

FEBRUARY

ASBURY UPDATE

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February Anniversaries

8th

*Chelsea & Chris
Bradt*



23rd

*Ann & Bill
Anderson*

25th

*Steve & Clayton
Gagne*

February Birthdays

5 Suzanne Cooler

Iris Dayoub

Becca Terrett

Bob Walls

6 Kay Deffley

8 Valori Armstrong

Linda David

Craig Hull

9 Carolyn Lewis

10 Laurie Fahey

Tom Lewis

10 Mollie Robinson

Grayson West

11 Clara Spivey

12 Danny Beam

13 Ryan Gage

Wendell Hester

Wesley Hester

Judy Jones

14 Mimi Mangrum Numer

15 Erin Ganter

Carolyn Sanders

16 Val Osborn Utsey

17 Zoey Karr

18 Sherry Woo

20 Debra Skinner

21 Kelly Limehouse

Nancy Munoz

22 Parker Collins

24 Sandy Carroll

27 Ray Sears

Donna Waller

February



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

9:30p
Sunday Service WO

11:15a
Sunday Service AMC

1:00p
W.O.K.E.
@WO
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5:30p
SING Rehearsal

7:00p
SMART Recovery
Meeting @ Wesley Oak

6:30p
Properties Committee
Meeting

5:30p
Youth Group

6:30p
Choir Rehearsal

2:00p - 7:00p
Blood Drive
@ Asbury Memorial

7:00p
Men Friends Men's Group

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9:30p
Sunday Service WO

11:15a
Sunday Service AMC

1:00p
W.O.K.E.
@WO
6:00p
Second Sunday Seekers
(see WO for location)
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12:20p
Wisdom Seekers

5:30p
SING Rehearsal

7:00p
SMART Recovery
Meeting @ Wesley Oak

6:30p
Ministry Round Table
Meeting
via ZOOM

6:30p
Nico Lang

7:00p
Men Friends Men's Group

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6:00
Renewal of Vows
Ceremony
@AMC

14

9:30p
Sunday Service WO

11:15a
Sunday Service AMC

1:00p
W.O.K.E.
@WO
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5:30p
SING Rehearsal

7:00p
SMART Recovery
Meeting @ Wesley Oak

5:30p
Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper
@Asbury Memorial

8:00a
Ash Wednesday Service
Wesley Oak

12:00p
Ash Wednesday Service
Asbury Memorial

6:30p
Ash Wednesday Service
Asbury Memorial

12:00p
Sisters in Faith Event
Holliday Hall @AMC

7:00p
Men Friends Men's Group

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9:30p
Sunday Service WO

11:15a
Sunday Service AMC

1:00p
W.O.K.E.
@WO
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12:20p
Wisdom Seekers

5:30p
SING Rehearsal

7:00p
SMART Recovery
Meeting @ Wesley Oak

6:30p
Church Council Meeting

6:30p
St Andrew Academy
Choral Concert

5:30p
Youth Group

6:30p
Choir Rehearsal

7:00p
Men Friends Men's Group

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Renewing Love, Renewing Promise: An Annual Valentine's Tradition at Asbury

Each Valentine's season, Asbury Memorial Church becomes a sacred gathering place for love renewed and promises reaffirmed. Our Annual Renewal of Vows Ceremony is a cherished tradition led by Rev. Billy Hester and his wife, Cheri Hester, offering couples a meaningful opportunity to pause, reflect, and recommit to the vows that shape their shared lives.

Held in the warmth and beauty of the sanctuary, the ceremony invites couples—newly married, long-married, and everywhere in between—to celebrate love not as a perfect ideal, but as a living covenant. With grace, humor, and deep pastoral care, Rev. Billy and Cheri guide participants through a moment

that honors both the joy and the resilience of committed partnership.

This annual service is more than a romantic gesture; it is a reminder that love grows through intention, forgiveness, and renewal. In a world that often rushes past such moments, the Renewal of Vows offers space to breathe, to remember, and to say "yes" once more—to one another and to the journey ahead.



Open to couples of all ages, orientations, and stages of life, the ceremony reflects Asbury's commitment to inclusive love and sacred community. Whether couples attend to mark a milestone anniversary or simply to rekindle connection, the evening is filled with tenderness, gratitude, and hope. As rings are touched, vows are spoken again, and blessings are shared, this Valentine's tradition continues to be a powerful witness to enduring love—rooted in faith, strengthened by community, and renewed year after year.



