



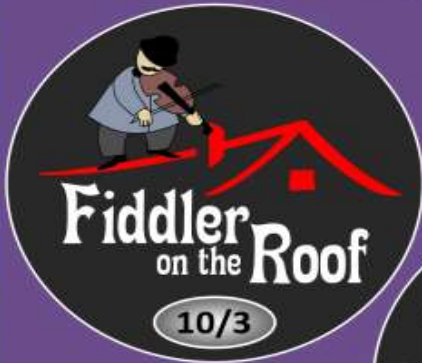
# The Asbury Update

## August 2021

Asbury Memorial Church  
Rev. Billy Hester  
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Please consider joining us for one or more of these joyful services. "God on Broadway" is a whole new approach to spirituality and the quest to know God and the love of Christ. We are sure that the experience will bless you.

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Having a Birthday? Call the office at 233-4351  
or e-mail us at [church@asburymemorial.org](mailto:church@asburymemorial.org).

August

**2nd Jamie Kelso**

**Lance Wilhelm**

**3rd Birdie Anderson**

**Wayne Beasley**

**Don Colvard**

**Emily Gage**

**4th Jim Kluttz**

**5th Lyn Carden**

**Omkari Hill-**

**Williams**

**6th Chloe Harrison**

**Isabella Picone**

**Renwick Pulwarty**

**Beverly Vasta**

**7th Carman Purtee**

**9th Hayden Lego**

**12th Christi Hester**

**Peggy Larson**

**Greg Socks**

**13th Janet Dixon**

**14th Jona Downs**

**Pam Sears**

**16th Dani Birzer**

**17th Wendy Mason**

**18th John Hohnerlein**

**Carol Melton**

**Barbara Passino**

**19th Phillip Balad**

**Sharon Tarlano**

**20th Marshall Lego**

**21st Ross Munro**

**22nd Alice Burris**

**Margaret Clay**

**Bob Corey**

**23rd Sam Povie**

**24th Jaymes Walker**

**25th Carrie Collins**

**Diane Meseroll**

**Debbie**

**Williamson**

**27th Cheryl Loose**

**28th Katelynn Maddox**

**Kathy Virant**

**29th Mary Cronk**

**30th Sheri Coffey**

**Lee Davison**

**Chase Harrison**

**Bill Oakley**



August

3rd Joel & Julie Varland

4th Phil Pinault & Paula Avena

4th Susan & Ray Smith

4th Cory & Temperance West

9th Kent & Liz Urness

16th David & Pat Alley

20th Harry & Sandy Hoecherl

22nd Philip & Charlene Branan

22nd Keith & Carman Purtee

23rd Grady & Brenda Mills

24th Frank Ramsey & Danny Lewis

25th Mike & Debra Skinner

27th Bill & Karen Jahn

31st Kelly & Chris Beaver

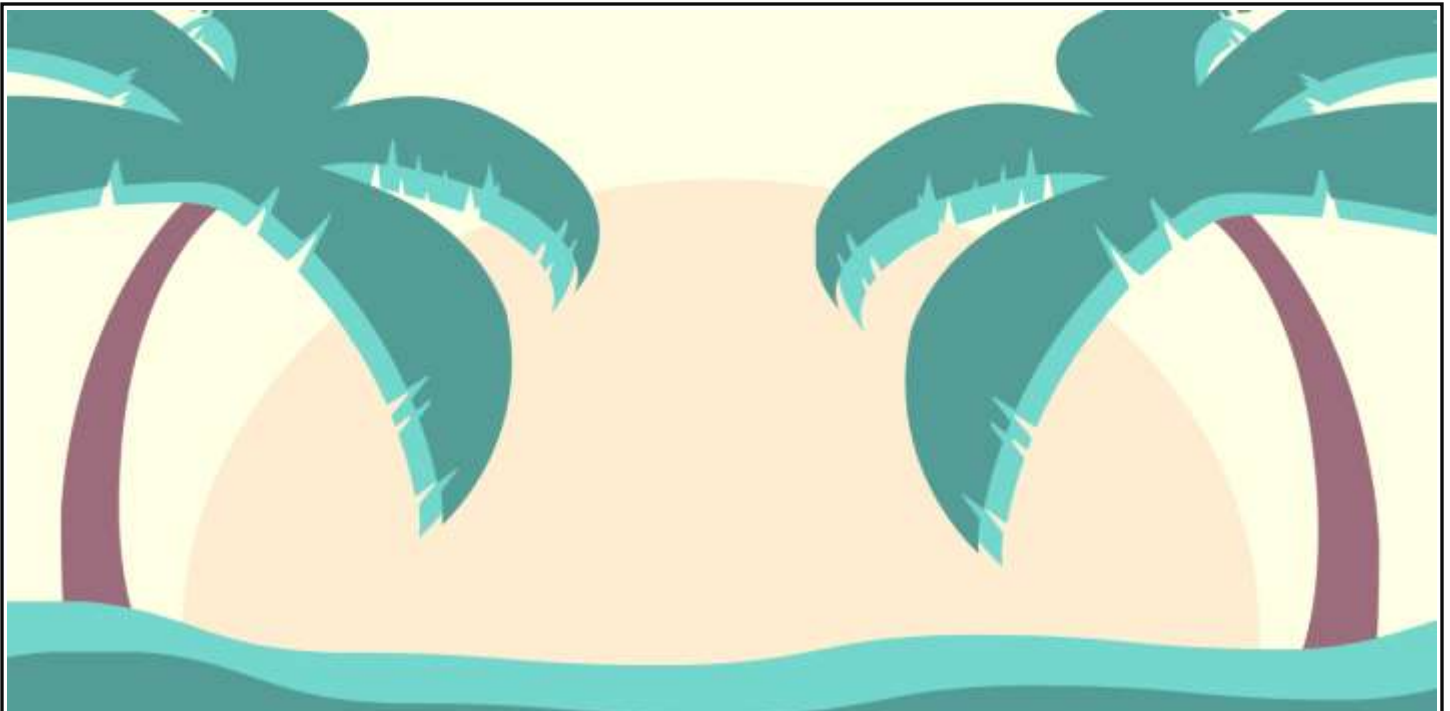


**Children's Time**

**Sunday**

**Mornings**

Will be taking a  
break for the  
summer.



ASBURY ANGELLS YOUTH GROUP

# ***NEW SCHOOL YEAR KICK OFF EVENT!***

*Sailing into the new school year together  
courtesy of Claire & John Marich and Kathy &  
Preston Hodges*

***WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4TH  
5:00PM - 7:30PM***

