

**Thank you: Ushers:** Tom & Pat Rittscher, Gary & Pam White, Dave Kennedy  
**Fellowship servers:** Godfredsen family, Jan Faint **Skybox:** Lynne Sleiter, Tami Hejlik  
**Greeters:** John & Linda Kidney, Kathy Swon

**Bulletin Delivery (Aug)** Ellen Timm **UDMO Delivery (Aug)** Pat Rittscher

**Sept 1: Fellowship servers:** Roberta & Gary Knutson **Skybox:** **Greeters:** Norma Nissen, Adra Ann Goettsch, Gary & Georgianna Gourley

**Altar Flowers** sponsored by Gary & Roberta Knutson in honor of their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Last week's attendance & giving:** Aug 17 = 35; Aug 18 = 78 \$ 10965

**8/27** — *Pastor to Southfield*, 9:30am

**8/28** — *Man to Man*, 6:45am --- Newsletter mailed --- *Choir practice begins*, 6pm

**8/23** — *Newsletter info due before noon*

**8/31** — *Old Hymn Night Worship*, 6pm

**9/1** — *Worship*, 10am --- *Fellowship*, 11am

**9/2** — *Labor Day – Church offices Closed*

**9/3** — *dCom training at Asbury*, 8am-Noon --- *Preschool 1<sup>st</sup> Day*; *Zone Locking begins*

- Current financial standing: no update
- Start someone's day with a smile: be a **Worship Greeter**. Provide your name/phone number on the sign-up in the narthex and you'll be scheduled for an upcoming week!
- Quality, unwashed quilting fabric (prefer 1/4 yd or more) needed to make comfort quilts for InGathering. No paw, hand, foot, patriotic or camouflage prints. Thanks!
- Enhance Hamilton Co. Foundation food pantry challenge, Sept 1-30. Info in the narthex.
- **Laity Day**—Aug 25 (2– 4pm), at 1<sup>st</sup> UMC in Jefferson (307 S Wilson Ave). Learn how you can help stop human trafficking. "Wings of Refuge" donations accepted.
- **Administrative Board** will meet September 12 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of Sept), at 6:30pm.
- **AWANA, middle school/high school youth group**, and the **free meal** begin Sept 11!

**Rally Day, Sept 8:** Pot Luck. We provide meat. InGathering Auction

- For the school mission kits: less expensive crayons (such as Crazy Art brand) are preferred. Crayola brand are still accepted, but they melt more easily.

Asbury United Methodist Church  
Rev. Jeff Flagg  
Sunday, August 25, 2019 – 10:00am

When  
we put *God* first,  
all other things  
fall into their *proper place*.

**Greeting** Lynn Corrow, pianist

**Hymn** "Holy Ground" (2x, second time without piano) #2272

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn** "I've Got Peace Like a River" (all) #2145

**Call to Worship**

With great rejoicing we come to the house of the Lord today!

**God is our refuge and our stronghold.**

The power and love of God flows through this gathering.

**We place our whole trust in God's mighty compassion for us.**

Come, let us worship the Lord!

**Let us celebrate the presence of God here in this place and in all our lives. AMEN.**

**Hymn** "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" (1, 2, 3, 6) #357

**Prayer of Confession** Lord God, we are so bound by rules and regulations that we fail to see the human need that goes beyond the bounds of structures. We easily relegate compassionate service to those agencies in our society that have that as their mandate, forgetting that you have given us the supreme mandate to care for one another, even as you have cared for us. We turn our backs on those in need, giving the responsibility to someone else. "Let someone else do the work," we proclaim. And in that proclamation we have revealed our selfishness and our inability to be your disciples. Stop us from our selfish ways, and heal our hardened hearts. Forgive us, again, as you have so often before when we have failed to be your witnesses and workers. Help us become involved in ministries of peace and justice right where we are, for there is no where in creation where your love is not needed. Let us bring messages of love and hope to all people. Bring us to an understanding of the partnership of healing and hope that abides in your service. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

**Words of Assurance** (by Pastor) Though we have failed time and time again to be God's people, yet God heals and forgives us. God is with us always, ready to lift and guide our lives. Place your life and your cares in God's loving presence. AMEN.

**Scripture** Luke 13:10-17

**Offering**

**Doxology #95** Praise God from whom all blessing flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Time of sharing**

**Children's Time** "Blessing of the Backpacks" with Jennifer

**Announcements** Skit Guys video, "For Pete's Sake"

**Celebrations this week**

**Concerns/ pastoral prayer/ Lord's Prayer**

**Sermon** "Jesus before ..."

**Scripture** Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Hebrews 12:22-24, 28-29

**Baptism of Gemma Grayce Elliott Brock**

**Video** "Something in the Water"

**Benediction** Lord, this day you have healed us and restored us. You have given us new strength and courage to serve you in this world. Now we go in peace and confidence, ready to be your people in all places and at all times. Praise be to you, Mighty God of love and mercy!

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**Pray for...** Abbie Clausen; Steve Butler; Duffy Christianson; Christine Hassebrock; Pam Moore; Dean Ahrens; Keith; Jeff; Pat; Alice Hayes; Keo Khaalek; Craig; Maverick (1yr old battling cancer); Mark C; David (heart); Zach (heart); Shirley Cross; Marylyn Trees; Nichole; Tim and Caroline Bailey & family in Romania; Anonymous; Alice Widick; Vicki Severe; Dylan; Hal Pruisman; Mike Christensen; Eleanor Schumacher; Marilyn Timm; Sherry Lambi; Ray & Christine Hutchison; Jane Frazier; Jean Glascock; Agnes (cancer); Judy Hembry; Paul Whitmore; Warren Snell; David Cross; Dwain & Mary Noffke; Garry Staley; Steve Kehoe; Teresa Tempel; Alan Shehorn; Darleen King; Jennifer Van Diest