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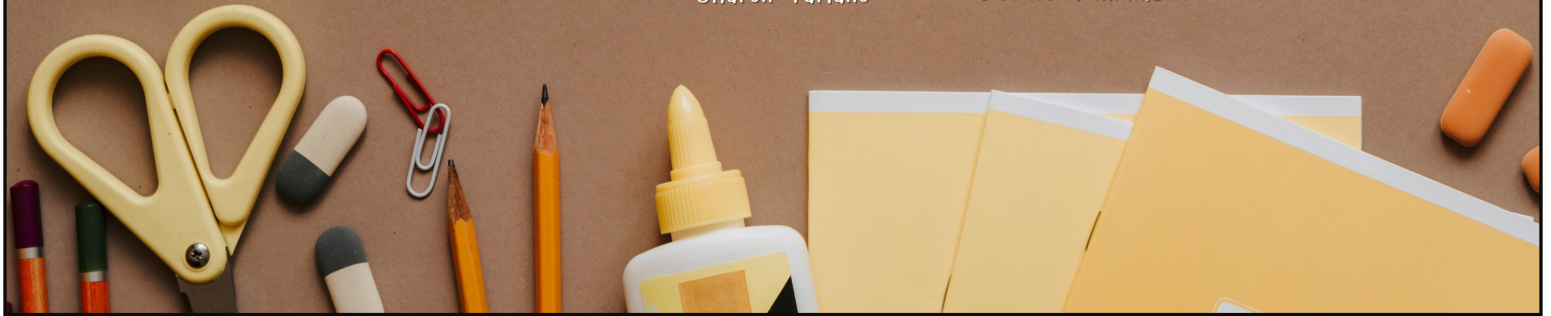
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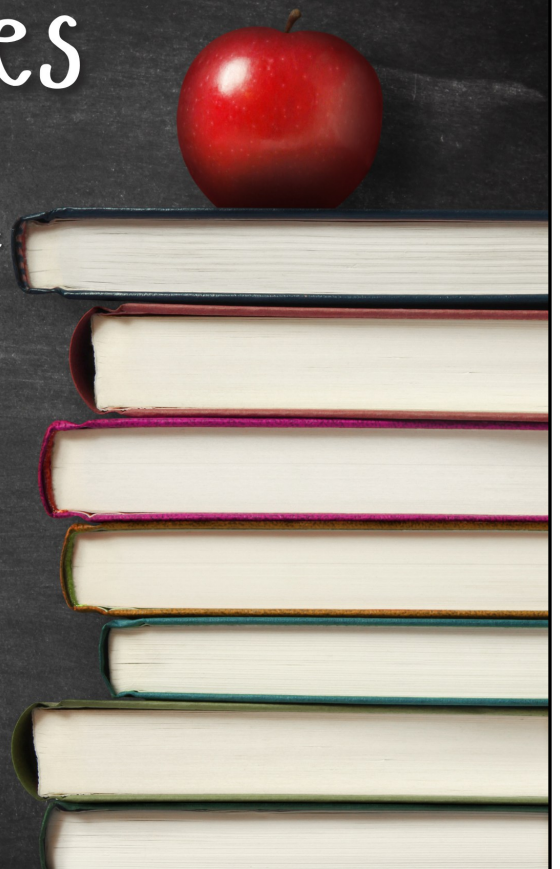
AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 Vicky Hudson Lance Wilhelm	7 Joe Marcus Carman Purtee	13 Janet Dixon	20 Anne Bishop Marshall Lego	27 Claudette DeLong
3 Don Colvard Emily Gage	9 Hayden Lego	14 Jo Legacki Pam Sears	22 Alice Burris Margaret Clay Bob Corey Dahlia Karam	29 Bert Simmons
4 Jim Kluttz	10 Julie Tisinger	15 Doreen Karls	23 Sam Povie	30 Sheri Coffey Lee Davison Chase Harrison Kathy Munro Bill Oakley
5 Lyn Carden	11 Genevieve Hawkins	16 Edward Steiner	25 Carrie Collins Diane Meseroll Debbie Williamson	31 Marge Wester
6 Chloe Harrison Beverly Vasta	12 Christi Hester Peggy Larson Greg Socks	18 John Hohnerlein Barbara Passino		
		19 Philip Bajad Sharon Tarlano		



