

A photograph of a person's lower half, wearing a long white dress and brown leather sandals, walking on a sandy beach. The dress has a red sash. The background is a bright, sandy beach with some shadows.

A Lenten Journey

ASBURY UPDATE MARCH 2023

VOLUME 36 - NUMBER 3

March Birthdays

1 AINSLEY HOPKINS

3 WILL GRATIAS
BETSY HAUN
BETTY HOHNERLEIN
STEVE WAGNER

4 LYNNE CHAPPELL
KURT PURTEE
STEVE REED
PEGGY ZEIGLER

5 BEV BLANK
JODY SCHAAF

6 SUSAN COOPER
LIAM FOSTER
KATHY SIKES

7 JAMIE PARKS
JUDY WILBURN

8 AARON CRISP

9 PHILIP BRANAN

10 KAY BARRETT
MARGARET COOK-LEVY
NATE TYSON

11 LINDA COMBS
MICKIE TOWNSEND

12 DIANNE AMERSON
PAM BOLAND
ANN CROWDER
STEPHEN TISINGER

13 KURT DIEFENBACH
BRENDA MILLS
DEBBIE WRIGHT

14 JOE DRAKE
BETTY HUNTER
CATE VIA

15 SALLY JILEK

16 JOHN MASON

17 ERIC GRATIAS

19 NATALYA KAY

20 MARY FLANDERS

21 CLARE DEVLIN
CHRIS GOOBY

22 LAUREN DUTKO
BETTY FRANKLIN

23 GLORIA FULWOOD
LEW LEOPARD
SANDRA MYDELL
CAROLYN PERRY

24 RHONDA REED
BOB TOWNSEND

25 RENA HOWELL
EFFIE MYDELL

26 BERNIE COLCLASURE

28 ABIGAIL JENKINS

29 DAVID MURPH
LINDA TIPPINS

30 TIM BURKETT
VICKI CRONK
JOSHUA SOLOMONS

31 KATIE FARMER
CYNTHIA LINTHICUM
CARLA LUKE
KATE PERRY

March Anniversaries

1ST

ED AND VIRGINIA BROWN
PAT AND LAURA PICONE

4TH

JAY MARSHLICK AND TIM ETHRIDGE

9TH

ERIC AND MELISSA GRATIAS

14TH

ASHLEY BOLFIK-STROUD
AND DAVID STROUD

19TH

ALEX AND STEPHEN SWANGER

22ND

DEBORAH RAY
AND KIMMI SAMPIERI

26TH

JANE AND JERRY THIMME

28TH

ROGER AND DIANNE
AMERSON




ASBURY MEMORIAL & WESLEY OAK
INVITE ALL FAMILIES TO OUR

FAMILY KICKBALL GAME

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023
12PM - 2PM

KICKBALL AND PICNIC LUNCH
FORSYTH PARK

GODLY PLAY

EVERY SUNDAY
AT ASBURY MEMORIAL & WESLEY OAK

FOR ALL KIDS AGES 3 YRS THROUGH 5TH GRADE



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

Extra parking available directly across the street at Daffin Park.

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

Wednesday Night Supper Reservation Form

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

In order to prepare we must have your reservation!

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 PM Serving stops at 6:30 p.m.

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

Please select your salad or meal selection at time of registration.

Meal Dates:

3/1_____ 3/8_____ 3/15_____ 3/22_____
3/29_____ Permanent Request_____

Name: _____

Phone No.: _____

Indicate number of dinners:

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

_____ Child's Meal \$5.00 (12 & under) _____ Child's Salad Bar \$4.00

Maximum Family limit is \$28.00 per family

Wednesday Night Suppers 2023

Mar 1st

Beef Stew
Roasted Vegetables
Steamed Rice
Green Beans
Cornbread or Muffin

Mar 8th

Chicken Tetrazzini
w/Noodles
Broccoli
Carrots
Crisp Rolls
or
Crusty Bread

Mar 15th

Baked Ham
Mac n' Cheese
Sauteed Apples
or Applesauce
Cole Slaw
Whole Wheat Rolls

Mar 22nd

Beef Stroganoff
with Egg Noodles
Mixed Cabbage Saute
Peas and Pearl Onions
Yeast Rolls

