



*Editor's note: This is a reprinting from the Weekly Word, with a few, minor edits indicated with brackets ([ ]).*

Dear Asbury Faithful,

In my column which appeared in [April's] *Trail's* Newsletter, I asked that you consider your state of blessing, and plan to respond generously as a steward of all that has been entrusted to you by God. (If you haven't yet read my column, [in the April *Trails*], please take a moment to do so.) Now marks the time for us all to joyfully respond, and opportunity will be given in all our church's worship services, [April 27 and May 5]. Please be in prayer over the next several days, intentionally reflecting on the abundant and constant blessings God is pouring into your life, the lives of your children and beloved, and into all humankind and creation. Then please allow your spirit to express gratitude by filling out your Commitment Response during your worship service and placing it in the cross as an act of devotion and love.

Know that my family and I join with you in this holy event, and that we will continue to commit as much as possible to the life, ministries, and missions, of our great church. We look forward to sharing with you Sunday, in mutual praise and thanksgiving for our Awesome and Loving God.

In and With Christ!

Rev. Joe Whitley

## Applications for Emily Sannebeck Scholarship Due

Asbury United Methodist Church is accepting applications for the Emily Sannebeck Scholarship. The scholarship is for \$2000 for the 2019-2020 school year. Applicants should be enrolled, or applying for enrollment, in a seminary, technical or vocational school, or a college. Preference shall be given to single women, but any needy student may apply. The scholarship fund was established in memory of Emily Sannebeck who was an active member of the Methodist Church for many years. She cared deeply for the development of Christian values and the opportunities for women to advance their careers.

Applications must be received by **May 17, 2019**. Applicants will be notified of the award selection by June 4.

For an application, please contact Asbury United Methodist Church, 10000 Candelaria, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112, or [church@asburyabq.org](mailto:church@asburyabq.org)



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## Come Worship With Us!

*Traditional services:*  
Sunday mornings 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School for all ages 9:45 a.m.

*Contemporary service:*  
Sunday mornings 11:00 a.m.

## UMW May News



**Special Church Luncheon:** We will NOT have our Unit meeting in May - instead we encourage you to attend the church's special luncheon that same day, May 19, to honor the young ladies in Asbury's confirmation class. A true celebration of newly confirmed Christians, the future of God's church and our organization. What a wonderful day for Asbury!

**Next Unit Meeting:** Our next Unit meeting will be held on Sunday, June 9, with special guest speaker from **Voices for Children**. Please note this change in your calendars.

**Circles in May:** The Ruth Circle meets on Thursday, May 16, 9:30 a.m. at Alex Whitley's home; the Elizabeth Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 21, with time and place yet to be determined - please call Jane Fuller for details; the Hannah Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 21, 7 p.m., at Becky March's home. Circles are open to all women in the Asbury community and the greater Albuquerque area. Please join us and bring a friend! For more information, please contact Marjorie Bahm.

**New Members:** We are looking for Christian women who want to carry on the mission of the bold women that came before us and those who are also serving today. Become a member of this dynamic group; make an impact and help change the world! Please contact Beth Hodgson at (505) 299-8880 or any Asbury UMW officer or member for more information.

**UMW Birthdays in May:** Happy birthday to Erin Padilla on the 9th; Betty Halvorson on the 16th & Sharon Fish on the 19th.

And as always, please pray for each other & Asbury United Methodist church.

## 2019 General Conference Update

From *UM News*, <https://www.umnews.org>:

The United Methodist Church's top court has found that while some provisions of the newly adopted Traditional Plan remain unconstitutional, the rest of the plan is valid as church law.

That was the Judicial Council's ruling on a requested review of the Traditional Plan, which was approved during a special denomination-wide legislative session in February to strengthen enforcement of bans on "self-avowed practicing" gay clergy and same-sex weddings.

In a separate ruling, legislation to provide an exit strategy for local churches wishing to leave the denomination meets three minimum requirements and thus is constitutional "when taken together with the consent of the annual conference" as specifically outlined in the Book of Discipline, the court said.

Both decisions came at the conclusion of the Judicial Council's April 23-26 meeting....

For the full story: <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/court-oks-part-of-traditional-plan-exit-plan>

**Vacation Bible School—Save the Date!**

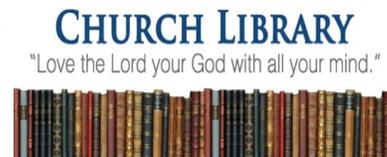
**July 22-26**  
**Evenings (time TBD)**



LIBRARY NEWS

*"It cannot be that the people should grow in grace unless they give themselves to reading. A reading people will always be a knowing people."—John Wesley*

The 100th Anniversary celebration of Children's Book Week, which takes place April 29 to May 5, is going on right now. The theme - "Read Now · Read Forever" - looks to the past, present, and most important, the future of children's books. Launched in 1919, Children's Book Week is organized by Every Child a Reader. It is a national celebration of books for young people and the joy of reading. It is the longest-running literacy initiative in the United States. Every Child a Reader is an organization that is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading in children and teens across America.



