



The Asbury Update

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Asbury Memorial
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Rev. Billy Hester
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Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Read all about it! In-Person Services Begin June 6th!

It is with GREAT JOY to announce that after the recommendation by our Health and Safety Task Force, our Church Council has agreed that we should start back with in-person worship services on June 6th!

After stopping in-person services in March of 2020, **Asbury's congregation will finally be able to worship in their sanctuary after 15 months of virtual services.** The in-person services will look a lot different than the ones we experienced before the pandemic. At this time, I am not going to go over all of the changes and protocols, but I can tell you that the services will be shorter (30-35 minutes long), everyone will need to wear a mask, and we will not have congregational singing.

I'm really going to miss the congregational singing. Singing hymns with our enthusiastic congregation and the wonderful acoustics in our sanctuary is a heavenly experience. But for now, I think we are all willing to do what we need to do **in order to be together again in the sanctuary. We'll soon be** sharing a lot more information about the guidelines so we can have a safe space for everyone.

I want to thank our administrator, Randy Canady, and the Health and Safety Task Force for their guidance and leadership during the pandemic. And I want to thank all of you for your incredible patience and faithfulness during this **challenging time. The staff and I can't wait to be with you again** in our sanctuary!

Love,
Billy

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Having a Birthday? Call the office at 233-4351
or e-mail us at church@asburymemorial.org.

May

2nd Mike Flatt

Beth Harn-Via

Zaida Hester

Tommy Schafer

3rd Lynne Allen

Jack Lewis

Freida McGee

Les Sears

4th Carolyn Stuber

5th Andy Becker

Susan Bolinger

6th Mary Alice Garvin

7th Marlon Harman

Scout McCaffity

9th Bill Kelso

Emma Varland

12th Lynne Norton

Mike Skinner

Tom Wages

14th Don Stahle

17th Joan Byrd

Kathy Consentino

Dylan Linthicum

Sara Linthicum

Kurt Purtee

Shirley Sessions

19th Joe Driggers

Elizabeth

Newkirk

20th Brian Clyatt

21st Melanie

Raulerson

22nd Jeff Dick

23rd Patty

Steinhauser

24th Pat Annel

25th Carla McCaffity

Roberta Smith

26th Helen Downing

Pauline Munro

27th Eric Anderson

Gerry Harman

Terry Harman

29th Sandy Golden

Tina Smith

31st Thomas Hunter

Alex Swanger



May

1st Colin & Jennifer Knox

1st Kelly & Kim Limehouse

4th Bill & Jamie Kelso

7th Suzanne & Andy Becker

11th Pat & Mary Prokop

13th Nancy & Thomas Parker

15th Bonnie & Jeff Kaar

15th John & Wendy Mason

17th Wes & Jack Hardcastle-Orr

17th John & Claire Marich

21st Chris & Barbara Gooby

27th Lawrence & Deborah Staab

28th Trina & Jake Dunn

30th Danny & Barbara Beam

30th Roy Hill & John Giles

31st Spencer & Carla Luke

Thank You!



Thank you so much Billy Hester (Cheri Hester) and Asbury Memorial Church for the beautiful flowers for our 57th Anniversary. We love y'all. Roger & DiAnne Amerson



Topic: Children's Time

Time: Sundays at 10:00 AM EST

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82359399695?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82359399695?pwd=TEtaNmRyTOJNTXM2WURTeXFhUEQ0QT09)
[pwd=TEtaNmRyTOJNTXM2WURTeXFhUEQ0QT09](#)

Meeting ID: 823 5939 9695



**Asbury Memorial's
Children & Families
Ministries**

Sing-A-Long Event

We will be holding a sing-a-long event
this **Saturday, May 1st from
10:00am to 11:00am.**

Contact Chris Kincade at
ckincade@asburymemorial.org for
information and to RSVP.



Attention: Seniors Parents of Graduating Seniors

It's that time of year to honor our graduates!!!

