

A person wearing a white robe is seen from behind, walking up a set of stone steps inside a tunnel. The tunnel's walls and ceiling are made of rough-hewn stone blocks. At the end of the tunnel, a bright, glowing light source creates a silhouette of the person and illuminates the scene. The overall atmosphere is one of hope and journey.

# ASBURY UPDATE

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# April Birthdays

1	Bill Anderson April Kammerud Dan Nelson	9	Hai Dang McKenzie Jenkins Pam Parker-Kress	21	Judith Kessler
2	Bob Francischetti Marsha Hargreaves Les Sears	11	Richard Allen Chris Beaver Melissa Gratias Preston Hodges	22	Jenifer Hall Kathleen Leopard
3	Linda Burton Kathy Waters	12	Sam Durham	23	Tim Barnes Todd Foster Beverly Thompson
4	Michelle DiBiase Chelsea Godwin Kim Malphrus	13	August Alderman Ellie Gonye Chris Steiner	24	Deborah Ray
6	Sherry Giddens Charlie Ribbens	14	Bruce Beaird	26	Jason Carden Barbara Plank
7	Mickey Dodge Betty Hall	15	Lindsey Rogers	27	Nancy Austin Kimberly Smith
8	Beth Tyson	18	Randy Canady Buddy Whitlock	28	Evans Wright
		20	Mark Pohl	29	Chelsea Hester Bradt
				30	Andra Bowers Kevin Hopkins

# April Anniversaries

4th Beth & Nate Tyson

20th Allie Barnes & Bo Culjan

8th Lyn & Jason Carden

21st Sandy McCloud & Bob  
Sproul

10th Lynne & Richard Allen

Randy Canady & Ray Ellis

22nd Kim & Steve Johnson  
Kathy & Bill Oakley

13th Karen & Tim Conrow

26th Mary Jane & Wayne  
McGowan

15th Wendy & Pat Ciccodicola

17th Kristin & Adel Karam

27th Peggy & Joe Zeigler

18th Ruthie & Nick Deffley



The background of the poster is a vibrant, cartoon-style illustration of an Easter scene. At the top, a string of colorful triangular bunting flags in shades of blue, green, pink, purple, and yellow hangs against a light blue sky with soft white clouds. In the center, the words "EASTER EGG HUNT" are written in a large, playful font. "EASTER" is in a dark teal color, and "EGG HUNT" is in a bright orange. A small black silhouette of a rabbit is perched on the letter "A" in "EASTER". Below the title, a pink ribbon banner with a black outline contains the date and time. The bottom half of the poster shows a lush green field with several colorful Easter eggs scattered across it. The eggs feature various patterns like zig-zags, stripes, and polka dots in colors like yellow, pink, purple, and red. In the bottom right corner, a portion of a woven wicker basket is visible, filled with more eggs. At the very bottom, two yellow banners with black outlines provide details about the event's activities and location.

# EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 8, 2023 - 10AM - 12-PM

GAMES | MUSIC | EASTER BUNNY

WESLEY OAK CHURCH CAMPUS - THUNDERBOLT



# EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

Easter Lilies will be placed in the sanctuary for our Easter Sunday Service on April 9th. If you would like to place a plant “In Memory” or “In Honor” of a loved one, please complete the form below and email to [church@asburymemorial.org](mailto:church@asburymemorial.org).

The price for the Easter Lily is \$15.00.

Payment can be made by:

1. Donate button on the church’s website (choose Easter Lily)
2. Text your amount and FL (example 15.00FL) to 912-307-3206
3. Mail check to church office (Payable to Asbury Memorial)

Deadline is April 2nd.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Easter Lilies: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

You may pick up your lily after the service on April 9th. If you would like to donate, please let us know by marking below.

\_\_\_\_\_ Donate      \_\_\_\_\_ Pick up

Thank you!

