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ASBURY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
BIRMINGHAM

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2025





## A NOTE FROM MIKE HOLLY

The fall brings with it many gifts: cooler temperatures, falling leaves, SEC football, and memorable holidays. At Asbury, the fall brings the opportunity to bless our community with Trunk or Treat, Advent, Christmas music and worship services, and many mission projects. This year, we have the added blessing of sending some of our Traditional Worship musicians and singers to New York City for a special Christmas Cantata at Carnegie Hall!

As I look back on the first three quarters of the year, it is amazing to see what God has done here at Asbury. We have launched Daily Bread Devotionals and 450 people read or listen to those devotionals every day. During Lent, we held our first-ever Lenten Art Exhibition featuring works from 30 artists depicting the events of Holy Week. We sent Asbury members to Costa Rica for a mission trip and are actively working to build a partnership for women's ministry in the churches there.

With only a bit of assistance from our church family, 363 children who attended VBS raised \$10,000 for Oak Mountain Missions in June. Additionally, Asbury Giggles & Grace had its biggest sale to date in February raising more than \$179,000 and donating \$13,500 worth of shopping coupons to 148 families in need. Anchor Community Respite Ministry blessed 1,000+ church members with prayer beads and baked 600 muffins for Together Sunday. And, the work of our small groups – like the United Methodist Women – never ceases, ensuring the needs of local children and teens are met with handmade crafts and essentials.

Rev. Michael Bowman and the Adult Ministry Staff have helped to launch Community Groups with a curriculum written by our own staff. Preparation for our second book is already underway.

And that is only part of the story of what God is doing at Asbury this year! Please remember that as we enter this final quarter of ministry and mission, your generosity is vital to keep everything going. Visit [asburybham.org/growtogether](https://asburybham.org/growtogether) to see the ways in which you can add your own practice of generosity in response to God's love and grace offered to you as well as in response to the good news of all that is going on in this wonderful church family!

Blessings,  
Pastor Mike



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HOW DO I CONNECT?

## NEXT STEPS

Ready to take your next step at Asbury? Join us for NEXT STEPS, a fun and informative session offered several times a year for anyone curious about membership or just wanting to learn more about this vibrant church. It's the perfect chance to meet our pastoral team and discover the values Asbury was built on—and how our congregation is living them out every day. Don't miss it!

*We're glad  
you're here!*

SCAN HERE TO  
SIGN UP!



**The next Next Steps session will  
meet November 30!**

# WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 AM

Asbury offers Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30 and 11:00 AM and Modern Worship at 11:00 AM in Williams Chapel. Nursery care is available for infants through preschoolers. Children's Church is offered for kindergarten through second graders during 8:30 and 11:00 AM worship, except on 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays.

Worshipping online? 11:00 AM Traditional and Modern Worship services are live-streamed on YouTube (@asburybham) every week.

# sundays *at Asbury*



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OUR WEBSITE!

WWW.ASBURYBHAM.ORG

# 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 for welcome, worship, and Bible lesson. Afterwards, they go to grade-specific classrooms for activities and small-group discussion.

## STUDENTS

945

Sixth through eighth grade students meet in RM 113. Ninth through twelfth grade students meet downstairs in RM 102.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

RMS 104-106

Confirmation is a year-long faith journey. Each week, confirmands meet weekly during the 9:45 AM Sunday School hour in the RESET Student Space.

## COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULT LIFE GROUP

Meets each TUESDAY at 7:30 PM in Hoover. Contact Jeremiah Toole [jeremiah.toole@asburybham.org](mailto:jeremiah.toole@asburybham.org) for more information.

## ADULTS

### ADULT SINGLES

RM 129. Age: 55+. For those divorced, widowed, or blissfully unattached. Contact: Lee Ann Wagner at [lindywag@gmail.com](mailto:lindywag@gmail.com).

### AGAPE

RM 126. Age: 50+. For adults with older children or who are empty nesters. Contact: Elan Feagin at [epfeagin@gmail.com](mailto:epfeagin@gmail.com).

### CHALLENGERS

RM 132. Age: 50+. This class is primarily adults embracing empty nest or retirement. Contact: Janet O'Neil at [jhallnews@mac.com](mailto:jhallnews@mac.com).

### CROSSROADS

RM 128. Age: 40s and 50s. Couples and adults seeking a rich spiritual life are welcome! Contact: Angel McPhearson at [mcphearsonangel@gmail.com](mailto:mcphearsonangel@gmail.com).

