#### \*Announcements **Connect With Us** \*Blessing Sunday, April 14th, 9:00 A.M. \*Congregational Benediction Please register your attendance and place in offering plate. \*Postlude $\Box$ 1<sup>st</sup> Time Guest $\Box$ New resident ASBURY LADIES □ Repeat Guest □ Member Ages (check all that apply): 🗆 Under 18 □ 18-25 □ 26-29 □ 30-39 □ 40-49 □ 50-59 □ over 60 Name(s): rehouse. Children attending & age(s): Bring a snack to share! Drinks will

□ 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 Pastor Susan at susan@asbury-lr.org.



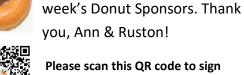
# **Events and happenings at Asbury**

- Sun., April 14<sup>th</sup>: SPRC Meeting, 2pm, (Location: The Usual, iykyk!)
- Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>: Confirmation Class from 2-4pm
- Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>: Youth Group, 4-6pm
- Tues., April 23<sup>rd</sup>: Food and Diaper Pantry, 11am-1pm
- Wed., April. 24<sup>th</sup>: Youth Group, 4-6pm
- Thurs., April 25<sup>th</sup>: Asbury Women's Book Club. 6:30pm in the Warehouse
- Sun., April 28<sup>th</sup>: Young Adults Meal & Mission Meet Up, 12pm the Warehouse
- Sun., April 28<sup>th</sup>: STONE SOUP MISSION. Quapaw Quarter UMC, 1:30-4pm
- Sun., April 28<sup>th</sup>: Youth UNITE @ Jacksonville UMC. 4-7pm

Ruston & Ann Pierce are this

- Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>: May Refuel Family Dinner! 5:30pm in the WAC
- Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>: Cinco De Mayo Trivia Night! 5pm in the WAC





in this morning!

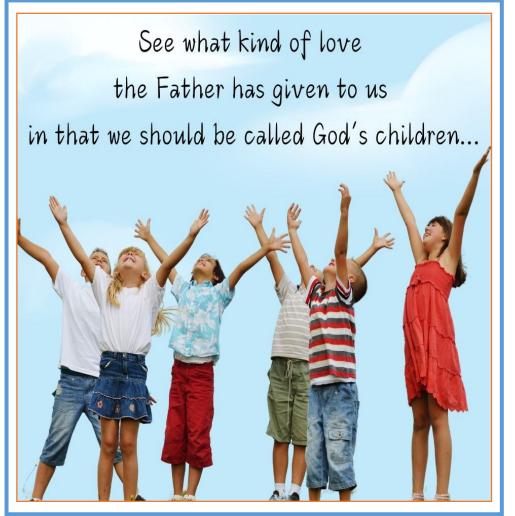


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# **Third Sunday of Easter**



# "Before The UMC, I Used To Be..."



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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 & Announcements Rev. Susan Ledbetter \*Passing of the Peace Prelude Morning Prayer Diana Brandon Mercy Bartlett \*Call to Worship Paxton Byers, Liturgist Leader: We know that we belong to God. People: Often we forget this simple truth. Give us the patience to trust in God's plan. Leader: We know that the Spirit is always with us. People: Come, Holy Spirit and inspire the faithful. Leader: We believe that the church can change the world. People: Yet, we know that real, lasting change takes time. Let us not forget that knowing You, Jesus, there is no greater thing! AMEN! \*Hymn of Praise How Firm A Foundation 529

#### \*Invocation

Paxton Byers, Liturgist

Patrick Wilson

**Chancel Choir** 

Holy God of resurrection, help us to see the presence of Jesus that surrounds us each day. As we watch the trees and flowers bloom, may we feel seeds of faith blooming in us, transforming us from the inside out. To be a part of positive change in the world, we must be changed ourselves. Hear our prayer, Lord. United in faith, revived in the Spirit, we believe in the risen and present Christ at work in us and the world; help us to boldly strive for peace with justice in all we do and say, Amen.

#### **Children's Moment**

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

# Lifting Our Gifts and Prayers to God

Act of Praise

Assurance John Ness Beck

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer		Rev. Heather Rose	
Offertory Prayer		Rev. Heather Rose	
Offertory	O Christ, Our King, Creator, Lo arr. Vaughn-Williams	ord Diana Brandon	
*Doxology		95	
Hearing God's Word			
*Hymn of Prepa	ration Children of the Heaver	ly Father 141	
Scripture Lesson		Paxton Byers, Liturgist	
	1 John 3:1-7		
The Message		Rev. Susan Ledbetter	

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## **Responding to God with Our Lives**

\*Affirmation of Faith Wesleyan Covenant Prayer I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

### \*Gloria Patri

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.

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

\*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\*Hymn of Commitment

Rev. Susan Ledbetter

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#### PRAY FOR \_\_\_\_ Nature of the concern:

Person Making the Request: Name Phone Email Please have a pastor call me. **O** 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.)

**O** This request is confidential. (Pastors only)