

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HEARTS THAT LOVE AND HANDS THAT SERVE AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST



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CIRCUIT RIDER

October 1, 2017

A Letter From The Pastor



Johnny Carson and Ed McMahon were having one of those goofy little conversations they used to have before the first guest came out. They were talking about the proper way to tie your shoes, more specifically, the proper sequence. Ed asked, "Are you a sock - sock, shoe - shoe, tie - tie guy; or a sock - shoe, sock - shoe, tie - tie guy; or maybe a sock - shoe - tie, sock - shoe - tie kind of guy?" Not a huge question, really, but they had quite a back and forth about the relative advantages of each strategy. Implicit was the idea that everybody is only one kind. That is, you do it the same way every single day. No one ties 'em one way today another way tomorrow.

So I'm thinking that most of us have lots of things like that in our lives and that's not a bad thing! You don't want to have to decide every day how to brush your teeth, or when to take your meds. When you get in the car do you buckle up first or start the car? Do you take the same path home every time? All those things and many, many more are already decided. We do them as a matter of habit and routine. Saves some time and reduces by just a tiny bit our anxiety level. You don't have to worry about that!

The problem is that routines can become ruts. Over time, more and more of our lives can become calcified and rigid. The whole thing can become a matter of routine. It's possible to start thinking that there really is only one way to do something, and it's my way. Sometimes it even happens that we get a little judgmental about people who have different ways and paths.

The more I get set in my ways, the harder it is even to see an alternative, and my life is poorer for that. The real world is rich and diverse, wild and a little crazy, and I get shut off from all that sometimes. I miss stuff when I always take from the near side of the bowl. So Lord, nudge me off dead center sometimes and save me from my ruts.

Blessings, my friends,

David

Rev. David Meeker-Williams

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

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Mark Your Calendars

Oct 7 – UMW Fall Bazaar

Oct 8 – Pumpkin Patch Opens

Oct 8 – Blankets & Blessings

Oct 15 – United Methodist Men

Oct 21, 22 – Encounter Garage Sale

Oct 22 – Wings Over Asbury

Oct 22 – Blankets & Blessings

Oct 27 – Movie in the Patch

Oct 28 – Trunk-or-Treat

Every Wed – Faith & Family Nights

Every Mon & Thurs – Aerobics

Please Note

Oct 8 – Pumpkins arrive, and we need everyone's help to unload the truck.

Upcoming Events

Nov 5 – Youth Pancake Breakfast
to support THRIVE

Nov 11 – Asbury Day School's 50th
Anniversary Celebration

Nov 12 – One Service for Children's
Sunday

Nov 18 – Turkey Quest Deliveries

Nov 23 – Thanksgiving Day

Encounter Student Ministries

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, November 5th

Serving from 8 – 11 a.m.



YOU'RE INVITED TO

Wings Over Asbury

OCTOBER 22, 2017 | 2:00 PM-5:00PM | ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Games - Air Show - Bounce House - Food Trucks - Face Painting - Pumpkin Patch

fun for the whole family

Donations Needed: individually wrapped candy (no chocolate or peanuts), cans of soda, and cupcakes (store bought or homemade). See the donation board in the main hall.

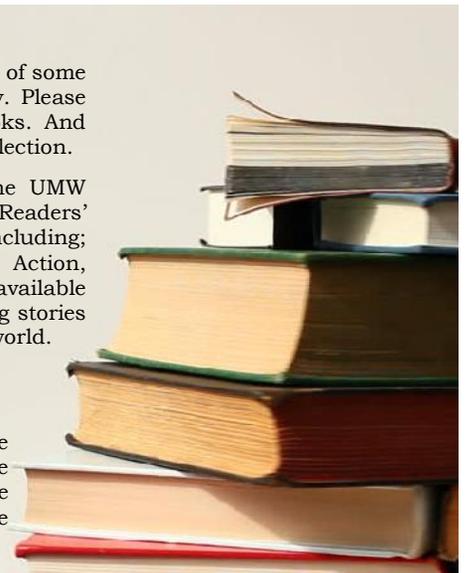
News from the Readers' Corner

In the corner of the Main Hall is a display of some of the books you can find in our library. Please feel free to check out any of these books. And come by Classroom 4 to see our whole collection.

