

MARCH

2026

# ASBURY UPDATE

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# March Birthdays

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|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 Billie Rigotti                                   | 11 Linda Combs<br>Mickie Townsend                   | 15 Sally Jilek                                                                         | 24 Rhonda Reed<br>Bob Townsend                                  |
| 4 Kurt Purtee<br>Steve Reed                        | 12 DiAnne Amerson<br>Pam Boland<br>Stephen Tisinger | 19 Natalya Kay                                                                         | 25 Kay Booth                                                    |
| 6 Susan Cooper<br>Kathy Sikes                      | 13 Kurt Diefenbach<br>Brenda Mills<br>Debbie Wright | 21 Chris Gooby                                                                         | 26 Bernie Colclasure                                            |
| 7 Judy Wilburn                                     | 14 Joe Drake<br>Betty Hunter<br>Cate Via            | 22 Lauren Dutko<br>Betty Franklin                                                      | 28 Abigail Jenkins                                              |
| 8 Aaron Crisp                                      |                                                     | 23 Gloria Fulwood<br>Lew Leopard<br>Sandra Mydell<br>Penny Pennington<br>Carolyn Perry | 29 David Murph                                                  |
| 9 Philip Branan                                    |                                                     |                                                                                        | 30 Tim Burkett<br>Vicki Cronk<br>Josh Solomons<br>Deborah Staab |
| 10 Kay Barrett<br>Margaret Cook-Levy<br>Nate Tyson |                                                     |                                                                                        | 31 Jack Alexander<br>Katie Farmer<br>Kate Perry                 |



# Happy Anniversary

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| 1st<br>Ed & Virginia<br>Brown     | 1st<br>Pat & Laura<br>Picone   | 2nd<br>Brooks & Sandra<br>Barrett       | 4th<br>Jay Marshlick &<br>Tim Ethridge |
| 19th<br>Alex & Stephen<br>Swanger | 21st<br>Joe & Diane<br>Marcus  | 22nd<br>Deborah Ray<br>& Kimmi Sampieri |                                        |
|                                   | 26th<br>Jane & Jerry<br>Thimme | 28th<br>Roger & DiAnne<br>Amerson       |                                        |

# MARCH 2025

| SUN                                                                                                                                             | MON                                                                                                                                                     | TUE                                                          | WED                                                                                                                      | THU                                                                                     | FRI                                                                      | SAT                                                                                  |
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| <p>1</p> <p>9:30a<br/>Wesley Oak</p> <p>11:15a<br/>Asbury Memorial</p> <p>1:00p<br/>W.O.K.E.<br/>@WO</p>                                        | <p>2</p> <p>5:30p<br/>SING Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30p<br/>Celtic Online Study</p> <p>7:00p<br/>SMART Recovery<br/>@WO</p>                                   | <p>3</p>                                                     | <p>4</p> <p>5:30p<br/>Wed Night Supper</p> <p>6:30p<br/>Taize Service<br/>@AMC</p> <p>7:00p<br/>AMC Choir Rehearsal</p>  | <p>5</p> <p>7:00p<br/>Men's Group</p>                                                   | <p>6</p>                                                                 | <p>7</p> <p>3:00p<br/>Spectra Choir's International Women's Day Concert<br/>@AMC</p> |
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# Journeying into Celtic Spirituality: An Online Study with Rev. Rodney Newman

The Irish and Scots have always been known for their strong sense of identity and independent spirit. When Christianity first reached their shores in the early centuries, they embraced it in their own distinctive way – expressing faith through art, storytelling, prayer, theology, and a deep reverence for the natural world.

This March, you are invited to journey with these spiritual ancestors in an Online Study on Celtic Spirituality led by author, scholar, and minister Rev. Rodney Newman.

In a world that often feels hurried, noisy, and disconnected, many people long for a spirituality that is rooted, reflective, and deeply present. Celtic Christianity offers just that. Rather than separating the sacred from the ordinary, Celtic Christians recognized holy ground everywhere – in work and rest, hospitality and pilgrimage, prayer and community. Their faith was woven into daily life with rhythm, balance, attentiveness, and hope.

