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WORSHIP Serve GROW

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ASBURY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM



A Note From

MIKE HOLLY

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, had a Christian community of like-minded followers of Jesus Christ at Oxford University in England. They were ridiculed as "Bible Moths" or "Methodists" because they believed in practicing their faith just as the early Christians did in Luke's Acts of the Apostles in the New Testament. They believed that holy habits -- practiced regularly and faithfully -- helped transform their hearts over time so that cumulatively they were closer to God and more like Christ. Each new year is an opportune time to set holy habits as those around us are setting New Years' Resolutions. We, at Asbury, have three core habits and practices to guide our growth and channel our faith: Worship, Serve, Grow. In this inaugural Asbury Magazine, you will find options in the areas of worship, service, and spiritual growth. You will also hear sermons during January and February to help explain and challenge you to set your habits and to practice them diligently. Take a look inside this publication and see if the Holy Spirit speaks to you through a class or an event. Maybe it is just the kind of holy habit that you are needing in order to help you embody the Way of Jesus!

Pastor Mike



Sundays at Asbury

WORSHIP

Asbury offers Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30 and 11:00 AM as well as Modern Worship at 11:00 AM in Williams Chapel. Nursery care is available for infants through preschoolers and children's church for kindergarten through second graders is offered at 8:30 and 11:00 AM.

Worshiping online? You may watch and chat or stream Traditional Worship on YouTube at 11:00 AM. Modern Worship is replayed virtually on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM and will soon be available via livestream.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:45 - 10:45 AM)

INFANTS & PRESCHOOL

Located across from Williams Chapel. Nursery care and Bible lesson is available for infants through preschoolers.

KIDS

Kindergarten through fifth grade kids meet in RM 214 (second floor across from the gym) for welcome, worship, and Bible lesson. Afterwards, they go to grade-specific classrooms for activities and small-group discussion.

STUDENTS

Sixth through twelfth grade students meet downstairs in the RESET common space, RM 109, and then break into grade-specific classrooms for Sunday School.

ADULTS

ADULT SINGLES

RM 129. Age: 60+. For those divorced, widowed, or blissfully unattached.

Contact: Lee Ann Wagner at lingywag@gmail.com.

AGAPE

RM 126. Age: 50+. For adults with older children or who are empty nesters.

Contact: Elan Feagin at epfeagin@gmail.com.

CHALLENGERS

RM 132. Age: 50+. This class is primarily adults facing empty nest or retirement.

Contact: Janet O'Neil at jhallnews@mac.com.

CROSSROADS

RM 136. Age: 40s and 50s. Couples and adults seeking a richer spiritual life are welcome! Contact: Angel McPhearson at mcphearsonangel@gmail.com.

FRIENDSHIP

RM 142. Age: 70+. Married, single, or widowed seniors growing together.

Contact: Myra Smith at nurse_mas@charter.net.

FOUNDATIONS

RM 133. This class begins January 7 and is for young adult couples looking to build their faith foundation together.

Contact: Amy Courtney at amy.florine@gmail.com.

JOURNEYMEN

RM 144. Age: 60+. For men, women, couples, singles, empty nesters, and grandparents.

Contact: Dave Precht at dprecht@gmail.com.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

RM 128/130. Women of all ages and situations.

Contact: Ellen Thompson at thompson7835@bellsouth.net.

L.I.G.H.T.

RM 138. Age: 45+. Geared toward couples parenting teens to college-age kids. Contact: Melissa Franklin at mkaf0812@gmail.com.

REFLECTIONS

RM 127. This class is for those who love to read and is for all ages and stages in life.

Contact: Robyn White at robyn.white@asburybham.org.

SEEKERS

RM 122. Diverse class of empty nesters and retirees. Contact: Mike Northrup at miken@amfirst.org.

YAMS

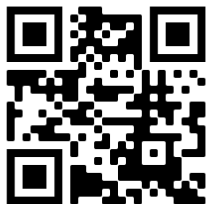
RM 120. Singles and couples with or without children.

Contact: Ashley Whitfield at ashleydamato@att.net.

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Calendar

Events subject to change. Please confirm dates/times.

January

02 DAY BY DAY

6:30 - 7:30 PM | RM 120

Alcoholics Anonymous is a global peer-led mutual aid fellowship dedicated to abstinence-based recovery from alcoholism through its spiritually inclined twelve-step program. Meets Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

03 ANCHOR RESPITE CARE

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM | RM 120

This community respite ministry offers fellowship and stimulation for people with memory loss and allows caregivers a break. Meets Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. To enroll a participant or volunteer, go to asburybham.org/anchor.

