



The Asbury Update

August 2022

Asbury Memorial Church
Rev. Billy Hester

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JULY 2022 BAKING CONTEST RESULTS

ORIGINALITY
BEST PRESENTATION:
BEST TASTING:



Samantha Tisinger
Ray Ellis
Tim Steinhauser



Nick Deffley & the Kids
Linda Combs
Natalie & Julie Tisinger



Wendy Mason
Sherry Giddens
Jason Zimmer

JUDGES: BRENDA MILLS, CHELSEA GODWIN, & HELEN DOWNING



KAY BARRETT
Lemon Bars
(Category: Tasting)



CONSTANCE COLEMAN
Big Connie's
Celebration Pie
(Category: Tasting)



LINDA COMBS
Vanilla Cake
with Rainbow Icing
(Category: Presentation)



NICK DEFFLEY & THE KIDS
Jam-Packed
Swiss Meringue
(Category: Presentation)



RAY ELLIS
Strawberry Basket Cake
(Category: Presentation)



SHERRY GIDDENS
Apple Cake with Nuts
(Category: Presentation)



ANNE WESTBROOK
GREEN
Chocolate Chip Cake
(Category: Tasting)



CLIFF HARLEY
Hummingbird Cake
(Category: Tasting)



WENDY MASON
Cheesecake Brulee
with Peach Coulis
and Spiced Pecans
(Category: Tasting)



TIM STEINHAUSER
Jamaican Bahnnahnah
Pudding
(Category: Tasting)



NATALIE & JULIE
TISINGER
Chocolate Chip Peanut
Butter Cake
(Category: Tasting)



SAMANTHA TISINGER
Melted Ice Cream
Cone Cake
(Category: Presentation)



MICKIE TOWNSEND
Coconut Cake
(Category: Tasting)



JASON ZIMMER
Italiano Sopra
il Cioccolato
(Category: Tasting)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

August

1st Collin Richards

2nd Vicky Hudson

Jamie Kelso

Lance Wilhelm

3rd Wayne Beasley

Don Colvard

Emily Gage

4th Jim Kluttz

5th Lyn Carden

6th Chloe Harrison

Isabella Picone

Renwick Pulwarty

Beverly Vasta

7th Carman Purtee

9th Hayden Lego

10th Julie Tisinger

12th Christl Hester

Peggy Larson

Greg Socks

13th Janet Dixon

14th Jona Downs

Pam Sears

15th Doreen Karls

16th Dani Birzer

17th Wendy Mason

18th John Hohnerlein

Barbara Passino

19th Phillip Balad

Sharon Tarlano

20th Marshall Lego

21st Ross Munro

22nd Alice Burris

Margaret Clay

Bob Corey

Dahlia Karam

23rd Sam Povie

24th Jaymes Walker

25th Diane Meseroll

Debbie

Williamson

27th Julia Drake

Cheryl Loose

28th Katelynn Maddox

29th Mary Cronk

30th Sheri Coffey

Lee Davison

Chase Harrison

Bill Oakley



August

3rd Jim & Alexa Schlimmer

3rd Joel & Julie Varland

4th Paula Avena & Phil Pinault

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

24th Frank Ramsey & Danny Lewis

25th Mike & Debra Skinner

26th Michelle DiBiase & Jane Stout

26th Bob & Mickie Townsend

27th Bill & Karen Jahn

31st Chris & Kelly Beaver

Congratulations!!!



Congrats to Danny & Barbara Beam
on the birth of their grandson, Luke
Anderson Beam. Luke arrived June
30th. He weighed 8 pounds and is 19
3/4 inches long.

ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH 2022 SUMMER PREACHING SERIES

**REV. BOB
CHVATAL**
AUGUST 7
11:15 AM



- Bob is of Czechoslovakian heritage and is a New York City native.
- He is a retired Presbyterian USA minister.
- He was a hospice chaplain and bereavement counselor for 25 years in Charlotte, NC, Tampa, FL, and Santa Fe, NM.
- He moved to Savannah in 2014, resides here with his husband, Ross Bolton, and has been at Asbury for 8 years.

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(HENRY AT WATERS)

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**CHRIS
KINCADE**
AUGUST 14
11:15 AM



- His greatest accomplishment — being Fitz's dad.
- He is the Youth Director for Asbury Memorial/Wesley Oak.
- He is a huge fan of musicals and writing.
- He is married to the most amazing wife, Bridgette Kincade.

