



ASBURY
United Methodist Church

A FUTURE AND A HOPE:
TO LISTEN, GROW, AND LOVE WITH GOD

THE MESSENGER

August 2022

Dear Friends

If you don't like each other, why do you sit together? (Not you guys. The children on my bus.)

As a school bus driver, I've found that the hardest part of the job is getting children to sit quietly and not fuss with each other for the short time they are on the bus. Taking the children to school or home, keeping to the schedule, and not hitting anything with the giant bus are the easy parts (knock on wood).

So what's a bus driver to do? We all need training to learn to get along. That means figuring out why we act and feel the way we do. That means trying to be honestly empathetic without being appropriating. That means having the mind of Christ and the heart of the Holy Spirit. That means being The Church, so I guess all this applies to adults as well as children on a bus.

I've found that one of the best resources to help us grow into this attitude is a book and study called Emotionally Healthy Spirituality. In August, I will begin a seven-week sermon series and a study using these resources. I hope you will choose to come along on the journey.

The bus is moving! Sit down and enjoy the trip.

Blessings,

Tom

Next Sermon Series—*Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*

In this series we will explore how to develop a personal relationship with Jesus so that we can discover how to:

- Confront the Crisis of Emotionally Unhealthy Spirituality
- Know and Become Your Authentic Self in Christ
- Discover How Your Family of Origin Affects You Today
- Find Your Way Through "Walls" to Grow into Maturity
- Enlarge Your Soul Through Embracing Grief and Loss
- Integrate Silence and Sabbath to Slow Down for Jesus
- Grow Into an Emotionally Healthy Adult

Aug 14 - #1: Something is Desperately Wrong - Luke 12:49-56

Aug 21 - #2: Know Yourself that You May Know God - Jeremiah 1:4-10

Aug 28 - #3: Going Back in Order to Go Forward - Deuteronomy 5:6-21

Sep 4 - #4: Journey Through the Wall - Luke 14:25-33

Sep 11 - #5: Enlarge Your Soul Through Grief & Loss - Jeremiah 4:23-28

Sep 18 - #6: Discover the Rhythms of Daily Office - 1 Timothy 2:1-6

Sep 25 - #7: Grow into an Emotional Maturity - 1 Timothy 6:11-19

Asbury Staff					
Lead Pastor	Tom Vansant	Worship Band Leader	K.I. Emmanuel	Nursery Coordinator	Susan Lamy
Administrative Assistant	Julia Machin	Student Ministries	Leon Johnson	Pianist & Organist	Teresa Kays
Music Director	Kathy Love	Community Outreach	Linda Adams	Gifts That Count	Jim Wilson

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Let's Be Hospitable!

Asbury continues to serve as a polling place. Let's have people feel that Asbury is a welcoming place. Please consider bringing cookies and/or coming to the church for a two-hour shift.

Obviously, there can be nothing political said, but we can say, "Welcome to Asbury. Would you like a cookie or a cold drink?!"

Please sign up at church, phone the church office or contact Ruth Spargo (phone, text or email).

Another Asbury Adventure! Sat Oct 1

A Grand Night for Singing The Lyceum Theatre - Arrow Rock, MO

Plans are underway for another Asbury Adventure. Watch more details to come!



Check It Out!

In the "old library," (the small room directly ahead from south doors) there are many books and CDs that have been used for Sunday School and other small group studies. Many of the accompanying books may also be found in the library.

Following is a list of titles of CDs; more information will be given in later months:

Sermon on the Mount, Levine
Grace—Full Life, Acevedo & Olds
Elijah, Spoelstra
Hebrew, DeSilva
Names of God, Spoelstra
Who is This Man? Ortberg
Seven Words, Robb
Courage, Berlin
Romans, Lucado
Anxious for Nothing, Lucado

2022 Mission/Vision Team

Janice Greene: Mission/Vision Chair

Threasa Ballenger: Lay Leader

Kimberlea Gray: Recording Secretary

Susan Conover: Member At Large

Amy Langston: Member At Large

Amy Meriweather: Member At Large

Renee Mikkelson: Member At Large

Bill Love: Finance Chair & Lay Member to Annual Conference

Carol Daniel: SPR Chair & Treasurer

Chuck Ewy: Trustees Chair

Glenda Hefty: Education Chair

Kathy Love: Worship Chair

Ruth Spargo: Hospitality Chair

Sheryl Hill: Mission Springfield Chair

Jay Polchow: Accounts Reconciler

PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathy Love, Barbara Davidson, Nicole Johnson, Marlene Garling, Kay Keltner, Del Peck, Kayla Paterson, Daniel Vansant, Alice Stehle, Peggy Fuge, John Bingham, Larry Oliver, George Sly, Gene Day, Sara Love, Janet Bowman, Teresa Kays, Ron Garling, Clark Mikkelson

All prayer concerns will be listed for one month unless otherwise notified.

