

Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

July/ August 2026

This year, 2026, marks our great nation's 250th anniversary. Many United Methodists in America do not know our church's history or that we were birthed through the American Revolution right alongside the United States of America. One key figure in the building of both establishments was Francis Asbury.

He's been called the architect of the American Methodist Church. Francis Asbury spent 45 years carrying his message, usually on horseback and through rough terrain, across the American territories. He died on March 31, 1816, and within 75 years of his death, his efforts had helped make Methodism the largest Protestant church body in America.

In the United States, there are towns and cities, hospitals, homes, and schools, from Maine to South Georgia and beyond named for Methodist leader Francis Asbury.

The Rev. Alfred T. Day III: "He was a frontiersman and a pioneer. He could have given Lewis and Clark a map to follow before they embarked on their journey and told them which roads to take and which roads were dead ends."

Asbury brought Methodism to America in 1771, and over the next 45 years, he covered some 265,000 miles on horseback, bringing the Good News to the most remote corners of the New World.

The Rev. Alfred T. Day III: "The Methodist message that he brought was that God's love can be experienced by everyone and that once it's experienced by everyone the Holy Spirit takes up residence in your life and makes a difference."

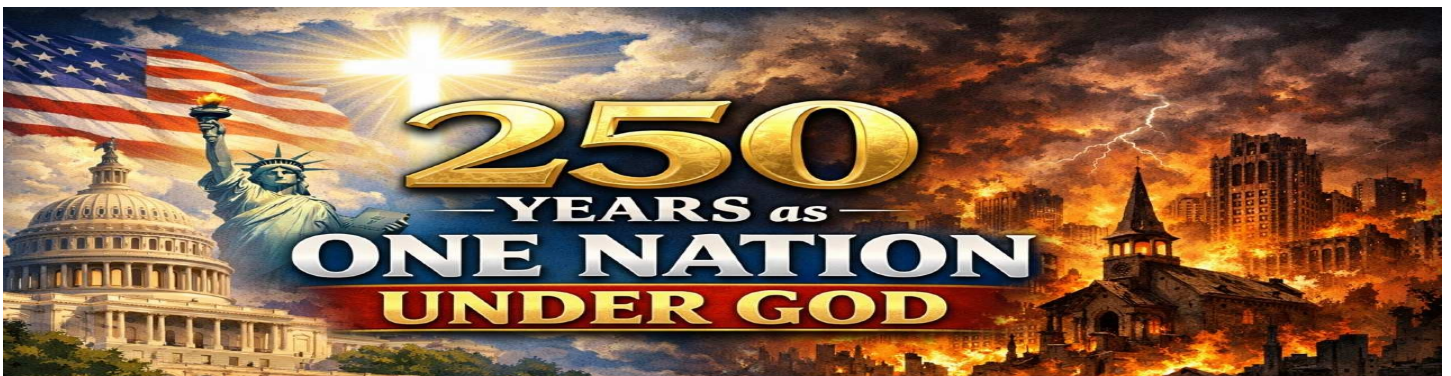
The son of working class parents in England, Asbury received little formal education. He apprenticed as a metalworker and became a local lay preacher. At age 22, John Wesley appointed him to serve as a missionary among the American settlements. His became a life on the road and Asbury never married.

Dale Patterson, General Commission on Archives and History: "We tend to think it was easy. We tend to think it was a direct application. But it was actually quite different. A British Methodist traveling Ct'd



Did Someone Hand You This Newsletter?

If so, we're excited to share with you all the things going on in the life of Sharon Center United Methodist Church! Our church is a community that seeks to discover more about God and about who we are as the people God loves. We are truly a family of all ages, and there's always room for more! You're always invited to take part in all the activities and gatherings listed in this newsletter, as well as to join us every Sunday morning at 11am as we gather to worship and connect. Thanks!



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on his circuit could usually get to a town on the same day — go from one town to the next. When you start across the Appalachians, or even across the Potomac, you could travel days before you got to a town, and a day or so from one farm to the next. And once you got into the frontier it was even more lonely.”

And there were more challenges in this new mission field.

Dale Patterson: “There were Methodists who said ‘We need to be able to serve communion. We need to be able to do these things.’ No one was ordained at that point. And Wesley struggled with that. So he set apart Coke to ordain Asbury as one of the other leaders of the Methodist Movement, especially establish a denomination, which was called the Methodist-Episcopal Church.”

Under Bishop Asbury’s direction, the Methodist Episcopal Church grew from 1,200 to 214,000 members and more than 700 ordained preachers. Among the men he ordained was Richard Allen of Philadelphia, the first African American minister in the United States.

Dale Patterson: “Someone pointed out that Asbury never really asked any of his preachers or pastors to do anything that he didn’t do.”

Asbury set a high standard by his own example but the constant travel proved too much for some in his charge. He kept a book with detailed critiques of his preachers.

Rev. Alfred T. Day III: “There were times in the conflicts, in the development of the American Methodist Church in the colonial era when he could have drawn a very hard line in the sand. But he seemed to have the knowledge and insight to know that when enforcing the rules too strictly might have a negative and deadly effect on his developing the American Methodist Church and the American Methodist church of his legacy by 50 to 75 years after his life, was the largest church body in America.”