Claire, John, Kathy and Preston have generously offered to take the youth group out on their boats to kick off the new school year in style!

Please be sure to RSVP to [ckincade@AsburyMemorial.org](mailto:ckincade@AsburyMemorial.org)



# ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH

AN INCLUSIVE WESLEYAN COMMUNITY

1008 East Henry Street | Savannah, GA 31401-7128

*Where the  
Joy of God  
is Expressed  
Creatively*

July 27, 2021

Dear Asbury family,

In spite of this difficult year for many individuals, families, businesses and even worship communities, we were fortunate to have been able to adjust our expenses to help with the burden of temporarily suspending programs and worship. However, now that we have reopened for in-person worship and are equipping our new Live Streaming ministry and gearing up for other programs, our expenses are increasing and we need to be prepared financially and finish our year strong.

With that in mind, we not only want to send a very heartfelt "Thank you" to our faithful contributors but also encourage others to remember your church in your giving. It is never too late to make a pledge. Whether a current pledge, a new pledge or additional gift, your contributions do make a difference!

For your convenience, we have many options available for giving. Take a look at the Giving Methods page and see how easy it is to make a contribution.

If you have any questions about our finances, feel free to call Claudette or Randy at the church office.

Blessings,

Your Stewardship & Finance Committees

Senior Minister Rev. Billy Hester   Associate Minister Rev. Claire Marich   Music Minister Ray Ellis  
Phone 912.233.4351   Email [church@asburymemorial.org](mailto:church@asburymemorial.org)   Web [www.asburymemorial.org](http://www.asburymemorial.org)



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!



#### Mobile App:

From your smartphone: **GIVE PLUS+**

Download the free *GivePlus* app from the App Store or Google Play  
Open the *GivePlus* app and follow the simple directions  
You can setup an account or just give as a guest  
Make a one-time gift or set it up to be recurring

#### 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



An Overview of the

# 2021 Advance Child Tax Credit

## Payments start July 15

### Filed already?

You don't need to take any action now if you've filed a 2020 tax return.

