

AUGUST ASBURY UPDATE



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ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH

August CELEBRATIONS

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*This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

— PSALM 118:24 —

*We rejoice
with you!*

August 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH

3RD SPACE
SING-A-LONG

Join us for a group karaoke party. NO
solos, it's all about community! Bring a
friend & a savory dish to share!

FRIDAY AUGUST 14TH 6:00
HALCYON BLUFF CLUBHOUSE

1108 Halcyon Drive
Contact Rev. August with questions!
Let's unplug, sing together, and feel at home.

Dance for PD®
A PROGRAM OF
MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP

Dancee for PD

MOVE TOGETHER. FEEL BETTER. LIVE BETTER.

DANCE CLASSES FOR PEOPLE WITH PARKINSON'S AND THEIR CAREGIVER

Move, connect, and thrive—together! ♥

FRIDAY AUGUST 21 2026
10:30 AM

SATURDAY AUGUST 22 2026
10:30 AM

ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH
Parking behind the church! ————
1008 East Henry Street
Savannah, GA 31401

TO REGISTER, EMAIL RAY ELLIS AT:
rellis101@gmail.com

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

YOUR NAME | EMAIL ADDRESS | PHONE NUMBER | WHICH DAY(S) YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND

NO DANCE EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! | SAFE, SUPPORTIVE, AND WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT | ENJOY MOVEMENT, CONNECTION, AND COMMUNITY

ALL ARE WELCOME. ♥ ALL ABILITIES. ♥ ALL TOGETHER. ♥

WOV
— WESLEY OAK VOLLEYBALL —
Volleyball AT JEA

VOLLEYBALL FOR MEDIUM-LEVEL & NEWER PLAYERS

A fun, encouraging place to learn, play, and build community!

STARTING JUNE 25

TIME 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

MONTHLY FEE \$30
Helps cover gym rental costs

LOCATION: JEA GYM
5111 Abercorn St, Savannah, GA 31405

Whether you're getting back into volleyball or still learning the game, you are welcome!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT JESS HEALY
770-283-0227
jesstellhealy@gmail.com

National Wellness Month

Social/ Work-Life Health

Connect with Friends
Plan regular get-togethers or phone calls with loved ones

Set Boundaries
Protect your personal time and use breaks to truly disconnect from work

Explore a Hobby
Spend time on a creative or outdoor activity you genuinely enjoy

Mental/ Emotional Health

Unplug from Screens
Set tech-free zones or specific times to step away from your phone

Practice Mindfulness
Spend a few minutes each day doing deep breathing or meditation

Prioritize Sleep
Monitor your rest patterns and set a consistent bedtime routine

Physical Health

Drink more water
Carry a reusable waterbottle and track your daily hydration goals

Move Daily
Take short walks, use the stairs, or try bodyweight workouts at home

Eat fresh foods
Add some season fruits and vegetables to your daily meals

ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH

Give Hope. Give Blood.



ONE DONATION. COUNTLESS LIVES.

Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. Accidents, surgeries, cancer treatments, chronic illnesses—so many of life's most difficult moments depend on the generosity of people we may never meet.

You have the power to be someone's lifeline.

When you give blood, you do more than fill a bag—you fill a need, bring relief, and give someone more time with the people they love.

It takes less than an hour, but the impact can last a lifetime. You'll never know the name of the person you help, but they will never forget your gift.

WHY YOUR DONATION MATTERS

SAVES LIVES: Blood is essential for accident victims, surgery patients, people with cancer, and those living with chronic illnesses.

REPLENISHES QUICKLY: Your body replaces the blood you give, and most healthy adults can donate every 56 days.

STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY: Local patients rely on local donors. When we give together, we build a stronger, healthier community.



**YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A HERO
TO SAVE A LIFE—JUST WILLING.**

*Thank you for being the reason
someone has tomorrow.*

“ The smallest act of kindness
can create a ripple of healing
that touches many lives. ”

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE



13 August 2026
1:00PM – 6:00PM



1008 E Henry St
Savannah, GA



SCAN TO REGISTER

Your kindness
can make
a difference.



Together, we can
make a difference—
one donation at a time.



Questions? Call us:
912.233.4351

2026 SUMMER PREACHING SERIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS @ ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH

11:00 AM



RABBI ROBERT HAAS (JULY 12)

- Rabbi Robert Haas, a native of McAllen, Texas, received his B. S. from the University of Texas at Austin. He began his first career as an elementary school teacher; then attended rabbinical school, later moving to Savannah in 2012 to serve in his current position as rabbi for Congregation Mickve Israel, the third oldest congregation in America.
- Rabbi Haas is also a sought-after comedian, lecturer, preacher, and interfaith leader, regularly speaking and performing for organizations, radio shows, colleges, theaters, houses of worship, and institutions.
- He is married to April, and they have a daughter named Amira and a son named Aryeh.



