

The Asbury Update August 2020

Asbury Memorial Church Rev. Billy Hester

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Cecile Crockett & Colleen Robinette Added to The Tree of Life

On one of the main walls at the church is a plaque that recognizes people who remembered Asbury Memorial in their will or estate. We call it "The Tree of Life" because the gifts given by the deceased individuals listed on the plaque continue to offer life in many and new ways. The gifts continue to blossom into more and more blessings.

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The names on the Tree of Life are Dix Elliott, Mary Hinely, and Joe and Eunice Hunnicutt. The gifts that these individuals left the church have made a huge impact on our ministry... even helping us add staff positions and programs.

We haven't added any names to the plaque in quite some time, but on Sunday, July 26th, we had the honor of adding the names of two very special people: Cecile Crockett and Colleen Robinette.



Cecile Crockett retired after 30 years of service from Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company (AT&T), where she started out as a switchboard operator. When she retired, she was part of the Marketing Department. She was also a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America. She dearly loved her family and loved worshiping at Asbury Memorial where many of her family members also attended. We greatly appreciate the financial gift that Cecile has left Asbury.

Colleen Robinette retired after serving as a career nurse for many years, but she still had a lot more to accomplish. She became

known for her work at the Juliette Gordon Low House and for her work as a sculptor. Her piece, "Mother and Child" can be found at St. Joseph's/Candler Hospital and her piece, "Circle of Love" at the Anderson Cancer Institute. Along with a financial gift, we are excited that Colleen has left Asbury Memorial one of her special pieces of sculpture art that she titled, "Here I Am, Lord." It is of Cheri Hester leading the congregation in the "Here I Am, Lord" refrain which is sung to the end of Asbury's Sunday services.



The financial gifts and the artwork left by these remarkable women are greatly appreciated. Thank you, Cecile and Colleen. Your Spirits live with us!

This celebration of Cecile and Colleen's gifts remind us all of the opportunity to remember Asbury Memorial in our will or estate. We would love to add your name to The Tree of Life!

NEW MEMBER CLASSES THIS MONTH
August 22nd & 29th
Details on next page.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

August

1st Collin Richards **2nd Jamie Kelso Lance Wilhelm 3rd Birdie Anderson Wayne Beasley Don Colvard Emily Gage** 4th Jim Kluttz 5th Lvn Carden Omkari Hill-Williams 6th Chloe Harrison Isabella Picone **Renwick Pulwarty Beverly Vasta** 7th Shane Conner **Carman Purtee** 9th Hayden Lego 12th Christi Hester **Peggy Larson Greg Socks 13th Janet Dixon** 14th Jona Downs Pam Sears 16th Dani Birzer **Ed Steiner** 17th Wendy Mason **18th John Hohnerlein Carol Melton** Barbara Passino **19th Philip Baiad** 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 Kathy Virant** 29th Mary Cronk 30th Sheri Coffev Lee Davison **Chase Harrison Bill Oakley**





August

2nd Sanford & Judy Jones 3rd Joel & Julie Varland 4th Paula Avena & Philip Pinault 4th Mary Kate & Kevin Jump 4th Susan & Ray Smith 4th Cory & Temperance West 9th Kent & Liz Urness 16th David & Pat Alley 19th Jan & Gus Bell 20th Harry & Sandy Hoecherl 22nd Philip & Charlene Branan 22nd Keith & Carman Purtee 23rd Jim & Glenda McNew 23rd Grady & Brenda Mills 25th Mike & Debra Skinner 27th Bill & Karen Jahn 31st Chris & Kelly Beaver

NEW MEMBER CLASSES THIS MONTH

Rev. Hester will be leading two classes for people interested in becoming members of Asbury Memorial. The classes will be held on Zoom, August 22nd & 29th, Saturdays at 10 am. Please contact Candace Jenkins at the church office or cjenkins@asburymemorial.org or you can email Billy at bghester3@comcast.net if you would like to participate.



Our "Coffee Hour" via Zoom has been a huge success on Sundays! It is wonderful to see so many faces and enjoy fellowship with one another after such a long time.

The MEETING ID # 3214986081.

Once you get into Zoom from their website, simply join the meeting with this number.

If you have not used Zoom before, you can download the Zoom app from the Google Play store or can download from the Zoom website. It is a one-time process and then you are set for future zoom meetings.

Please join us as we ZOOM into a new way to connect with one another. We have missed seeing everyone and look forward to seeing you after the service on Sundays! Please enjoy the chats during the postlude after service and then join us for Coffee Hour.