Mar 29th

Roasted Turkey
with Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Southern Mashed
Potatoes
Vegetable Medley
Sweet Island Rolls



Kids' Menu

Mar 1st

Chicken Tenders
Macaroni & Cheese
Sweet Carrots

Mar 8th

Mini Beef Sliders
Baked Apples
Baked French Fries

Mar 15th

Spaghetti & Meatballs
Buttered Green Beans
Spiced Pears

Mar 22nd

Grilled Cheese
Sandwich
Steamed Broccoli
Sweet Potato
Wedges

Mar 29th

Mini Pizza
Mixed Vegetables
Baked Peaches



*Sign-up
online*



From the Desk of the Director of Joy...

The Joy of Giving to Asbury

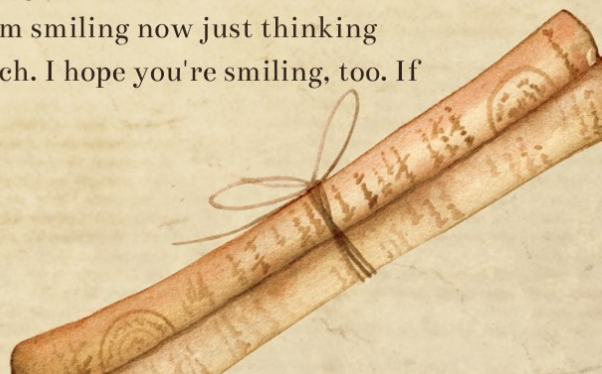
"What's the Joy in My Giving to My Church?" I thought about that question as I hung up the phone with David a while ago. I hadn't spoken to him in years - since I was his pastor. I'd been praying for him because his name was on the prayer list in that church's newsletter. I knew that he had nearly died and had been hospitalized for a long time. On our call, he told me that during his recovery, he was first bedridden, he improved a bit, and then he was confined to his wheelchair. He got better. He got out of the wheelchair but needed a walker. Then he graduated from the walker to using a cane. Now, he says, he can walk without needing any help.

But he wasn't calling to give me that happy update on his health. David wanted to thank me for being his pastor. He told me that the Sunday School class that he and others formed 35 years ago has meant so much to him. The members of the class were mostly first-time parents. They gave each other support and friendship as their children grew from toddlers to teens and beyond. The class still meets on Sunday mornings, and they've added cookouts and weekend getaways. Recently they went on a tasting tour together. He laughed and said, "Just for communion wine, you understand." I could almost see him smiling as he talked.

After the call, I felt a deep joy. The church and its people are David's extended family. They've shared so much of life together. My work at the church meant something to him. My financial gifts meant that David and his friends found a supportive community. Much of what I did, and what I gave, seemed insignificant to me years ago. But David's gratitude reminded me that my giving mattered. And in his thanks, I felt the joy of my giving.

Our gifts to our church matter to people. Our gifts offer hope, and help, and understanding, and a place to worship and learn and so much more. And our gifts matter to us, too. Our giving gives us joy, as well. I know that for sure, because I'm smiling now just thinking about David's reminder of what it means to support a church. I hope you're smiling, too. If so, that's the joy of giving.

~ Rev. Richard Allen
Stewardship Committee member



ASBURY MEMORIAL THEATRE

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF ASBURY MEMORIAL THEATRE IS PLEASED TO TELL YOU ABOUT SOME EXCITING CHANGES:

After much discussion, and even more prayer, we have rebranded ourselves as The Arts Ministry of Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak Churches. This ministry will of course include Asbury Memorial Theatre, but it will also be so much more in the future!

The Arts Ministry's mission is to provide talent, creativity, and service to any group or ministry in the Church at both Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak campuses.

