United Methodist Church
Special General Conference 2019
February 23-26, 2019

Ways to Stay Connected

Pray together
The Asbury Memorial sanctuary will be open at 12 pm on Monday, February 25 and Tuesday, February 26 for corporate prayer led by Rev. Claire Marich. A time of meditation will follow.

If you are not able to pray together at church, please stop at noon to raise prayers for our denomination and our delegates with our own congregational witnesses: Billy & Cheri Hester, Wayne Bland, Tim Burkett, Randy Canady, Cale Hall, Chris Kincade, Janet Wagner and Lance Wilhelm.

Watch the Action Live
Streaming begins with the day of prayer on Saturday, February 23 at 10 am. The link for the live stream is: http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/general-conference-2019-live-video-stream-english

Get South Georgia Conference Updates
The South Georgia Office of Communications will be on-site, sharing daily videos and news updates via the conference website, https://www.sgaumc.org and social media channels.

Make sure you are signed up to receive General Conference emails: sgaumc-email.brtapp.com/subscribe. The official hashtags for social media are #umcgc and #GC2019.

Follow Posts and Updates from Reconciling Ministries
Updates from the Reconciling Ministries network can be found at their website: https://rmnetwork.org

"BIG" COFFEE HOUR, MARCH 3rd
On the first Sunday of the month, we encourage folks to bring food to share with others at Coffee Hour after the service. Please drop off food items in the kitchen when you arrive at church. Thanks!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Having a Birthday? Call the office at 233-4351 or e-mail us at church@asburymemorial.org.

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**ISCAP Art Sale**

Thank you to everyone who participated, helped, donated artwork and attended. We could not have done this project without Asbury’s encouragement and gracious sponsorship. It was a financial success, but so much more than that. Cooperation, friendship, generosity, artwork, laughter.

Carol Anderson

**Painting Group**

The Painting Group will meet on Thursday, March 21, from 1—4 pm at the home of Carol Anderson.

andersoncarol61@gmail.com.

As it’s now the Year of the Pig, maybe some piggies painted in watercolor would be fun.
## March Youth Updates

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Fundraiser

We will be hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Fundraiser. We are making the Toppings Bar EVEN BIGGER this year, so bring your sweet tooth, your Mardi Gras dancing shoes, and be ready to have a fun evening with the Asbury Memorial UMC Youth Group! Proceeds benefit their summer mission trip. Please be sure to sign up with the Church Office so we have an accurate count.
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**Meet Gerry Harman- Acolyte Ministry Coordinator**

We will have a new friendly face helping with our Acolyte Ministry. Gerry Harman will be assisting our acolytes on Sunday mornings. He will be meeting with the acolytes at 10:45 am to prepare in the Narthex. Please say “hello” and a huge “thank you” as this ministry position has been vacant for a while and is very important in supporting the children and keeping them safe.

A few fun facts about Gerry. He’s originally from South Bend, Indiana. He has a PhD in Special Education from Indiana University. He is a third-generation clown (he was the clown at Asbury’s Christmas party and in a recent sermon on Sunday giving out balloons). He and his partner Marlon have been together for 17 years! He loves Mike and Ike candy and he has two wonderful and spoiled cocker spaniels.

We are so excited to have Gerry join our team of volunteers! Thank you, Gerry!
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Joining us on February 3rd were:

Kay Barrett
Josh Branham
Valerie Branham
Diane Connor
Lee Davison
Julia DiGiovanni
Chuck Eyler
Nancy Saltsman
Daniel Folsom
Bryan Sikes
Kathy Sikes
Pat Vitkus
Jan Wright

From the Connection Corner

March 3: Come to the Connection Corner to talk to the Girl Scouts about their beautiful and personally expressive art which will be hanging in the Connection Corner on Girl Scout Sunday.

