

## Connect

Sunday, February 5 at 9:00 A.M.

Please register your attendance and place in offering plate.

1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:hammett@asbury-lr.org).

## Upcoming Events

**Soup and Salad Fundraiser**—The youth will have a soup and salad lunch today from 10am—12:30pm in the Warehouse. Dine in or take it to go. Donations appreciated. Proceeds will help fund youth mission trips this summer to Colorado and Rogers, AR.

**Children's Ministry Service Project**—Supplies are needed for this service project on February 12. The Asbury children will make 100 hygiene bags to be handed out to our friends at Stone Soup. Please access the link to sign up through the QR code below. Reach out to Nicole at [Nicole@asbury-lr.org](mailto:Nicole@asbury-lr.org) for more information.

**Girl Scout Cookie Booths**—The Girl Scouts will have their annual cookie booths on Sundays 2/12, 2/19, and 2/26 from 9:30-11am by the coffee and donuts.

**Ash Wednesday Service**—The Ash Wednesday Service will be held on Wednesday, February 22 at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

**Stone Soup**—Stone Soup will be on February 26 from 1:30—4pm at Quapaw Quarter UMC downtown. Volunteers are needed.

**Asbury Work Day**—Asbury's closets and storage rooms are full! On March 4 from 9am—2pm, we will meet at the church to organize and clean. Lunch will be provided.



Scan this code to sign-in, give, and register for upcoming events.

## Asbury Staff

Rev. Dr. Hammett N. Evans, Senior Pastor

Rev. Nick Schimmer, Associate Pastor

Rev. Tom Weir, Pastor Emeritus

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# February 5, 2023



## Fifth 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. Nick Schimmer

### \*Passing of the Peace

Prelude *Let Us Break Bread Together* Diana Brandon  
arr. Gordon Young

### \*Call to Worship

Come, walk in the way that leads to life.

**It is better to be reconciled with another than to be proven right.**

Come, choose to live a genuine life.

**Life is too short for petty resentments.**

Come, walk in the way Christ invites us to travel.

**We give thanks for Christ's way, and for the freedom to follow!**

\*Hymn of Praise *Come, Share the Lord* FWS 2269

### \*Invocation

Open our eyes, Holy Spirit, to your love in our midst. We give you thanks for the power of our minds to choose right over wrong. Guide us now, that this power may not overwhelm, but inspire us. Help us choose compassion for ourselves and others. Teach us to set aside old resentments and grudges. Lift us, with all earth's children and all your creation, to aspire to the abundant life Christ brings. Amen.

### Lifting Our Lives and Prayers to God

Act of Praise *The New 23rd* Chancel Choir  
Ralph Carmichael

### Offertory Prayer

Offertory *The Gift of Love* Chancel Choir  
arr. Hal Hopson

\*Doxology 95

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.

### Proclamation and Response

\*Scripture Lesson **Matthew 5:21-37**

The Message Rev. Dr. Hammett N. Evans

**“WHAT DID JESUS PREACH?:  
On Anger, Lust, Divorce, and Lies”**

*Disciples set the bar high.*

### Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

A Service of Word and Table 7, Sung Responses FWS 2257b-d

If you prefer a gluten free wafer or self-service pack for communion, please notify a pastor or an usher. 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.

Prayer after Communion

### Going Forth to Serve

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\*Hymn of Commitment *Seek Ye First* 405

\*Blessing

\*Congregational Benediction *On Eagle's Wings* 143

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine  
like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

\*Postlude

## ASBURY WORK DAY

Asbury is doing some spring cleaning on March 4th from 9am—2pm. Please sign up below if you can help and mark the area you are interested in cleaning and organizing.

\_\_\_ Children's Ministry supply closet  
\_\_\_ Children's Ministry SS rooms  
\_\_\_ Warehouse  
\_\_\_ Wilson Activities Center(W.A.C.)  
\_\_\_ Adult Sunday School rooms  
\_\_\_ Altar Guild Room and closets  
\_\_\_ Christmas décor storage room  
\_\_\_ Office bullpen and storage room  
\_\_\_ Kitchen in W.A.C.  
\_\_\_ Music Ministry Area  
\_\_\_ Stairwells  
\_\_\_ North Hall & South Entrance  
\_\_\_ Other, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

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)