

March **Birthdays**

- **Kurt Purtee Steve Reed** Peggy Zeigler
- 6 Susan Cooper **Kathy Sikes**
- 7 Jamie Parks **Judy Wilburn**
- **Aaron Crisp**
- Philip Branan
- 10 Kay Barrett **Margaret Cook-Levy NateTyson**

- 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
- Natalya Kay
- **Chris Gooby**
- 22 Rich Batten Lauren Dutko **Betty Franklin**
- 23 Gloria Fulwood Lew Leopard Sandra Mydell **Penny Pennington Carolyn Perry**

- 24 Rhonda Reed **Bob Townsend**
- 26 Bernie Colclasure
- **Abigail Jenkins**
- David Murph Linda Tippins
- 30 Tim Burkett Vicki Cronk **Josh Solomons Deborah Staab**
- 31 Jack Alexander **Katie Farmer Kate Perry**



Happy Anniversary

1st Ed & Virginia Brown

Pat & Laura Picone

2nd Brooks & Sandra

Barrett

4th Jay Marshlick & Tim Ethridge

19th Alex & Stephen

1st.

21st Joe & Diane

Marcus

Swanger

22nd 26th Deborah Ray Jane & Jerry & Kimmi Sampieri

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28th Roger & DiAnne Amerson

MARCH 2025

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9:30a Wesley Oak 11:15a Asbury Memorial 1:00p Tax Seminar @AMC	5:30p SING Rehearsal 7:00p SMART Recovery @ WO	5:30p Shrove Tues Pancake Supper	Ash Wed Services 8:00a @ WO 12:00p @AMC 5:00p @WO 6:30p @AMC	7:00p Men's Group	7	8
9 9:30a Wesley Oak 11:15a Asbury Memorial	12:30p Wisdom Seekers 5:30p SING Rehearsal	3:00p Improv Class	5:30p Wed Night Supper	6:30p Lenten Study @ AMC	14	15
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SHROVE TUESDAY

PANCAKE SUPPER

YOUTH FUNDRAISER



TUESDAY

March TH

5:30p - 6:30p

\$8 | MARDI GRAS MUSIC

PANCAKES, TOPPING BAR & FUN!



ASBURY MEMORIAL 1008 E Henry Street

RESERVATIONS

www.AsburyMemorial.org

100% OF PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT HOSPICE SAVANNAH, INC. AND THE MICHAEL J. FOX FOUNDATION FOR PARKINSON'S RESEARCH

The Story of My Life a musical



Music and Lyrics by Neil Bartram Book by Brian Hill

Friday, March 28, 7pm Saturday, March 29, 7pm Sunday, March 30, 3pm

Featuring Ray Ellis and Mark Rand Directed by Kristen Kelso Music Direction by Keena Charbonneau

Asbury Memorial Church 1008 E. Henry St., Savannah, GA

Admission \$20

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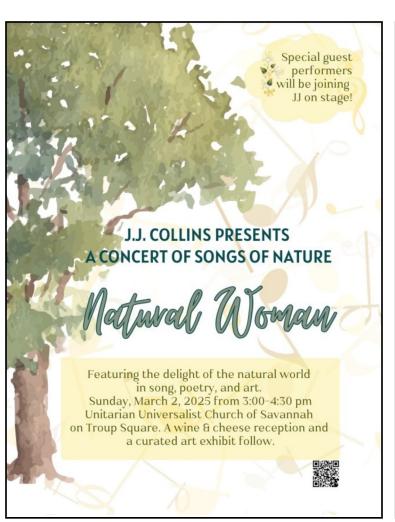