If you have any questions, please email Candace Jenkins at cjenkins@asburymemorial.org.



"Fitness Together"

Via Zoom

Join us for our first ever **"Fitness Together"** weekly workout class on Thursdays, 11 – 11:30 am. If you have used Zoom before, simply go to the church website and click on the **"Fitness Together"** icon and enter the class.

If you have never used Zoom before, click on this same icon on the website before class and it will walk you through downloading the Zoom app either through Google Play or Download from Zoom. It is a one-time process and then you are set.

Following is a description from Asburian, Linda Socks, who will be leading the class.

<u>Description</u>: New to exercise, or just starting back?... this is your 30 minute workout. Go at your own pace and exercise with us. The workouts will be based on cross training, mixing different training methods for a well-balanced fitness regimen. Cardio, strength training (light weights or bodyweight), stretching and more will help with your goals.

Weights are recommended (2#, 3#, or 5#). If you are experienced, pick the weight that works for you. If you are just starting out and do not have weights, filled water bottles will work. You will learn how other home items can be used in place of weights. Wear comfortable shoes preferably sneakers & workout clothes. Have a small towel, and most importantly... have water handy to stay hydrated.

If you have any questions email Candace Jenkins at cjenkins@asburymemorial.org.

Please join us for this new and exciting opportunity at Asbury to connect with others and help us get physically fit and do something positive for our minds and bodies.

Denominational Disaffiliation Update

Wow! It is finally here! The South Georgia Conference will have a Zoom Annual Conference on Saturday, August 15th. It is on this day that the Conference will vote to approve or disapprove Asbury Memorial's disaffiliation. Anyone can watch the vote, and we encourage you to do so. When we get closer to the 15th, we will send out an email with the information about how to connect to the Zoom Conference.

We anticipate that the disaffiliation will be approved as we have tried our best to follow all of the requirements; however, the church will not be "officially" disaffiliated until about two weeks later. After the vote on the 15th, there still will be some documents that will need to be exchanged, and we will need to make the payment to the Conference. We appreciate everyone who has made a special pledge and contribution to the Disaffiliation Fund.

So if our disaffiliation is approved on the 15th, feel free to let out a little "hurray!" But then when we get everything taken care of at the end of August, we should all be able to shout out a big "HURRAY!" Thank you for your patience and for your commitment to justice for all of our church members.



Godly Play LIVE on Sunday mornings July and August

For the past few months, Ruthie Deffley has been recording Godly Play stories for our children and church members and posting them on Asbury's YouTube channel. This has been a helpful way to continue offering Godly Play stories while we are not able to meet in person.

Starting in July, we will be offering Godly Play stories LIVE! at 10 am on Sunday mornings. We will be using ZOOM to share the stories virtually. An email will go out with the link and information on how to participate.

We encourage our families with young children to join us for this special time of worship however, this is open to everyone in our congregation and we hope all who are interested in participating can join us.

The stories are between 10-15 minutes long with a time of wondering afterward. Response time will be included so having some art materials on hand will allow you to create something after the story. Some ideas of materials you may want to have ready are colored paper, white paper, crayons, colored pencils, scissors, glue, googly eyes, pipe cleaners, glitter, paint and paint brushes and beads and yarn. This is a special time when our innate creativity is encouraged to come out and play!

*Parents with younger children (3-5 years old) may need to assist their children during response time.

For questions about Godly Play or how to participate in a Zoom call, please contact Ruthie Duran Deffley at rdurandeffley@asburymemorial.org





Christy Crisp Named National Awards Chair for AASLH

The Georgia Historical Society is pleased to recognize the selection and service of Christy Crisp as the National Awards Chair for the American Society for State and Local History (AASLH).

Christy is the Marilyn Memory McMullan Director of Programs at the Georgia Historical Society. She is responsible for oversight of GHS's Historical Marker and Affiliate Chapter programs, as well as educational and outreach programs for adults, school children, and teachers. She holds an undergraduate degree in International Relations from Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, and an M.A. in History from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. She is a 2014 graduate of the History Leadership Institute.

The Awards Committee, comprised of AASLH's fourteen regional representatives and the National Awards Chair, peer-reviewed all awards applications for the 2019-2020 award year including the AASLH Award of Excellence and the Albert B. Corey Award, named in honor of a founder and former president of AASLH.

The Leadership in History Awards Program was initiated in 1945 to build standards of excellence in the collection, preservation, and interpretation of state and local history throughout America.