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Asbury would like to thank all of the guest speakers and ministers for contributing to the 2022 Summer Preaching Series. I don't know if our Asbury family realizes these persons are involved within Asbury, and have been for years.





ASBURY ANGELLS YOUTH GROUP.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Join us for our back to school bash

AUGUST 7, 2022

Joy Cottage / Wesley Oak

Slip n slide, food on the grill, & games!

We can't wait to kick off a
new school year
with all of you!



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Asbury Angells Youth Group

AUGUST **EVENTS**

BTS BASH

SUNDAY

AUG 7, 2022 | 5:00 PM

SATURDAY

AUG 13, 2022
9:00 AM- 12:00 PM

COMMUNITY **SERVICE**

YOUTH **MEETINGS**

SUNDAYS

AUG 7, 2022 | 5:00 PM
AUG 14, 2022 | 5:00 PM
AUG 21, 2022 | 5:00 PM
AUG 28, 2022 | 5:00 PM

FRIDAY

SEPT 2, 2022

LOCK-IN

COME JOIN US!



Welcome Back Choir

Choir practice will resume Wednesday, August 10th at 6:30 pm!! We would love more choir members. The only requirement is you have a good time! Also, we will start practicing for *God On Broadway*! Any questions, please contact Ray Ellis at rellis101@gmail.com.



**Do you or someone you know
have an ear for sound?**

The tech team is looking to grow!

They are looking for someone with sound and/or video/live stream experience or someone with a passion for technology and is eager to learn.

The position requires commitment and the ability to focus and multi-task.

If interested, email Ray Ellis at rellis101@gmail.com or call the church office.

Kindness
is in your blood.



BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, August 11, 2022
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

HOLLIDAY HALL
ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH

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Savannah, GA 31401

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**American
Red Cross**

To schedule an appointment,
scan QR Code
or visit RedCrossBlood.org
and enter Asbury.





ASBURY MEMORIAL / WESLEY OAK
STEPHEN MINISTRY

Life after Loss

Tools for the Journey

A GRIEF SEMINAR
REV. HOLLAND MORGAN
Retired Bereavement Counselor

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2022
10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

This two-hour seminar will help to break the silence and destroy the myths about grief.

We will explore what it means to live with grief, to find meaning in the midst of suffering, and offer specific tools for coping.

Our conversation will be considered confidential by all who attend.

Reserve your place at 912.233.4351

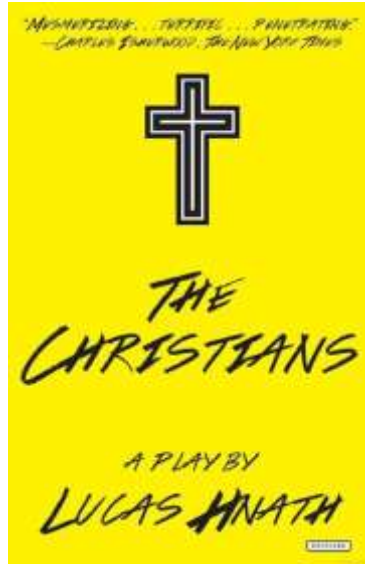


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**Asbury Memorial Theatre
and
Savannah Repertory Theatre
Present
The Christians**

See the next play in the Savannah Repertory Theatre's season. It will occur here at Asbury Memorial Church beginning September 16th, 17th, and 18th and the following week September 23rd, 24th and 25th. See the Savannah Repertory website for more information or the Asbury September's newsletter for more specific details.



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

Click on



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



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!”



PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE RESOURCE CENTER
425 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Savannah GA 31404 | (912) 651-4211

<https://www.savannahga.gov/2763/Pennsylvania-Avenue-Resource-Center>

ADDICTIONS 911

Crisis, Recovery & Hope

- * Learn about the substance use disorder situation in Savannah
- * Find the resources you need for treatment and support
- * Develop your ability to be solution and recovery oriented

Join us for a NOVA film screening,
a panel discussion with local experts,
and a free lunch,
hot off the Latin Chicks food truck.



Raffle of four \$50 gift cards to in-person and online attendees.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2022
10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

Watch on FB Live at Asbury Memorial Church, Savannah, GA.

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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.

Adult Ministries 10 o'Clock Hour & Wednesday Night Programs

10 o'Clock Hour will return in the fall.

Stay tuned, a Wednesday Night program is being developed as we go to press!

