



# The Asbury Update

## January 2022

Asbury Memorial  
Church  
Rev. Billy Hester  
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### Sermonette on Christmas story

**From the Associate's Desk of Rev. Claire Marich:**

I hope that you all enjoyed the many wonders of Christmas! This Christmas, once again we had to be creative in our celebrations. As we think of pre-pandemic Christmases past and future, many of us missed large gatherings, in-person shopping, and food-laden tables trading them instead for a scaled-back version of Christmas festivities. But this does not mean that we scale back our joy. Emmanuel has arrived! And I need to feel that God is with us as much as I ever have.

Christmas can be confusing theologically. I hear some preach that the greatest gift of all is Jesus and his sacrifice. I hear Jesus referred to as Christ, the risen Lord. These are such important parts of our Christian identity but they are really postscripts to the life of Jesus! They are not part of the Christmas story for me. Too often we jump to the end of the story without savoring the beginning.

I love Advent because of its anticipation of the joy of the birth of Jesus, the baby who came to earth embodied like you and me to show us how live fully as human beings. I wait in hopes of learning just a little more about what it means to live faithfully because Jesus shows us and tells us. This is the beginning of our story. Christmas to me is about Jesus the man. While we are not divine, but human, Jesus in all of his humanity from inauspicious beginnings, throughout his ministry to his death, gives us examples through words and actions of how to live in communion with God. I grapple with the living part so Jesus the man is very helpful and instructive to me.

Every time a baby comes into my circle, I think of the birth of Jesus and wonder what gifts this child will bring to the world. Maybe they will have a tender heart, or a burning passion for nature and the environment, or the gift of teaching the faith or encouragement. Because Jesus came as a baby all things are possible for that baby and for each of us as we grow in faith. God is with us! God knows our human toiling, our great joys and our deepest pain. And God is with us. This is the beginning of our story, full of hope and peace and possibility. What were you hoping for when you were anticipating Christmas?

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Having a Birthday? Call the office at 233-4351  
or e-mail us at [church@asburymemorial.org](mailto:church@asburymemorial.org).

January

**3rd Elizabeth Jackson**

**5th Mary Prokop**

**6th Angle Jenkins**

**Amy Porch**

**7th Pam Limehouse**

**8th Gloria Moses**

**10th Neal Saye**

**11th Carlton Angell**

**Parker Hall**

**Zan Reeve**

**Jeri Sasser**

**Henry White**

**12th Linda Socks**

**14th Candace Jenkins**

**Nancy Meyer**

**Jade Via**

**15th Wayne Bland**

**Laura Lindsay**

**Winnie Munro**

**Charles Strain**

**16th Robbie Jenkins**

**Stephen Swanger**

**Diane Williamson**

**17th Cheri Hester**

**Jean Hester**

**Lawrence Hyde**

**18th Candice Parsons**

**19th Kate Strain**

**22nd Ray Ellis**

**Joe Zeigler**

**23rd Pat Alley**

**Barbara King**

**24th Tom Davis**

**Fitz Kincade**

**Colin Knox**

**Jennifer Knox**

**Claire Marich**

**Kevin Strong**

**Anne Westbrook**

**25th George Lindsay**

**26th Harry Hoecherl**

**27th Kathryn Murph**

**Benjamin**

**Murphree**

**29th Koel Strong**

**31st Rebecca Dayoub**



January

5th Ryan & Pam Boland  
10th Chuck Long & Kenn Waters  
16th Omkari & Cate Hill-Williams  
23rd Kevin & Tiia Strong  
26th George & Laura Lindsay  
28th Joe Drake & Cheri Sheridan

January

**Church consultant, Paul Nixon,  
will begin his consultation with  
Asbury in January. Look for  
this email soon!**

### NEW MEMBER CLASSES

January 22nd & 29th

Rev. Hester will be leading two classes for people interested in becoming members of Asbury Memorial. The classes will be held on Zoom, January 22nd & 29th, Saturdays at 10 am. Please contact Candace Jenkins at the church office or [cjenkins@asburymemorial.org](mailto:cjenkins@asburymemorial.org) or you can email Billy at [bghester3@comcast.net](mailto:bghester3@comcast.net) if you would like to participate.



