



Asbury Update

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# May Birthdays

2 MIKE FLATT  
BETH HARN-VIA  
ZAIDA HESTER  
TOMMY SCHAFER

3 LYNNE ALLEN  
JACK LEWIS  
FREIDA MCGEE

6 MARY ALICE GARVIN

7 MARLON HARMAN

8 ANNE GREEN

9 BILL KELSO

12 MIKE SKINNER  
TOM WAGES

14 DON STAHL

17 KATHY CONSENTINO  
KEITH PURTEE  
GREGG WALTHER

19 JOE DRIGGERS

21 MELANIE RAULERSON

22 JEFF DICK

23 PATTY STEINHAUSER

24 PAT ANNEL

25 CARLA MCCAFFITY

26 HELEN DOWNING  
PAULINE MUNRO

27 GERRY HARMAN  
TERRY HARMAN  
NATALIE TISINGER

28 CURTIS VEAL

29 SANDY GOLDEN  
TINA SMITH

30 TIM CONROW

31 THOMAS HUNTER  
ALEX SWANGER





MAY

# *Anniversaries*

1 Colin and Jennifer Knox  
Kelly and Kim Limehouse

21 Chris and Barbara Gooby

27 Lawrence and Deborah  
Staab

4 Bill and Jamie Kelso

11 Pat and Mary Prokop

30 Danny and Barbara Beam  
John Giles and Roy Hill

15 Bonnie and Jeff Kaar  
John and Wendy Mason

31 Spencer and Carla Luke

17 John and Claire Marich







## *From the Desk of the Director of Joy...*

### Our Financial Gifts Support Our Stephen Ministry

Perhaps you've heard about our church's Stephen Ministry, but you might not know what this program does. Stephen Ministry is a national organization that began in a church 50 years ago in St. Louis. Members of churches all across the world, in many denominations, are trained as Stephen Ministers and give caring support to persons in their communities in need. The motto of Stephen Ministry is: "Christ Caring for People Through People."

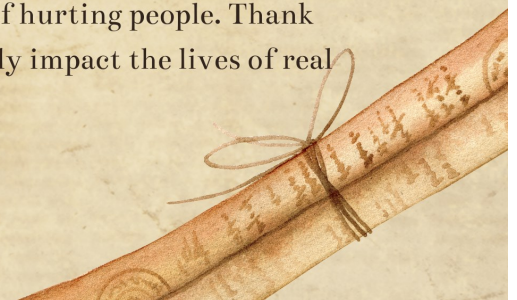
On its website, Stephen Ministry introduces "Megan," a woman in her early 30s from another city, who tells about the difference her Stephen Minister made in her life. Alone and distressed in a new place after a difficult breakup, Megan asked her pastor for some help. She was introduced to her Stephen Ministry caregiver, about whom Megan says this: "What I needed most was her unconditional love -- to know that no matter what I shared with her, no matter what I had done, she cared for me. Her care showed God's love for me. It was the tangible expression of God's love in my Stephen Minister that changed my life."

Asbury Memorial Church became a Stephen Ministry congregation in 2021, by training 5 Stephen Ministry leaders to supervise the program, and also training an additional 4 other Asbury members as Stephen Ministers. Now trained and regularly supervised, these members have provided spiritual companionship to 8 people in need of support. Their relationships are safe, confidential, and compassionate. The Stephen Minister's relationship with someone can last as long as necessary. Currently 6 more Stephen Ministers are being trained as caregivers.

In addition to personal crisis support, the Stephen Ministry also provides GRIEF books during the year following the loss of a loved one. Already 30 people have received these books and have expressed their heart-felt gratitude for the church's support.

Our financial support of our church, through our gifts to its budget, paid for the start-up costs of our Stephen Ministry, as well as for the trainings, supervision, and materials like the GRIEF books. Our giving makes a real difference in the lives of hurting people. Thank you for your generosity. I'm glad to know that my dollars positively impact the lives of real people. I hope you're glad, too!

~ Rev. Richard Allen  
Stewardship Committee member





# Abasy Family

## FIRST FRIENDS UPDATE

Eid Mubarak,

The Abasys have just celebrated their high holidays, making a strong connection with their mosque and their neighbors.

