

# Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church

September 26, 2021  
18th 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

“Air” J.S. Bach-Flute/Classical Guitar

Ringing of The Church Bell

Choral Introit

“O, Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

Welcome & Announcements

Call To Worship

In the lives of neighbors who suffer brokenness and pain:

**You are still speaking! Help us to hear!**

In the struggle of the poor whose rights are not honored:

**You are still speaking! Help us to hear!**

In a world crying out for wisdom, love and mercy:

**You are still speaking! Help us to hear!**

In a world calling for the blessing of truth:

**You are still speaking! Help us to hear!**

Opening Hymn #398

“Jesus Calls Us”

#881 The Apostles’ Creed

Gloria Patri #71

♪ **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.**

Children’s Moment

Anthem

“God Will Make a Way” - D. Moen

Prayers of The People & The Lord’s Prayer

**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

Hymn Medley- Flute/Classical Guitar

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**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing The Peace of Christ & Bread Tin Offering

*Please place special offering in bread tin at the front of the sanctuary.  
September offerings support Project Agape. See announcements for more details.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 7:36-50 (NLT)

<sup>36</sup> One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to have dinner with him, so Jesus went to his home and sat down to eat. <sup>37</sup> When a certain immoral woman from that city heard he was eating there, she brought a beautiful alabaster jar filled with expensive perfume. <sup>38</sup> Then she knelt behind him at his feet, weeping. Her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them off with her hair. Then she kept kissing his feet and putting perfume on them.

<sup>39</sup> When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. She’s a sinner!”

<sup>40</sup> Then Jesus answered his thoughts. “Simon,” he said to the Pharisee, “I have something to say to you.”  
“Go ahead, Teacher,” Simon replied.

<sup>41</sup> Then Jesus told him this story: “A man loaned money to two people—500 pieces of silver<sup>[b]</sup> to one and 50 pieces to the other. <sup>42</sup> But neither of them could repay him, so he kindly forgave them both, canceling their debts. Who do you suppose loved him more after that?”

<sup>43</sup> Simon answered, “I suppose the one for whom he canceled the larger debt.”

“That’s right,” Jesus said. <sup>44</sup> Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, “Look at this woman kneeling here. When I entered your home, you didn’t offer me water to wash the dust from my feet, but she has washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You didn’t greet me with a kiss, but from the time I first came in, she has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup> You neglected the courtesy of olive oil to anoint my head, but she has anointed my feet with rare perfume.

<sup>47</sup> “I tell you, her sins—and they are many—have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love.” <sup>48</sup> Then Jesus said to the woman, “Your sins are forgiven.”

<sup>49</sup> The men at the table said among themselves, “Who is this man, that he goes around forgiving sins?”

<sup>50</sup> And Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Sermon, Guest Preacher, Alison Sink

The Candor of Courage

Closing Hymn #572

“Pass It On”

Benediction

Choral Response

“Be Strong and Take Courage”-arr. Moen

Be strong and take courage, do not fear or be dismayed.  
For the Lord will go before you, and His light will show the way.  
Be strong and take courage, do not fear or be dismayed.  
For the one who lives within you, will be strong in you today.

Postlude

“When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder” -arr. M. Hayes

## THIS WEEK AT ASBURY

### Sunday, September 26

11:00 am-Worship [Sanctuary]

5:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

7:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

### Monday

7:00 am- Emmaus Group-Men [Choir Room]

3:00 pm- Emmaus Group-Women [Choir Room]

### Tuesday

10:00-1:00- Office Hours

4:00- Sermon Talk-Back [Brown Chapel]

### Wednesday

*Weekly Word Deadline 9:00 a.m.*

1:30-3:30 pm- Office Hours

7:00 pm-Choir Practice [Choir Room]

7:00 pm-Narcotics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

### Thursday

10:00-1:00- Office Hours

### Friday

7:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

### Saturday

### Sunday, October 3

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)

## - 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 9am.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

-**Brenda Hutchins** fell and injured her foot, bruising it badly. She continues to recover at home.

-**Elizabeth Foster**, Elaine Poovey's friend, had her lung surgery on Monday and it was successful. Hopefully, she will be moved to a regular room in the next few days for continued recovery.

-**Jennifer**, a friend of Cassie Thomas, is having a double mastectomy this week.

-**Butch Gudger**, a friend of Mark Smith's, is dying after multiple strokes. Butch also suffers from dementia.

-**Drew Wolfe**, Eve Bridger's brother, has been diagnosed with MS.

-**Richard Milspaugh**, a friend of the Bridger family, whose father is now in hospice care.

-**Susie Norris**, mother of John Norris and mother-in-law of Lee Davis Norris, has entered the final days of her life in hospice care.

Volunteer Schedules

	This Week September 26, 2021	Next Week October 3, 2021
Counting Team	Ellen Banks Steve Rich	Mardy Murphy Diane Arnold
Lock-up Volunteer	Mark Smith P Cynthia Stewart A	Linda Roach P Jason Cipriano, A
Greeters	Laurel Bishop Linda Roach	Steve Rich Judy Rich
Sanctuary Stewards	Gordon Jones Joan Jones	Steve Rich Judy Rich
Nursery and Children's Church Workers	Lila Thomas -C Maggie Harvin-N	Lila Thomas -C Maggie Harvin-N
Ushers	Phil Roach Linda Roach Ellen Banks Mardy Murphy	Steve Rich Judy Rich Sherry Rice Michael Rice
Lay Weeders	Linda Roach Phil Roach	Larry Wilson Janie Wilson

## 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