Beginning 10th: Look for another whole-church wall exercise in the social hall! This time we'll be asking everyone to share: What volunteer/ personal ministries work you do/ or have done, both inside and outside Asbury/ other churches/ non-profit organizations; and what you consider 'your ministries' to be. We're not just looking for 'organized' volunteer/ ministry work--we're looking for some of those 'hidden ministries' you all do that maybe you don't consider to be ministry--like caring for family and friends, Dina's card ministry, knitting prayer shawls, etc. Some of you may be shy about sharing. That's ok if you are. Please consider sharing as a way to celebrate as a church the numerous and creative ways we let God work through us as we reach out to serve others. You never know--by sharing you may inspire someone in a way you could never imagine! See you in the Connection Corner!
The Missions and Service Committee Update

The Missions and Service Committee will still exist and do all the work it has been doing...but for the balance of 2019, we're going to REFRAME and SHIFT FROM being the committee that does mission and service on behalf of Asbury TO helping the congregation go on a church-wide journey called "Multiply The Love: A Faith in Action Invitation."

Why are we doing this? Who among us has ever been in a community like Asbury? I've never experienced a place like Asbury! Personally, I've seen more lives changed here--really changed--than anywhere else. How is all that change happening? God is mightily at work in and through our minister, staff, and congregation. Through Billy's vision, leadership style, and of course his sermons and worship, and the staff, choir, committees and congregation, God is amplifying what Billy shepherds at Asbury. We're drawn to this loving transformational community of love and acceptance. And the world is desperate for Asbury's kind of love!

"Multiply The Love: A Faith in Action Invitation" campaign is an intentional expansion of Asbury's transformational love and acceptance. Asbury's definition of the gospel: the Good News is God already loves you just as you are! At Asbury we are blessed to be a part of an amazing community where we can begin to more deeply accept this Good News, and be incrementally changed by this level of transformational love and acceptance.

So what is our response to be to the Good News? Each of us is called, as we are able, to pass that unconditional love along to others--by intentionally serving our Asbury and Savannah neighbors and our families and friends. Every single one of us has gifts, talents, and experiences that we are called to offer to help others feel and receive this transformational love and acceptance.

This campaign isn't about doing jobs or tasks. It's about finding and following Jesus' call to serve--intentionally bringing the love and acceptance we feel at Asbury wherever we go, in whatever action we take.

It's not about quantity. It's about intentionally working on bringing a higher quality of love and acceptance to others through our actions and encounters--and intentionally asking and trusting God to use our efforts to bless people through our actions.

You'll hear more about the journey soon, and throughout the year. I hope you'll join us on this exciting journey! At the end of the year we'll do some discernment exercises to see where God is calling us personally and as a congregation.

On March 24 following coffee hour, we'll have a light lunch and discussion in the sanctuary with more details and Q&A for anyone interested in learning more. Please sign up in the Connection Corner so we will know how many to prepare for. The official kickoff will be in April.

I look forward to this journey together, and am grateful for how your love is changing and softening me. Please let me know any questions you have. Don't forget to sign up in the Connection Corner for the March 24 lunch meeting. Please let me know if God is calling you to work on any part of this campaign.

-Susan Bolinger, chair, Missions and Service Committee and "Multiply The Love: A Faith in Action Invitation" journey.
The Missions and Service Committee Update—Con't

Handy Hands
Handy Hands, a part of the Missions Committee, is Asbury's Building & Repair Team that works in the Savannah community helping homeowners and non-profit organizations.

Every 1st Saturday of the month from 9 am - 1 pm we'll be working somewhere in Savannah using our skills and elbow grease to bring Asbury-style transformational love and acceptance to the people we are serving. Here are some upcoming Handy Hands projects we are planning (subject to change):

**March 2: Asbury work day** -- clean, straighten and organize storage shed for upcoming Handy Hands projects, build something for an upcoming sermon, clean up the neighborhood around Asbury, etc.

**April 6: Habitat for Humanity Faith Build** (more information and sign up to come)

**May 4: Paint It! Plant It!**
Handy Hands, Reconciling Ministries, and The Green Team are all co-sponsoring Paint It! Plant It!, a community-wide project to benefit Phoenix Project, part of Union Mission. If you can push a roller, pull a paint brush, plant a petunia, or dig a hole, they want YOU to Paint It! Plant It! At Union Mission, a shelter for the homeless.

At the height of the HIV/AIDS crisis in Savannah, most turned their backs: most politicians, most churches, and even many in the gay community, but Union Mission did not. Phoenix Project was established and helped hundreds with medicine, housing, food, transportation, and caring friendships. Now we want to support the LGBTQ community in giving back to Union Mission!

