



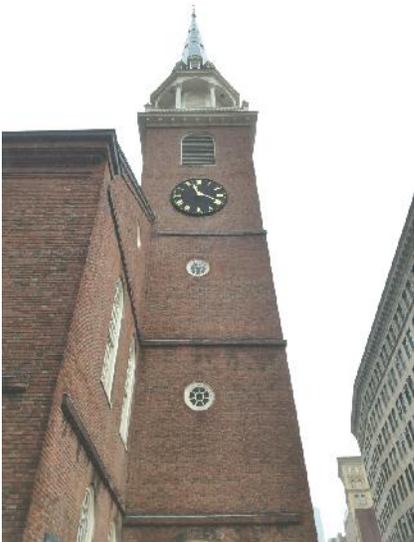
Hey church,

A few weeks ago, Kenton and I went away for our 10th anniversary, which is coming up this month. Using a flying voucher we had been given, we flew to Boston, and spent most of our time in Acadia National Park in Maine. However while in Boston, we walked part of the Freedom Trail — the couple mile pathway of Revolutionary War historical sites in the city. My favorite location wasn't Paul Revere's House or the Old North Church where the 2 lanterns were lit (though I loved learning that Charles Wesley had once preached there!). It was what's called the Old South Meeting House — a church that was the largest building in Boston at the time, and so it became the city's meeting place. This is the place where Benjamin Franklin was baptized, where Samuel Adams and Phyllis Wheatley, the first African-American author, worshiped. John Hancock spoke here and George Washington visited.

The reason it became my favorite is because of its history of allowing differing opinions to have a voice. It's been a place that has honored and fiercely defended free speech for centuries, where loyalists and revolutionaries held public debates and worshiped together. Where abolitionists and slaveholders debated and worshiped together. Where advocates of birth control and those who were against it debated and worshiped together.



What struck me most was that the folks who called Old South their church home were committed to attending even if they disagreed on all the major hot-button issues of their day. Church wasn't a Sunday option, but a weekly commitment. You weren't going to simply decide not to come one Sunday, even if what people were saying was something you greatly disagreed with. And because the people were committed to weekly worship, worship actually grew them into better people. People who could listen to each other, respect one another, and still find common ground in the worship of their God together. Because for them, there was no other option. This allowed the church to lead the culture, rather than get sucked into mimicking the culture.



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Our Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 3:30pm Friday 8:30 am - Noon

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Pastor: Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick

I liked the tangible reminder that there are churches that have made people better men and women, better children of God. And I liked that there was a church that was a protector of free speech, and that the church was stronger, and not weaker, for it. As I look forward to celebrating the 4th of July, I'm grateful for our country. I'm grateful for the role the church has played in the development of our country. And I'm keenly aware that the only ones responsible for how that legacy continues are the ones who are in, and not in, the pews Sunday after Sunday.

Blessings,



Pastor Lindsay



Mark Your Calendars

Till July 2 – BIG House at Asbury

July 17-21 – Maker Fun Factory VBS

July 6-9 – Jr. High BIG House Trip

July 8 – UMW All Women Brunch

July 9 – Blankets & Blessings

July 16 – United Methodist Men

July 19 – Family Fun: Peter Piper Pizza

July 23 – Leadership Council

July 23 – Blankets & Blessings

July 31 – Handbell Camp Begins

July 30 – New Member Social

Weds in July – Lunchtime Bible Study

Every Sun – Youth Dive-In Devos

Every Mon & Thurs – Aerobics

Upcoming Events

Aug 6 – Handbell Camp Performance

at 8:45 Service.

August 7,8 – Staff Retreat

August 20 – Back to School Blessing

The Readers Group of Asbury's UMW invites you to

The Asbury Ladies Brunch

Saturday July 8th, 10 a.m.

Asbury Community Room

All are invited to attend a brunch and program on Latin America. Come hear about the work of the church and also the needs of these countries. There is no charge for this enjoyable and interesting event.