### Haven't filed yet?

File your tax return as soon as possible. For people not required to file a tax return and who didn't file in 2019 or 2020, quickly register using the **IRS Non-filer Sign-up Tool**. You may qualify for the Child Tax Credit and Economic Impact Payments.

- Eligible families can receive advance payments of **up to \$300 per month** for each child under age 6 and **up to \$250 per month** for each child age 6 and above.
- Payments begin July 15 and will be sent monthly through December 15 without any further action required.
- You can benefit from the credit even if you don't have earned income or don't owe any income taxes.
- The tax credit includes advance payments for 2021 only.

### The American Rescue Plan Act Advance Child Tax Credit provisions include:

- The maximum Child Tax Credit increased to \$3,600 for children under the age of 6 and to \$3,000 per child for children between ages 6 and 17.
- The credit includes children who turn age 17 in 2021.
- Taxpayers may receive part of their credit in 2021 before filing their 2021 tax return.

**Eligible taxpayers who don't want to receive advance payment of the 2021 Child Tax Credit will have the opportunity to unenroll from receiving the payments.**

[IRS.gov/childtaxcredit2021](https://www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021)



## Asbury Community Cares Fund

### Some Financial Relief May Be One Application Away: Asbury Community Cares Fund

Friends, these are hard financial times for some in the Asbury community.

An 'Asbury Emergency Funding Task Force' was created to help ensure no Asburian lost their home due to the pandemic.

We were thinking of and praying for you while we worked!

Please do not let pride stop you from applying to see if there might be some financial assistance available to help you through these difficult times.

### Time may be running out to apply for some of these grants!

If you need financial help with your rent, mortgage, utilities and other things, please don't let pride stand in your way when there might be help just one application away.

Asbury has partnered with the experts at the non-profit Family Promise to help both individuals and families try to find financial resources that best fit your situation:

If you live in the city of Savannah, or Chatham, Effingham or Bryan county, there may be help for you through some emergency state, county and/or city grants. Again, **time may be running out to apply for these grants! Do NOT delay in applying!**

There is also a fund called the Asbury Community Cares Fund, given by Asburians *just* to help people in the Asbury community. This fund may be able to help you!

With one application through Family Promise you can apply for emergency state, county and city grants, as well as the Asbury Community Cares Fund, which was donated by Asburians *just* to help people in the Asbury community.

For fastest assistance, apply online: [familypromisesavannah.org/amc](http://familypromisesavannah.org/amc) (lower case amc)  
If you have questions or need a paper application, call Family Promise at 912.790.9446.



## Local Resources

The Coronavirus pandemic has stressed our resources in many ways: mental, emotional, financial, relational and spiritual. Your staff has compiled a list of resources to help folks with small businesses, to address budgetary changes, to find the latest information on symptoms and steps to take if you are ill, resources for mental health, obtaining food, and considerations for children and elders.

Go to the church website: [www.asburymemorial.org](http://www.asburymemorial.org) and click on the COVID RESOURCES icon for more information. The resources will continue to grow and evolve as conditions change. Be Well! There is support in our community to ensure that you maintain a good quality of life and your church family is committed to your welfare.

# 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.

## **10 o'Clock Hour & Wednesday Night Programs**

Both the 10 'clock Hour study and Wednesday night programs will take a hiatus for the summer. We are working on some exciting options for the fall! Stay tuned. If you have requests/suggestions for study or if you would like to become a facilitator for one or more sessions with our Adult Ministries, please contact Carol Melton at [cbmelton@bellsouth.net](mailto:cbmelton@bellsouth.net).

### **Wisdom Seekers**

**Mondays, 1:30—3 pm**

**Starting June 7th Wisdom Seekers will be taking a summer break.**

### **Men's Group**

**The Men's Group has decided to continue to meet during the summer!**

On July 8th the Men's Group will start a study and discussion of Philip Gulley's book, *The Evolution of Faith: How God is Creating a Better Christianity* which will continue for the month of July. The Men's Group meets on Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 pm via Zoom and welcomes all men. Members of the group are asked to volunteer to facilitate one of the sessions.

Zoom meeting ID: 844 3633 5506, Passcode: Asbury

### **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).

### **Green Team News!**

The Green Team will not hold meetings in July and August.

