Anniversary Service
 5:00 p.m. Ascent Student Ministries

Monday, September 26th, 2016:

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

Tuesday, September 27th, 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 28th, 2016:

Sarah at MOMcon until October 2nd
 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 29th, 2016:

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

Saturday, October 1st, 2016:

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The Well, ACR
 Volunteer Training

Sunday, October 2nd, 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 Student Ministries

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