



Hey church,

There is so much I could write about in terms of Asbury happenings right now. I could tell you of processes. I could talk with you about facts and figures, and we have plenty of forums and opportunities for just that. But a couple years ago God really convicted me, through the CEB version of Psalm 100, of the appropriateness of serving God with celebration — meaning that the act of celebrating is actually a service to God! And so what I want to do is serve God by celebrating with you some treasured stories of what God is up to amongst us.

As I write this in a hotel room in another city during a pastoral leadership conference, I've been blessed today by the story of how a church family had to go to a local emergency room in a tough set of circumstances, and some church members went up to the hospital in my absence to be a visible sign that the church, and indeed God Himself, stood with them in that moment.

I am reminded of a conversation I had earlier this week of a family that will be joining our church in the next few weeks and hopes to make Asbury their family's long-term spiritual home. They are excited about the prospect of relationships they can make here, and they are entrusting us with their children's spiritual foundation, an awesome and humbling responsibility.

A family told me last week that God had done something in their marriage that they never saw coming, and that they would never have believed how far they've come in such a short time thanks to the leading and provision of God. I know for a fact that there are church folk at Asbury who have been praying daily for that marriage for weeks.

These are only a few of the stories I share with you to celebrate the goodness and faithfulness of our Saving Lord. You may be in a season personally in your life where reasons to celebrate seem few and far between. If so, I encourage you to take these stories, and hold on to them, and wait faithfully for the day when you have your own to share. I promise you, that when you do, Asbury will be right there, celebrating alongside you.

Blessings,

Lindsay

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

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Pastor: Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick

Mark Your Calendars

May 7 – Advance Commitment

Dinner & Children's Program

May 21 – Commitment Sunday

May 3 – Potluck for Faith & Family

May 6 – Vendor Market on the Pavilion

May 6 – UMW Unit Meeting

May 21 – UM Men

May 21 – Blankets & Blessings

May 22 – Day School Kindergarten

Graduation Program

May 22 – Readers' Group

May 23 – Soul Sisters

May 28-31 – Texas Annual Conference

Every Mon & Thurs – Aerobics

Every Wed – Faith & Family Nights

Please Note

May 24 – Last Faith & Family Night

before summer break

May 29 – Church Office Closed

❖ Please ensure your group meets during the summer.

Upcoming Events

June 4-10 – UM Army

June 5-9 – District Choir Camp

June 28-July 2 – Hosting Big House



May 7th at 5 p.m.

Please register for the Advance Commitment Dinner, if you haven't already. This will be a great time of fellowship bringing the whole church together. We would love to see everyone there, even if you are unable to commit at this time.

You can R.S.V.P. by following the link on our website or by filling out a card in the main hall. There will be a special children's program (PreK-4th grade) and nursery (2 and under) available, as well.



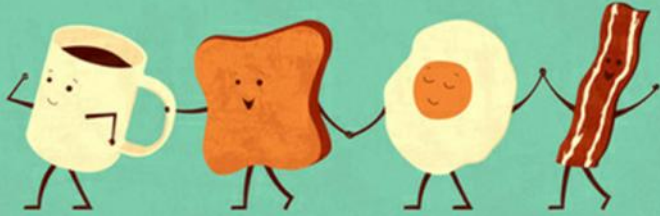
One Service: June 4th, 10 a.m.

On Confirmation Sunday there will be one combined service and no Sunday School. Please remember our confirmands in your prayers as they make this important step in their faith.



Heads Up! We will be publishing our own Church Photo Directory. This will give everyone a chance to put names and faces together at Asbury. If you haven't had a photo taken yet, we will be taking photos of you and your family **May 7th beginning at 8 am** in the Main Hall when you come to Worship.

Let's Have Brunch!



commitment Sunday, May 21st

BETWEEN SERVICES brunch will be



Texas Annual Conference

May 28 – 31

The Woodlands, Texas

Faith & Family Nights

Every Wednesday Evening

6:30 - 7:30pm

Potluck Dinner Wednesday, May 3rd
beginning at 5:30pm

Did you know that the South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church is comprised of 700 congregations, including ours?

Come and meet some of your fellow Methodists from across Texas during this conference. There will be times for worship, fellowship, and conference business.

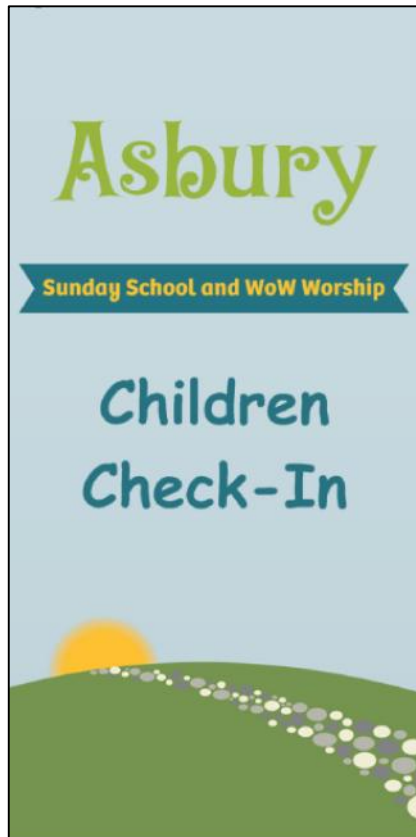
Asbury Day School Registration has begun for the 2017-18 School Year. Please stop by the Day School office or call for more information.