February 14, 2026
@ 6:00 pm

Asbury Memorial Church

1008 E Henry St
Savannah, GA





Asbury Memorial Church Hosting a Blood Drive

Let's Donate Blood!

Save Lives!

Just one drop of blood can spark endless hope. Be a hero—save lives today.



FEB 5TH

2:00p - 7:00p
Asbury Memorial Church

WHY IT MATTERS:

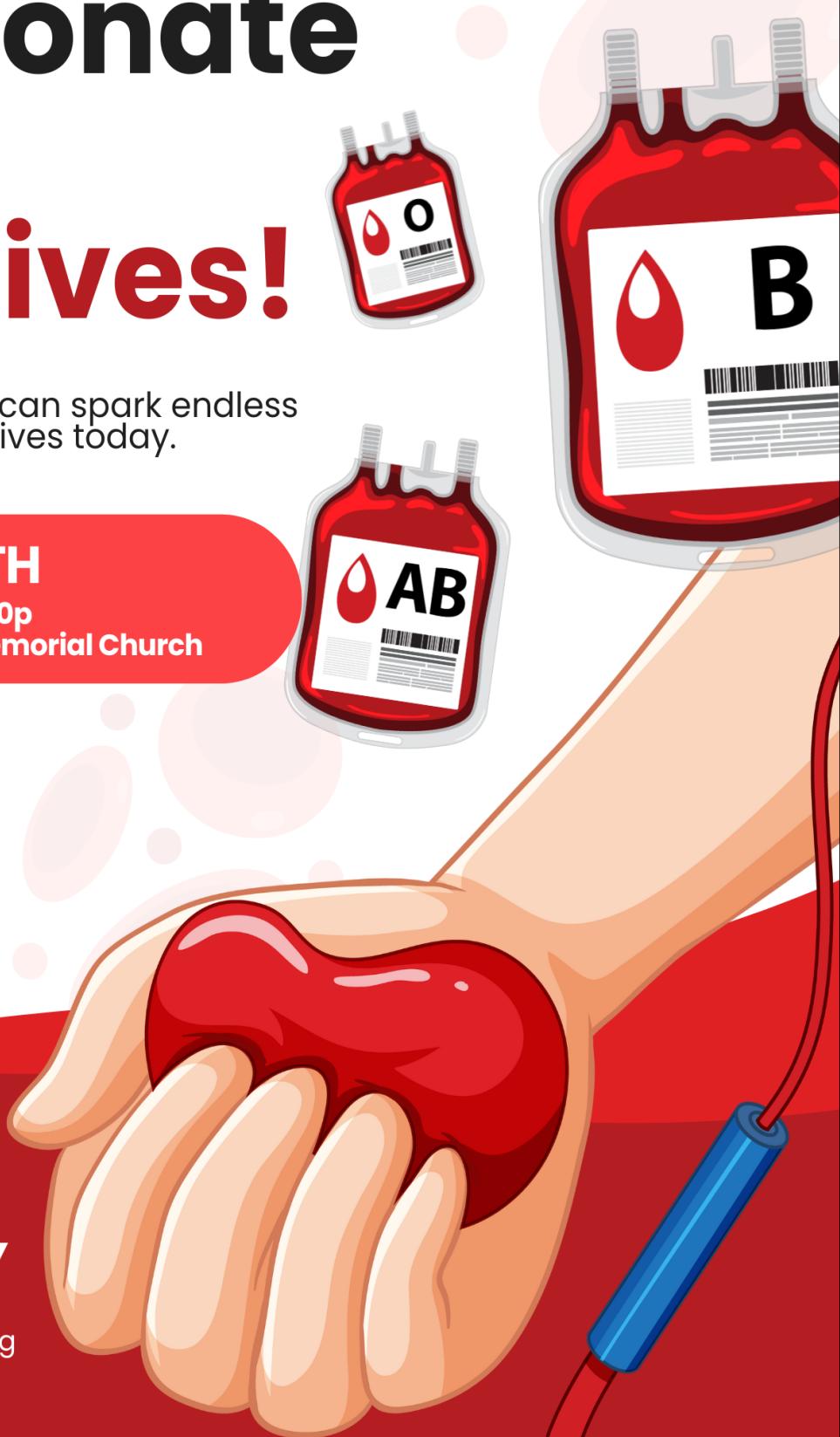
Every 2 seconds,
someone needs
blood. Your donation
makes a difference.