### FOUNDATIONS

RM 127. This class is for young adult couples looking to build their faith foundation together. Contact: Amy Courtney at [amy.florine@gmail.com](mailto:amy.florine@gmail.com).

### FRIENDSHIP

RM 142. Age: 70+. Married, single, or widowed seniors growing together. Contact: Myra Smith at [nurse\\_mas@charter.net](mailto:nurse_mas@charter.net).

### JOURNEYMEN

RM 144. Age: 60+. For men, women, couples, singles, empty nesters, and grandparents. Contact: Bob Gilbert at [rmgilbertjr@aol.com](mailto:rmgilbertjr@aol.com).

### LADIES BIBLE STUDY

RM 120. Wives, grandmothers, empty nesters, and single women come together to study God's word. Contact: Ellen Thompson at [thompson7835@bellsouth.net](mailto:thompson7835@bellsouth.net).

### L.I.G.H.T.

RM 137. Age: 45+. Geared toward couples parenting teens to college-age kids. Contact: Melissa Franklin at [mkaf0812@gmail.com](mailto:mkaf0812@gmail.com).

### REFLECTIONS

RM 136. 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](mailto:robyn.white@asburybham.org).

### SEEKERS

RM 122. Diverse class of empty nesters and retirees. Contact: Mike Northrup at [miken@amfirst.org](mailto:miken@amfirst.org).

### YAMS

RM 133. Singles and couples with or without children. Contact: Kelsey Grissom at [revkels@gmail.com](mailto:revkels@gmail.com).

### YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

RM 138

This class is for individuals looking to build community and deepen their spiritual lives. Contact: Donald Clayton at [donaldclayton@gmail.com](mailto:donaldclayton@gmail.com).

# Midweek SABBATH

WHAT DO YOU  
NEED TODAY?

# wednesdays at Asbury

Wednesday nights offer a variety of opportunities for everyone to rest, grow, and learn.

Start by joining us for dinner in the gym from 5:00 - 6:15 PM.  
(Please RSVP by noon each Monday)

SCAN TO LEARN MORE  
ABOUT WEDNESDAY NIGHTS  
& TO REGISTER FOR  
CLASSES!



## REST & DELIGHT

### LABYRINTH REST & REFLECTION

5:00 - 7:30 PM | LABYRINTH PRAYER GARDEN

The Labyrinth Prayer Garden is available for a time of quiet reflection. Guided meditations are available each week.

### SANCTUARY REST

5:00 - 7:30 PM | SANCTUARY

Do you need a place to rest and regroup? The sanctuary is open to all who are seeking respite.

### FELLOWSHIP & GAMES

5:00 - 7:30 PM | WESLEY HALL  
Love to play board games? Have a favorite card game? Join in the fun!

## GROW

### SWEET SPIRIT

5:30 - 7:00 PM | RM 136

Ongoing Bible study for women in their 20's-40's.

Facilitator: Melody DiClemente

### GROWING IN GRACE

6:15 - 7:00 PM | RM 126

Ongoing Bible study for women in their 30's & 40's.

Facilitator: Catherine Pair

### BOOK CLUB

6:15 - 7:00 PM | RM 129

Love to read? The Book Club is a welcoming space for readers of all levels to come together, explore meaningful books, and connect through conversation. Meets first Wednesdays.

### ADVENT ACTS OF KINDNESS

DEC. 3 & 10 | 6:15 - 7:00 PM

Will meet Dec. 3 & 10. This Advent, join us for Advent Acts of Kindness, a time to slow down, connect, and share goodness. We will embrace the spirit of giving with small acts of kindness to bring hope to our community.

## GROW

### METHODISM WITH MIKE HOLLY

6:15 - 7:30 PM | RM 144

**6 week study starting 10/8.**

Explore the history, core beliefs, and distinctive practices of the Methodist tradition from theology and doctrine to how the church is structured and led.

Facilitator: Rev. Mike Holly.

## TRIVIA NIGHT!



NOV. 19 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Join us for a night of trivia, fellowship, and fun! Bring a team or find one when you arrive. Everyone is welcome.

## MUSIC

### HANDBELL CHOIR & CHANCEL CHOIR

HC: 6:00 - 7:00 PM | RM 141

CC: 7:00 - 8:30 PM | RM 143

Asbury's Handbell and Chancel Choirs rehearse on Wednesday nights. Director: Nancy Beard  
nancy.beard@asburybham.org

## RESET STUDENT MINISTRY

### LIFE GROUPS

MS: Meet in RESET Space from 6-7:30 p.m.