REV. DR. ANDREW J. YOUNG, II (JULY 19)

- Dr. Young has served in Christian ministry and advocacy for 30 years. At the age of 24, he led the turnaround of a suburban Atlanta congregation. He later served as Youth & Young Adult Minister at historic Central United Methodist Church in Atlanta. He then served a suburban congregation just outside of Columbus, OH, where he led that congregation's first satellite multiethnic church, Gethsemane Church.
- In 2008, he returned to Savannah to take the helm of New Covenant Church (formerly Epworth UMC). In 2017, New Covenant relocated and changed its name to Mosaic Church. Dr. Young still serves Mosaic Church today.
- In 2021, he began serving as one of Reverend Senator Raphael Warnock's outreach field representatives, working with local city & county elected officials, business leaders, and community advocates.
- Rev. Dr. Young is a graduate of Savannah State College (BBA) and an honor graduate of the Interdenominational Theological Center of Atlanta (M. Div.). In 2008, he completed the Doctor of Ministry degree at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH. He also has completed the prestigious Summer Leadership Institute of the Harvard Divinity School, focusing on youth, lay leadership and community development.
- Dr. Young has been married to wife Tracy for 30 years. Tracy holds a Master of Education degree and is employed as a Special Education Teacher at Garrison Middle School. They are the parents of three sons: Ajani, Zuri and Najee.



J.J. COLLINS (JULY 26)

- J.J. Collins has been Wesley Oak's choir director since 2014 and currently serves on their preaching team.
- She is currently in seminary pursuing her Master of Divinity degree at Mercer University.
- She holds a Master of Music in voice from Peabody Conservatory and is a professional vocalist and vocal instructor.
- She is a commercial real estate paralegal at Hunter Maclean.
- She moved to Savannah in late 2013 and enjoys the coastal life with her spouse, Parker Collins.



REV. AUGUST ALDERMAN (AUGUST 2)

- August serves as the Associate Minister at Asbury Memorial.
- He is also a member of the preaching team at Wesley Oak.
- August earned his Master of Divinity at Chicago Theological Seminary in April of 2025.
- He served CPE at Hospice Savannah and completed Field Placement with Asbury Memorial Church as Ministerial Intern.
- He was ordained in June of 2025 at Asbury Memorial Church.
- August was born in Savannah and grew up in Richmond Hill. He now lives in Savannah with his partner Jason and cats Esther and Daniel.



REV. DR. KATIE CALLAWAY (AUGUST 9)

- Rev. Dr. Katie Callaway is the director of development at BJC (Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty), where she leads a comprehensive fundraising program to support the work of defending faith freedom for all and countering Christian nationalism.
- A seasoned fundraiser and ordained minister, Callaway believes development is both storytelling and justice work. She previously served as the senior director of grants management at The Y in Central Maryland, where she managed a \$20 million philanthropic portfolio to advance equity-focused programs in youth development, health, and community engagement.
- Callaway graduated from Roanoke College with her B.A. in Religious Studies and there was also inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa honor society. She received her M.Div from Wake Forest University, a Th.M in Comparative Theology from Emory University, and a doctorate in creative writing as public theology from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.



BETSY KAMMERUD (AUGUST 16)

- Betsy R. Kammerud, LCSW, LISW-CR, CCTP is a licensed clinical social worker with nearly two decades of experience specializing in grief, loss, trauma, and end-of-life care. She earned her Master of Social Work degree from The Ohio State University and has spent the last 19 years working primarily in hospice and bereavement services.
- Betsy currently serves as Head of Counseling Services at Hospice Savannah, where she leads innovative grief support programming and counseling services for individuals and families. Her work focuses on compassionate clinical care, community education, and developing creative approaches to grief support/mental well being across the life span. She is deeply committed to helping people navigate loss while building meaningful connection, resilience, and healing within their communities.
- For over the last 3+ years she has been part of the preaching team at Wesley Oak Church.



CHRIS KINCADE (AUGUST 23)

- Chris Kincade has served as Youth Director and Communications Director at Asbury Memorial Church for 10+ years.
- He is passionate about helping people discover God's love through authentic community, service, and inclusion.
- Chris believes the church should be a place where everyone feels welcomed and celebrated.
- His greatest joy is his family. Chris and his wife, Bridgette, are proud parents to their son, Fitz, who keeps them laughing, learning, and on their toes.
- Chris lives in Statesboro, Georgia, with his family and is honored to share God's message this summer.

REV. BILLY RETURNS (AUGUST 30)

1008 East Henry Street, Savannah, GA 31401
(at the corner of Henry and Waters)
asburymemorial.org 912.233.4351





*Grief is
a journey,
not a problem
to solve.*

Creatively & Spiritually Grieving

Just the other day, I tried talking to my Granny....