Be a hero

SIGN UP TODAY



www.redcrossblood.org



A LITTLE

Q & A

WITH REV. AUGUST ALDERMAN



Associate Pastor Rev. August Alderman speaks with us about ministry, leadership, and life in the church.

Q

What has surprised you most about moving from seminary into ministry?

Thank you for these excellent and thoughtful questions Chris! I do not think anything about moving from seminary into congregational ministry has surprised me. However, it has become much more real to me – and I love the reality of it! I knew how much and how deeply I desired to be in ministry and, looking back, I can see all the ways I was preparing for ministry – especially beginning in 2020. At that time, I started thinking about going to seminary, while still doing hair, I began to operate my salon more like a church in my mind. I've always had a very active imagination – and I began to see the salon like a church. The salon brought people together, helped them to feel good, they had a place to talk, to express themselves, to be safe and to feel welcome. In my mind, the salon wasn't far off from what church brings into our lives. So, I started "playing church." I began to think more like how I imagined a pastor to think.

Q

In what ways have these first months affirmed or reshaped your sense of call?

I have felt affirmed in my call to ministry in the ways that I feel the support and encouragement of you, our church family! My ideas for ministry endeavors and outreach have been embraced and enhanced by critical thought and feedback from church staff, the staff relations committee, ministry roundtable, and one-on-one conversations with our church and community members. I think my call has been shaped and more defined by recent experiences with United Way, J.U.S.T., Family Promise, our 3rd space gatherings, and deepening relationships within the church community. I have felt affirmation in my role, especially by people outside of the church in the community who have embraced the change that commencement and ordination made in my life. People who do not go to church seem to reverently recognize that something is different with me. Isn't that interesting!?

Q

What have you learned in parish ministry that couldn't be taught in the classroom?

I did not have a property management course in seminary! Chicago Theological Seminary did offer courses related to properties, but they were based on the United Church of Christ operations. I did not take the course because it was UCC – and we are not, but now, I wish I had anyway. I am learning more about how much work, time, resources, and energy go into caring for church buildings and properties.



Q

How would you describe Asbury Memorial Church to someone encountering this community for the first time?

I describe Asbury Memorial Church simply as a loving and creative community to visitors and to inquiring minds! I think it's important to share that faith-with-questions is welcome because faith does not mean the absence of questions. For myself and my own faith identity, I describe myself as a child of God first and as a hopeful follower of the way of Jesus.

**Q**

Where are you seeing God show up in unexpected ways?

I am finding God's peaceful presence in late-night prayers and my-heart-to-the-heart-of-God middle of the night prayers. I find my awareness of God increases when I am in our sanctuary in a moment of silence. I find God in savoring moments with others, in learning about people's stories and loves, and learning how others sense God's movements. I sense God in stillness.

**Q**

Outside of ministry, what helps you recharge or brings you joy?

Outside of ministry, analog experiences bring me joy! I love to listen to music on vinyl records, lay around on the floor with our cats Esther and Daniel, enjoy free time with Jason, go for intentional walks, read, and write! I also love to take pictures and try different filters on them on my phone, and I love to set up displays around the house and create scenes and altars.



Sisters in Faith

A Place to Gather, Grow, and Belong

In a world that often feels hurried and divided, Sisters in Faith offers something beautifully simple—and deeply meaningful: a safe, welcoming place for women to gather, connect, and be renewed.

Sisters in Faith brings women from the Asbury Memorial congregation and from across the Savannah community together to brighten each other's lives through laughter, friendship, shared joy, and prayer. We gather knowing God has provided a safe place for us to land. All are welcome. Whether you are new to the church, deeply rooted in faith, exploring spirituality, or simply looking for community, Sisters in Faith is a circle with room for you.

Each gathering reflects the heart of who we are—authentic, joyful, thoughtful, and open. Around shared meals and meaningful conversation, relationships are formed that extend well beyond the walls of the church. These gatherings remind us that faith is not meant to be lived alone; it flourishes when shared.

