



The Asbury Update

September 2011

Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
Rev. Billy Hester

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HOME COMING! September 11th

We kick-off a new church year on September 11th! We hope everyone has had a good summer and is ready to start a new season together. We'll celebrate with a covered-dish lunch after the service. If you're able, bring a dish to share with others. You can drop it by the kitchen when you arrive. We look forward to seeing you!

Where Were You? And Where Will You Be?

I doubt any of us will ever forget where we were around 9:00 a.m. on September 11, 2001. I was on the telephone with our beloved church member, Chris Wilburn, watching the surreal scene on the television as the second plane hit the towers. Having lived in New York and having been in the towers a number of times, I could only imagine what the people in Manhattan were going through. Having been a pastor in New York, I was certain some of my parishioners had been in the towers. I understand that after the planes hit, the clergy from my former church on 5th Avenue and 29th Street put on their clerical robes and walked into the street to hug and pray with the ash-covered people who were walking from lower Manhattan. It was one of those days and events we will never forget.

I don't know where you were on September 11, 2001, but I hope I know where you will be on September 11, 2011. As we remember the 10th anniversary of this tragic day, I hope you will be with me in the house of God...the house of prayer. I hope you will be with your church family. I hope you will be joining us on this first Sunday of the new church year to recommit your life to growing in faith, working for peace, and bringing the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.

We've got a lot of work to do - individually, communally, and globally. It's such a large task. Where do we start? I think the best place to start is on the corner of Henry Street and Waters Avenue. **What we do and experience at Asbury with our church family can influence the world in ways we can't fathom.**

Hope to see you on the 11th.

- Billy

We're offering classes this month for people interested in being members of Asbury. Two classes will be held after the services on the 18th & 25th. Lunch is provided. If you would like to participate, contact Rev. Hester at bghester3@comcast.net or contact Claudette DeLong at the church office.

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T G I Y T i m e s



Thank God It's Youth

Wednesday, 7th - 7- 8:30 p.m.
Program - A Beautiful Mess

Wednesday, 14th - NO TGIY

Wednesday, 21st - 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 28th - 7 - 8:30 p.m.

If you have any questions or need any information about our youth program, please contact Debbie Wright by email: debbie203@comcast.net

Children's Church Leaders

August 2011

Grades K—3rd

Tom & Betsy Davis

Subs: Ellie Covington & Cheri Hester

Grades 4th—6th

September 4th:

Candace Jenkins & Deb Stewart

September 11th:

Kate Strain & Rebecca Burkhart

September 18th:

KT Aull & Andrea Harrelson

September 25th:

Debbie Eason & Betsy Woodward

Subs: Debbie Anderson, Carter Campbell

Nursery Volunteers



September 4th

Dawn Boshe, Phil & Kate Devlin

September 11th

Meg Lego and Linda Ostrow

September 18th

Lindsey and Whitney Braddock

September 25th

Amy Povie and Kate Strain

God Bless You,

Jenifer Hall & Marie Parker

Nursery coordinators

Nursery services are provided for preschool children for the programs and services on Sundays and Wednesdays.

MEMORIALS

*Gifts have been given to the
“Celebrate the Joy” fund in memory of:*

- ◆ Merritt Dixon by Barbara Rogers
- ◆ Vicki Manibusan by KT Aull
by Joan Byrd
by Cynthia Herold
by Susan & Devon McCaskill
by Jo Poston
by Tara & Kevin Redd
by Dot Wallace
- ◆ LeRoy Pohl by David Grice and John Naylor

HONORIUMS

*Gifts have been given to the
“Celebrate the Joy” fund in honor of:*

- ◆ Pam Parker & Walter Kress
by Bill & Ann Anderson
by Danny & Barbara Beam
by Kay Deffley
by Debra Gibson, Rena Howell, Alex & Austin
by Janet Dixon
by Colleen Robinette
- ◆ Janet Dixon in honor, appreciation and
friendship by Barbara Rogers
- ◆ **Janet Dixon’s birthday** by Suzie Williams