**Hasiba is on the road to a career** - Hasiba Abasy has overcome amazing obstacles to pass the first two parts of her CNA study course. She is one of only five people in her class to accomplish this AND the only person to do so in a secondary language. Less than a year ago, Hasiba had no English, and look at what she has done! She has passed the written and lab portions of her class and now will be tested on practical clinical skills in the field next week. After passing her course, she will need to pass a state exam for credentialing. She is slated to start work at Hospice of Savannah, which has been a sponsor and support of her efforts along with the Abasys' tutoring team.

**Hameed's employment** - Hameed's work schedule continues to be unpredictable with last-minute cancellations and low hours. Paula Avena has helped Hameed update his resume, and two congregation members are actively working with him to secure better employment.

**The children are blooming** - The youngest children are working at grade level or above in all areas of curriculum. Zohra just shone in her school's international night, crafting a dual presentation on Afghanistan and Pakistan and performing her first violin group recital. Zahra is showing greater enthusiasm for school. It is hardest for the older children to adapt to the rigors of more demanding curriculum in a strange language. The tutors are making a huge difference in their math and language skills as evidenced by their progress reports.

**Summer needs: Transportation to summer camp** - For the first time in their family life, both parents will be working this summer. There is no activity in Savannah that will accommodate learning for all of the children in one location. Zahra and Zohra will be attending ESOL studies at Georgia Southern Armstrong campus and Imran and Yusra will be going to the city's day camp at Windsor Forest, starting Tuesday, May 30, 2023, and running for 8 weeks.

If you are going to be in Savannah this summer and can assist with driving the little ones from their Southside home to the local school, please email your willingness to be in the transport pool to [claire.marich@gmail.com](mailto:claire.marich@gmail.com).





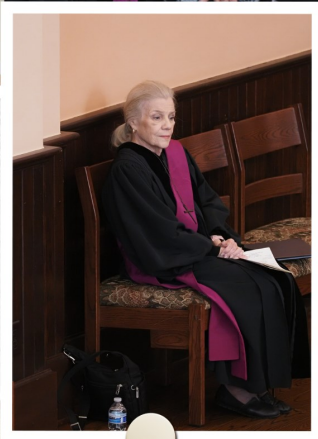
*"Wherever a beautiful soul  
has been there is a trail of  
beautiful memories."*



*Joan Hester Byrd*

*We Will  
Miss You!*

WE GIVE THANKS, LORD,  
FOR THE DURHAMS!  
FOR THE LOVE AND CARE  
THEY'VE SHOWN,  
FOR THEIR FRIENDSHIP,  
FOR THE LAUGHTER,  
FOR THE SEEDS THAT THEY  
HAVE SOWN...





# PARENTS WITH PURPOSE

## COMMUNITY SERVICE MINISTRY REPORT

**OUR FIRST CLEAN UP EFFORT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS! WE PICKED UP AS MUCH AS OUR TRAILER COULD HOLD!**

**NEIGHBORS STOPPED MANY TIMES TO THANK US FOR HELPING! WE LOOK FORWARD TO FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOW OUR LITTLE ONES WHAT IT MEANS TO LOVE GOD, LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR, AND LOVE OUR PLANET**