# Holy Week

## SCHEDULE

<i>Palm Sunday</i>	Wesley Oak 9:30AM	Asbury Memorial 11:15AM
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Wesley Oak 6:00PM	Asbury Memorial 7:30PM
<i>Good Friday</i>	Wesley Oak NOON	Asbury Memorial 7:30PM
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	Wesley Oak 9:30AM	Asbury Memorial 11:15AM



### SENIOR FITNESS CLASSES

#### SAGE BRIGADE

The Salvation Army has started the "Sage Brigade" a senior program of many activities. Top of the list is Sr. Fitness, using light weights and cardio for a 45-minute fitness class that incorporates music from the 50's, 60's, 70's up to the present. The format is a warmup w/o weights, followed by weights and cardio, and finishes off with a cool down. Great for everyone from beginners to advance. Weights are provided. No floor work. \$25 for the entire year. The fee includes other fun activities like crochet, line dancing, and much more. Registration is at the door when you come for your first class. Start anytime.

Senior Fitness Classes (no age requirement to attend classes)  
Led by Asbury Member, Linda Socks

The Salvation Army - 3000 Bee Road, Savannah

Extra parking available directly across the street at Daffin Park.

Mondays & Wednesdays @ 11:45 am. Some holidays excluded.



# Sound Ministry



## Join Our Sound Ministry Team

Do you have an ear for sound? We need you!

We are looking for people with sound or video experience to join our sound and live stream ministry at Asbury Memorial.

For more information, please contact Ray Ellis at [rellis101@gmail.com](mailto:rellis101@gmail.com) or call the church office.



# Thank You

Special thanks to our amazing Hospitality Team for another fantastic Wednesday Night Supper season! The food was delicious and your hard work and dedication was so greatly appreciated! Thank you!



ALL CONGREGATION

# NEHEMIAH ASSEMBLY

Monday, April 24th

7:00 pm

First African Baptist Church

23 Montgomery St.

Join Rev. Billy Hester, community leaders and all JUST interfaith congregation members for the year's biggest action, seeking justice in education and affordable housing. One night together for a better community.


[www.justsav.org](http://www.justsav.org)

# JUST



Justice Unites Savannah Together





## *From the Desk of the Director of Joy...*

### Why Do I Give? Because My Gifts Matter!

In a recent church meeting, Beth Tyson said that during the COVID lockdown, she saw first-hand the difference our church's support made to our church family's youth. Remember that during COVID, Asbury Memorial Church, like most other churches, suspended all in-person gatherings. While the church's lockdown was very difficult for us all, it was especially hard on our youth. Personal relationships mean everything to teens. But they couldn't see one another in person. They couldn't attend school in person. There were no pep rallies, no cafeteria gossip, no ball games, no plays, no hanging out at the movies or a fast food parking lot. Nor could they meet together at church each week to sing, to laugh, to tease, to flirt, to cry, or to hug each other. Confined to their homes, their rooms, and their screens, our teens craved, in-person interactions.

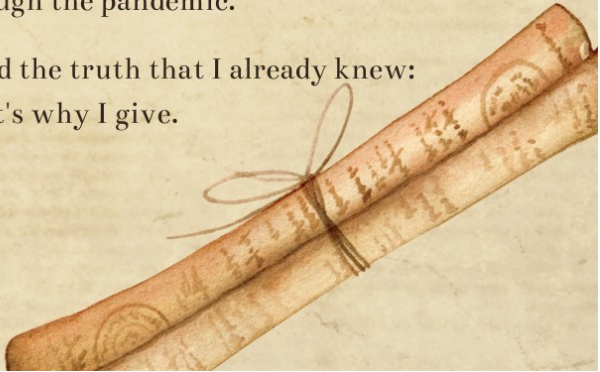
Adolescents throughout the country were deeply affected, and our youth were no exception. The lack of social interaction led many into depression. Some youth considered drug use or suicide as a way to deal with their pain. Some descended into mental illness. Many just retreated into a shell. It was a dark time.

Beth Tyson and Chris Kincade, the leaders of our church's youth program, noted the impact on our church's teens and they found a facility that allowed the youth to meet in person while remaining safely socially distanced. Though the church didn't allow meetings in our building, we supported our youth by providing the funds to rent this off-site meeting facility where they could gather, safely and socially distanced. They worshiped together and supported one another. Most important, they saw their friends, in person! And together, they found hope.

So, through our giving, we support our youth, and our youth ministers, Chris and Beth, who see their work not as a job, but as a calling in the name of Christ. Because we gave to our church during COVID, Asbury kept our youth strong through the pandemic.

When I heard that story, I couldn't help but smile. I realized the truth that I already knew: Our generosity makes a difference. Our gifts matter! That's why I give.

