

DECEMBER

Asbury Update

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Happy Birthday

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DECEMBER Anniversaries

**1
MARSHA & JIM
HARGREAVES**

**8
DANNY & JOSEPH
EDWARDS**

**9
NEAL SAYE &
ROBERT SMITH**

**9
LIZ & KARL
STEPHENS**

**12
BOB WALLS &
CAROL RABEY**

**14
CATHY & EDDIE
SOLOMONS**

**15
KATHLEEN & LEW
LEOPARD**

**19
KAY & PHILLIP
BARRETT**

**19
KATHY & PRESTON
HODGES**

**20
LYNN & JIM
DRAKE**

**22
DIAN & CHARLIE
RIBBENS**

**24
CAROL & JAMES
ANDERSON**

**26
BETTY & BOB
PERRY**

**27
DOTTIE & JIM
KLUTZ**

**29
LINDA & GREG
SOCKS**

**31
ANNE WESTBROOK
& TODD BAIAD**

DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 9:30am WO Service 11:15am AMC Service	4 7:00pm SMART Recovery	5	6 12:00pm Elderberry Luncheon 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	7 7:00pm Men Friends Men's Group	8 5:30pm Parent's Night Out	9
10 9:30am WO Service 11:15am AMC Service 5:00pm Christmas Party	11 6:30pm Congregational Meeting 7:00pm SMART Recovery	12	13 5:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	14 7:00pm Men Friends Men's Group	15 5:30pm Spectra Choir Rehearsal	16 1:00pm Spectra Choir Rehearsal 3:00pm Spectra Choir Concert
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24 9:30am WO Service 11:15am Christmas Eve Service AMC 5:00pm - WO	25 Christmas Day Office Closed 7:00pm SMART Recovery	26	27 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	28 7:00pm Men Friends Men's Group	29	30
31 9:30am WO Service 11:15am AMC Service	<p>Christmas Eve Services at Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak</p> <p>Asbury Memorial Church Wesley Oak Church</p> <p>11:15am 5:00pm</p>					



Parents' Night Out

December 8, 2023

5:30p - 7:30p

Decorating Christmas Cookies

Christmas games

Lots of dancing!

 Asbury Memorial Church Campus



Angell Tree at Asbury Memorial

The Angells Youth Group is
sponsoring an "Angell" tree
this year.

Please feel free to take a card from
the tree in Holliday Hall to help
make the season a bit brighter for a
few families in our community.

Please have all items turned in by
Dec. 17th.

We thank you in advance for your
help with this year's "Angell" Tree!



Christmas Party

5PM
10TH DECEMBER

HOLLIDAY HALL
ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH

*With special guests from
the North Pole!*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

DECEMBER 11, 2023

6:30PM

ONLINE VIA ZOOM



From the Desk of the Director of Joy...

Why Do We Give?

Giving is important to all of us, and some would say that giving is never more important than at Christmas. We give gifts to others. We receive gifts from family and friends. Sometimes gifts arrive unexpectedly, from someone we don't think about often, or from a "Secret Santa." Gifts are important, especially at this time of the year.

But why? Why do we give? Why do others give? Why do we think it's important to give, especially at Christmas?

There are many reasons for our giving, of course. Our parents give us our lives, and a home in which to live and grow. Mentors teach us by giving us life lessons about all things, including generosity. Children give us a sense of wonder, as we watch them discover their world...and see our own world anew.

So, many folks teach us to give. But why is our giving so very important at this time of year. Why do we especially need to give at Christmas? One reason I've heard is that we give at Christmas because our giving recalls the way the Magi brought gifts to the baby Jesus. There's something to that, I think. And yet, I think there's a bigger gift to remember at Christmas. Take a look at the manger scene here. There are no Magi here. There are two figures looking in the window. Maybe there are shepherds. There's an elderly Joseph. And there are angels -- so many angels. But my eye is drawn to the baby, the little baby. And Mary's focus is there, too.

This scene reminds me that God's greatest gift to us, in addition to the great gift of our own life and breath, is the gift of Jesus. We see in Jesus the very presence of God...God with us. Christmas giving begins not with the Magi, not with the shepherds or the angels, but with God.

