

A woman with glasses, wearing a dark blue clerical robe with a grey patterned stole and a gold cross necklace, is smiling and holding two bunches of red balloons. The background is a plain wall with a framed document on the left.

APRIL 2024

ASBURY UPDATE

Celebrating Our Rev. Lynn Drake

A Heart Dedicated to Love and Service

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April Birthdays

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|---|---|--|--|
| 1 Bill Anderson
April Kammerud
Dan Nelson | 6 Sherry Giddens
Charlie Ribbens | 13 August Alderman
Ellie Gonye
Chris Steiner | 23 Tim Barnes
Todd Foster
Beverly Thompson |
| 2 Marsha Hargreaves
Les Sears | 7 Micky Dodge
Betty Hall | 14 Bruce Beaird | 24 Deborah Ray |
| 3 Linda Burton
Kathy Waters
Willa Wright | 8 Beth Tyson | 15 Shirley Horovitz
Fran Zeigler | 26 Jason Carden
Barbara Plank |
| 4 Lee Ciucevich
Michelle DiBiase
Chelsea Godwin
Kim Malphrus | 9 Hai Dang
Pam Parker-Kress | 18 Randy Canady | 27 Nancy Austin
Kimberly Smith |
| | 11 Richard Allen
Chris Beaver
Melissa Gratias
Preston Hodges | 20 Paul Fagan
Mark Pohl | 28 Jameson Stafford
Evans Wright |
| | 12 Sam Durham | 21 Judith Kessler | 29 Chelsea Bradt
Kim Limehouse |
| | | 22 Jenifer Hall
Kathleen
Leopard | |

April Anniversaries

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| 4th
Beth & Nate
Tyson | 8th
Lyn & Jason
Carden | 10th
Lynne & Richard
Allen | 10th
Randy Canady
& Ray Ellis |
| 13th
Karen & Tim
Conrow | 15th
Wendy & Pat
Ciccodicola | 17th
Kristin & Adel
Karam | 18th
Ruthie & Nick
Deffley |
| | 20th
Allie Barnes
& Bo Culjan | 21st
Sandy McCloud
& Bob Sproul | 22nd
Kim & Steve
Johnson |
| | 22nd
Kathy & Bill
Oakley | 26th
Mary Jane & Wayne
McGowan | 27th
Peggy & Joe
Zeigler |

APRIL

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1 7:00p SMART Recovery @ WO	2	3 5:30p Youth Group 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	4 6:30p Staff Relations Committee Meeting 7:00p Men's Group	5	6	7 9:30a Service @ Wesley Oak 11:15a Service @ Asbury Memorial
8 12:30p Wisdom Seekers 7:00p SMART Recovery @ WO	9 6:30p Ministry Round Table	10 5:30p Youth Group 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	11 7:00p Men's Group	12	13	14 9:30a Service @ Wesley Oak 11:15a Service @ Asbury Memorial 2:00p Canasta Blast @ AMC
15 7:00p SMART Recovery @ WO	16 6:30p Common Ground Documentary @ AMC Finance Committee Meeting	17 5:30p Youth Group 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	18 6:00p Third Thursday Documentary Night @ WO 7:00p Men's Group	19	20	21 9:30a Service @ Wesley Oak 11:15a Service @ Asbury Memorial
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FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR OF JOY

How Can I Give? Part 2

Part 2: Maybe Donating From Your IRA Is A Good Idea

In my newsletter article last month, I said that the "joy of giving" happens when we actually give. I also suggested how to enjoy contributing to the church, starting with giving cash in the offering plate during our in-person Sunday morning worship. This month and next, I want to consider other ways of giving your tithe or offering. Your giving to the church might also lessen your tax burden. Maybe there's joy there, too!

While preparing my own tax return recently, I thought that you might like to know how your giving might reduce your income tax obligation. First, though, an important disclaimer: this article is NOT intended as tax advice. This is merely some information that I've learned through the years as a pastor and (for a short while) as an executive director of a small secular nonprofit organization. Maybe you will find this information helpful when you talk with your accountant or tax preparer in filing your own return.

It's likely that you already know that your contributions to the church or (any other 501(c)3 organization) are tax deductible. Both you and the church keep a record of your giving, and, in January of each year you receive a record from the church detailing your gifts in the previous year. These records form the basis for filing one part of Schedule A (Itemized Deductions) as part of your yearly tax return. However, since the amount of the standard deduction was raised a few years ago, most taxpayers now find that there is no advantage to their itemizing using Schedule A.