## What Is Celtic Spirituality?

Developed among early Christians in Ireland, Scotland, and parts of Britain, Celtic spirituality is known for:

- A profound awareness of God's presence in everyday life
- Reverence for creation
- The integration of faith into daily rhythms
- A deep commitment to community, hospitality, and spiritual friendship
- The idea of "thin places," where heaven and earth feel especially close

These ancient themes feel strikingly relevant today.

## Study Details

 Mondays: March 2, 9, 16, and 23

 6:30 p.m.

 Online

Each session will explore a unique dimension of Celtic Christianity:

- **Session 1 – March 2**  
Celtic Christianity – What's Old is New Again!
- **Session 2 – March 9**  
Celtic Christian Art – Book of Kells, High Crosses, Chalices, O My
- **Session 3 – March 16**  
Early Irish Saints: All Too Human Superheroes
- **Session 4 – March 23**  
Celtic Christian Practice: Prayer, Soul Friendship, and Hope

Participants will reflect on how the art, theology, spiritual practices, and saints of Celtic Christianity continue to inspire modern faith and daily living.

## About Rev. Rodney Newman

Rev. Rodney Newman recently retired after 36 years of ministry in the United Methodist Church. He brings a unique blend of scholarship, pastoral wisdom, and storytelling to his teaching. With a special interest in Celtic Christianity, he has taught university courses and led study abroad trips to Ireland.

This online study draws from themes in his book *Journeys with Celtic Christians*, though no book is required to participate. The sessions are designed to be accessible, thoughtful, and engaging rather than academic or overwhelming.

In uncertain times, many seek a faith that feels grounded, hopeful, and connected – to God, to others, and to the world itself. Celtic spirituality gently reminds us that God is not distant, but present in the ordinary rhythms of life.

This four-week journey is more than a class. It is an invitation to slow down, listen deeply, and rediscover an ancient tradition that still speaks powerfully today.

Whether you are seeking renewal, deeper understanding, or simply a quieter way to engage your faith, we hope you will join us.

All are welcome.





## FEBRUARY 2026 GATHERING OF

# *Sisters in Faith*

What a joyful afternoon at the February Sisters in Faith gathering! Nearly 50 women filled Holliday Hall on February 19 for a celebration overflowing with music, laughter, inspiration, and community.



The program featured unforgettable special music from Savannah's own Huxsie Scott, the legendary "Voice of Savannah," alongside Michelle Meece of the Historic Savannah Theatre. Guests were also inspired by Beth Tyson, longtime assistant leader of the Asbury Angell's youth group, who shared heartfelt reflections on the power and promise of love.



One of the day's biggest highlights? Singing along with Asbury Memorial's very own BOY BAND as they brought the house down with favorite love songs from the 60s and 70s!



Mark your calendars now — the next Sisters in Faith gathering will be March 19 and will feature a festive St. Patrick's Day celebration brunch. For more information, contact Linda Combs at 912-398-5153.

Sisters in Faith continues to be a beautiful reminder that when women gather in joy and fellowship, wonderful things happen!



# SECOND SUNDAY SEEKERS

## A Place for Honest Questions and Open Hearts

Each month, a group of thoughtful and curious souls gathers around the living room of J.J. and Parker Collins for something simple and deeply meaningful. The Second Sunday Seekers meet on the second Sunday of every month at 6:00 p.m., creating space for open conversation about faith, life, and the questions that shape us.

There is no formal agenda, no assigned reading, and no pressure to have the “right” answers. Conversations flow naturally from wrestling with sacred mysteries to



exploring ethical dilemmas, personal experiences, or differing perspectives on spirituality. What matters most is not certainty, but curiosity.

This group is open to anyone who longs for authentic dialogue in a welcoming environment. All that’s asked is that you bring humility, kindness, and a willingness to listen and share.

In a world that often feels hurried and divided, Second Sunday Seekers offers something sacred: a circle of open hearts journeying together through life’s biggest questions. If that sounds like something you’re seeking, there’s a place for you.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

AN EVENING WITH

# Nico Lang

Asbury Memorial Church recently welcomed author and journalist Nico Lang for an inspiring evening centered on their book *American Teenager: How Trans Kids Are Surviving Hate and Finding Joy in a Turbulent Era*.