~ Rev. Richard Allen  
Stewardship Committee member





# MEN FRIENDS

Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak Men's Group

**WOW!**

Wisdom book study  
with Men Friends

Men Friends is the Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak Men's Group that meets on Thursday nights via Zoom. Join us as we read 'Wow! Wisdom: Stories from the Path of Life' written by our own Rev. Billy Hester.

The book is fun, easy to read, and each chapter ends with discussion questions. We have yet to make our way through them all - who knew men could be so talkative?!

We begin each meeting with a time of voluntary sharing about what's happening in your life, or whatever you care to share before we begin our discussion of the week's chapter questions.

There is a wonderful mix of deeply serious discussion and a lot of laughter as well. There is no commitment to attend, or requirement that you have been here from the beginning. Drop in and give us a try. It's a great way to connect and make new friends, all from the comfort of your home.

Should you have any questions, contact Gregg Walther at [gdw0517@gmail.com](mailto:gdw0517@gmail.com).

We meet each Thursday 7:00p - 8:30p.  
Zoom meeting ID: 844 3633 5506, passcode: Asbury.

ASBURY MEMORIAL'S FIRST

# CANASTA BLAST



Mark your calendars:  
Sunday, April 30th, 2-6p  
Holliday Hall at Asbury Memorial

What is Canasta? It's a game from the '50s that originated in Argentina. The word "canasta" is Spanish for "basket." It is a card game that is fast, exciting, dramatic, and played with 2, 3, or 4 players.

Join us for some great FUN and FELLOWSHIP!  
There will be plenty of refreshments and prizes!

All you need is a \$10 donation per person for admission to this FUN event! Donations will go to Asbury Memorial's Hospitality Committee. (Did you know they need a new dishwasher?)

If you can help us in providing a card table, playing cards, or Canasta trays, please let us know!

Please invite your friends and neighbors (High School age welcome) and let us know how many will be attending. We need your RESERVATIONS through the Church Office by Friday, April 28th.

Questions? Contact Kay Deffley at [kdeffley@gmail.com](mailto:kdeffley@gmail.com).

SUNDAY

April 30th

2P - 6P

# GREEN TEAM UPDATE

On March 26, 2020 the City of Savannah signed a resolution committing to achieve 100% clean, renewable electricity by 2035 and 100% renewable energy by 2050. The Climate Reality Project of Coastal Georgia spearheaded the effort that led to this resolution. On Friday, March 3, 2023 a ceremony was held in Daffin Park commemorating the signing of this resolution and encouraging city officials to continue with their efforts to achieve these ambitious goals.

The event featured speeches by Mayor Van Johnson, City Councilman Nick Palumbo, and Asbury Memorial's Rev Billy Hester. Chuck Eyler and David Alley performed a song written by Chuck entitled "Gimme a Healthy Earth." The event culminated in a walk around Daffin Park and the evening news broadcast excerpts from the event.



# ASBURY'S NEWEST MEMBERS

New Member Class January 2023



*Bo Curler & Pat Bangs*



*Mark Barner*



*Ed & Virginia Brown*



*Tim & Karen Conrow*



*Hank Little*



*Jan Michaels*



*Curtis Veal*



# GODLY PLAY



**EVERY SUNDAY**

**AT ASBURY MEMORIAL & WESLEY OAK**

**FOR ALL KIDS AGES 3 YRS THROUGH 5TH GRADE**

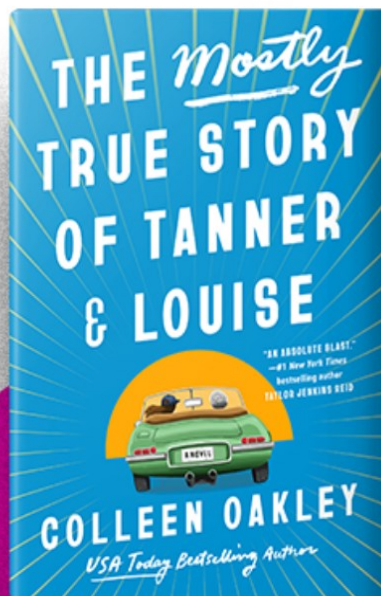
THE *Mostly* TRUE  
STORY OF  
TANNER & LOUISE  
*IN-PERSON EVENT*