HS: Meet off campus with adult leaders throughout the week.

Our students may be more digitally connected than ever, yet they can still feel lonely. Life Groups remind them of who they are, whose they are, and that they are not alone. God made us for real, life-giving relationships — and that's why we have Life Groups! If you're unsure where your grade-level group meets, reach out to Austin Lerner-Gay for details.

## ASBURY KIDS

### TINY TREBLES

6:00 - 6:30 PM | RM 209

Choir for preschool children

### JOYFUL NOISE

6:00 - 6:30 PM 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

6:30 - 7:00 PM K - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Choir for K-5th grade children

### BIBLE STUDY

6:00 - 6:30 PM | K - 1<sup>ST</sup> | RM 213

6:00 - 6:30 PM | 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> | RM 215

6:30 - 7:00 PM | 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> | RM 215

### RECREATION

7:00 - 7:30 PM | All Kids | Gym

### NURSERY CARE

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Available for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers in the children's wing.



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SPECIAL EVENTS

# calendar

Events subject to change. Please confirm dates/times  
at [asburybham.org/calendar](https://asburybham.org/calendar).

## October

### 01 MIDWEEK SABBATH

5:00 - 7:30 PM

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Wednesday nights offer a variety of opportunities for adults to rest, grow, and learn. The evening starts with family dinner from 5 - 6:15 PM. See pg. 5 for all classes and offerings.

#### LIFE GROUPS

6:00 - 7:30 PM

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Middle schoolers meet for games and worship in the Youth Space before they break out into their Middle School Life Groups. High schoolers gather with their groups off campus at different times and locations to take a break from busy weeks, build friendships, and engage Scripture together through reading and discussion.

#### ASBURY KIDS WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

6:00 - 7:30 PM | RM 213 & 214

All children are invited to know and experience God's love through choir, an engaging Bible lesson, and small groups. See pg. 5 for more info.

### 02 RESURRECTION LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (ONLINE)

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OCTOBER 2, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

OCTOBER 3, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Hear from church leaders like Adam Hamilton, Andy Stanley, and more. This event is FREE and open for anyone who wants to attend. More info at [leadership.sharechurch.com](https://leadership.sharechurch.com).

### 05 MISSIONS CELEBRATION

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM | GYM

Asbury's missions partner SOZO Children will be joining us for our Missions Celebration!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS ARE FOR  
FAMILIES & FRIENDS ♥



Fellowship with your church family over dinner from 5-6:15 PM in our gym. Adults eat for \$10; kids eat for \$5. Reservations are required by noon each Monday.



# October

Events subject to change. Please confirm dates/times.

## 10 CONFIRMATION RETREAT

13 OCTOBER 10 - 13  
EPWORTH BY THE SEA

It's a time to grow in faith, build friendships, and have an awesome time by the sea. Pack your bags and get ready for an unforgettable weekend in St. Simons Island, GA.

## 12 LAITY SUNDAY

8:30 & 11:00 AM

Each year The United Methodist Church celebrates the ministry and witness of laypersons everywhere through a special service.

## MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY

8:30 & 11:00 AM

Those who wish to officially join our Asbury family will take the vows of membership during worship. If you have not been previously baptized, this ritual can be performed during worship as well.

## 13 C.A.S.A CLOSED

14 C.A.S.A. will be closed in accordance with Hoover and Shelby County schools.

## 17 CONNECT PRETEEN MINISTRY RETREAT

18 OCTOBER 17 - 18  
CAMP SUMATANGA

Asbury is partnering with several other United Methodist Churches' preteen ministries for a fall retreat at Camp Sumatanga October 17-18. Registration is open until October 5. Cost: \$125.

## 19 CHILDREN'S CHOIR IN TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

11:00 AM  
SANCTUARY

Asbury KiDS' Joyful Noise choir will perform in the 11 AM Traditional Worship service. Join us to celebrate their hard work!

## 26 TRUNK OR TREAT

3:30 - 4:00 PM SENSORY FRIENDLY  
4:00 - 6:00 PM EVERYONE WELCOME  
ASBURY PARKING LOT

## 24 REST, RENEW, RECHARGE RETREAT

9:30 AM - 2:00 PM  
CAMP HARGIS

Join Adult Ministry Director Robyn White and Adult Ministry Coordinator Margaret Grubic for a day of rest, renewal, and recharging. Step away from the busyness of life and refresh your soul in the beauty of God's creation. Whether you're exploring retreats for the first time or returning for a familiar experience, all are welcome. Come as you are and experience the gift of God's goodness. Register by Oct. 17. Cost: \$20.