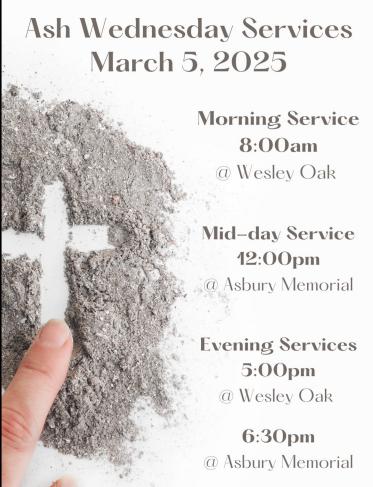


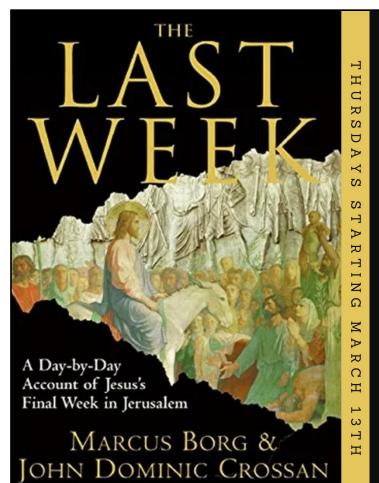












Authors of The Heart of Christianity & The Historical Jesus

LENTEN STUDY

Rev. Hester will be leading a 5-week Online Study during the season of Lent. The study will be using Marcus Borg & John Dominic Crossan's book, The Last Week, which recounts the last week of Jesus' life before he was crucified. It has been said by many people that this book transformed their perspective and experience of Holy Week (Passion Week).

We are excited about this opportunity for those who live in our area and those who live far away to be able to have this experience together. The study will be held on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm starting March 13th. The five Thursdays will be March 13, 20, 27, April 3, and 10. The study will be 90 minutes — ending at 8:00 pm. We will email the link for the Study in early March.

In order to get the most out of the experience, participants should have a copy of The Last Week. Copies can be purchased on Amazon through this link: https://www.amazon.com/Last-Week-Gospels-Really-Jerusalem/dp/0060872608

If you have any questions or if you are unable to get a copy of the book, please contact Rev. Hester at bghester3@comcast.net. We'll help you get a copy.





Tax-Smart Giving and Planned Giving Seminar

Are you sure you're getting the best tax deductions for your donations to Asbury?

Are there some simple ways to include Asbury in your estate?

Find out by attending a seminar at Asbury/Wesley Oak conducted by an estate attorney and a CFP®.

March 2, 2025 1pm (after Big Coffee Hour) in the Asbury Sanctuary

This is first in a series of seminars we're planning to help Asburians & Wesleyans manage our money better. Bring your tax and estate questions!

Tax Smart Giving topics include:

For working families and all ages

- "Stacking" or "Bunching" donation years to beat the standard deduction
- Highly appreciated shares
- o Donor Advised Fund

For retirees

o Qualified Charitable Donations from your IRA

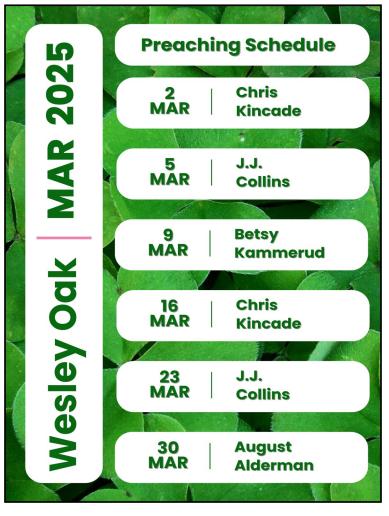
Conducted by Michael Dayoub, CFP® Alpha Financial Management

Planned Giving topics include:

- o Bequests
- o Life Insurance Policies
- o Retirement Account Beneficiaries
- Giving Strategies to Reduce Capital Gains For Your Heirs
- Charitable Trusts

Conducted by Gennie Long, JD Meyer & Sayers LLP





You don't have to deal with this by yourself... let us help! 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: **9**12.233.4351 cjenkins@asburymemorial.org

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Classes Begin March 9th

We are excited to announce that Confirmation Classes will be offered for youth in the 6th grade or above starting on March 9th. These weekly spiritual formation classes, led by Rev. Billy Hester and Beth Tyson, provide a wonderful opportunity for young people to explore the foundational tenets of the Christian faith.

The classes will guide participants through meaningful discussions and spiritual growth, culminating in a special Confirmation Ceremony during the worship service on Sunday, April 10th. Youth who choose to be confirmed will officially join the church. Additionally, if a youth has not previously been baptized, they may be baptized on this special day.

This is a significant step in the spiritual journey of our youth, and we warmly invite all eligible participants to consider joining these transformative sessions.

