



Dear Families,

You are such an important part of the Asbury community. The children add fresh perspectives and their earnest love for Jesus is infectious. Your faithfulness and commitment to getting them ready for church on Sunday and involving them in spiritual formation is noticed and appreciated. **Our 2017-2018 Sunday school year will run from September 10 -June 10.** Families worship together at 10am and following the children's message, students will go to Sunday school classes. Childcare is offered for younger children for the whole service. It is always helpful when your child(ren) can make a weekly commitment to Sunday school so that there is continuity .

As we enter a new school year, I pray that we will find new ways to connect, engage, and grow in our love of God and our sisters and brothers in Christ in a safe and nurturing environment. We are switching to the Whirl curriculum this year which will help align the Sunday school lesson with the worship text. The Sunday school teachers will rotate each week. Of course we look forward to continuing Asbury traditions such as the Christmas and Easter pageants.

This year, I am excited to let you know that in addition for Confirmation class for youth in 7th grade and older, we will begin a youth group for students in 6th grade and older. Laura Wise who is former young adult ministry will be leading the youth group thanks to an anonymous donation. The youth group will provide an opportunity for students to gather as a community of faith for discussions, fun activities, and mission projects. Asbury has been selected to beta test a Discovery Weekend in the Spring for middle school students.

We are looking at ways to expand family ministry beyond just Sunday school to include opportunities for faithful conversation among parents while children are engaged in supervised activities, mission opportunities that allow families to serve others together, and resources that you can use at home to continue growing in your understanding of and commitment to following Jesus as a family. We will offer childcare whenever possible so that you can participate in small groups and committees. I am so excited to see where God is leaving us! I love to hear your new ideas and always appreciate your feedback.

Peace, Pastor Melissa

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Please return to: Asbury UMC 17 Old Post Road S, Croton-on-Hudson, NY or
 email: melissa.hinnen@nyac-umc.com Please call Pastor Melissa with any questions: c) 646.241.7746

Family Information (Include additional contact information if different from the first adult):

Adult Contact Name & Relationship to Child:	Home Phone:
Adult Contact Name & Relationship to Child:	*Cell Phone:
Address:	*Email: (we'll send a lot of relevant info via email!)

Student Information (if you have more than three children, please continue on another page).

NOTE: In addition to Sunday school, youth in 7th grade and higher will be invited to join this year's confirmation class and students in 6th grade and higher will be invited to participate in youth group.

Child's Name:	Grade and age as of September 1: Date of Birth:
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1) What do you hope your child/children will gain from Sunday school and other youth ministries? What do you hope to gain for your own increased growth and understanding?

2) Is there anything we should know to ensure the best possible experience for your child(ren)? This information will be kept confidential. (Please include learning disabilities, physical limitations, allergies, family dynamics, situations, or relevant custody arrangements.)

3) If not already, would you like information about joining Asbury United Methodist Church? Yes No

4) Children and their families are invited to participate in church (greeting, reading Scripture, candle lighting, coffee hour host, etc) and parents may be asked to assist during the year in Sunday school classes. Prayerfully consider how God has gifted you to serve, and let us know the Sundays you CANNOT serve.

5) Occasionally we photograph our children and use the photos, in Asbury publications, on bulletin boards, or on our website. Please indicate below: Yes. You may use photographs No. Please do not use photographs

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____