

To the SPRC, UMW, and the church known as Asbury United Methodist,

Thank you for such a wonderful day on February 26<sup>th</sup>! From the cross presentation at both services on Sunday morning, to the reception in the afternoon, I was overwhelmed by the love and care shown to me.

Yellow roses are my favorite, and to see them on each of the tables in Fellowship Hall was a joy. A wonderful surprise was the appearance of our youngest daughter and her best friend, travelling from Abilene for the afternoon. The monetary gift was substantial and appreciated. I am thinking of special ways to utilize it!

It has been my joy to have been in ministry with and for you for the past 20 + years as your Business Administrator. You have each blessed me in ways too numerous to mention.

As Mike & I move forward to this stage of life, we will see you in worship as often as we can!

Blessings to each of you and to Asbury's bright future!

Paula Waldrip



# THE JOURNAL

Asbury - "Where Hearts are Warmed for Christ"

February 28th, 2017

## A word from the Pastor

Lent is here! Run and hide!

Lent is a time when we, as God's people, focus on the reality of our own sinfulness and the judgement of God upon sin. The season is often marked by prayer and fasting which are practices undertaken to make us more aware of our own weakness and to focus our hearts upon God instead of ourselves. The images of Lent can be quickly misunderstood, and we can assume that God is angry with us. Unfortunately, many people do believe God is an angry God who is ready in a moment's notice to pour out judgment upon us when we step out of line. Far from this image is the truth. God is not angry and looking for an opportunity to judge us. Rather, God is yearning for us to turn to Him and know the love and grace He desires to share with us.

The Lenten season is a time when we focus on God's grace and His willingness to take our place. We are guilty of sin. We have hearts and lives which have rebelled against Him, and we are truly deserving of His judgment in this life and for all eternity. The events of the Passion of Jesus, which the season of Lent highlight, reveal to us the extremes to which God was willing to go to open the way for mercy and forgiveness.

This year throughout the season of Lent, we are focusing on the People of the Passion. One of the truths which will be revealed will be that the characters who played various rolls in the events of Jesus' death were no different from the people we encounter every day. Judas, who betrayed Jesus, was a man who lived for himself and when he was confronted with his own sinfulness, he chose to turn away from God in despair. We all know people who are living in this same situation

today. Peter was a man who faced the pressures of temptation and fear and in that instant he denied Jesus. Who among us has not chosen, in the heat of the moment, to deny our faith and make choices which we believed were better for ourselves. Herod was a ruler who used his position and power to obtain pleasures for himself, often at the expense of others. The world is filled with people like this. Pilate was a government official who chose to do what was expedient for himself rather than to do what he knew was right and correct. The religious leaders were more concerned with preserving the status quo than serving God from a heart of faith. The list goes on and on. Yet, what do we see in the events as they unfold? Jesus was enduring the events of His Passion for each and every one of them. Each one deserved the judgement of God to be heaped upon them. Instead of judgment for their sin, Jesus went to the cross for their sin! Instead of being cast away from God, Jesus opened the way for each of us to draw close to God!

The people who were involved in the life and death of Jesus were really no different from any of us and those we interact with every day. Jesus went to the cross for them and for all of us. He suffered so we can be forgiven. He was cast away so we can draw close. During this Lenten Season we have no reason to fear God, for we see in the events surrounding Jesus' death that regardless of who we are or what we have done, Jesus died so life and forgiveness can be offered freely to each of us. Do not run and hide! Jesus lives so life can be freely given to each of us.

Blessings 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

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### Serving Schedule:

#### Greeters March 5th

9:00 a.m. Sammie Rogers, Mike Krueger  
11:00 a.m. Marilyn Andjulis

#### Ushers March 5th

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

#### Technology March 5th

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 March 12th

9:00 a.m. Sammie Rogers, Mike Krueger  
11:00 a.m. Mary Davidson, Lois Lutes

#### Ushers March 12th

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

#### Technology March 12th

Media Computer Mike D.  
Sound Board 9:00 John B.  
11:00 Anthony M.  
Video Camera 9:00 Sunder P.  
11:00 Jaci B.

### 2017 Finances:

#### February

Budget Income: \$24,285.05  
Budget Expenses: \$31,840.15  
Balance: <\$7,555.10>

#### Year To Date

Budget Income: \$55,970.94  
Budget Expenses: \$65,684.02  
Balance: <\$9,713.08>

