

GROWING IN INFLUENCE

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Hadassah's uncle Mordecai offers her this encouragement in Esther 4:14: "and who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" His words would inspire and embolden her.

Hadassah Women's Fellowship is just one way we will stand at the ready "for such a time as this." We will be generous with our time, talents and resources, pouring into the generations of women around us and supporting the efforts of Kingdom-building at Asbury University.

As we refine this opportunity, we will continue to support the student body with our financial gifts. We will gather, online and in-person, to share stories, wisdom, experience and opportunities. We will learn together what it means to steward the gifts God has given us. And we will continue to invest in the University in ways that closely align with our passions and purposes.

As we grow our fellowship, we amplify our influence. The impact of Hadassah Women's generosity and stewardship will be felt for generations to come. For such a time as this.

We will gather during Reunion 2025 on June 20 from 2-3 p.m. to share stories and good news.

Will you join us? You can register at asbury.edu/reunion. Thank you for the many ways, seen and unseen, you are sharing the love of Christ. You are appreciated.



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For Such a Time

TRANSFORMING LOVE

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During this Eastertide, we celebrate the resurrection, thanking Christ for Calvary and reflecting upon what it means for each of us.

Throughout the Old Testament, prophets pointed to the coming Messiah. Over five hundred years prior to the triumphal entry recorded in the Gospels, Zechariah prophesied: "Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious; yet he is humble, riding on a donkey." (Zechariah 9:9)

This prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey during His last week of ministry on earth. All the Messianic prophecies were fulfilled, just as foretold. Jesus died – He arose – He lives! We rejoice that the grave could not hold Him. "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." (Matthew 21:9)

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As we pour out our love for Jesus, that same transforming love draws us to become more like Him. This truth makes possible our living victoriously today, walking in faith through every mountain and valley experience, and trusting Him to shine His light into every dark and fearsome circumstance.

John describes in Revelation 7:10 what is to come: "and they sang together with a loud voice, 'Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb.'" God highly exalted Jesus and gave Him the name that is above every name.

A day is coming when every knee will bow and every tongue will confess His lordship. When King Jesus returns, He will not be riding on a donkey. He will come with all honor, glory, and majesty, reflecting His position of authority at the Father's right hand.

We, too, will sing the anthem of salvation, joining with the great saints of the ages, like Hadassah (Queen Esther), who lived out her faith in the face of adversity to save her people. Our voices, blended with theirs, proclaiming Christ's triumph, will surge through all our vast and varied service across the centuries. That Jesus Christ took our sins on Himself and set us free will keep us singing.

*"Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea;
a great High Priest Whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands; My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands,
no tongue can bid me thence depart."*

*Before the Throne of God Above (in part)
by Charitie Bancroft*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Come to **Reunion 2025** and join us on Friday, June 20 at 2 p.m. for a Hadassah Women's Fellowship Tea. Register online: asbury.edu/hadassah or email stephanie.nelson@asbury.edu for more information.



INVESTING IN STUDENTS

Abbie Tingle '27
Pre-Music Therapy

A Story of Restoration

I accepted Jesus into my heart when I was young, and I believed that He was my Savior, but He was not the king I answered to. I let anxiety, the need for perfection, and worry rule my life.

I knew that God's Word said that He loved me fiercely, but I did not understand how He possibly could, given everything I had done to dishonor Him. In October 2024, I went on a Set Apart Retreat. I was extremely anxious, and I hated the ocean. I tried to walk into the retreat expectant, but I was mostly full of shame and guilt. When we arrived, Jeannie Banter '06, the director, encouraged us to make room for God to do whatever He wanted to with our lives.

A student leader shared from Psalm 51, and it resonated with me. He asked, "Do you still have the joy of your salvation?" I realized how much space in my heart anxiety and shame had taken up, leaving no room for joy or peace.



One of our speakers shared Genesis 1:2, where we find the all-powerful God of the universe hovering over the formless, void, and dark places. We were reminded that we can take comfort in the fact that He is not afraid of hovering over these places within us. I listened to God in that moment, and He said, "Abbie, surrender your anxiety and shame to me."

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I felt emptied of the shame I had been carrying for so long, and I invited His joy and peace inside instead. This feeling was unlike anything I had ever experienced in my life. I just could not stop smiling. I was filled with such joy and freedom that I couldn't keep it inside.

I still have days when I may feel anxious. However, in those moments I am reminded of the faithfulness of God to deliver me from anxiety and fill me with joy, even in the midst of difficulties. In 1 Peter 5:10, Peter prays for the persecuted Church: "After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish you." Please remember that God loves each and every one of you, and there is absolutely NO limit to the amount of brokenness that He can redeem in your life.

HADASSAH WOMEN: WHO WE ARE

The Hadassah Women's Fellowship at Asbury University is building a community of members who desire to inspire generosity and grow in Kingdom-mindedness through a united purpose of impacting the next generation of servant-leaders.





I AM A HADASSAH WOMAN

Shawna Ingram '19 Crouse Hadassah Advisory Council Member

When I think about the journey that introduced me to the Hadassah Women's Fellowship, three deeply personal reasons stand out.

First of all, I know what it's like to be a student in financial need. Navigating higher education with limited resources isn't just a logistical challenge, it's an emotional one, too. The weight of tuition, books, and living expenses can be so overbearing at times that it's hard to focus on anything, including school and friends. I remember those days vividly.

Secondly, I'm profoundly grateful for the assistance I received during my time at Asbury University. Scholarships were financial lifelines, and support systems were acts of kindness and faith.



Shawna & Charles Crouse '19
with daughter, Callie

There were people and organizations that poured into me financially and relationally throughout my four years. Their generosity showed me I mattered and that I wasn't alone.

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And now, I'm in a different chapter — one in which I have the opportunity and privilege to give back. Joining the Hadassah Women's Fellowship is my way of paying it forward. It's a space where I can advocate for the next generation of students and invest in their education — not just financially, but relationally as a mentor and spiritually through continued prayer. I want each student to know that someone believes in their potential, just as others once believed in mine.

My experience in Hadassah Women's Fellowship has been greater than I could've expected. There's something powerful about being in community with people who are driven not only by generosity, but by purpose. The conversations, the collaboration, and the shared vision have been encouraging. I've come to learn about, and appreciate, the intentional generosity that runs through this fellowship. It's not just about giving; it's about giving thoughtfully, strategically, and compassionately.

It's incredibly meaningful to stand in the gap for others, to be a part of a legacy of support, and to know that I'm contributing to something lasting.

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