Some of the opportunities we are exploring, but not limited to, are listed below:

- Supporting our Children and Youth Ministries through Vacation Bible School by assisting with the various skits and performances for the programming.
- Offering a seminar to coach those interested in reading scripture to provide meaningful and evocative readings during the services.
- Assisting with our God on Broadway series each year.
- Making birthday and greeting cards to send to our church members.
- Making puppets for the children's ministry or for services.
- Teaching lessons/classes on various topics and hosting lectures (Ted Talk style).
- Organizing trips to events such as local theatre productions, concerts, performances, and exhibits.
- Organizing trips to events in Jacksonville, Charleston, Atlanta, or maybe even New York City!
- Hosting an annual Asbury Memorial/Wesley Oak Talent Show to benefit the various ministries at Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak.
- We are also excited for the many opportunities to host events such as concerts, lectures, guest artists, etc. in the future, in addition to the local theatre we all know and love.
- We are always looking for additional ways that the collective creative and artistic energies of our congregation can be involved in our church and community!

If this information has peaked your interest and you have ideas to share, please contact Tom Lewis at tlewis6520@gmail.com

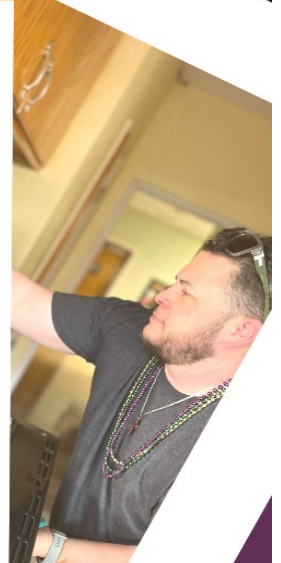
Let's get together and discuss ways that we can bring live theatre back to Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak again! Let us know how you can be a part of us, and we will find a part for you!

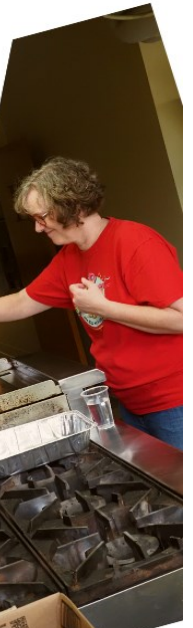


SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE
SUPPER FUNDRAISER 2023

Thank you!

Your Angels Youth Group thanks you for your
amazing and unfailing support!





STEPHEN MINISTRY UPDATE

Since commissioning our inaugural class of 4 Stephen Ministers in March of 2022, we have Ministered to 9 Care Receivers in our church family and community.

These Care Giving relationships may last weeks, months or more, depending on when the care receiver is ready for closure.

As part of our Stephen Ministry, care receivers who are experiencing grief from the loss of a loved one receive a set of 4 books of a Journeying through Grief series, mailed at 4 pre-determined times throughout the year after the loss of a loved one. Recipients of the Journeying through Grief series may or may not be in a care receiver status with a Stephen Minister. We have ministered to 30 recipients of the Journeying through Grief series.

Book 1 - A Time to Grieve is sent 3 weeks after the loss

Book 2 - Experiencing Grief is sent 3 months after the loss

Book 3 - Finding Hope and Healing is sent 6 months after the loss

Book 4 - Rebuilding and Remembering - is sent 11 months after the loss

Each book focuses on what the person is likely to be experiencing at that point in grief, offering understanding, empathy, compassion, and hope.

In June of this year, we will complete our second class of Stephen Minister Training and commission 6 Stephen Ministers to serve our congregation and the community.

If you or someone you know needs the care of a Stephen Minister, please contact Candace Jenkins at the Church office 912-233-4351 or email cjenkins@asburymemorial.org

MEN FRIENDS

Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak 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 or 912-996-0854. We meet Thursdays 7:00-8:30 via Zoom.

