



JULY 2018

Asbury United Methodist

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Grace and peace be yours in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Welcoming Our New Pastoral Family

The SPRC is hosting a welcoming lunch for the Smith family (Sean, Courtney, Jane—age 6 and Lucy—age 4) on July 8th after the 11:00 service. The Methodist Men will be serving hotdogs and chili. Please bring a freezer of your favorite ice cream or a dessert to share.

It has been our custom to welcome our new pastoral family with gift cards to places around town. Think about your favorite restaurant, home improvement place, along with Target or Wal-Mart and give the Smiths a gift card. Courtney's favorite grocery store is HEB and surely those little girls love pizza – so that should give you some ideas. A gift basket will be provided for greeting cards and gift cards, should you have one.

PLEASE wear your Asbury name tags for awhile to help Sean and Courtney as they learn our faces and so many names.



Asbury Items of Interest—upcoming events:

Brush Mountain Outfitters offers License to Carry Classes. If you are interested, let the church office know, or call Jennifer Bussell at 432-208-5355.

United Methodist Men meet at 7:30 a.m. the second Saturday of every month for Breakfast here in the fellowship hall. All men are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information contact Charles Cotten.

Church Council Meeting – July 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Promise Seekers Camp (4th - 6th grade) July 9th - 13th

VBS is coming.... July 23rd - 27th

Sanctuary Flowers – there are always openings on the Flower Calendar which means that you may honor a loved one, celebrate an anniversary or birthday or simply express your gratitude to the Lord for the blessings in your life. After the late service, you may take the flowers home to enjoy, take them to a friend or designate they be taken to Asbury shut-ins. Please sign up in the notebook on the kiosk in the narthex. The cost is \$20.00. Envelopes are provided for your convenience or you can put a check in the collection with a notation on the memo line “flowers on the alter” and the date.

Newsletters: There are copies of the July Newsletter on the post in the foyer and on the table in the work room in the event you did not receive one by email.



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Our records don't reflect any anniversaries in the month of July. If we missed your anniversary or the anniversary of someone you are aware of, please call the office and let Elaine know so we don't miss them again.



BIRTHDAYS IN JULY!!!

Don Hughes	July 2 nd
Barbara Shinn	July 2 nd
Betty Ball	July 3 rd
Doris Jordan	July 5 th
Terrie Carroll	July 8 th
Steve Marshall	July 8 th
Donna Lind	July 10 th
Beverly McColloch	July 10 th
Meghan Stewart	July 15 th
Robert Nowlin	July 20 th
Glenda Spencer	July 28 th
Don Stice	July 29 th

Financial Snapshot:

General Fund balance on May 31, 2018 was \$60,293.57

Income for January through May totaled	\$166,061.63
Expenses for January through May totaled	\$133,187.35
Total gain in General Fund assets	\$ 32,874.28

TOTAL DEDICATED FUND BALANCES AS OF MAY 31, 2018:

Adopt a Mission	\$ 2,688.80
Advance Specials	160.00
Asbury Bereavement Fund	1,848.58
Asbury Family Care Fund	1,322.38
Building Use	1,173.00
Children's Ministries/VBS	914.74
Flowers	382.11
Fold Sunday School Class	884.29
Insurance	1,383.87
Kitchen Fund	359.46
Landscaping	- 377.61
Meditation Garden	258.55
Memorial Fund	2,084.05
Misc In and Out	1,534.07
Mission Blanton Elementary	430.65
Music Ministry	766.61
Property Improvement & Maint. (Trustee a/c)	37,145.79
Scholarship Fund	5,166.00
Staff Appreciation	401.92
Sunday School Literature	50.00
Vehicle	819.94
Youth Ministries/Camp	<u>15,254.27</u>
Total Dedicated Accounts	\$74,651.47

BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP PRINCIPLES

VIII. GOD'S STEWARDS LIVE WITH AN AWARENESS OF THE PRESENT AND FUTURE, OF TIME AND ETERNITY.



What does this mean?

God's stewards live intentionally in the light of the Lord's eternal purpose while being firmly committed to the here and now.

What does God's Word say about this?

Matt. 6:19-21 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

1 Tim. 6:17-19 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Phil. 3:12-14,20 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Pet. 3:11-12a Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.

Rev. 14:13 Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow [with] them."

How is this done?

As children of God through faith in Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit's help, we will:

- Point out the eternal dimensions inherent in all that stewards decide to do or not to do;
- Pursue good planning for the present and future as part of stewardship education; and,
- Rejoice in knowing what God's stewards do now can have lasting benefits.

As children of God through faith in Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit's help, we will not:

- Be so intent on the here and now that the possibilities for extending the kingdom after death are neglected; or,
- Be so intent on plans for the future that the possibilities for extending the kingdom here and now are neglected.