In the 12 years since she died, I tried talking to her out loud for what I thought was the first time the other day. I spoke the name I called her, and I waited a few moments, then again, I spoke. If you've been blessed to hear Rhonda Reed pray aloud—that is kind of how I decided to speak to my Granny. Rhonda offers words of prayer and intentionally waits for God's reply. I spoke and left space giving my Granny time to hear me and perhaps, respond.

Like I said, I thought that was the first time but after some thought, I remembered I have actually spoken out loud to her once before since she died. When I was working with Hospice Savannah in bereavement services, I was a speaker for the Tree of Light ceremony. I had a moment of inspiration and decided to call my Granny from a dial phone and those gathered listened to my side of the conversation. I'd been inspired by the story of the wind phone.

It has been over a decade since she died, and I have grieved her in many ways. I have found many creative ways to grieve her through writing, performing, making art, photography, preaching, reenacting stories about her and so much more! I put grief into all this and honestly, almost everything I create.

Through this journey, I have grieved creatively and spiritually.

Next month, Kathy Hodges and I will be offering a 7-week support group on grief and spirituality. This grief group was inspired by the book, *The Spirituality of Grief: Ten Practices For Those Who Remain* by Fran Tilton Shelton. I recommend this book to anyone who grieves.

I love this book because it invites us to see grief as a journey, not a problem to solve. Grief is a human journey and also a spiritual one. Shelton explains that faith isn't about pretending everything is okay. Faith can be a place where people bring their questions, pain, and uncertainty. God meets us in our questions, pain, and uncertainty. Faith and hope do not erase grief—they're not meant to. Hope and sorrow or sadness can exist together.

This book by Shelton is a book we can live with. Along with the creative practices that happened naturally for me, I have grieved through the practices Shelton writes about in *The Spirituality of Grief*. Through acts such as walking in nature, writing a lament or a letter, being silent, and using breath prayers, I have processed grief. And through this, also developed tools for grieving as life goes on. Many of the tools I turned to right away when my Mom died in 2024.

None of this requires training or perfection. It does ask for time, honesty, and intentionality.

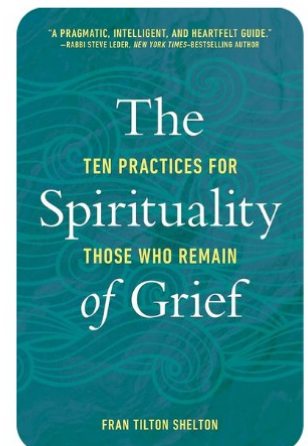
If you are grieving the death of a loved one, please consider reaching out. For the upcoming Spirituality and Grief Group, we advise to be at least 6 months out from the loss before joining the group. The spiritual and creative practices in this group are typically more appropriate for a loss not too recent. We have a 12-person limit for the group. This will be the second time Kathy and I have offered this group at Asbury Memorial Church. It is a wonderful blessing to be a part of a church that openly and honestly recognizes grief and where we are free to grieve.

