



The Asbury Update

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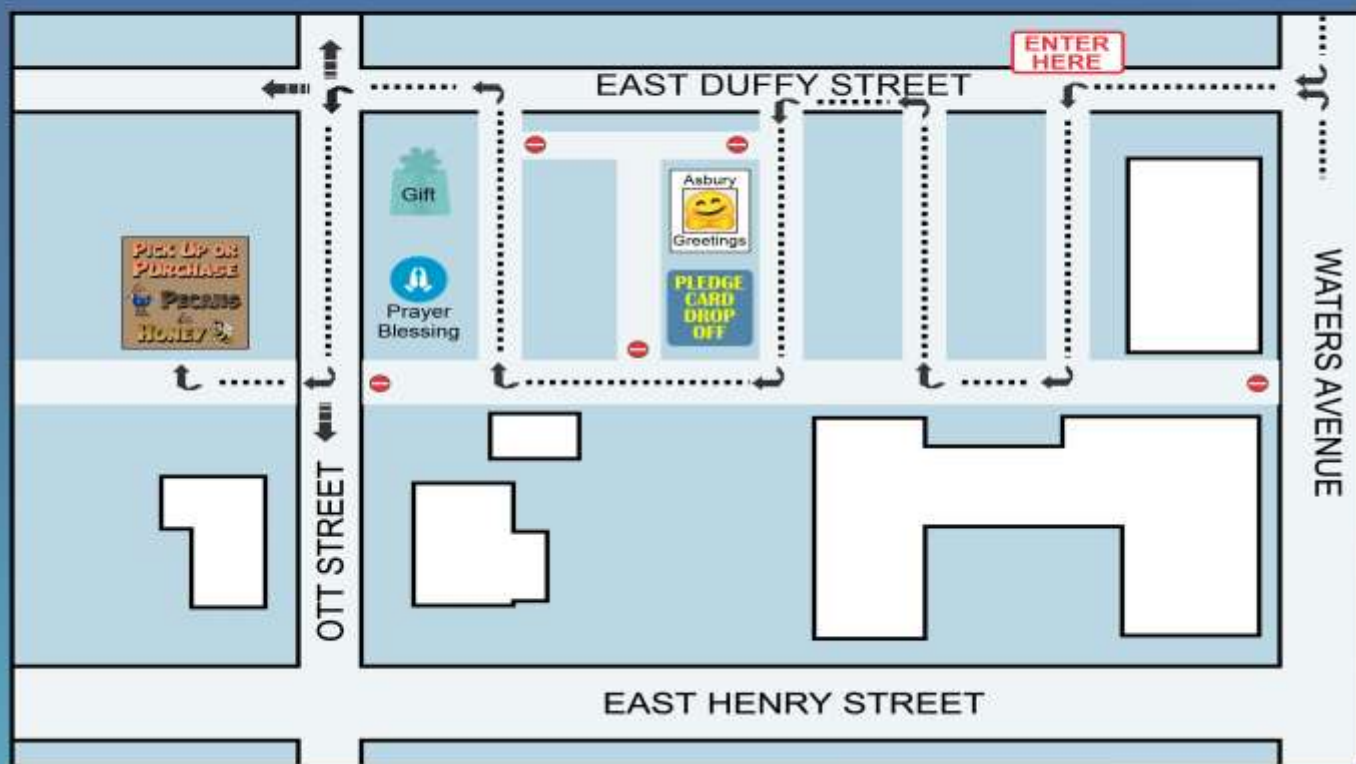
STEWARDSHIP 2021



Saturday, November 21
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 22
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

A fun and safe way to make your
pledge and receive a blessing
from our ministers.



1008 East Henry Street, Savannah, GA 31401
www.asburymemorial.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

November

1st Dina Consentino

Lenna Dembski

2nd Mirabelle Deffley

Curtis Hanks

3rd Jeff Meraz

Nico Meraz

5th Dale Karacostas

Kristen Kelso

Sharon Page

6th Daryl Balzer

Sam Crisp

7th Jennifer Lindsay

10th Nelson Drake

L.A. Lanier

11th Neil Austing

Shelbi Hanton

Michael Jandrlich

Mary Kate Jump

Claire Knight

Martha Parsons

12th Steve Gagné

14th Ward Lariscy

Lora Matos

Rosser Redd

Jeramy Via

16th Barri Marshall

18th Tyler Gage

Andy Page

20th Peter DeCordova

22nd Kathy Oakley

23rd Cliff Harley

Scott Porch

24th Vickie Harold

Marion Manigo

Laura Picone

25th Chris Kincade

Kent Urness

26th Gale Dick

Karl Graham

Chriss Nelson

28th Virginia Moryadas

29th Liz Urness

30th Ellie Covington



November

9th Jennifer & Joshua Lindsay

9th Richard & Claire Reeve

11th Dale & Pam Karacostas

14th Diane & Jeff Meseroll

15th Beth & Jeramy Via

16th Charles Ennis & Bernie Colclasure

18th James Mullins & Charles Richardson

18th Val & Jim Utsey

20th Tim & Patty Steinhauser



Congratulations to Sandra Mydell on becoming
a great-grandmother! Grace Chinaza Nnadi
was born October 13th in London, England.