Zoom meeting ID: 844 3633 5506, passcode: Asbury

Confirmation Classes

STARTING MARCH 5, 2023

Our Confirmation Classes begin on Sunday March 5th and culminate on April 16th with Confirmation Sunday. Most of the Classes will be on Sunday afternoons. Traditionally we have had two Saturday field trips during this 7-week period and that tradition will continue this year with one day down to Epworth by the Sea and Fort Frederica and another day spent more locally in Savannah visiting some local sites. These field trip dates will be announced once arrangements have been made and dates are firmed up. Just know that they will happen during the 7 weeks of Classes and will take the place of the Sunday Class.

Classes and instruction will be led by Reverend Billy Hester, Reverend Lynn Drake and Youth Directors, Beth Tyson and Chris Kincade.

We are excited to get to know each of them as they learn what it means to be a part of these Congregations and the Church as a whole.

Please contact Beth Tyson by email at Btyson@kw.com or calling/texting to 404-456-5189 to register.

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





Parent's Night Out

We had such a great time at Parent's Night Out in February! We made heart-shaped pizzas together, baked and decorated Valentine's cookies, crafted and danced the night away! A special thanks to all who braved the weather to join us, and *thank you* to all of our amazing volunteers who helped to make the night so special for all!



ASBURY'S NEWEST MEMBERS

New Member Class January 2023



Bo Curler & Pat Bangs



Mark Barner



Ed & Virginia Brown



Tim & Karen Conrow



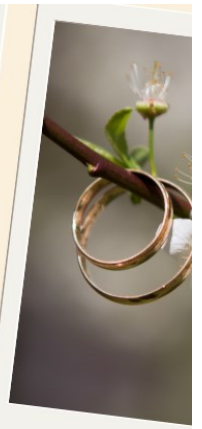
Hank Little



Jan Michaels



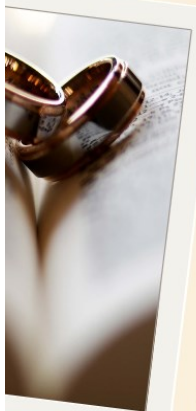
Curtis Veal



2023



Renewal of Vows Ceremony



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.**

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: Margaret Clay
Mondays, 1:30—3 pm

Book Study: "*Braiding Sweetgrass*" - If you have any questions about the group or the book, please email Margaret Clay at margaretclay@comcast.net.
Zoom Meeting ID: 864 8291 0310, Passcode: Asbury

Men Friends

Men's Group for Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak
Facilitator: Gregg Walther
Thursdays, 7:00pm—8:30pm

The Thursday night Men's Group welcome all men to join us for an evening of discussion and fellowship. We talk about topics suggested by our members, recently 'Christian nationalism' and the state of the Christian Church in general has sparked much discussion. What's on your mind? Should you have any questions please contact Gregg Walther at gdw0517@gmail.com. The Men's Group meets Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 via Zoom and welcomes all men. If you're looking for a way to connect, make new friends and participate in some fascinating discussions, all from the comfort of home, give us a try. We have a great time, come join us!
Zoom meeting ID: 844 3633 5506, 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.

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 text 912-690-2148 or email uniquelymyself@hotmail.com

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



Worship on Sundays

Join us on Sunday
mornings at 11:15 AM for
in-person worship.

We look forward to
welcoming you!

Online services may also
be accessed from our
website -
www.AsburyMemorial.org

FREE INCOME TAX PREP

Get All of your refund
FAST & FREE!

Earn It! Keep It! \$ave It!

CDC GUIDELINES WILL BE FOLLOWED.

- Don't waste your money on costly tax preparation. **IRS-certified** volunteers are ready to assist you at **NO COST.**
- Get your refund **FAST** with e-filing and direct deposit.
- Several **VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE SITES (VITA)** are available in Bryan, Effingham, Liberty and Chatham Counties.