Rev. Billy Hester led a thoughtful, conversational interview before a crowd of more than 70 guests. The gathering was a beautiful blend of members of the LGBTQ+ community and allies from our church families and the wider Savannah community, with attendees ages 12 and up.



Nico invited guests into an open and meaningful Q&A, followed by photo opportunities and book signings. It was a night marked by honest dialogue, shared stories, and a spirit of welcome.

We are grateful for the opportunity to host Nico and hope to welcome them back again soon.



# KURTIS PURTEE

A SEAT AT THE TABLE FOR SAVANNAH



We are proud to share that Savannah Alderman Kurtis Purtee has been appointed to serve on the National League of Cities' 2026 Public Safety and Crime Prevention Federal Advocacy Committee.

In this role, Alderman Purtee will help guide national conversations around key public safety issues that affect communities across the country — including disaster preparedness and recovery, community-oriented policing, violence prevention, emergency communications, and federal grant programs that support local police officers, firefighters, and first responders.

For Savannah, this appointment carries meaningful impact. It ensures that our city has a voice in shaping federal policies and priorities that directly affect the safety and well-being of our neighbors. It also strengthens our ability to advocate for resources that support those who serve and protect our community every day.

As people of faith who care deeply about the welfare of our city, we celebrate opportunities that bring leadership, collaboration, and wise stewardship to the places we call home. Please join us in offering prayers for Alderman Purtee and all those who work to promote safety, justice, and peace in our community and beyond.



# The Asbury Memorial Men's Group:

The Asbury Memorial men's group was established thirteen years ago to provide a supportive environment for attendees. Its primary goals are to offer a space where men can openly share personal issues, foster spiritual growth, and experience the fellowship of other men. Research indicates that men often struggle to express their feelings, frequently opting to keep their challenges to themselves. Traditionally, men have been encouraged to be stoic and "tough," but this approach can lead to negative consequences, especially as society becomes more disconnected. Recognizing these challenges, the men's group aims to create an online sanctuary where members can examine, express, and support one another through personal growth.

Each Thursday at 7 PM, the Zoom meeting begins with a brief period of reflection, prayer, or meditation. Following this, members are invited to share what is happening in their lives, both positive and negative. When necessary, this sharing-and-support phase may occupy the entire meeting, and these sessions often prove to be the most meaningful. Alternatively, the group may transition to a specific topic of the night, focusing on self-discovery and learning more about fellow participants.

Should you have questions, please contact Wayne McGowan - [waymcg@gmail.com](mailto:waymcg@gmail.com) or Bill Jahn [vijahn@gmail.com](mailto:vijahn@gmail.com).

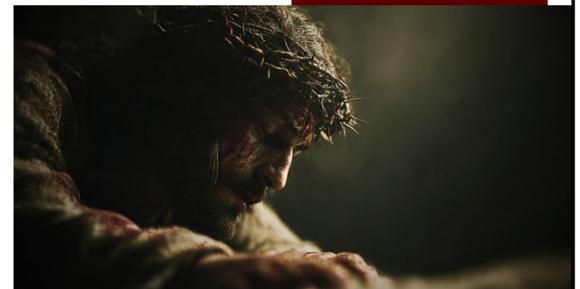
## MARCH Topics

March 5th - How do the many pagan traditions that lie at the heart of "Christian" holidays help to inform our understanding of Christianity itself (e.g., Christmas trees and, for that matter, Christmas taking place around the winter solstice; the Easter Bunny, a symbol of Spring fertility that somehow is given equal importance as Jesus on the holiest day of the Western Christian calendar)?

March 12th - Celtic Christianity drew upon local Irish traditions to create its own Christian identity. How would one describe a similar American identity? Ireland was exclusively Catholic during the Middle Ages, whereas America showcases a wide variety of Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox influences.

March 19th - How do we see the Celtic emphasis on monasticism, especially relating to nature and focus on learning, playing out in modern Christianity?

March 26th - As we head into Holy Week, how do the Gospels DIFFER in their depiction of the Crucifixion, and how do those differences affect our understanding of the events?