2024 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE



But there's another way to legally deduct your contribution to the church, whether you use Schedule A for itemizing deductions or not. Here's what you might consider: (a) if you have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA); and (b) if you are old enough to begin making IRA withdrawals without an early withdrawal penalty.

And NOTE this: You may make charitable contributions through your IRA in a way that will allow you to deduct the amount of the contributions from your taxable income. Doing so reduces your taxable income on the first page of Form 1040. To do this, you instruct the institution holding your IRA to make the withdrawal on your behalf, with the withdrawal check made out to the church, not to you.

Remember, if, like me, you are over 73 years old, you are required to make yearly withdrawals from your IRA. These Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) are just that: required. You must either withdraw the RMD each year or pay a penalty. So, remember, if your IRA withdrawal comes as a check to you, it is taxable; but if you give it directly to a charitable organization, it is a non-taxable withdrawal. In effect, it is a deduction, and may reduce your tax obligation. In my mind, that doubles the joy of my giving. Maybe it will for you, too!



Give Now



Anne Bishop



Robin Eifler



Jan Gordon



Shirley Horovitz



JoAnne Lanier



Mollie Robinson



Gail Thomas



Krissy Alexander and children
Kalicia, Jack, and Khloe (left to right)



Nicole Alford and sons Orion and Finley

Welcome Home

TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

Happy
**RETIREMENT
PARTY**

IN HONOR OF

REV. LYNN DRAKE

JOIN US

APRIL 7TH

1:00PM

WESLEY OAK CAMPUS

3124 E VICTORY DR, THUNDERBOLT, GA



Rev. Lynn Drake: A Heart Dedicated to Love and Service

Please tell us more about your journey and what retirement looks like for you so far

Rev. Lynn Drake: Having spent my early years on Tybee Island, when there were more residents than vacationers, I enjoyed the freedom of neighborhood life on the back river, school activities which included lots of outdoor experiences, lots of beach time, barefoot most always, and a vibrant welcoming church life.

I had imagination and curiosity, not able to sit still, loved crabbing, playing in the marsh and up in trees, swinging as high as possible on tree ropes, singing, reading, and the library. On Easter one year, I came home from church and went out to the long rope swing and thought about the exciting morning of celebration, and the idea of a God. I have always remembered how I felt swinging and thinking and looking at the beautiful azaleas in blossoms, and imagining all that was right with my world. This experience has been with me as it shaped the beginning of my love for God and assured me in my life's faith journey.



It would be my musical family and the church that gave me a musical life. I played piano in Sunday School and Church and clarinet in the Savannah Youth Orchestra. When I was in high school, I was able to play for church and take organ lessons. In undergraduate school, I majored in music and afterwards obtained a Master of Music degree. I was fortunate to study abroad as part of the American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Austria, for a summer during graduate school.

While in college I worked as a legal secretary for a firm downtown, and when my musical academic studies were completed, I taught school for three years at Savannah Country Day.

From an early age at church, I was drawn to worship not only for the music but by the sermon and the gracious pastors I was raised amidst. When I was about 11 years old, I told my uncle I would love to be a pastor like him, and he said "Well, I think you would be a fine minister's wife."

I was disappointed but I did not think on it again much until I was full time Minister of Music at Isle of Hope UMC and began thinking about seminary around 1989.

I began taking seminary courses from United Methodist Seminaries, to be consecrated as a Diaconal Minister of Music in the church. During this time, and inspired by various professors along the way, I began to long for further studies and became more concerned for the lack of women's voices and histories being heard in the church, and the lack of hands and voices serving in justice ministries such as civil rights, LGBTQ+ and more.

During the early 1990's, along with others at Isle of Hope, I began making such ministries part of church life. Through serving in at risk communities, food banks, women, children, and family shelters, along with the men shelters which were already part of the area. Mission trips to Mexico and across the USA. In 1994 and 1995, I became connected with Billy and Asbury Memorial through the Summer Arts Program, helping with music and other areas needed.



Rev. Lynn Drake



It was during this time I was considering leaving IOH to go full time to Emory Candler School of Theology in Atlanta. With the blessings of Billy and Asbury and Isle of Hope I was given a chance to serve at Asbury with a joint salary from both churches while I attended seminary. In January 1996, I resigned my position as Minister of Music at IOH and came on staff at Asbury where I served for five years. I was ordained an Elder in the church in June of 1997. In 2001, Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak were able to employ a full-time pastor, and I was appointed to Wesley Oak. I will always give thanks for WO where I know they "raised me up," with wisdom and amazing grace and their witness to the power of love and hospitality.