February Sisters in Faith Gathering

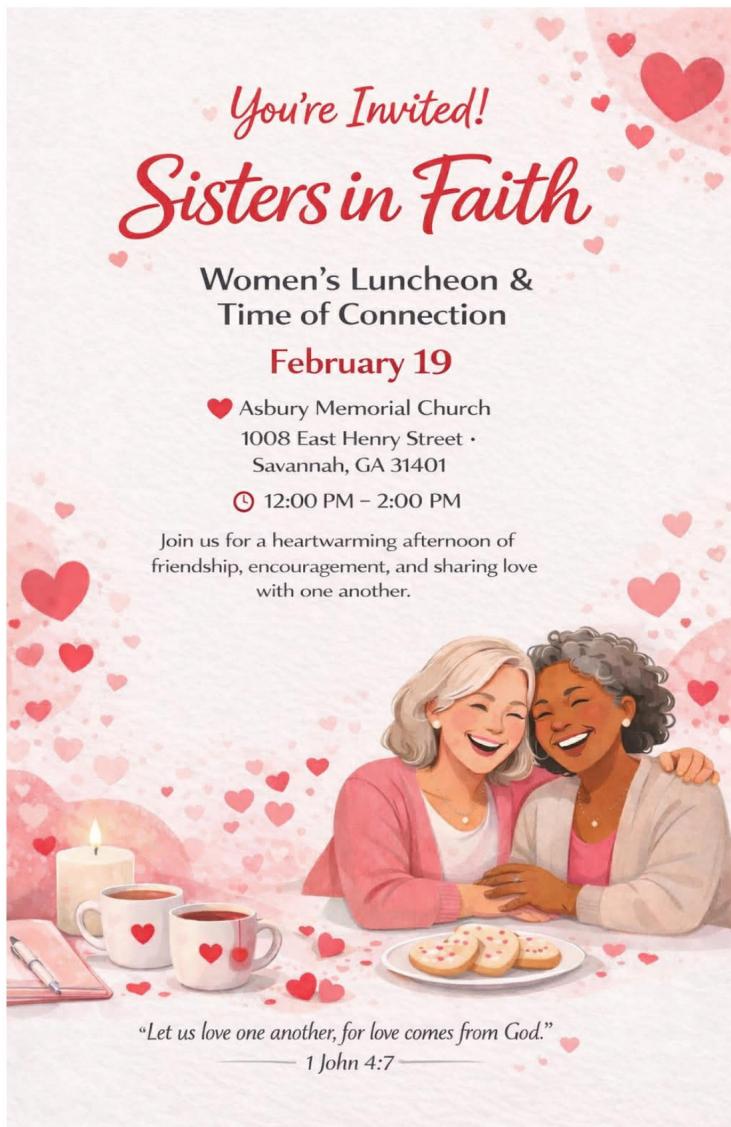
Our February gathering will take place at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 19, in Holliday Hall. This month's meeting will be part fellowship, part potluck, and part visioning for the future.

Participants are invited to bring a salad, dessert, or beverage to share. In addition to enjoying one another's company, we'll spend time dreaming together about how Sisters in Faith can continue to grow and flourish in 2026 and beyond.

Conversations will include ideas for:

- Service and mission projects
- Guest speakers
- Fun outings and social gatherings
- Opportunities for spiritual growth and learning

Your voice matters, and your ideas are welcome.



An Evening with Author *Nico Lang*

In a time marked by cultural change, difficult conversations, and deep questions about identity and belonging, storytelling remains one of the most powerful tools we have. On Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m., Asbury Memorial Church will host an Author Reading and Q&A featuring acclaimed journalist and author Nico Lang, centered on their groundbreaking book *American Teenager*.

Held at 1008 E. Henry Street in Savannah, this evening invites the community into a space of listening, learning, and honest dialogue—one rooted in compassion and curiosity rather than fear or division.