**SAVANNAH, GA**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12**  
**6:30 PM ET**

**E. SHAVER BOOKSTORE**  
Starland District Location

*In conversation with*  
**Mary Kay Andrews**



Colleen Oakley author  
photo by Sarah Dorio

Mary Kay Andrews  
author photo by Bill Miles

# SMART RECOVERY FOR INDIVIDUALS



Do you want to address an addiction problem or harmful habit? With our practical tools based on cognitive and motivational psychology and addiction research, SMART Recovery helps you make and sustain positive changes that lead to a balanced life.

Through our meetings, tools, and strategies, SMART can help you stop harmful habits and behaviors, including addiction to alcohol and other drugs, or negative behaviors related to relationships, sex, spending, gambling, eating and exercise disorders, and self-injury.

SMART Recovery is unique. Our science-based approach emphasizes self-reliance, self-resilience, and self-empowerment. With SMART, you are the expert on your recovery. You choose how to personalize your plan for successful change. There's no requirement to commit to a lifetime of SMART Recovery meetings. You decide when and if the time is right to move on.

## SMART and Other Recovery Groups

SMART Recovery believes that people find their own paths to successful recovery. For some, that path may include 12-step programs or other support groups. Although SMART's approach differs from those of other organizations, it does not exclude them. We recognize and support the fact that many individuals benefit from participating in more than one support community.

## Get Started

Ready to get started? SMART Recovery hosts online and face-to-face meetings around the world. Our online message board is an excellent forum to learn about SMART and get 24/7 support.

## Learn More

Visit [www.smartrecovery.org](http://www.smartrecovery.org) to search for local meetings and to join our online community.



## LOCAL MEETING INFORMATION

**Mondays 7:00-8:30pm**

Wesley Oak Church  
3124 E. Victory Drive  
Savannah, GA 31404

All are welcome!

## LOCAL CONTACT

Ruthie Duran Deffley

[ruthie@healthymindga.com](mailto:ruthie@healthymindga.com)

## CONFIRM MEETING DETAILS\*

<http://www.smartrecovery.org/meetings>

\*Meeting times, days, and locations are subject to change. Please confirm meeting details prior to attending.



# Study Groups & Fellowship Groups

Asbury Memorial offers a wide variety of study and fellowship groups. We are excited about the rich and varied opportunities for adult study and fellowship, some via Zoom. We hope that you will join in one or more of the programs.

## Wisdom Seekers

Facilitator: Margaret Clay  
Mondays, 1:30–3 pm

Book Study: "*Braiding Sweetgrass*" - If you have any questions about the group or the book, please email Margaret Clay at [margaretclay@comcast.net](mailto:margaretclay@comcast.net).  
Zoom Meeting ID: 864 8291 0310, Passcode: Asbury

## Men Friends

Men's Group for Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak  
Facilitator: Gregg Walther  
Thursdays, 7:00pm–8:30pm

The Thursday night Men's Group welcome all men to join us for an evening of discussion and fellowship. We talk about topics suggested by our members, recently 'Christian nationalism' and the state of the Christian Church in general has sparked much discussion. What's on your mind? Should you have any questions please contact Gregg Walther at [gdw0517@gmail.com](mailto:gdw0517@gmail.com). The Men's Group meets Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 via Zoom and welcomes all men. If you're looking for a way to connect, make new friends and participate in some fascinating discussions, all from the comfort of home, give us a try. We have a great time, come join us!

Zoom meeting ID: 844 3633 5506, passcode: Asbury.

## A Course in Miracles

Facilitator: Rev. Marilyn Leigh  
Thursdays, 4:00 to 5:30 pm

The Course in Miracles study group is dedicated to the study and practical application of A Course in Miracles to our daily lives. Our group allows the Course to guide us in becoming and expressing the Love that is the truth about us. It teaches the true meaning of forgiveness and challenges us to put God first in our lives.

If you are interested, contact Rev. Marilyn Leigh at [revleigh@yahoo.com](mailto:revleigh@yahoo.com).

# Pride Families Group



Pride Families Group is a social group for parents or caregivers and their LGBTQIA+ children ages 13 and younger. The group meets the third Saturday of each month to provide a safe, affirming place for fellowship, and for the kids to meet and connect over games and stories.