My family, especially my parents, and my husband, were always offering support and encouragement in my time in seminary and all through my years as a pastor. They enabled me to do so many things in ministry. My parents cared for Jimmy and Julia while I attended Emory, and my siblings did as well with many other gifts of support. The United Methodist Women of Isle of Hope UMC, have stayed with me all the years since 1996, with their prayers, invitations to their events, and seminary support. Dr. Gail O'Day, New Testament and Preaching, and Dr. Diane Lobody, New Testament, were brilliant and challenging professors who gave me so many wonderful, exciting experiences of learning.

Reverend Allison Rhodes, was a shining example of a woman in ministry, and as my ordination mentor and friend, was an assuring presence, serious, a great sense of humor, and generous teacher.

I continue to be inspired as a part of the Wesley Oak and Asbury Memorial worshipping community of faith and the mutual longing of the congregation for the fruits of hospitality, generosity, spiritual practices, worship, risk taking mission and service. As pastor, I am most grateful for the Word and Table service every Sunday for the last 22 years at Wesley Oak. The communal experience of confession and pardon, sharing the great thanksgiving, and the going forth by the Spirit that "makes us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world." I will ever encourage other pastors and church leaders to continue in a worshipping community that includes Word and Table, and to embrace the longing in each person for the fruits of hospitality, generosity, spiritual practices, worship, mission, and service.

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Remembering the words in Esther 4: 14b, "who knows but that you have come to your royal (holy) position for such a time as this?" when facing the challenges of today in ministry. I look upon the amazing talents and gifts of so many who are with deep faith and love, serving in ministry now at Wesley Oak and Asbury Memorial, and beyond.

The calamity, the chaos, is surely present as we experienced in the past, and yet, here are two intentional churches active and making a difference in the world today. There is a confidence that one day, this day, each day, God is making all things new.

I am most grateful as well for such a time as retirement! Already, I have been enjoying not only some rest and relaxation, but more time with my family and hobbies I enjoy.



Jimmy and I have been on the road to Athens quite a bit to visit our daughter Julia, her husband Shayan, and our grandson, Cyrus. We continue to be "over the moon" as grandparents.

There have been scriptures memorized in my heart and mind throughout many years that were comfort and joy for me. Psalm 100, which I memorized for my confirmation and never forgot it. Psalm 42, which always drew my thoughts to nature, the world, and God's omnipotence. Psalm 23, a most beautiful one of God's abiding love. The Beatitudes and many of the parables of Jesus. Goodness! It is good to memorize verses and special poems for they come to you in unexpected times, needful times, joyful times. It is good to get into Bible study and living the questions! Looking forward to many more days to do so! In these days I am glad for music and ministry and will keep singing this beautiful hymn by Brian Wren, "There's a Spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere: Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in the world!"



Justice Unites Savannah Together
invites you to our annual

NEHEMIAH ACTION

● Apr 15th - 7:00pm



At this meeting we will call on our elected officials to implement better policies with regard to affordable housing and education. It's the BIG ONE. Your presence and the presence of your guests is essential to exhibit the kind of people power that will influence our local decision-makers. Let's pack the hall for justice: It JUST takes us!



ST. PAUL CME CHURCH

1601 Barnard St.
Savannah, GA



COASTAL INTERFAITH GREEN TEAM

April 2024



FORSYTH FARMER'S MARKET

Green Team members were up early on Saturday March 30 when we volunteered at Forsyth Farmers' Market beginning at 7:00 AM. When the market opened at 9:00 AM we strolled up and down the main promenade sampling some of the delicious food for sale and visiting vendors who specialize in organic and other alternative farming practices.

Forsyth Farmers' Market is a non-profit organization that was founded in 2009 by six women who came together with a common vision of a local food system that is good for the health of all people and the environment.

The first market was held on May 9th, 2009. FFM's main goal is to provide all members of the Savannah community a welcoming, inclusive place to purchase local food and address food access issues. All vendors must produce at least 75% of the products they sell. Forsyth Farmers Market was one of the first independent farmers' markets to allow shoppers to use SNAP benefits to purchase food and it has consistently had one of the highest SNAP sales in Georgia.