Also congratulations to great aunt, Effie
Mydell.

Thank You

I wish to thank everyone for all the kind
thoughts, prayers and cards toward the loss
of a dear aunt...It's very comforting and
reassuring to have such a great loving
church community. Betsy Haun

November Youth Updates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Activity</u>
November 4th	Wednesday	Regular Youth Meeting—6:30-8 pm
November 7th	Saturday	Saturday in Service
November 11th	Wednesday	Regular Youth Meeting—6:30-8 pm
November 18th	Wednesday	Regular Youth Meeting—6:30-8 pm
November 25th	Wednesday	NO YOUTH—THANKSGIVING BREAK

Thank you!

Thank you for your many years of support through our annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser! Unfortunately, we had to make the tough decision not to sell our trees and greens this year. We will be hosting other exciting fundraisers in the future, so there are still more opportunities to support our youth! We encourage you to support other youth groups or non-profit organizations selling trees for a good cause this year.

~Asbury's Angels Youth Group

STEWARDSHIP 2021 DRIVE-THRU

Saturday and Sunday, November 21 and 22, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

After you drop off your pledge...

THE PECAN & HONEY HARVEST FOLKS

Will offer for purchase and pick-up in the Ott Street lot



SHELLED ELLIOTT PECANS

\$15 per Pound



ASBURY HEAVENLY HONEY

\$12 for a 16-Ounce Bottle

Children Ministry's Outing Saturday, November 7th

Our next Children and Families gathering will be Saturday, November 7th at 9:30 am at Lake Mayer by the playground. Please join us for a physically distanced but socially connected event. All adults will be required to wear masks and children will be encouraged to use one too.

Hand sanitizer will be available for everyone's use.

We will have a brief program at 10:00 am with pictures taken for a future worship service. It will be a special time of blessing.

Please contact Ruthie Duran Deffley at rdurandeffley@asburymemorial.org with any questions.



Church & Society

While the pandemic has kept us close to home work has been going forward, if somewhat slower, on justice work in our community.

Savannah Area Interfaith Justice Ministry (SAIJM)

Asbury has been a member for about a year with approximately 40 other faith communities of this social justice ministry. It is modeled on similar groups in Charleston, Jacksonville and others across the country who have successfully tackled systemic justice issues locally.

The goal is to tackle one or two local issues, identified through a grass roots process, by combining well thought out research with targeted community action. Nine Asburians recently attended a training in grass roots justice work and are preparing to move to the next action step. Please watch for new opportunities and announcements to join this community justice effort.

What We're Reading

Besides binge watching this has been a time for immersion in learning and understanding of the complex racial, socio-political and spiritual issues confronting us as a nation, as a person and as a church.

We Are Not Yet Equal Understanding Our Racial Divide, Carol Anderson & Tonya Bolden. Very accessible writing style appropriate for teens to adults.

Begin Again, James Baldwin's America and Its Urgent Lessons for Our Own, Eddie Glaude, Jr.

Written by a Distinguished Professor of African American Studies at Princeton University.

Jesus and the Disinherited, Howard Thurman. The man who inspired Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

URL for Asbury Connect has been updated

Please update your browser to: <https://asburymemorial.360unite.com/>

STEWARDSHIP 2021 DRIVE-THRU ROUTE

Saturday and Sunday, November 21 and 22, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.



Do you need emergency financial assistance due to COVID-19?

We realize these may be tough financial times for some in our church community. As a faith community, we are always trying to find ways to be of assistance.

Asbury has partnered with the experts at the non-profit Family Promise to help both individuals and families try to find financial resources that best fit your situation.

If you need financial help with your rent, mortgage, utilities or other things, please don't let pride stand in your way when there might be help just one application away.

With one "Asbury application" through Family Promise you can apply for emergency state, county and city and other grants.

If you live in the City of Savannah, Unincorporated Chatham, or Chatham, Bryan or Effingham County, there may be help for you.