# February 3<sup>rd</sup> Space Event

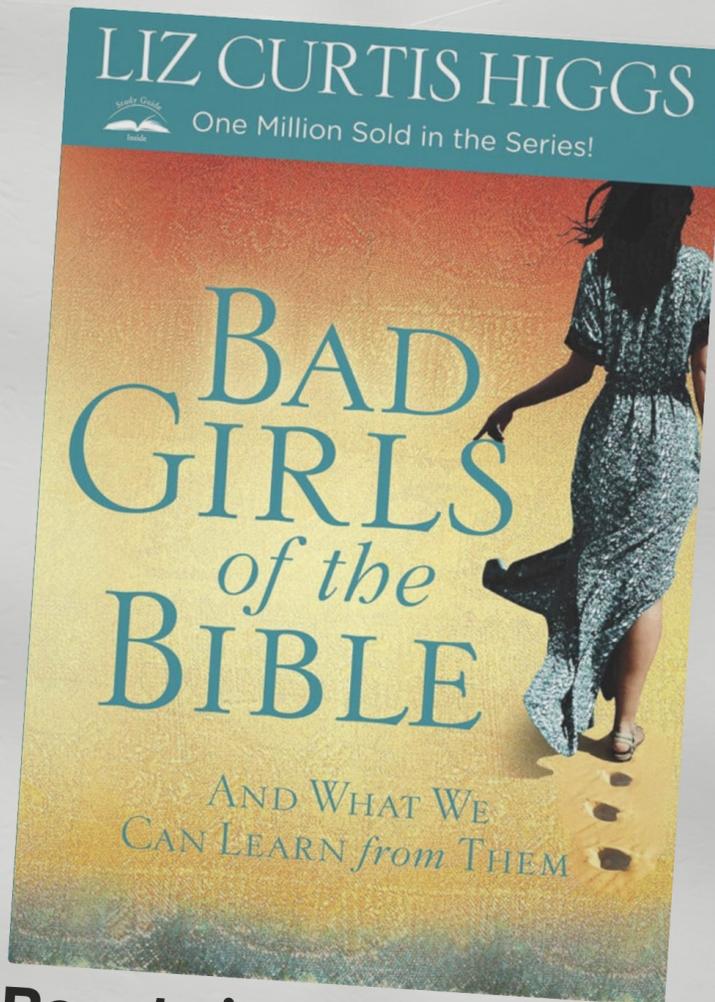


## 3rd Space: February Recipe Swap Recap

Our February 3<sup>rd</sup> Space Recipe Swap & Tasting was a delicious success! Friends gathered to share favorite recipes, enjoy incredible homemade dishes, and connect around the table in true community spirit. From sweet treats to savory specialties, there was something for everyone — and plenty of recipe inspiration to take home.

A special thank you to Rebecca Goosen for once again being such a gracious host at Goodfortune Market. We are so grateful for her hospitality and the welcoming space she provides.

Mark your calendars now — the next 3<sup>rd</sup> Space gathering will be March 20th. We can't wait to see you there!



## Beauty in still form

**New 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study - *Bad Girls of the Bible***

A new Adult Bible Study is launching during the 10:00 a.m. hour, and all are welcome!

The group will explore *Bad Girls of the Bible* by Liz Curtis Higgs, a compelling look at some of Scripture's most misunderstood women.

Through engaging storytelling and thoughtful discussion, we'll reflect on themes of grace, redemption, and transformation – discovering how even complicated biblical stories reveal God's love.

Come join the conversation Sundays @ 10am in Holliday Hall and grow together in faith.



# Taizé Services

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Asbury Memorial Church

**WEDNESDAYS**

**6:30pm**

**Asbury Memorial Church**

During the sacred season of Lent, we are invited to slow down, reflect, and listen more deeply for God's presence in our lives.

Each Wednesday at 6:30 PM, Asbury Memorial Church offers a peaceful Taizé prayer service designed to create space for stillness and renewal.

Taizé worship is simple and meditative, centered on candlelight, short scripture readings, quiet prayer, and gentle, repetitive chants that allow the music to settle into the heart. Silence is an important part of the service — a rare and beautiful gift in our busy world.