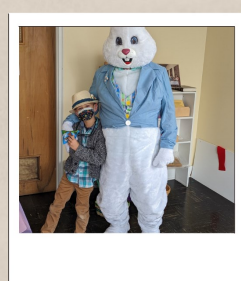
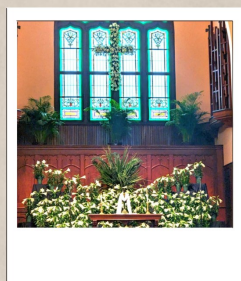
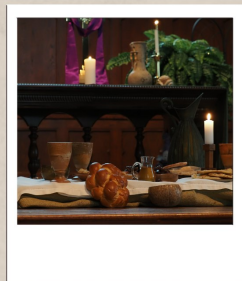
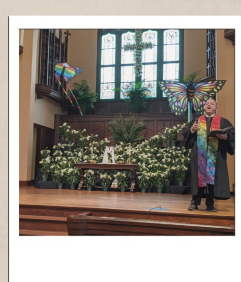
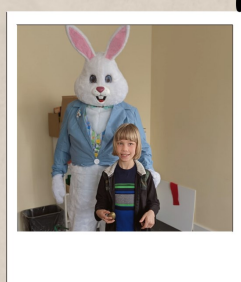
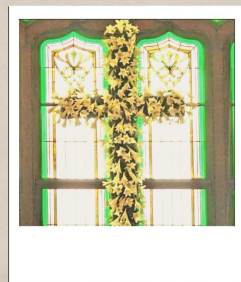
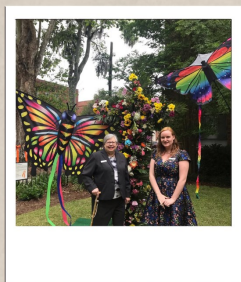
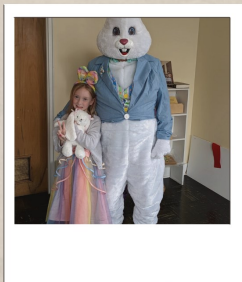
Back Again for May!

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Menu to be announced soon

Register online or through the church office





# Heavenly Honey Bees

## BACK AGAIN...

Our little friends were back again and have been very "beesy"

They found the perfect place in the roof of our sanctuary and got straight to work!

Our famous bee expert, Harold Ward, came to save the day and to save the bees! Over 60,000 bees have now been relocated to a safe and new home to continue their good work!

Special thanks to Harold Ward and Randy Canady for sharing these great shots of the relocation efforts





# Class of 2023



ON SUNDAY, MAY 21ST, WE WILL BE RECOGNIZING THOSE IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY WHO ARE GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, OR GRADUATE SCHOOL. WE DON'T WANT TO MISS ANYONE, SO IF YOU ARE GRADUATING OR HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER GRADUATING, PLEASE LET US KNOW BY EMAILING THE CHURCH OFFICE AT [CHURCH@ASBURYMEMORIAL.ORG](mailto:CHURCH@ASBURYMEMORIAL.ORG)



## NEHEMIAH ACTION REPORT

Almost 500 justice seekers filled the pews at First African Baptist Church on Monday evening, April 24, 2023. School Board President Roger Moss said he is happy to have the support of JUST in implementing science-based reading curriculum, which was also passed into state law in the last session. He also said that the schools need us to volunteer to work with students. Alderman Nick Palumbo was a late notice cancellation to work toward our affordable housing goals, but that work will go on. There was a great spirit in the house of commitment to work for a better community as a faith community. Thanks to the 50 participants who witnessed to the commitment of our congregation to peace, justice, and equity.







## Join Our Sound Ministry Team

Do you have an ear for sound? We need you!

We are looking for people with sound or video experience to join our sound and live stream ministry at Asbury Memorial.

For more information, please contact  
Ray Ellis at [rellis101@gmail.com](mailto:rellis101@gmail.com) or call the church office.



## 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.



## STEPHEN MINISTRY UPDATE

Each of us has times when we are lonely, grieving, hurt, or in need of care. In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes that when we suffer and are troubled, we find comfort through Christ (2 Corinthians 1:4-6)—and one of the ways we find this comfort is through other caring Christians.

Our congregation has a group of people skilled in caring for those facing challenges in their lives. These people, called Stephen Ministers, have undergone extensive training to develop and nurture their caring skills. Now our Stephen Ministers are working with people who are experiencing many different kinds of crises. Our second class of Stephen Ministers complete training and will be commissioned in late June, and will begin their caring ministry in our congregation and community.

Who might receive care from a Stephen Minister? Care receivers may be hospitalized, grieving the death of a loved one, separated or divorcing, homebound, unemployed, adjusting to the birth of a child, or experiencing many other kinds of life difficulties. They may be members of our church, or friends, neighbors, and co-workers without any church home.

Think about your life and the lives of the people around you. Are you, or is someone you know, going through a time of crisis or challenge? The care of a Stephen Minister may be exactly what's needed to help bring Christ's healing.

If you have questions about Stephen Ministry, feel free to call Candace Jenkins at the church office 912-233-4351. Consider whether you know of someone who needs their care, and offer to connect them to this ministry. And remember our Stephen Ministry in your prayers.