FOOD PANTRY

2:00 - 3:30 PM | RM 108

Food is given every Wednesday to those in need. Nonperishable goods are always accepted and volunteers are welcome.

ANCHOR COMMUNITY RESPITE CARE



"We want this ministry program to be an anchor for caregivers and their loved ones everywhere, offering hope, support, and stability."

-Rev. Maggie Dunaway



04 UMW NAOMI CIRCLE

10:00 - 11:30 AM | RM 128

United Methodist Women circle meets the first Tuesday of each month (meeting Thursday for January only). Will meet again on February 6 and March 5.

THE SEARCHERS

10:00 AM - NOON | RM 136

This men's Bible study meets each Thursday. Learn and know God more intimately through the study of His Holy Word. Facilitator: Larry Beaury.

PICKLEBALL

VARIED TIMES | GYM

For all ages. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. The times are varied, please see details on page 5.

05 ROOTED

7:00 - 8:00 AM | RM 136

This men's Bible study meets every Friday. Fellowship and study with scriptural roots help us stay grounded. Facilitator: KC Nolen.

KNITTING

10:00 AM - NOON | RM 120

This congregational care ministry meets every Friday to knit, crochet, and fellowship.

08 SENIOR YOGA

9:00 - 10:15 AM | NARTHEX

Beginner class meets each Monday. Bring your own mat. Cost: \$5.00 per class.

UMW CRAFT DAY

9:30 - 11:30 AM | RM 120

All three UMW circles meet the second Monday of each month for hands-on mission work. The next meetings are February 12 and March 11.

January


- 08 YOUNG AT HEART**
12:00 - 2:00 PM | RM 144
For ages 60+. This group meets the second Monday of each month for a meal and a program. Special Guest speaker: Gina McIntyre, Anchor Community Respite Ministry Director. Cost: \$10. RSVP by Jan. 3. Next events: February 12 and March 11.

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP - ADDICTION
6:30 - 8:00 PM | RM 132
This ongoing group for individuals 16+ supports families of addicts. Meets every Monday.

- 09 UMW MARTHA CIRCLE**
5:30 - 7:00 PM | RM 136
United Methodist Women circle meets the second Tuesday of each month. The next meetings are February 13 and March 12.

- 10 FACING FAITH**
10:00 AM - NOON | RM 128
This women's Bible study meets every Wednesday. Overcome obstacles and focus on being your best self with God's help. Facilitator: Kim Lessley.

SENIOR SERVE DAY
10 - 11:30 AM | RM 144
Mission opportunity for seniors to assist in filling Tornado Buckets. Additional information on page 12.



PICKLEBALL


Mondays & Fridays
2-4:30 PM

Tuesdays & Thursdays
2:30-4:30 PM

- 10 WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT ASBURY**
Dinner, along with faith-based kids and students activities plus opportunities for adults. Details on page 11.

SWEET SPIRIT
5:30 - 7:00 PM | RM 136
This women's Bible study meets every Wednesday. Hear words of Biblical study, understand it, and share the good news. Facilitator: Melody DiClemente.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY
6 - 7:30 PM | RM 128
Discover the teachings of Jesus and how they apply to us today. Brett Toole facilitates this 12-week journey through the New Testament stories.

GROWING IN GRACE 
6:15 - 7:30 PM | RM 126
Bible study for women in their 30s and 40s. Meets weekly through April 24. Facilitator: Emily Claypool.

EMBODYING WESLEYAN FAITH
6:15 - 7:30 PM | RM 144
Join Rev. Mike Holly for this 4-week study where he will look to the history, theology, and structure of the UMC and what it looks like to be a modern day UMC.

- 11 FOOD FOR THOUGHT**
6:00 - 8:00 PM | SCOUT HUT
This casual, relaxed men's fellowship meets every Thursday. Bring your own meat to grill. Facilitator: Dave Driscoll.

Churchwide Events
and News



asburybham.org/now

January

15 **UMW ESTHER CIRCLE**

10:00 - 11:00 AM | RM 120

This United Methodist Women circle meets the third Monday of each month. Also meets on February 19 & March 19.

BOOMER SINGLES

5:30 - 7:30 PM | VARIED LOCATIONS

Boomers single, divorced, widowed meet the third Monday of each month for dinner and fun outings. The next meetings are February 19 and March 18. RSVP to lindywag@gmail.com.

16 **BY FAITH**

6:00 - 7:30 PM | RM 138

This women's Bible study meets the first and third Tuesday each month through May for fellowship and study. Facilitator: Elan Feagin.

17 **HEART CONNECTION DAY TRIP**

9:15 AM - 3:00 PM |

CHURCH PARKING LOT

Enjoy a guided tour of Birmingham's Southern Museum of Flight. Lunch afterwards at Fish Market. Reservations by January 10. Transportation provided.