To apply:

Online--the fastest process is to complete the "Asbury application" online at www.familypromisesavannah.org/amc IMPORTANT: You cannot find this special "Asbury application" on the Family Promise website. [You MUST use this link or type the exact address into your browser to access the special Asbury community "all-in-one Asbury application". Be prepared to upload the required documentation noted on the "Asbury application".

By paper "Asbury application"--if you don't have the ability to complete an "Asbury application" online, please call Family Promise at 912.790.9446 (8 am to 5 pm Monday - Friday) to schedule a time to pick up a paper "Asbury" application.

Don't wait to apply as the grants may run out.



Poinsettia Order Form

If you would like a poinsettia placed in the sanctuary for the virtual Sunday services during Advent, please complete the form below. Indicate at the bottom of the form if your plant is to be "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" a loved one. Completed forms may be submitted by email to church@asburymemorial.org. Payment can be made by 1) going to the church website www.asburymemorial.org and clicking on the Donate button (choose Poinsettia), 2) using the GivePlus mobile app from your smart phone, 3) Texting your amount and FL (example: 12.50 FL) to 912-307-3206 or 4) mailing a check to the church office. Please make checks payable to Asbury Memorial Church and note poinsettia in the memo.

Price of a poinsettia is \$12.50

Deadline for orders is Wednesday, November 18th at noon.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____

_____ No. of Poinsettias

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

You may leave your plant through Christmas Eve. If you choose to pick up earlier, please make arrangements by calling the church office at 912-233-4351 or Claudette DeLong at 912-656-0192.

Local Resources



The Coronavirus pandemic has stressed our resources in many ways: mental, emotional, financial, relational and spiritual. Your staff has compiled a list of resources to help folks with small businesses, to address budgetary changes, to find the latest information on symptoms and steps to take if you are ill, resources for mental health, obtaining food, and considerations for children and elders.

Go to the church website: www.asburymemorial.org and click on the COVID RESOURCES icon for more information. The resources will continue to grow and evolve as conditions change. Be Well! There is support in our community to ensure that you maintain a good quality of life and your church family is committed to your welfare.

Coffee Hour



Our “**Coffee Hour**” via Zoom has been a huge success on Sundays! It is wonderful to see so many faces and enjoy fellowship with one another after such a long time.

The **MEETING ID # 321 4986 081, Passcode: Asbury.**

Once you get into Zoom from their website, simply join the meeting with this number.

“Fitness Together”

Via Zoom

Join us for “**Fitness Together**” weekly workout class on Thursdays, 11 – 11:30 am.

Zoom meeting ID: 836 1647 4648, Passcode: Asbury.



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 this fall, all via Zoom. We hope that you will join in one or more of the programs. Zoom numbers will be sent in advance of meetings.

10 o'Clock Hour

Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts will continue during 10 o'Clock hour through November 8th.

This required pre-registration.

Watch for what is next!!

Godly Play

Godly Play stories with Ruthie Deffley and John Mason

Sunday mornings at 10 am

And for the children and the child in all of us, check out the beautiful Godly Play stories posted on the church's

YouTube channel and LIVE! on Sunday mornings at 10 am through Zoom meeting ID: 321 4986 081, Passcode: Asbury.

The Monday Group

Monday's, 1:30—3 pm

Studying: John O'Donohue's "Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom"

Why: It's a book that's big enough to "meet the moment"

Facilitator: Susan Bolinger zbbolinger@gmail.com

Zoom meeting ID: 864 8291 0310, Passcode: Asbury

Men's Group

Men's Group is meeting on Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 via Zoom and welcomes all men. Members of the group are volunteering to select, share, and explore Biblical passages which they find personally meaningful.

Zoom meeting ID: 811 0124 8434, Passcode: Asbury



Sunday, November 1st
Set your clock back 1 hour
Saturday night!



Are you missing being with one another for Sunday worship and having that lovely opportunity to place your contribution in the offering plate? Well, have we got options for you! We have multiple ways for you to continue your support of Asbury Memorial and have listed them below. Thank you for your gifts!

Mail:

Mail your contribution by check to:
Asbury Memorial Church
1008 East Henry Street
Savannah, GA 31401



Website:

Log on to our website:
www.AsburyMemorial.org

Click on



Complete the form as directed.
You can set it up to be a recurring donation!



Mobile App:

From your smartphone:
Download the free **GIVE PLUS+** app from the App Store or Google Play
Open the *GivePlus* app and follow the simple directions
You can setup an account or just give as a guest
Make a one-time gift or set it up to be recurring

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!”



Greetings, Asburians!