Check the Programs & Services calendar for program information or contact: Angelic by email [uniqlymyself@hotmail.com](mailto:uniqlymyself@hotmail.com)

Third Saturday of Each Month From  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.



## PFLAG SAVANNAH

4TH TUESDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH  
5:30PM - 8PM

FIRST CITY PRIDE CENTER  
1515 BULL STREET SAVANNAH, GA



PFLAG of Savannah Georgia is a locally based volunteer organization that was created to fill a need for support within the coastal empire, and the low country. PFLAG is all about kids, parents/family, and allies. We are here to educate, advocate and support those with LGBTQ+ children in our community.

PFLAG of Savannah Georgia sprang forth from volunteers at our local LGBTQ+ center First City Pride Center. We saw a lot of parents coming in and saying that their children had come out to them and they wanted to be supportive but didn't know how. Carla Faith Moore and Donna Vargas volunteers at the center took this as both a good sign and a challenge and ran with it. Beginning in May with an initial meeting to organize and ending in our official first meeting in September lots of work by many dedicated volunteers created this great group.

Our mission at PFLAG of Savannah is to provide support for families and allies of the youth in Savannah, coastal Georgia and the low country. We provide monthly support group meetings the 4th Tuesday of every month from 5:30- 8pm at First City Pride Center located at 1515 Bull Street, Savannah Georgia.

Email [pflagsavannaga@gmail.com](mailto:pflagsavannaga@gmail.com) or look us up on Facebook PFLAG Savannah GA | Facebook





# When Shadows Fall

The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to:

Lisa Swain in the passing of Lisa's lifelong friend, Sheryl Baird

Pat McIntosh in the passing of Pat's grandson, Christopher Nathaniel Turner

Jennifer & Nicholas Lindsay in the passing of their friend, Courtney Bertram

Bob & Mickie Townsend and Karen & Benjamin Murphree in the passing of their great nephew and cousin, KC Temple

Asburians in the loss of our friend, Margaret "Peggy" Hedeman

Lindsey Rogers in the passing of Lindsey's father, Larry Roger



## Prayer Requests

### Asburians

DiAnne Amerson, Ann Anderson, Pat Bangs, Joan Byrd, Fay Carroll, Carol Chambers, Sheri Coffey, Karen Conrow, Dina Consentino, Gretchen Dodd, Helen Downing, Sam Durham, Katie Farmer, Bob Francischetti, Ellie Gonye, Gerry Harman, Chase Harrison, Cheri Hester, Roy Hill, Sally Jilek, Dale Karacostas, Bonnie & Zoey Kaar, Judith Kessler, Jennifer Knox, Rev. Marilyn Leigh, Jack Lewis, Marion Manigo, Brenda Mills, Virginia Moryadas, Dan Nelson, Marie Parker, Frank Ramsey, Cabell Stewart, Pat Stewart, Beverly Vasta, Judy Wilburn, Diane Williamson, Peggy Zeigler

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### Family Members and Friends

Ann Austin, Max Clements, Collie Collins, Ray Cook, Linda Cowart, Sara Driggers, Todd & Yolanda Eklund, Maddox Faunce, Joan Harper, Priscilla Hearn, Sue Leonard, Anna Lewis, Kim Lewis, Maggie Loven, Catherine "Kim" McGowan, Pat Munoz, Tony Munoz, Fredia Peggs, Bonnie Ridley, Paula Rushing, Rosemary Starling, Neola Waller, William (Bill) Wilhelm, Pelvia Wood, Chuck Woods



# Memorials

Gifts have been given to the Properties Fund in memory of Bo Crowder  
by  
Joan Byrd  
Bill & Ann Anderson

Gifts have been given to the Properties Fund in memory of George Lindsay  
by

Harriett & John Moore  
Robert & Kelly Derrick  
Loyd Daniel  
South Carolina Banker Assoc.  
Billy & Betty Coffey  
Liza Mackey  
Frank & Jennifer Quattlebaum

Melissa White  
Tilghman Insurance Agency  
Claire Eadon  
Jackie Chaflant  
Brenda & Barry Buchanan  
Joan Byrd