Our Stephen Leader Team - Candace Jenkins, Rev. Claire Marich, Rhonda Reed, Stephen Reed and Sandra Katz

### ASBURY MEMORIAL HOSTS

**20  
MAY  
SATURDAY  
7:00 PM**

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

1008 E HENRY STREET  
SAVANNAH, GA

ERELLI WILL BE MAKING A SPECIAL TRIP TO SAVANNAH TO CELEBRATE THE LAUNCH OF HIS NEW ALBUM - *LAY YOUR DARKNESS DOWN*.

**TICKETS ARE \$20 - PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE**  
[WWW.ASBURYMEMORIAL.ORG](http://WWW.ASBURYMEMORIAL.ORG)


PART OF THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS ASBURY MEMORIAL MINISTRIES TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE, TO HELP ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, AND TO SUPPORT WORK FOR PEOPLE WITH BLIND AND LOW VISION - ALL AREAS OF CONCERN FOR ERELLI.

**MARK  
ERELLI**


[www.asburymemorial.org](http://www.asburymemorial.org)







# A FEW TIPS TO AVOID BECOMING A VICTIM OF CYBER SCAMS & ATTACKS



## THINK BEFORE YOU CLICK

Any message, phone call or email that persuades you to reveal your passwords, social security number, credit card numbers, or to purchase gift cards should be a matter of concern.

## THINK BEFORE YOU CLICK

Check the from email address. Recognize it? Look suspicious? It probably is! Geek Squad sending you an invoice from shk758@gmail.com? If you receive an email from Rev. Billy Hester - verify the email address. If unsure, call or email the church office to verify

## UPDATE YOUR SOFTWARE

Update the operating system on your mobile phones, tablets, and laptops to make sure you get their latest, most secure versions.

## USE STRONG PASSWORDS

Make sure to use different passwords for all your apps and websites. Your master password should be strong, and you should secure your password manager account with Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)!

## WIFI SECURITY

Securing your wifi networks and hiding them is one of the safest things you can do for your systems. Avoid devices that can connect to your network and compromise you.





# **COASTAL INTERFAITH GREEN TEAM**

**Why should faithful people on the Georgia coast get involved in the Environmental Justice Movement?**

**Coastal Georgia has felt the brunt effects of climate change and environmental injustice disproportionately. Sea levels continue to rise, flooding is more frequent, summers have become hotter, and winters are shorter. We must prepare ourselves and our communities to be able to handle the climate crisis, and there is more power in community and collaboration. Caring for creation is a sacred obligation that communities of faith are keenly positioned to address through preaching, teaching, and advocacy.**

**What is the Coastal Interfaith Green Team?**


**Part of Georgia Interfaith Power and Light's Green Team Program, the Coastal Interfaith Green Team is an ecumenical group that meets regularly to explore common commitments to care for the natural world through the lens of faith. We seek to educate faith communities on sustainability, employ practical solutions to combat climate change at the congregational and community level, and challenge unjust systems that perpetuate harm of Sacred Earth and neighbor.**

**How can other faith communities join in our efforts to build a coalition in support of environmental justice?**

**Faith communities can participate in monthly meetings, get involved in local and state advocacy, particularly around Savannah's 100% Clean Energy Plan, join us for river clean-ups and tree plantings, volunteer at Earth Day events, host film screenings and workshops, and more!**

**Interested in Getting Involved?**

**Contact David Alley: [aguas53@gmail.com](mailto:aguas53@gmail.com)**





# Thank You

To all my Asbury & Wesley Oak friends,  
many thanks for all the get  
well wishes and Happy Birthday  
greetings. Your love and prayers  
have meant so much to me and  
I truly appreciate the many phone  
calls, text messages and cards.  
Feeling so grateful & very blessed!  
With love,  
Dolly Jilek  
mox

Heartfelt gratitude to my church family for the  
prayers, hugs, texts, calls, and cards as we  
grieve the passing of my Uncle Captain Mark.  
You lift me up!

Ellie Covington

# Thank You



## Greetings from Claire and John Marich

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*To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow. -Audrey Hepburn*

Planting a garden is an act of faith that today's actions will reap  
fruit tomorrow. And they have!