Dale Patterson: “There’s a statue of him in our nation’s capital. I think it’s appropriate there’s a statue here at Drew in one of our seminaries. Asbury’s road goes through all those places. Asbury was one who reached out, he traveled, he spoke to a variety of people. He was comfortable talking to the upper crust and he was comfortable talking to slaves. He was comfortable talking to backwoods poor people and shopkeepers. I think that statue reminds us that the church needs to be in all of these places, reaching out in all of these kinds of ways.”

Learn more about church history by visiting the website for the [Commission on Archives and History](#).

Blessings and Peace!

Pastor Wendy

Calendar

Regular Schedule:

Sun. 11am Worship

July

7/10 5p-8p VBS @ Granger

7/11 8a Men’s Study at Bob Evans

7/15 6p Leadership Team mtg

7p Music in the Circle

7/17 5p-8p VBS @ Granger

7/24 5p-8p VBS @ Granger

7/25 11a-4p Sharon 250th Open

House Celebration

7/29 7p Music in the Circle

August

8/1 8a Men’s Study at Bob Evans

8/4 6p Herb Society mtg

8/12 4p SPRC Consultation mtg at

Seville UMC

8/16 Blessing of Bookbags

8/23 10a Service and Car Show at

Granger UMC



July Birthdays

2 - Daniel Buck

5 – Kevin Calhoun

8 - Mary Jane Winters

Raylan Boche

Hadlee Boche

Anna Boche

13 - Richard Nagy

18 – Eva Buran

22- Matthew Brown

27 - Nancy Vogel

31 - Ashley Krautheim

July Anniversaries

3 - Joe & Sharon Fox

24- Don & Pastor Wendy

August Birthdays

1- Kaleigh Calhoun

3 - Doris Burdette

Vicky Bogus

4- Elijah Walkuski

8 - Vern Ingersoll

9 - Mason Brosch

10 - Andy Pylypiak

15 - Mikayla Walkuski

Chloe Falconer

24 - Paul Turner

31 - Janet Renner

August Anniversaries

2- Devin & Mikayla Walkuski

7 - Cal & Bobbie Davis

11 -Bill & Nancy Baldwin

Spiritual Growth Discussions

Our Daily Breads are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Granger Men's Study Group meets at Bob Evan's on Rt. 18 near i71 on the First Saturday of the month at 8am. Sharon UMC is invited to attend.

Car Show and Service at Granger UMC

On August 23 Service will be combined at Granger UMC and held at 10am. They will also have a Car Show and other activities.

Community Events to Join in on

July 15 at 7p will be music in the Sharon Circle with *Van Arlo*

July 29 will be music in the Sharon Circle with *Aftermath*.

August 19 will be music in the Sharon Circle with *Morning Star Blue Grass Band*.

Sharon Twp will host a community open house on the Circle for the 250th of the USA on July 25 from 11a-4p.

Pop Tab collection

Looking for a simple project to help out big? Collect pop tabs! These can be saved in a baggie and brought to the church and will be given to Ronald McDonald House. There is also a jar in the Gathering Space to drop individual tabs in.

Blessing Box/ Food Pantry Collection

Please remember the Blessing Box in front of the Church. There are people in our community that go to that box for food on a regular basis. Please pick up some food items and place in box or put in the back of the church and we will add them to the box. This is an important ministry to our community and much needed in these hard times. Thank You for your help.



Joining Church

If you are interested in joining Sharon Center UMC contact Pastor Wendy. She will set up a meeting for a Membership Sunday.

East Ohio Conference Newsletter Link

Follow the following link to check out the East Ohio Conference Newsletters

<https://eocumcnews.com/2026/06/29/june-29-2026/>
(June 29 edition)

<https://eocumcnews.com/> (Main page)

Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request please call or message Nancy Baldwin: Phone 330-350-0913. She will contact Pastor Wendy and the rest of the members on the prayer chain.

VBS at Granger UMC

VBS will be on 3 Friday nights –July 10, 17, 24 from 5p-8p at Granger UMC. If interested in helping contact Carla Walton (330) 242-3408. Please sign up on the Granger UMC website under event “RSVP” <https://www.grangerumc.org//events-1/faith-builder-fridays-granger-umc-vbs-2026-2026-07-10-17-00>

Attendance is needed to know how much food to supply.

Fairground Ticket Taking Volunteers



Sharon Center UMC will be participating with other Medina County UMC's to stamp hands and take tickets at the Medina Fair, Aug. 3-8. Each shift worked by a Sharon UMC participant earns money for the church. See the flyer on bulletin board for more info. Or Sign up through this link or QR code: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60B044DAFA72BA1FA7-64148567-operation?useFullSite=false>

Blessing of the Backpacks



August 16



Bring your backpack to church



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Service time: Sunday, 11am

Medina County Fair Hand Stamping Fundraiser

You'll be the friendly and welcoming person to take/scan tickets and then stamp the hand or arm of those entering the fair.

You get a free t-shirt and free entrance into the Fair.

You'll help our church financially.

Please sign up for more than one opportunity!

Dates are Monday, August 3, to Sunday, August 9.

Start and end may vary at each gate and day, but the days start at 7:00 AM and end at 11:00 PM.

Shifts are normally 4 hours, but there are a few that are 3 or 5 hours.

TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER: TAKE A PICTURE OF THIS QR CODE

or Call Peggy Folk @ 330 416 9317