Asbury's Library also hopes to inspire children and teens to read, now and forever. We have a large collection of books for readers of every level including nearly all the Newbery and Caldecott award winners dating back to 1922 and 1938 respectively plus many other award winning children's books.

New in the Asbury Library:

**Adult**

In the Presence of My Enemies by Gracia Burnham with Dean Merrill. Donated by Suzanne Rhodes

Family Celebrations at Thanksgiving and Alternatives to Halloween by Ann Hibbard

Searching for God Knows What by Donald Miller

Being Christian: Exploring Where You, God, and Life Connect by Stehpen Arterburn and John Shore. Donated by Rich Wallace

Faith & Money: Understanding Annual Giving in Church by Michael Reeves and Jennifer Tyler. Donated by Rich Wallace

Christmas Promise by Donna VanLiere

Make a Christmas Memory: Simple Things You Can do to Celebrate the True Meaning of Christmas by Julaine Kammrath and Michelle Dorenkamp

Lighted Windows: Advent Reflections for a World in Waiting by Margaret Silf

To Celebrate: Reshaping Holidays & Rites of Passage by Alternatives

The Last Catholic in America by John R. Powers

Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables by a Controversial Rabbi by Amy-Jill Levine. Donated by Hap Escue. This kit includes the book, DVD, leader's guide and participant's guide.

You can search our online catalog from the computer in the library, your home computer, or your smart phone on the Asbury web site Library Page or go directly to [www.asburyabq.org/AsburySearch.htm](http://www.asburyabq.org/AsburySearch.htm). Use the search function of your browser to find any combination of words, numbers or letters in any column. Books currently on the UMW Reading Program have UMW in the Subject column and are found on the wooden cart in the library.

A member of the Asbury Library staff is usually in the library during the Sunday School hour and on Thursdays from 9 to 3 to help you. You may contact us by e-mail at [library@asburyabq.org](mailto:library@asburyabq.org) with any questions, suggestions, requests or to place a hold on a book.

**Revised Lectionary Readings**

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May 5, 2019	May 12, 2019	May 19, 2019	May 26, 2019
Third Sunday of Easter	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sixth Sunday of Easter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acts 9:1-6</li> <li>Psalm 30</li> <li>Revelation 5:11-14</li> <li>John 21:1-9</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acts 9:36-43</li> <li>Psalm 23</li> <li>Revelation 7:9-17</li> <li>John 10:22-30</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acts 11:1-18</li> <li>Psalm 148</li> <li>Revelation 21:1-6</li> <li>John 13:31-35</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acts 16:9-15</li> <li>Psalm 67</li> <li>Revelation 21:10,22-22:5</li> <li>John 14:23-29</li> </ul>

# What's Happening at Asbury?

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ASBURY  
COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH

## First Sunday of Every Month

Join us for Food ~Music ~ Conversation

University Heights United Methodist Church  
2210 Silver Ave, SE  
Albuquerque, NM 87106

Hosted by: Asbury UMC

Next Meal:  
May 5, 4:00 p.m.

## Confirmation Celebration

There will be a single, combined service on May 19 to celebrate the confirmation of 8 of our youth. The service will be at 11:00 a.m.

A community meal follows.

## Rotation Sunday School

May Theme—Mary and Martha

- May 5 - Computers
- May 12 - Games
- May 19 - Drama
- May 26 - Cooking



Rotation Sunday School is for 1st-5th graders.

We focus on one story for a month, so we can remember them well. Our year-long theme is **Being Faithful**.

## Adult Sunday School Classes

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

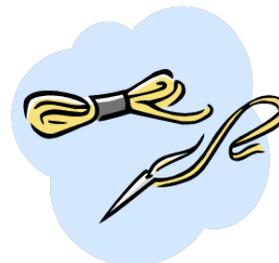
**Trailblazers** - Open to adults of all ages and meets in the Hospitality Room on the south end of the Atrium.

**Adult Bible Study** - uses the "Adult Bible Studies" series published through Cokesbury and meets in Rooms 1-2 in the West Hall.

## CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

The 37<sup>th</sup> annual Asbury Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019. The bazaar is sponsored by the Asbury United Methodist Women.

If any Asbury member would like information on participating this year, call Frances Wright at 857-9575. Asbury members may submit their applications in June. Applications to non-Asbury members are sent on July 4 and all spaces are usually reserved by July 11. Be sure to reserve your space early!



## YOUTH NEWS!

May 5th - Cinco de Mayo Taco Time Fundraiser

May 12th - Enjoy and celebrate your mom!

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