EARTH WEEK

The Coastal Interfaith Green Team is sponsoring a variety of events beginning on April 13 and culminating with worship services at our respective houses of worship on Sunday, April 21

ACTIVE HOPE WORKSHOP

On Saturday, April 13th the Unitarian Universalist Church will host "Active Hope," a workshop on Sacred Activism. This is a participatory workshop designed to help transform fear and despair into inspiration and empowerment.

The workshop is led by Beth Remmes who is the Coastal Outreach Coordinator for Georgia Interfaith Power and Light. Those interested should RSVP to Kevin Ionno at jkionno@yahoo.com by April 10.

COMMON GROUND

On Tuesday, April 16th Asbury Memorial Church will host a screening of "Common Ground," a new documentary about how regenerating the world's soils has the potential to rapidly stabilize Earth's climate, restore lost ecosystems, and create abundant food supplies. Show time is at 6:30 PM in Holliday Hall. A moderated discussion will follow the film.

Earth Day Savannah

On Friday, April 19th the Coastal Interfaith Green Team will host an information and activity table at Savannah Earth Day in Daffin Park from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. We will have a variety of hands-on activities for children and adults. Stop by to see us!

Earth Day Worship Services

Each of our member congregations will be hosting special worship services on Sunday, April 21st featuring readings and music about how to care for all of God's creations



MEN'S GROUP

Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak Men's Group

We welcome all men to join us Thursday nights for fellowship and discussion.

We talk about what is on our minds: a theological point or question, an interesting book or current events.

What's on your mind?

If you're looking for a way to connect, make new friends, participate in some fascinating discussions, and get to know others, please join us! We have a great time and all from the comfort of our homes.

Should you have any questions, contact Gregg Walther at gdw0517@gmail.com

We meet Thursdays 7:00-8:30 via Zoom.

Zoom meeting ID: 844 3633 5506,
passcode: Asbury

GODLY PLAY



EVERY SUNDAY

AT ASBURY MEMORIAL & WESLEY OAK

Wesley Oak Campus
9:30am
ages 4 yrs - 5th grade

Asbury Memorial Campus
11:15am
ages 4 yrs - 5th grade

ASBURY MEMORIAL'S

CANASTA BLAST

Sunday, April 14th, 2-5p

Holliday Hall at Asbury Memorial

Cost is \$10

Proceeds will go to the Hospitality Committee. You don't need experience playing Canasta to attend. We will teach you. There will be an experienced Canasta player at each card table of four. Come join the fun!

Questions? Contact Kay Deffley
at kdeffley@gmail.com



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 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
912-312-0079
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.**

3-19-24

Dear Asburian -

Thank you for the lovely
green & white bouquet!

It looks lovely
on my front porch. Am.
using it to greet my
friends coming for a

party on the 23rd.
Flowers sometimes last
2 or 3 wks. if left outside

Sincerely,
Penny

Welcome To The World



✦ **Logan S. McGill** ✦

Congratulations to Asburian,
Robert McEwen on becoming
a great grandfather!

Robert's great grandson, Logan S. McGill,
was born on February 22, 2024.



MEET US AT THE THEATRE

Several folks from Asbury Memorial met at Savannah Repertory Theatre to see *The Revolutionists* and had a great time! Our next venture will be *Young Frankenstein* at Savannah Cabaret Theatre on Saturday April 20th at 3 pm.

We invite anyone from Asbury/Wesley Oak and friends who want to enjoy theatre -going socially outside of the church to join us. There are no dues, no fees (except your own tickets), and we are willing to carpool. We would love to go to events with Sunday matinees so that we could go soon after the church service, and we are always looking for those events.

If you are interested see Tom Lewis or Heidi Hoffmann for information. If you need contact information we are listed in the directory or call the church office.



2024 FLOWER CALENDAR

Supply the lovely
flower arrangements for
our Sunday worship
service to commemorate
a special date for you
or a loved one.

Sign up through the
church office today!

You don't have to deal with this by yourself...

Let us help!

A Stephen Minister is just a call away.

Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. The identity of those receiving care and everything they discuss with a Stephen Minister remain private.