*Gifts have been given to the Janice Gantt
Butterfly Miracle Fund in honor of:*

- ◆ Chase Harrison by Anonymous

*Gifts have been given to the Hester
Education Fund in honor of:*

- ◆ Billy Hester by Pam Parker and Walter Kress

*Gifts have been given to the Nursery Fund
in honor of:*

- ◆ Philip Baiad and his parents, Anne Allen &
Todd by Gay & Maurice Gwinner

*Gifts have been given to the Chimes Fund
in honor of:*

- ◆ Asbury Memorial Methodist Church
by Gay & Maurice Gwinner

WHEN SHADOWS FALL

- ✠ We extend our love and sympathy to Frank Manibusan, the Manibusan family, Asbury members and friends in the death of our beloved church member, Vicki Manibusan.
- ✠ We extend our love and sympathy to Mark Pohl in the death of his father, LeRoy Pohl, Jr.
- ✠ We extend our love and sympathy to Carrie Collins in the death of her close friend, Vivian Sharp.
- ✠ We extend our love and sympathy to Jean and John Hester, their daughters Zaida and Mollie, and Faustina (Tina) Smith in the **death of Jean’s father and Tina’s step-father, Frank Barry.**
- ✠ We extend our love and sympathy to Bonnie Willard and Sherry Woo in the death of **Bonnie’s mother, Clarice Willard.**

Members



Annette Anderson, Eric Anderson Family, Denise Beasley, Fred Beasley, Bolinger-Muendel Family, Andra Bowers, Jean Butcher, Gail Byrd, Abbigail Carter-Walter, Anita Clay, Stephanie Clegg, Mike Collins, Dina Consentino, Kathy Consentino, Edna Girard, Sandy Golden, Gay Gwinner, Nell Hagins, Beth Harn, Chase Harrison, Zaida Hester, Dewey Hooper, May Johnson, Judith Kessler, Elizabeth Lariscy, Justin Linthicum, Janet Mayne, Stephanie Mojica, Linda Ostrow, Marie Parker, Jo Poston, Barbara Rogers, Caroline Smith, Mina Smith, Amy Stewart, Cabell Stewart, Jean Stewart, Pat Stewart, Lindsey Walden, Janelle Waters, Dot Whitlock, Joyce Wickstrom, Diane Williamson.

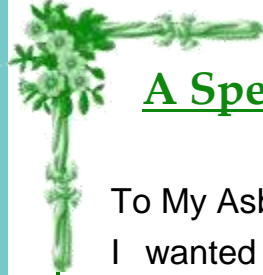
Happy Birthday

Having a Birthday? Let us know when! Sign up on the main bulletin board between the nurseries or call the office at 233-4351.

September

1st: Pamela Daring
 2nd: Pam Karacostas
 3rd: Alexis Bolinger
 Bill Nicholson
 Andy Paul
 4th: Barry Helme
 Laura Rodriguez
 Cathy Solomons
 5th: Kelly Beaver
 Johnny Foster
 Adam Hedgecoth
 Lily Stephens
 6th: Sherry Moore
 7th: Skyler Gurley
 8th: Pam Miller
 Madyson Wozniak
 9th: Bo Crowder
 Ralph Pruden
 10th: Tiia Strong
 11th: Madeline Kelso
 12th: Debbie Burnette
 Irene Skala
 14th: Kim Albee
 Jacques Beauchamp
 Carolyne Graham
 Kimmi Sampieri
 David Shackley
 Janet Wheatley
 15th: Amy Jenkins
 Carol Klein

16th: Maggie Devlin
 17th: Marilyn Leigh
 Greg Martin
 Jordan Veitinger
 18th: James Cunningham
 19th: Austin Howell
 Todd Nolan
 20th: Dottie Klutz
 21st: Sarah Povie
 22nd: Pat Ciccodicola
 23rd: Sarah Smith
 Billy Aiken
 24th: Emily Canter
 Roy Hill
 25th: Emma Alley
 Joshua DeLong
 26th: Polly Brooks
 Sylvester Kemp
 Dot Whitlock
 27th: Zachary Brannen
 Stephanie Clegg
 Doug Povie
 Sienna Varland
 Madison Wheatley
 29th: Betsy Davis
 Kristina Skaggs
 30th: Abbigale Carter-Walter
 Scott Wygant



A Special Thank You...

To My Asbury Family:

I wanted to thank you all for the beautiful flowers. They brightened up our day during this very difficult time.

Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers. Please keep us in your prayers to help us get through the difficult times to come, to help guide us.

Love you all!

Mark Pohl and Family



*Thank You
 to our
 Asbury Youth*

We thank our Asbury Youth for leading us in a wonderful worship service on Sunday, August 28th. We also thank our Youth Ministry Team of Debbie and Evans Wright, Barri Marshall, John Giles, and Ray Ellis for helping the youth with the service.