We give, because God gives. Enjoy your gifts this Christmas, and all through the year.

Merry Christmas!
Rev. Richard Allen



Poinsettias for Advent

You still have time to order a poinsettia to be placed in the sanctuary for the Sunday services during Advent.

Poinsettias can be in memory or in honor of someone special.

You can order online by going to our website
www.AsburyMemorial.org
and clicking on the Asbury Marketplace Icon.

Price of poinsettia is \$15.00
Deadline for orders is Sunday,
December 10, 2023 at noon

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



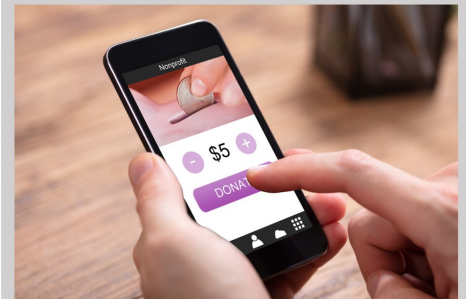
Mail:

Mail your contribution by check to:
Asbury Memorial Church
1008 East Henry Street
Savannah, GA 31401




Website:

- Log on to our website:
www.AsburyMemorial.org
- Click on the Give Now button
- Complete the form as directed.
- You can set it up to be a recurring donation!



Text Giving:

- From your mobile phone:
- Send your contribution amount to 912-307-3206
- Donate anytime, anywhere
- Use easy debit/credit card registration
- Make a one-time gift or set it up to be recurring



HOW TO STAY SOBER DURING THE *Holidays*

For people living in recovery from addiction, staying sober during the holidays can sometimes feel challenging. Following a few best practices can help you manage your sobriety successfully during the holidays and start the New Year even stronger in your recovery. Here are a few tips.



1 MAINTAIN YOUR RECOVERY ROUTINE

Be sure to stay on your schedule as best you can. The holidays can throw schedules into chaos. Be mindful to keep your recovery meeting schedule, church if you attend, and self-care routine including meditations or workouts. Keeping your daily routine on track will help you stay focused on recovery. Stay connected to your sponsor and recovery community. Remember, each piece of additional treatment and support only strengthens your stand against relapse.



2 PASS ON TRIGGERING EVENTS

Office parties, family gatherings, neighborhood celebrations, New Year's Eve with friends – staying sober during the holidays may require you to skip annual events that involve open bars or a heavy focus on alcohol consumption.

You are free to skip a year and focus on yourself, specifically on your health and well-being. The best way to manage triggers is to avoid them altogether, especially early in recovery or after a relapse. Keep building on your recovery foundation and reevaluate the party invites next year.

During the holidays, SMART Recovery, AA and NA have many gatherings that serve as safe and smart alternatives to alcohol-infused parties. They can also provide a more meaningful experience.

3 HAVE A HOLIDAY PARTY PLAN

If you do attend a party where drinks are served, prepare yourself for the event. If you are an over-eater, eat before you attend. Walk through potential party scenarios and how you will react. Plan your arrival and departure, who you will spend time with – and who you will not. Bring your own or select a festive nonalcoholic option and have an exit or even escape strategy if you start to feel anxious. Make sure you have your own transportation so that you can leave quickly if you feel uncomfortable. Call your sponsor before the party and walk through the plan. And, bring the address of the nearest AA meeting, just in case. Having a plan will help you stay focused on your desired outcome – staying sober during the holidays.

4 COMMUNICATE WITH LOVED ONES

Share with your family and friends so they can help and support your recovery. In addition, be mindful during holiday planning. A supportive family can make the difference between recovery and relapse. Family members need to get involved in their own recovery from codependency. Then, you and your loved ones can work together as a team to recover together and avoid holiday relapse.



5 LEND A HELPING HAND

Skip the party and head out to help others. There are countless opportunities to serve your community during the holidays. Homeless shelters, recovery programs, community toy drives – volunteer to help others this season and stay out of your head. Participate in charitable giving or adopt someone who could use some holiday hope and cheer. Use the opportunity to engage deeper into your recovery community. Keep a check on your sober friends and offer support. Do something that is good for humanity and your recovery this season to avoid relapse.

