



# ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*

*August/September 2014*

“It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon those all around can warm up in its glowing. ”  
These are the words that begin one of my favorite hymns, *Pass It On*. Sometimes as a small membership church we think that being in Mission & Ministry is something left to the bigger mega churches. But like the song says “It only takes a spark”.

We here at Asbury UMC are the spark when we help to provide a program, The WAY, to those who are dealing with substance abuse issues. How do you help? By your contributions that ensure the electric bill is paid and the facility is available for people to meet here, by your prayers for those who are trying to find a better way, and by providing snacks for a time of fellowship after the meeting. YOU are the spark when you do any of these things!

Twice each month we are now able to provide food for those in need in our community. Your donations pay for a mountain of food to be procured, your time volunteering helps to sack and distribute the food, & your prayers empower and encourage the effort to feed the hungry.

“It only takes a spark ” and YOU are that spark that helps us to serve the least, the lost, the last, the lonely, and the littlest!

We can serve God and our neighbor from right where we stand. As a small membership church we can bloom where we are planted. As just who we are, with the help of God, we can live out the mission and ministry Christ calls us to. Thank YOU for being a SPARK. Thank YOU for being a part of the Mission and Ministry of Asbury UMC!!

Blessings!! **Pastor Linda**

### Matthew 25:34-40

Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who will receive good things from my Father. Inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world began.<sup>35</sup> I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me.<sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.’

<sup>37</sup> “Then those who are righteous will reply to him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’

<sup>40</sup> “Then the king will reply to them, ‘I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.’

**Hi! My name is Whitney Clifton & I am the new secretary at Asbury. I would like you all to be sure to give me a call if you ever have any questions or any prayer request that need to be added to the church bulletin. I want you to know that I'm very excited to be working with you all! Have a wonderful and blessed day! Whitney**

**WEEKLY HAPPENINGS**

Sunday Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship Services 10:30 a.m.  
 Tuesday WAY 6 p.m.  
 Wednesday Choir 6 p.m.  
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**HAPPENINGS**

September  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Choir 6pm  
 4<sup>th</sup> Food Pantry  
 9<sup>th</sup> Happy Elders  
 9<sup>th</sup> The WAY  
 10<sup>th</sup> Finance Meeting 7pm  
 10<sup>th</sup> Choir 6pm  
 13<sup>th</sup> Pre-Conference Meeting (Ardmore)  
 all church members welcome @ 10:00  
 16<sup>th</sup> The WAY  
 17<sup>th</sup> Choir 6pm  
 18<sup>th</sup> Food Pantry  
 21<sup>st</sup> Potluck Dinner



**August Birthdays**

J. E. Quinton 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Mary Willis 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Zachary Whelchel 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Bob Inman 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Emilea Stephens 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Houshang Arbabi 27<sup>th</sup>  
 James Smith 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Colton Smith 29<sup>th</sup>

**September Birthdays**

Pastor Linda 1st  
 Dalton Smith 9th  
 Whitney & Mallorie 13th  
 Tamara Quaid 21st

**Ministry Opportunity**

Volunteers are needed to provide cookies/snacks for The WAY. Please call the office and sign up for a week. ☺  
 Come and help sack groceries or help distribute food with the Asbury Food Pantry.  
 Call or send a card to a shut-in or someone you have been missing at church!

August  
 Dean & Emilea Stephens 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Bob & Bernita Horton 25<sup>th</sup>  
 September  
 David & Charolette Platt 9<sup>th</sup>



**Men @ SOAR**  
**Lattie & Ethel Jones**  
**Houshang Arababi**  
**Food Pantry**  
**Family Members**  
**Pat Jones**  
**The Mideast conflict**  
**Bob & Barbara Longler**  
**John Hatfield**  
**Teachers as they prepare for school**  
**Laura Smith**  
**School children**

**Living the Lord's Prayer**

Spiritual Formation for the Small Church  
 Registration is by church and is \$10 per person, per event. Registration includes meal, handouts and the book "The Invitations of Jesus."  
 These workshops are especially for churches with up to 80 in memberships, but is open to everyone! Dates and places are:  
 October 28, Prague UMC, 5-9 p.m.  
 October 29, Pauls Valley UMC, 5-9 p.m.  
 You may register online @ [www.okumc.org/smallmembershipchurch](http://www.okumc.org/smallmembershipchurch). Or you may call the conference for a registration form.

**\*\*Be Sure to READ the Bishop's Corner \*\***  
[http://www.okumc.org/Bishops\\_corner](http://www.okumc.org/Bishops_corner)



**October 19-24, 2014 @ Canyon Camp**

**Five Day Spiritual Academy for Lay  
Persons and Clerg**

**The Academy is a five-day experience of  
community living.**

**The rhythm of the day is punctuated by:**

- **Worship—morning, afternoon & evening;**
- **Lecture—morning and afternoon;**
- **Periods of silence—morning and  
afternoon;**
- **The Great Silence—overnight;**
- **Covenant groups—evening;**
- **Meals—in community;**
- **Free time for:**

**Rest—Hiking—Conversation—Reading.**

**5-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation**

**Begins Sunday evening, Oct. 19 at 5:30**

**p.m. & ends with lunch on Friday, Oct. 24.**

**More info available at:**

**<http://www.okumcministries.org/SpiritualFormation/files/SpiritualFormation14.pdf>**

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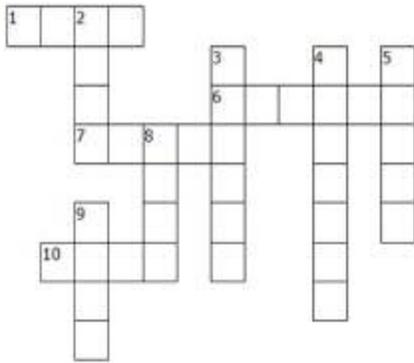
**Merry Christmas in July!**

What a generous outpouring of support we had for our Christmas in July! Members brought gifts of personal care items for our brothers at the SOAR House. They were gratefully received by Executive Director Doug Davis, as he gave us a word of thanks that day. We are blessed to share in worship and fellowship with the men of SOAR and we are grateful for their wonderful care of the lawn and building that they so generously donate.



Have you seen the LOVELY flower pots outside fellowship hall? We have those thanks to the Girl Scouts who held their summer day camp here at Asbury UMC. When we keep the doors open and the light bill paid with our contributions, we make it possible for the lives of young people in our community to be changed.





**ACROSS**

- 1. A male ruler of a country
- 6. To express admiration or approval of something or someone
- 7. To go into a place
- 10. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals; a street or highway

**DOWN**

- 2. What a person is called
- 3. To stretch out over a large area
- 4. A small town
- 5. The Son of God
- 8. Secured with a piece of rope
- 9. A young animal of the horse family; especially one under one year

PRAISE	ROAD	TIED	JESUS	COLT
ENTER	SPREAD	VILLAGE	KING	NAME

L M Z C L O A K S P D T Z L L  
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QUIET	ROAD	MIRACLES	HEAVEN	VILLAGE
VOICES	STONES	CLOAKS	GLORY	LORD
NAME	JESUS	PRAISE	KING	BLESSED
TIED	COLT	PEACE	CROWD	SPREAD

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