Wisdom Seekers

Mondays, 1:30—3 pm

The Wisdom Seekers are currently reading & discussing the book *Ladder to the Light: An Indigenous Elder's Meditations on Hope and Courage* by Steven Charleston. The current plan is to take 1 chapter per week, then meet for lunch once a month and finish the book by Labor day. Any questions about the group or the book email Margaret Clay at

margaretclay@comcast.net.

Zoom Meeting ID: 864 8291 0310, Passcode: Asbury

Men's Group

The Thursday night Men's Group welcome all men to join us for an evening of discussion and fellowship. We begin with individual "check in" (sharing) and then a member gives us a bit of background on a topic of interest to spark discussion. This might be a theological point or question, Scripture, a book, or a God moment. "Hope motivated by faith" and "Does God have enemies?" are recent examples.

Should you have any questions, please contact Gregg Walther at gdw0517@gmail.com. The Men's Group meets Thursdays from 7:00-8:30pm via Zoom and welcomes all men. Zoom meeting ID: 844 3633 5506, passcode: Asbury.

If you're looking for a way to connect, make new friends and participate in some fascinating discussions, all from the comfort of home, give us a try. We have a great time, come join us!

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.



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

Worship on Sundays

Join us on Sunday mornings at 11:15 AM for in-person worship with relaxed worship guidelines. RESERVATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE ARE NOT REQUIRED but we ask that you to register your attendance at the door. Online services may also be accessed from: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsUjjriKobIASeidLeU6AFA>

Online Devotionals

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



WHEN SHADOWS FALL

- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Pat Stewart in the death of her close friend, Gloria Rookard.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Pat Stewart in the death of her close friend, Jennifer Diotallevi.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Deloris Ellis, Ray Ellis & Randy Canady in the death of Deloris' sister and Ray's aunt, Peggy Liebe.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to family & friends in the death of Bob Fennell.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Wayne Beasley, Natalie & Ross, Winifred, Walter & Harriet Munro in the death of Wayne's mother, Natalie's grandmother Winifred, Walter & Harriet's great-grandmother, Willene Beasley.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Danny Lewis & Frank Ramsey in the death of Danny's nephew Jason Lewis.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Kristyn Fielding Beasley of Lesley Francis PR Team in the death of her father, Mike Fielding.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Carrie Collins in the death of her cousin, Jacqueline Jenkins.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Janet Arango in the death of her dear friend, Viet Dang.*





**General Budget
As of June 2022**

YTD Budgeted GOAL	\$390,341
Actual Year-To-Date Expenses	\$351,107
Actual Year-To-Date Contributions	\$293,331

**Average Worship Attendance 263
(combined in person and online)**

Chair Name Plate

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.

(Two examples of nameplates for the chairs.)

Elizabeth Lariscy
A Southern Lady
By R. Ward Lariscy

In Loving Memory
of
Dix Elliott

PRAYER REQUESTS



Asburians

DiAnne Amerson, Ann Anderson, Valori Armstrong, Fay Carroll, Anita Clay, Sheri Coffey, Margaret Cook-Levy, Gretchen Dodd, Sam Durham, Katie Farmer, Bob Francischetti, Tyler Gage, Sherry Giddens, Ellie Gonye, Gerry Harman, Chase Harrison, Roy Hill, Harry Hoecherl, Bill Jahn, Dale Karacostas, Judith Kessler, Ernie Lee, Rev. Marilyn Leigh, Kelly Limehouse, Jack Lewis, Cheryl Loose, Marion Manigo, Michael Matheny, Scott McCoy, Robert McEwen, Brenda Mills, Virginia Moryadas, James Mullins, Dan Nelson, Marie Parker, Pam Parker Kress, Barbara Plank, Scott Porch, Mary Prokop, Frank Ramsey, Roberta Smith, Robert Smith, Cabell Stewart, Sharon Tarlano, Diane Williamson

Family Members & Friends

Adam Alani, Dorothy Allen, Lisa Brown, Karen Browning, Cindy Burns, Max Clements, Jennifer Despres Corey, Linda Cowart, Sara Driggers, Dan Goff, Samantha Garcia, Twumwa Grant, Priscilla Hearn, Tom Hendrick, Lindsay Kessler, Walt Kress, Kim Lewis, Mary Jane Lundberg, Cathy McKay, Jennifer Payne, Fredia Peggs, Geral Pinault, Steve Ray, Brianna Reeves, Joanne Rowley, Lisa Swain, Neola Walker, Bonnie & Glynn Zimmerman

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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, 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 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.