SMART RECOVERY FOR INDIVIDUALS

Do you want to address an addiction problem or harmful habit? With our practical tools based on cognitive and motivational psychology and addiction research, SMART Recovery helps you make and sustain positive changes that lead to a balanced life.

Through our meetings, tools, and strategies, SMART can help you stop harmful habits and behaviors, including addiction to alcohol and other drugs, or negative behaviors related to relationships, sex, spending, gambling, eating and exercise disorders, and self-injury.

SMART Recovery is unique. Our science-based approach emphasizes self-reliance, self-resilience, and self-empowerment. With SMART, you are the expert on your recovery. You choose how to personalize your plan for successful change. There's no requirement to commit to a lifetime of SMART Recovery meetings. You decide when and if the time is right to move on.

SMART and Other Recovery Groups

SMART Recovery believes that people find their own paths to successful recovery. For some, that path may include 12-step programs or other support groups. Although SMART's approach differs from those of other organizations, it does not exclude them. We recognize and support the fact that many individuals benefit from participating in more than one support community.

Get Started

Ready to get started? SMART Recovery hosts online and face-to-face meetings around the world. Our online message board is an excellent forum to learn about SMART and get 24/7 support.

Learn More

Visit www.smartrecovery.org to search for local meetings and to join our online community.



LOCAL MEETING INFORMATION

Mondays 7:00-8:30pm

**Wesley Oak Church
3124 E. Victory Drive
Savannah, GA 31404**

All are welcome!

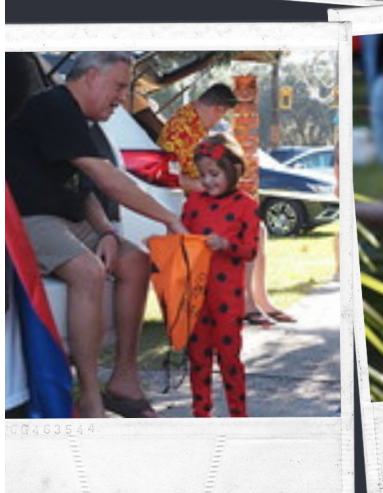
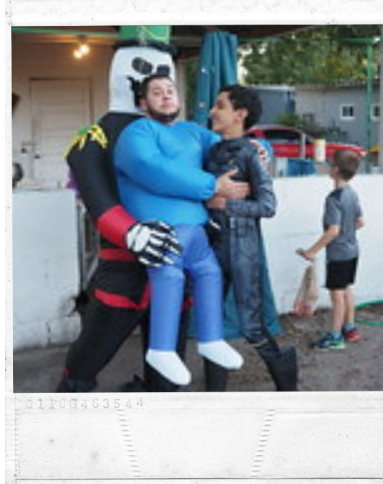
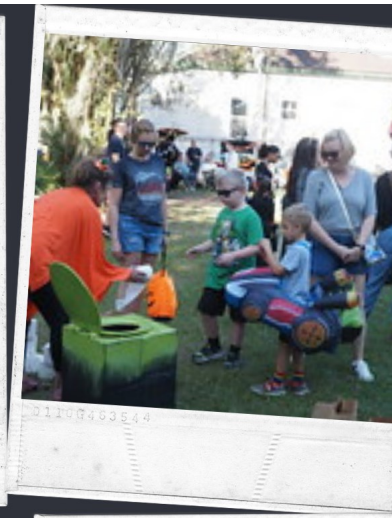
LOCAL CONTACT

**Ruthie Duran Deffley
912-312-0079
ruthie@healthymindga.com**

CONFIRM MEETING DETAILS*

<http://www.smartrecovery.org/meetings>

***Meeting times, days, and locations are subject to change. Please confirm meeting details prior to attending.**



Trunk or Treat 2023

Special thanks to ALL
who helped to make this
a fun event for families!



Stephen Ministry

What is Stephen Ministry

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips laypeople to provide one-to-one Christian care to people in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

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

A Stephen Minister Is...