This is the arbor that John built in February, 2022, when he was  
in the middle of cancer treatment for Stage 4 Mantle Cell  
Lymphoma. Today, it is confirmed again that John is in  
complete remission! Praise God and the extraordinary care and  
expertise at MD Anderson in Houston, TX!

And you can see that the kiwis planted last spring have really  
taken root and we expect our first crop this summer. We are all  
thriving in my early retirement! Thank you all for your prayers  
and well wishes. You have made this journey so much richer  
through your care and presence.

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## Ministry Spotlight



## Asbury Memorial Flower Ministry

### WHO WE ARE:

4-5 years ago Grady Mills approached Kenn and I about taking over the flower ministry. We had gotten to know Grady through book studies and through volunteering to arrange and deliver flowers. We were honored to be asked to carry the torch when Grady decided to step down. We made a few tweaks to the ministry. We asked Marty Coolidge to serve as our delivery coordinator and Candace Jenkins to take care of who got flowers each week. We continued to handle arranging. We continued to add new volunteers as our congregation grew. We expanded to areas including West Chatham, Georgetown, Richmond Hill, Effingham County and even Bluffton, SC. We have a large group of wonderful volunteers that arrange and deliver.

### WHAT WE DO:

Each Sunday we take the flowers that are given for the altar and break them down into smaller arrangements. We then deliver them to anyone in the community that has a monumental birthday or anniversary. We may also send to anyone who is sick, has had surgery or has had a death in the family. We stay connected to our homebound members by sending them flowers to remind them how much they are missed and loved by their church family.

It is a moving experience to receive the flowers given on All Saints Sunday in honor of our loved ones who have passed. We help to carry their legacy of love far and wide.

The flower ministry is such a wonderful and rewarding ministry where we have the opportunity to deliver smiles and brighten people's lives. We receive many thank you cards and emails letting us know how much we are appreciated.

Recently a member told us that her Mother, who is homebound, was having a rough start to her day. When Rhonda Reed delivered flowers to her that day, it turned her day around! To have someone bring her flowers and visit with her was all she needed to feel better.

We also received an email from a couple that received one of our arrangements for their 53rd anniversary. They commented on how beautiful the flowers were beautiful and how much it meant to them to have their church family thinking of them on their special day.

The list goes on and on.

We are always looking for more volunteers to serve in this ministry, as we need help with delivery and arranging. Delivery to the Landings and South Carolina are specifically in need at this time. If this sounds like a ministry you feel led to be a part of, please feel free to reach out to me to join us in this meaningful ministry.

Thank you to all our volunteers that give selflessly to this ministry.

Hugs and Love,

Chuck





Artist: Kyra Coates

# GROUNDING IN TRUTH *Empowered* BY SONG



SPECTRA  
CHOIR

Saturday, May 27th, 2023 @ 4pm  
Asbury Memorial Church  
1008 E Henry St, Savannah, GA



Scan for Tickets





# MEN FRIENDS

Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak Men's Group

**WOW!**

Wisdom book study  
with Men Friends

Men Friends is the Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak Men's Group that meets on Thursday nights via Zoom. Join us as we read 'Wow! Wisdom: Stories from the Path of Life' written by our own Rev. Billy Hester.

The book is fun, easy to read, and each chapter ends with discussion questions. We have yet to make our way through them all - who knew men could be so talkative?!

We begin each meeting with a time of voluntary sharing about what's happening in your life, or whatever you care to share before we begin our discussion of the week's chapter questions.

There is a wonderful mix of deeply serious discussion and a lot of laughter as well. There is no commitment to attend, or requirement that you have been here from the beginning. Drop in and give us a try. It's a great way to connect and make new friends, all from the comfort of your home.

Should you have any questions, contact Gregg Walther at [gdw0517@gmail.com](mailto:gdw0517@gmail.com).

We meet each Thursday 7:00p - 8:30p.  
Zoom meeting ID: 844 3633 5506, passcode: Asbury.