## 29 C.A.S.A. HALLOWEEN PARADE

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

C.A.S.A. participants will be showing off their costumes in a Halloween parade up and down the halls at Asbury. Parents are invited to watch.

## WANDERING WEDNESDAY

6:00 - 7:15 PM  
DANBERRY AT INVERNESS

Asbury KiDS preteen ministry will be reverse trick or treating and sharing some sweet treat bags with the residents of Danberry Senior Living Community.

**Community Event:** Everyone is welcome to attend Asbury's Trunk or Treat! Invite your friends and neighbors. Trunks, costumes, and candy: we can't wait to see you there!

# November

## 02 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us for All Saints Sunday, an opportunity to give thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith. It is a time to celebrate our history and encourage us to be all God has created us to be.

## 07 HEART CONNECTION PICNIC SOCIAL

11:00 AM | VETERANS PARK

Who doesn't love a potluck? Come enjoy great food, fellowship, and fresh air. Bring your favorite side and dessert to share--Asbury will provide the fried chicken! RSVP by Nov. 3.

## 09 MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY

8:30 & 11:00 AM

Those who wish to officially join our Asbury family will take the vows of membership during worship. If you have not been previously baptized, this ritual can be performed during worship.

## 10 UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING PRACTICES START

VARIOUS TIMES | GYM

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading practice starts this week. See details on pg. 11.

## 11 OFFICE, C.A.S.A., & ANCHOR CLOSED

Happy Veterans' Day!

## 12 WANDERING WEDNESDAY

6:00 - 7:15 PM

Weather permitting. Asbury KiDS preteen ministry.

## 14 SILENT RETREAT

NOV. 14 5:00 PM -

## 16 SILENT RETREAT

NOV. 16 11:00 AM

Silent retreats are a time to slow down, catch your breath, notice God, and be renewed by his presence. Join us for a weekend of respite as we reconnect with our loving God at Sacred Heart Monastery. RSVP by Oct. 24.

## 16 HOSPITALITY LUNCH & LEARN - PREPARING FOR ADVENT

12:00 - 2:00 PM | RM 144

Hospitality is a ministry. As disciples of Christ, we want every guest to feel seen, valued, and loved. This Lunch & Learn is for everyone, whether you serve on the Hospitality Team or not! Come have lunch, learn about Asbury's hospitality principles. We are better together!

## 16 POINSETTIAS AVAILABLE THROUGH DEC. 3

Celebrate the lives of or honor loved ones by purchasing white Christmas poinsettias. The flowers are displayed throughout the campus beginning Sunday, Dec. 7. Take them home Dec. 24.

## 19 WEDNESDAY NIGHT TRIVIA

6:00 - 7:30 PM | GYM

Join us for a night of trivia, fellowship, and fun! Bring a team or find one when you arrive. Everyone is welcome.

## 22 HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | RM 143

After the death of a loved one, the first few holiday seasons can bring on many different emotions. Community Grief Support would like to invite you to join us as we explore these natural emotions in a loving and welcoming environment. Free event. Continental breakfast provided.

## 23 ASBURY KIDS SURPRISE SUNDAY

9:45 - 10:45 AM | RMS 212 - 216

We're having a Friendsgiving! Children are welcome to participate in a number of Thanksgiving-themed activities during the Sunday School hour.

## MUSIC CONSERVATORY RECITAL

2:00 PM | RM 143

Asbury's Music Conservatory piano and voice students present their fall recital.

## 24 ASBURY KIDS OPEN GYM DAY

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM | GYM

K-5th graders are welcome to come to Open Gym Day! We'll have games, crafts, and a movie! Registration required. Cost: \$15.

## 24 C.A.S.A. THANKSGIVING BREAK

NOV. 24 - 28

## 28 ANCHOR THANKSGIVING BREAK

NOV. 25 - 28

## 26 NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

## 27 OFFICE CLOSED

NOV. 27 - 28

Happy Thanksgiving!

## 30 NEXT STEPS

12:00 - 2:00 PM | RM 144

If you're interested in getting more involved at Asbury or would like to understand the process that leads to church membership, this complimentary luncheon led by Asbury's pastors and staff takes place after 11:00 a.m. worship. You'll hear a bit about Methodism, Asbury's history, and a bit about how we **Worship, Serve, and Grow.**

## MUSIC CONSERVATORY RECITAL

2:00 PM | RM 143

Asbury's Music Conservatory piano and voice students present their fall recital.