To register or for more information, please contact:

Beth Tyson at btyson@vniconnects.com

or the church office at church@asburymemorial.org.

We look forward to sharing this meaningful journey of faith with our youth.

WESLEY OAK'S BOOK EXCHANGE

Wesley Oak has a book exchange!
Do you have a book you just loved? Did you read something that inspired you? Is there a book you think others would enjoy reading? Donate it!! Everyone is encouraged to participate in the donating and borrowing of books. Once you read the book, just return it back to the library at Wesley Oak. Borrowers are encouraged to write a little something in the book for







SING CHILDREN'S CHOIR MONDAYS @ 5:30PM

ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH - 1008 E HENRY ST SAVANNAH

ST. PATRICK'S DAY & SAVANNAH



St. Patrick's Day: A Celebration of Irish Heritage and Culture

St. Patrick's Day, observed annually on March 17, is a cultural and religious holiday that honors St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. What began as a solemn feast day has evolved into a global celebration of Irish culture, filled with parades, music, dancing, and a sea of green attire.

The Origins of St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick was born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century and was kidnapped by Irish raiders at the age of 16. He was taken to Ireland, where he worked as a shepherd before escaping and returning home. After becoming a Christian missionary, he traveled back to Ireland to spread Christianity. Legend has it that he used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity to the Irish people. St. Patrick's death on March 17, 461 AD, led to the establishment of the feast day in his honor.

Traditional Celebrations in Ireland

In Ireland, St. Patrick's Day was originally a religious holiday marked by church services and feasts. It wasn't until the 20th century

that it became a public holiday and gained a more festive atmosphere.

Towns and cities across Ireland now hold vibrant parades, live music performances, and cultural exhibitions. Dublin's St. Patrick's Festival is one of the largest celebrations, featuring multi-day events with performances, art displays, and a grand parade.

St. Patrick's Day Around the World

The Irish diaspora has spread St. Patrick's Day far beyond the shores of Ireland. The United States, home to millions of Irish descendants, hosts some of the most extravagant celebrations. New York City's St. Patrick's Day Parade, one of the world's oldest and largest, attracts millions of spectators. Chicago famously dyes its river green, while cities such as Boston, Philadelphia, and Savannah also host large-scale parades and festivities.



St. Patrick's Day in Savannah

Savannah, Georgia, hosts one of the largest and most vibrant St. Patrick's Day celebrations in the United States. The city's festivities date back to 1824 and have grown into a multi-day event featuring parades, concerts, and a grand display of Irish pride. One of the most famous traditions in Savannah is the greening of the city's fountains, where the water is dyed green in honor of the holiday. The St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah is one of the biggest in the country, attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. The celebration reflects the deep Irish heritage present in the city and continues to be a major highlight of Savannah's cultural calendar.



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Symbols and Traditions

Several symbols and traditions are associated with St. Patrick's Day, many of which have roots in Irish folklore:

- Wearing Green: Green is associated with Ireland, also known as the "Emerald Isle." According to folklore, wearing green makes one invisible to mischievous leprechauns who pinch anyone they can see.
- Shamrocks: The shamrock, a symbol of Ireland, is said to have been used by St. Patrick to teach about the Holy Trinity.
- Leprechauns: These mythical creatures from Irish folklore are believed to be mischievous fairies who hide pots of gold at the end of rainbows.
- Traditional Irish Food and Drinks: Many people celebrate by enjoying classic Irish dishes like corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew, and soda bread. Irish stout, particularly Guinness, is also widely consumed on this day.

Modern-Day Festivities

While St. Patrick's Day maintains its religious significance in Ireland, it has also become a day of revelry and cultural appreciation worldwide.

From lively pub gatherings to elaborate parades, the holiday brings people together to celebrate Irish heritage with music, dancing, and good cheer.

Whether one is of Irish descent or simply enjoys the festivities, St. Patrick's Day is a time to embrace the warmth, spirit, and traditions of the Irish people. So don your green, raise a toast, and join in the celebration of one of the world's most beloved holidays!