Contact Candace Jenkins for more information:

912.233.4351

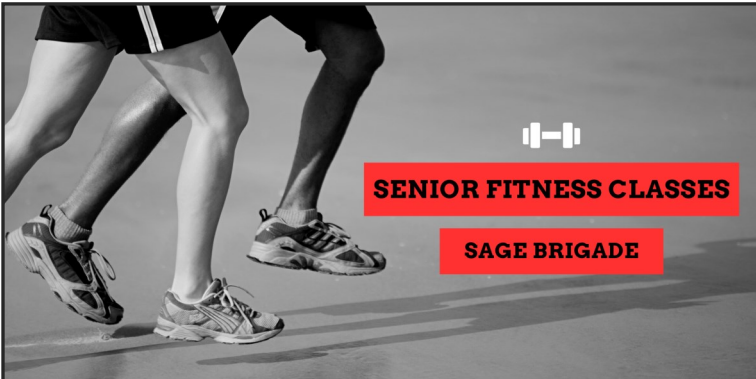
cjenkins@asburymemorial.org




Congratulations!

*Sandra Katz
&
Brooks Barrett*

Sandra and Brooks were married on Saturday, March 2, 2024 with Rev. Billy Hester officiating their beautiful wedding ceremony. Congratulations from your Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak Church families!



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

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

ASBURY MEMORIAL'S HEAVENLY

Honey

BUY SOME TODAY

only \$12

You can purchase Asbury Memorial's Heavenly Honey ALL YEAR LONG! Stop by the church office to purchase yours today!

We invite you to

Men's Group



Men's Group

Facilitator:
Gregg Walther
Thursdays,
7:00pm—8:30pm

We welcome all men to join us Thursday nights for fellowship and discussion. We talk about what is on our minds: a theological point or question, an interesting book or current events.

If you're looking for a way to connect, make new friends, participate in some fascinating discussions, and get to know others, please join us! We have a great time and all from the comfort of our homes

ZOOM ID:
844 3633 5506
passcode: Asbury

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: Trish Haverkamp
2nd & 4th Mondays, 12:30pm—2:00pm

If you have any questions about the group, please email Trish Haverkamp at trish.haverkamp@gmail.com
Zoom Meeting ID: 864 8291 0310
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

When Shadows Fall

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

Family and friends in the passing of Asburians, Dennis Lanier, Diane Williamson, and Nanci Hartland

Donna Waller & Maria Spears in the passing of Donna's aunt & Maria's great-aunt, Carol Stigler

Chris Kincade & family in the passing of Chris' uncle, Tom Deuel

Rhonda Reed in the passing of her uncle,
Herschel Dean Neher

Susan Harrison in the passing of her brother,
David Oliver



Prayer Requests

Asburians

Finn Alford, DiAnne Amerson, Pat Andres, Margaret Clay, Sheri Coffey, Carrie Collins, Dina Consentino, Marty Coolidge, Gretchen Dodd, Sam Durham, Robin Eifler, Katie Farmer, Morgan Page Faunce, Jo Fausnacht, Ellie Gonye, Gerry Harman, Chase Harrison, Preston Hodges, John Hohnerlein, Dale Karacostas, Judith Kessler, Rev. Marilyn Leigh, Jack Lewis, Kim Limehouse, Marion Manigo, Brenda Mills, Virginia Moryadas, Marie Parker, Frank Ramsey, Mike Skinner, Greg Socks, Cabell Stewart, Pat Stewart, Kenn Waters, Judy Wilburn, Peggy Zeigler

Family Members and Friends

Traci, Julie Alderman, Tommy & Delleen Altizer, John Beam, Max Clements, Linda Cowart, Sara Driggers, Carol Harrison, CT Harper, Priscilla Hearn, Joe & Mary Jurgenson, Jackie Lewis, Matt Moll, Pat Munoz, Tony Munoz, Leonard Nicoletta, Steven Odrezin, Jim Skoronsky, Fredia Peggs, Eddie Solomons, Linda Southerland, Christi Yunkunis

WE HAVE MULTIPLE WAYS FOR YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT OF ASBURY MEMORIAL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS!



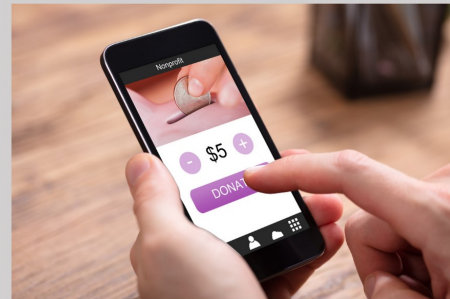
Mail:

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 the Give Now button
- 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



We will be adding a section to the monthly newsletter to showcase the talents of our church family. Please submit pictures of your artwork, art pieces, poems, stories, etc. and we will pick a few of the submissions for each issue.