Whether Lent is a time of spiritual searching, healing, gratitude, or simply a longing for quiet, this service offers a sacred pause in the middle of the week.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

# THANK YOU!



**A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported this year's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper youth fundraiser benefiting Loop It Up Savannah.**

**Because of your generosity, we were able to raise over \$630 to support their important work in our community. Together, we made a real difference — and had a wonderful time doing it! Thank you for showing up, serving, giving, and caring.**





ANNOUNCING THE BIRTH OF

*Jackson Martin Lacy*

January 23, 2026 • 7 lbs 6 oz

Congratulations to proud parents  
Bethany and John Lacy;  
sister - Emily; Aunt Laura;  
grandparents - Elizabeth and Jack Lacy;  
& great grandmother - Betty Estock

# Wesley Oak

## MARCH LINEUP

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JJ COLLINS

8



CHRIS KINCAID

15



BETSY KAMMERUD

22



JJ COLLINS

29



REV. AUGUST ALDERMAN

# Sisters in Faith

## March Gathering

19 MARCH 2026

Our March gathering is planned for 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, in Holliday Hall. In honor of Ireland's primary patron saint, we will enjoy a St. Patrick's brunch with an Irish-inspired fare, featuring green grits, and we may even hoist a few "mocktails" to celebrate the season.

12:00pm  
to  
2:00pm

RSVP via Text  
912-398-5153



## Spring is springing!

It's time to start planning and prepping the Joy Garden

### Garden Clean-Up

March 21st • 9am • just a few hours

We will be cleaning up the garden, laying weed control fabric, spreading out good soil and laying mulch. We may even get some seeds planted!

Members from Georgia Power will be onsite to help, and to build wooden beds. Some of you will remember there was a mishap last year that resulted in some loss. They have been wonderful partners and want to help make things right!

If you have any interest in being a committee member let me know and if you just want to be involved with the general clean-up and planting that is fine too. It's fun!



# thinking GREEN

Useful Tips from the Asbury Memorial Green Team

## Two things we can do:

### Try to avoid single use plastics



### Re-use them as long as possible

Only about 5% to 6% of plastic waste produced in the U.S. is actually recycled.

Research indicates Adult Humans may accumulate over 50,000 particles in their lifetime, with studies finding microplastics in human blood, lungs, liver, spleen, and brains.

Weekly Intake: Humans ingest approximately 5 grams of microplastics per week, equivalent to a credit card.



Encourage your favorite restaurants to use these.

### Use Beeswax Food Wraps

Beeswax food wraps are sustainable, reusable, and antibacterial alternatives to plastic cling wrap, made from cotton infused with beeswax, resin, and oil. Ideal for sealing bowls, cheese, and produce, lasting 120-150 times or about a year.

They seal using hand warmth, are washable in cold water, and compostable.



**OUR BEAUTIFUL EARTH DESERVES OUR STEWARDSHIP**

# Know Before You Go!

## St. Patrick's Day Parade – Savannah Monday, March 16

The St. Patrick's Day Parade is one of Savannah's biggest and most joyful traditions! With large crowds expected, a little planning will help you have a safe and wonderful day.

### Chair & Setup Guidelines

To keep the route safe and accessible:

- Folding chairs only may be placed in lawn areas after 6 PM on Monday, March 16 (at your own risk).
- (This does not include City Parks and Squares.)
- Do not chain or tether chairs to trees, poles, or structures.
- Keep sidewalks and streets clear at all times.
- No tents may be set up in advance.

Items placed outside these guidelines may be removed.

### What to Bring

- Water
- Sunscreen
- Comfortable shoes
- A plan for where to meet if separated
- Patience and kindness

### Plan Ahead

- Expect heavy traffic and limited parking.
- Arrive early for the best viewing spots.
- Cell service may be spotty in crowded areas.

### A Gentle Reminder

Savannah welcomes hundreds of thousands of visitors for this celebration. Let's care for one another, keep our beautiful city clean, and make space for everyone to enjoy the day.

*Have a safe & joyful  
St. Patrick's Day!* 



# Radical Welcome

## **Radical Welcome in Uncertain Times**

*What It Means to Be the Church – Now*

There are seasons when welcome feels simple. The doors are open, the coffee is warm, and hospitality comes easily. And then there are seasons like this one – when uncertainty hums in the background of daily life, when public conversations feel sharper, and when many people quietly wonder if they truly belong anywhere at all.

