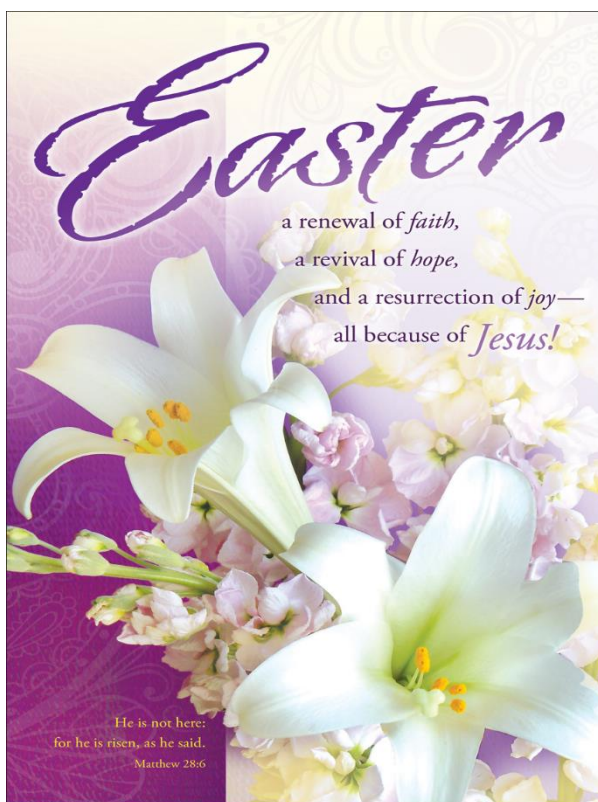


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Worship: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Tori Heath, Pastor



### OUR MISSION

**Asbury Church exists to glorify God by obediently making disciples of Jesus Christ locally and globally with all its ministries supporting that task.**

*Morning Worship*  
*Easter Sunday – April 4, 2021*

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*“It is in the worship of God that our focus is turned from the world,  
to the One who created the world”*

**Be still, and know that I am God – Psalm 46:10**

PRELUDE

“Lyra Davidica”

Whitworth

*(Prepare for worship as the Light of Christ is brought into the Sanctuary)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Luke 24 and 1 Corinthians 15:54b-55

Leader: On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

*He is Risen!*

**All: He is risen indeed!**

Leader: While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; *he has risen!*”

**All: He has risen indeed!**

Leader: Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’

*He is Risen!*

**All: He is risen indeed!**

Leader: Death has been swallowed up in victory.

**Men: Where, O death is your victory?**

**Women: Where, O death is your sting?**

Leader: He is Risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

#### INVOCATION PRAYER

O Risen Jesus, the grave could not hold you. You have overcome death's sting and have been raised to life so that we might have life in you. Send your Spirit into our hearts afresh today and bring us into everlasting life, by the power of your love and mercy. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

\* PRAISE HYMN           “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

## APRIL MEMORY VERSE

For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins. *Colossians 1:13-14*

## LITURGICAL DANCE

“Arise My Love”

Jean Seaman/Newsong

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### MORNING PRAYER

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 OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

## CHILDREN’S TIME

### \* PRAISE HYMN “Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

Easter people raise your voices  
Sounds of heaven in earth should ring  
Christ has brought us Heaven's choices  
Heavenly music let it ring  
Alleluia Alleluia  
Easter people let us sing

Fear of death can no more stop us  
From our pressing here below  
For our Lord empowered us  
To triumph over every foe  
Alleluia Alleluia  
On to victory now we go

Every day to us is Easter  
With its resurrection song  
Even when life overwhelms us  
Easter people sing this song:  
Alleluia Alleluia  
Everlasting Sunday song.

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\* SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 23:50 - 24:12

SERMON "A Resurrected People"

Pastor Tori Heath

### CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

\* HYMN "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory

Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE            “Alleluia! Alleluia!”            Beethoven/Whitworth

**Music Today:**        Shirley Ruth French, Organist/Pianist  
                              Jean Seaman, Liturgical Dance

**Greeters:**            8:30 Melinda Bayus 11:00 Sharon Mitchell

**Worship Leaders:** 8:30 Sarah Caram 11:00 Dina Kehl

*The altar flowers this morning are to the Glory of God  
in Celebration of Knox Gray's first birthday.  
by Dale & Doreen Gray*

## EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 4, 2021

### PRAYER LIST FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL

Keenan Bayus – National Guard  
Antonio Ewings – Marines (GA)

Cort Mukina – Army (WA)  
Clay Pittman – Army

**WE ARE PRAYING FOR:** Winnie Bliss, Gail Donaldson,  
Wayne Doolittle, Rita Ghering, Military & Nation's Leaders

#### **We thank God for...**

Ron R is home  
Kristen's friends with Covid are getting better  
Joe and Aspen going to see Grandma Charlotte  
God's blessings  
Doreen having dinner with her mom  
Beautiful weather  
Food and water  
Joe and Kaye seeing their daughters  
The blessings of our country  
Mary A. does NOT have cancer!  
That God keeps us going every day  
Betsy's dryer did not burn down her house!  
Flowers and trees budding  
Sandy is home  
No liver damage for Levi