Please be sure to include your name, a description of your submission, and email everything with the subject line of "Creative Corner" to ckincade@asburymemorial.org



1 in 4 children in South Georgia live in homes where having enough food is a struggle every day.

P.A.C.K. is committed to packing and delivering over 10,000 bags a month to children in Chatham county and the surrounding areas.

VOLUNTEER

Mondays & Thursdays

10am - 12pm

4 Mall Terrace

Savannah

www.packsavannah.com

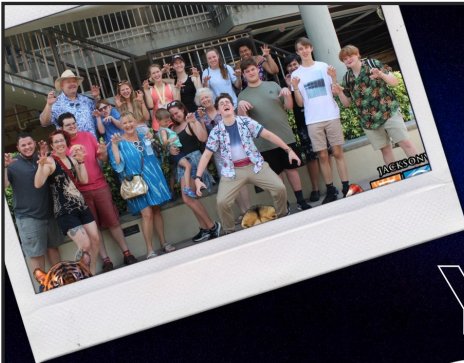


Memorials

A gift has been given to
the Properties fund
in memory of
Robert Perry
by:
Ed & Bonnie Perry

Honorariums

A gift has been given to
the Properties fund
in honor of:
Charles Ennis
by:
Anonymous



ANGELLS

YOUTH GROUP



WEDNESDAYS 5:30P - 7:30P

FULLY INCLUSIVE AND SUPPORTIVE YOUTH GROUP.
COME EXACTLY AS YOU ARE!

VOLUNTEER MAY 4TH



Congregations in Service is celebrating its 20th anniversary!

Asbury Memorial has been involved since its beginning.

The steering committee is made up of Christian Churches, The Mosque Masjid Jihad, Baha'i, Mickve Israel and we've just added a Buddhist temple.

We meet twice a year to do volunteer work all over Savannah.

Asbury Memorial has agreed to host Saturday the 4th of May. We will meet in Holliday Hall at 8am for coffee and distribute work assignments. After a brief service we will go to our jobs for the morning. This could be anything from walking dogs at the Humane Society, painting rooms in shelters, garbage pickup at parks, sorting the clothes closet for Inspiritus, etc.

Work will be also taking place on Sunday May 5th at 12:30pm. However, that isn't good for our timetable at Asbury, but could work for Wesley Oak.

Those who are unable to be active will stay in Holliday Hall and make no sew blankets and other projects.

At noon, 1st Christian Church on Victory Drive provides a very good lunch for everyone. I will keep you informed of other opportunities closer to the date. This is a wonderful opportunity to work with people of other faiths. **Please save the date - May 4th**

~ Margaret Cook-Levy

CHAIR NAME PLATES

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.

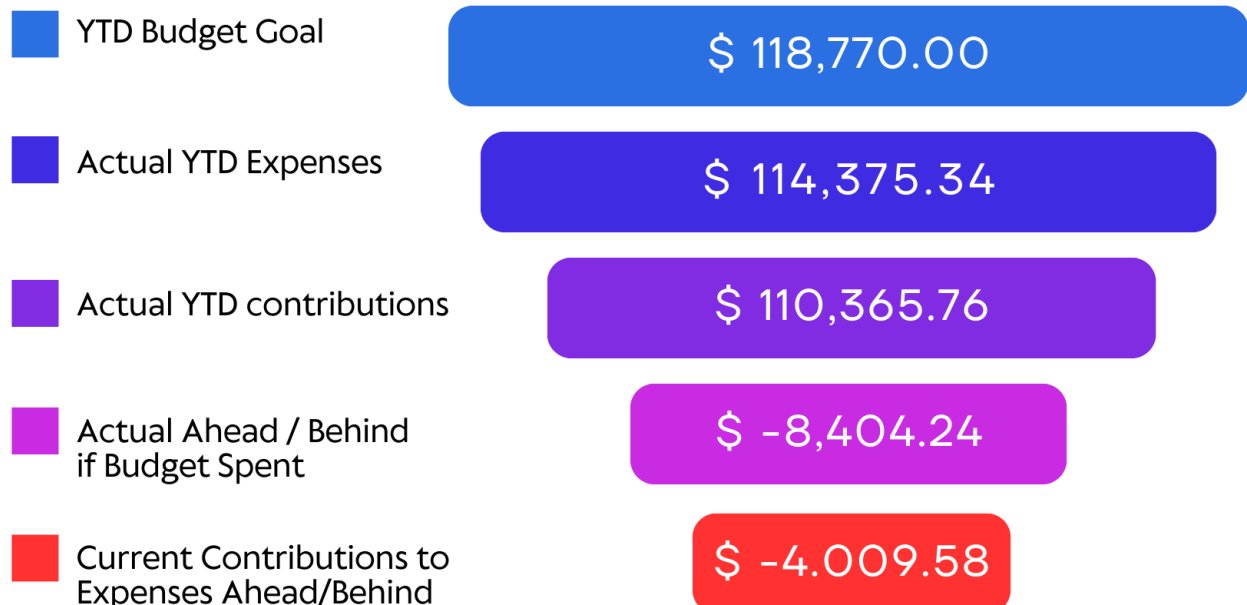
If you would like to remember or honor a loved one in a special way, complete an order form and turn it into the church office. Forms are available in the church narthex and the office. Please turn in a completed form to the office.