Be a rainbow,

Rev. August



RECOMMENDED READING



The Spirituality of Grief

Ten Practices for Those Who
Remain
by Fran Tilton Shelton

JOIN OUR SPIRITUALITY & GRIEF GROUP



Thursdays - 6:00pm
September 17 - October 29

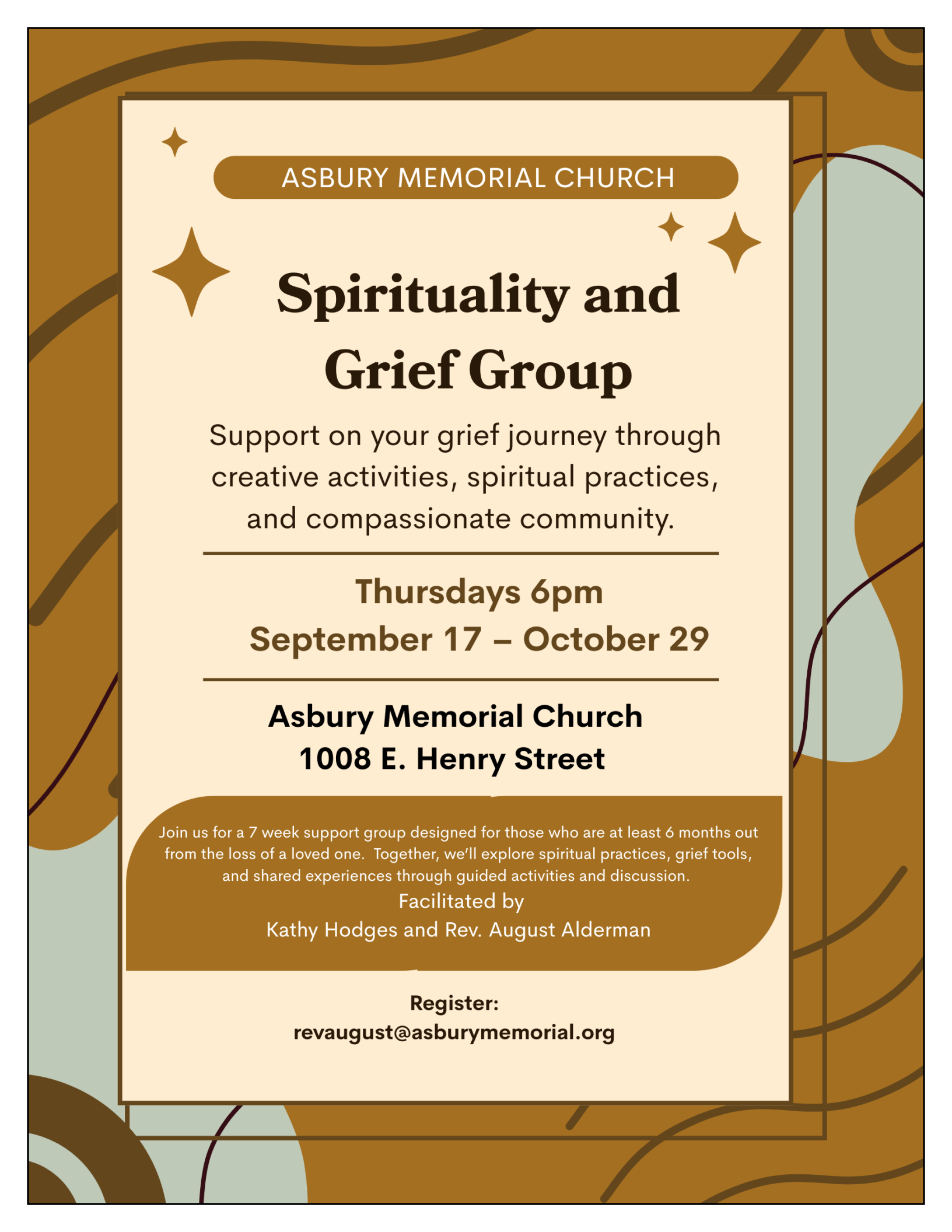


Asbury Memorial Church
1008 E Henry Street



Facilitated by
Kathy Hodges and
Rev. August Alderman

*For those who are at least 6 months
beyond the loss of a loved one.
Maximum of 12 participants*



ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH

Spirituality and Grief Group

Support on your grief journey through
creative activities, spiritual practices,
and compassionate community.

Thursdays 6pm
September 17 – October 29

Asbury Memorial Church
1008 E. Henry Street

Join us for a 7 week support group designed for those who are at least 6 months out from the loss of a loved one. Together, we'll explore spiritual practices, grief tools, and shared experiences through guided activities and discussion.

Facilitated by
Kathy Hodges and Rev. August Alderman

Register:
revaugust@asburymemorial.org



Growing Hope,

One Small Step at a Time

CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION TOGETHER

August has a way of reminding us that every season has its purpose. Gardens are still producing, trees offer welcome shade from the summer heat, and many of us begin preparing for the rhythms of a new school year and the coming fall. It is also a wonderful time to pause and remember that caring for God's creation is one of the ways we live out our faith every day.

At Asbury Memorial, the Green Team believes that creation care isn't about perfection. It's about paying attention. Every small act of stewardship, recycling, planting something new, reducing waste, or caring for our shared spaces is an opportunity to express gratitude for the incredible world God has entrusted to us.

As followers of Christ, we are called to be caretakers rather than consumers. When we choose to protect the beauty of creation, we also care for our neighbors, our community, and future generations who will enjoy the gifts we leave behind.

This month, we invite you to look for simple ways to make a difference. Bring a reusable water bottle, plant flowers that support pollinators, reduce food waste, pick up litter during a walk, or simply spend a few quiet moments outdoors giving thanks for the beauty that surrounds us.

The Green Team is grateful for everyone who shares this vision of caring for our church grounds, our neighborhood, and God's creation. Whether you have just a few minutes or several hours to give throughout the year, your efforts matter more than you may realize.

Together, we can continue growing a church community that reflects God's love not only for one another, but for the beautiful world we call home.

SIMPLE WAYS TO **Care for Creation** THIS MONTH

Carry a reusable water bottle.

Small choices every day add up to a big impact.

Reduce food waste.

Plan ahead, share extras, and compost when you can.

Plant something that feeds pollinators.

Flowers, herbs, and native plants help our ecosystem thrive.

Pick up litter in your neighborhood.

A cleaner community is a healthier home for all.

Spend time outdoors and give thanks for creation.

Even a few quiet moments can renew our perspective.



"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."
GENESIS 2:15

ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH | LOVE. GROW. SERVE.

New SERVICE TIME *for the Summer!*



NEW TIME:
11:00

OLD TIME:

~~11:15~~



NEW TIME:

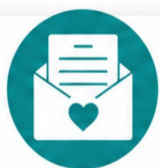
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Same great service. Just 15 minutes earlier!

Ways to Give

We have multiple ways for you to continue your support of Asbury Memorial.