March 12th

Chicken Fricassee
Wild Rice Blend
Fresh-cut Green Beans
Assorted Rolls

April 2nd

Roasted Turkey Breast

w/ Gravy

Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans

Sweet Rolls

Pot Roast w/Carrots &
Onions
Mashed Potatoes
Italian Green Beans
Whole Wheat Roll

March 19th

April 9th

Pepper Steak Broccoli Steamed Rice Corn Bread Muffin

March 26th

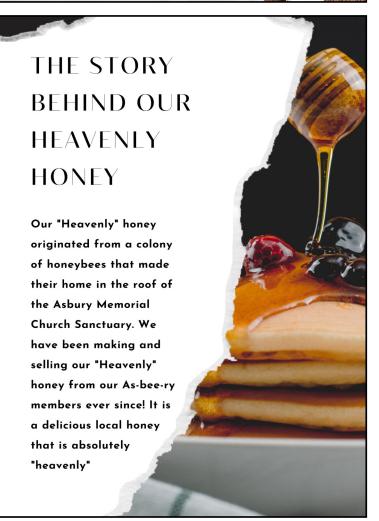
Baked Ziti
w/Bolognese Sauce
Squash Medley
Garlic Bread

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

SPRING 2025 @ 5:30PM

Register online or through the church office

Men's Group What's on your mind? We welcome all men to join us Thursday nights for fellowship and discussion. We talk about what is on our minds: a theological point or question, an interesting book or current events. If you're looking for a way to connect, make new friends, participate in some fascinating discussions, and get to know others, please join us! We have a great time and all from the comfort of our homes. Should you have any questions, contact Gregg Walther at gdw0517@gmail.com We meet Thursdays 7:00-8:30 via Zoom. Zoom meeting ID: 844 3633 5506, passcode: Asbury





Cook and Connect with Creativity

Joy Cottage at Wesley Oak

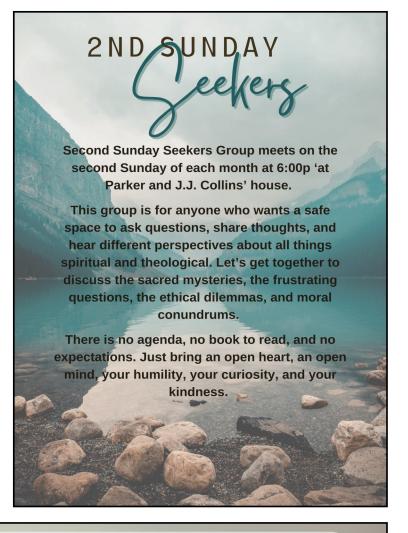
Join Us for Suppers at the Cottage! Every fourth Sunday, we invite you to a Joy Cottage where food, friendship, and creativity come together!

As we gather to prepare and enjoy a delicious meal together, you'll have the chance to cook, mingle, and forge new friendships.

But the fun doesn't stop with dinner!

At the end of each meal, we welcome a few brave souls to showcase their delightful evening at the talents. Whether you have a poem to recite, a song to sing, or a craft to display, we encourage you to share what you love to do with the group!

> Please come join us for an unforgettable evening of good food, even better company, and inspiring creativity. We can't wait to see you there!



Prayer Requests

Congregants of Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak

DiAnne Amerson, Jenny Wilburn Bell, Wayne Bland, Marcia Budarz, Jim Burris, Kathy Consentino, Nancy Cvetan, Sam Durham, Ray Ellis, Deb Gibson, Sandy Golden, Bubba Hughes, Pam Karacostas, Tom Lewis, Marian Manigo, Virginia Moryadas, Mark Pohl, Frank Ramsey, Becki Sasser, Pat Stewart, Dave Thompson, Val Osborn Utsey, Curtis Veal, Donna Waller, Kenn Waters, Lance Wilhelm, Debbie Wright

Family Members and Friends

Tommy Altizer, Meta Carswell, Tammie Hargroves, Wesley Hurt, Jackie Lewis, John Wyman



Concerns about addiction for you or your family? Then this Musical Play and follow-up Q&A session is for you!

There is no fee to attend. Everyone is Welcome! Age appropriate for teenagers and older.

March 30, 2025 4:00pm

Congregation Mickve Israel; 20 E Gordon St.