- A child of God who walks beside someone who is hurting.
- A congregation member who is carefully selected to serve in this role because of their gifts.
- A layperson with 50 hours of training in providing high-quality, distinctively Christian care.
- A caring Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports, and encourages.
- Someone who meets faithfully each week with their care receiver for as long as there's a need.

Stephen Ministers Care for People Facing Tough Times

We all experience challenges in life - times when we could benefit from care and support. Stephen Ministers can provide the emotional and spiritual care we need when faced with a crisis or difficulty such as -

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|--------------------------------|--|
| • Loss of a loved one | • Aging |
| • Hospitalization | • Birth, adoption, miscarriage, or infertility |
| • Divorce or separation | • A chronic illness |
| • Loneliness or discouragement | • Relocation |
| • Spiritual crisis | • Recovery after an accident or disaster |
| • Unemployment or a job crisis | • Many other life challenges |
| • A terminal illness | |
| • Incarceration | |

To learn more, call Candace Jenkins at the church office at 912-233-4351

PLUG-IN



COMMUNITY CARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR DECEMBER

Join a JUST Research Team

- Research Team Kick-off
- December 4 at 6:30 pm
- Connexion Church
- 5411 Skidaway Rd.
- Opportunities in Education and Housing teams

Offer a ride to an elderberry for a Christmas luncheon at Asbury

- The Asbury staff will host a holiday luncheon for our special group of elderberries (age 80+) on Wed., Dec. 6 at 12 noon in Holliday Hall and some may need a ride
- Call Candace Jenkins at the church office (912-233-4351) if you'd like to serve in this way to help an elderberry

Attend a special Coffee Hour after service on Sunday, Dec. 3

- Come and welcome our newest members that join Asbury & Wesley Oak during the service on Dec. 3
- Enjoy some cake and refreshments with new members of our church family

Volunteer at P.A.C.K. (People of Action Caring for Kids)

- Mondays and Thursdays (10am-12pm)
- 4 Mall Terrace, Savannah
- Pack weekend supplies of food for hungry kids in the Savannah public school system.

GODLY PLAY



**EVERY SUNDAY
AT ASBURY MEMORIAL & WESLEY OAK**

Wesley Oak Campus
9:30am
ages 3 yrs - 3rd grade

Asbury Memorial Campus
11:15am
ages 3 yrs - 5th grade

Sound Ministry

Join Our Sound Ministry Team

Do you have an ear for sound? We need you!

We are looking for people with sound or video experience to join our sound and live stream ministry at Asbury Memorial.

For more information, please contact Ray Ellis at rellis101@gmail.com or call the church office.



CHRISTMAS EVE *Services*

*We have two Christmas Eve services for all,
so please come join us in-person or online*

Dec. 24th at 11:15am
Asbury Memorial

Dec. 24th at 5:00pm
Wesley Oak



We invite you to

Men Friends

Men's Group



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

What's on your mind?