3 WAYS TO FILE FOR FREE!

- TAXES ARE PREPARED ON-SITE
- TAXES CAN BE DROPPED OFF
- PREPARE YOUR OWN Federal Federal & State tax return at www.myfreetaxes.com



What You Need to Bring:

- Official Photo Identification for taxpayer and spouse.
- Social Security Card for taxpayer, spouse and all dependents.
- All W-2's and other income information, including, 1099-G Unemployment, 1099-R Retirement, 1099-NEC Non Employee Compensation and 1099-SSA Social Security Benefits, (if applicable).
- Form 1095-A Healthcare Form (Marketplace-ACA).
- Form 1098 Home Mortgage Interest.
- Form 1098-T Education) or Form 1098-E (Student Loan Interest (if applicable).
- Childcare expenses (if applicable).
- Identity Protection Pin (IP Pin) (if applicable).
- Checking & savings account information for Direct Deposit.
- 2021 Tax Return

FILE FOR FREE

Tax Year 2022

AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION

**Neighborhood
Improvement**

Association (NIA)

**2410 Skidaway Drive
Savannah, GA 31404**

912-447-5577

Mondays-Wednesdays

10am-6pm

Thursdays

12pm-8pm

Fridays

10am-5pm

Drop Off & Review Only

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
&**

OTHER LOCATIONS:

VISIT

www.niacdc.org

Call

912.447.5577

or see other side





When Shadows Fall

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

Lew & Kathleen Leopard in the passing of Lew's brother, John Leopard

Chloe and Lindsey Lynch in the passing of their grandmother, Harriet Lynch

Chris & Kelly Beaver in the passing of Chris' sister, Lee Throop

**Laura Lindsay in the passing of Laura's husband & Asburian, George.
Nephew of Betty Hunter & cousin of Kim & Steve Johnson**




Prayer Requests

Asburians

DiAnne Amerson, Ann Anderson, Joan Byrd, Fay Carroll, Carol Chambers, Sheri Coffey,
Dina Consentino, Gretchen Dodd, Helen Downing, Sam Durham, Katie Farmer,
Bob Francischetti, Sherry Giddens, Ellie Gonye, Gerry Harman, Chase Harrison,
Roy Hill, Sally Jilek, Dale Karacostas, Zoey Kaar, Judith Kessler, Rev. Marilyn Leigh, Jack Lewis,
Marion Manigo, Brenda Mills, Virginia Moryadas, Dan Nelson, Marie Parker, Frank Ramsey,
Cabell Stewart, Henry White, Judy Wilburn, Diane Williamson, Peggy Zeigler

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Family Members and Friends



Max Clements, Collie Collins, Ray Cook, Jennifer Despres Corey, Linda Cowart,
Sara Driggers, Todd & Yolanda Eklund, Joan Harper, Priscilla Hearn, Sue Leonard,
Anna Lewis, Shirley Long, Catherine "Kim" McGowan, Pat Munoz, Tony Munoz,
Fredia Peggs, Brianna Reeves, Jane Robinson, Paula Rushing, Rosemary Starling,
Lisa Swain, Neola Waller

Memorials

Gifts have been given to the Properties Fund in memory of Jim Utsey
by
Joan Byrd
Judith Leaptrot

Honorariums

A gift has been given to the
Properties Fund in honor of George &
Laura Lindsay's birthdays
by Betty Hunter

A gift has been given to the
Properties Fund in honor of Gloria
Moses' birthday
by Betty Hunter

A gift has been given to the
Properties Fund in honor of Cheri
Hester's birthday
by Betty Hunter

A gift has been given to the
Properties Fund in honor of George &
Laura Lindsay's Anniversary
by Betty Hunter

A gift has been given to the
Properties Fund in honor of
Rev. Claire Marich
by Joan Byrd

A gift has been given to the
Properties Fund in honor of
Win & Birdie Numer's baptism
by Becky & David Hickel



General Budget As of January 2023

YTD Budgeted GOAL	\$70,769
Actual Year-To-Date Expenses	\$63,658
Actual Year-To-Date Contributions	\$63,991
Ahead/Behind	\$334

Average Worship Attendance 284
(in person 146, online 138)

Chair Name Plate

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.