Freedom Song is a transformative musical that will shatter the myth of Jews being immune to addiction. By interweaving a Passover Seder with personal stories of addiction, Freedom Song poses one stark question— "what are you a slave to?" The cast of Freedom Song is not a cast of actors; they are actual addicts in recovery that have broken off the shackles of drugs, alcohol, gambling, and other destructive behaviors. By performing in Freedom Song, our interchanging cast members have an opportunity to answer questions from the audience and to share their experiences on how best to recover from a lifestyle of addiction.

Sponsored by:









WISDOM

QUESTIONS? Contact Trish Haverkamp at trish.haverkamp@gmail or 610.334.1981 Women's Book Club Meets 2x a month

2nd Monday of each month @ 12:30 via Zoom 4th Monday of each month @ 12:30, typically in person

Financial Health

General Budget End of Year 2024

YTD Budget Goal

\$ 772,000

Final YTD Contributions

\$706,262

Final YTD Expenses

\$ 674,469

Actual Ahead / Behind if Budget had been Spent

\$ -65,738

Contributions to Expenses
Ahead/Behind

\$31,793



WESLEY OAK CHANCEL CHOIR

COME & JOIN IN!

THE CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 8:30 A.M. EACH WEEK. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF THE MUSIC AT WESLEY OAK CHURCH, PLEASE CONNECT WITH J.J. COLLINS, DIRECTOR.

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US!

When Shadows Fall

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

John Hohnerlein & Barrie Ezell in the passing of their mother and beloved Asburian, Betty Hohnerlein

Sandra & Effie Mydell in the passing of Sandra's son and Effie's brother, Keith Anthony James

Dr. Danielle Pilgrim in the passing of her father, Curtis Pilgrim



2025 Financial Health

General Budget as of January 2025

YTD Budget Goal

\$ 58,878

Actual YTD Expenses

\$ 49,461

Actual YTD Contributions

\$ 51,986

Actual Ahead / Behind if Budget Spent

\$ -6,892

Current Contributions to Expenses Ahead/Behind \$ 2,525

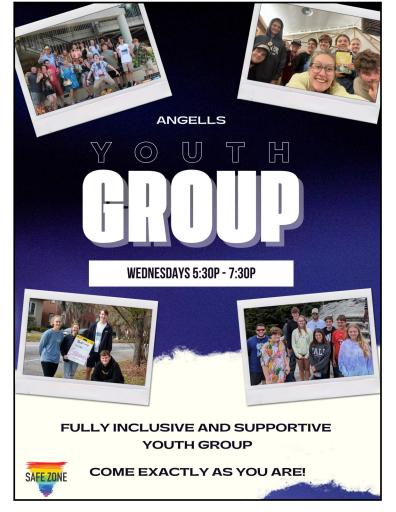


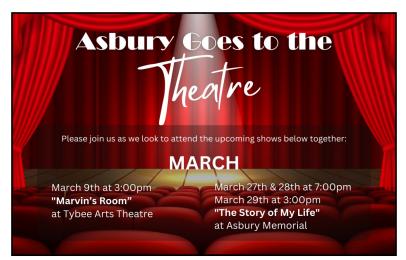
April 19, 2025 | 10am | Wesley Oak Church Campus

Please bring your own basket to collect eggs.













Holy Week

Palm Sunday	April 13th	Wesley Oak 9:30AM	Asbury Memorial 11:15AM	
Maundy Thursday	April 17th	Asbury Memorial 6:30PM		
Good Friday	April 18th	Wesley Oak NOON	Asbury Memorial 7:00PM	
Easter Sunday	April 20th	Wesley Oak 9:30AM	Asbury Memorial 11:15AM	



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.

Senior Fitness Classes (no age requirement to attend classes)

Led by Asbury Member, Linda Socks

The Salvation Army - 3000 Bee Road, Savannah

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



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

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

VOLUNTEER Mondays & Thursdays 10am - 12pm

> 4 Mall Terrace Savannah

www.packsavannah.com



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



Mail:

Mail your contribution by check to:

Asbury Memorial Church 1008 East Henry Street Savannah, GA 31401



Website:

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



Text Giving:

- From your mobile phone:
- Send your contribution amount to 833-690-5966
- Donate anytime, anywhere
- Use easy debit/credit card registration
- Make a one-time gift or set it up to be recurring

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.

Asbury Memorial Church

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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.