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

*For my Asbury Family
By Robert D. McEwen*

Financial Health

General Budget as of February 2024



New Roof Coming in April!

We are so excited to announce that Wesley Oak is finally getting a new roof!

The new roof is being installed the weekend of April 28th, so we will not have service at our Wesley Oak campus on that Sunday.

Instead we will have a **COMBINED** service at our Asbury Memorial campus at 11:15am on April 28th.

COME HELP IN THE GARDEN!

Have you ever wished you had the space for a big garden with a ton of sun? Guess what...you do! Wesley Oak has had a long-standing tradition of putting in a garden every year. We cannot do it alone. We have a small team, but we need more help. We need people to help plant, water and weed on a regular basis through the fall. The Joy Garden Team is starting to plan out the layout and plots, work out infrastructure needs and will be getting to work - pretty much now! If you have time, love to be outside and could help out on a weekly or bi-weekly basis please let us know. We will work up a schedule (you set your own times, we just need to make sure we have days covered) and will get you in the loop ASAP.

BIG NOTE: You do NOT need to be a gardener. This is a fun thing and we want all to be able to reap the rewards. Any and all help is greatly appreciated. Go Spring!



THIRD THURSDAY DOCUMENTARY NIGHTS

Please join us on the third Thursday of each month at Wesley Oak for our Third Thursday Documentary Nights. These events offer an opportunity for us to come together, learn, and engage in meaningful conversations.

Following each screening, we'll have an open discussion where everyone is encouraged to share their thoughts, reflections, and questions related to the documentary.

Feel free to invite friends and family who might be interested in this unique and thought-provoking experience.

Wesley Oak Prayer List

*Rejoice always,
pray constantly
I Thessalonians*

Dave Thompson
Bubba Hughes
Carol Schwalbe
April Hendrix



WESLEY OAK'S BOOK EXCHANGE



Wesley Oak has a book exchange!
Do you have a book you just loved? Did you read something that inspired you? Is there a book you think others would enjoy reading? Donate it!!
Everyone is encouraged to participate in the donating and borrowing of books. Once you read the book, just return it back to the library at Wesley Oak. Borrowers are encouraged to write a little something in the book for the next person to read.



Godly Play Volunteers

Thank you to all who continue to serve the children and youth ministries of Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak. We are so excited for the days ahead and the opportunities we as a church family will continue to have in nurturing and welcoming children and youth at Wesley Oak.

We need more volunteers for the children's ministry at Wesley Oak, so if you have a calling on your heart, please speak with Lance Wilhelm or Chris Kincade. Our goal is to have enough volunteers that we only have to call on each, one time in a 6 week rotation. Godly play is such a wonderful program that you are sure to love and is so easy to participate in as a storyteller or door person. We will teach you everything you need to know. Stay tuned for an informational session soon!

 ckincade@asburymemorial.org

CHOIR

WESLEY OAK CHANCEL CHOIR

COME & JOIN IN!

**THE CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSES ON SUNDAY
MORNINGS AT 8:30 A.M. EACH WEEK. IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF THE MUSIC AT
WESLEY OAK CHURCH, PLEASE CONNECT WITH
J.J. COLLINS, DIRECTOR.**

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US!

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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.

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.