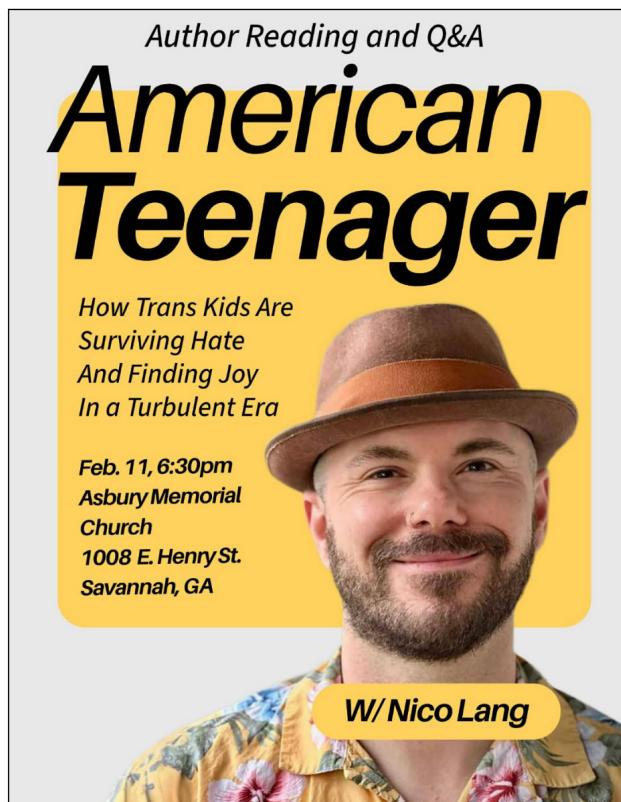
American Teenager explores the lives of transgender and gender-diverse young people across the United States, highlighting how they navigate family, school, faith, and community while facing widespread misunderstanding and hostility. Rather than focusing solely on struggle, the book emphasizes resilience, joy, creativity, and hope.

Through immersive reporting and deeply personal stories, Lang introduces readers to teens who are building meaningful lives—even in turbulent times. The result is a portrait of young people who are not defined by controversy, but by courage, humor, love, and determination.

Nico Lang is widely respected for their compassionate approach to journalism and for elevating voices that are often ignored or misrepresented. During the evening at Asbury Memorial, Lang will share selected readings from *American Teenager*, offering insight into the people and experiences that shaped the book.

The event will also include a Q&A session, giving attendees the opportunity to ask questions, reflect, and engage in thoughtful conversation. Whether participants come with deep familiarity or are just beginning to explore these topics, the format encourages respectful dialogue and shared learning.

For many communities—especially faith communities—questions surrounding gender identity and youth can feel complex or even uncomfortable. Yet *American Teenager* reminds readers that at the heart of these discussions are real young people seeking safety, dignity, and joy.



By hosting this event, Asbury Memorial Church continues its tradition of creating space for meaningful conversations that connect faith, justice, and lived experience. This evening is not about debate, but about understanding—about hearing stories that challenge assumptions and expand empathy.

This author reading and Q&A is open to all: parents, educators, students, faith leaders, and anyone interested in listening more deeply to the stories shaping our world today. Attendees do not need to have read the book beforehand; the evening is designed to meet people where they are. In a turbulent era, events like this remind us of the importance of gathering, across differences, to listen with open hearts and minds.

Author Reading and Q&A with Nico Lang

American Teenager: How Trans Kids Are Surviving Hate and Finding Joy in a Turbulent Era

February 11 | 6:30 p.m.
Asbury Memorial Church
1008 E. Henry St., Savannah, GA

Journeying into Celtic Spirituality: An Online Study with Rev. Rodney Newman

In a world that often feels hurried, noisy, and disconnected, many people are longing for a spirituality that feels rooted, reflective, and deeply present. This March, participants are invited to slow down and rediscover a rich spiritual tradition through an Online Study on Celtic Spirituality led by author, scholar, and minister Rev. Rodney Newman.

This online gathering on the first four Mondays in March (March 2, 9, 16, and 23) at 6:30 p.m. offers a meaningful opportunity to explore the ancient wisdom of Celtic Christianity and its relevance to modern faith and daily living.

What Is Celtic Spirituality? Celtic spirituality is a Christian tradition that developed among early Christians in Ireland, Scotland, and parts of Britain. It is known for its deep awareness of God's presence in everyday life, a reverence for creation, and an understanding of faith as something lived, not just believed. Rather than separating the sacred from the ordinary, Celtic Christians recognized holy ground everywhere: in work and rest, prayer and hospitality, nature and community. Their spirituality emphasized rhythm, balance, and attentiveness to God's movement in the world around them—values that feel especially meaningful today.

This study invites participants to explore those themes and reflect on how Celtic spirituality can inform prayer, discipleship, and spiritual growth in the present day.