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

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

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

Zoom meeting ID: 844 3633 5506,
passcode: Asbury

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

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

**VOLUNTEER - Mondays & Thursdays
10am - 12pm**

4 Mall Terrace - Savannah



www.packsavannah.com

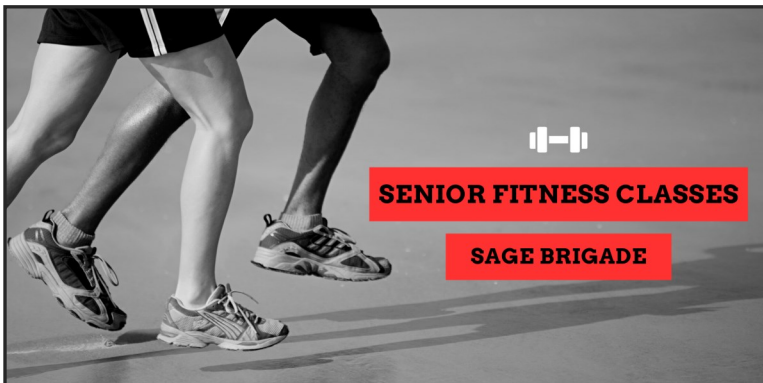
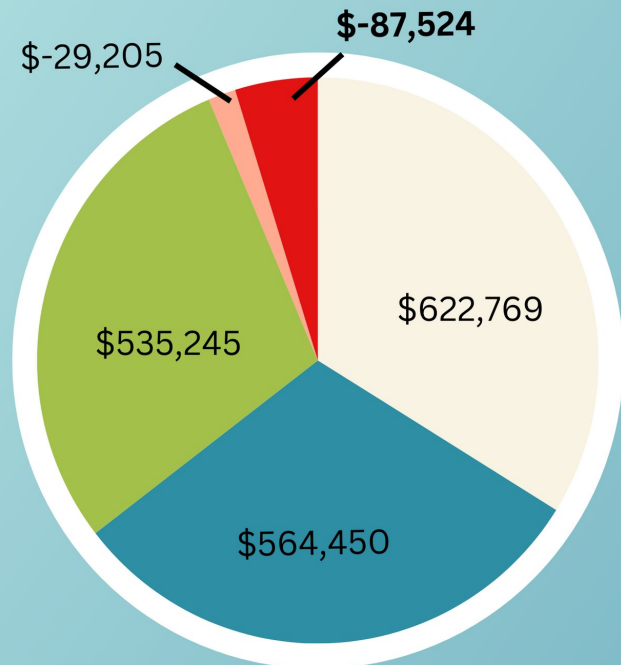


Financial Health

As of October 2023

General Budget

-  YTD Budget Goal = \$622,769
-  Actual YTD Expenses = \$564,450
-  Actual YTD Contributions = \$535,245
-  Current Contributions to Expenses Ahead/Behind = \$-29,205
-  Actual Ahead/Behind if Budget spent = \$-87,524



SENIOR FITNESS CLASSES

SAGE BRIGADE

The Salvation Army has started the "Sage Brigade" a senior program of many activities. Top of the list is Sr. Fitness, using light weights and cardio for a 45-minute fitness class that incorporates music from the 50's, 60's, 70's up to the present. The format is a warmup w/o weights, followed by weights and cardio, and finishes off with a cool down. Great for everyone from beginners to advance. Weights are provided. No floor work. \$25 for the entire year. The fee includes other fun activities like crochet, line dancing, and much more. Registration is at the door when you come for your first class. Start anytime.

Senior Fitness Classes (no age requirement to attend classes)

Led by Asbury Member, Linda Socks

The Salvation Army - 3000 Bee Road, Savannah

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



**2024
STEWARDSHIP**

SEARCH YOUR HEART
&
PLAN YOUR GIFT

YOU CAN MAKE YOUR
PLEDGE ONLINE OR
THROUGH THE
CHURCH OFFICE

PLEDGE

We invite you to

Men Friends

Men's Group



Men Friends

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

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

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

ZOOM ID:
844 3633 5506
passcode: Asbury

STUDY GROUPS & FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Asbury Memorial offers a wide variety of study and fellowship groups. We are excited about the rich and varied opportunities for adult study and fellowship, some via Zoom. We hope that you will join in one or more of the programs.

Wisdom Seekers

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

If you have any questions about the group, please email Trish Haverkamp at trish.haverkamp@gmail.com

Zoom Meeting ID: 864 8291 0310

Passcode: Asbury

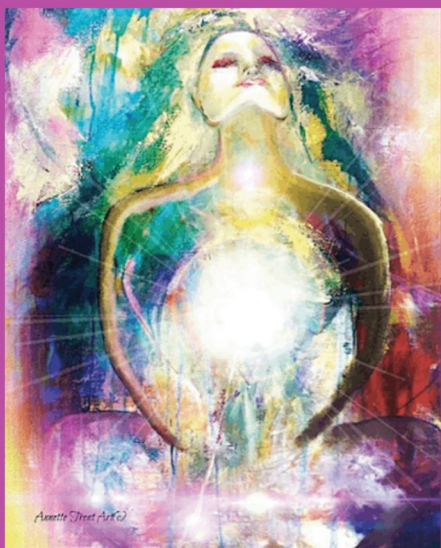


A Course in Miracles

Facilitator: Rev. Marilyn Leigh
Thursdays, 4:00 to 5:30 pm

The Course in Miracles study group is dedicated to the study and practical application of A Course in Miracles to our daily lives. Our group allows the Course to guide us in becoming and expressing the Love that is the truth about us. It teaches the true meaning of forgiveness and challenges us to put God first in our lives.