**It is precisely in moments like these that the church's calling becomes clearer.**

At Asbury Memorial Church and Wesley Oak Church, we say we welcome ALL. That word is not decorative. It is theological. It reflects our understanding of God's expansive love and our belief that every human being bears the image of the Divine. To practice radical welcome is to embody that conviction in visible, tangible ways.

Radical welcome means LGBTQ+ people are not simply tolerated but celebrated. It means questions and doubts are honored as part of an authentic faith journey. It means leadership reflects the diversity of God's people. It means no one is asked to shrink, edit, or disguise who they are in order to belong.

But welcome is not just about who enters our buildings on Sunday morning. It is about whom we choose to be in the world, the other six days of the week. In uncertain times, hospitality becomes courage.

Creating spaces of belonging becomes an

act of quiet resistance against fear, division, and exclusion.

Jesus consistently chose tables over fences. He gathered those who had been pushed aside and made room for them at the center of the story. The early church was known not for its comfort, but for its radical inclusivity and its insistence that love was wider than any boundary.

**We are heirs to that tradition.**

Every time someone walks into our sanctuary and exhales because they sense safety, something sacred happens. Every time a child hears that they are loved exactly as they are, resurrection begins. Every time we stand with vulnerable neighbors or speak up for justice, our welcome moves beyond words and becomes witness.

March sits on the edge of spring – a threshold between what has been and what is about to bloom. It is a fitting time to ask ourselves who we are becoming. Will we allow fear to make us smaller, or will we let love stretch us wider?

At Asbury and Wesley Oak, we continue choosing love. We continue choosing to expand the table. And we trust that in doing so, we are participating in the very heart of God.

May all who cross our path know this deep truth: **you are not merely invited here. You belong.**



# PALM SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30am  
Wesley Oak  
Campus

11:15am  
Asbury Memorial  
Campus



## Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 2, 2026

@ 6:30pm

Asbury Memorial Church

# GOOD FRIDAY CANTATA

## "IT IS FINISHED"

ASBURY MEMORIAL CHOIR CANTATA

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 3, 2026 @ 7:00PM

ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH



# EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30AM  
WESLEY OAK

11:15AM  
ASBURY MEMORIAL



How Can I Keep From Singing?

**SING**  
SAVANNAH  
INSPIRING  
THE NEXT  
GENERATION

Our Spring Concert | April 25, 2026

# WISDOM SEEKERS March 2026

**MARCH WISDOM SEEKERS:**  
**"ON ACCOUNT OF" – WE WALK ON A WEB OF WOW**

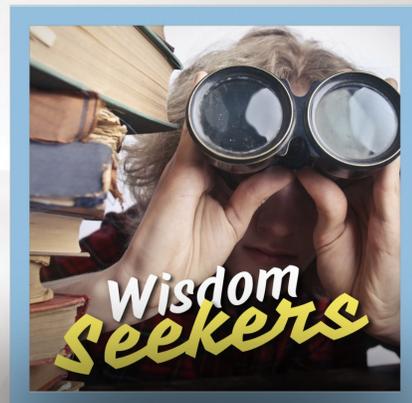
Have you ever looked back on your life and noticed the small, seemingly ordinary moments that changed everything?

This month, we're exploring what Billy calls "On Account Of" intersections – those tiny, unexpected events that may have seemed neutral (or even negative) at the time, but later reveal how deeply connected our lives really are. When we reflect on these moments, we begin to see that we truly walk on a web of WOW – a beautiful tapestry of divine timing and trust.

Looking back at your own "On Account Of" stories reminds us why we can trust God, trust who God uniquely made us to be, and live boldly in the world, spreading Asbury-style transformational love and radical acceptance.

**Join us on Monday, March 9th at 12:30pm (via ZOOM)** and be ready to share one of your own "On Account Of" moments – because when we live as our truest selves, God multiplies the love.