We offer you some new options for staying connected. As our ability to interact in person stays restricted, we need to remember that we are not alone: that we are still a vibrant faith community and God is present in the messiness of our lives to love us, lead us and witness our daily strife and pleasures.

Here are some ways to stay connected and some comforting resources:

Devotions on Wednesday

Join us on Wednesday at 6 pm for live devotion and prayer. Click on the link here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/121907484?pwd=cUIEUUVhSIV5MnZVNTdPSExLVVhOQT09>

Passcode: Asbury.

There are also links on the Church Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/asburymemorialumcsavannah/> and the Church's webpage: www.asburymemorial.org

Sign up for Zoom at www.zoom.us and tune in on these weekdays for live devotions together. Appropriate for all ages! Children of God of all ages welcomed. Passcode: Asbury

Encouraging Words

Dial 912-358-0842 to hear a recorded message of encouragement and grace. These messages from staff and laity will change frequently and are available 24-7 whenever you need a little pick-me-up. No Facebook account or computer needed!

Worship on Sundays

We will continue to worship virtually on Sundays at 11:15am.

Just go to www.asburymemorial.org and click on the worship link. Who knows what lies in store for us from week to **week? Tune in and see...**

Wishing you many avenues to find deep connections to your spirituality and community until we gather in person again.

And for the children and the child in all of us, check out the beautiful Godly Play stories posted on the church's

YouTube channel and LIVE! on Sunday mornings at 10 am through Zoom meeting ID: 321 4986 081, Passcode: Asbury.

Coffee Hour

Join us on Sunday after the worship service to see and talk with your fellow Asburians. Just go to

www.asburymemorial.org and click on the link for ZOOM Coffee Hour on the right side on the home screen or via Zoom.us and enter the meeting ID: 321 4986 081, Passcode: Asbury

Fitness Together

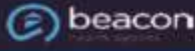
Weekly workout class on Thursdays, 11 – 11:30 am.

Zoom meeting ID: 836 1647 4648, Passcode: Asbury.

Georgia COVID-19 Emotional Support Line 866-399-8938



Georgia
Department of
Behavioral Health
& Developmental
Disabilities



The Georgia COVID-19 Emotional Support Line provides 24/7 free and confidential assistance to callers needing emotional support or resource information as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emotional Support Line is staffed by volunteers, including mental health professionals and others who have received training in crisis counseling.

A partnership between The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities, Beacon Health Options and Behavioral Health Link



Georgia Crisis & Access Line

1-800-715-4225

mygcal.com



Georgia Crisis and Access Line (GCAL)

1-800-715-4225

GCAL is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year to help you or someone you care for in a crisis



CARES Warm Line

1-844-326-5400

Substance Abuse Challenges
Call or Text Every Day of The Year
8:30AM - 11:00PM



COVID-19 Hotline (844) 442-2681

The State of Georgia has a new COVID-19 hotline. If you believe that you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to the novel coronavirus, please contact your primary care doctor or an urgent care clinic. Please do not show up unannounced at an emergency room or health care facility.



Peer2Peer Warm Line

Operating since the opening of the Peer Support and Wellness Center of Decatur in 2008, the warm line provides Georgians the opportunity to receive peer support over the phone 24 hours a day.

How to contact the Peer2Peer Warm Line
Call 888-945-1414 (toll-free) statewide, or locally:

Decatur: 404-371-1414
Bartow County: 770-276-2019
Colquitt County: 229-873-9737
Henry County: 678-782-7666
White County: 706-865-3601



Feel Alone & Financially Insecure?

We're here to help!

Step Up Savannah helps in your journey towards financial security by connecting you with the right resources.



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MEDICAID
HEALTHCARE RESOURCES

CAPS

TANF

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APPLY REMOTELY FOR PUBLIC BENEFITS AT THESE LOCATIONS:

STEP UP SAVANNAH

Kimberly Paulk
912.330.6445
M-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
By phone appointment only

ST. MARY'S COMMUNITY CENTER

Johnetta Ferguson & Linda Youth
912.447.0578 Ext. # 5
M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
By phone in order received

FIRST HISPANIC BAPTIST CHURCH

Anabel Perez
828.244.2485
Lunes y Martes 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Solo por cita telefonica

MOSES JACKSON ADVANCEMENT CENTER

LeQuinton Kates & Sara Williams
M-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
912.525.2166
By phone appointment only

SAVANNAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Jeisie Jones
912.509.0771 / unap@savannahtech.edu
Hours based on client need
By phone appointment only

WESLEY COMMUNITY CENTERS OF SAVANNAH, INC.