LADIES OF LIGHT

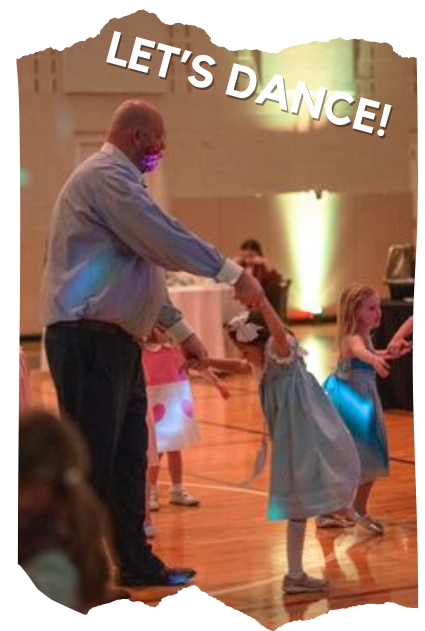
1:00 - 3:00 PM | RM 144

This women's Bible study meets every Wednesday. Study God's word and character to help keep our lights burning for others. Facilitator: Kim Nolen.

18 **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**

1:00 - 2:00 PM | RM 128

This ongoing group offers support for those caring for someone with memory loss due to dementia, Alzheimer's, or stroke. Meets the first and third Thursday each month. Meets again on February 1.



24 **SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION**

4-10-year-olds. Practice begins the week of April 1. Registration required. Practices/games at Asbury's soccer field.

26 **LET'S DANCE**

6:00 - 8:00 PM | GYM

This is an excellent opportunity to invest in your relationship with your family, fellowship with your church family, and make memories you'll cherish forever! Cost: \$25/family. Registration required.

28 **ASBURY ENGAGE**

12:00 - 2:00 PM | RM 122

This monthly class is for those interested in learning more about Asbury. Complimentary lunch is served. RSVP encouraged. Next class is February 25.

HEART CONNECTION
Adults 60+
Southern Museum of Flight
Wednesday, January 17
RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

- 01 THE SEARCHERS**
10:00 AM - NOON | RM 136
Men's Bible study. Meets every Thursday.
- CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**
1:00 - 2:00 PM | RM 128
Meets again on February 15.
- FOOD FOR THOUGHT**
6:00 - 8:00 PM | SCOUT HUT
Men's fellowship. Meets every Thursday.
- DAY BY DAY**
6:30 - 7:30 PM | RM 120
Alcoholics Anonymous meets Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.
- 02 ROOTED**
7:00 - 8:00 AM | RM 136
Men's Bible study. Meets every Friday.
- KNITTING**
10:00 AM - NOON | RM 120
Meets every Friday.
- 05 SENIOR YOGA**
9:00 - 10:15 AM | NARTHEX
Meets every Monday.
- FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP - ADDICTION**
6:30 - 8:00 PM | RM 132
Meets every Monday.

- 06 UMW NAOMI CIRCLE**
10:00 - 11:30 AM | RM 128
Meets the first Tuesday of each month.
- ANCHOR RESPITE CARE**
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM | RM 120
Meets Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays.
- BY FAITH**
6:00 - 7:30 PM | RM 138
Women's Bible study. Meets first and third Tuesdays through May.
- 07 FACING FAITH**
10:00 AM - NOON | RM 128
This women's Bible study meets every Wednesday.
- LADIES OF LIGHT**
1:00 - 3:00 PM | RM 144
This women's Bible study meets every Wednesday.
- FOOD PANTRY**
2:00 - 3:30 PM | RM 108
Food is given every Wednesday to those in need. Volunteer opportunity.
- SWEET SPIRIT**
5:30 - 7:00 PM | RM 136
Women's Bible study meets every Wednesday.

- 09 GIGGLES & GRACE**
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM | GYM
This is a two-day kids clothing and essentials consignment sale. It is also held on February 10 from 8:00 a.m. until noon. More details on page 12.
- 12 UMW CRAFT DAY**
9:30 - 11:30 AM | RM 120
Meets the second Monday of each month.
- ANCHOR VOLUNTEER TRAINING**
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM | RM 122
No special skills required. To register, go to asburybham.org/anchor.
- YOUNG AT HEART**
NOON - 2:00 PM | RM 144
Who will be the Valentine's Day mystery guest? Cost: \$10. RSVP by Feb. 7. The next meeting is March 6.
- PICKLEBALL**
VARIED TIMES | GYM
For all ages. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays.