If you are a senior (High School, College, Technical) your church family would like to honor you for this momentous occasion, Parents, if you have a child that is graduating and is too shy or living away, we are asking you to let us know. We would like to know their full name, where they are graduating from, their major and if they plan to continue their education, where and also what they will be their major. Please contact Chris Kincade at

ckincade@asburymemorial.org or church@asburymemorial.org or call the church office at 912-233-4351.

Thank You

Thank you for the beautiful flowers received on my birthday. They made my day extra special.
Betty Hunter

Asbury Justice Ministries

It JUST – takes us!

Many of you have asked, how can I help make a difference in Savannah? The issues are so large, the list is long and the problems structural. Is there room for me, one person to have an impact? Yes, and yes! Here's the story and here's how.

Asbury Memorial is a proud charter member of the first interfaith community action group in Savannah history, called **JUST: Justice Unites Savannah Together**. **We worked through the winter and early spring preparing to use our people power to improve life in Savannah.**

In this, our first year, we built a justice ministry network starting at the grass roots level in the member houses of worship conducting Sacred Conversations to unearth concerns. We trained a team of nine justice leaders to facilitate those conversations. Over **50 Asbury** adults and youth committed to support **JUST**.

Members **met remotely and** voted on our top two concerns, **poverty and safe and affordable housing** as this year's target. Through research **and interviews** we formulated the Big Ask! We want **\$10million to be allocated to the Savannah Affordable Housing Trust Fund**. And, we will ask the **District Attorney to identify specific actions to reduce criminalizing poverty**.

On May 3, our Mayor and City Manager will be presented with the findings and with our Big Ask at our Nehemiah Action Assembly.

Our assembly is named after Nehemiah, an Old Testament Hebrew who gathered enough of the Hebrews to rebuild the walls around Jerusalem. Because of his faith, focus, and dedication, Nehemiah rallied his people to rebuild the wall in just 52 days. Together, they did what no one thought could be done!

This is where you come in! **We're asking you to be a present, silent witness--to stand with us-- on Monday, May 3, 7-8:30 on zoom, for the Nehemiah Action Rally.**

The power is in the people. Let them see us and hear our representatives.

Everyone must register. Here is the link to the **registration form** to sign up and join us.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSccrRpS3qnFt71IoPci5S5MKS6MSDG5uru4zKhjP9K1GP55VQ/viewform>

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 (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 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 this spring, all via Zoom. We hope that you will join in one or more of the programs. Zoom numbers will be sent in advance of meetings.

10 o'Clock Hour

Please join us for a fascinating study entitled *Painting the Stars: Science, Religion, and an Evolving Faith*. Celebrating the communion of science and faith, *Painting the Stars* explores the promise of evolutionary Christian spirituality. This 7-week study will begin during the 10 o' Clock Hour on April 11. Session leaders include Carol Melton, Carol Anderson, Chuck Eyler, and Kathy Hodges. We hope you'll plan to be there.

Please join us on Sundays at 10 am on Zoom. ID 826 7415 2585, password: Asbury.

Wisdom Seekers Mondays, 1:30—3 pm

New study: *Their Eyes Meeting the World*, by Robert Coles

Description: Per Pat Stewart, "it's a table book of art and stories by children from many cultures that vividly embraces social justices issues. It's a book of prominence awaiting your heart's presence."

It is out of print so you'll need to buy a used copy. They're inexpensive!

<https://www.amazon.com/THEIR-MEETING-WORLD-Robert-Coles/dp/0395611296>

Schedule:

Mondays beginning April 12 from 1:30-3pm

Zoom meeting info is the same each week:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86482910310?pwd=emE1ZEtBeXovaHNwRzdJeU1YVEhNQOT09>

Meeting ID: 864 8291 0310, Passcode: Asbury

Please join us as we read and discuss. Invite a friend!

Questions? Email Susan Bolinger zbbolinger@gmail.com

Men's Group

Men's Group is meeting on Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 pm via Zoom and welcomes all men. Members of the group are volunteering to select, share, and explore Biblical passages which they find personally meaningful.

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.

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Green Team News!

The next Green Team Zoom meeting will be May 18 at 7 pm.