On behalf of the youth, we thank all of the Asbury members who supported the youth fund raisers that helped make it possible for these young people to go on their summer trip to Camp BigStuf.

Congratulations and Asburians in the news...

- ◆ **Asbury's Mike Skinner** received the Meritorious Service Award at the Georgia Society of CPAs annual convention. This award is the highest honor bestowed by the Georgia Society of CPAs and not necessarily given annually but only if there is a deserving recipient. Congratulations Mike! And thank you for all you do at Asbury...especially as our Church Treasurer.
- ◆ Check out the wonderful project by artist and Asburian **Scott Stanton** by looking at this clip. Scott was asked to fill the chemo room at Candler Lewis Cancer Center with his art. The clip is about a project that comes from a documentary being made about his friend who has cancer. Thank you Scott for sharing your gift with our Savannah community and with the church. <http://robynreeder.com/?p=65>
- ◆ Congratulations to Asburian **John Maesch** on the birth of his grandson, Lucas Jensen Beach, born Saturday, 8-27-2011, to his daughter and her husband, Anne and Kevin Beach, in Valparaiso, Indiana. Luke weighed just under 8 lbs. Luke joins his sister, Ella Rose,.
- ◆ Congratulations to **Dr. Kirsten Acker**, daughter of Kathy Hodges and step-daughter of Preston Hodges, for earning her PhD in Psychology after five years of hard work.

A Big Thank You

Thanks to everyone who supplied food for the 100 plus Encounter Youth Group who performed at Asbury on Wednesday night, July 27th. A special thanks to our Kitchen-Hospitality Team who organized everything. It was an incredible feast!

We also want to thank everyone who helped "house" the choir members.

You are an incredible congregation to come through in helping house so many youth.



T.G.I.Y Fund Raiser

The youth will have a Cookout fund raiser after church on October

9th in conjunction with the "God on Broadway" series, Damn Yankees. After the service join our youth in the Social Hall for hamburgers, hot dogs and chips to end a perfect Sunday.



Saturday, November 5th

Save the date for the inaugural Rock 'n' Roll Savannah Marathon and 1/2 Marathon on Saturday, November 5th. As of print time of this newsletter we have three Asburians participating in the marathon. The church will be hosting a water station. Information is incomplete so keep watching for updates!

Hymnal Dedication

Would you like to dedicate a hymnal as a way to honor or memorialize a loved one, a friend or a group? Pick up a form in the narthex or office, complete the information and either drop it in the offering plate or mail to the church office. The cost is only \$20.

Chair Name Plate

One of the ways we are helping fund the renovation of the sanctuary is by giving people the opportunity to place a very tasteful name-plate on 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.

Here are two examples of nameplates for the chairs:

Elizabeth Lariscy
A Southern Lady
By R. Ward Lariscy

In Loving Memory
of
Dix Elliott

2011 Budget Offering

July 31st - \$5,231.02

August 7th - \$8,704.00

August 14th - \$7,369.00

August 21st - \$6,104.20

August 28th - \$5,701.89

Weekly Budget Needed

\$7,788.46

Budget Needed to Date

\$272,596.10

Received to Date

\$261,714.84

Balance of the Operating Fund

as of August 28th, 2011

\$87,628.00

Family & Friends

Eddie Adams, Maria Adgee, Pete Ashland, Stephen Austin and Tara Gilmore, Brian Beck, Rev. Grover Bell, Doris Brackette, Emily Brennan, Kelly Brown, Ronald Bryant, Brian Cail, Delores Calhoun, Missy Calhoun, Frances Campbell, Alex Cann, Nancy Collier, Jackie Costello, Brenda Covington, Schaefer Dean, Jimmy Dillon, Nancy Donan, Amy Egan, Jim Ernsberger, Monique and Ryan Esteves, Bob Fennell, Caleb Flagg, Rick Gilbert, Robert Greene, Family of James Griffin, Shirley Grover, Elizabeth Hall, Joan Harper, Jerry Hill, Dave Hogg, Archie Iodice, Jerry Ipsen, Shirley Johnson, Ricky Knight, Lou Koel, John Loomis, Scott McCoy, Phyllis McQuaid, Lisa Meraz, Michael Myers, Kathy New, Freddy Ogunkoya, Tiffany O'Quinn, "Buck" Bage, Melissa Pittman, Joe Porterfield, Julia Robinson, Marilyn Sasser, Barbara Schafer, Virlyn Sheppard, Dell Shore, Harry Shuman Family, Melissa Smith, Stella Smith, Ashley Sobo, Sylvia Spann, Liam Steffen, Hazel Stubbs, Juan Thompson, Roy Thornquist, Jim Wamboldt, Frederick Walter, Susan Waters, Virginia Wheat, Heather Widman, Clarice Willard, Ruth Wilson, Maya Zafari