## Children's Ministries are Back...

with LOTS of Opportunities  
to Serve

Opportunities to Serve for adults and youth!

We are creating a support team to share the love of Christ and creation with all children.

Support team members needed:

- Hands on rotating in the nursery for newborns to pre-K (10:45 - 12:30, Sundays)
- **Hands on rotating during children's church for K - 5th grade (10:45 - 12:30, Sundays)**
- Grant writers, visionaries, organizers, education curriculum development, health and safety, cleaning, therapists, caregivers of all types, dreamers, doers, storytellers, arts and crafters, physical education, technology specialists, you name it!

**I'm a big kid at heart and will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Let's get our kids together safely and see what the spirit will reveal!**

**If you have any interest in joining the children's ministry program please contact me here:**

**Ellie Covington, Director of Children's and Family Ministries** at

[ecovington@asburymemorial.org](mailto:ecovington@asburymemorial.org)

With a grateful and thankful heart!

## 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](mailto:revleigh@yahoo.com).

**As of November 2021**



**YTD Budgeted Contributions \$663,796.**

**Actual Year-To-Date Expenses \$559,331**

**Actual Year-To-Date Contributions \$536,143**

**Average Worship Attendance 290**

**(combined in person and online)**



Have you missed that beautiful opportunity to place your contribution in the offering plate on Sunday mornings? Well, have we got options for you! We have multiple ways for you to continue your support of Asbury Memorial and have listed them below. Thank you for your gifts!

#### Mail:

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



#### Website:

Log on to our website:  
[www.AsburyMemorial.org](http://www.AsburyMemorial.org)

Click on



Complete the form as directed.

You can set it up to be a recurring donation!

#### Text Giving:

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



#### Church Office:

Call the church office at 912.233.4351

Both our Finance Chair and Stewardship Chair would also want to remind you,  
**“It is NEVER too late to make and pay a pledge!”**

## Asbury Community Cares Fund

### Some Financial Relief May Be One Application Away: Asbury Community Cares Fund

Friends, these are hard financial times for some in the Asbury community.

An 'Asbury Emergency Funding Task Force' was created to help ensure no Asburian lost their home due to the pandemic.

We were thinking of and praying for you while we worked!

Please do not let pride stop you from applying to see if there might be some financial assistance available to help you through these difficult times.

### Time may be running out to apply for some of these grants!

If you need financial help with your rent, mortgage, utilities and other things, please don't let pride stand in your way when there might be help just one application away.

Asbury has partnered with the experts at the non-profit Family Promise to help both individuals and families try to find financial resources that best fit your situation:

If you live in the city of Savannah, or Chatham, Effingham or Bryan county, there may be help for you through some emergency state, county and/or city grants. Again, **time may be running out to apply for these grants! Do NOT delay in applying!**

There is also a fund called the Asbury Community Cares Fund, given by Asburians *just* to help people in the Asbury community. This fund may be able to help you!

With one application through Family Promise you can apply for emergency state, county and city grants, as well as the Asbury Community Cares Fund, which was donated by Asburians *just* to help people in the Asbury community.

For fastest assistance, apply online: [familypromisesavannah.org/amc](http://familypromisesavannah.org/amc) (lower case amc)  
If you have questions or need a paper application, call Family Promise at 912.790.9446.

## Local Resources



The Coronavirus pandemic has stressed our resources in many ways: mental, emotional, financial, relational and spiritual. Your staff has compiled a list of resources to help folks with small businesses, to address budgetary changes, to find the latest information on symptoms and steps to take if you are ill, resources for mental health, obtaining food, and considerations for children and elders.

Go to the church website: [www.asburymemorial.org](http://www.asburymemorial.org) and click on the COVID RESOURCES icon for more information. The resources will continue to grow and evolve as conditions change. Be Well! There is support in our community to ensure that you maintain a good quality of life and your church family is committed to your welfare.



## They Served by Ron Lauretti

# GLORIA and DALE MOSES

Registered nurse Gloria Moses served in the Air Force Nurse Corps from 1959 to 1964. Growing up in Savannah, Gloria's family knew hard financial times. Her mother worked whatever jobs she could find while raising three young daughters herself. After graduating from Savannah High School in 1947, Gloria boldly took a bus to Augusta, where a scholarship enabled her to attend the Barret School of Nursing. Within three years, Gloria was capped a registered nurse, and was employed by Augusta's University Hospital for the next two years.