Rev. Rodney Newman brings a unique blend of scholarship, pastoral experience, and storytelling to this study. As both an author and minister, he is known for making historical and theological ideas accessible, engaging, and deeply relevant. Participants will be guided through key themes of Celtic Christian life and practice, drawing from history, scripture, and lived experience. The sessions are designed to be thoughtful and inviting rather than academic or overwhelming. Whether you are new to Celtic spirituality or already familiar with it, the study offers space for curiosity, reflection, and meaningful conversation.

What to Expect from the Study

Each session will focus on a different aspect of Celtic spirituality, such as:

- The idea of “thin places,” where the presence of God feels especially close
- The integration of faith into daily life and work
- The Celtic understanding of community, hospitality, and pilgrimage
- Spiritual practices that nurture awareness, gratitude, and balance

Because the study is held online, participants can join from the comfort of home while still experiencing connection and shared learning with others. The format allows time for reflection, discussion, and thoughtful engagement rather than rushed lectures.

No Book Required! It is available, if you wish. The sessions are fully accessible on their own, and all are welcome regardless of background or prior knowledge. However, for those who wish to go deeper, Rev. Newman's book *Journeys of Celtic Christians: A Participant Guide* is available and can serve as a helpful companion to the study. The book can be found through Amazon and provides additional reflections and insights that enrich the experience.

In uncertain times, many people are searching for a faith that feels grounded, hopeful, and connected—to God, to others, and to the world itself. Celtic spirituality offers a gentle but profound reminder that God is not distant or confined to specific moments, but present in the ordinary rhythms of life. This online study is more than a class; it is an invitation to pause, reflect, and journey inward while learning from an ancient tradition that still speaks powerfully today.

Whether you are seeking spiritual renewal, deeper understanding, or simply a quieter way to engage your faith, this four-week journey offers a meaningful place to begin.

Join us online on Monday evenings in March at 6:30 p.m. and discover how the wisdom of Celtic Christianity can inspire and shape your spiritual life today.





GREEN TEAM

CARING FOR CREATION IN THE WINTER MONTHS

As the days grow shorter and the temperatures dip, winter invites us to slow down, gather close, and be mindful of how we use energy in our homes and shared spaces. Caring for creation doesn't take a season off—and winter offers plenty of opportunities to live more sustainably while also saving money and staying comfortable.

One of the simplest places to start is heat wisely. Turning your thermostat down just one or two degrees can significantly reduce energy use. Many of us are surprised how comfortable we remain with a sweater, cozy socks, or a blanket nearby. At night, lowering the thermostat even more—and piling on quilts—can make a real difference.



Seal the leaks. Drafty windows and doors are a major source of heat loss. Simple fixes like weatherstripping, draft blockers, or even rolled towels along door bottoms can keep warm air inside where it belongs. On sunny winter days, open curtains to let natural light and warmth in; close them at night to help insulate your space.

Be mindful of electricity. Winter often means more time indoors, more lights on, and more devices plugged in. Switching to LED bulbs, turning off lights when leaving a room, and unplugging electronics when not in use are small acts that add up. If you decorate for the season, consider using timers so lights aren't running all night.

Use hot water thoughtfully. Shorter showers, washing clothes in cold water, and only running the dishwasher when full all help reduce energy use. If you have a water heater, setting it to a moderate temperature can also save energy without sacrificing comfort.

Finally, remember that community matters. Sharing rides to church events, checking in on neighbors during cold snaps, and supporting those who may struggle with heating costs are all part of faithful, earth-honoring living.

As people of faith, we believe creation is not something to use up, but something to care for and cherish. This winter, may our choices—large and small—reflect love for our neighbors, future generations, and the beautiful world God has entrusted to us.

—The Green Team 





3RD SPACE FEBRUARY

Recipe Swap & Tasting!

3rd Space Recipe Swap & Tasting is a chance to gather around food, stories, and connection in a relaxed, welcoming setting. Join us as we share favorite recipes, sample one another's dishes, and enjoy the simple joy that comes from being together.

Participants are invited to bring copies of a favorite recipe to swap—and, if you're able, a small sample for tasting. Whether it's a beloved family dish, a new experiment, or a go-to comfort food, every recipe tells a story, and every story adds flavor to our shared table.