If you are interested, contact Rev. Marilyn Leigh at revleigh@yahoo.com

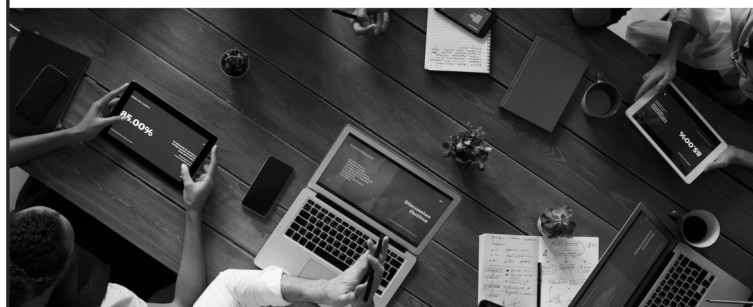


SPECTRA CHOIR PRESENTS
a love letter
TO OUR YOUNGER SELVES

Saturday, December 16th, 3pm
Asbury Memorial Church, 1008 E Henry St, Savannah, GA



**RESEARCH KICKOFF
DECEMBER 4, 2023**



WE WILL HAVE OUR RESEARCH KICKOFF MEETING ON
DECEMBER 4TH, AT 6:30PM AT CONNEXION UMC.
ALL NETWORK MEMBERS ARE INVITED.
WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO HAVE ONE-ON-ONE
CONVERSATIONS WITH NETWORK MEMBERS IN YOUR
CONGREGATIONS TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH
THEM AND LEARN ABOUT WHAT GOT THEM
INTERESTED IN JOINING JUST.
THE RESEARCH COMMITTEES THAT WE'LL BE
GROWING IN DECEMBER ARE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY
FOR NETWORK MEMBERS TO STEP UP AND TAKE AN
ACTIVE ROLE IN ADDRESSING THE PROBLEMS THAT
OUR COMMUNITY FACES.

PFLAG SAVANNAH

4TH TUESDAY OF
EVERY MONTH
5:30PM - 8PM

FIRST CITY PRIDE CENTER
1515 BULL STREET SAVANNAH, GA



PFLAG of Savannah Georgia is a locally based volunteer organization that was created to fill a need for support within the coastal empire, and the low country. PFLAG is all about kids, parents/family, and allies. We are here to educate, advocate and support those with LGBTQ+ children in our community.

PFLAG of Savannah Georgia sprang forth from volunteers at our local LGBTQ+ center First City Pride Center. We saw a lot of parents coming in and saying that their children had come out to them and they wanted to be supportive but didn't know how. Carla Faith Moore and Donna Vargas volunteers at the center took this as both a good sign and a challenge and ran with it. Beginning in May with an initial meeting to organize and ending in our official first meeting in September lots of work by many dedicated volunteers created this great group.

Our mission at PFLAG of Savannah is to provide support for families and allies of the youth in Savannah, coastal Georgia and the low country. We provide monthly support group meetings the 4th Tuesday of every month from 5:30- 8pm at First City Pride Center located at 1515 Bull Street, Savannah Georgia.

Email pflagsavannaga@gmail.com or look us up on Facebook PFLAG Savannah GA | Facebook



When Shadows Fall

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

Marlon, Gerry, and Terry Harman in the passing
of their Aunt, and online Asburian,
Sandy Davenport