### Attendance:

February 19th, 2017

9:00 75

11:00 78

Sunday School 64

February 26th, 2017

9:00 74

11:00 84

Sunday School 60

## 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	Mike DeShazo	Ralph Lewis	Nimitz Middle School	Joy Slack
Christie Applegate	Judy DeWeese	Kennedy Linch	Joel Nowlin	Roger Smith
Tammy Armstrong	Libby Ellrich	Cherryanna Little	Kim Nowlin	Kimberly Stepp
Ronald Bennett	Mark Farquhar	Keith Little	Lloyd Nowlin	Hollis Terry
Bishop Earl Bledsoe	Al French	Bailey Lively	Catherine Paul	Diane Thomas
Brian Brokaw	Dallas Garrett	Imiah Lively	Sandi Phillips	Sandra Vickers
Marilyn Brown	Debbie Garrett	Frank Love	Fred Pleasant	Bryan & Tara Vinson
Paul Brown	Anita Guinn	Nancy Lovett	Dorothy Pleasant	Glendya Williams
Corey Carrell	Dorothy Hart	Jenica Maroney	Linda Pope	Kaleb Zengher
John Craig Carrell	Melba Hayden	Nathan Mendoza	Lisa Ramirez	Methodist Outreach in Zambia
Casey Cates	Corinne Hefflin	Clint Mesker	Prisilia Ramirez	Nolan
Shelli Childers	Gene & Jimmie Jeanette Hewitt	Paul Minton	Estella Ramos	Penny
Jim Cornell	Mary Hodges	Amanda Moss	Ervin Renacia	Mrs. Fox
Adele Cortez	Tom Horton	Noah Moss	Scarlett Robinson	
Erble Creasman	Rusty Inzer	Bobby Nelson	Maddie Saunders	
Karen Crutchfield	Kay Kingon	Jerri Nickel	Marla Scott	
Jeanie DeShazo	Helen Lewis	Jim Nickel	Don & Barbara Shinn	

### PRAYERS FOR MILITARY & DEPLOYED:

Military & their families

Sympathy: To Helen Paul and family at the passing of her mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with Helen and her family at this time.

## From the Mailbag

Dear Asbury,

Thank you for opening your doors for our community health screening in your community. It is because of your generosity that Life Line Screening continues to be able to bring these health screenings into your area and for that, we are very appreciative.

We look forward to working together again!

We appreciate all your help and support with hosting this community outreach event.

Sincerely,

Paula Massara  
Life Line Screening

## Lectionary Readings

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH: GENESIS 2:15-17, 3:1-7, PSALM 32, ROMANS 5:12-19, MATTHEW 4:1-11

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH: GENESIS 12:1-4, PSALM 121, ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17, JOHN 3:1-17

## Announcements



Zeva Annette Moss

Born on December 18th, 2016

Great-granddaughter of Carol Peters

### Helpers for Children's Choir

Our children's choir is growing! Because of this, we are needing more volunteers to help out on Wednesday nights. Please let us know if you are interested!

We want to extend a warm Asbury welcome to:

Deborah Ann Allen– Moss, who was baptized and received into membership on February 26th, 2017, and Linda Childers, who transferred her membership to Asbury on February 26th, 2017.

Please extend your hand of fellowship to each of these new members when you see them next in worship!

### 2017 Flower Calendar

There are still many openings on the 2017 Flower Calendar!

Honor a friend. Memorialize a loved one. Celebrate God's love.



Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 12th! Be sure to turn your clocks forward one hour!

## Asbury Upcoming Events

### Sunday, March 5th, 2017:

8:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Prayer  
9:00 a.m. Asbury Worship  
10:00 a.m. Life Lessons  
10:00 a.m. Coffee With Pastor Russ  
11:00 a.m. Instrumental Praise Worship  
3:30-5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class  
5:00 p.m. Ascent Student Ministries

### Monday, March 6th, 2017:

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Power Flex  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts  
**Tuesday, March 7th, 2017:**  
9:30-11:30 a.m. MOPS  
1:30 p.m. Read & Review Book Club, Parlor  
6:30-8:30 p.m. Tai Chi  
7:00 p.m. VSC, #121

### Wednesday, March 8th, 2017:

Super Wednesday!  
9:00-11:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
4:30 p.m. Melody Makers  
5:30 p.m. Supper  
6:15 p.m. Activities  
7:15 p.m. Choir

### Thursday, March 9th, 2017:

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

### Saturday, March 11th, 2017:

8:00-9:30 a.m. UMM Breakfast, F/H  
8:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. Lay Servant Ministries  
Advanced Course

### Sunday, March 12th, 2017:

**Daylight Saving Time Begins**  
8:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Prayer  
9:00 a.m. Asbury Worship  
10:00 a.m. Life Lessons  
10:00 a.m. Coffee With Pastor Russ  
11:00 a.m. Instrumental Praise Worship  
3:30-5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class  
5:00 p.m. Ascent Student Ministries

### Monday, March 13th, 2017:

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
11:30 a.m. The Well Board Meeting, #110  
1:00 p.m. Deadline for Newsletter Articles  
6:00 p.m. Power Flex  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, March 14th, 2017:

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

### Wednesday, March 15th, 2017:

Spring Break– No Wednesday Night Activities

### Thursday, March 16th, 2017:

9:00 a.m. Stitches  
10:30 a.m. Parks Communion Service  
12:30-2:30 p.m. WTX Twilight Vision, #110  
6:00 p.m. Power Flex  
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

### Sunday, March 19th, 2017:

8:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Prayer  
9:00 a.m. Asbury Worship  
10:00 a.m. Life Lessons  
10:00 a.m. Coffee With Pastor Russ  
11:00 a.m. Instrumental Praise Worship  
3:30-5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class  
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