We are spreading the work about **Solarize Savannah**, the new city-wide campaign to increase Savannah's use of solar energy. Stay tuned for more!

<https://www.solarcrowdsource.com/campaign/savannah-ga/>





## **STEPHEN MINISTRY IS COMING TO ASBURY**

**Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ**

**(Galatians 6:2, NRSV)**

Stephen Ministry began in 1975 when the Rev. Kenneth C. Haug, Ph.D., a pastor and clinical psychologist, trained nine members of his congregation in St. Louis to be Stephen Ministers. They assisted him in providing Christian care and support to people in the congregation and community who were experiencing life difficulties.

Fast forward to today and there are more than 13,000 congregations offering Stephen Ministry as an extension of Pastoral care.

- Stephen Ministry relates to the last half of Asbury's mission statement (grow in faith as we seek to love, serve and celebrate God, each other and our community).
- Stephen Ministry is a proven way to organize, equip and supervise a team of congregation members called Stephen Ministers to provide confidential, high quality, one-to-one Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties.

### **Who's involved in Stephen Ministry?**

**Stephen Leaders** consist of church staff, church members and pastors trained to provide ongoing leadership for their Stephen Ministry. Stephen Leaders are equipped for this key role through 25 hours of training, which Candace Jenkins, Rhonda Reed, Stephen Reed and Sandra Katz just completed. Rev. Claire Marich has been a Stephen Leader for several years.

**Stephen Ministers** are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer care to people who are hurting. A Stephen Minister typically has one care receiver at a time. Throughout the summer we will recruit candidates for our first Stephen Minister class to begin in the fall.

**Care Receivers** are congregation or community members going through a crisis or life difficulty... death, divorce, cancer, financial difficulties, hospitalization, a spiritual crisis, job loss or health crisis.

We invite each of you to be a part of this ministry, whether you might consider being a Stephen Minister, or know someone needing the caring service of a Stephen Minister.

We ask for your prayers as we embrace this Ministry. If you have any questions, please call Candace Jenkins at the Church office 912-233-4351.

**PLEASE**



**THANK YOU**



Greetings, Asburians!

As our ability to interact in person may be limited, we need to remember that we are not alone: that we are still a vibrant faith community and God is present in the messiness of our lives to love us, lead us and witness our daily strife and pleasures.

Here are some ways to stay connected and some comforting resources:

There are also links on the Church Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/asburymemorialsavannah/> and the Church's webpage: [www.asburymemorial.org](http://www.asburymemorial.org)

Encouraging Words

The Encouraging Words will be taking a break during the month of August.

Worship on Sundays

Beginning Sunday, July 4th, we will begin our 11:15 AM in-person worship with relaxed worship guidelines (see front page for details). RESERVATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE ARE NOT REQUIRED. We will ask you to register your attendance at the door. We will require that a face mask be worn. On line services may be accessed from: <https://vimeo.com/event/1061155>

Online Devotionals

From our own Methodist tradition is the Upper Room which can be seen online here: <https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals>





# Feel Alone & Financially Insecure?

## We're here to help!

**Step Up Savannah** helps in your journey towards financial security by connecting you with the right resources.



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Follow us on



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### GET REMOTE HELP WITH

**SNAP**

**MEDICAID  
HEALTHCARE RESOURCES**

**CAPS**

**TANF**

**WIC**

### APPLY REMOTELY FOR PUBLIC BENEFITS AT THESE LOCATIONS:

#### STEP UP SAVANNAH

Kimberly Paulk  
912.330.6445  
M-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm  
*By phone appointment only*

#### ST. MARY'S COMMUNITY CENTER

Johnetta Ferguson & Linda Youth  
912.447.0578 Ext. # 5  
M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
*By phone in order received*

#### FIRST HISPANIC BAPTIST CHURCH

Anabel Perez  
828.244.2485  
Lunes y Martes 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
*Solo por cita telefonica*

#### MOSES JACKSON ADVANCEMENT CENTER

LeQuinton Kates & Sara Williams  
M-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm  
912.525.2166  
*By phone appointment only*

#### SAVANNAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Jessie Jones  
912.509.0771/ [snap@savannahtech.edu](mailto:snap@savannahtech.edu)  
Hours based on client need  
*By phone appointment only*