The event is Saturday April 27 and May 4th from 10 am to 4 pm at Union Mission 120 Fahm St behind the bus station. More information and sign up to come! Mark your calendars and sign up at the Connection Corner if you want to participate either day. If you care to donate to help fund this project, please give a check to Asbury with 'Paint It Plant It' on the memo line and your funds will be used for this event.

**Future Handy Hands projects being planned:** working in homes and yards near the Asbury Henry/Waters neighborhood; working at a group home near Asbury which is part of Union Mission; etc.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Susan Bolinger at 218.213.2127.
Wednesday Night Suppers Reservation Form

You still have the option of either the salad bar or the hot meal with a small salad. Both options include a homemade dessert and roll.

There are three ways to reserve your spot:
- Place this form in the offering plate
- Go to our website www.asburymemorial.org and register
- Call the church office at 233-4351

Supper will begin at 5:30 p.m. - Serving stops at 6:15 p.m.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ON MONDAYS. NO LATER THAN 11 AM.

Also, the type of meal must be selected at time of registration. If you do not make a reservation, you will need to wait until 6:15 p.m. so all who made reservations have been accommodated.

Meal Date: 03/06_____ 03/13_____ 03/20_____ 03/27_____ 04/03_____ 04/10_____04/17_____ or Permanent Request_____

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Phone No.: ______________________________________________________

Indicate number of dinners:

_____ Adult Meal $7.00 _____Adult Salad Bar $7.00 (1 trip only)

_____Child's Meal $4.00 (12 & under) _____Child's Salad Bar $4.00

Maximum Family limit is $28.00 per family

Weekly Menu

Chopped Pork BBQ, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Mar 06
Sandwich Bun, BBQ Sauce & Pickle
Chicken Marsala, Wild Rice Blend, French Cut Mar 13
Green Beans, Assorted Artisan Rolls
Beef Stew w/ Roasted Vegetables, Mar 20
Steamed Rice, Corn Bread Muffin
Smoked Sausage / Peppers & Onions, Mar 27
Steamed Cabbage, Field Peas, Steamed Rice
Roast Beef w/Mushroom Gravy, Southern Apr 03
Style Lima Beans, House Prepared Kale Slaw, Whole Wheat Roll
Build Your Own Taco Bar Apr 10
Chopped Chicken, Shredded Lettuce, Blended Cheese,
Pico de Gallo, Beans & Rice, Sour Cream & Salsa
Roasted Turkey Breast w/ Pineapple Glaze, Apr 17
Hawaiian Luau Rice, Great Northern Beans,
Mountain Top Citrus Slaw, Sweet Island Rolls
a screening of
BACKS AGAINST THE WALL
THE HOWARD THURMAN STORY
A Film by Martin Doblmeier

MARCH 19 @ 7:00p

Includes a Panel Discussion with Faith & Community Leaders
Reception follows in the Social Hall
Admission is Free

(Monitored parking is available behind the church)
For more information about the film: JourneyFilms.com/batw
Save the Date
VBS 2019
June 2nd-June 7th
5:30-8:30 pm
Rising Kinder-5th grade
Stay tuned for more details…….

**Financial Peace, Dave Ramsey**

"Dave Ramsey is a businessman and entrepreneur who accumulated a $4 million real estate portfolio, only to lose it all - and nearly everything else he owned - by making the same mistake millions of Americans make every day: he got too far into debt to get out. Dave Ramsey is also a Christian family man who, through the turmoil of his financial nightmare, discovered a new way of life. He shared the lessons he learned by writing *Financial Peace*, a simple but powerful guide that offers practical lessons on how to get out of debt - and stay out."

*Classes start March 10th from 3—5 p.m. You may sign up with Ruthie Duran Deffley at rdurandeffley@gmail.com or contact the church office.*

**Love Walk 2019**

We had 19 walkers support team Mirabelle and Fitz in this year’s Love Walk. They collected $890. A donation was made in *Honor of Virginia Holliday* for $100. Total given to Wesley Community Center was $990.

**Souper Bowl**

The youth collected $453.00 and a bag of can goods on Souper Bowl Sunday. The monies were distributed to Emmaus House to feed 100 breakfasts, Social Apostolate for their food program, and True Light Pentecostal for their monthly food program.
Study Groups & Fellowship Groups

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

10 o’Clock Hour
We meet every Sunday and want you to watch for new, exciting programs for the spring.