Thank you for your gifts!



MAIL

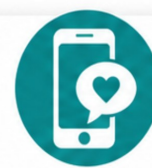
Mail your contribution by check to:

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
833-690-5966
- ✓ Donate anytime, anywhere
- ✓ Use easy debit/credit card registration
- ✓ Make a one-time gift or set it up to be **recurring**

Thank you for partnering with **Asbury Memorial** to make a lasting impact in our community.

BOOK & RECORD SHARE

THIRD SPACE • JULY 3

Stories Worth Sharing

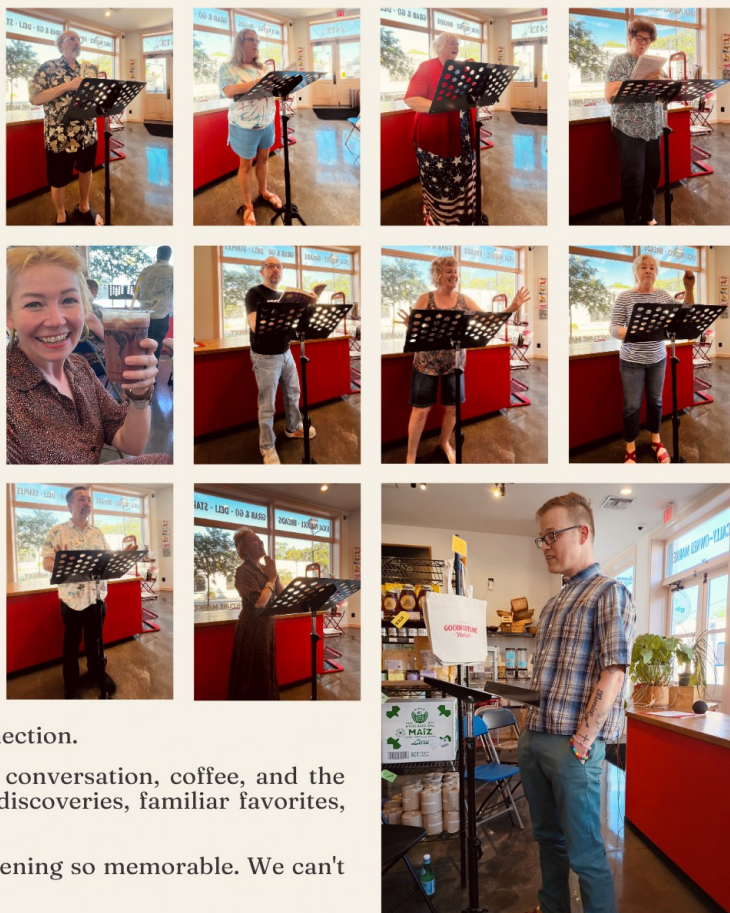
Books, records, coffee, and meaningful conversations made July's gathering one to remember.

July's Third Space gathering reminded us that some of the best conversations begin with a favorite book, a beloved record, or a song that has shaped our lives. Guests brought books and albums that have inspired, comforted, challenged, and delighted them over the years. Some shared meaningful passages, others read favorite lyrics, and everyone had the opportunity to hear the stories behind why these selections mattered so much.

Every book and every song opened a window into someone's life, creating moments of laughter, reflection, and genuine connection.

Of course, no Third Space would be complete without great conversation, coffee, and the warmth of being together. It was an evening filled with new discoveries, familiar favorites, and the joy of learning a little more about one another.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the evening so memorable. We can't wait to see you at our next Third Space gathering!



Thank You!

"I am very grateful for all the prayers and delicious meals which helped me recover from triple bypass heart surgery. "

~ Sharen Wixom

GET FIT WITH MS. LINDA

You determine the workout you want to get. You get out what you put in!

SeniorFit45 A 45-minute full-body workout focused on strength, mobility, and low-impact cardio. Monday - 11:45 am	SeniorFit30 A quick, effective 30-minute class to build strength, balance, and endurance. Wednesday - 12 pm	Core Foundations Strengthen your core to improve balance, posture, and stability. Wednesday - 12:45 pm
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programs at the

GREENBRIAR GYM

(912) 665-6718

3709 Hopkins Street Savannah, GA 31405

HEALTHY BODY, STRONG SPIRIT.

Fit for the Journey

QUICK HEALTH TIPS FROM

Linda Socks

Taking care of our bodies isn't about chasing perfection. It's about honoring the life we've been given. Whether you're just beginning your wellness journey or looking for encouragement to stay on track, these simple habits can make a remarkable difference.

“ Church and the gym have one thing in common: you always walk out better than you walked in. ”

FUEL YOUR BODY WISELY

Smoothies can be very healthy but also very fattening. Stick with whole foods, i.e., a piece of fruit, to lose weight instead of smoothies, which pack up to 700 calories or more. It's a drink with a high sugar concentration.

