

THE ASBURY UPDATE - NOVEMBER 2022

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"Welcome Home"



STEWARDSHIP
MONTH

The Asbury Update November 2022

Happy Birthday

November Birthdays

Having a birthday? Call the church office at 912.233.4351 or email us at church@asburymemorial.org so we can honor you on your special day

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| 1st | Dina Consentino | 16th | Barri Marshall |
| | Lenna Dembski | 17th | Jackie Prescott |
| 2nd | Mirabelle Deffley | | Mary Thompson |
| | Curtis Hanks | 18th | Tyler Gage |
| | Shirley Irvine | | Andy Page |
| 3rd | Jeff Meraz | 19th | Betsy Kammerud |
| | Nico Meraz | 22nd | Alex Howell |
| 5th | Dale Karacostas | | Paul Irvine |
| | Kristen Kelso | | Kathy Oakley |
| | Sharon Page | 23rd | Cliff Harley |
| 6th | Daryl Balzer | | Scott Porch |
| | Sam Crisp | 24th | Vickie Harold |
| 7th | Jennifer Lindsay | | Marion Manigo |
| 8th | Kelly McDaniel | | Laura Picone |
| 9th | Emily Garrard | 25th | Chris Kincade |
| 11th | Shelbi Hanton | | Kent Urness |
| | Michael Jandrlich | 26th | Gale Dick |
| | Mary Kate Jump | | Karl Graham |
| | Claire Knight | | Chriss Nelson |
| | Martha Parsons | 28th | Virginia Moryadas |
| 12th | Steve Gagne | 29th | Hannah Anderson |
| 14th | Ward Lariscy | | Liz Urness |
| | Lora Matos | 30th | Ellie Covington |
| | Rosser Redd | | Mary Hull |
| | Jeremy Via | | |

*Happy Birthday,
everyone!*

Happy Anniversary!

CHEERS TO ALL THE YEARS!

9th

Jennifer and Joshua Lindsay

Claire and Richard Reeve

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11th

Pam and Dale Karacostas

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14th

Diane and Jeff Meseroll

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15th

Beth Harn-Via and Jeramy Via

~

16th

Charles Ennis and Bernie Colclasure

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18th

James Mullins and Charles Richardson

Val and Jim Utsey

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20th

Patty and Tim Steinhauser



Upcoming Events

**NOV
13**

**RAISE THE ROOF
FUNDRAISER**
4:00pm - 7:00pm Wesley Oak

**NOV
20**

COMMITMENT SUNDAY
Special Guest - Zander Moricz

**NOV
24**

THANKSGIVING
Church Office Closed

**DEC
4**

CHRISTMAS PARTY
Church Christmas Party
6:00pm

**DEC
6**

**ANNUAL CONGREGATION
MEETING VIA ZOOM**
6:30p

**DEC
9**

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT
Christmas Cookie Night for kids
5:30p - 8:00p

**DEC
10**

**13TH COLONY SOUND
CONCERT**
7:00p

**DEC
18**

CHRISTMAS CAROLING
Christmas Caroling to home bound
members 1:00p

**DEC
18**

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY
Angells Youth Group Christmas
Party

**DEC
24**

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
Wesley Oak Church - 5:00p
Asbury Memorial Church - 6:00p

**DEC
25**

CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Wesley Oak Church - 9:30a
Asbury Memorial Church - 11:15a



NURSERY & GODLY PLAY

Volunteers Needed

We are currently looking for more volunteers to help with our Nursery and Godly Play Ministries at Wesley Oak and Asbury Memorial



Please answer the call

- Nursery & Godly Play
- **Only one Sunday every other month**

If you are willing to help us with or would like more information about our children and families' ministries, please contact us!



I WANT TO HELP!

"Yes! I can help one Sunday every other month to support our young families!"

CHRIS KINCADE

ckincade@asburymemorial.org

 **912.663.5087**



GODLY PLAY



EVERY SUNDAY
AT ASBURY MEMORIAL & WESLEY OAK

FOR ALL KIDS AGES 3 YRS THROUGH 5TH GRADE

We Are Hiring

NURSERY WORKER

PART-TIME POSITION

- 1-2 days per week
- 6-8 hours per week
- Background check & protect my ministry training will be required

APPLY TODAY

More Information :



912-233-4351



church@asburymemorial.org





COME JOIN OUR SOUND 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 or call the church
office.**

Men Friends

ASBURY MEMORIAL AND WESLEY OAK MEN'S GROUP

We welcome all men to join us Thursday nights for fellowship and discussion. We talk about what is on our minds: a theological point or question, an interesting book or current events.

What's on your mind?



If you're looking for a way to connect, make new friends, participate in some fascinating discussions, and get to know others, please join us! We have a great time and all from the comfort of our homes.

Should you have any questions, contact Gregg Walther at gdw0517@gmail.com or 912-996-0854. We meet Thursdays 7:00-8:30 via Zoom.

Zoom meeting ID: 844 3633 5506, passcode: Asbury

WHY SMART?



SMART Recovery is leading the future of recovery. Here's how:

The power of choice. No single solution will work for everyone, and the availability of multiple options for recovery support makes a critical difference in successful outcomes. SMART is the leading self-empowering program for addiction recovery support.