The Busy Bees meet Monday mornings at 10 am for fellowship and of course Clown Doll Making! They welcome new sewers. If you should have any questions, please contact David Grice at degrice@comcast.net or Cindy Telljohann at cyndytel@gmail.com.

Course in Miracles
Facilitator: Rev. Marilyn Leigh
Thursdays
4:30 to 6 p.m.

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.

A Course in Miracles is an open group. You may join at any time. The only thing that you need is the Third edition of A Course in Miracles which includes the text, workbook, teacher’s manual and two pamphlets. It is available from the facilitator, Reverend Marilyn Leigh or may be obtained from Barnes and Noble or as an eBook from Amazon.

Join us as we journey together to God, the journey with no distance.

We meet on Thursdays at 4:30 P.M. in The Asbury Memorial social hall. All are welcome. Contact Rev. Leigh by email at Revleigh@yahoo.com with any questions.

NEXT!
Asbury’s Young Adult Fellowship Group

Young adults (ages 19-35, no children) meet the second Sunday of the month in the Conference Room immediately after the church service. If you have any questions, or would like to be added to our Facebook group, please contact Alex Swanger at alex.hearn11@gmail.com.
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Asbury Memorial offers a wide variety of study and fellowship groups.

The Green Team Corner

The spring meeting is Thursday, April 25 from 6:30 to 8 in the Social Hall. Our guest presenter is Dr. Clark Alexander, Director of the Skidaway Institute of Oceanography. He will talk about Coastal Georgia climate issues. Please come hear Dr. Alexander’s important, timely information. Our meetings are open to all. Don’t feel that you must be a “member of the Green Team.” Everyone is welcome. Please come!

Men's Group

The Men’s Group meets on Thursday nights at 7 pm in the Youth room. They are exploring “Living the Questions” by watching the 20 minute video followed by thoughtful conversation.

Women’s Group

There are no Women’s Group meetings for March.

The Monday Seekers of Wisdom Group

Mondays at 1:30 pm
Convener – Pam Parker Kress / Facilitator—Paula Avena

The Four Agreements—Don Miguel Ruiz

Monday, February 11th for 6 weeks

The author explores his Toltec roots and reformulates their ancient wisdom for today’s wisdom seekers. With four apparently simple agreements he lays down a road map for self discovery, personal emotional freedom, true happiness and love. The study of the agreements takes us deep into ourselves to release assumptions about our past and present to build a free more spiritual future.
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**The Power of Myth**

Starts Wednesday Nights in February at 6:30 pm
Study will be held in the Conference Room
Facilitator: Susan Bolinger

Beginning Wednesdays February 13th from 6:30-8 pm The study is based on the video series which is currently playing on Netflix. Bill Moyers and mythologist Joseph Campbell begin their groundbreaking and timeless conversation with an exploration of the classic hero cycle, including consistent and enduring hero patterns in literature, real life and even the Star Wars films. Campbell also encourages the audience to view parts of their own lives as heroic journeys.

A transcript of entire discussion, by episode, is available on Bill Moyer’s website [https://billmoyers.com/content/ep-1-joseph-campbell-and-the-power-of-myth-the-hero%e2%80%99s-adventure-audio/](https://billmoyers.com/content/ep-1-joseph-campbell-and-the-power-of-myth-the-hero%e2%80%99s-adventure-audio/)

Watch the first episode on Netflix before the first meeting and come to meeting prepared to discuss (of course you should still come if you haven’t had a chance to watch).

Please sign up at Connection Corner if you plan to attend this study.

**Breathing Under Water**, Richard Rohr

Starts on Sunday, January 20th, Sundays at 10 am
Co-facilitators: Ruthie Duran Deffley, Andrea Harrelson & Steve Johnson
Study will be held in the Conference Room

A perfect writer on the subject of the Twelve Steps, Rohr explains how the renowned AA program is preeminently spiritual and has the power to rescue people from the tidal wave of compulsive behavior and addiction by helping them ‘breathe under water’ and discover God’s love and compassion. Rohr identifies the core Christian principles in the Twelve Steps and connects them to the message of the Gospels.