#### **We pray to God on behalf of...**

Donna & Duane  
Deborah - ability to walk  
Nathan - seizures  
Anna - emotional healing  
Noe - guidance for doctors due to the return & growth of brain tumor  
Jim D. - many health issues  
Tess & Sean  
Cordie  
Judy - health (Allene's sister)

Sandy W. - chronic pain  
Paul - in the hospital in need of healing (Floyd's brother)  
Kristen's friends who are struggling  
Mary A. - health issue  
Tiffany's knee recovery  
Noah W.  
Sandy H. - infection in knee  
Wiley P.  
Sandy S. - healing  
Joe M. - recovery  
Ron R. - health  
Sheila in hospital and not speaking  
Bill B. - blockages in legs  
Keith - end stages of life  
Ed who had a mini stroke and Julie, his wife  
Family struggling with a family member who has Lewy Body disease  
Roman - come to know Jesus  
Aubrey - gall stones  
Debbie - stroke

Fort LeBoeuf Schools  
Asbury Preschool  
College students  
Healthcare workers  
Those who are lonely  
Government officials  
Our country - Spiritual revival  
Nations experiencing unrest  
Families experiencing division  
Persecuted Christians around the world

Those undergoing medical procedures: Sue

Those on dialysis: Susie G, Doug, Trevor, Penny



Those fighting cancer: Jeanie (3rd type of cancer), Linda, David, Rowan (10 year old with leukemia), Starla (child), Bonnie, Chris M, Albert, Marsha, John, Rhonda C, Peggy, Jamie, Bob W, Jim, Neil (and seizures)

Those in need of organ transplants: Cheryl (lung), Paul (kidney), Jeremy (kidney)

Those recovering from COVID-19: Dr. Carl Seon, Kristen's friends' family, Don & family

**If you know anyone who no longer needs to be on this prayer list or the prayer has been answered and we can celebrate, please let us know.**

## Luke 23:50 - 24:12

<sup>50</sup> Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph. He was a member of the Jewish high council, <sup>51</sup> but he had not agreed with the decision and actions of the other religious leaders. He was from the town of Arimathea in Judea, and he was waiting for the Kingdom of God to come. <sup>52</sup> He went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. <sup>53</sup> Then he took the body down from the cross and wrapped it in a long sheet of linen cloth and laid it in a new tomb that had been carved out of rock. <sup>54</sup> This was done late on Friday afternoon, the day of preparation, as the Sabbath was about to begin.

<sup>55</sup> As his body was taken away, the women from Galilee followed and saw the tomb where his body was placed. <sup>56</sup> Then they went home and prepared spices and ointments to anoint his body. But by the time they were finished the Sabbath had begun, so they rested as required by the law.

But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. <sup>3</sup> So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes.

<sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive?" <sup>6</sup> He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be betrayed



*Easter Lilies*  
*Presented to the glory of God in memory of*

- \* Gladys & Ralph Burge; Marian & Marvin Litz; Eugene & Pat Brooks  
by Jeff & Lori Buie
- \* Gladys & Ralph Burge; Marian & Marvin Litz by William & Marian Burge
- \* Ken Burns by Lane & Lillyann Burns
- \* Alice Eliason by Carl Eliason
- \* Carrie Dunovan by Dale & Doreen Gray
- \* Merle McWilliams by Bea McWilliams
- \* Gerald, Jean & Jerry Wiggers; John, Marcy & Jim Majerik; Carol Henderson  
by Joe & Kaye Majerik
- \* Allen Mitchell; Irene Lewis by Greg & Rhonda Maynard
- \* Charles & Anna Naculich; Cornel & Lois Peres; Gary Peres; Pat Cote  
by The Mihaly Family
- \* Our parents by Richard & Linda Mitchell
- \* Jerry & Betty Bemis; Stan & Althea Mitchell by Craig & Sharon Mitchell
- \* Mary Ann Hunt by Betsy Monn
- \* Clifford & Luella Haynes by Norman, Christy & Monica Roth
- \* Our Parents: Ray & Ruth Salmon; Linwood and Meredith (Hunt) Bowman  
by Verel & Sandy Salmon
- \* Loved Ones Phil & Marian Spotts
- \* Alton Waldron by Allene Waldron
- \* Ron & Amber McCall; Delbert White by Gary & April White