# December

## 03 ADVENT ACTS OF KINDNESS

DEC. 3 & 10 | 6:15 - 7:30 PM

Join us for Advent Acts of Kindness--a time to slow down, connect, and share goodness. We will embrace the spirit of giving with small acts of kindness to bring hope to our community.



## 07 EXPERIENCE CHRISTMAS 4:00 - 6:00 PM | SANCTUARY NARTHEX



**Community Event:** Everyone is invited to join us for our annual Experience Christmas event! Take a trip back in time to Bethlehem and experience the story of Jesus's birth and also take photos and share cookies with Santa.

## 07 CHILDREN'S CHOIR IN TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

11:00 AM | SANCTUARY  
Asbury KiDS' Joyful Noise Choir will perform in the 11 AM Traditional Worship service.

## 08 C.A.S.A. CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM  
SANCTUARY  
Join us to celebrate the joy of Christmas with singing and storytelling with C.A.S.A. kids!

## 11 DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY WORSHIP SERVICE

1:00 - 2:00 PM | SANCTUARY  
Participants can worship any way they want in this casual service!

## 14 CHANCEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM | SANCTUARY  
Asbury's Music Ministry presents their Christmas Cantata in Traditional Worship. Come hear the joy of the season with the Chancel Choir and orchestra!

## ASBURY KIDS CAROLING

9:45 - 10:45 AM | ADULT WING  
Asbury KiDS will be caroling to the adult Sunday School classes.

## MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY

8:30 & 11:00 AM  
Those who wish to officially join our Asbury family will take the vows of membership during worship! If you have not been previously baptized, this ritual can be performed during worship as well.

## 14 COLLEGE WINTER RETREAT

DEC. 14 - 16 | GATLINBURG, TN  
College students are invited to join us for a Winter Retreat December 14-16 in Gatlinburg, TN. Down time, fellowship, shopping, and a day at Dollywood!

## 21 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
WILLIAMS CHAPEL  
All children are welcome to participate in our Christmas pageant during Modern Worship at 11 AM. No rehearsal needed! Both KiDS choirs will be participating.

## SERVICE OF LOSS AND LIGHT

6:00 - 7:30 PM  
WILLIAMS CHAPEL  
The holiday season can be particularly challenging for those grieving or facing life's difficulties. Join us for Loss and Light, a reflective Christmas service to acknowledge grief and find hope in community and the birth of our Savior.

## 22 CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP & OPEN GYM DAY

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
K-fifth grade kids are welcome to come make Christmas gifts and play in the gym!  
Registration required. Cost: \$15.

## 22 C.A.S.A. CHRISTMAS BREAK

DEC. 22 - JAN. 5  
Merry Christmas!

## 23 ANCHOR CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

31 DEC. 23 - 31  
Merry Christmas!

## 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00, 8:00, 11:00 PM  
ASBURY UMC

Please join us for Christmas Eve at Asbury as we celebrate the birth of our Savior! We offer several services, detailed below.

- 4:00 PM: Modern Worship featuring contemporary carols and Asbury KiDS Choir
- 4:00 PM: Traditional Worship featuring Asbury KiDS Choir and the Chancel Choir
- 8:00 PM: Traditional Worship featuring a string quartet
- 11:00 PM: Traditional Worship featuring soloists

## 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

CHECK YOUR EMAIL!  
Merry Christmas! Join us virtually for a Christmas Day celebration featuring a message from Rev. Robert Mercer and a special music video from Asbury musicians and surprise guests!

## 25 OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

29 DEC. 25 - 29  
Merry Christmas!

## 28 SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS: 11 AM WORSHIP ONLY

11:00 AM | MODERN & TRADITIONAL  
There will be no Sunday School or 8:30 worship this Sunday.



# adults

## BIBLE STUDIES & GROUPS

### 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.

### BY FAITH

6:00 - 7:00 PM | RM 126  
This women's Bible study meets the first and third Monday of each month for fellowship and study. Facilitator: Elan Feagin.

### UMW NAOMI CIRCLE

9:30 - 11:30 AM | RM 128  
United Methodist Women circle meets the first Tuesday of each month. Circle Leader: Lori Cheney.

### UMW MARTHA CIRCLE

5:30 PM | RM 133  
United Methodist Women circle meets the second Tuesday of each month. Circle Leader: June Griffin.