Elizabeth Lariscy
A Southern Lady
By R. Ward Lariscy

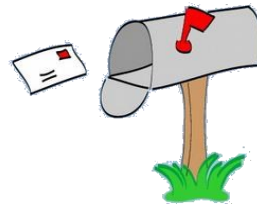
In Loving Memory
of
Dix Elliott



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

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!”**



Give Now





WESLEY OAK LEAF

March 2023

THE SEASON OF LENT

FIRST, A BIT OF HUMOR

Sister Margaret had spent weeks preparing the first grade children for their first Communion, stressing the solemnity and importance of this sacrament. Much to her chagrin, during Mass on the big day, one boy in the front row was talking and giggling nonstop. Finally, unable to put up with it any longer, she whispered to the lad seated next to her, "Please go up there and tell that guy he's done enough talking and had better stop, right now!" Without question, the boy rose and walked to the front and delivered Sister Margaret's message to the surprised priest in the middle of his sermon! ~from Wayne Seybert

SECOND, LENT HAS BEGUN

Wonder what the priest did when the boy gave him the message from Sister Margaret! We know he was surprised! Something out of the ordinary had occurred and some might say it was not a good thing, and others might say differently. One of the things we know of the Season of Lent, is that it is full of surprises for us as we heed the messages from our reading, time of contemplation and prayer, and attending the Holy Spirit as we fast.

The surprise, the amazement in these days? How one feels when peace and love's comfort come upon one's heart, or the wonder of one's mind drawing attention to the mighty acts of Jesus and our union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith. As we may walk through the wilderness of this world, the message from God, our deliverer, is we should expect to be surprised! Expect a blessed assurance, a lighting up when one sings, a peace that passes all understanding in the quiet of a moment. Surprises every day from who knows where and when. Even during a sermon, the spirit of the Lord is full of surprises! There is a message for all of us in the season of Lent. Surprise! Surprise! Surprise!

Lynn

*Come to the table....the garden table
All are welcome!*



That's right! The table(s) in the Joy Cottage Garden! Above the ground Garden Tables to house flowers and vegetables this spring!

We are looking forward to preparing the tables, (assembling and staining), preparing the soil, planting flowers and vegetables, and all the fellowship one can enjoy around the garden tables. The tables are to be set up in the Joy Cottage Garden for easy access and plenty of sunshine! There will also be a place for folks to sit and enjoy the quiet of beauty of the garden as the season goes on.

Our Angell Youth Group is planning to share in the preparing, planting, and harvesting of a table or two. Perhaps you and some family and/or friends would like to be a part of the garden table ministry, adopt a table. If you would like to have more information on the Garden Tables, or to sign up for one, please contact Reverend Drake, lynnadrake@gmail.com.



IN OUR PRAYERS

Rejoice always, pray constantly... | Thessalonians

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

Mary Wynn, Lloye Wynn, Shirley White, Family of Bernie Morrison, Jane Rollins, Charlie Coursey, Collie Collins, PC's Dad,
Lily Warmkessel, Mary Ann and Walter Parker, Bubba Hughes, Fitz Kincade, People of Ukraine, Pat Howe, Family of David Tammen
Kacey Mayes, nephew of Tracy and Monty Osborn, Cheryl Hessel, Dan Kerrick, Unspoken need for healing, Gloria Moses,
McCarthy family, neighbors of Carolyn Ingram, Sydjea Trice, Michael McDaniel, Jack Donker, George and Barba Irvin,
Eddie Aenchbacher, Fran and Arlene Moore, Jimuel Gray and family, Andrew Brown, Meaaly O'Donnell,
Zoe Simpson, Martha Aenchbacher, Bonnie Trammell, Julius and Mary Cooley, Forsyth Farmer's Market, UMC Worldwide,
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COME JOIN US IN THE WESLEY OAK CHANCEL CHOIR!

We meet on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. to learn the song for the 9:30 a.m. service.
We would love to have you and your voice added to our numbers!

There is no pressure or obligation. It is okay if you can't read music, or if you have never sung in a choir before. There is a place in this choir for everyone to make a joyful noise before the Lord!

Please text or call J.J. Collins at 410-808-1110 with any questions.

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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.