Dolores Cannon  
Judith & Arden Weathers  
Julianne & Bill Hussey  
Ashton & Mary Ruth Cribbs  
Mitch & Cathy Gardner  
John C. Griggs, Synovus  
Dr. & Mrs. Edward Floyd

# Honorariums

A gift has been given to the  
Properties Fund in honor of  
Betty Hunter's 91st birthday  
by Joan Byrd



## General Budget As of February 2023

YTD Budgeted GOAL	\$127,385
Actual Year-To-Date Expenses	\$117,002
Actual Year-To-Date Contributions	\$107,894
Ahead/ <b>Behind</b>	<b>\$9,108</b>

**Average Worship Attendance 286**  
**(in person 152, online 134)**



## Chair Name Plate

As we worship on Sundays, how meaningful it is to see the name of a loved one etched into a nameplate on one of our beautiful sanctuary chairs. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one in a special way, complete an order form and turn it into the church office. Forms are available in the church narthex and the office. Please turn in a completed form to the office.

The cost is \$250.00. The funds are used for the upkeep and maintenance of the sanctuary.

**Elizabeth Lariscy**  
**A Southern Lady**  
**By R. Ward Lariscy**

**In Loving Memory**  
**of**  
**Dix Elliott**

Life is *Hello.* Life is *Goodbye.*



Camp Aloha | *A Camp for Grieving Children* | May 5 - 7, 2023

A weekend overnight camp to help children ages 6-17 who have experienced the death of a loved one within the last 24 months. Full Circle Grief and Loss Center's bereavement counselors and volunteers help children normalize their feelings through games, music, yoga, and therapeutic group activities.

There is a nominal non-refundable application fee of \$25 per child, with scholarships available. Transportation to and from New Ebenezer Retreat Center in Rincon is provided. Registration is limited.

Apply online at [www.HospiceSavannah.org/CampAloha](http://www.HospiceSavannah.org/CampAloha) or call Full Circle Grief and Loss Center at (912) 303-9442.





# FREE JOB SKILLS TRAINING

## FROM JOB TO CAREER

**CAP** helps unemployed and under-employed Chatham County residents find or create career paths that offer family-sustaining wages and opportunities for advancement.



[stepupsavannah.org](http://stepupsavannah.org)

912-232-6747



### MONDAY – THURSDAY

#### CLASS DATE:

APR 10 – MAY 4, 2023  
9:00AM–12:00PM

**IN PERSON:** Limited Zoom seats for extenuating circumstances

#### REGISTRATION DATE:

MAR 3 – APR 14, 2023

#### LOCATIONS:

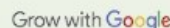
- Pennsylvania Avenue Resource Center
- Moses Jackson Advancement Center

### STACKABLE CREDENTIALS

- Barista
- Emergency Services  
Certification: Dispatch Trainee, Firefighter, EMT Basic, EMTR
- Forklift Safety
- Maritime Logistics
- Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA)
- Partial CDL Scholarship
- Registered Behavioral Technician (RBT)
- ServSafe Handler Certification
- ServSafe Manager Certification
- TWIC

### SERVICES

- Counseling Services
- Job Placements
- On The Spot Interviews With Area's Top Employers
- Record Restriction & Expungement Support
- Transportation & Child Care Support
- PLUS MORE!

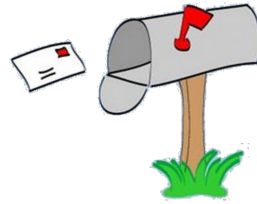




Have you missed that beautiful opportunity to place your contribution in the offering plate on Sunday mornings? Well, have we got options for you! We have multiple ways for you to continue your support of Asbury Memorial and have listed them below. Thank you for your gifts!

### Mail:

Mail your contribution by check to:  
Asbury Memorial Church  
1008 East Henry Street  
Savannah, GA 31401



### Website:

Log on to our website: [www.AsburyMemorial.org](http://www.AsburyMemorial.org)

Click on



Complete the form as directed.  
You can set it up to be a recurring donation!

### Text Giving:

From your mobile phone:  
Send your contribution amount to **912-307-3206**  
Donate anytime, anywhere  
Use easy debit/credit card registration  
Make a one-time gift or set it up to be recurring



### Church Office:

Call the church office at 912.233.4351

**Both our Finance Chair and Stewardship Chair would also want to remind you,  
“It is NEVER too late to make and pay a pledge!”**



**Give Now**





# WESLEY OAK LEAF

April 2023

SPRING IS IN THE AIR....