WESLEY OAK LEAF

August 2022

Psalm 19

*The heavens are telling the
glory of God; and the firmament
proclaims God's handiwork.*

*Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares
knowledge.*

*There is no speech, nor are there
words; their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through
all the earth, and their words to
the end of the world.*



We have been reminded this past week in worship of the majesty and glory of God that surrounds us throughout all creation. Psalm 19 is one song for us to sing in these summer days, to meditate upon, as we offer thanksgiving and seek God's good wisdom and peace.

The Joy Garden has been such a joy for us and for our community this year and even still the garden flowers of varied colors capture our hearts with their beauty. We are blest as well to have the flowers bright and beautiful at the front of the sanctuary - they help us prepare for worship and sweet fellowship.

On Sunday, August 28th, our Godly Play staff, and children, will lead us and teach us through Godly Play! We will also enjoy children's hymns and participation in the liturgical part of the service. Outreach will also be part of the morning as all are invited to donate school supplies, gift cards, or funds for children heading back to school. Check with Mary Thompson, or any teacher as to what is most needed! We will also have a time of special prayers for our young people heading back to college or off to college for the first time.



COLLINS CORNER

COLLINS CORNER: Connect up!

I don't know about you, but I've gotten to the point where I forget where I left my phone. It happens fairly often. It may be age, too much going on in my head or a little of both. I've started to welcome it. Part of me is glad to be separated from the technology and ease of access.

In the past, I was the one who was ultra responsive...always quick to send that email, respond to that text or grab that phone call. In 2020, we had to rely on our phones and Zoom video meetings to stay connected...it was necessary, but now, (thankfully) not as vital.

Now, I respond as needed depending on the urgency of the situation. I spend more time connecting with nature, creating art and prioritizing time with loved ones. It's really a beautiful thing.

Of course, our phones are very handy to have and can meet needs quickly, so I'm trying to find a good balance. My goal is to get things done as timely as possible, but to also prioritize my time for self-care, connecting with others and putting my phone away more often. Life is short - try to take the time to connect with those around you in meaningful ways.

**DANCE like nobody's
watching, because they
are not, they are all
checking their phones.**

IN OUR PRAYERS

Rejoice always, pray constantly... | Thessalonians

Prayer request cards are found on the back of the pews. Place in the offering plate!

Mary Ann and Walter Parker, Bubba Hughes, Fitz Kincade, Sunny Kirby

Margaret Callaway, Ukraine, Weapons into Ploughshares

Lora Gunsallus family as they are personally affected by the Russian invasion of the Ukraine.

Pat Howe, Family of David Tammen, Sally Wilhelm

Kacey Mayes, nephew of Tracy and Monty Osborn

April Hendrix, Betsy Kammerud, Family of Hugo Hendrix, Barbara Gilley, Carol Schwalbe

Alexis Mendenhall, Cheryl Hessel, Dan Kerrick Unspoken need for healing

Gloria Moses, McCarthy family, neighbors of Carolyn Ingram, Sydjea Trice

Michael McDaniel, Jack Donker, Beverly Drake, George and Barba Irvin

Eddie Aenchbacher, Fran and Arlene Moore, Jimuel Gray and family, Andrew Brown

Carter Cummins, Cassie Watson, William Cooley, John Sheehan, Dylan Moore

Magaly O'Donnell, Zoe Simpson, Martha Aenchbacher, Bonnie Trammell

Julius and Mary Cooley, Forsyth Farmer's Market, UMC Worldwide



THUNDERBOLT COMPOST PILOT
3124 EAST VICTORY DRIVE
WESLEY OAK COMMUNITY GARDEN SPACE

SIGN UP AT compost.com and begin actively caring for the earth through collecting food waste that will get it out of landfill and sewage drains to help filter/conserves water, decrease/remediate chemicals, decrease greenhouse gases, sequester carbon, and replenish growing medium for our food cycle. Free drop off station in the garden by the Joy Cottage!



PASTORAL CONCERNS

If there is a concern, and you need to speak with Reverend Drake during the week, please call the church office, 352-0844, or 656-1974.

CHURCH STAFF

Reverend Lynn Drake, Pastor

JJ Collins, Director of Music

PC Collins, Property and Administrative Assistant

Wesley Oak Church

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NEW EMAIL INFORMATION FOR OUR CHURCH AND CHURCH STAFF

Wesley Oak email address: wesleyoak@asburymemorial.org

PC Collins, Church Administrator, will receive all emails to the church and will pass vital information on to staff and to the congregation. To email Reverend Drake: lynnadrake@gmail.com