*"For I know the plans I have for you..." — Jeremiah 29:11*



# Prayer Requests

## **Congregants of Asbury Memorial & Wesley Oak**

DiAnne Amerson, Tom Baird, Mark Barner, Kay Barrett, Jim Burris,  
Don Colvard, Jan Corey, Deb Gibson, Sherry Giddens, Gerry Harman,  
Chase Harrison, Don Haverkamp, Sarah Holloway, Bubba Hughes,  
Carolyn Ingram, Dale Karacostas, Rev. Marilyn Leigh,  
Marion Manigo, Virginia Moryadas, Frank Ramsey,  
Jim Schlimmer, Dave Thompson, Rev. Bob Townsend,  
Kenn Waters, Shirley White, Debbie Wright

## **Family Members and Friends**

Phil Barrett, Holly Ferritto, Layla Fuller



# When Shadows Fall

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

**Sherry Giddens in the passing of her life partner, Lowell Rieger**

**Kay and Jim Booth in the passing of Kay's older brother,  
Donald "Donnie" McBeth**

**Orion Alford in the passing of his grandfather, Rev. John Alford**

**Sarah Holloway in the passing of her husband, David Holloway**

**Jan Corey in the passing of her husband, Bob Corey**

**ASBURY MEMORIAL'S**

# Heavenly Honey



You can purchase Asbury Memorial's Heavenly Honey ALL YEAR LONG!  
Stop by the church office to purchase yours today!

## Men's Group

Building Connection and Conversation

Our Men's Group meets every Thursday at 7:00 PM via Zoom for conversation, support, and spiritual growth. Anyone is welcome to join—any time, from anywhere. No experience or sign-up needed, just drop in and connect!

**Meets Thursdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m. on Zoom.**



# GODLY PLAY



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

**EVERY SUNDAY**  
AT ASBURY MEMORIAL & WESLEY OAK

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

# Youth GROUP

WEDNESDAYS

5:30P - 7:30P

Asbury Memorial Church

## STEWARDSHIP



# 2026 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE

YOU CAN MAKE YOUR PLEDGE HERE

ASBURY MEMORIAL

## CHAIR NAME PLATES

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.

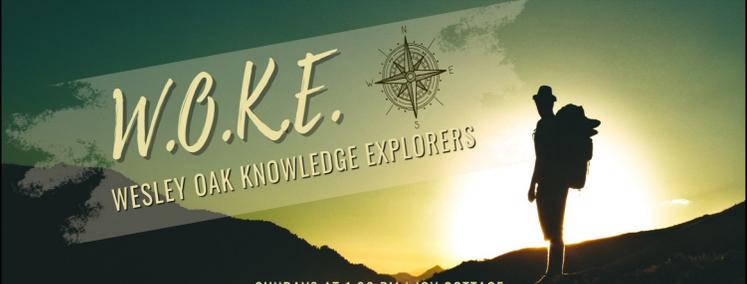
If you would like to remember or honor a loved one in a special way, complete an order form and turn it into the church office. Forms are available in the church narthex and the office. Please turn in a completed form to the office.

The cost is \$250.00. The funds are used for the upkeep and maintenance of the sanctuary.



# W.O.K.E.

WESLEY OAK KNOWLEDGE EXPLORERS



SUNDAYS AT 1:00 PM | JOY COTTAGE

ARE YOU CRAVING DEEPER CONVERSATIONS ABOUT FAITH, LIFE, AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH? W.O.K.E. IS A WELCOMING GROUP OF SEEKERS AND THINKERS WHO GATHER EVERY SUNDAY TO EXPLORE BIG IDEAS AND ASK MEANINGFUL QUESTIONS. TOGETHER, WE DIG INTO THOUGHT-PROVOKING TOPICS THAT HELP US GROW—BOTH SPIRITUALLY AND PERSONALLY. BRING YOUR QUESTIONS, YOUR CURIOSITY, AND YOUR OPEN HEART.

LET'S GROW TOGETHER.

# Wisdom Seekers



**March 9th**  
12:30 pm

**March 23rd**  
12:30 pm



### SUPPORT FOR A BALANCED LIFE

Wesley Oak Church is proud to host SMART Recovery meetings every Monday evening from 7:00-8:30 p.m. SMART Recovery is a program designed to help individuals overcome harmful habits and addictions through practical tools based on cognitive and motivational psychology and addiction research.

