

July 1, 2018



Independence Sunday



Our Mission

A Faith Family sharing Christ to meet the needs of all people.

Our Invitation

To all who need Comfort, Friendship and the Love of God through our Savior Jesus Christ. This church opens wide its doors in the name of our Lord and says, "Welcome."

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 Asbury UMCLR

Welcome to Asbury.

We are glad you are here at Asbury today, and hope you will feel God's love in your worship experience. We invite you to note the Asbury Calendar on the back page of the bulletin. Please print your information on the attendance pads and return them to the end of the pew. If you desire to join Asbury UMC, come forward during the last song, and our pastors will greet you.

Please take a few moments to silence your phone.

For the most meaningful worship, we encourage you to take advantage of our nursery available for infants through 2 years old.

Divine Worship Sanctuary

July 1, 2018

10:00 A.M.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Battle Hymn of the Republic
arr. Head and Mitchell-Wallace

Trumpet duo

*Presentation and Pledges of the American and Christian Flags
Rob Ator and Diane Wright

*Call to Worship

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord and the people whom He has chosen
as His heritage!

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

You shall bless the Lord Your God for the good land He has given you.

Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our strength and shield.

*Hymn of Praise *The Star Spangled Banner*

**O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?**

Congregational Prayer

**Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth.
Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom You have committed
the responsibility of government and leadership
in the nations of the world.**

**Give to them the vision of truth and justice,
that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together.**

**Give to the people of our country
zeal for justice and strength of forbearance,
that we may use our liberty in accordance with Your gracious will.**

**Forgive our shortcomings as a nation;
purify our hearts to see and love the truth.**

We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(ANDY LANGFORD, U.S.A., 20TH CENT.)

Children's Moments

Rev. Mary Hilliard

**Please stand as you are able.*

Prayer for the People

Lord's Prayer

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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.
 Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Praise

God Bless America
 arr. Joseph Martin

Chancel Choir

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; Praise
 Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Hymn of Meditation

America

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Scripture

Galatians 5:1,13-14

(NLT, Pew Bible) 893

The Message

"I Am Free"

Rev. Mary Hilliard

Invitation to Holy Communion

If you would prefer a gluten free wafer for communion please notify the pastor or communion
 steward as you come forward. The offering plate located at the front of the main aisle is for
 love offerings that fund our Community Ministries. This ministry provides charitable assistance
 to people in need.

A Great Thanksgiving for Independence Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Almighty God, Creator of the universe, Ruler of all nations, Judge of all flesh, You have placed
 us, Your people, in this land made rich with rivers, forests, mountains, and creatures
 great and small.

Here, you set before the founders and pioneers of this nation an opportunity beyond measure
 to build a realm of justice, peace, and freedom.

Here you continue to call Your people, freed from the law and baptized into Christ Jesus, to be
 a sign of Your reign in all the world.

For such a place, such a vision and such a calling we give You thanks, praying we may ever
 join afresh the dreams You set before us as we join with Your people in every land on
 earth and with all the company of heaven in Your unceasing praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Above all we give You thanks for the gift of Your Son Jesus Christ, who sends us into the
 world to declare the good news of Your kingdom to every creature:

Justice to all peoples, good news to the poor, release for prisoners, sight for the blind, and
 freedom for the oppressed.

On the night before He was arrested and sentenced to death by the authorities of His own
 nation, He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Take, eat;
 this is My body which is given for you."

When supper was over, He took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to His disciples, and said,
 "Drink from this, all of you; this is My blood of the covenant poured out for you and for
 many, for the forgiveness of sins."

And so we remember and proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We pour ourselves out before You in praise and thanksgiving, a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us.

So pour out Your Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make Christ known to us in the breaking of this bread, and the sharing of this cup.

Renew our fellowship in Him, that we may be for the world His body poured out for the world at this time in this nation, and at that great banquet in the fullness of Your new creation where justice flows like rivers, righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, where none shall hunger or thirst, neither shall they learn war anymore.

By Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty God, now and ever. Amen.