August Anniversaries

3rd Jim & Alexa Schlimmer	4th Phil Pinault & Paula Avena	4th Susan & Ray Smith	4th Cory & Temperance West
9th Kent & Liz Urness	14th Larry & Leslie Mathews	16th David & Pat Alley	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	



AUGUST 2025

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

27

9:30a
Wesley Oak
11:15a
Asbury
Memorial
1:00p
Wesley Oak
Knowledge Explorers
@WO

28

7:00p
SMART
Recovery
@ WO

29

30

31

7:00p
Men's Group

1

6:00p
Summer
Movie Night
@AMC

2

3

9:30a
Wesley Oak
11:15a
Asbury Memorial
1:00p
Wesley Oak Knowledge
Explorers
@WO
6:00p
2nd Sunday Seekers

4

7:00p
SMART
Recovery
@ WO

5

6:30p
Stephen
Ministry
Supervision

6

7:00p
Men's Group

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6:30p
Savannah
VOICE
David
Friedman's My
Simple Wish
@AMC

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9:30a
Wesley Oak
11:15a
Asbury
Memorial
1:00p
Wesley Oak
Knowledge Explorers
@WO

11

7:00p
SMART
Recovery
@ WO

12

6:30p
Ministry Round
Table Meeting

13

7:00p
Men's Group

15

6:30p
Savannah
VOICE
Verdi's
Rigoletto
@AMC

16

17

9:30a
Wesley Oak
11:15a
Asbury Memorial
1:00p
Wesley Oak
Knowledge
Explorers
@WO

18

7:00p
SMART
Recovery
@ WO

19

6:30p
Finance
Committee
Meeting
via ZOOM

20

10:00a
Blood Drive
@AMC

22

7:00p
Men's Group

23

24/31

9:30a
Wesley Oak
11:15a
Asbury
Memorial
1:00p
Wesley Oak
Knowledge Explorers
@WO

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7:00p
SMART
Recovery
@ WO

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6:30p
Church
Council
Meeting

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7:00p
Men's Group

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2025 SUMMER PREACHING SERIES

ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH – 11:15 AM SUNDAYS



REV. JENNIFER FRIEDMAN – JULY 13

- Rev. Friedman is an Orlando, Florida native, and a Co-Vice President of the Southeastern region of the Federation of Christian ministries.
- Jennifer has her bachelors in Music from Stetson University and MDiv from Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University .
- She has over 20 years of ministry experience with youth and young adults, both in and outside of the Parish, international missions, worship ministry, and hospital and hospice chaplaincy.
- Her current full-time work is with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society as a MS Navigator.
- She and her husband Sam Friedman moved to Savannah in August of 2024, and you can find them hanging out with their two dogs Charlie and Snoop, making good coffee, playing music, spending time with family, and getting to know their new home community in Savannah.



RABBI ROBERT HAAS – JULY 20

- Rabbi Robert Haas, a native of McAllen, Texas, became the 14th spiritual leader of Congregation Mickve Israel in Savannah, Georgia in 2012.
- After receiving his B. S. from the University of Texas at Austin, he began his first career as an elementary school teacher before matriculating at Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem and Los Angeles, where he earned his Master's Degree and Rabbinical Ordination.
- After graduation, he served as an associate rabbi in Dallas and in Houston, Texas. He then spent a year volunteering in Africa with American Jewish World Service before moving to Savannah to serve in his current position as the rabbi for 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. AUGUST ALDERMAN – JULY 27

- August serves as the Associate Minister at Asbury Memorial.
- He was ordained this past May at Asbury Memorial church.
- 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 this year.
- He served CPE at Hospice Savannah and completed Field Placement with Asbury Memorial as Ministerial Intern.
- August was born in Savannah and grew up in Richmond Hill and now lives in Savannah with his partner Jason and cat Esther.