Prayer Requests

Asburians

**DiAnne Amerson, Gordon Baker, Danny Beam, Dina Consentino, Sheri Coffey, Gretchen Dodd,
Sam Durham, Ray Ellis, Katie Farmer, Ellie Gonye, Gerry Harman, Chase Harrison, Lawrence Hyde,
Dale Karacostas, Judith Kessler, Rev. Marilyn Leigh, Jack Lewis, Marion Manigo, Greg Martin,
Wendy McQuade, Brenda Mills, Virginia Moryadas, Marie Parker, Frank Ramsey, Charles Richardson,
Nancy Saltsman, Cabell Stewart, Pat Stewart, Kenn Waters, Judy Wilburn, Diane Williamson,
Peggy Zeigler**

Family Members and Friends

**Max Clements, Collie Collins, Linda Cowart, Travis Dodd, Susan Doughtie, Sara Driggers,
Captain Clarence Few, Caitlin Hand, Priscilla Hearn, Ernest Lee, Anna Lewis, Jackie Lewis, Matt Moll,
Pat Munoz, Tony Munoz, Leonard Nicoletta, Fredia Peggs, Paula Ruehling, Rachel Shelburne,
Linda Southerland, David Steinhauser**



Memorials

Gifts have been given to the
Properties Fund in memory
of Don Grimes
by
Tom Wages
Judy Jones

ASBURY MEMORIAL'S HEAVENLY

Honey

BUY SOME TODAY

only \$12

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

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*

Thank you!

We are so grateful to our Asbury Family for all of the love and support given to our Asbury Songbird, Jean Hester Byrd, throughout the years and especially during her illness and passing. We also appreciate so much all the Staff and Kitchen Hospitality Team did to make her Celebration of Life Service so special. With Grateful Thanks for such a Wonderful Church Family-

The Hester, Ciccodicola,
Hunter, Johnson and Moses Families

GOD ON BROADWAY "THANK YOU"

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE THE 2023
GOD ON BROADWAY SERIES A SUCCESS.
WE COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUT ALL OF YOU!

LINDA COMBS, RAY ELLIS, BILLY HESTER,
TIM STEINHAUSER, & JASON ZIMMER

DAVE LEWIS, MICKI LEWIS, PATTY STEINHAUSER,
CATHY SOLOMONS, SHANNON LANGAS, MEREDITH SOLOMONS,
WENDY MASON, MARY JANE MCGOWAN, ALEX SWANGER,
CHRIS HOFFMEYER, GRAY ARMSTRONG, CHARLES ENNIS,
KAY DEFFLY, TRISH HAVERKAMP, RANDY CANADY,
DOUG POVIE, GRAHAM COOPER, WARREN HEILMAN,
KEVIN WALLACE, CHERYL CAWOOD, CHRISTY HESTER

Hello Folks,

Thank you all very very
much for my beautiful
flowers on my 92nd
birthday.

It made my day! Honest
Keep safe. Miss ALL of you.
Evelyn

Pride Families Group



Pride Families Group is a social group for parents or caregivers and their LGBTQIA+ children ages 13 and younger. The group meets the third Saturday of each month to provide a safe, affirming place for fellowship, and for the kids to meet and connect over games and stories.

Check the Programs & Services calendar for
program information or contact:
Angelic by email uniquelymyself@hotmail.com



Third Saturday of Each Month
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Wesley Oak Leaf

December 2023

SMALL THINGS MAKE FOR UNEXPECTED JOY

TIDINGS OF JOY! *And the angel said unto them, Fear: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. Luke 2: 10 - 14* This verse of scripture from the gospel of LUKE carries the fullness of all that Christ will mean to all people. The great joy of love and mercy for all to experience and know in God with us, Emmanuel. At Wesley Oak this December each Sunday will be holding to this proclamation of the angel as through Word & Table with song and anthem the gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love will be celebrated.

The Chancel Choir of Wesley Oak will present the Christmas Cantata, **TIDINGS OF JOY**, by Joseph M. Martin, on Sunday, December 17th. This beautiful music inspired by Celtic music traditions and time-honored carols expresses the Advent Christmas story from prophecy to Epiphany with narration included and bright and shining orchestration. A Wesley Oak Christmas Party will follow the service on Sunday, December 17th, where all will enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres with punch and delightful fellowship. Christmas Eve Communion will be on the 24th at 5:00 p.m. with Lessons and Carols to share in more glorious celebration of the coming of Christ.