Most of these books are either from the UMW Reading List or selections from our Readers' Group. They cover a variety of topics including; Spiritual Growth, Community, Social Action, Nurturing, and Christian Fiction. Also available are copies of Response Magazine featuring stories about the Methodist Church around the world.

Join the Readers' Group

We will meet October 23rd at 6:30 at Dixie McAdams' home. We will discuss the books we've each read and enjoy some fellowship. For more information please talk to Dixie McAdams or Lu Harrison.



Soul Sisters
4th Tuesday @ 6:30 pm
at Sommerfield home

Join us for a discussion on the first chapter of [Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World](#). We meet at Pat Sommerfield's home at 4202 Tuscarora in Pasadena .

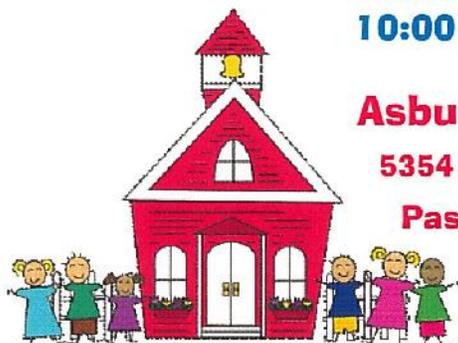


**Please Join Us As We Celebrate
The 50th Anniversary of
Asbury Day School!**

**November 11th, 2017
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

**Asbury Day School
5354 Space Center Blvd.
Pasadena, TX 77505**

**Asbury United
Methodist Church**



Asbury Trunk-or-Treat Oct. 28th 5-7 pm.

If you would like to hand out treats at our Halloween event, please sign up in the Main Hall or speak with Nara Ebel.

This year we are asking each giver to also host a game, so the kids "win" the candy. If you are looking for ideas, Nara has a list of possible games. If you would prefer to not host a game, just let her know.

Also, all cars need to be in place by 4:45 and stay parked until 7:30. This is to help keep



Faith and Family Nights

Every Wednesday evening

6:30-7:30pm

JAM with Jesus (preschoolers),

Kid's Life (Kdg - 3rd grade)

Club 45 (4th & 5th grades)

Encounter Student ministries, (6th - 12th grade)

Adult Bible Studies, choir, nursery

1st Wednesday ONLY: 5:30-6:30pm Potluck Dinner,
followed by the evening activities listed above.

**GARAGE
SALE**

Encounter Student Ministries is hosting a Garage Sale

October 20th and 21st

to raise funds to support the THRIVE Capital Campaign!

We are accepting donations in the youth room, especially:

- *Gently Used Children's Toys
- *Household Goods and Decor
- *Clothing (no undergarments)
- * Working Electronics
- * Furniture
- * Kitchen items

We could also use shopping bags. If you can pre-price items before you bring them that would be extremely helpful.



THRIVE



October 1, 2017

Building Project Update

Scott Hollingsworth with SLI Group has been selected by our Building Committee to head Asbury's project. SLI Group has been in business since 1976. Scott and his team will handle both the architectural design and the construction. Redeemer UMC in Manvel recommended this firm to us.

**Let us build to teach our children
God's great glory, power and grace;
build to bring our friends and neighbors
God's good news for all our race . . .**

Edith Clarkson, "Let Us Build a House of Worship"

The Building Committee is in the process of reviewing reports from various subcommittees to make recommendations to the architect for the final plan development. A congregational meeting will be held once these plans are created and a firm bid for costs is submitted. We will then review and vote on approval to begin building.