February

13 UMW MARTHA CIRCLE

5:30 - 7:00 PM | RM 136

Meets the second Tuesday of each month.

14 ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30 - 7:30 PM |
SANCTUARY

Worship service that marks the beginning of Lent. Enjoy dinner before! See below.

19 UMW ESTHER CIRCLE

10:00 - 11:00 AM | RM 120
United Methodist Women circle meets the third Monday of each month. Also meets on March 19.

BOOMER SINGLES

5:30 - 7:30 PM | VARIED
LOCATIONS

RSVP required. The next outing is March 18.

PICK-UP BASKETBALL



6:30 - 9:00 PM | GYM

Meets every Monday. For all men ages 19+.

21 SIGNS & WONDERS OF LENT

6:15 - 7:30 PM | RM 144

Join Asbury's Pastors for a five-week study exploring the miracles of Jesus in historical and theological context.

23 DISCOVERY 2024

FEBRUARY 23-25

Discovery Weekend is Asbury's annual student spiritual formation retreat for grades six through twelve. High school students lead the middle school students. The conclusion is a 'youth take-over' in 11:00 AM Modern Worship. Schedule: asburybham.org/students.



SOZO CHILDREN'S CHOIR

24 ASBURY SERVES

12:00 - 4:00 PM

We will be working with our Mission partners across Birmingham: The WellHouse, Oak Mountain Missions and more.

25 ASBURY ENGAGE

12:00 - 2:00 PM | RM 122

SOZO CHILDREN'S CHOIR

4PM | WILLIAMS CHAPEL
Come enjoy this amazing group of children from Uganda share their love of Christ through music.

Ash Wednesday

'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

- Mark 1:15

02.14.23 | 6:30 PM
Sanctuary

*Dinner | 5:00 PM | RSVP

March

See descriptions of recurring events on pages 4-6.

- 01 ROOTED**
7:00 - 8:00 AM | RM 136
Men's Bible study. Meets every Friday.
- KNITTING**
10:00 AM - NOON | RM 120
Meets every Friday.
- PICKLEBALL**
VARIED TIMES | GYM
For all ages. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays.

DINNER THEATER

7:00 PM | WILLIAMS CHAPEL

Presented by Asbury's Music Ministry, this two-night of entertainment is always a big hit! Ticket costs are \$30 adults/\$15 youth. Reservations are required. Proceeds fund trips to Costa Rica Mission Projects (CRMP).

- 03 2ND GRADE BIBLES MILESTONE**
PARENT BREAKFAST
9:45 - 10:45 AM | GYM
An opportunity for second grade parents to meet, greet, and learn.

BIBLE PRESENTATION

11:00 AM - NOON |
SANCTUARY/WILLIAMS CHAPEL

During worship, pastors will present second graders with a personalized Bible. Registration requested.

BIBLE CAMP KICKOFF

2:00 - 5:00 PM | RM 214
A fun afternoon geared toward helping kids explore the Bible.



DAY BY DAY

6:30 - 7:30 PM | RM 120
Alcoholics Anonymous meets Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

- 04 SENIOR YOGA**
9:00 - 10:15 AM | NARTHEX
Meets every Monday.

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP - ADDICTION

6:30 - 8:00 PM | RM 132
Meets every Monday.

PICK-UP BASKETBALL

6:30 - 9:00 PM | GYM
Every Monday. For men ages 19+.

- 05 UMW NAOMI CIRCLE**
10:00 - 11:30 AM | RM 128
Meets every first Tuesday.

ANCHOR RESPITE CARE

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM |
RM 120
Meets Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays. Volunteer opportunity.

BY FAITH

6:00 - 7:30 PM | RM 138
Women's Bible study. Meets the first and third Tuesdays.

- 06 FACING FAITH**
10:00 AM - 12:00 NOON |
RM 128

This women's Bible study meets every Wednesday. Details on January 3.

FOOD PANTRY

2:00 - 3:30 PM | RM 108
Food is given every Wednesday to those in need. Volunteer opportunity.