# GODLY PLAY



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

**FOR ALL KIDS AGES 3 YRS THROUGH 5TH GRADE**



# 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](http://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**

[ruthie@healthymindga.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 email [uniquelymyself@hotmail.com](mailto:uniquelymyself@hotmail.com)

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



## 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](mailto:pflagsavannaga@gmail.com) or look us up on Facebook PFLAG Savannah GA | Facebook





# When Shadows Fall

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

Wayne Bland in the loss of his brother-in-law,  
Clifford Randall

Candace Jenkins in the loss of her cousin, Gary Johnson

Ellie Covington in the loss of her uncle,  
Captain Mark Covington

Sherry Giddens in the loss of her dear friend, Kim Lewis

The Hester family, the Hunter family, and our  
Asbury Memorial family in the loss of our Joan Hester Byrd



## Prayer Requests

### Asburians

**DiAnne Amerson, Ann Anderson, Gordon Baker, Pat Bangs, Ross Bolton, Fay Carroll, Carol Chambers, Sheri Coffey, Karen Conrow, Dina Consentino, Gretchen Dodd, Helen Downing, Sam Durham, Katie Farmer, Bob Francischetti, Ellie Gonye, Gerry Harman, Chase Harrison, Cheri Hester, Roy Hill, Pat Hunter, Amy Jenkins, Sally Jilek, Dale Karacostas, Bonnie & Zoey Kaar, Judith Kessler, Jennifer Knox, Rev. Marilyn Leigh, Jack Lewis, Marion Manigo, Brenda Mills, Virginia Moryadas, James Mullins, Dan Nelson, Marie Parker, Mary Prokop, Frank Ramsey, Cabell Stewart, Pat Stewart, Beverly Vasta, Judy Wilburn, Diane Williamson, Peggy Zeigler**

### Family Members and Friends

**Ann Austin, Max Clements, Collie Collins, Linda Cowart, Travis Dodd, Sara Driggers, Todd & Yolanda Eklund, Maddox Faunce, Anne Gooby, Priscilla Hearn, Barry Jenkins, Robbie Lemmons & Family, Sue Leonard, Anna Lewis, Maggie Loven, Catherine "Kim" McGowan, Pat Munoz, Tony Munoz, Fredia Peggs, Bonnie Ridley, Paula Rushing, Kenneth Sajwan, Rosemary Starling, Neola Waller, William (Bill) Wilhelm, Pelvia Wood, Chuck Woods**





# Memorials

A gift has been given to the  
Properties Fund  
in memory of Phillip Hunter  
by  
Gloria Moses

Gifts have been given to the  
Altar Guild  
in memory of George Lindsay  
by  
Kim & Steve Johnson  
Bette Hunter

Gifts have been given to the  
Properties Fund  
in memory of Peggy Hedeman  
by  
Holly Hedeman  
Nancy & David Braun

Gifts have been given to the Properties Fund in memory of George Lindsay  
by  
Wilson MacEwen  
Debra McConnell  
Det & Lyanne Haiskip  
Wylie Haislip  
Kaminer & Matt Quinn

# Honorariums

A gift has been given to the  
Properties Fund in honor of  
Wendy Ciccodicola  
by Gloria Moses

A gift has been given to the  
Properties Fund in honor of  
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## General Budget As of March 2023

<b>YTD Budgeted GOAL</b>	<b>\$198,154</b>
<b>Actual Year-To-Date Expenses</b>	<b>\$163,641</b>
<b>Actual Year-To-Date Contributions</b>	<b>\$173,470</b>
<b>Ahead/Behind</b>	<b>\$9,947</b>

**Average Worship Attendance 293**  
**(in person 157, online 136)**



## 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**

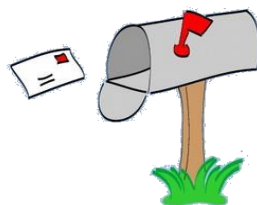




Have you missed that beautiful opportunity to place your contribution in the offering plate on Sunday mornings? Well, have we got options for you! We have multiple ways for you to continue your support of Asbury Memorial and have listed them below. Thank you for your gifts!

### 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](http://www.AsburyMemorial.org)

Click on



Complete the form as directed.

You can set it up to be a recurring donation!