Celebrate the Joy Campaign

Post- Campaign Update:

Total of the Renovation
\$1,594,734.00

Total Collected as of July 31st, 2011

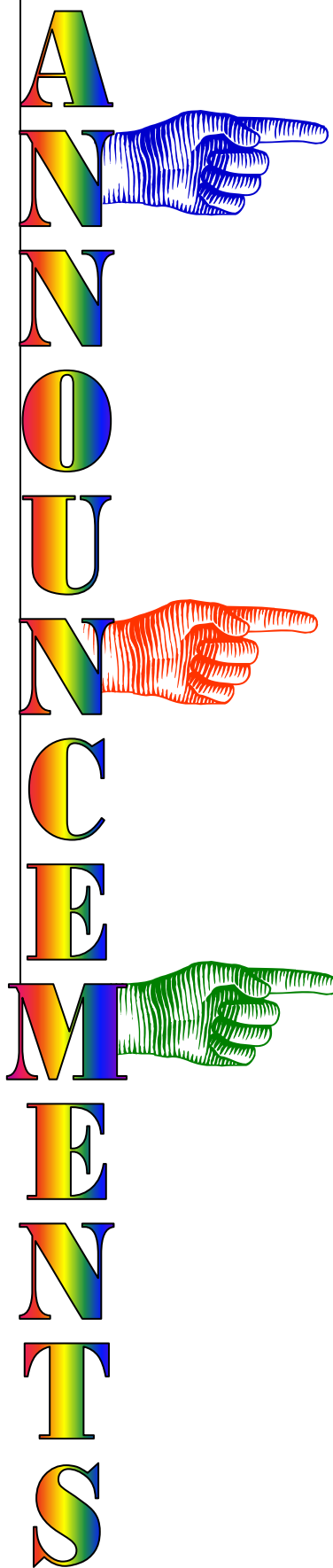
\$ 1,345,569.57

Loan Balance

\$ 260,000.00

If you use the Yellow "Celebrate the Joy" envelope, please place your name and envelope number on the front. If you combine your contributions, please designate the funds on the memo line of your check. The Celebrate the Joy Campaign is not the same as Building Fund or Trustees.

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Lake Junaluska is just around the corner!

If you are interested in going to beautiful Lake Junaluska, Oct 21-23 with members of the Asbury Choir, please fill out a registration form (available in the office) and return with a DOWN PAYMENT of \$90.00 by SEPT 14TH. Balances will be due Sept 30th. The final payment will be determined by how many registered folks share the housing expense. APPROXIMATE cost for weekend: \$175 if singing with the choir, and \$125 if not singing with the choir. Join us for fun, fellowship and fall foliage!



Please join us to make

Baptism Banners

Saturday, September 17th 9:30am-12noon

Bring scissors to cut out pieces for the baptism banners. For more information, please contact Janet Wagner by email:

jlkwagner@yahoo.com or 912-856-1151.



Stewardship Fair is
Sunday September 25th
during coffee hour in the
Social Hall

Come learn about how to get involved in areas of service at Asbury. At the Stewardship Fair you will have the opportunity to meet volunteers, ask questions, and you can even sign up to volunteer your time. You will find tables in the Social Hall, staffed by people who have many varied interests and talents. As you mill around with your coffee and cookies, you will be able to visit the tables and talk to people there. Maybe you will find an activity that sparks your interest.

At this time, we are seeking a few more people who will commit to represent an area of service and be at a table to meet interested people. If you wish to have a table, please contact one of us on the Stewardship Committee.

Preston Hodges, Jan Durham, Carol Anderson & Betsy Haun

Learn the Way of Jesus

September 2011

Adult Education Opportunities

Sunday Mornings

10 o'clock Hour – Fellowship starts at 9:45 a.m. in the Social Hall of the church followed by a program then small group discussion will take up:

Sept. 4th – **Second half of Karen Armstrong's lecture from the National Cathedral: "Sensible Mysticism"**

Sept. 11th – **Bruce Feiler's PBS special *Walking the Bible***

Sept. 18th – **Bruce Feiler's PBS special *Walking the Bible***

Sept. 25th – **Bruce Feiler's PBS special *Walking the Bible***

No registration needed, just come and join in. Jan Durham, Kathy Hodges, Steve Johnson, Ernie Lee, and Pat Stewart will facilitate these groups.