Unlike traditional 12-step programs, SMART takes a science-based approach that emphasizes self-reliance, self-resilience, and self-empowerment. Participants are encouraged to become the experts on their own recovery journeys, choosing strategies and supports that fit their needs. Topics may include relationships, substance use, gambling, eating, spending, and other behaviors that can impact well-being.

There is no requirement to commit to a lifetime of meetings. Instead, participants decide when and how long they wish to be involved, making SMART a flexible and welcoming community. The program also recognizes that individuals may benefit from participating in more than one support group, and it values collaboration rather than exclusivity.

- **MONDAYS**
- **7:00P -8:30P**
- **WESLEY OAK CHURCH**
- **3124 E. VICTORY DRIVE, SAVANNAH, GA 31404**
- **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## Honorariums

A gift has been given  
in honor of  
**Helen Downing &  
Callie Downing Hardigan**  
by Betty Seyle Fenton



SPECTRA CHOIR PRESENTS

# International Women's Day Concert

Benefitting



MARCH 7TH @ 3PM  
ASBURY MEMORIAL  
CHURCH



## Feeling all alone?



**A Stephen Minister is just a call away.**

Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. The identity of those receiving care and everything they discuss with a Stephen Minister remains private.

**Contact Candace Jenkins for more information:**

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## I LOVE A PARADE!

by Kathy Sikes

Parades were big events for my sister Laurie and me growing up. My very first favorite parade was the St Patrick's Day Parade held every year. My grandmother and my mom would gather the lawn chairs, and then my sister and I would head down to Broughton Street (a very busy area before the Oglethorpe Mall was even thought about).

Laurie and I situated ourselves right on the edge of the curb, ready and waiting for the parade. Sometimes we'd hear noises coming from down the street as we craned our necks to see if anything was coming. Waiting patiently is not in a child's vocabulary, but we tried our best. Finally, the sound of a marching band could be heard in the distance, and the excitement began! Here they came - those high-stepping members of the marching band in their brightly colored uniforms. Their instruments in tow, shining in the Sun! The music grew louder and louder, echoing on the pavement beneath our feet. What excitement!

Floats of all kinds came down the street in between the marching bands. They were beautiful, showing off their streamers and wonderful flowers that looked so real you could almost smell their fragrance in the air. People on the floats waved to everyone and often threw candy to the children. What funstreamers intertwined in their manes and bows on their tails. They pranced down the street nodding to the beat of the band ahead of them. They are my favorite part of the parade.

There's an organization called the Shriners that participates in the parade each year. It is a fraternity focused on fun and fellowship that supports Shriners Children's Hospital. The Shriners put on quite a show zig-zagging around in their dune buggies.

The Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine units march down the street looking very distinguished in their uniforms. I love to see them stop and perform the manual of arms! What a great presentation - never missing a beat as they continue marching in formation down the street.

The parade wouldn't be complete without the next attraction, even though Mom and Grandma weren't fans. I'm speaking of the wonderful Budweiser Clydesdales - the beautiful, majestic horses that grace the parade every year. Down the street they clopped, and up from the curb came Laurie and me in excitement. My mom couldn't get us up fast enough, as she didn't like the thought of the horses getting spooked, which can happen. The horses were all decked out with wonderfully colorful streamers intertwined in their manes and bows on their tails. They pranced down the street nodding to the beat of the band ahead of them. They are my favorite part of the parade.

Sadly, I haven't been to the parade in person in years, as it's become way too crowded for me. However, I'm content to watch it on television; it's truly a great parade!

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



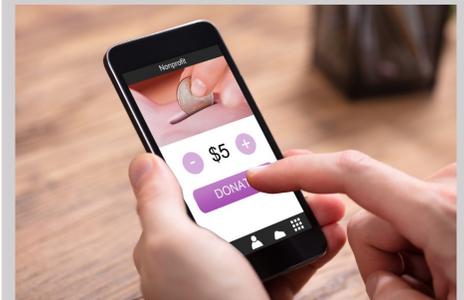
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## **Flowers in the Sanctuary**

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](mailto: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.