### Text Giving:

From your mobile phone:

Send your contribution amount to **912-307-3206**

Donate anytime, anywhere

Use easy debit/credit card registration

Make a one-time gift or set it up to be recurring



### Church Office:

Call the church office at 912.233.4351

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



**Give Now**





## Storage Needed

The Habitat affiliate in Hendry and Lee County Florida is in serious trouble. That was the area that we sent diapers, water etc last November. Habitat which prides itself on helping others needs our help. Between the two hurricanes and flooding they lost their offices, their warehouses, four restores, and many of the homes belonging to staff. As a former member of the International Board of Directors I'm on a zoom conference every three months with Jonathan Reckford, the CEO of HFHI. Jonathan asked us to help them. The ED for that Habitat was on the line and I asked her whether she would have a place to store furniture if I could get it to them. They have just leased a building and would like anything we could get to them in furniture and tools. I need to get a storage area in Savannah to be able to collect supplies to drive there. We would need it for 4~6 weeks. If anyone knows of such a space please contact me at 201 186-1882. If you know of furniture please keep that in mind too and I will be needing volunteers too. ~Margaret Cook Levy



## WESLEY OAK LEAF

### May 2023

#### **A Month of Holidays and many things to remember.....**

Let us begin with MAY DAY...first day set aside to celebrate Spring! Having a May Pole to dance around is always a fun part of the day! For Wesley Oak and Asbury Memorial, we will be tending the Joy Cottage Garden on the Wesley Oak campus. Fruits, veggies, flowers, and herbs will be growing on the ground and on garden tables.

MOTHER'S DAY will arrive on May 14th, and how we will celebrate mothers in our worship and fellowship hours together. Our prayers will rise up for mothers everywhere and in every circumstance upon the earth. Mother's Day has always been a time to honor mothers by preparing a Sunday dinner for them, doing a something of service, or just setting aside time to enjoy their company. God bless and keep mothers we pray.

On Sunday, May 28th, we remember Memorial Day, to honor the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. A time of remembrance will be offered in the morning worship hour.

The Month of May is also set aside for quite a few other things, like slugs, root canals, tuna, a going sockless. Sounds like a full month of holiday hilarity, right? May it be a Month of JOY JOY and more JOY, as we find life together in God's love and grace.

*Lynn*



## A wooden raised garden bed filled with various vegetables like cabbages and leeks, with a basket of carrots nearby.

Above the ground Garden Tables to house flowers and vegetables this spring!

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](mailto:lynnadrake@gmail.com).

time – talents – gifts – service

There are many things as well in our community that are calling for those to serve children, youth, food programs, mentoring, senior citizens, on and on.

**WE GIVE THANKS** for the many acts of love in word and in deed, in time, talents, gifts, and service we see and the many we do not see going on.

Worship — Choir — Musician — Ushers and Greeters — Technology — Office Assistance — Hospitality — Children in the nursery — Godly Play — Youth Mentor — Youth Events — Justice Ministry — Stephens Ministry — Food Insecurity/Pantry Custodial and Property Needs — Teaching — Visiting homebound — Group Studies — Reconciling Ministries — Garden VBS — Youth Retreats — Adult Learning Events — Lay Leadership in church ministries

LET'S KEEP THINKING...WHAT GIFTS CAN WE BRING!





# IN OUR PRAYERS

Rejoice always, pray constantly... 1 Thessalonians

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

Family of Joan Hester Byrd, Bill Wilhelm, Komoscar family, Jack Donkar, Mary Wynn, Lloye Wynn, Jane Rollins, Charlie Coursey, Collie Collins, PC's Dad, Mary Ann and Walter Parker, Bubba Hughes, Fitz Kincade, People of Ukraine, Pat Howe, Cheryl Hessel, Dan Kerrick, Unspoken need for healing Gloria Moses, McCarthy family, neighbors of Carolyn Ingram, Sydja Trice, Michael McDaniel, George and Barba Irvin, Eddie Aenchbacher, Fran and Arlene Moore, Jimuel Gray and family, Andrew Brown, Magaly O'Donnell, Zoe Simpson, Martha Aenchbacher, Julius and Mary Cooley, UMC Worldwide, Vickie Hudson address for mail: C/O Southern Manor Retirement Inn, 1532 Fair Road, Room 13, Statesboro, Georgia, 30458



## 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!



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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.