DR. DANIELLE PILGRIM – AUGUST 3

- Dr. Danielle Pilgrim, a native of Trinidad and Tobago and New York, is a passionate advocate for social justice, dedicated to driving positive change through public speaking, education, strategic advocacy, and impactful public policy.
- After earning her B.S. in Community Health Education from York College, she pursued a Master of Divinity at Andrews University, where she deepened her passion for service and justice-centered leadership.
- She later earned her Ph.D. in Community Engagement with an emphasis in Public Policy from Point Park University, focusing her research on racial inequity and public policy.
- Dr. Pilgrim has served in various roles, which have advanced her purpose of improving the quality of life, particularly for those on the margins.



CHRIS KINCADE – AUGUST 10

- His greatest accomplishment is still being Fitz's Dad.
- He is currently serving our campuses as:
 - ◆ Youth Director for Asbury Memorial / Wesley Oak
 - ◆ Communications Director for Asbury Memorial
- Chris is a huge fan of musicals and writing.
- He is proud to be husband of the incredible Bridgette Kincade.
- Chris has been part of the Asbury family for about 19 years.



J.J. COLLINS – AUGUST 17

- 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 Masters 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. BILLY RETURNS – AUGUST 24

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(monitored parking available behind church)





help keep the
supply afloat.
Give Blood.

Blood Drive
Asbury Memorial Church
HollidayHall
1008 East Henry Street
Savannah, GA 31401
Thursday, August 21, 2025
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If you are blood type A-B- O+ O- please consider a power red donation. Schedule your life saving blood donation today!
Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Asbury to schedule an appointment.



Scan to be directed to
RapidPass®



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an appointment.



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Relationships and **REV**-elations from August Alderman

From one of the altars of an associate pastor; an associate pastor's desk.

As I write to you for the August newsletter, I sit at my desk – my other altar as I described to you in our July newsletter. This desk is another altar where I come to read, write, pray, and think. Here, you are often in my thoughts as well as the life of our church. Here, I wonder how you are, and how the church can better support you on your journey. I also come to this altar to check in with myself, to make plans for the days and to run them by God.

We are coming up on summer's end and we are approaching hurricane season. It is important to have a plan for preparation and evacuation if need be. We are about halfway through the Summer Preaching Series; I trust it is going well!

The future, the past, and the moment

I recently heard someone say on a television show that it is difficult for them to be excited about the future when they are barely holding onto the present. It got me to thinking about the past, the present, and the future and where I am in the middle of it all. I attempt to always be present in the moment. I shared in a sermon over at Wesley Oak Church that Dr. Pat Stewart was sharing some wisdom with me one afternoon about the holiness of the present and the gift of being aware of it. I am in the present. I confess, there are pieces of the past I love so deeply and cannot let go of – the memories of my Granny, and many of my family members who have gone on into the clouds of witnesses. Places that no longer exist. I drive by other places that used to be a part of my life where strangers now live. I remember. There are a good many lessons for me to learn from the past – and those lessons include a lot about love, faith and resilience.

I am in the present. I hold onto my awareness of the present through checking in with myself, enjoying "slow time," savoring the elements of each moment, deeply listening to you when you take time to share a story with me.

And I am excited about the future! I think of the way Jesus describes the realm of God's kin-dom to us when we consider how heaven is here and not here yet. Here – and also – not here yet. Heaven is a time. Heaven is a state we create. Heaven is the future that we can also experience now. Heaven is with God and God's way is the way of heaven we are working to reflect on earth.

I consider the future of the church. The future of the church will happen because of what we are doing today. Cultivating community. Nurturing our friendships. Inviting people to church and to church activities. Community is cultivated through consistency. Consistently showing up for community events. We are good at this at Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak. I encourage you to consider creative ways to show up for each other.

Relationships Re-membering and Resiliency

Our church is built on relationships and community. We are built on the work of God's prophets and God's everyday people, the life and ministry of Jesus, the spirit of love, and the gifts of our imagination. The church has a memory, and we are re-membering each time we welcome a child of God onto the life of our church. I included a reference to this in a recent offering invitation. Rev. Claire, Jason and I went to hear Bishop William Barber preach in Charleston and he stated: "Jesus put the resiliency of remembrance into the liturgy of our lives when he said, 'do this in remembrance of me.'" Resiliency is a faith claim. We are resilient and we have the history of faith to back this claim up. It is not our memory alone – if we forget something of our faith story, our church family members can remind us. Will you remind each other? Will you remind me? I promise to remind you.