All are invited—you do not have to be a “member” of the Green Team. Join us!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89072538977?pwd=TXRGQ0YrdFRnd3lYS0d5V1ZQekFndz09>

Meeting ID: 890 7253 8977

Passcode: Asbury

Asbury Green Team River Clean Up, Saturday 04/24/21



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The Asbury Green Team organized a clean up of Hayners Creek. We collected a literal boatload of trash mostly single use plastic and Styrofoam.



EASTER 2021



TOGETHER AGAIN!

IN-PERSON WORSHIP
BEGINS SUNDAY JUNE 6TH

*** WATCH FOR DETAILS ***



Are you missing being with one another for Sunday worship and having that lovely opportunity to place your contribution in the offering plate? 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

Click on



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



Mobile App:

From your smartphone:
Download the free **GIVE PLUS+** 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

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



Greetings, Asburians!

We offer you some new options for staying connected. As our ability to interact in person stays restricted, 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/asburymemorialumcsavannah/> and the Church's webpage: www.asburymemorial.org

Encouraging Words

Dial 912-358-0842 to hear a recorded message of encouragement and grace. These messages from staff and laity will change frequently and are available 24-7 whenever you need a little pick-me-up. No Facebook account or computer needed!

Worship on Sundays

We will continue to worship virtually on Sundays at 11:15am. In person services begin Sunday, June 6th. Just go to www.asburymemorial.org and click on the worship link. Who knows what lies in store for us from week to week?

Tune in and see...

Wishing you many avenues to find deep connections to your spirituality and community until we gather in person again.

And for the children and the child in all of us, check out the beautiful Godly Play stories.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82359399695?pwd=TEtaNmRyT0JNTXM2WURTeXFhUEQ0QT09>

Meeting ID: 823 5939 9695

Coffee Hour

Join us on Sunday after the worship service to see and talk with your fellow Asburians. Just go to www.asburymemorial.org and click on the link for ZOOM Coffee Hour on the right side on the home screen or via Zoom.us and enter the meeting ID: 912 233 4351, Passcode: Asbury

Online Devotionals

From our own Methodist tradition is the Upper Room which can be seen online here:

<https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals>

Georgia COVID-19 Emotional Support Line 866-399-8938



Georgia
Department of
Behavioral Health
& Developmental
Disabilities



The Georgia COVID-19 Emotional Support Line provides 24/7 free and confidential assistance to callers needing emotional support or resource information as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emotional Support Line is staffed by volunteers, including mental health professionals and others who have received training in crisis counseling.

A partnership between The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities, Beacon Health Options and Behavioral Health Link



Georgia Crisis & Access Line

1-800-715-4225

mygcal.com



Georgia Crisis and Access Line (GCAL)

1-800-715-4225

GCAL is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year to help you or someone you care for in a crisis



CARES Warm Line

1-844-326-5400

Substance Abuse Challenges
Call or Text Every Day of The Year
8:30AM - 11:00PM



COVID-19 Hotline (844) 442-2681

The State of Georgia has a new COVID-19 hotline. If you believe that you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to the novel coronavirus, please contact your primary care doctor or an urgent care clinic. Please do not show up unannounced at an emergency room or health care facility.



Peer2Peer Warm Line

Operating since the opening of the Peer Support and Wellness Center of Decatur in 2008, the warm line provides Georgians the opportunity to receive peer support over the phone 24 hours a day.

How to contact the Peer2Peer Warm Line
Call 888-945-1414 (toll-free) statewide, or locally:

Decatur: 404-371-1414
Bartow County: 770-276-2019
Colquitt County: 229-873-9737
Henry County: 678-782-7666
White County: 706-865-3601



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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HEALTHCARE RESOURCES

CAPS

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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

Jeisie Jones
912.509.0771 / unap@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
hours based on client need
By phone appointment only

FORSYTH FARMERS MARKET

Tasha Cunningham
347.861.9824
Hours based on Clients Need
By phone appointment only