This 3rd Space gathering will take place at Goodfortune Market, offering a warm, accessible place to meet neighbors, make new connections, and celebrate the creativity that lives in our kitchens and our community.

Come curious, come hungry, and come as you are. We can't wait to taste and share together.

February 20 | 6-7 pm
Goodfortune Market, 2413 Waters Ave



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

YOUTH FUNDRAISER



ASBURY ANGELLS YOUTH GROUP PRESENTS

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER: A SWEET TRADITION THAT GIVES BACK

One of Asbury Memorial Church's most joyful traditions returns on February 17 with our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper—a night filled with pancakes, laughter, and community on the eve of Lent. Rooted in celebration and generosity, this year's supper carries an extra helping of purpose, led by the hearts and voices of our youth.

From 5:30–6:30 pm, the church will be buzzing with Mardi Gras music, a legendary toppings bar, and fun for all ages, as we gather to enjoy a meal together before the reflective season of Lent begins. Whether you come for the pancakes, the fellowship, or the festive spirit, there's a place for you at the table.

Traditionally, this supper supports youth mission efforts, and this year our youth groups made a thoughtful choice of their own. After discernment and conversation, they decided that proceeds from the evening would benefit Loop It Up Savannah, a local organization that empowers young people through creative expression, arts education, and community

FEBRUARY 17TH

5:30P - 6:30P

\$8 ADULTS \ \$5 KIDS

MARDIS GRAS MUSIC, PANCAKES,
LEGENDARY TOPPINGS BAR & FUN!

📍 ASBURY MEMORIAL

connection. By attending, you are directly supporting a cause our youth are passionate about and invested in.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children, making this a family-friendly way to share a meal while supporting meaningful work in our wider community. As always, all are welcome—members, neighbors, friends, and first-time guests alike.

Come hungry, come joyful, and come ready to celebrate a tradition that feeds both body and spirit—and honors the leadership of our youth.



Welcome TO THE FAMILY



JIM & KAY
Booth



TAB & TAMMY
Brawner



STEA & KATHARINA
Duane



DALE
Ellis



STEPHEN
Finney



EDWARD & LAURA
Hoffman



DAVID & SARAH
Holloway



PENNY
Langley



WILSON & CHARMAINE
Pounder Lovell



BENJAMIN
Rose



DMITRI
Smith



MCKINLEY
Thomas



SANDRA
White



MIMI
Witherington

WEDNESDAY *Night* SUPPERS



Wednesdays - Feb 25th through March 25th

Buy Your Tickets Online
www.asburymemorial.org





WISDOM Seekers

America's Four Gods: What We Say About God, & What That Says About Us

February Wisdom Seekers Discussion | February 9

On February 9, Wisdom Seekers will explore America's Four Gods by sociologists Paul Froese and Christopher Bader. The book invites us to look beyond religious labels and reflect on how our image of God shapes our values, relationships, and interactions with others.

Froese and Bader suggest that most Americans' beliefs about God fall into four broad views:

- Authoritarian God – actively involved and quick to judge, emphasizing rules and order.
- Benevolent God – actively involved and loving, emphasizing compassion and care for others.
- Critical God – judgmental but less involved in daily life, emphasizing moral accountability.
- Distant God – neither very involved nor judgmental, emphasizing personal responsibility.

These differing views help explain why people who share religious language may still see the world very differently. Understanding this can deepen empathy, reduce conflict, and invite more meaningful conversations across differences.

You do not need to read the book to participate —provided articles offer a helpful overview for discussion. Join us as we reflect on which images of God resonate with us and how this awareness might shape the way we engage one another with curiosity, grace, and wisdom.

Wisdom Seekers
February 9th
12:30 pm



BETH TYSON

A Legacy of Love, Laughter, and Faith

Some people step into a ministry and quietly make a difference. Others transform it. Beth Tyson did the latter—and then some.

Beth began volunteering with our youth program in 2018, offering her time, heart, and energy with no expectation other than being present for our young people. In 2020, when the world felt uncertain and our youth needed steady ground more than ever, Beth stepped into an official staff role. It was exactly the right moment—and she was exactly the right person.

Over the years, Beth brought stability when things felt shaky, humor when spirits were low, compassion when hearts were heavy, and wisdom when guidance was needed most. She showed up with understanding, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to our youth. And yes—she brought fashionability, too, reminding us all that ministry can be joyful, expressive, and authentically ourselves.