- Movie, ANNIE, will begin at 6:30.
- Hot dog dinner, chips, drink, and popcorn will be provided
- Bring lawn chairs or blankets, and snacks to share

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FRIDAY

6:00 PM



Spirituality & Grief

Support Group

**Supporting you through your grief journey.
Discover healing through activities, spiritual practices,
and compassionate community.**

Thursdays
6:00 pm

Asbury Memorial Church
1008 E. Henry St
Savannah, GA

Sept 18th - Oct 30th

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 Rev. August Alderman & Kathy Hodges

Meets weekly for one hour at Asbury Memorial Church.

Register today: revaugust@asburymemorial.org

WESLEY OAK

AUGUST LINEUP

3



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17



24



Back to School Prayer

Gracious God,
As a new school year begins, we lift up all
students, teachers, and families.
Grant them courage, curiosity, and compassion.
Fill classrooms with peace, patience, and joy.
Guide each step with Your wisdom and love.
Keep them safe and help them grow in
knowledge and kindness.
May this year be full of new beginnings and
Your constant presence.
Amen.

Have a great year!



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

Our children's programs are a vital part of our church community, providing a safe and nurturing environment where children can grow in their faith, make friends, and have fun.

**Now we need help to grow our programs.
Will YOU help?**

No prior experience is necessary—just a willingness to serve and a heart for children. Training and support will be provided to all volunteers. Even just one Sunday a quarter would be a HUGE help!

If you feel called to make a difference in the lives of our children, we'd love to have you on board!

Please contact the church office (church@asburymemorial.org) to learn more & to become a volunteer.

WE NEED YOU!



Memorials



A gift has been given
in memory of
Emilio Mercado
by
Chris Reichheld

A gift has been given
in memory of
Wayne Bland
by
Carlyn Bland

Gifts have been given in memory of
Gordon Baker
by

Susan Croft
Skip Dye
Merryll Penson
Sarah Bingham
Kenneth & Virginia Gerrity
Catherine Jeffrey

Deborah Staab
Carol Dotson
Ann Jones
William Raulerson
Kimberly Moore
Anonymous

10 O'CLOCK HOUR

Adult Sunday School Class

Learn, Pray and Enjoy Fellowship

The 10 O'Clock Hour Sunday School class has been meeting since September 15, 2024. The purpose of the class is to help us grow in knowledge and faith and to grow in relationships and community.

The class spent several months watching the video series, *Living the Questions*, which features scholars talking about such topics as *Taking the Bible Seriously*, *Restoring Relationships*, and *The Prophetic Jesus*. The class then spent several months studying the book, *The Last Week* by John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg. Lively, interesting discussions have followed. The class decided to continue meeting during the summer and on July 6

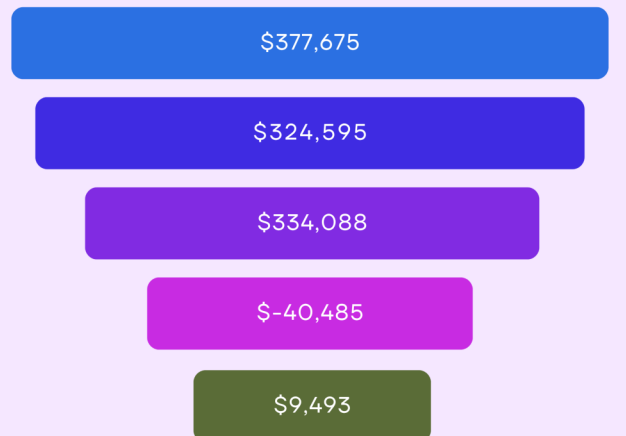
will begin the video series *Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith*. This series is described as "celebrating the communion of science and faith." Contributors include Rachel Held Evans and Episcopal priest Matthew Fox.