Then, Gloria hit the road, visiting her sister at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska along the way. After Gloria returned to Savannah, she joined the Air Force Nurse Corps for a five-year enlistment. Promoted to first lieutenant, she was sent to Larson Air Force Base in Washington (the state), where she met her future husband, Dale.

Dale was a chief warrant officer and aviation maintenance specialist and had served in the Navy aboard an aircraft carrier in the Pacific during World War II. Numerous clashes with enemy forces resulted in "combat fatigue" for several years after the war. Nevertheless, Dale never succumbed to any stress-related down-time.

Gloria and Dale were married and deployed to Yukata Air Base, 28 miles northwest of Tokyo. She was the head nurse at the medical clinic for dependent family members of base personnel and the base school nurse. "Sometimes hectic but always rewarding," she describes the responsibility.



Dale Moses

It was a wonderful couple of years, as Gloria remembers the time in Japan. When not exploring the country, she and Dale lived off-base in a small house in a collection of rice fields.

When Dale retired from the military in 1962, the couple decided to try life on the West Coast. Before they finished settling into their new home in Vacaville, California, Gloria became the office nurse for a local doctor, which led to an eventual position as director of a nursing home. Dale took a job with the California Department of Corrections as a prison guard at Solana State Prison.

During a summer vacation, the couple traveled to Arkansas. They enjoyed their visit so much that they later relocated there, buying a 220-acre cattle ranch. With hired help, they turned it into a profitable business. "No venture or amount of work was ever too much for Dale," Gloria explains.

Five after the beginning of the Arkansas experiment, Gloria and Dale moved to San Antonio, where her sister lived. Gloria returned to nursing, leading the care team at a large retirement facility. Dale drove a school bus for two years, which affirmed his affinity for large vehicles, and he purchased an 18-wheeler and began to haul freight far and wide. One truck

led to two, which led to five. After 10 years, Dale sold his trucking company and considered his next move.

In 1993, Gloria and Dale retired and moved to Savannah, living on Wilmington Island until Dale's death in 2002 at age 85. Now 92, Gloria lives comfortably in a local retirement home. Age does nothing to diminish her many memories of her adventures living in Washington, Japan, California, Arkansas, and, ultimately, right here Dale.

As Gloria recalls with obvious fondness and pride, "He was a wonderful husband and a driven entrepreneur."



Gloria Moses, early in her nursing career

# Study Groups & Fellowship Groups

Asbury Memorial offers a wide variety of study and fellowship groups.

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

## **Adult Ministries 10 o'Clock Hour & Wednesday Night Programs**

Stay tuned! As we navigate the current waters of safety protocols, we are looking into the best way to restart our 10 o'Clock Hour study. In the meantime if you are interested in being part of the team of presenters (leader's guide materials will be provided), please contact Kathy Hodges at [kathleenehodes@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenehodes@gmail.com)

## **Wisdom Seekers Mondays, 1:30—3 pm**

We finished Christ in Crisis, by Jim Wallis, this week. Thank you to everyone who joined in on some level.

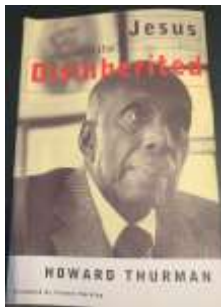
In our conversations about living out our faith, the consensus was to shift a little (after several books that focus on faith and justice) to a book that includes a more personal healing element. We also want to share resources of how we can bring our faith into action through community events and efforts.

So here's our plan:

--We will take a break for the holidays and will resume on Jan 10 with our new book, Call it Grace: Finding Meaning in a Fractured World, by Serene Jones, President of Union Theological Seminary.

Zoom Meeting ID: 840 2768 9652, Passcode: Asbury

## **Men's Group**



Asbury Men! We are kicking off the New Year with a book reading for the period January 6<sup>th</sup> – February 3<sup>rd</sup>. “Jesus and the Disinherited, a short 91 pages, is an important and influential book whose message helped shape the civil rights movement and changed our nation's history forever. Thurman's work reaches past anger and distrust toward a vision of unity....” It is a book that is a must read for all who know Christianity as a theology of Hope, Courage and Strength.