*Easter Lilies*  
*Presented to the glory of God in honor of*

- \* Our grandchildren: Natalie, Lucas, Hayley, Mackenzie, Jaiden,  
Aubree & Jaxson by Robert & Melinda Bayus
- \* “Because He Lives” Darryl & Nancy Boleratz
- \* Bill & Marian Burge; Guy & Mary McDonald by Jeff & Lorie Buie
- \* Ron & Sue Eliason  
by Joe, Stephanie & Aspen McKinney; Kristen Eliason
- \* Joe & Bunny McKinney; Charlotte Wiebel  
by Joe, Stephanie & Aspen McKinney
- \* Dave & Tracy Canales; Dave, Heidi & Gabriel Seyboldt  
by Joe & Kaye Majerick
- \* Our Children & Grandchildren by Richard & Linda Mitchell
- \* Family: Past & Present by Denny & Peggy Myers
- \* Grandma & Wisconsin Grandma by Evelin & Allison Yard

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO READ THROUGH  
THE BIBLE  
WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY  
WITH A 1 YEAR BIBLE PLAN**

**Hear and Obey God** - that's a key mark of a disciple. While this plan will allow you to read the entire Bible in a year, the goal is to hear from God. Don't worry if you do not complete all of the reading.

**SOAP** focuses on 4 things:

**S - Scripture:** Write a verse that stood out to you.

**O - Observation:** Write what you see in the verse and surrounding section.

**A - Application:** Write how you sense God wants you to apply this verse to your life.

**P - Prayer:** Write a short prayer of response asking God to help you do what He just showed you.

## APRIL

- 1 JUDG 11-12; PS 50; 2COR 1
- 2 JUDG 13-16; 2COR 2
- 3 JUDG 17-18; PS 89; 2COR 3
- 4 JUDG 19-21; 2COR 4
- 5 RUTH 1-2; PS 53,61; 2COR 5
- 6 RUTH 3-4; PS 64-65; 2COR 6
- 7 1SAM 1-2; PS 66; 2COR 7
- 8 1SAM 3-5; PS 77; 2COR 8
- 9 1SAM 6-7; PS 72; 2COR 9
- 10 1SAM 8-10; 2COR 10
- 11 1SAM 11-12; 1CHR 1; 2COR 11
- 12 1SAM 13; 1CHR 2-3; 2COR 12
- 13 1SAM 14; 1CHR 4; 2COR 13
- 14 1SAM 15-16; 1CHR 5; MT 1
- 15 1SAM 17; PS 9; MT 2
- 16 1SAM 18; 1CHR 6; PS 11; MT 3
- 17 1SAM 19; 1CHR 7; PS 59; MT 4
- 18 1SAM 20-21; PS 34; MT 5
- 19 1SAM 22; PS 17, 35; MT 6
- 20 1SAM 23; PS 31, 54; MT 7
- 21 1SAM 24; PS 57-58; 1CHR 8; MT 8
- 22 1SAM 25-26; PS 63; MT 9
- 23 1SAM 27; PS 141; 1CHR 9; MT 10
- 24 1SAM 28-29; PS 109; MT 11
- 25 1SAM 30-31; 1CHR 10; MT 12
- 26 2SAM 1; PS 140; MT 13
- 27 2SAM 2; 1CHR 11; PS 142; MT 14
- 28 2SAM 3; 1CHR 12; MT 15
- 29 2SAM 4-5; PS 139; MT 16
- 30 2SAM 6; 1CHR 13; PS 68; MT 1



4 Bob & Mary Lawton

8 Mark & Susan Peters



4 April White

5 Marjorie Robertson

6 Heather O'Connor

9 Kellie Boleratz Spilka

10 Colton VanDyke

WE WANT TO INCLUDE EVERYONE, SO PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE (796-6012) IF WE DO NOT HAVE YOUR OR YOUR FAMILY'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES LISTED.





# WESLEY WOODS

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Asbury UMC will pay \$350.00 toward the cost of a child from our church attending a Conference Camp. A \$50.00 registration fee must be included with the application.

Register at:

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**This experience could change your child's life!**

**This week in the life of the church**

April 4      **7:00 Sunrise Service (Park)**  
                 **8:30 In-Person Worship**  
                 **9:45 Sunday School**  
                 **11:00 In-Person Worship & Live Stream Worship**  
                 **11:00 Children's Church**

April 7      **10:00 Bible Study**  
                 **6:00 American Heritage Girls**  
                 **6:30 Sweet Hour of Prayer**

April 10     **7:00 AA**

**Refuge Golf Tournament:** A special offering will be taken on April 18, 2021 to support the efforts of this year's Refuge Golf Tournament. This charity tournament raises money for the E.U.M.A Refuge that houses whole families who are struggling with homelessness. Any donation makes a difference!

**Children's Church Assistants Needed!** We are in need of volunteers to assist with Children's Church at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please contact Ruth Yard at 438-7959.

**Erie Prays:** Asbury UMC is taking every 7th day of the month throughout the next year to pray and seek the Lord. **April's virtual sign-up link is as follows:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084BACA82FA0FE3-erie6>

We hope you join in on this movement of prayer!

**Volunteer(s) Needed!** Peggy Kukuda is in need of someone to drive her to get her haircut and to the store. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office.