BUILD MUSCLE, BOOST YOUR METABOLISM

The more muscle you obtain, the faster your metabolism will be. Strength training does more than change how you look—it helps your body burn more calories even at rest. The more lean muscle you build, the more efficiently your body works for you throughout the day.



CONSISTENCY OVER INTENSITY

One of the greatest myths about fitness is that every workout has to be intense. In reality, consistency often produces better results than intensity.

Schedule 30 minutes every day to move your body. A walk, light strength training, stretching, cycling, or a visit to the gym all add up over time. Building a routine is far more important than having the perfect workout.

MOVE YOUR BODY, LIFT YOUR MOOD

People who exercise are stronger, happier, and in better moods. Regular physical activity doesn't just strengthen muscles—it improves mood, reduces stress, increases energy, and promotes overall well-being.

It's biology, not magic!

Small, consistent choices today lead to a healthier, stronger tomorrow.

TAKE CARE OF THE BODY GOD GAVE YOU.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WALK ALONE: THE CARE OF STEPHEN MINISTRY

Life does not always unfold the way we expect. There are seasons of joy and celebration, but also times of grief, stress, illness, transition, or uncertainty. In those moments, it can be easy to feel like we have to carry everything on our own. But did you know you do not have to?

Stephen Ministry is a quiet but powerful presence within our church, offering one to one, confidential care to those who are going through a difficult time. It is built on a simple and meaningful idea. Sometimes what we need most is someone to truly listen and walk beside us.

A Stephen Minister is a trained member of our congregation who meets regularly with someone needing support. They are not there to fix problems or offer quick answers. Instead, they provide compassionate listening, encouragement, and a steady, caring presence. Whether you are navigating loss, dealing with health challenges, facing a life transition, or simply feeling overwhelmed, a Stephen Minister is there to remind you that you are not alone.

This ministry reflects the heart of who we are as a church. People caring for one another, showing up with love, and offering grace in real and tangible ways. It is about creating space for honesty, healing, and connection, without judgment or expectation.

If you or someone you know could benefit from having someone to talk to, someone who will listen and walk alongside you, Stephen Ministry is here for you. Reaching out may feel like a small step, but it can open the door to meaningful support and companionship.

Because no one should have to carry life's burdens alone, and here, you do not have to.

Questions? Contact Candace Jenkins
jenkins@asburymemorial.org



- **MONDAYS**
- **7:00P -8:30P**
- **EPISCOPACY CENTER
AT 3101 WATERS AVE,
SAVANNAH, GA**
- **ALL ARE WELCOME!**



SUPPORT FOR A BALANCED LIFE

Wesley Oak Church is proud to host SMART Recovery meetings every Monday evening from 7:00-8:30 p.m. SMART Recovery is a program designed to help individuals overcome harmful habits and addictions through practical tools based on cognitive and motivational psychology and addiction research.

Unlike traditional 12-step programs, SMART takes a science-based approach that emphasizes self-reliance, self-resilience, and self-empowerment. Participants are encouraged to become the experts on their own recovery journeys, choosing strategies and supports that fit their needs. Topics may include relationships, substance use, gambling, eating, spending, and other behaviors that can impact well-being.

There is no requirement to commit to a lifetime of meetings. Instead, participants decide when and how long they wish to be involved, making SMART a flexible and welcoming community. The program also recognizes that individuals may benefit from participating in more than one support group, and it values collaboration rather than exclusivity.

REMEMBERING TOGETHER

When Shadows Fall

A TIME TO REMEMBER,
TO PRAY, AND TO HOLD
ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE.

In times of loss, we are reminded
that we do not walk alone.
As a church family, we lift one
another up in prayer, trusting in
the enduring love and presence
of God.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The West Family

In the passing of
Corey's aunt,
India Godwin Adams

The Orcutt Family

In the passing of
Tara's father,
Dr. Gopal C. Dorai

Chuck Long & Asbury Memorial Family

In the passing of Chuck's
husband and our dear
Kenn Waters

“ God of comfort, surround these families
with your peace. Strengthen them with your love
and hold them close in the days ahead. ”

AMEN.

AUGUST RECIPE

Summer Corn & Peach Salad

Sweet peaches, fresh corn, and crisp greens come together in this vibrant salad that celebrates the flavors of August.

SERVES	PREP TIME	TOTAL TIME
6	15min	25min

INGREDIENTS

- 4 cups mixed greens
- 2 ears fresh corn, grilled and kernels cut off the cob
- 2 ripe peaches, sliced
- ½ red onion, thinly sliced
- ½ cup crumbled feta cheese
- ¼ cup toasted pecans
- 2 tbsp fresh basil, chopped

DRESSING

- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp honey
- 1 tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- Salt & pepper to taste

METHOD

- Grill corn until lightly charred. Let cool slightly, then cut kernels off the cob.
- In a large bowl combine greens, corn, peaches, red onion, feta, pecans, and basil.
- In a small jar or bowl, whisk together dressing ingredients until well combined.
- Drizzle dressing over the salad and toss gently to coat.
- Serve immediately and enjoy the taste of summer!

