

Connect

Sunday, January 15 at 9:00 A.M.

Please register your attendance and place in offering plate.

1st Time Guest New resident

Repeat Guest Member

Ages (check all that apply):

Under 18

18-25 26-29 30-39

40-49 50-59 over 60

Name(s): _____

Children attending & age(s): _____

Please check if your information has changed.

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

E-mail: _____

Wish to Join?

Please check all that apply.

I would like to publicly profess my faith in Christ and receive the Sacrament of Christian Baptism.

I am interested in knowing more about _____

I would like to transfer my membership from a church of another denomination.

I would like to transfer my membership from another United Methodist Church.

For more information, contact Bro. Hammett at hammett@asbury-lr.org.

Announcements and Events

Visit with the Pastors—If you would like to schedule a meeting with a pastor, please scan the QR codes below or at calendly.com/brohammett and calendly.com/pastor_nick79.



Rev. Hammett Evans



Rev. Nick Schimmer

ACCDC Registration Open—ACCDC registration opens Monday, January 9 for Asbury members and current students. Please contact ACCDC at 501-225-1511 or email accdcdir@asbury-lr.org.

Women's Bible Study— Starting January 22 from 4-6pm for 8 weeks, the Asbury women will study *The Epic of Eden Psalms* by Sandra Richter. Scan the QR code to the right to register for the study.



Starting Point—If you have been visiting Asbury and would like to learn a bit about the Methodist faith and a lot about life at Asbury, plan to attend our Starting Point Class at 10 AM on Sunday, January 29 in the large conference room downstairs.



Scan this code to give



Scan this code to register your attendance!



Scan this code for 2023 Pledge Card & Covenant Form

Asbury Staff

Rev. Dr. Hammett N. Evans, Senior Pastor

Rev. Nick Schimmer, Associate Pastor

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January 15, 2023



Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Our Mission

To bring others into Asbury UMC to experience a difference, so they make a difference for Jesus Christ and others.

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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*Welcome to worship with Asbury UMC!
Whether you are present in person or online,
we pray that you find this service to be spirit-filled
and our community to be welcoming!*

*Please stand as able

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. Hammett N. Evans

*Passing of the Peace

Prelude *Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me* Diana Brandon
arr. David Paxton

***Call to Worship†** Jack Henderson, Liturgist

Jesus calls, "Follow me!"

We will follow Jesus.

Jesus calls, "Follow me!"

We will leave the past to follow Jesus.

Jesus calls, "Follow me!"

We will walk in the present to follow Jesus.

Jesus calls, "Follow me!"

We will follow Jesus.

***Hymn of Praise** *Lord, You have Come to the Lakeshore* 344

*Invocation††

Merciful God, as we seek your love and light, there are times when darkness invades our lives. Forgive us when we hide our true selves from you. Forgive us when we quarrel with one another, allowing our pride to overcome our commitment to the community. Forgive us when we give life's activities priority over following the ways of Christ. O God, open our hearts to your grace, as you once again fill us with your love and light. Amen.

Lifting Our Lives and Prayers to God

Act of Praise *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* Chancel Choir
John Carter

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *Two Fishermen* Chancel Choir
Suzanne Toolan (FWS 2101)

*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.

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Children's Message

Nicole Rose

The congregation is invited to sing, "Jesus Loves Me," as our children come forward.

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

***Hymn of Meditation** *Jesus Calls Us* 398 (vs. 1-3)

Hearing God's Word

***Scripture Lesson** **Matthew 4:12-23**

The Message Rev. Dr. Hammett N. Evans

"WHAT DID JESUS PREACH?: Follow!"

Disciples leave their shells behind.

***Affirmation of Faith** *A Modern Affirmation* 885

***Gloria Patri** 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen. Amen.

Responding to God with Our Lives

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

***Hymn of Commitment** *A Charge to Keep I Have* 413

*Blessing

***Congregational Benediction** *Jesus Calls Us* 398 (vs. 5)

**Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.**

***Postlude** *"Azzmon"*
arr. Carl Glazer

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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN 2023!

Action Teams are recruiting for 2023 (descriptions below). Please fill out the form and drop it in the offering plate. Thanks for your spirit of discipleship!

I am interested in serving on the:

___ **Connect Team** (oversees Sunday School, youth, children's ministry, and other ministries that connect us more deeply to God and neighbor)

___ **Serve Team** (Identifies, develops, and facilitates outreach and mission opportunities for the local community and beyond)

___ **Embrace Team** (Coordinates how we welcome guests and help them become a part of our church family)

___ **Love Team** (Provides nurture and support for church members—includes congregational care team, bereavement meals, etc.)

___ **Family Life Ministries Team** (Plans and coordinates programs for families of the church—educational, recreational and fellowship events)

Name(s) _____

Phone _____

Email _____

PRAYER REQUEST

PRAY FOR _____

Nature of the concern: _____

Person Making the Request:

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please have a pastor call me.

I would like to schedule a visit with a pastor.

Please publish this and include in spoken prayer requests during worship. (*Due to privacy concerns, we will only print requests that concern immediate family members, or that are confirmed by the person named in the request.*)

This request is confidential. (Pastors only)