WITH EASTER JOY TO COME!

Flowers have bloomed throughout the area with leaves turning green as they wave in the blustery air. There is the awakening of the new things God is ever doing, and we can see it all around.

Not only are we moved by the freshness before us, but that which is within us and one another.

Bright with joy and generous in love are part of the how we offer the gospel in the world today. The helping of one who is not well enough to be out and about, meals and visits are the nurturing gift.

Overflowing food pantry items go forth to places we may never know of, but the spirit of sharing and caring goes with it.

Kind words, forgiving expressions, quiet steadfast presence, welcoming and hospitality bless atmosphere and communion, and open hearts and minds, open the doors of God's holy spirit preparing the way to Easter Joy! Our hearts will declare Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen, is risen indeed, and our Easter songs shall proclaim, "love's redeeming work is done."

*Lynn*



### **PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**

APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> – 9:30 a.m.

Processional with Palms and Branches

Isaiah 50:4-9a          Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Matthew 21:1-11        Matthew 26:14-27:66

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**

APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> – 6:00 p.m.

Holy Communion

12:1-4, (5-10) 11-14    Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26    John 13:1-17, 31b-35

### **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> – NOON

Tenebrae

Passion Story interspersed with Hymns and Solos

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> – 9:30 a.m.

JOY! JOY! JOY!

Acts 10: 34 – 43    Psalm 118: 1 – 2, 14 – 24  
Colossians 3: 1 – 4    John 20: 1 – 18  
An Easter Brunch will follow the morning service.





Brunch after worship. We will continue to have table time of fellowship and meal will be held at Wesley Oak on Easter Sunday.

All are welcome to bring a brunch/tapas dish for the event. We will gather downstairs of the sanctuary.

Please make a reservation by emailing [wesleyoak@asbury memorial.org](mailto:wesleyoak@asbury memorial.org), or placing the form below in the offering plate.

There is no cost to attend the Easter Sunday Brunch.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_

## EASTER LILIES

Easter Lilies began to show up in America in the 19th Century as a commercial bulb production. We are familiar with the lily making appearances in the Old and New Testament, emphasizing the importance of the flower to Christianity. King Solomon spoke of them, and Christ referenced them. "I will be like the dew to Israel; he will blossom like a lily. Like a cedar of Lebanon he will send down his roots" (Hosea 14:5). "Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these" (Luke 12:27). Lilies are referred to as "white-robed apostles of hope," and are believed to have sprouted from the ground where Christ's blood and tears fell during crucifixion and in the Garden of Gethsemane after his betrayal.

It is also said they grew in the Garden of Eden from Eve's anguished tears. Because they represent purity, lilies are identified with Mary as the lily is often found in the angel Gabriel's hand. It is believed that Easter lilies came to symbolize Christ, embodiment of purity, trumpet shape for heralding the resurrection as they grow from bubs for several years beneath the earth before blossoming.

On Easter Sunday at Wesley Oak, the sanctuary will be filled with Lilies as we celebrate and remember the resurrection of our Lord. We can see in the beauty of the Lily so many things about the goodness of God and in the goodness of Jesus who gave witness to God's love for us and for the world.

### EASTER LILY ORDERS

If you would like to place an Easter Lily in the church in memory or in honor of loved one(s) please email [wesleyoak@asburymemorial.org](mailto:wesleyoak@asburymemorial.org) or fill out the order form below to be placed in offering plate on Sunday during worship.

If you would like to place an Easter Lily in the church in memory or in honor of loved one(s), please fill in the order form below. The cost of a lily is \$12.00.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF LILIES \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

# *Come to the table....the garden table*

## *All are welcome!*



That's right! The table(s) in the Joy Cottage Garden!

Above the ground Garden Tables to house flowers and vegetables this spring!

We are looking forward to preparing the tables, (assembling and staining), preparing the soil, planting flowers and vegetables, and all the fellowship one can enjoy around the garden tables. The tables are to be set up in the Joy Cottage Garden for easy access and plenty of sunshine! There will also be a place for folks to sit and enjoy the quiet of beauty of the garden as the season goes on.