### UMW ESTHER CIRCLE

9:30 - 11:00 AM | RM 120  
United Methodist Women circle meets the third Monday of each month. Circle Leader: Joan Chandler.

### 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.

### LADIES OF LIGHT

1:00 - 2:30 PM | RM 128 & 130  
This women's Bible study meets every Wednesday. Study God's word and mirror His character to keep our lights burning for others. Facilitator: Kim Nolen.

### LOVING HANDS KNITTING

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | RM 120  
This congregational care ministry meets every Friday to knit, crochet, and fellowship.

### FACING FAITH

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
This women's Bible study meets every Wednesday. Overcome obstacles and focus on being your best self with God's help. Facilitator: Kim Lessley.

### 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.

### MEAT & GREET

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

### PICKUP BASKETBALL

6:30 - 8:00 PM | GYM  
Guys (19+) are invited to play basketball on Monday nights in the gym. **Ends Oct. 20 until Upward Basketball ends.**

### PICKLEBALL

2:30 - 4:30 PM | GYM  
For all ages. Play is every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday. Contact Nancy Hollaway at nhollaway54@gmail.com.

### CHAIR YOGA

9:00 - 10:15 AM | SANCTUARY  
Increase balance, flexibility, & agility with this therapeutic class that meets each Monday. Bring your own mat. Cost: \$5.00 per class.

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

VARIOUS TIMES & LOCATIONS  
These small groups provide an environment where individuals can ask questions of God, the Bible, and themselves. Some groups meet at Asbury; some meet off campus all over our community. While it's too late to jump in to a group right now, new groups are forming and will launch in January. Stay tuned for details and where to sign up!

# Heart Connection

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

NOV. 7

**11:00 AM | PICNIC SOCIAL AT VETERANS PARK**  
Who doesn't love a potluck? Come enjoy great food, fellowship, and fresh air. Bring your favorite side and dessert to share--Asbury will provide the fried chicken! Bring a friend and make new connections. We can't wait to see you there! **RSVP by Nov. 3.**

DEC. 13

**1:00 - 4:15 PM | HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR**  
**RED MOUNTAIN THEATRE**  
Red Mountain Theater presents, Holiday Spectacular! Usher in the holiday season with music, merriment, and togetherness! Join us for an unforgettable Christmas performance at the Red Mountain Theater! **Please RSVP by Dec. 8 (or until sold out: limited to 28 people). Cost: \$45 per ticket (group rate).**

Heart Connection is Asbury's senior ministry, serving singles and couples, 60 and better. Everyone is invited to participate in activities and programs, and to join our community of people seeking Christ and growing together in faith, service, and friendship.

OPEN YOUR CAMERA APP &  
SCAN HERE TO RSVP FOR THESE  
EVENTS OR TO READ ABOUT  
OTHER HC EVENTS AND  
OPPORTUNITIES!







# asbury KiDS

We want to partner with you on your child's faith journey. Our goal is to ensure infants through fifth graders know Jesus loves them and wants them to love others in return – we must embody the way of Jesus, together. We invite you and your children to worship, serve, and grow with us!

## ASBURY KiDS WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

WEDNESDAYS 6:00 - 7:30 PM

All children are invited to know and experience God's love through choir, engaging Bible lessons, and small groups.

**Joyful Noise:** Asbury KiDS join their voices in praise with our Joyful Noise Children's Choir on Wednesday nights! Children will sing several times throughout the year in worship.

- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade singers practice 6:00 - 6:30 PM
- K - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade singers practice 6:30 - 7:00 PM

**Tiny Trebles:** Preschoolers (ages 3-5) have music time on Wednesday nights from 6:00-6:20 p.m. in our preschool space (Room 209) with Ms. Jessica. Our Tiny Trebles have a chance to build confidence using their voices as they sing about God's love.

**Want your kiddo to participate?**

Email Asbury KiDS Associate Director Melanie Stewart at [melanie.stewart@asburybham.org](mailto:melanie.stewart@asburybham.org).

## UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING REGISTRATION

OPEN NOW!

Asbury is proud to have hosted Upward Basketball and Cheerleading for the last 25 years! Basketball is open to K5-sixth graders and Cheerleading (girls) is open to K5-third graders. **Registration is open now and the early registration fee is \$137. On October 16, the price increases to \$152.**

SCAN TO LEARN MORE  
ABOUT ASBURY KiDS!