Anyone and everyone is invited to join the 10 O'Clock Hour in Holliday Hall, starting at 9:45. Class begins at 10:00. You will be blessed

**EACH SUNDAY
10:00AM
HOLLIDAY HALL**

2025 Financial Health

General Budget as of June 2025



YTD Budget Goal

Actual YTD Expenses

Actual YTD Contributions

Actual Ahead / Behind
if Budget Spent

Current Contributions to
Expenses Ahead/Behind



The Gift of Community

Why Church Connection Matters Now More Than Ever

In a world that often feels rushed, disconnected, and divided, the church remains one of the few places where genuine community is not only encouraged—it's essential.

The early church, as described in Acts, was a community marked by togetherness. They prayed, shared meals, supported one another, and held all things in common. That model wasn't just a historical footnote—it's a blueprint for how we are called to live today.

At its best, church is not just a place we go on Sundays. It's a people—a family—rooted in Christ and committed to walking through life together. It's where we celebrate joys, carry burdens, and find strength in shared faith. It's where we are reminded we're not alone.

In community, we're seen. We're known. And we're shaped by relationships that help us grow spiritually, emotionally, and even physically. Scripture tells us that “as iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another” (Proverbs 27:17). That kind of spiritual sharpening doesn't happen in isolation—it happens in community.

If you've been feeling distant or disconnected lately, August is a wonderful time to re-engage. Whether it's joining a small group, volunteering, attending fellowship events, or simply saying yes to coffee with someone new—there are countless ways to step back into the life of the church.

You belong here. And we're better—stronger—because of you.

Let's continue to be a church that reflects the love of Christ not only in our services, but in the way we show up for one another.

When Shadows Fall

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

**Julie, Steve, Sam & Natalie Tisinger in the passing of
Julie's father, Terry Town**

Greg Martin in the passing of his uncle, David Burger

Linda David in the passing of her nephew, Brian David



Cook and Connect with Creativity

Joy Cottage at Wesley Oak

Join Us for Suppers at the Cottage! Every fourth Sunday, we invite you to a delightful evening at the Joy Cottage where food, friendship, and creativity come together!

As we gather to prepare and enjoy a delicious meal together, you'll have the chance to cook, mingle, and forge new friendships.

But the fun doesn't stop with dinner!

At the end of each meal, we welcome a few brave souls to showcase their talents. Whether you have a poem to recite, a song to sing, or a craft to display, we encourage you to share what you love to do with the group!

Please come join us for an unforgettable evening of good food, even better company, and inspiring creativity. We can't wait to see you there!

Honorariums

A gift has been given
in honor of
Randy Canady
by
CeCe Coleman



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!





WISDOM SEEKERS

Women's Book Club
Meets 2x a month

2nd Monday of each
month @ 12:30 via Zoom
4th Monday of each
month @ 12:30, typically
in person

QUESTIONS?

Contact Trish Haverkamp at
trish.haverkamp@gmail.com or
610.334.1981

Men's Group

What's on your mind?

We invite all men to join us Thursday nights for a time of fellowship and engaging discussion. Our conversations are wide-ranging—sometimes sparked by a theological question, a thought-provoking book, or current events. Whatever's on your mind is welcome.

If you're looking for connection, meaningful conversation, and new friendships, this is a great place to start—all from the comfort of your home.

We meet via Zoom every Thursday from 7:00 to 8:30p
Zoom Meeting ID: 844 3633 5506
Passcode: Asbury

Have questions? Reach out to Gregg Walther at
gdw0517@gmail.com.

We'd love to have you join us!