Valeria Flowers
912.447.5711 /
flowerstv_wcc1601@yahoo.com
hours based on client need
By phone appointment only

FORSYTH FARMERS MARKET

Tasha Cunningham
347.861.9824
Hours based on Clients Need
By phone appointment only



THESE REMOTE SERVICES ARE FOR THE DURATION OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEN SHADOWS FALL

- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Steve & Becky Case in the death of Steve's father, Sid Case.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Greg Martin in the death of his uncle, Tony Burger.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Danny & Barbara Beam and the Cory West family in the death of Marlene Thornton.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Wanda Collins, Iris & Mike Dayoub, Michael Dayoub and Rebecca Dayoub, in the death of Wanda's son, Iris' nephew & cousins Michael & Rebecca, Rick Collins.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to James Siler & Warren Heilman in the death of James' grandfather, Charles Wyche.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy in the death of Johnny Baker who was a friend of many Asburians.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Betsy Haun in the death of her aunt, Gertie Vess.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Catherine Gilbert & Sandy Golden in the death of Catherine's aunt, Emma Dalton.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Cindy Richardson, Becky Prosser & Teresa Keesecker in the death of their mother, Hazel Holloway.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Greg Martin in the death of his cousin, Jack Kay Martin.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Becca Terrett in the death of her uncle, Freddy Howard.*

MEMORIALS

***A Gift has been given to the Emergency Fund in memory of Marion Gilbert
by Vicki Harold.***

***A Gift has been given to the General Fund in memory of Beth Randolph
by Kathryn Osborne***

2020 Budget Offering

September 27th—\$19,649.58

October 4th—\$12,169.00

October 11th—\$15,407.00

October 18th—\$10,384.17

October 25th—TBA

2020 Weekly Budget Need

\$13,830.00

2020 YTD Budget Need

\$580,860.00

2020 YTD Received

\$525,690.26

HONORARIUMS

***A Gift has been given to the General Fund
as a Love Offering by Virginia Holliday***

***A Gift has been given to the Emergency
Fund in honor of the birth of our two Great
Grandsons, Leo & Wyatt by
Karl & Judy Graham***

***A Gift has been given to the Choir Fund in
honor of our 57th wedding anniversary by
Karl & Judy Graham***

Online Devotionals

From our own Methodist tradition is the
Upper Room which can be seen online here:

<https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals>

PRAYER REQUESTS



Asburians

Wayne Bland, Andra Bowers, Becky Case,
Anita Clay, Shane Conner, Margaret Cook
Levy, Gretchen Dodd, Sam Durham, Ellie
Gonye, Betty Haldeman, Chase Harrison, John
Hohnerlein, Jack Lewis, Scott McCoy, Ginger
Miles, Brenda Mills, Grady Mills, Frances
Monson, Virginia Moryadas, Marie Parker,
Frank Ramsey, Charlie Ribbens, Roberta
Smith, Cabell Stewart, Val Utsey, Beverly
Vasta, Pete Vasta, Carol Walls, Diane
Williamson, Marie Winters, Joe Zeigler

Family Members & Friends

Steve Amerson, Joanne Anderson, John
Bailey, Rev. Grover Bell, Hilder Bentley, Lisa
Brown, Karen Browning, Phyllis Chappell,
Madison Coe, Linda Cowart, James Thomas
Crosby, Peter DeCordova, Sara Driggers, Dan
Goff, Larry Grice, Matt Hearn, Priscilla Hearn,
Robie Hester, Elsie Hilliard, Keith James,
Annette Jenkins, Conrad Jordan, Dr. Joan
Jordan, Marlene Kelly, Lindsay Kessler, Kim
Lewis, Richard Lewis, Sonny Murph, Brogdon
Nichols, Margaret Odom, Lee Paul, Jennifer
Payne, Fredia Peggs, Don Purdy, Millicent
Scoggin, Edith Sedlak, Ronnie Spilton, Frank
Stanton, Neola Walker, Leslie Wantland

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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 \$60. 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 Trustee Fund, General Fund, Piano/Organ Fund, the Children's Fund, Youth Fund or one of our Mission Funds.

Newsletter Information

If you have an announcement for "The Asbury Update," please send it to the church office in writing by the 15th of each month. Contact Claudette DeLong, Office Manager at 233-4351 or email to church@asburymemorial.org
Office hours are 9 AM to 4 PM, Monday thru Thursday.

Mission Statement:

Asbury Memorial is a place where all people can develop their spirituality, use their talents, and grow in faith as we seek to love, serve, and celebrate God, each other, and our community.