Meeting from January 6<sup>th</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>, we will have a series of 4-6 week periods where we will alternate selected book discussions and topical themes. Each of these studies/discussions will support the Thursday Men's Group mission of supporting the members' spiritual growth.

Should you have questions please contact Bill Jahn at [viajahn@gmail.com](mailto:viajahn@gmail.com) or Preston Hodges at [prestonhodesjr@gmail.com](mailto:prestonhodesjr@gmail.com). Members of the group are asked to volunteer to facilitate one of the sessions. The Men's Group meets on Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 pm via Zoom and welcomes all men.

Zoom meeting ID: 844 3633 5506, Passcode: Asbury

**PLEASE**



**THANK YOU**





Greetings, Asburians!

As our ability to interact in person may be limited, we need to remember that we are not alone: that we are still a vibrant faith community and God is present in the messiness of our lives to love us, lead us and witness our daily strife and pleasures.

Here are some ways to stay connected and some comforting resources:

There are also links on the Church Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/asburymemorialsavannah/> and the Church's webpage: [www.asburymemorial.org](http://www.asburymemorial.org)

### Worship on Sundays

Beginning Sunday, July 4th, we began our 11:15 AM in-person worship with relaxed worship guidelines. RESERVATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE ARE NOT REQUIRED. We will ask you to register your attendance at the door and will require that a face mask be worn. Online services may be accessed from: <https://vimeo.com/event/1061155>

### Online Devotionals

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





## **Asbury's Stephen Ministry**

At the end of February 2022 Asbury's first class of Stephen Ministers (lay people trained to provide one-to-one care to those in need) complete their training and will be commissioned in March to begin our lay caregiving Stephen Ministry...Thank you for committing to this mission *August Alderman, Mary Ann Barnes, Barbara Gooby and Kimmi Sampieri.*

The pastors and laypeople trained by Stephen Ministries to direct Asbury's Stephen Ministry are Stephen Leaders. Stephen Leaders are the ones who oversee and direct our Stephen Ministers. They recruit, select, train, organize and supervise our

Stephen Ministers, identify people in need of care, and match them with a Stephen Minister. Our Stephen Leaders are *Candace Jenkins, Sandra Katz, Rhonda Reed and Stephen Reed.*

Those who receive the care of Stephen Ministers are referred to as care receivers. Possible care receivers are people from our congregation or community who are experiencing divorce, grief, loss of a job, loneliness, hospitalization, terminal illness, or any number of other life difficulties.

Stephen Ministers are not counselors. They are trained Christian caregivers. Their role is to listen and care—not counsel or advise. Please do not refer to them as counselors.

Stephen Ministry is a supervised ministry. Stephen Ministers engage in twice-monthly supervision to ensure that they are providing the best-quality Christian care.

Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. What a care receiver tells a Stephen Minister remains confidential. Even in supervision, the names of care receivers and specific details are never discussed.

Stephen Ministers do not make cold calls. They are assigned only to people who agree to receive the care of a Stephen Minister.

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## **MEMORIALS**

***A Gift has been given to the JUST Fund by Kathleen & Howard Epstein in memory of Sanford Jones***

***A Gift has been given to the Properties Fund by Betty Hunter in memory of  
Sanford Jones  
Birdie Anderson  
LA Lanier  
John Mark Doughton***

***A Gift has been given to the Properties Fund by Angelle & Chuck Reichert in memory of Chris Wilburn***

### **WHEN SHADOWS FALL**

- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to JoAnna & Eric Anderson & Hannah in the death of their son & Hannah's brother, Patrick Anderson.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Diane deCordova & Debra MacLeod in the death of their father, Peter deCordova.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Nate & Beth Tyson in the death of Nate's aunt, Sue Hughes.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Nate & Beth Tyson in the death of Nate's uncle, Wendell Westbrook.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Nancy Saltsman & Chuck Eyler in the death of their good friend, Rev. Jennifer McNally.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Hattie Monson in the death of her mother-in-law and Asbury member, Frances Monson.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Rhonda & Steve Reed in the death of Rhonda's mother, Sherry Kennedy.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Sherry Moore in the death of her father, Dempsey Moore.*

