

Asbury United Methodist Church

WORSHIP BOOKLET

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 21, 2024

We welcome all to worship and thank you for choosing Asbury Church.

Please remember to silence your cell phone.

Nursery Care is provided in Room 122.

The playground will still be available for children during CAYR.

Sunday School for all ages is at 10:00 a.m.



PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the O'Chield and Kenney family, for all families experiencing loss or illness, and for the following:

Bailey Family	Pam Micallef	Active Military & Veterans
Sheri Burchard	Ed Moore	All affected by Mass Shootings
Caldwell Family	Leslie Nielsen	All who are Lonely
Lauren and Lorie Cataldi	Teresa Peters	Asbury in Transition
Sylvia Chiofolo	Mary Pines	CAYR Praise Band and Sound Techs
Carrie Connelly	Marlene Pulhamus	Cure for Coronavirus
Kathy Donovan	Trauffine Purnell	Haiti, Afghanistan, Ukraine
Ashley Fairbanks	Bryan Records	Healthcare Workers
Steve and Kelly Garner	Sandy Rhodes	Immigrant Families
Carolyn Gruber	Sarwari family	Law Enforcement Officers
Larry and Judy Hamilton	Leya Schiller	LGBTQ Community
Ray Hoffman	Josie Smith	Our Schools and Children
Kris Kunkel	Mary Sullivan	Peace in the Holy Land
Marlene LeFever	Emerson Thomas	Racial Justice
Marilyn Mann	Kim Timmons	Victims of Natural Disasters
Carl McIntyre	Kim Yobst	Victims of Violence
	Penny Ziegler	Victims of the Key Bridge Collapse

Please contact Heather@asburyweb.org or the church office to request bulletin prayers. Please get permission from individual before asking for their name to be published.

The Prayer Group at Asbury continues to pray weekly for the many concerns lifted up to them. Please keep this prayer ministry in your thoughts and consider joining with them for healing and peace for all.

If you need prayer during the week, please contact Tom or Heather at the church, or Carol Bisker at (410) 749-3563.



Emily Saulsbury, Chair

Marilyn Batie

Jean Laws

Brenda Martin

Lou Elin Sheller

***** If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar, please call the church office.**

Early Morning Asbury

8:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

Those leading worship today include:

Lay Reader: *Vic Laws* / Head Usher: *Rick Bisker*

Greeter: *Carol Bisker & Gail Kestler* / Sound: *Gary Tyler*

Organist: *Dr. Jeff S. Baer*



✿ *Designates your invitation to stand*

Prelude *Song of Peace* Michael Shea

Welcome and Announcements

✿ Passing the Peace of Christ

✿ Opening Hymn *Savior, Like a Shephard Lead Us* UMH No. 381

✿ Greeting:

One: In the darkest valley, at the banquet table;

Many: **In the hard work of life, at the moments of ease;**

One: In our day-to-day reality, at times set aside—

Many: **for worship, for listening, for paying attention;**

One: with every step we take:

Many: **goodness and mercy follow us and our cups overflow.**

Affirmation of Faith UMH No. 883

Opening Prayer:

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, walk beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.

CAYR Worship Service

8:45 a.m. Modern Service in the Fellowship Hall

Those leading worship today include:

Lay Reader: *Olivia Imirie*

Sound: *TBD*



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Good Morning and Announcements

Brooke Christensen

Ministry Moment

Women's Retreat

✿ Passing the Peace of Christ

✿ Opening Song 1 *Your Grace Is Enough*

Praise Band

✿ Opening Song 2 *Firm Foundation (He Won't)*

Praise Band

First Lesson, Acts 4:5-12 (*Scripture found on page 9*)

Kingdom Kids Singers

God's Hands

Mark Burrows

Heather Harman, Director

Samantha Amankulov, Accompanist

Second Lesson, 1 John 3:16-24 (*Scripture found on page 9-10*)

Cherubs

Alive, Alive

Traditional

Heather Harman, Director

Samantha Amankulov, Accompanist

Children's Message

Heather Harman

Festive Worship Service

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

Those leading worship today include:

Lay Reader: *Sharon Dashiell*

Head Usher: *Steve Donovan* / Sound: *Jeff Harman*

Pianist: *Pat Davis*



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Children's Message

Heather Harman

Hymn

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

UMH No. 173

✿ **The Gospel Lesson, John 10:11-18** (*Scripture found on page 11-12*)

One: Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen, indeed!

Message

Cornerstone

Pastor Tom Pasmore

Special Music

Come to Jesus
Strangely Warmed Hearts Club

Mindy Smith

Prayers and Concerns - Healing Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (*See Back Page*)

Offering

Offertory

Come, Sing to the Lord
Chancel Choir;
Pat Davis, pianist

R. Hogan

✿ **Doxology**

UMH No. 94

✿ **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

✿ **Sending Forth**

Choral Benediction

Lord, We Depart
Chancel Choir;
Pat Davis, pianist

B. Hall

✿ **Closing Hymn**

*Christ Is Made
the Sure Foundation*

UMH No. 559

SCRIPTURES



Acts 4:5-12 (Common English Bible)

The next day the leaders, elders, and legal experts gathered in Jerusalem, along with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and others from the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and asked, "By what power or in what name did you do this?"