Sunday Evenings

Disciple Bible Studies I and II have gone through their orientations, but there is still time to join the groups!! DBS I is a 34 week study facilitated by Grady Mills. DBS II is a 32 week study facilitated by KT Aull. Both groups have space for a few more participants. Both groups meet on Sunday nights. If you are interested or need additional information, please contact the church office or:

DBS I - Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study - Grady Mills @ 354-3205 or g61743wmii@aol.com

DBS II - Into the Word, Into the World - KT Aull @ aulrite@yahoo.com

Monday Evenings

Embracing an Adult Faith – Beginning September 19th, this five week group will meet Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall of the church to watch Marcus Borg and his small group discuss the concepts of God, Jesus, Salvation, Practice and Community, follow by its own group discussion. Register by Sept. 10th, see enrollment sheets on the Adult Education bulletin board at church or call the church office. Steve Johnson will facilitate this group.

Tuesday Evenings

Book Club – Beginning September 13th, this monthly group holds its first meeting in the Social Hall of the church to discuss **Brian McLaren's book, *A New Kind of Christianity***. The group will start at 7:00 p.m. Register by Sept. 12th, see enrollment sheets on the Adult Education bulletin board at the church or call the church office.

October 4th: *Things Hidden* by Richard Rohr

November 1st: *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr

December 6th: *Naked Spirituality* by Brian McLaren

Learn the Way of Jesus
September 2011
Adult Education Opportunities Continued

Wednesday Evenings

Wednesday Night Hour – Following our Wednesday Night Dinner, this program and group discussion starts at 7:00 p.m. in October.
No registration needed, just come and join in. Billy Hester and Steve Johnson will facilitate these groups.

Thursday Mornings

Disciple Bible Study III – Beginning September 8th, this 32 week group will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Social Hall of the church and will continue weekly for 32 weeks. Study books are available at the church office. Register by Sept. 7th, see enrollment sheets on the Adult Education bulletin board at the church or call the church office. Helen Downing will facilitate this group.

Please let us know if you have questions and/or want to join one of these study opportunities. Call Steve Johnson at 912-355-4440 or Claudette at the church office.

Other Adult Opportunities

Asbury Adult Choir

The adult choir meets every Wednesday at 7pm in the choir room. Contact Ray Ellis, music director through the church office if interested in participating.

Women's Shekinah Spiral Sept. 18th

Our women's group meets the third Sunday of every month in the Social Hall. All women are invited to bring a potluck lunch to share with the group.

New participants are always welcomed. Please break bread with us. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Hodges at KathleenEHodges@gmail.com or thru the church office.

Church member, Jackie Stewart, is Asbury Memorial's volunteer coordinator for the L.O.V.E. Mentors program. Please read this article about L.O.V.E. and consider becoming a L.O.V.E. volunteer.



L.O.V.E. Participants

Elementary Schools: Bartow, Bethesda Home for Boys, East Broad, Gadsden, Garrison, Georgetown, Gould, Haven, Heard, Islands, Isle of Hope, Low, Notre Dame Academy, Port Wentworth, Southwest, Spencer, West Chatham, White Bluff

Middle Schools: Bethesda Home for Boys, DeRenne, Hubert

High Schools: Savannah

Community Centers: Aldersgate United Methodist/Performance Initiatives Center, Salvation Army Center, Savannah Baptist Center

L.O.V.E. Sponsors

Asbury Memorial United Methodist
Congregation Mickve Israel
Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation
Isle of Hope United Methodist
Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Island
Messiah Lutheran
Rotary Club of Skidaway Island
Savannah Christian
St. James Catholic
St. Peter's Episcopal
Skidaway Island Baptist
Skidaway Island Presbyterian
Skidaway Island United Methodist
Speedwell United Methodist
Trinity United Methodist (Pooler)
Wal-Mart
White Bluff United Methodist

L.O.V.E. Board Officers

Chair: Joyce Glenn
Vice Chair: Ann Tremaine
Secretary: Marby Varley
Treasurer: Dave Dawson

L.O.V.E. (Local Outreach Volunteer Educators) serves children in Savannah-Chatham County public schools who need one-on-one help to achieve grade-level proficiency in reading and math.

L.O.V.E.'s mission is to improve education, build life skills, and support the dreams of Savannah's children.