### **HONORARIUMS**

***A Gift has been given to the Emergency  
Fund by Gloria Moses in honor of  
Joan Byrd  
Bette Hunter  
Kim & Steve Johnson  
Wendy & Pat Ciccodicola  
Billy & Cheri Hester***

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**



#### **Asburians**

Neil Austing, Kelly Barrett, Alice Burris, Jim Burris, Fay Carroll, Anita Clay, Linda Combs, Diane "D" Conner, Gretchen Dodd, Callie Downing, Sam Durham, Katie Farmer, Bob Francischetti, Ellie Gonye, Chase Harrison, Betsy Haun, Donna Haynes, John Hohnerlein, Roy Hill, Judith Kessler, Jack Lewis, Cynthia Linthicum, Lynn Lord, Marion Manigo, Scott McCoy, Brenda Mills, Grady Mills, Virginia Moryadas, Marie Parker, Frank Ramsey, Barbara Ruggere, Roberta Smith, Cabell Stewart, Pete Vasta, Kenn Waters, Diane Williamson, Marie Winters

#### **Family Members & Friends**

Dorothy Allen, Joanne Anderson, Rev. Grover Bell, Carson Branan, Lisa Brown, Karen Browning, Phyllis Chappell, Glenda Clark, Max Clements, Jennifer Despres Corey, Linda Cowart, James Thomas Crosby, Sara Driggers, Dan Goff, Samantha Garcia, Twumwa Grant, Priscilla Hearn, Tom Hendrick, Lindsay Kessler, Benjamin Leesburg, Crystal Leesburg, Kim Lewis, Mary Jane Lundberg, Tony Munoz, David Oliver, Mackenzie Orth, Jennifer Payne, Fredia Peggs, Geral Pinault, Joanne Rowley, Mary Ann & Tim Sheldon, Eddie Solomons, Susan Steinhauser, Neola Walker

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**Return Service Requested**

**Flowers in the Sanctuary**

Supplying the flower arrangements for the worship service is a wonderful way to commemorate a date that is important to you or a loved one. Please check the Flower Chart in the narthex and sign up. The cost is \$60. For more information call the church office at 233-4351.

**Special Funds**

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

**Newsletter Information**

If you have an announcement for "The Asbury Update," please send it to the church office in writing by the 15th of each month. Contact Claudette DeLong, Office Manager at 233-4351 or email to [church@asburymemorial.org](mailto:church@asburymemorial.org)  
Office hours are 9 AM to 4 PM, Monday thru Thursday.

**Mission Statement:**

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





## WESLEY OAK LEAF JANUARY 2022

### **EPIPHANY 2022 and.. CHALKING THE DOOR**

Bless this house and all who inhabit it.

Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love.

As we consider the new year before us and all that we hope for in our community of faith, we have verses from Deuteronomy, "Here, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." And onward the verses go, as God tells the people of Israel: "These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house... You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates..."

These words encourage us to draw close to God and to depend on God's providence as the verses continue "Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them: that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the Lord, has promised you..."

We prepared in the days of Advent and celebrated in the birth of Christ. And now in this new year, as we love God with all our heart, soul, and might, we want to be about shining! Shining the Light that has come into the world. The Light of the world that is with us!

On the eve of Epiphany, a ritual called "Chalking the Door" is used where one writes with chalk on their doors the initials of the three wisemen C – M – B and the date of the new year, or the phrase, "May Christ Bless this dwelling," or "Let your light shine."

Perhaps "Chalking the Door" for this Epiphany 2022 as a sign of our being "lit up," is something we will want to do as part of our letting our light shine!

As Wesley Oak and Asbury Memorial begin this new year shining the light, may Christ bless our dwellings with the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christ. May Christ bless our hearts, souls, and might with the light of faith in God's providence. May Christ bless the use of our gifts and talents, our time, our fellowship, and service.

Twenty Twenty Two

Together!

Get to thinking about....

Preparing and Planting ~ Anyone interested in being a part of preparing and planting seeds in cups for the 2022 Spring Garden!

Painting ~ Anyone interested in painting rooms on the Wesley Oak Campus!

Singing ~ Anyone interested in singing in the Chancel Choir on Sunday mornings at Wesley Oak ~ 8:30 a.m. rehearsal.