Due to the impact of Harvey, we are closely monitoring the costs of materials and availability of quality workers. We had planned to begin construction at the beginning of 2018, and we are hopeful the project will not be delayed too much because of the storm.

Sincerely,

Keith Palmer

Building Committee Chair



Redeemer UMC, Manvel - the 2nd campus of First UMC, Pearland.

THRIVE DONATIONS

By the end of this summer we have already **received 16%** of all THRIVE donations pledged.

Thank you! The sooner donations are received, the less we will pay on interest.

Also, when making a payment, please remember to designate THRIVE in the memo.



Babies are a blessing!

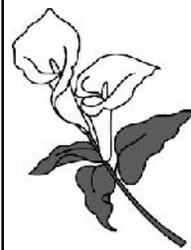


Congratulations to Linda Wheat on the birth of her grandchild Cora Belle. Proud parents are Linda's son Grant and his wife Barbara.

Congratulations to Russ and Sue Morris on the birth of their 9th grandchild, Emery Lynn Morris. Proud parents are their son, Ken and his wife Rachel. Her big brothers are Landry and Noah.



Cruz Matthew Walker was born on September, 14th. He weighed 8.5 lbs and was 20 inches. He was welcomed by proud parents Matt and Jackie and his excited siblings Case and Cash.



We wish to extend our sympathies to Jeana Boswell and her family on the death of her father-in-law, John Boswell.

Dear Pastor Lindsay,

Thank you so much for all your help and comforting words during my recent "flood experience." you and my Asbury Family made a very unpleasant time tolerable and so many people with offers of hugs and well wishes were so comforting, but very familiar to me, from these and many kindnesses thru the years at my "Asbury Home."

God has blessed me all these years with the presence of so many wonderful Christian friends in Christ—and I am so thankful.

God Bless each and every one and know that my love and loyalty will always be there.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

*With love,
Shirley Calhoun*

Prayer Concerns:

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| Marge Colello | Sue Freeman |
| Joe Martinez | Trudy Harvey |
| Harold Hargus | Marvin King |
| Mick Rooney | |

Please pray for our members and friends affected by the hurricane and facing various health concerns. As well, remember in your prayers, all those 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 by the sanctuary doors.

Welcome Center Volunteers:

- October 1st — Al & Sue Janda
- October 8th — Barbara Grimes & Marilyn Wiggins
- October 15th — Jim & Katherine Washburn
- October 22nd — Peggy Humphrey & Marilyn Wiggins
- October 29th — Dawn Baza & Maria Hodges

Thank you for offering your time.

PRESENCE . . .

Sunday, September 3, 2017

8:45 am Worship Service	84
11:00 am Worship Service	94

Sunday, September 10, 2017

8:45 am Worship Service	83
11:00 am Worship Service	110

Sunday, September 17, 2017

8:45 am Worship Service	77
11:00 am Worship Service	102

Sunday, September 24, 2017

8:45 am Worship Service	87
11:00 am Worship Service	94

General Fund Snapshot

2017 Budget	\$517,126.00
<u>Received thru 9/27/2017</u>	<u>\$312,318.98</u>
Still Needed:	\$204,807.02

THRIVE Campaign Snapshot

Pledges Made	\$642,000.00
<u>Received thru 9/27/2017</u>	<u>\$109,541.59</u>
*Remember to write THRIVE on the memo	

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Don't Miss All the Fun That's Happening in the Patch!

🎃 The pumpkin patch will be open daily from noon to dusk October 8th - 31st.

🎃 Story-time in the Patch: Tues & Wed, 11 am (not Halloween)

🎃 Family Movie Night in The Patch: Oct. 27th, 6:45.
Free popcorn and lemonade. Candy available for purchase.

🎃 Trunk or Treat: October 28th, 5-7. To hand out treats sign-up in the Main Hall or email Nara at nara@asbury.cc.

🎃 Please help make this year's patch a success by working a 2-hour shift. Sign-up in the Main Hall. Thank you!