Those we hold in loving care who are homebound or limited in their transportation:

Ann Marsh, Barbara Davidson, Bob Drake, Cleo Huffman, Dixie Wooters, Gary Metcalf, Joy Whitescarver, Kathy White, Kay Keltner, Marjorie Pettit, Marlene Jones, Nicole Johnson, Pansy Bingham, Peggy Fuge, Sharon Coomer, Shawna Allen, Virginia Salvog, Warren Meadows

Serving our country:

Cameron Cox

Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for the second quarter of 2022 are now available for pickup in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings, or in the church office Monday—Thursday, 9am—2pm.

August Birthdays

- 01 AJ Baier
03 Sara Love
Bill Turpin
04 Shawna Allen
07 Mary Bennett
08 Sean Layton
09 Johnathan Love
10 Gene Day
George Sly
11 Daneel Daniel
13 Pat Shane
15 Carol Daniel
22 Dale Clements
25 Diane Champ
28 Janet Bowman



Asbury & Pastor,

Thank you for opening your doors and hearts for my parents' 50th wedding anniversary celebration.

We were blessed to have an amazing group of family & friends in attendance.

Thank you pastor for your prayer over my parents.

In love,
Jennifer Marshall-Hoggatt



August 2

Election Day—No Alabaster Practice

August 4

Mission Springfield

August 6

UMW District Retreat

August 8

Staff Meeting
Naomi Ruth

August 9

Trustees

August 11

Lunch Bunch
Mission/Vision

August 13

UMM Meeting

August 14

One Heart in Christ

August 16

Worship Committee

August 17

Crosslines Day

August 20

Youth Kick-Off Party
Harmony House Lunch

August 22

Creation Care Meeting

August 25

PSHP Set-Up

August 26

PSHP Registration Day

August 27

Jarrett Prayer Walk



Power of Love

Our Power of Love collection for August will be kits for Sharefest (Festival of Sharing) which will be held at Hood UMC in Republic on September 17. (Values were established early this year, so may not reflect current prices).

Missouri Paper Products Kit

Estimated Value \$17

- 2 boxes of facial tissue (large rectangular boxes)
- 2 rolls of paper towels (good quality)
- 12 double/mega rolls of toilet paper as 3 packages of 4 or 2 packages of 6

If completing a kit, package in a tall sized kitchen trash bag.

CWS Hygiene Kits

Estimated Value \$15

- 1 toothbrush (in original package)
- 1 bar of bath soap (in package)
- 1 wide-tooth comb (remove packaging)
- 1 nail clippers (remove packaging)
- 10 standard size Band-Aids
- 1 hand towel (15x28 or 16x32) (No fingertip, bath or microfiber)
- 1 washcloth

If completing a kit, package in a 1 gallon ziplock .

If you would like to make a financial donation, please make sure checks are written out with Power of Love in the memo line. Gifts can also be given online on our giving page under the Power of Love project.

Harmony House Lunch Saturday, August 20



This month we will be providing our regularly scheduled meal for the residents at Harmony House. If you would like to donate food, please review the available slots at the link below and click on the button to sign up. If you need help with signing up, please call the church office and Julia will assist you. Refrigerated and non-refrigerated items can be dropped off at the church the week prior to August 20, or you may also bring food that morning (please have the items to the church no later than 10:30 am).

Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4BABA28A1FD0-harmony12>



Asbury Autumn Vintage & Craft Bazaar Saturday, October 15—9:00 am to 3:00 pm

A few booth spaces remain available for the bazaar. Volunteers are also needed to assist on that day with greeting customers, running the raffle booth & more! If you are interested in renting a booth space or being a volunteer, contact the church office.