## WANDERING WEDNESDAYS

MONTHLY | 4TH-5TH GRADERS

Fourth & fifth graders are invited to join us for Wandering Wednesdays! These off campus excursions give our preteens opportunities to connect and grow together in their faith. Pre-registration is required. See calendar for fall dates.

## PRETEEN FALL RETREAT

OCTOBER 17 - 18 | 4TH & 5TH GRADERS

Asbury is partnering with several other United Methodist Churches for a Fall Retreat at Camp Sumatanga. The cost is \$125 and includes all transportation, lodging, activities, meals, materials, and a T-shirt. We will leave Asbury at 4 PM on Oct. 17 and return at 6 PM on Oct. 18. **Registration is open until October 5.**

## TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 26

3:30 - 4:00 PM (SENSORY FRIENDLY)

4:00 - 6:00 PM (EVERYONE WELCOME)

Community Event: Everyone is welcome to attend Asbury's Trunk or Treat! Invite your friends and neighbors. As always, a sensory-friendly trick-or-treating experience is open to our friends with disabilities from 3:30 - 4:00 PM. Trunks, costumes, and candy: we can't wait to see you there!

## ASBURY KiDS CAROLING

DECEMBER 14 | 9:45 - 10:45 AM | ADULT WING

Asbury KiDS will be caroling to the adult Sunday School classes.

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

DECEMBER 21 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

WILLIAMS CHAPEL

All children are welcome to participate in our Christmas pageant during Modern Worship at 11 AM. No rehearsal needed!



Asbury RESET exists to close the gap between life and faith by showing students how to **Know God**, **Grow** in faith, and **Go** share the Gospel.

SCAN TO LEARN MORE  
ABOUT ASBURY RESET  
STUDENT MINISTRY!



## 945

9:45 - 10:45 AM | SUNDAY MORNINGS | YOUTH SPACE

945 Sunday School begins at 9:45 AM in the Youth Worship Space (Downstairs, Room 113). We break into middle and high school classes for a lesson and discussion after a main group game. Middle Schoolers: you're in Room 113. High Schoolers: you're in Room 102. HS students are currently working through a two-year Bible Study that takes them from Genesis to Revelation.

## CONFIRMATION

9:45 - 10:45 AM | SUNDAY MORNINGS | RMS 104 - 106

Confirmation is a year-long faith journey. Each week, confirmands meet weekly during the 9:45 AM Sunday School hour in the RESET Student Space. Twice a year – each fall and spring – the students attend weekend trips to help them examine and develop their own faith. In May, students have the opportunity to become full members of The United Methodist Church and Asbury.

## SUNDAY NIGHTS

SUNDAY NIGHTS | YOUTH SPACE

Each week, we eat, play games, and grow together in our faith. Whether that's a youth-led worship night like UNITED, a game night, a service night, or even a surprise night, this is a great way for all teenagers to grow in community and faith, together. Any off-campus excursions will be communicated prior to the event!

## LIFE GROUPS

VARIOUS TIMES | VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Our students may be more digitally connected than ever, yet they can still feel lonely. Life Groups remind them of who they are, whose they are, and that they are not alone. God made us for real, life-giving relationships — and that's why we have Life Groups! Scan the QR code at the top of this page to find more information on how and where your student can plug into Life Groups.

## CONFIRMATION RETREAT

OCTOBER 10 - 13 | EPWORTH BY THE SEA

It's a time to grow in faith, build friendships, and have an awesome time by the sea. Pack your bags and get ready for an unforgettable weekend at Epworth by the Sea on beautiful St. Simons Island, GA.





# ANCHOR COMMUNITY RESPITE MINISTRY

Anchor Community Respite Ministry provides fellowship and stimulation to people who are living with memory loss due to dementia or stroke. Anchor operates every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Asbury UMC.

**Volunteer opportunities:** You don't need any special skills to volunteer at Anchor, just a willingness to love and be a friend! Reach out to Program Director Gina McIntyre at [gina.mcintyre@asburybham.org](mailto:gina.mcintyre@asburybham.org) for more information.

Anchor will be closed Nov. 11 for Veteran's Day, Nov. 25 - 27 for Thanksgiving, and Dec. 23 - 31 for Christmas.

SCAN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ANCHOR!



## SUPPORT GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

BEAR ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS, AND SO FULFILL THE LAW OF CHRIST. - GALATIANS 6:2

SCAN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SUPPORT GROUPS AT ASBURY



### UNITED COUNSELING

United Counseling provides faith-based professional counseling for adults, couples, and families.

