

# Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church

August 29, 2021

14th Sunday After Pentecost



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## Reconciling Statement of Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church Asheville, NC

This committed congregation of The United Methodist Church welcomes people of every race, nationality, age, sex, socio-economic status, ability, marital status or family structure, sexual orientation, gender identity, previous or no faith experience, and those of differing viewpoints. And, we are working to move The United Methodist Church as a whole to do the same.

# Order of Worship

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

Ringing of The Church Bell

Choral Introit

“Open Our Eyes”

Welcome & Announcements

Call To Worship

One: We gather today hungering to be real  
With genuine smiles  
And actions that match our hallelujahs.  
We are not content to just master the power handshake of strength.  
We want also to master the partner handshake of mutual respect and mutual support.

Many: **No more lip service; we want to be real!**

One: We yearn to rise above culture and prejudice  
To a mindset where foreigners and strangers are not held in contempt  
And all are invited to God’s table.

Many: **No more lip service; we want to be real!**

Opening Hymn #334

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Reception of New Member

Austin McNeil

Pastor: Community and members of Asbury Memorial,  
Austin has stated a desire to join our community of faith and become a member within the body.  
He will be transferring her membership here and so will you join me in receiving, supporting, and welcoming him.

Austin, as a member of this congregation,  
Will you faithfully participate in its ministries  
by your prayers, your presence,  
your gifts, your service, and your witness?

Austin: I will.

Pastor: Members of the household of God,  
I commend Austin to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith,  
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

The congregation responds:  
**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.  
As members together with you in the body of Christ  
and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant  
faithfully to participate  
in the ministries of the Church  
by our prayers, our presence,  
our gifts, our service, and our witness,  
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: The God of all grace,  
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,  
establish you and strengthen you  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
that you may live in grace and peace. Amen.

Anthem

“Give Me Jesus”

Prayers of The People & The Lord’s Prayer

Austin McNeil

**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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offering

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**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing The Peace of Christ & Bread Tin Offering

*Please place special offering in bread tin at the front of the sanctuary.  
August offerings support Mama Maisha. See announcements for more details.*

Prayer for Illumination

Alison Sink

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:25-37 (NLT)

**25** One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question:  
“Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?”

**26** Jesus replied, “What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?”

**27** The man answered, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

**28** “Right!” Jesus told him. “Do this and you will live!”

**29** The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

**30** Jesus replied with a story: “A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road.

**31** “By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. **32** A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.

**33** “Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. **34** Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. **35** The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.’

**36** “Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked.

**37** The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy.”

Then Jesus said, “Yes, now go and do the same.”

Sermon

Meh...

Closing Hymn #402

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

Benediction

Choral Response

## THIS WEEK AT ASBURY

### Sunday, August 29

10:00 am- Worship [Sanctuary]  
 11:00 am- Back to School Picnic  
 5:00 pm- Church Council Zoom Meeting  
 5:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]  
 7:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

### Monday

7:00 am- Emmaus Men's Group [Choir Room]  
 3:00 pm- Emmaus Women's Group [Choir Room]

### Tuesday

### Wednesday

*Weekly Word Deadline 9:00 a.m.*  
 7:00 pm- Narcotics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

### Thursday

7:00 pm- Choir Practice [Choir Room]

### Friday

7:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

### Saturday

### Sunday, September 5

10:00 am- Worship [Sanctuary]  
 5:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]  
 7:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

## STAY CONNECTED

- PASTOR JEFF OFFICE HOURS -

Tuesdays: 10am -Noon & 1:30 - 5:00pm

Thursdays: 10am -Noon & 1:30 - 3:30pm

If you would like to setup a meeting with Pastor Jeff during office hours or outside of office hours, feel free to email him at [jmccumber@wnccumc.net](mailto:jmccumber@wnccumc.net)

-JUDI'S OFFICE HOURS-

Tuesdays: 10:00-1:00

Wednesdays: 1:30-3:30

Thursdays: 10:00-1:00

Fridays: (As needed)

- THE WEEKLY WORD -

The Weekly Word is a publication sent out every Wednesday with more detailed information on upcoming events, news, and important information. If you would like to be included in The Weekly Word or have information to share, please email [churchoffice@asburymethodist.org](mailto:churchoffice@asburymethodist.org)

Deadline for sending information is Wed. by 9 am.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **BREAD TIN FOR AUGUST** -  
 Skilled care before, during and after childbirth can save the lives of women and newborns, however women in rural Tanzania face many challenges in accessing health care services, especially maternal health care. MAMA MAISHA was founded to address the causes of maternal mortality at the community level. Please give generously.

- **BREAD TIN FOR SEPTEMBER** -  
 Our September Bread Tin recipient is Project Agape, a ministry to Armenia and to some of our most desperate Christian brothers and sisters. It is a collaborative effort of the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Conferences of The United Methodist Church in a joint effort with the Armenian Apostolic Church.

*The flowers on the altar are placed in celebration of the marriage of Madeline and Merritt Moseley on August 28, 1971.*

**Join us after the service for our Back to School Picnic!**

Volunteer Schedules		
	This Week August 29, 2021	Next Week September 5, 2021
Counting Team	Janie Wilson Paul Duncan	Mary Molloy John Harvin
Lock-up Volunteer	Brad Arnold Rick Morehead	Mark Smith P Cynthia Stewart A
Greeters	Sherry Rice Michael Rice	John Harvin Mary Molloy
Sanctuary Stewards	Linda Roach Phil Roach	Rick Morehead Mark Smith
Nursery and Children's Church Workers and/or Volunteers	Lila Thomas-C Ellen Banks <i>If needed C or N</i> Janie Wilson <i>If needed C or N</i>	Lila Thomas -C Maggie Harvin-N
Communion Servers	NA	NA
Ushers	Steve Rich Judy Rich Michael Rice Sherry Rice	Ellen Banks Mardy Murphy John Harvin Robyn Lively Summer
Lay Weeders	Larry and Janie Wilson	John and Judi Harvin

**Asbury Memorial Mission Statement**  
 Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church exists to Inspire Christian discipleship in others and ourselves  
 Reach out to others in love and service  
 Create opportunities for personal spiritual growth  
 Celebrate God's love through worship  
 Be a creative, supportive fellowship