Christmas Eve Service - December 24th at 5:00pm



THANK you

What an amazing - gargantuan - generous experience at the Raise the Roof Yard Sale! So many people from Wesley Oak and Asbury Memorial donated and gave time to gather and host. Thank you to Jane Stout who championed the event along with pros Michele Dibiasi and Beth Tyson. From delivery to set up, sale, clean up, and take away - the efforts of many brought support and opportunities to meet many new friends along the way.



WESLEY OAK CHURCH

Homecoming

HOMECOMING AT WESLEY OAK CHURCH

A wonderful day of worship and fellowship we had on November 12th. The morning was blessed with many folks - even some folks who had grown up at Wesley Oak. Thanks to all who helped prepare for this yearly event. One Hundred and Thirteen Years of Ministry.

LET'S STOCK UP THE FOOD PANTRY READY, SET, GO!

The Food Pantry at Wesley Oak awaits our canned goods, dry goods, and specialty things like juice, and children's food items. Bring something every Sunday and pack the corner of the sanctuary!

THANK YOU!



IN OUR PRAYERS

Rejoice always, pray constantly...I Thessalonians

Renah Tyson, Janet Parton, Jenny Magee, David Knudson,
Kristin Karam's Uncle BJ Zandstra and Aunt Kristin,
Brandt Green, Bill Wilhelm, Komoscar family, Jack Donkar,
Mary Wynn, Lloye Wynn, Jane Rollins, Charlie Coursey,
Collie Collins - PC's Dad, Mary Ann Parker, Bubba Hughes,
People of Ukraine, Pat Howe, Cheryl Hessel, Dan Kerrick,
Unspoken need for healing, Gloria Moses, McCarthy family,
Shirley White, Michael McDaniel, George and Barbara Irvin,
Eddie Aenchbacher, Fran and Arlene Moore,
Jimuel Gray and family, Andrew Brown, Magaly O'Donnell,
Zoe Simpson, Martha Aenchbacher, Julius and Mary Cooley,
Shirley and Paul Irvine, April Hendrix

Prayer request cards are found on the back of the pews.

Vickie Hudson address for mail:
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1532 Fair Road, Room 13,
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CHRISTMAS CANTATA

December 17th at 9:30am

We will be having our Christmas Cantata, **TIDINGS OF JOY** by Joseph M. Martin, during our Sunday Service on Dec. 17th.

The Celtic Celebration is full of joyful melodies and rhythms that express the glad tidings of the holy season.

We will also have a little Christmas Party immediately following the service.

Prayer Pockets by Carolyn Ingram

Our talented sister Carolyn is at it again! Taking her creative time to make for us Prayer Pockets to have as an outward and visible sign of an inward spiritual grace for when we pray, when we draw near in attending to God's presence with us. **THANK YOU, CAROLYN**, for these gifts for us of love and devotion.



Wesley Oak Chancel Choir

New singers and more new singers! **YAY!**

The chancel of the altar at Wesley Oak is getting more and more crowded with singers in the choir! Thanks be to God for the joyful sounds and joy full singers! **COME & JOIN IN.....**

The **CHANCEL CHOIR** rehearses on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. each week. If you are interested in being a part of the music at Wesley Oak Church, connect with **JJ COLLINS**, director.



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Flowers in the Sanctuary

Supplying the flower arrangements for the worship service is a wonderful way to commemorate a date that is important to you or a loved one. Please check the Flower Chart in the narthex and sign up. The cost is \$70. For more information call the church office at 233-4351.

Special Funds

One way to honor or to remember a loved one is with a memorial or an honorarium to some of our different funds such as the Properties Fund, General Fund, Piano/Organ Fund, Family and Children's Ministries Fund, Youth Ministry Fund, Laura Angell Scholarship Fund, Pet Memorial Fund or one of our Mission Funds.

Newsletter Information

If you have an announcement for "The Asbury Update," please email Chris Kincade at ckincade@asburymemorial.org.

Mission Statement

Asbury Memorial is a place where all people can develop their spirituality, use their talents, and grow in faith as we seek to love, serve, and celebrate God, each other, and our community.