*For questions contact Lu Harrison
713-962-4130*

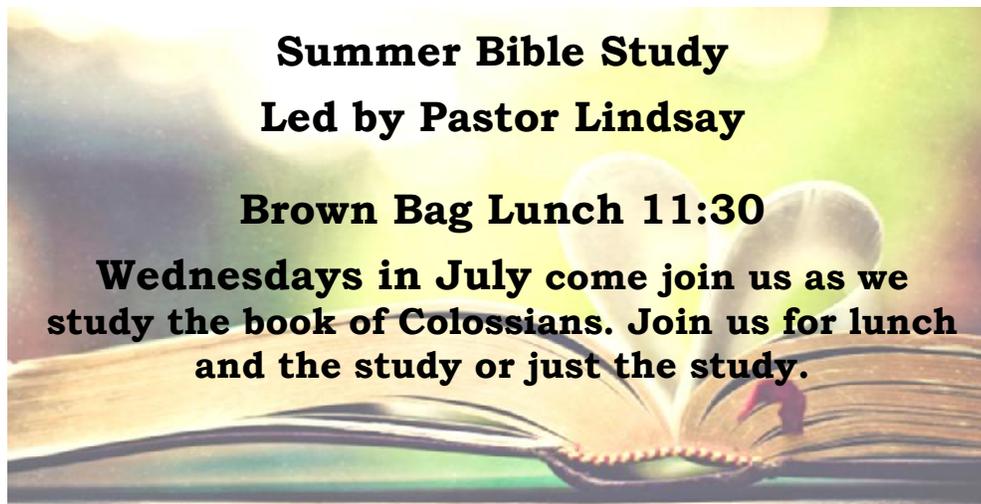


Summer Bible Study

Led by Pastor Lindsay

Brown Bag Lunch 11:30

Wednesdays in July come join us as we study the book of Colossians. Join us for lunch and the study or just the study.



Family Fun Days



Summer Handbell Camp

July 31 - August 4
9:00 - 10:30

8 spots are available for children who have completed 4th - 6th grades.

To register please contact Kay Lunsford. You can also call the church office and leave a message.



Community Events



A talk presented by Bella Rae Magazine

Young Women's Worth & Value in Christ

Tuesday, July 11, 2017, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Gateway Community Church

760 Clear Lake City Blvd., Webster

Contact: Erin Brown | (281) 286-1515

ebrown@gateway-community.org

This magazine strives to teach all young women these values: Their hearts are tender. Their minds are fierce. Each woman is beautiful & strong in her own way.



Encounter Newsfeed

Awesome, Amazing, Wonderful Info about Asbury's 6th-12th Grade Ministries



Dive-In Devos

3:00PM-5:00PM

July 2nd- Sommerfield's

July 9th –Eble's

July 16th –Clyatt's

July 23rd –Palmer's

July 30th – Clyatt's

August 6th –Choma's

August 13th –Parmer's

Each summer as the school year dwindles and the temps start to rise the student ministry team eagerly awaits that moment when we finally pack up the tools, take our group pictures, pray for our journey ahead and then pull away from Asbury (the church we are oh-so familiar with) to embark on a journey that we are accustomed to; however, that is always slightly different than the year before. This trip is not only an opportunity to serve others in Jesus name but it's also a chance to unplug and better hear what God is speaking to us, to respond to His voice and to take action. It is ALWAYS extremely impactful in the spiritual lives of the students and adults who attend. **I am speaking of none other than the Sr. High UM ARMY Mission Trip for our 9th-12th grade students.** The 2017 Encounter UM ARMY Mission Team headed to Palestine, TX on Sunday June 4th and spent the week working on homes of the elderly and less fortunate members of the Palestine community.



We stayed at FUMC of Palestine and slept in classrooms, ate together, fellowshiped together and worshiped boldly together each morning and night. Numerous church members of FUMC Palestine graciously opened their homes to us so we could enjoy hot a shower and that lead to some amazing bonds with new brothers and sisters in Christ in our home away from home for the week. Our team of 7 students, 2 college assistants and 4 adults partnered with members from Shepherd of the Heart UMC in Pearland, FUMC of Pasadena, FUMC of Nederland, St. Paul's UMC of Houston and Van UMC to build 8 wheelchair ramps, 1 porch, 1 set of stairs, 2 handrails, scraped and painted two 2 houses, re-roofed a tin car port, and ultimately spread the love of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to strangers, whom they did not know and who did not know them.

If you would like more information about this trip and/or would like to sign up to participate on the 2018 UM ARMY Mission team please





How Does Our Relationship with Zoe Work?