Congratulations to Asburian, Chris Steiner!!



Chatham Savannah Citizen Advocacy names new board members

By Savannah Morning News

Posted Jul 3, 2020 at 8:00 AM

Chatham Savannah Citizen Advocacy, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that creates one-to-one voluntary advocacy relationships for people with developmental disabilities for protection, advocacy, and opportunity, announces new additions to its 2020-21 Board of Directors.

The new board members are The Rev. Kelly A. Steele of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, LeAndrea Mikell of World Trade Center Savannah, Clay Mobley of Optimum Water, Caroline Gregory of Sterling Seacrest Partners, Robert Douberly of Thunderbolt Marine, **Chris Steiner of EmployAbility** and Avi Heyman, student at Savannah Country Day School.

Amazing Grayson

Back in February, Brantley Romanowski (age 7) joined me on stage during a Sunday morning worship service and at Wednesday Night Supper to ask for donations for "JoyJars." These JoyJars are for kids actively fighting cancer under the age of 18. They are age and gender specific and filled with new toys and activities to help a child fighting cancer smile and feel loved.

This was very important to Brantley because his younger brother Grayson (age 4) had just traveled to Atlanta with his father, Jason, to spend 4 months in the hospital to receive chemo, radiation and upon successful completion of both, a bone marrow transplant.

Thanks to the generosity of Brantley's Asbury family, he raised \$750.00, enough to send 30 JoyJars to children across the United States. THANK YOU, ASBURY!!! When I shared that big number with Brantley, he beamed a big, toothless grin as he had recently lost a couple of front teeth. He was glowing!

But that's not the best news...his little brother Grayson was able to come home one week earlier than anticipated from treatment in June as he responded so well! The young boys were reunited and have been happily playing together ever since. Grayson was non-stop action the entire time I was there for pictures. He is full of energy and life!

Continue to hold sweet Grayson in your prayers as he does have to return to Atlanta in September for some stents to be placed in his heart. They were not able to do this procedure while he was up there in the Spring as he was too weak. And pray for his amazing uncles, James Mullins and Charles Richardson as they help Jason care for both of these beautiful boys.

Charles is currently studying Early Childhood Education at Savannah Tech and has received a full scholarship due to his stellar academic performance. He has made National Honor Society and is planning on pursuing his education to the Ph.D level. James was recently promoted to Assistant Manager at EnMarket and oversees both the market and new car wash on Chatham Parkway. Jason was able to find employment at a car dealership after losing his job due to needing to be with Grayson in Atlanta for 4 consecutive months and is quickly learning the ropes.

Grayson stays home with Charles most of the time and with virtual learning for public schools, Brantley will be home too. Brantley is starting 1st grade this Fall but is already working in 2nd grade workbooks. And he is the #1 fan of Sonic the Hedgehog. You will not catch him without his blue Sonic t-shirt on except on laundry day!

This remarkably resilient family is grounded in their faith in God and are grateful for the love and support they have received from their Asbury family and friends. If you were not able to donate to Brantley's JoyJars, but still would like to make a donation, you can do so by going to this website: www.NEGU.org. If you would like to send Brantley, Grayson or the family a note via mail or email, I can share with you their contact information.

rdurandeffley@asburymemorial.org They would love to hear from you!

-----Ruthie Duran Deffley, Director of Children and Family Ministries







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 GivePlus 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

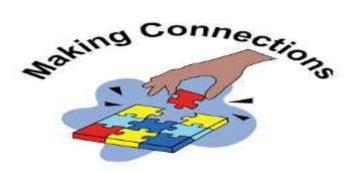


Church Office:

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:

Noontide Devotions on Monday-Wednesday-Friday

Zoom in on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12pm noon, a short, live devotion and prayer via Zoom.us at https://zoom.us/j/121907484

There are also links on the Church Facebook Page:

https://www.facebook.com/asburymemorialumcsavannah/

and the Church's webpage: www.asburymemorial.org

Sign up for Zoom at <u>www.zoom.us</u> and tune in on these weekdays for live devotions together. Appropriate for all ages! Children of God of all ages welcomed.

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 tune into worship on Sundays at 11:15am.

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.

Godly Play stories LIVE! at 10 am on Sunday mornings.

For the children and the child in all of us, join us for this special time of worship; however, this is open to everyone in our congregation and we hope all who are interested in participating can join us.