Financial News

As of 06/30/2022* :

Contributions for June: \$16,944

Contributions Budget: \$19,836

Other Income (Church Use, etc.) YTD: \$13,223

Other Income Budget YTD: \$5,444

Contributions YTD: \$104,238

Budget YTD: \$119,017

Expenses YTD: \$113,403

Budget YTD: \$136,500

Apportionments Paid YTD as of 5/31/22: \$0

Apportionments Budget: \$14,732

*Updated numbers for the monthly newsletter are not always available until after it is published. Contact Bill Love if you have any questions - full reports are posted online.

Those Serving
This Month



Accompanist: Teresa Kays

Band Leader: K.I. Emmanuel

A/V: Steve Collum, Bill Love

Readers: Kimberlea Gray, Jim Wilson, Mary Blumhost, Janet Bowman, Ruth Spargo

Greeters: Judy Clements, John Fox, Judy Fox, Threasa Ballenger, Jim Enyart, Joan Wilson, Karla Gregg, Fred Marshall, Marsha Marshall, Patti Blanton

Hi! Friends of Asbury,

Want to say "thank you" for your prayers, phone calls and thoughtfulness in these past days & months. I am doing better and still prayer for God's healing miracle.

I think of you often and pray for you especially as you go through this new pastoral transition.

May God bless and keep you safe is my prayer. Praying I will be able to see you in worship soon.

In Christian love,
Beverly Cox

Connection Information

Worship:

On Asbury Live! at <https://live.asburyunitedmethodist.org>

By landline or smart phone: (312) 626-6799, Meeting ID: 881 355 241, Password: 01 76 46

Seekers Sunday School Class 9:15am:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/362387558?pwd=dWxzZ1NWVnM0QjZyWmRIWVExUERnQT09>

By landline or smart phone: (312) 626-6799, Meeting ID: 362 387 558, Password: 06 82 81

YAX Sunday School Class 9:15 am:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81441987496?pwd=aVllVFFaTnJHVjl3ZWZtRUthbzIVQT09>

By landline or smart phone: (312) 626-6799, Meeting ID: 814 4198 7496, Password: YAX

Monday Evening LYF Group, 6:30pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/613309770?pwd=Rm9UTGtTNXFHaFRWW9qcVBDSUJkUT09> or call (312) 626-6799,

Meeting ID: 613 309 770, Password: 07 35 82


UMW News

The regular bi-monthly August meeting (August 6) has been postponed until September 10 in order that our members may attend the District Women's Retreat. This year's theme is "Step Forward for Bold Obedience," based on John 14:15, "If you love me, obey my commandments." Aldrich UMC hosts the retreat, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with lunch provided. Attendees are asked to bring a nonperishable food item for the Aldrich Church Pantry. RSVP to Shirley Rundel, 417-326-8528; call Ruth Spargo to arrange for carpooling.

The UMW and Mission Springfield co-sponsor our Power of Love outreaches. We very often receive "thank you's" from our recipients. Here is the most recent one from the Pregnancy Care Center: "Thank you for the donation. Your generosity is appreciated! Our clients will be blessed! Items are placed in our boutique, where our clients can shop using points they earn for attending classes & appointments. Thank you—PCC Team"

Naomi-Ruth Circle will meet at Ginny Oliver's for a potluck salad supper at 6:30, August 8. If you are a woman, **you are invited!**

Chrysanthemums for World Communion Sunday



You are invited to order beautiful fall mums to decorate the altar for World Communion Sunday on October 2nd. Orders will be taken beginning Sunday, August 28 until Sunday, September 25th. More information will be provided once the cost of the mums is determined. Stay tuned for future details!

Music Department News

Thank you to everyone that came out to support the Asbury Music Department at our Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 24. We raised \$333 while we had an opportunity to hear great music and fellowship while enjoying a delicious ice cream smorgasbord!

The Asbury Choir and Asbury Ringers will be on break during the month of August. We will kick off the fall at our first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 7. All are welcome to join!

Asbury Ringers meets at 6:15 and Chancel Choir meets at 7:00, both in the Sanctuary. Contact Kathy Love if you have any questions.



Please join us for a bridal shower for Lizzie Collum on **Sunday, August 21 at 2:00** in the Fellowship Hall. Lizzie and Jamie Phelps will be married this fall. They are registered at Amazon, Target, and Pottery Barn. The registries can be found on the following link:

<https://www.theknot.com/us/liz-collum-and-jamie-phelps-oct-2022/registry>

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