Altar Guild ~ Anyone interested in helping to prepare the altar for Sunday worship and special services during the year.

Children's Programs ~ Anyone interested in being part of the children's ministry at Wesley Oak.

Youth Programs ~ Anyone interested in being a part of youth ministry serving both campuses.

# CHILD OF MINE!

“Child of mine, child of mine...so glad you. are a child of mine!”



Above are lyrics from a Carole King song that can speak to all of us as disciples of Christ as we think upon the nurturing of children in faith. Whether we have children in our homes, as a community of faith we each feel the privilege to be a part of providing a child with a safe place for growing in faith.

HOORAY! Wesley Oak is now providing learning events for children during the worship hour on Sundays. Ellie Covington, Director of Children's Ministries for Wesley Oak and Asbury Memorial is coordinating folks to participate in this event. There is space for leaders and for "assistants." A second person, an assistant, is required as part of the Safe Sanctuaries program (2 people are required to be with children at all times).

Downstairs classrooms are being prepared for use by the children. Thank you to all who have been part of clearing, painting, purchasing, finding, teaching, and helping in a myriad of ways to get safe places ready for the children. We can hear the music quite clearly now for the nurturing of our children...

"O, sweet darling, so glad you are a child of mine."

## JOHN WESLEY'S

*Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can.  
At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.*



## COLLINS CORNER

- > Do you realize your impact on others? From big to small, the things you do or say can make a long lasting memory for others. Of course, that can be a negative or positive impact...hopefully it's the latter. :)
- > My memory isn't the greatest, but I do hold onto things and moments from my past that bring me happiness and hope. Because of others I've met along my path, I've got some pretty solid humor, items, wisdom and strength to pull from in times of need... or just in remembering their influence and kindness.
- > The nice thing to know is that we carry that same influence for others. We don't always realize how much something we say or do may mean for another. I like knowing the happiness others have brought to me, I've tried my best to return. It's also nice to know just by being authentic, others find me worthy and love me for exactly me.
- > We all matter and we all leave our mark. Because of you, myself and others, we help make this world a more loving place. Remember you make a difference and you are loved. Take the time to brighten someone's day by reliving some happy times or creating new ones. Give a gift of love. Because of you, someone is smiling and feeling a little lighter. Thank you for your influence in and on my life...it makes a difference. :)

PC



# IN OUR PRAYERS

Rejoice always, pray constantly... | Thessalonians

Barbara Gilley, Carol Schwalbe, John Marich, Cheryl Hessel, Dan Kerrick,

Reba Mofrad, Mike Chase, Gumbo Collins, Unspoken need for healing, Gloria Moses,  
McCarthy family, neighbors of Carolyn Ingram, Rene Smith and all of the family of Larry Smith,  
Sydja Trice, Michael McDaniel, Jack Donker, Beverly Drake, George and Barbara Irvin,  
Eddie Aenchbacher, Fran and Arlene Moore, Jimuel Gray and family, Andrew Brown,

Carter Cummins, Sunny Kirby, Cassie Watson, William Cooley, Jack Cooley,

John Sheehan, Dylan Moore, Magaly O'Donnell, Zoe Simpson, Martha Aenchbacher,

Bonnie Trammell, Julius and Mary Cooley, Forsyth Farmer's Market, Mixed Greens

Vickie Hudson address for mail: C/O Southern Manor Retirement Inn,  
1532 Fair Road, Room 13, Statesboro, Georgia, 30458

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



**JEHOIADA CHEST on the Altar each Sunday!**

This chest is for anyone wishing to give an additional offering during singing of the Going Forth hymn before the Benediction.

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

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



## PASTORAL CONCERNS

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

## CHURCH STAFF

Reverend Lynn Drake, Pastor

JJ Collins, Director of Music

PC Collins, Property and Administrative Assistant

Wesley Oak Church

3124 East Victory Drive Thunderbolt, GA 31404 912-352-0844

Email: [wesleyoak@asburymemorial.org](mailto:wesleyoak@asburymemorial.org)

## NEW EMAIL INFORMATION FOR OUR CHURCH AND CHURCH STAFF

Wesley Oak email address: [wesleyoak@asburymemorial.org](mailto:wesleyoak@asburymemorial.org)

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