Stephanie Kichline
rector

Phone: 281-998-3486 Di-




Children's Ministry News



Parents!

We are starting new Check-In procedures for WoW Worship & Children's Sunday School. Please look for the Check-In table on Sunday Mornings.

	100	100
Child's Name _____		_____
Parent's Name _____		Child's Grade _____
Where Can We Find You? _____		Cell Phone Number _____
Attending: <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School <input type="checkbox"/> WOW Worship		
Special Instructions/Allergy: _____		

Asbury UMC
Really Loves Your Kids!
Please fill out the sticker to the right and place it on your child's back. Present this stub when you pick up your child.
WWW.SAFEKIDZ.COM

VBS planning has begun!

Where do you want to Volunteer?

This is a great opportunity for members of Asbury to share God's love and truth with children in our community. It is a fun-filled week of games, crafts and more, so come out and support the Children's Ministry!

Please see Nara Ebel or sign up on the sheet outside the Children's Office to reserve the position in which you would most like to help. Thank you.

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School!



July 17th - 21st from 9am - Noon



On April 23rd Abram Jack was baptized and then joined Asbury. Welcome to God's family and Asbury's family, Abram!

To Asbury:

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and visits. Special thanks to Pam Sweny and Katherine Washburn for their help. I appreciated Pastor Lindsay's visit and calls.

God bless you all,

Ron Epperson



Prayer Concerns:

Evadell Murdock	Jackie Gaw: hospice
Marge Colello	Harold Hargus
Joe Martinez: cancer	Ron Epperson: healing
Pat Groves: healing	Glenn Davis: 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,

General Fund Snapshot

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

PRESENCE . . .

Sunday, April 2, 2017	
8:45 am Worship Service	66
11:00 am Worship Service	113
Sunday, April 9, 2017	
8:45 am Worship Service	113
11:00 am Worship Service	112
Thursday, April 13, 2017	
Living Last Supper	175
Friday, April 14, 2017	
Moring Prayer Stations	40
Evening Prayer Stations	43
Sunday, April 16, 2017	
8:45 am Worship Service	180
11:00 am Worship Service	178
Sunday, April 23, 2017	
8:45 am Worship Service	111
11:00 am Worship Service	115

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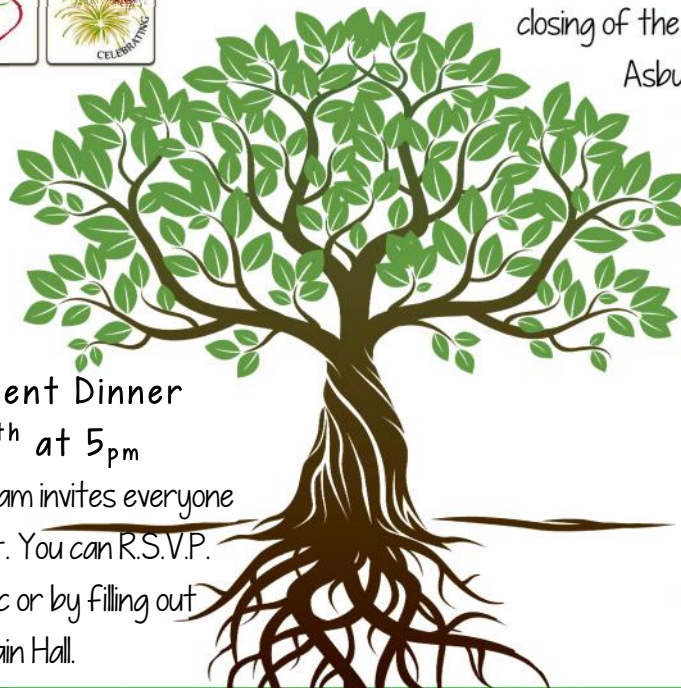
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THRIVE



Great Day of Commitment
Sunday, May 21st

Please join us on Commitment Sunday for the closing of the campaign and a celebration of Asbury's future. As a part of the celebration a brunch will be served between services.



Advance Commitment Dinner
Sunday, May 7th at 5_{pm}

The Campaign Leadership Team invites everyone to attend this special event. You can R.S.V.P. from the link at Asbury.cc or by filling out a card in the Main Hall.