Asbury Memorial UMC has sponsored L.O.V.E. for five years, and members of our congregation currently volunteer at Bartow Elementary.

During the 2010/2011 school year, L.O.V.E. mentors volunteered more than 10,000 hours helping over 900 students achieve measurable progress. For 2011/12, School Superintendent Dr. Thomas Lockamy and School Board Chairman Dr. Joe Buck have asked L.O.V.E. to serve even more children and to expand its growing focus on math.

L.O.V.E. needs your help!

What's Involved? Mentors volunteer one day per week during the school year, working with 1, 2, or 3 kids for 30 to 45 minutes each. We can tutor reading, math, or both. The students we work with at Bartow Elementary perform at an early elementary level in reading and/or math. No formal teaching experience is required. We will draw our students from Bartow's first-, second- and third-grade classes. This year, we will start mentoring the week of September 19, 2011.

Prior to mentoring, you will receive:

- ◆ Training. To tutor reading, you will receive "Read Naturally" training. To tutor math, you will receive "Buckle Down" training.
- ◆ A tool kit for reading, math, and life skills, provided by L.O.V.E.
- ◆ Regular follow-up and support from L.O.V.E.'s site coordinator.
- ◆ The joy of sharing your time, talent, and love with children who WANT and NEED your help! These kids are part of Savannah's future, and you can make a big difference in their lives.

How Do I Volunteer? For more information or to volunteer for the 2011/12 school year, call **Jackie Stewart** at **655-0512** or email her at jackieandcolinstewart@yahoo.com. Also, visit www.lovementors.org.

**Kids Need LOVE and
L.O.V.E. Needs YOU!**

L.O.V.E. Mentors, Inc., is a 501c3 non-profit organization, working in partnership with Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools. L.O.V.E. is an all-volunteer organization and welcomes adult volunteers from the Chatham County community. 100% of sponsors' financial support is devoted to effective implementation of L.O.V.E.'s programs.

Shekinah Spiral Pool Party

Saturday, September 10, 2011 2pm-5pm

Carol Anderson's house

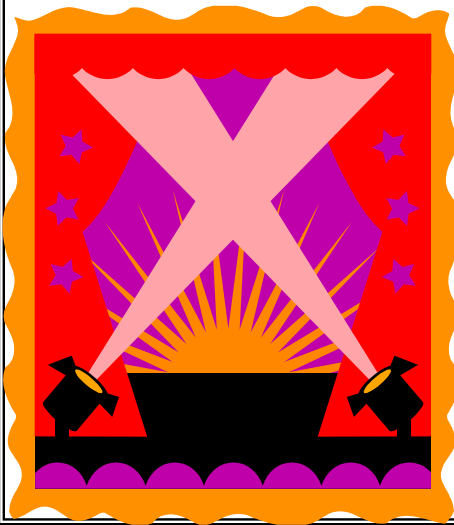
109 Kathryn's Court, Savannah 912-925-9605

Bring a tasty dish or snack to share, any pool toys you have on hand, sunglasses, sun block and so forth...

And in memory of Vicki Manibusan, bring your non-judgmental sense of humor! You can pick up a copy of directions in the Social Hall Sunday or call Carol Anderson at 925-9605.



Spread the News! Coming in October...



God On Broadway!

Where Theology & Theatre Come Together!

October 2 - Guys and Dolls

October 9 - Damn Yankees

October 16 - La Cage Aux Folles

October 23 - **You're a Good Man Charlie Brown**

October 30 - Mary Poppins

Asbury Memorial Theater is back!

AMT's next production is **Side By Side By Sondheim**, a musical revue featuring the songs of Broadway and film composer Stephen Sondheim. **Side By Side** will be performed November 4-6 and November 11-13, 2011 under the direction of Ray Ellis and Cheri Hester. Tickets are \$10 general admission and will be available at coffee-hour or at the door. Please contact Cheri: 695-1170; cbhester@comcast.net or Ray: 844-1840; panther10101010@aol.com for more information.

Hope to see you there!!



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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 2011 Flower Chart in the narthex and sign up. The cost is \$60. 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 the "Celebrate the Joy" (Renovation) Fund, the Piano/Organ Fund, the Hester-Children Education Fund, the Trustees Fund, or the General Fund.

Newsletter Information

If you have an announcement for "The Asbury Update," please send it to the church office in writing by the 15th of each month. Contact Claudette DeLong, Office Manager at 233-4351 or email to asburymumc@yahoo.com. Office hours are 9 AM to 2 PM, Monday thru Friday.

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.