To sign up or for more information, contact Ruthie at rdurandeffley@asburymemorial.org or sign up at the Connection Corner. All welcome! Childcare is available.

**Reconciling Ministries Network**

The next meeting will be Sunday, March 3 at 1:15 pm in the sanctuary.
We will be presenting what transpired at General Conference.
Follow our news on Facebook @ Asbury Memorial Reconciling!
In Christian service,
Lance
MEMORIALS

A Gift has been given to the Trustees Fund
in memory of Jean Stewart by Susan & Chuck Landy

A Gift has been given to the Trustees Fund
in memory of May Johnson by Joan Byrd

A Gift has been given to the Emergency Fund
in memory of Carolyn Golden by Neil & Tina Austing

A Gift has been given to the Hospitality Fund
in memory of Karin Klein by Neil & Tina Austing

HONORARIUMS

A Gift has been given to the Trustees Fund
in honor of Claire Marich by Rena Patton

Lenten Wednesdays

Ash Wednesday, March 6th, marks the beginning of the Lenten season, forty days of spiritual reflection before Easter. We will have a Taizé Service at 6:30 pm each Wednesday in March (March 13, 20, 27) April (3, 10) and up to Holy Week. The Taizé services will be about 40 minutes long and will focus on silence, listening, breathing, healing, prayer, and reflection. Taizé Services also use soulful, chant-like music to deepen the worship experience. Choir practice will start at 7pm during Lenten Wednesdays. We are excited about offering this series of services to enrich our relationship with God and with one another.

Join us before the service for Wednesday Night Supper. Enclosed is a reservation form, or sign up on the web.
### 2019 Budget Offering

January 27th—$8,712.13  
February 3rd—$13,166.50  
February 10th—$10,016.17  
February 17th—$15,271.00  
February 24th—TBA

### 2019 Weekly Budget Need

$13,170.00

### 2019 YTD Budget Need

$92,190.00

### 2019 YTD Received

$79,819.03

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### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### Asburians

Laura Angell, Pat Annel, Andra Bowers, Jean Butcher, Carrie Collins, Gretchen Dodd, Mickey Dodge, Delores Ellis, Verna Enyeart, Ellie Gonye, Chase Harrison, Geoff Harrison, Cynthia Herold, Dale Karacostas, Jamie Kelso, Barbara King, Monica Lekuch, Jack Lewis, George Lindsay, Lynn Lord, Scott McCoy, Brenda Mills, Grady Mills, Frances Monson, Eric Mullins, Andy and Sharon Page, Lauren Page, Marie Parker, Keith Purtee, Colleen Robinette, Roberta Smith, Jeri Spears, Brenda Spencer, Cabell Stewart, Carolyn Stuber, Judy Wilburn, Diane Williamson, Marie Winters

#### Family Members & Friends

Dewy Ambos, Billy Chambers, Nolan Donaldson, Sara Driggers, Patrick Ebert, Amelia Foster, Mary Alice Garvin, Betty Grice, Richard Grice, Catherine Price Guiton, David Hamilton, Shirley Harris, Matt Hearn, Chris Linthicum, Randy Matthews, Donna Miles, Bruce Monson, Charlotte Naylor, Jay Northcut, Harold Saye, Jim Skoronsky, Robert Smith, Sr., Kathy Swanger, Serenah Tyson, Kiara Vega, Catherine Wallace, Carolyn Walters, Chris Waszczak, Paula Watts, Larissa Whitten, Melvin Wiley, Jerome Williams, Mary Wise, Dale Wolfe, Rebecca Wood

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### WHEN SHADOWS FALL

- We extend our love and sympathy to Chris & Laurie Fahey and family in the death of Chris’s brother, Ed Fahey.

- We extend our love and sympathy to family and friends of Elizabeth Stewart.

- We extend our love and sympathy to Joe Wilson and family in the death of his wife, Paula Wilson.

- We extend our love and sympathy to Cynthia Linthicum and family in the death of her aunt, Betty Lord.

- We extend our love and sympathy to Kim Heinz and family in the death of his wife, Jackie Heinz.

- We extend our love and sympathy to the Woo family and our Asbury family in the death of Harry “Creek” Woo.
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 Trustee Fund, General Fund, Piano/Organ Fund, the Hester-Children Education
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
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.