CHEF'S TIP

For extra flavor, grill the peaches for 1–2 minutes per side until they have beautiful grill marks. They add a wonderful smoky sweetness to the salad.





FAITH IN THE MAKING

More Than Childcare

OUR NURSERY IS MUCH MORE THAN A PLACE WHERE YOUNG CHILDREN SPEND AN HOUR WHILE THEIR PARENTS ATTEND WORSHIP. IT IS ONE OF THE FIRST PLACES WHERE OUR YOUNGEST MEMBERS EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE THROUGH GENTLE SMILES, CARING HANDS, AND WELCOMING HEARTS.

A MINISTRY THAT MAKES AN ETERNAL DIFFERENCE

One of the sweetest sounds in any church is the joyful laughter of children. It reminds us that the Church is not only about who we are today, but also about who we are becoming together.

For parents of infants and toddlers, knowing their child is safe, loved, and well cared for allows them to fully participate in worship, prayer, and fellowship. That peace of mind is a gift, made possible by a dedicated team of nursery volunteers who faithfully answer God's call to serve.

Every volunteer who rocks a baby to sleep, reads a story, wipes away tears, or shares a simple smile is participating in a ministry with lasting impact. These moments may seem small, but they help lay the foundation for a child's lifelong relationship with the church.



A MINISTRY THAT TAKES MANY HANDS

Like every ministry at Asbury Memorial, our nursery depends on volunteers who generously share their time and compassion.

Whether you have years of experience caring for children or simply enjoy spending time with our youngest members, your presence can make a meaningful difference.



Could This Be Your Ministry?

If you have been looking for a meaningful way to serve, consider joining our nursery team. Even serving occasionally can make a tremendous difference for our families and for the life of our church.

You may never know the full impact of your kindness, but every hug, every story, every song, and every moment of care helps build a foundation of faith that can last a lifetime.

INTERESTED? Contact the church office or speak with Rev. August

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“Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

MATTHEW 19:14

Our nursery embodies that invitation every Sunday. Children are embraced with patience, kindness, and unconditional love while parents are encouraged and supported in their own faith journey.

Wesley Oak
AUGUST LINEUP

Date	Performer
2	Betsy Kammerud
9	J.J. Collins
16	Betsy Kammerud
23	J.J. Collins
30	Rev. August Alderman

PLAYBILL
BROADWAY TO Rue Bourbon Street

The Fabulous EQUINOX ORCHESTRA

SONGS FROM: GUYS AND DOLLS, WEST SIDE STORY, MY FAIR LADY, HADESTOWN, FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, DEAR EVAN HANSEN, HAIRSPRAY, OKLAHOMA! JERSEY BOYS, BYE BYE BIRDIE, SOUND OF MUSIC, COMPANY AND MORE

Presented by:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH
1008 E. HENRY ST, SAVANNAH - DOORS 6:30PM - SHOW 7:00PM

GLOBAL EQUINOX MISSIONS

EQUINOXORCHESTRA.COM

Prayer Requests

Congregants of Asbury Memorial & Wesley Oak

DiAnne Amerson, Valori Armstrong, Kathy Bradley, Marie Foley,
Deb Gibson, Bubba Hughes, Carolyn Ingram, Penny Langley,
Peggy Larson, Virginia Moryades, Frank Ramsey, Geri Spears,
Dave Thompson, Steve Tisinger, Kenn Waters, Shirley White,
Sharen Wixom, Debbie Wright

Family Members & Friends

Peggy Baker, Sara Driggers, Allison Mills, Brian Palmer

IN Memory

We give thanks for the lives of those who have faithfully gone before us. These gifts honor their memory and reflect God's love that lives on.



IN MEMORY OF Jan Durham

Gifts have been received from:

- Jane Thimme
- Mark & Roxanne Robinson
- Jan Wright
- Ximema Dinger
- Tina Austing



IN MEMORY OF Lee Davison

Gifts have been received from:

- Mickie & Bob Townsend
- Tina Austing
- Charlotte Hough
- Glenn Fontaine
- Linda David
- Beth & Chester Karchefsky



IN MEMORY OF Phyllis Carlino

A gift has been received from:

- Tina Austing

May we continue to honor their memory by living lives of compassion,
generosity, and faith, as together we care for one another.

FINANCIAL Health



General Budget as of:

JUNE



YTD Budget Income Goal

\$412,617



Actual YTD Expenses

\$369,162



Actual YTD Contributions

\$326,095



**Actual Contributions TO
Expenses Ahead(Behind)**

(\$43,067)



**Ahead or (Behind)
if YTD budget spent**

(\$72,974)

Faithful stewardship strengthens our mission
and builds a better future—together.