In-person sessions available at Asbury by appointment only.

Counselor: Steve Sweatt, LPC-S/LMFT



### "HEALING HEARTS" SPOUSAL LOSS GRIEF SUPPORT

A 10-week support group for those who have recently lost a spouse. Meets each spring and fall.

Tuesdays, 12:30 - 2:00 PM  
Current group full.  
Spring session begins in February.

Facilitator: Sunny Gilliam/  
Community Grief Support



### FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP (ADDICTION)

Is a loved one struggling with Substance Use Disorder? Free trained support and education is available.

Mondays, 6:30 - 8:00 PM  
Room 132

Facilitator: Tyler Harris  
Unbound Grace



### CAREGIVER SUPPORT

This ongoing group offers comfort and support for those caring for someone with memory loss due to dementia, Alzheimer's, or stroke.

1st & 3rd Thursdays, 1:00 - 2:00 PM  
Room 132

Facilitator: Rev. Maggie Dunaway



### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays 6:30 - 7:30 PM  
Room 120



# MUSIC MINISTRY

## CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:00 - 8:30 PM | RM 143

Experience the joy of singing and help the choir prepare for weekly performances in 11:00 AM Traditional Worship. Meets every Wednesday. Contact: Nancy Beard (nancy.beard@asburybham.org).

## HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:00 - 7:00 PM | RM 141

Do you read music? Try your hand at ringing handbells. Meets every Wednesday. Contact: Nancy Beard (nancy.beard@asburybham.org).

## ASBURY MUSIC CONSERVATORY

VARIED TIMES | MUSIC SUITE

Asbury offers voice and piano lessons for students of all ages.

Contact: Nancy Beard  
(nancy.beard@asburybham.org).

## ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL

10:10 AM | SANCTUARY

The Asbury Orchestra rehearses each Sunday morning at 10:10 AM and plays in Traditional Worship. Contact: Justin Ward (justin.p.ward@gmail.com).

## MODERN WORSHIP REHEARSAL

8:30 AM | WILLIAMS CHAPEL

Asbury's Modern Worship is led by a worship team featuring guitar, vocals, keys and drums. Rehearsals are held Sundays at 8:30 AM before 11:00 AM worship. Contact: Jeremiah Toole (jeremiah.toole@asburybham.org).

## CHRISTMAS CANTATA

DECEMBER 14 | 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Asbury's Music Ministry presents their Christmas Cantata in 8:30 and 11 AM Traditional Worship. Come hear the joy of the season with the Chancel Choir and orchestra!



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ABOUT ASBURY'S MUSIC-  
MAKING OPPORTUNITIES!



# FOOD PANTRY

Asbury's Food Pantry is open every Wednesday from 2 to 3:30 PM and the first Saturday of each month from 12:30 to 2:00 PM to anyone facing food insecurity.

Asbury's Food Pantry is solely operated through generous monetary donations and funds allocated by the Missions in Action program. Food donations are provided by Asbury members and different community groups that have food drives. If you would like to make a donation, food pantry items (non-perishables) can be dropped off outside the pantry doors from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday through Saturday, or brought on Sunday mornings.

Interested in volunteering in the pantry? Just come on!

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FOOD PANTRY!





# MISSIONS OF THE MONTH

## OCTOBER

### TRUNK OR TREAT

OCT. 26 | 3:30 - 4:00 PM (SENSORY FRIENDLY),  
4:00 - 6:00 PM (EVERYONE WELCOME!)

Nothing says Welcome to Asbury quite like Trunk or Treat! We're expecting 1,500 guests - please help us make the ultimate first impression. Host a trunk, volunteer, or donate candy!

## NOVEMBER

### ANGEL TREE

NOV. 2 - 30TH

We are thrilled to partner with Oak Mountain Missions and Shelby Emergency Assistance to support local families this Christmas season. Select an angel from one of our trees and go shopping!

## DECEMBER

### EMBRACE ALABAMA KIDS & PAPA J'S CHRISTMAS SHOP

DEC. 20TH

Join us as we host Grace Klein Community's 4th Annual Papa J's Christmas shop. Be a part by sorting toys, helping set up and serving during the event. Donate to our White Christmas Offering highlighting the amazing work and ministry of Embrace Alabama Kids.

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To sign up for a specific mission event  
or for more information on Asbury  
Missions, contact Brooke Wolde at  
[brooke.wolde@asburybham.org](mailto:brooke.wolde@asburybham.org) or  
scan the QR code.



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*together*