This month we will feature an overview of the program from the latest report. You can pick up a copy of the complete program description in the Main Hall. Next month's newsletter will feature the training Asbury's working group has undergone since last summer.

Children selected for this program are orphans at risk. Becoming food secure and generating an income are usually the most urgent needs of the children identified for Zoe. Our program utilizes an empowerment approach to overcome the challenges faced by these children. The program is made up of these components:

Food Security: Children struggle to buy or grow food, because of their lack of decent wages and agricultural knowledge. Zoe assists the children not only with learning how to acquire food but also with learning about nutrition.

Group Formation: After meeting with the leaders in a community, children are selected for the program. They are then organized into working groups. Each group manages itself with things like their own rules and meeting schedule.

Name List: Zoe staff will put together a list of all the children participating in the program. They will then assess each child's home life to know of any immediate concerns and what specific challenges are faced.



Sharing Faith: Alone in the world most of these children have never known God's love. If they have heard of God, it's likely they feel as abandoned by him as they do by the rest of the world. Zoe's staff shares God's love and mercy more by actions than by preaching. Being loved and cared for by the staff and sponsors a continent away is life changing for them.

Income Generation: Each working group will often take on a business project. The group will share the profits. Children devise a business plan and are taught money management before beginning their project. Throughout the process program facilitators will provide guidance and grants can help with start-up costs.

First Connections: Vulnerable children often feel isolated. Zoe creates connections. Peer groups put children in touch with one another, so they know they are not alone. It's comforting to know others are facing the same struggles. The program facilitators are often speak the language and are educated in social work or a similar field. Additionally, mentors are chosen from the community and trained to be supports and advocates for the children.

Hope Companions: All working groups know they have support coming from partners far away. They are amazed that people would care for them without ever having met them. Having someone care about their well-beings and their accomplishments is transformative for these children.

Thank you for helping to build God's Kingdom for these children. The members of Asbury are the Hope Companions of the Imani "Faith" Lukununu working group in Kenya. The children of this group are pictured in the images on the prior page and this page.





Confirmand Chyler Harris was baptized June 4th. She is the daughter of John & Brandy Harris. Barbara Grimes was her confirmation prayer partner.



Confirmand Fisher Reid was baptized June 4th. He is the son of John & Michelle. Brad Waller was his prayer partner.



Siobhan Miller, daughter of new members Eric & Jennifer was baptized on June 25th.

This month we said good-bye to our long-time member and friend, Jackie Gaw. She had been a member of Asbury since 2005. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Asbury extends its sympathy to Cindy Evans and her family on the death of her father, Larry Jackson.

Congratulations to Susan Warner on the birth of her 9th grandchild. Asa Edward Warner was born June 2nd in Puerto Rico.

Asbury wishes Kim Barnett well in her new job as Children's Director of Seabrook Methodist. She and her family will be missed.

Prayer Concerns:

Evadell Murdock	Robert Clark, Betty
Marge Colello	Gillioz's Son-in-law:
Joe Martinez: cancer	heart issues
Pat Groves: healing	

Please pray for our members and friends affected by cancer and other health concerns as well as all family members and friends currently serving in the Military.

A weekly updated list of prayer concerns can be found in the Main Hall on the table to the right, before you enter the sanctuary.

General Fund Snapshot

2017 Budget	\$517,126.00
Received thru 3/26/2017	\$148,779.41
Still Needed:	\$368,346.59

*You can make your donation online through the web site.

THRIVE Campaign Snapshot

Pledges Made	\$642,000.00
Received thru 6/19/2017	\$88,637.00

*Remember to write THRIVE on the memo



PRESENCE . . .

Sunday, June 4, 2017
10:00 am Worship Service 234

Sunday, June 11, 2017
8:45 am Worship Service 75
11:00 am Worship Service 122

Sunday, June 18, 2017
8:45 am Worship Service 76
11:00 am Worship Service 109

Sunday, June 25, 2017
8:45 am Worship Service 84
11:00 am Worship Service 122

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We are still looking for a few more eager beavers to fill the last few volunteer spots:

- *Crew Leaders
- *As Needed Substitute
- *KidVid Assistant

Come and be a part of this exciting week. Let Nara Ebel or Misty Duke know how you would like to help.

VBS Training

July 11th, 6:30, Station Leaders
July 12th, 6:30 Crew Leaders