Then Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, answered, "Leaders of the people and elders, are we being examined today because something good was done for a sick person, a good deed that healed him? If so, then you and all the people of Israel need to know that this man stands healthy before you because of the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is the stone you builders rejected; he has become the cornerstone! Salvation can be found in no one else. Throughout the whole world, no other name has been given among humans through which we must be saved."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

1 John 3:16-24 (New Living Translation)

We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person?

Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God. Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything.

Dear friends, if we don't feel guilty, we can come to God with bold confidence. And we will receive from him whatever we ask because we obey him and do the things that please him. And this is his commandment: We must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us.

Those who obey God's commandments remain in fellowship with him, and he with them. And we know he lives in us because the Spirit he gave us lives in us.

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John 10:11-18 (New International Version)

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

One: Christ is risen!

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NOTES

NEXT STEPS

1. Reread the scriptures.
2. What are the stumbling blocks in your life? _____

3. What would it take to make Christ the only stumbling block? _____

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Freestyle

We continue to discuss "The Chosen" series and are currently in season 2. We meet in the library from 10-10:45am. All are welcome. Even if you don't watch the episode we are chatting about, there are lots of good insights and ideas to be had. We read the corresponding book each week (books available to use), which generates discussion as well. Contact kristen@asburyweb.org if you have questions. Pop in and say hello!

Open Hearts Open Minds - OPEN CHAT

All are welcome to join us today in the Mackey Room at 9:45 am when we share joys and concerns before beginning the lesson for the day at 10:00 am

Bible 101

Bible 101 class is studying the First letter of the Apostle Paul to the Church in Corinth. He sets an example of how to share the Gospel with non-believers.

1. Put needs of others before yours.
2. One man sin is only pleasure for another man.
3. Work Hard!
4. Be all things to all people!

As class we are renewing our beliefs as Christians through the Apostles Creed. Come join us on Sunday morning at 10 a.m. for our lively discussions of the books of the **HOLY BIBLE!!**

ASBURY NEWS

Membership Event - TODAY!

Would you like to become a member of Asbury? Come join us at 12:30 p.m. in the library.

Easter Offering Update

We have received \$2,880 towards our anticipated budget for Easter of \$4,500. We would still like to challenge you to live out the words Jesus spoke to Peter in John 21:15-17. We are to live for, care for, minister to and do well to others. Giving to this special offering supports our ministries that help us accomplish these missions. If you have not already given, would you prayerfully consider contributing to this special offering? Please use the pew Easter offering envelopes for this specific giving and place in the plate offering. You can also mail your Easter Offering, give online, or drop off in the church office- just please make sure to note on your giving that it is for Easter.

Asbury Child Development Center celebrates 60 years!

Please join us for the Dedication of our New Playground and Memorial Area on Sunday, May 5 from 12 noon to 2 pm. Puppets for Christ will perform at 12:15 pm in the outdoor classroom located next to the playground, followed by the Dedication ceremony at 12:30 pm.

Come and enjoy children's games, a visit by Harry the Donkey and his friend, Baby Goat, meet beekeeper Cindi Hildreth, and take a self-guided tour of our beautifully renovated school. Bring your friends and family, we look forward to see you there!

Community Prayer Vigil

On **Sunday, May 5, at 6pm in the Sanctuary here at Asbury**, there will be a Community Prayer Vigil sponsored by the Watchmen with One Voice Ministerial Alliance. Elected officials and Law Enforcement have been invited to gather with us and pray about healing, growing, and transforming our community and nation through the power of prayer. Join us for worship and prayer.

Church and Society Ministry

Church and Society Ministry will be meeting on April 23 at 6:00 pm in the library. All are welcome. Come and see what we're doing!

Get Involved with your Church and Community

Interested in a ministry, but not sure if it's for you? Or maybe unsure just what you're interested in? Talk to Kristen Wall-Love, our Director of Spiritual Formation & Membership.

ASBURY'S

SILENT RETREAT

SATURDAY APRIL 27
10-3 BEGIN IN THE MACKEY ROOM
BRING YOUR LUNCH



RSVP to kristen@asburyweb.org

Lunch and Learn

May 5: DeMyra Harvey, Coordinator of Project READ, Wicomico Public Library. *The mission is to increase the literacy rates in our county.*

Lunch and Learn will be held from 12:15 p.m.- 1:45 p.m. in the Mackey Room following the 11:00 a.m. service. A light lunch will be served prior to a talk and conversation with our guest speakers. Voluntary donations only. Please RSVP if possible to Lydia in the church office for purposes of room setup and lunch planning. (But please feel free to come even if you have not RSVP'd!) 410-749-2131.