#### WESLEY COMMUNITY CENTERS OF SAVANNAH, INC.

Valeria Flowers  
912.447.5711/  
[flowerstv\\_wcc1601@yahoo.com](mailto:flowerstv_wcc1601@yahoo.com)  
hours based on client need

*By phone appointment only*

#### FORSYTH FARMERS MARKET

Tasha Cunningham  
347.861.9824  
Hours based on Clients Need

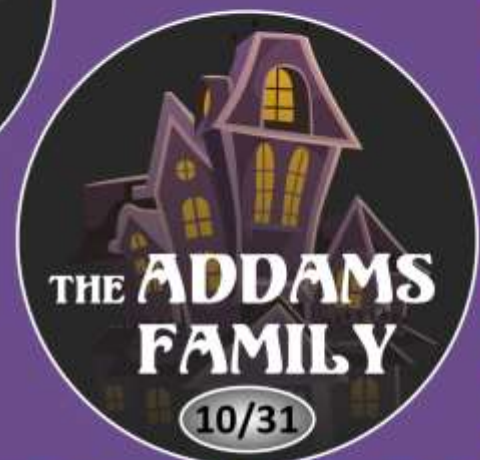
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## WHEN SHADOWS FALL

- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Joni Taylor in the death of her father, Tommy Taylor.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Bert Simmons in the death of his brother, Michael Simmons.*



### **23rd Psalm**

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,  
he refreshes my soul.  
He guides me along the right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD  
forever.

2021 Budget Offering

July 4th—\$19,818.46

July 11th—\$9,508.00

July 18th—\$15,605.67

July 25th—\$11,604.50

2021 Weekly Budget Need

\$13,830.00

2021 YTD Budget Need

\$414,900.00

2021 YTD Received

\$334,272.19

**MEMORIALS**

*A Gift has been given to the Music Fund by  
Judy & Karl Graham in memory of  
Sanford Jones*

*A Gift has been given to the Properties  
Fund by Joan Hester Byrd in memory of  
Bobby Tucker*

*A Gift has been given to the JUST Fund by  
Betty Franklin in memory of  
Sanford Jones*



**PRAYER REQUESTS**



**Asburians**

Kevin Ambrey, Neil Austing, Kelly Barrett,  
Loretta Bouquet, Fay Carroll, Bob Chvatal,  
Anita Clay, Linda Combs, Diane "D" Conner,  
Gretchen Dodd, Sam Durham, Katie Farmer,  
Bob Francischetti, Ellie Gonye, Chase  
Harrison, Roy Hill, Betty Hohnerlein, Pam  
Karacostas, Judith Kessler, Jack Lewis, Lynn  
Lord, Marion Manigo, Scott McCoy, Freida  
McGee, Brenda Mills, Grady Mills, Frances  
Monson, Virginia Moryadas, Marie Parker,  
Frank Ramsey, Barbara Ruggere, Nancy  
Saltsman, Caroline Smith, Roberta Smith,  
Cabell Stewart, Pete Vasta, Kenn Waters,  
Diane Williamson, Marie Winters

**Family Members & Friends**

Lindsey Aldred, Joanne Anderson, Rev. Grover  
Bell, Andy Blakely, Lisa Brown, Karen  
Browning, Phyllis Chappell, Don Cohen,  
Wanda Collins, Linda Cowart, James Thomas  
Crosby, Peter DeCordova, Bill Dodge, Gene  
Donaldson, Sara Driggers, Dan Goff, Catherine  
Guiton, Vickie Hamilton, Priscilla Hearn,  
Lindsay Kessler, Benjamin Leesburg, Kim  
Lewis, Donnie Malphrus, Jay Marshlick, Jane  
McCoy, Margaret Odom, Jennifer Payne,  
Fredia Peggs, Tommy Taylor, Neola Walker,  
Carole Warfield, Jacob Williams, Christiani  
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**Return Service Requested**

**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 \$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 some of our **different funds such as the Properties Fund, General Fund, Piano/Organ Fund, Family & Children's Ministries Fund, Youth Ministry Fund** or one of our Mission Funds.

**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 [church@asburymemorial.org](mailto:church@asburymemorial.org)  
Office hours are 9 AM to 4 PM, Monday thru Thursday.

**Mission Statement:**

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