March

- 06 LADIES OF LIGHT**
1:00 - 3:00 PM | RM 144
This women's Bible study meets every Wednesday.
- SWEET SPIRIT**
5:30 - 7:00 PM | RM 136
This women's Bible study meets every Wednesday.
- 07 THE SEARCHERS**
10:00 AM - NOON | RM 136
This men's Bible study meets each Thursday.
- CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**
1:00 - 2:00 PM | RM 128
Meets again on March 21.
- FOOD FOR THOUGHT**
6:00 - 8:00 PM | SCOUT HUT
Men's casual fellowship group. Meets every Thursday.
- 10 CHILDREN'S SUNDAY - MODERN WORSHIP TAKEOVER**
11:00 AM | WILLIAMS CHAPEL
Kindergarten through fifth grade kids lead worship by singing, praying, reading scripture, and preaching.
- 11 UMW CRAFT DAY**
9:30 - 11:30 AM | RM 120
Meets every Friday.
- YOUNG AT HEART**
NOON - 2:00 PM | RM 144
Special guest speaker is Lew Burdett, Director of King's Home in Chelsea.
Cost \$10. RSVP by March 6.
- 12 UMW MARTHA CIRCLE**
5:30 - 7:00 PM | RM 136
Meets the second Tuesday of each month.
- 18 UMW ESTHER CIRCLE**
10:00 - 11:00 AM | RM 120
Meets every third Monday.
- BOOMER SINGLES**
5:30 - 7:30 PM | VARIED LOCATIONS
RSVP required.
- 21 ANCHOR EASTER SERVICE**
1:00 PM | SANCTUARY
Worship service for those with memory loss and their families.

Holy Week Services March 24-31

MAUNDY THURSDAY
March 28, 7:00 PM, Williams Chapel

GOOD FRIDAY
March 29, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary

EASTER, MARCH 31
6:30 AM, Prayer Mountain
8:30, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary
11:00 AM, Williams Chapel

Explore other Lenten opportunities - asburybham.org/Easter

Wednesday Nights

Jan 10* - March 20

5-6 PM - DINNER | GYM

Delicious home-cooked meals are prepared each week. Eating a meal together is a great time to fellowship with church family. *On January 10 dinner is FREE! (Reservations by noon each Monday.)

6-7:30 PM - ACTIVITIES

KIDS

K5 through fifth graders are invited to experience God's love through Joyful Noise Choir in RM 214/6-6:30, engaging Bible lesson, games, and small groups. Tiny Trebles Choir, for preschool children, meets in RM 209/6-6:30 followed by Bible lesson and nursery care.

STUDENTS (RESET)

Sixth through twelfth grade. Wednesday Night Life Groups are at the heart of RESET Student Ministry. Middle schoolers meet in RM 113 and high schoolers meet off campus - check Instagram @asburybhamstudents for specific meeting information.

ADULTS

Participate in Bible studies as well as seasonal and ongoing small groups. See pages 5 and 7 for details. Handbell Choir meets in RM 141 and is for anyone who can read music and enjoys the musical challenge of ringing handbells.

7-8:30 PM - ADULT CHOIR

Do you like to sing? Try the Chancel Choir! No experience necessary. Open rehearsals. Meets in RM 143.

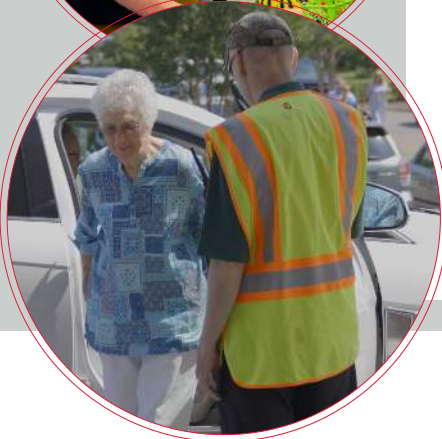
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Worship *serve* Grow

Match your Gifts to
Serving Opportunities.



Scan here to take the Asbury
Discovery Tool Survey.



Missions of the Month

January – UMCOR Tornado Buckets

January 10: Join us for a Senior Serve Day as we pack Tornado Buckets for disaster relief. This event, designed with seniors in mind, offers a low-impact way to make a huge impact in the lives of others. Enjoy fellowshiping with others as we fill 150 Tornado Buckets for the UMCOR Disaster Relief Warehouse in Decatur. No RSVP needed. Bring a friend! Contact Brooke Wolde at brooke.jackson@asburybham.org.



Truck loaded and ready to travel to the UMCOR Warehouse in Decatur.

February – Giggles and Grace

February 9-10: This is a two-day kids clothing and essentials consignment sale. Held on Friday, Feb. 9, 8 AM-6 PM, and Saturday, Feb. 10 from 8 AM until noon. Contact Allison Traywick at cochairs@asburygigglesandgrace.com.



Giggles and Grace volunteers spend hours organizing the mounds of children's clothes and toys for this biannual sale.

March – Food Insecurity

March: During the month of March, we will be collecting nonperishables for our food pantry and working with Grace Klein Community to become "Food Rescue Heroes." Contact Brooke Wolde at brooke.jackson@asburybham.org.



Asbury Food Pantry volunteer assists customers with groceries.



Scan the QR code to learn more about Asbury Missions.