Beth was the left to my right and the right to my wrongs - a true partner in ministry, in laughter, and in navigating the beautiful chaos that comes with youth work. I cannot thank you enough for the incredible and fun ride we shared. "It has been real, it has been fun," and it truly has been real fun.

More than anything, Beth became a second mom to our youth, offering unconditional support, fierce advocacy, and consistent love.



For some, she was the only motherly role model they had during these formative years. That kind of presence changes lives, and its impact will be felt for years to come.



Beth, we are so lucky to have you in our lives. Thank you for every late night, every conversation, every laugh, every moment of care you poured into our youth and this community. Enjoy that raincoat— you've earned it.

We love you more than you could ever know. Thank you for everything.

Wesley Oak

FEBRUARY LINEUP



REV.
AUGUST
ALDERMAN

BETSY
KAMMERUD

Memorials

A gift has been
given in memory of
Judy Graham
by
Susan Nizio

A gift has been
given in memory of
Barbara Miller
by
Gail Lange

A gift has been
given in memory of
Judy M Graham
by
Karl Graham, loving
husband of 62 years

Honorariums

A gift has been given
in honor of
John & Claire Marich
by Connie & Steve Heacox

When Shadows Fall

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

Family and friends in the passing of Jeff Follet

Family and friends in the passing of Fay Carroll

**Chelsea Godwin in the passing of her
Great Aunt Deborah "Debi" Mason**

**Susan and Randy Bolinger in the passing of Susan's Mom,
Mary Jane Lundberg**

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



Wesley Oak Campus
9:30am
ages 4 yrs - 5th grade

EVERY SUNDAY
AT ASBURY MEMORIAL & WESLEY OAK

Asbury Memorial Campus
11:15am
ages 4 yrs - 5th grade



5:30P - 7:30P

Asbury Memorial Church

STEWARDSHIP



2026 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE

YOU CAN MAKE YOUR
PLEDGE HERE

ASBURY MEMORIAL

AMBULCS
STARS FOR TRYKES

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

SWIPE TO VIEW OUR PARTICIPANTS



PEOPLE'S
CHOICE
AWARD

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. BRING YOUR QUESTIONS, YOUR CURIOSITY, AND YOUR OPEN HEART.

LET'S GROW TOGETHER.



January 12th
12:30 pm

January 26th
12:30 pm



- **MONDAYS**

- **7:00P -8:30P**

- **WESLEY OAK CHURCH**

- **3124 E. VICTORY
DRIVE, SAVANNAH,
GA 31404**

- **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.



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



Grateful

Thank you for the flowers for Don.

He was very tickled by them.

We have them right where he can see them all day and they're holding up beautifully. Don is doing great after his procedure. On the way home from the hospital, he told me he was looking forward to living to 100, (he's 82)!

Thank you for all your support. Hoping to get back to Church soon! Miss seeing everyone.

*Blessings,
Trish Haverkamp*

Prayer Requests

Congregants of Asbury Memorial & Wesley Oak

DiAnne Amerson, Tom Baird, Kay Barrett, Jim Burris, Jan & Bob Corey, Linda David, Delores Ellis, Ray Ellis, Deb Gibson, Sherry Giddens, Chase Harrison, Don Haverkamp, Bubba Hughes, Carolyn Ingram, Dale Karacostas, Rev. Marilyn Leigh, Marion Manigo, Virginia Moryadas, Frank Ramsey, Jim Schlimmer, Dave Thompson, Rev. Bob Townsend, Carole Warfield, Kenn Waters, Shirley White, Barbara Wilkins, Debbie Wright

Family Members and Friends

The Abasy Family, Angie, Phil Barrett, Layla Fuller, Lowell Rieger



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



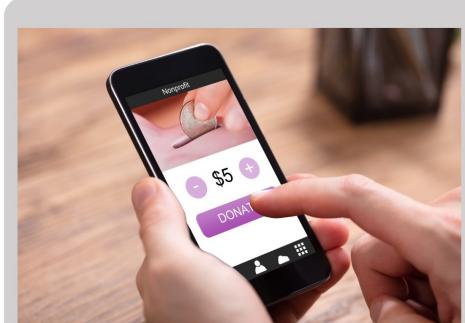
Mail:

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:

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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.