THESE REMOTE SERVICES ARE FOR THE DURATION OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEN SHADOWS FALL

- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Iris, and her children: Gretchen, Paula, Rebecca, Marlin & Michael Dayoub in the death of Iris' husband, the children's' father and Asbury member, Dr. Mike Dayoub.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Cynthia Linthicum & family in the death of Cynthia's cousin, Nicole Wiggins.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Ann & Bill Anderson in the death of Ann's sister-in-law and friend of many Asburians, Susan Murray.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to family & friends in the death of, Brian Kenworthy.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Olivia McIntosh-Schamaun, Williams & Josh McIntosh in the death of their mother and member, Kathryn Osborne.*

MEMORIALS

Gifts have been given to the Geoff Harrison Memorial Fund by

Judy Jones

Cheri Hester

Kim Malphrus & Kimberly Smith

Cindy Telljohann

Charles & Catherine Workmon

Jim & Alice Burris

Anonymous

Betty Hunter

William Hoffman

Karen Oliver

Deb Gibson, Becca Terrett & Tracy Eckard

Mickey Dodge

Marand Holdings

D & R Auto Brokers

Cynthia Herold

Susan Harrison

Michael Austin

Mina Smith

Amy Jenkins

Kathy & Preston Hodges

***A Gift has been given to the Live Stream Ministry Fund in memory of John "Jug" Knight
by Coastal Lifestyle Group***

***A Gift has been given to the Music Ministry in memory of Mike Dayoub by
Wanda Mack Collins***

HONORARIUMS

***A Gift has been given to the Live Stream Ministry in appreciation for all the good Asbury
does in the world and in the Savannah Community by
Louise Harrison and Anya Darrow***

2021 Budget Offering

March 28th—\$9,254.16

April 4th—\$7,089.00

April 11th—\$9,220.00

April 18th—\$21,619.67

April 25th—TBA

2021 Weekly Budget Need

\$13,830.00

2021 YTD Budget Need

\$221,280.00

2021 YTD Received

\$181,073.20

May Stewardship Update

A reminder from the Stewardship Committee it's not too late to pledge for giving in 2021. If you're not sure if you made a pledge, call the church office and ask.

FYI our finance numbers show actual giving for the year is only a bit behind actual pledges, so thank you for faithful giving. Keep it up!

If you have questions about our financial status and how it is affected by the pandemic or Asbury's disaffiliation or Wesley Oak's possible disaffiliation, or any other finance and giving question please call the church office and we'll get you an answer from the right person.

The stewardship committee has some tips on how to make the most of your giving using tax or estate planning advantages. Interested? Take a look!

<https://tinyurl.com/AsburyTaxAdvantagedGiving2021>

PRAYER REQUESTS



Asburians

Anita Clay, Gretchen Dodd, Sam Durham, Katie Farmer, Bob Francischetti, Ellie Gonye, Chase Harrison, Roy Hill, Kelsey Hines, Betty Hohnerlein, Lawrence Hyde, Dale Karacostas, Judith Kessler, Jack Lewis, Marion Manigo, Scott McCoy, Brenda Mills, Grady Mills, Frances Monson, Virginia Moryadas, Dan Nelson, Marie Parker, Dian Ribbens, Nancy Saltsman, Caroline Smith, Roberta Smith, Linda Socks, Cabell Stewart, Pete Vasta, Kenn Waters, Judy Wilburn, Diane Williamson, Marie Winters

Family Members & Friends

Lindsey Aldred, Steve Amerson, Joanne Anderson, Harold Attaway, Rev. Grover Bell, Lisa Brown, Karen Browning, Ken Carter, Phyllis Chappell, Linda Cowart, James Thomas Crosby, Peter DeCordova, Bill Dodge, Sara Driggers, Dan Goff, Catherine Guiton, Vickie Hamilton, Priscilla Hearn, Lindsay Kessler, Benjamin Leesburg, Kim Lewis, Deborah Luster, Margaret Odom, Jennifer Payne, Fredia Peggs, Cody Shearouse, Chris Slate, Neola Walker

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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
Office hours are 9 AM to 4 PM, Monday thru Thursday.

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.