A Back-to-School Prayer

Gracious and Loving God,

As a new school year begins, we lift up all students, teachers, administrators, staff, bus drivers, volunteers, and families into your care. Fill classrooms with curiosity, kindness, patience, and joy. Give students the courage to learn, to ask questions, to make new friends, and to grow in wisdom and compassion. Help them discover their unique gifts and use them to make the world a better place.

Bless our teachers and school staff with strength, creativity, and encouragement. Grant them wisdom as they guide and inspire those entrusted to their care. May they know that their work is deeply meaningful and appreciated.

Be with parents, grandparents, and caregivers as they support and nurture their children through every challenge and celebration. Give them peace when they worry, patience in busy moments, and confidence that they are never alone.

Protect everyone who travels to and from school each day. Surround them with your love, keep them safe, and help each school become a place where every person is welcomed, respected, and valued.

As we begin this new chapter, remind us that learning is a lifelong gift and that every day offers opportunities to grow in knowledge, faith, kindness, and love.

May this school year be filled with hope, meaningful friendships, joyful discoveries, and countless reminders of your presence.

In your holy name we pray.

Amen.

30 Day Connection Challenge

Building meaningful relationships in church doesn't happen overnight. It grows through consistency, kindness, and intentionality. This challenge invites you to take one simple step each day toward becoming more connected with God and with your church family.



Week 1: Notice Others

Day 1: Pray for your church. Spend five minutes praying for your pastors, ministry leaders, volunteers, and fellow members.

Day 2: Learn someone's name. Introduce yourself to someone you've seen but never met.

Day 3: Send an encouraging text to someone from church.

Day 4: Arrive early. Come 10–15 minutes before the service and intentionally start a conversation.

Day 5: Sit somewhere different.

Day 6: Smile first. Offer a warm smile and greeting to at least five people.

Day 7: Reflect. How can you make someone feel welcomed?

Week 2: Build Relationships

Day 8: Invite someone for coffee

Day 9: Ask a meaningful question: "What's been the highlight of your week?"

Day 10: Pray with someone.

Day 11: Encourage a volunteer. Thank someone serving in children's ministry, worship, hospitality, media, or another ministry.

Day 12: Reach out to someone you haven't seen recently.

Day 13: Learn someone's story. Ask how they came to faith or what brought them to your church.

Day 14: Reflect. What relationship is God helping you grow?

Week 3: Serve Together

Day 15: Look for one unnoticed need and meet it.

Day 16: Volunteer for a ministry or event.

Day 17: Write a handwritten encouragement card.

Day 18: Offer practical help. Help someone move chairs, carry supplies, clean up after an event, or assist however needed.

Day 19: Pray specifically for someone else's burden.

Day 20: Invite someone to join you at church next week.

Day 21: Reflect. How has serving changed your perspective?

Week 4: Long-term Investments

Day 22: Join a small group, Bible study, or Sunday School class.

Day 23: Share something God has been teaching you.

Day 24: Thank a church staff member

Day 25: Welcome a first-time visitor.

Day 26: Reach out to three people you've connected with this month.

Day 27: Write a note to a staff member.

Day 28: Pray for someone by name throughout the day.

Day 29: Invite someone into your home for a meal or dessert.

Day 30: Celebrate what God has done!

ASBURY MEMORIAL'S

Heavenly Honey

You can purchase Asbury Memorial's Heavenly Honey ALL YEAR LONG!

Stop by the church office to purchase yours today!



Men's Group

Building Connection and Conversation

Our Men's Group meets every Thursday at 7:00 PM via Zoom for conversation, support, and spiritual growth. Anyone is welcome to join—any time, from anywhere. No experience or sign-up needed, just drop in and connect!

Meets Thursdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m. on Zoom.



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

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*

A Little Laughter

FOR THE SOUL

How do you know that atoms are Catholic?

They have mass

Why did Noah have to punish the chickens on the Ark?

They were using fowl language

Which king liked to do things on his own?

Solomon

Which nursery song would Jesus have heard the most?

"Mary had a little lamb"

What was Moses' wife, Zipporah, known as when she'd throw dinner parties?

The hostess with the Moses

How did Joseph make his coffee?

Hebrewed it

W.O.K.E.

WESLEY OAK KNOWLEDGE EXPLORERS

SUNDAYS AT 1:00 PM

ARE YOU CRAVING DEEPER CONVERSATIONS ABOUT FAITH, LIFE, AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH? WOKE IS A WELCOMING GROUP OF SEEKERS AND THINKERS WHO GATHER EVERY SUNDAY TO EXPLORE BIG IDEAS AND ASK MEANINGFUL QUESTIONS. TOGETHER, WE DIG INTO THOUGHT-PROVOKING TOPICS THAT HELP US GROW—BOTH SPIRITUALLY AND PERSONALLY. BRING YOUR QUESTIONS, YOUR CURIOSITY AND YOUR OPEN HEART. LET'S GROW TOGETHER.

Wisdom Seekers

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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 \$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.