Our Angell Youth Group is planning to share in the preparing, planting, and harvesting of a table or two. Perhaps you and some family and/or friends would like to be a part of the garden table ministry, adopt a table. If you would like to have more information on the Garden Tables, or to sign up for one, please contact Reverend Drake, [lynnadrake@gmail.com](mailto:lynnadrake@gmail.com).

### What Gifts Can We Bring.....

time – talents – gifts – service

The new year brings to mind new beginnings and new opportunities for us to live out the good news of Jesus in the world. There are already many ways already before us in the various ministries of the church – we should all be considering these in our calling!

There are many things as well in our community that are calling for those to serve children, youth, food programs, mentoring, senior citizens, on and on.

**WE GIVE THANKS** for the time and talents, gifts and service by so many each week to provide worship, to administer church gifts and services, to provide hospitality, care for those who are sick, who are grieving, who need support/encouragement.

**WE GIVE THANKS** for the many acts of love in word and in deed, in time, talents, gifts, and service we see and the many we do not see going on.

WHAT GIFTS CAN WE BRING...BE STILL + KNOW  
FOR YOU WILL FIND YOUR WAY...GOD IS WITH YOU...

Worship – Choir – Musician – Ushers and Greeters – Technology – Office Assistance – Hospitality – Children in the nursery – Godly Play – Youth Mentor – Youth Events – Justice Ministry – Stephens Ministry – Food Insecurity/Pantry Custodial and Property Needs – Teaching – Visiting homebound – Group Studies – Reconciling Ministries – Garden VBS – Youth Retreats – Adult Learning Events – Lay Leadership in church ministries

LET'S KEEP THINKING...WHAT GIFTS CAN WE BRING!



# IN OUR PRAYERS

Rejoice always, pray constantly... | Thessalonians

Prayer request cards are found on the back of the pews. Place in the offering plate!

Komoscar family, Jack Donkar, Mary Wynn, Lloye Wynn, Shirley White, Jean Toole, Lynn Copeland,  
Family of Bernie Morrison, Jane Rollins, Charlie Coursey, Collie Collins, PC's Dad, Mary Ann and Walter Parker,  
Bubba Hughes, Fitz Kincade, People of Ukraine, Pat Howe, Cheryl Hessel, Dan Kerrick, Unspoken need for healing,  
Gloria Moses, McCarthy family, neighbors of Carolyn Ingram, Sydja Trice, Michael McDaniel, George and Barba Irvin,  
Eddie Aenchbacher, Fran and Arlene Moore, Jimuel Gray and family, Andrew Brown, Magaly O'Donnell,  
Zoe Simpson, Martha Aenchbacher, Bonnie Trammell, Julius and Mary Cooley, Forsyth Farmer's Market,  
UMC Worldwide,

Vickie Hudson address for mail: C/O Southern Manor Retirement Inn,  
1532 Fair Road, Room 13, Statesboro, Georgia, 30458



## COME JOIN US IN THE WESLEY OAK CHANCEL CHOIR!

We meet on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. to learn the song for the 9:30 a.m. service. We would love to have you and your voice added to our numbers!

There is no pressure or obligation. It is okay if you can't read music, or if you have never sung in a choir before. There is a place in this choir for everyone to make a joyful noise before the Lord!

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**Flowers in the Sanctuary**

Supplying the flower arrangements for the worship service is a wonderful way to commemorate a date that is important to you or a loved one. Please check the Flower Chart in the narthex and sign up. The cost is \$70. For more information call the church office at 233-4351.

**Special Funds**

One way to honor or to remember a loved one is with a memorial or an honorarium to some of our different funds such as the Properties Fund, General Fund, Piano/Organ Fund, Family and Children's Ministries Fund, Youth Ministry Fund, Laura Angell Scholarship Fund, Pet Memorial Fund or one of our Mission Funds.

**Newsletter Information**

If you have an announcement for "The Asbury Update," please email Chris Kincade at [ckincade@asburymemorial.org](mailto:ckincade@asburymemorial.org).

**Mission Statement**

Asbury Memorial is a place where all people can develop their spirituality, use their talents, and grow in faith as we seek to love, serve, and celebrate God, each other, and our community.