Just go to www.asburymemorial.org and click on the link for Godly Play on the right side on the home screen or via Zoom.us and enter the meeting ID 83792523991

Coffee Hour

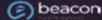
Join us on Sunday after the worship service to see and talk with your fellow Asburians. Just go to www.asburymemorial.org and click on the link for ZOOM Coffee Hour on the right side on the home screen or via Zoom.us and enter the meeting ID 3214986081

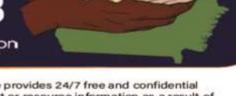
Georgia COVID-19 Emotional Support Line 866-399-8938



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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 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



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APPLY REMOTELY FOR PUBLIC BENEFITS AT THESE LOCATIONS:

STEP UP SAVANNAH

Kimberly Pmik 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 tenefonica

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 Hours based on client need By phone appointment only

WESLEY COMMUNITY CENTERS OF SAVANNAH, INC.

Valeria Flowers 912.447.5711/ flowersv_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











Covid Community 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.

WHEN SHADOWS FALL

- The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Brenda, Chris & Ed Steiner in the death of Brenda's cousin, Linda Diane Beardsley.
- The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Joe, Monica Mathias, Dylan, Collin & Ryan Richards in the death of Joe's father and Dylan, Collin & Ryan's grandfather, Leslie Richards.

MEMORIALS

A Gift has been given to the Trustees Fund in memory of Jerry Campbell by Joan Byrd

A Gift has been given to the Trustees Fund in memory of Robert Humphrey by Joan Byrd

HONORARIUMS

A Gift has been given to the Trustees Fund in honor of Billy Hester's birthday by Mary Alice Garvin

2020 Budget Offering

June 28th—\$11,557.65 July 5th—\$21,565.00 July 12th—\$10,302.00 July 19th—\$13,129.17 July 26th—TBA

2020 Weekly Budget Need \$13,830.00 2020 YTD Budget Need

\$401,070.00

2020 YTD Received \$368.984.87

10 o'clock Hour

10o'clock hour will be taking a break for the summer. We look forward to reconvening in September.

Seekers of Wisdom

Seekers of Wisdom will be on summer break and reconvene in September.

Men's Group

The Men's Group is in the process of evaluating various Bible study materials to see which one we want to use for a Men's Group Bible study. If you would like to join us to participate in the planning process please contact Preston Hodges at (912) 507-4265 or prestonhodgesir@gmail.com

Online Devotionals

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

PRAYER REQUESTS



Asburians

Andra Bowers, Becky Case, Anita Clay, Wendy Ciccodicola, Linda Combs, Shane Conner, Margaret Cook Levy, Mary Cronk, Vicki Cronk, Gretchen Dodd, Mickey Dodge, Helen Downing, Sam Durham, Ellie Gonye, Betty Haldeman, Cale Hall, Chase Harrison, Geoff Harrison, Betsy Haun, Donna Haynes, Cynthia Herold, Roy Hill, Preston Hodges, John Hohnerlein, Harriet Jandrlich, Barbara King, Jack Lewis, Scott McCoy, Darcy Melton, Ginger Miles, Brenda Mills, Grady Mills, Frances Monson, Virginia Moryadas, Eric Mullins, Marie Parker, Pam Parker Kress, Frank Ramsey, Nancy Saltsman, Roberta Smith, Geri Spears, Maria Spears, Kevin Strong, Cabell Stewart, Carolyn Stuber, Val Utsey, Pete Vasta, Kathy Waters, Diane Williamson, Marie Winters, Joe Zeigler

Family Members & Friends

Steve Amerson, Joanne Anderson, Dewy Ambos, Lisa Brown, Karen Browning, Sid Case, Phyllis Chappell, Madison Coe, Linda Cowart, James Thomas Crosby, Peter DeCordova, Janice Dorminey, Sara Driggers, Pamela Fralin, Dan Goff, Larry Grice, Catherine Price Guiton, Matt Hearn, Priscilla Hearn, Robie Hester, Elsie Hilliard, Keith James, Annette Jenkins, John Leopard, Lynette Jones, Conrad Jordan, Lindsay Kessler, Erin Knight, Eddie Lewis, Kenny Lewis, Kim Lewis, Chris Linthicum, Ronny Martin, Tom Marze, Zach Ostermann, Dal Poston, Don Purdy, Sandra Quackenbush, Grayson Romanowski, Millicent Scoggin, Jan Newton Smith, Robert C. Smith, Courtney Soley, Eddie Solomons, Frank Stanton, Neola Walker, Jerome Williams

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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 \$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 Trustee Fund, General Fund, Piano/Organ Fund, the Children's Fund, Youth 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.