Communion Music

America the Beautiful
arr. Buryl Red

Chancel Choir

*Hymn of Commitment

God of the Ages

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*Blessing of God's People

*Congregational Benediction

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Postlude

Assisting in Worship: Rev. Doug Walker

Sound/Video Operator: Austin Pittman, Joe Hof

Communion Stewards: Cathy and Paul Gregory

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Pledge to the Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.

Special thanks to Larry Jones, Brian Eubanks, Scott Southern,
Conner Gustafson and Phil Brandon for the great music.

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Special Events

Sunday, July 1st.....Patriotic Service 10 am (Sanctuary)
Sunday, July 22nd.....UMW Summer Circle 12 pm (Warehouse)
Monday, July 23rd.....Finance Committee 6 pm (Room 123)

Sunday, June 24th

8:30 am Divine 128
10:45 am Divine 61
10:45 am Celebration 126
Total Worship Attendance: 315

**Guests: 31 including
19 first-time**

Prayers:

Charlie Ward, Sr. Herchel Gardner
Becky Sage Annette Crawford
Garnet Hartong



**Summer Sermon Series
“Songs of Summer”**

- 7/8 - “Summer Breeze”
- 7/15 - “Hot Fun in the Summertime”
- 7/22 - “Surfin’ USA”
- 7/29 - “Summer Rains”

**Join us on July 15th as the
Asbury Prison Band leads the
celebration service!**



**United
Methodist
Women**
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**Watch for details on our next
UMW Summer Circle, July 22!**

SPECIAL CHILDREN’S MINISTRY DATES: Questions? Contact Laura Stinnett, Minister of Children

- Sunday, July 8:** Super Summer Sunday School
- Sunday, July 15:** Super Summer Sunday School
- Thursday, July 19:** Day trip to Ferncliff, 9 am - 2:30 pm
- Sunday, July 22:** Super Summer Sunday School

YOUTH NEWS: Questions? Contact Diane Wright, Minister of Youth & Young Adults

We will not meet on July 1 or 4 because of the holiday week.
Saturday, July 7: Meet at the church at 9 am to go to Magic Springs and the Toby Mac Concert!

Open Dates for Sacred Grounds: July 8, 15, 22 & 29. The cost is \$100 to sponsor a week.
Call the office for a date.

Open Dates for Flowers: July 8, 15, 22 & 29. Call the office to reserve a date.

**Pastor on weekend call: June 29, 30, July 1 Rev. Doug Walker
July 6, 7, 8 Rev. Mary Hilliard**

<u>Sunday, July 1st</u>	<u>Preaching Schedule</u>	<u>Sunday, July 8th</u>
One Service at 10 am in the Sanctuary	8:30 Divine Worship 10:45 Divine Worship 10:45 Celebration Service	Rev. Mary Hilliard Rev. Doug Walker Rev. Mary Hilliard

Drivers

**Van
Jim Britt**

**Car
Ebi Yesunesadhas**

Asbury Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 1st

9:30 am Coffee & Treats (Main Hall)
9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Room 200)

10:00 am Patriotic Worship Service (Sanctuary)



Monday, July 2nd

7:30 am ACCDC Summer Program
7:00 pm AA Meeting (Room 103)

Tuesday, July 3rd

7:30 am ACCDC Summer Program

Wednesday, July 4th

OFFICE & ACCDC CLOSED

Thursday, July 5th

7:30 am ACCDC Summer Program

Friday, July 6th

7:30 am ACCDC Summer Program

Saturday, July 7th

9:00 am Youth to Magic Springs/Toby Mac Concert

Sunday, July 8th

8:00 am Celebration Team Rehearsal (WAC)
8:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Room 200)
8:30 am Divine Worship (Sanctuary)
9:30 am Coffee & Donuts (Warehouse)
9:45 am Sunday School
10:40 am Celebration Band Pre-service Music (WAC)
10:45 am Celebration Service (WAC)
10:45 am Divine Worship (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm Hog on the Hill Committee (Small Conference Room)

* WAC - Wilson Activity Center



Daily devotionals from Pastor Mary are available on the website,
www.asbury-ir.org. Click on "Blogs."