Women's Retreat 2024 is around the corner--all women welcome!

Gift yourself some renewal time at Pecometh's Riverview Retreat Center May 24-27. Cost is 350.00 (double) and 525.00 (single). No roommate, no problem--we can help! The registration form is in the Welcome Centers with all the details.

DEADLINE May 15. If you need financial assistance, please contact Kristen, kristen@saburyweb.org.

Greeting Coordinator Needed!

Are enthusiasm and organizing gifts of yours? We are looking for a person to coordinate the greeters for the Festive 11:00 am worship service so that all may be warmly and intentionally welcomed. Contact kristen@asburyweb.org if you are interested.

ASBURY NEWS

Confirmation

We have 5 confirmands this year! Gabby Love, Carter Bailey, Caroline Holloway, Gillian Houlihan, and Charlotte Houlihan. It is always so much fun when the whole congregation participates in our ***Confirmation Blessing Bins***. If you aren't too familiar with our confirmands, click the button for a list of their favorite things. Confirmation Sunday will be May 19.

April's spiritual practice is "Coffee with God" and it is exactly what it sounds like. Take some time during the day to enjoy a beverage of your choice and simply be with God for the time it takes you to finish your cup of joe (or tea or diet coke or whatever). This means just sitting--no reading, no screens, no music—just you, your beverage, and God. Be with God and your thoughts--they may turn into prayers, or not.

There is a lot going on right now at Asbury—much uncertainty and change. Be still and know that God is in it all. Be still and know that God is doing a new thing at Asbury!

Let me know if you want to participate by checking “monthly spiritual practice” on your connection card and I will check in with you during the month.

Asbury Special Project

The ASP team has continued the fundraising efforts and we only have 1 event left. Finally, our last fundraiser will be a Car Wash on May 19. It's hard to believe that we are less than 60 days away from our trip to Appalachia in June.



April Flower Power Day!

The Church and Society Committee invites all Asburians to come and help with the spring clean-up the native plant gardens in the south parking lot islands.

Date: Sunday April 28th

Time: 3-5 PM

Weather permitting- drinks and snacks provided! Wear your hat, bring your gloves and small garden tools like trowels and weeders, if you have them. **All are welcome!** Questions? Contact Deb Sauder at **dgsauder@yahoo.com**.

*You who dwell in the gardens, my companions are listening for your voice; let me hear it. **Song of Solomon 8:13 (RSV)***

Chair Yoga

You are invited to attend some gentle/chair yoga, *every MONDAY at noon*. Plan on 30-45 minutes, including a time of prayer.

Opportunity Shop

Donations:

- Monday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
- Thursday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Or call the church for an appointment!

Sales:

- Thursday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Thank you for supporting this important ministry!

158 W. Market Street, Salisbury, MD. Check us out on Facebook.

Looking for ways to help? We need volunteers to work as cashiers on Thursdays, and if you are cleaning out your closets, we need household items and clothing! All items need to be clean and functional. Tax receipts available.

Salisbury Urban Ministries Donation requests for April:

Lazarus Food Pantry

- Ramon noodles
- Vienna sausages

Kids Cafe

- Individual fruit cups (mandarin oranges, fruit cocktail, peaches)

Men's Welcome Center

- Corn Beef Hash
- Potted Meat
- Spam
- Vienna Sausages

SUM Information Center

SUM has now have its own information center, located at the Main Welcome Center by the Narthex. Flyers for monthly donation requests and other special project information can be found here.

Please drop off your donations in/near the large pots in sanctuary hallway. If you prefer to order online, have your donations delivered to: Salisbury Urban Ministries, 326 Barclay St., Salisbury, MD 21804. Or call 410-749-1563.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

APRIL MEETINGS/EVENTS SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Time	Meeting/Event
24	Wed	7:00 p.m.	UWIF
30	Tue	10:00 a.m.	Altar Guild

*** Meetings are subject to change, please check with church office for verification of date, time and location. All meetings will be held in the Library, unless other arrangements are made.

*** Attention: To email any staff member at Asbury email: "first name" @asburyweb.org.***

Pastoral Staff:

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Tom Pasmore

Directors of Ministries:

Music Ministries:

TBA

Finance & Building:

Janice Ilczuk

Children & Care Ministries:

Heather Harman

Adult Spiritual Formation and Membership:

Rev. Kristen Wall-Love

Youth & Family Ministries:

Brooke Christensen

Asbury Child

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Casey Taylor, Danna Abbott

Church Support Staff:

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Bethany Pasmore, Ashlee Plotts,

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Rev. LaTrelle Easterling

District Superintendent:

Rev. Christina Blake

Conference Office:

Rev. Jacqueline Ford

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Debbie Donaway

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Brooke Christensen

*** If you would like to add a church-related announcement to the Asbury News section, please email lydia@asburyweb.org at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