Prayer Requests

Congregants of Asbury Memorial & Wesley Oak

DiAnne Amerson, Marcia Budarz, Jim Burris, Rev. Bob Chvatal, Sheri Coffey,
Marty Coolidge, Kyle Coombs, Gale Dick, Sam Durham, Delores Ellis,
Ray Ellis, Katie Farmer, Deb Gibson, Catherine Gilbert, Cynthia Herold,
Sandy Hoecherl, Bubba Hughes, Phil Hunter, Jr., Carolyn Ingram,
Pam Parker Kress, Pamela Lewanda, Marion Manigo, Virginia Moryadas,
Nancy & David Phillips, Frank Ramsey, Jim Schlimmer, Pat Stewart,
Dave Thompson, Rev. Bob Townsend, Beverly Vasta, Curtis Veal,
Kenn Waters, Shirley White, Debbie Wright

Family Members and Friends

Ann Austin, Layla Fuller, Fred Hawker,
Dalton Hentry, Nimrod Mehari, Clyde Parker,
Barbara Ringham, Diana Steinhauser, Charlie Taylor,
Donna Weaver

Honorariums

A gift has been given
in honor of
Rev. August Alderman
by
L.R. & Peggy Hester

A gift has been given
in honor of
Benjamin Murphree's
confirmation supporters
by
Bob & Mickie Townsend

HONOR A LOVED ONE WITH A SANCTUARY CHAIR DEDICATION

Each Sunday as we gather for our services, there's a sense of sacred connection that fills the sanctuary. This connection is made even more meaningful as we notice the names of loved ones carefully etched into the nameplates on our beautiful sanctuary chairs. These nameplates are more than just engraved markers—they tell stories of love, remembrance, and enduring faith.

Seeing the name of a cherished family member or friend serves as a tangible reminder of their presence, legacy, and the role they played in the life of the church community. It's a beautiful way to honor their memory while contributing to the spiritual life of our congregation.

If you would like to remember or honor a loved one in this special way, we invite you to complete an order form and submit it to the church office. Forms are conveniently available both in the church narthex and the office.

The cost of \$250.00 goes directly towards the upkeep and maintenance of our beloved sanctuary, helping to preserve this sacred space for generations to come.

By dedicating a chair in honor of someone special, you participate in a tradition of generosity and love that supports our worship environment and celebrates the lives that have touched us so deeply.

A Beautiful Way to Remember or Honor a Loved One

We encourage you to prayerfully consider this opportunity. If you have any questions or need assistance with the form, please do not hesitate to contact the church office. Thank you for being part of this meaningful act of remembrance and for supporting the spiritual heart of our community.

For my Asbury Family
By Robert D. McEwen



2025
STEWARDSHIP

Please search your heart
& plan your gift

MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY

2ND SUNDAY

Seekers

Second Sunday Seekers Group meets on the second Sunday of each month at 6:00p 'at Parker and J.J. Collins' house.

This group is for anyone who wants a safe space to ask questions, share thoughts, and hear different perspectives about all things spiritual and theological. Let's get together to discuss the sacred mysteries, the frustrating questions, the ethical dilemmas, and moral conundrums.

There is no agenda, no book to read, and no expectations. Just bring an open heart, an open mind, your humility, your curiosity, and your kindness.

Feeling all alone?



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 remains private.

Contact Candace Jenkins for more information:

📞 912.233.4351

✉️ cjenkins@asburymemorial.org



W.O.K.E.

WESLEY OAK KNOWLEDGE EXPLORERS



SUNDAYS AT 1:00 PM | JOY COTTAGE

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.

WHETHER YOU'RE WRRESTLING WITH THEOLOGY, CURIOUS ABOUT HOW FAITH INTERSECTS WITH REAL LIFE, OR SIMPLY LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO CONNECT ON A DEEPER LEVEL, THERE'S A SEAT FOR YOU AT THE TABLE.

JOIN US SUNDAYS AT 1:00 PM IN THE JOY COTTAGE.

BRING YOUR QUESTIONS, YOUR CURIOSITY, AND YOUR OPEN HEART. LET'S GROW TOGETHER.

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS!



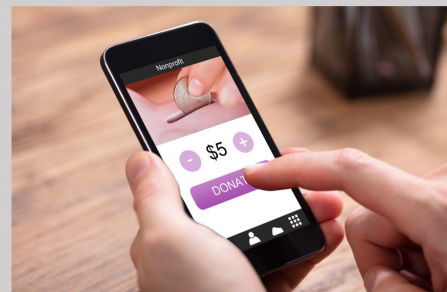
Mail:

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

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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.