SMART Recovery works for any addictive or negative behavior. In a SMART meeting, participants with various behaviors come together to model and learn new skills for recovery and master their own integrity and willingness to change.

Our meetings are non-judgmental and stigma-free. SMART views addiction as a behavior that can be corrected, not a condition that defines a person's identity. We discourage the use of labels such as "addict" or "alcoholic." Research has shown that labels undermine motivation for many people.

Similarly, we don't label those who have relapsed as "failures." Almost everyone relapses while trying to recover. We treat these as opportunities for learning how to strengthen recovery efforts and identify what worked during the time before the relapse.

We help people before they hit "rock bottom." We want to help people before their addiction has grown so severe that it is life-threatening. SMART Recovery for Family & Friends offers support for those with a loved one struggling with addiction.

At SMART meetings, participants learn skills for coping with the anger, frustration, and anxiety that many experience. They also learn skills for improving communication, developing compassionate boundaries, and other ways to help their loved ones recover.

SMART welcomes medication-assisted treatment (MAT). SMART recognizes that prescribed medication can be critical for a person's recovery. For those with opioid addiction, medicines such as methadone and buprenorphine protect people from fatal overdoses while they recover.

Learn More

SMART Recovery provides a path to Life Beyond Addiction. Visit www.smartrecovery.org to learn more.

When?

Mondays 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Where?

Wesley Oak Church
3124 E Victory Drive
Thunderbolt

Contact Us

Ruthie Duran Deffley
912.225.6959
ruthie@healthymindga.com



THE ZANDER WEEKEND IN SAVANNAH

**18 year old LGBTQ activist Zander Moricz
is the youngest plaintiff against the
State of Florida in the "Don't Say
Gay" lawsuit. His Sarasota high school
hair commencement speech went viral.**

**Zander's Party @ Lodge of Sorrows
415 W Boundary St.
Friday November 18 8 pm Free event**

**Say hey to Zander @ Starlandia
2438 Bull Street.
All ages welcome.
Saturday November 19 2 pm**

**Sponsor's Party with Zander @Host Austin Hill,
115 McLaws St
Saturday November 19 6:30 pm
\$75 Tickets available
Contact Mark (912) 503-4755
marksgarden214@gmail.com**

**Welcome Zander to Asbury
Memorial Church
@ 1008 E Henry St.
Sunday November 20 11:15 am**

www.firstcitypridecenter.org

**First City Network and Savannah Pride
center are proud supporters of The Zander Weekend**



PFLAG SAVANNAH

4TH TUESDAY OF
EVERY MONTH
5:30PM – 8PM

FIRST CITY PRIDE CENTER
1515 BULL STREET SAVANNAH, GA



PFLAG of Savannah Georgia is a locally based volunteer organization that was created to fill a need for support within the coastal empire, and the low country. PFLAG is all about kids, parents/family, and allies. We are here to educate, advocate and support those with LGBTQ+ children in our community.

PFLAG of Savannah Georgia sprang forth from volunteers at our local LGBTQ+ center First City Pride Center. We saw a lot of parents coming in and saying that their children had come out to them and they wanted to be supportive but didn't know how. Carla Faith Moore and Donna Vargas volunteers at the center took this as both a good sign and a challenge and ran with it. Beginning in May with an initial meeting to organize and ending in our official first meeting in September lots of work by many dedicated volunteers created this great group.

Our mission at PFLAG of Savannah is to provide support for families and allies of the youth in Savannah, coastal Georgia and the low country. We provide monthly support group meetings the 4th Tuesday of every month from 5:30- 8pm at First City Pride Center located at 1515 Bull Street, Savannah Georgia.

Email pflagsavannaga@gmail.com or look us up on Facebook PFLAG Savannah GA | Facebook



Pride Families Group



Pride Families Group is a social group for parents or caregivers and their LGBTQIA+ children ages 13 and younger. The group meets the third Saturday of each month to provide a safe, affirming place for fellowship, and for the kids to meet and connect over games and stories.

Check the Programs & Services calendar for program information or contact: Angelic by text 912-690-2148 or email uniquelymyself@hotmail.com

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




Abasy Family

FIRST FRIENDS UPDATE

- The Abasys came to worship for GOB's *The Kite Runner*.
- Abasy children have gotten on-one-one tutoring in English and math every Saturday in October thanks to their tutoring team of Judy, Emily, Iris and Carol.
- Abasy adults received much-needed pro-bono dental care from dentist, Dr. Deepak Gupta and endodontist, Dr. Wylie Gustin. All of this was arranged by FF coordinator angel, Lauren Dutko.
- Hasiba takes tea in her first visit to a US restaurant.
- The Big News: The Abasys have a car that is just right for their family, an SUV with a third seat. This will open up so many possibilities for them: for employment, for accessing medical and dental care, for easing the great stress in their lives and for improving their social lives.
- The Big Ask: The car was donated, but insurance costs \$864 for six months and the title transfer fees were \$1924. If you can help defray these costs in any way, please make your donation to the church with the designation of FIRST FRIENDS. Thanks to Rich Dutko and John Marich for helping the Abasys with this important transaction. There is no such thing as insurance in Afghanistan so this was another steep learning curve for our friends. Imagine learning about deductibles, liability, collision, and insurance packages, as well as the frightful costs associated with car ownership.





Sacred Conversation

House Meetings

Coming in Early November



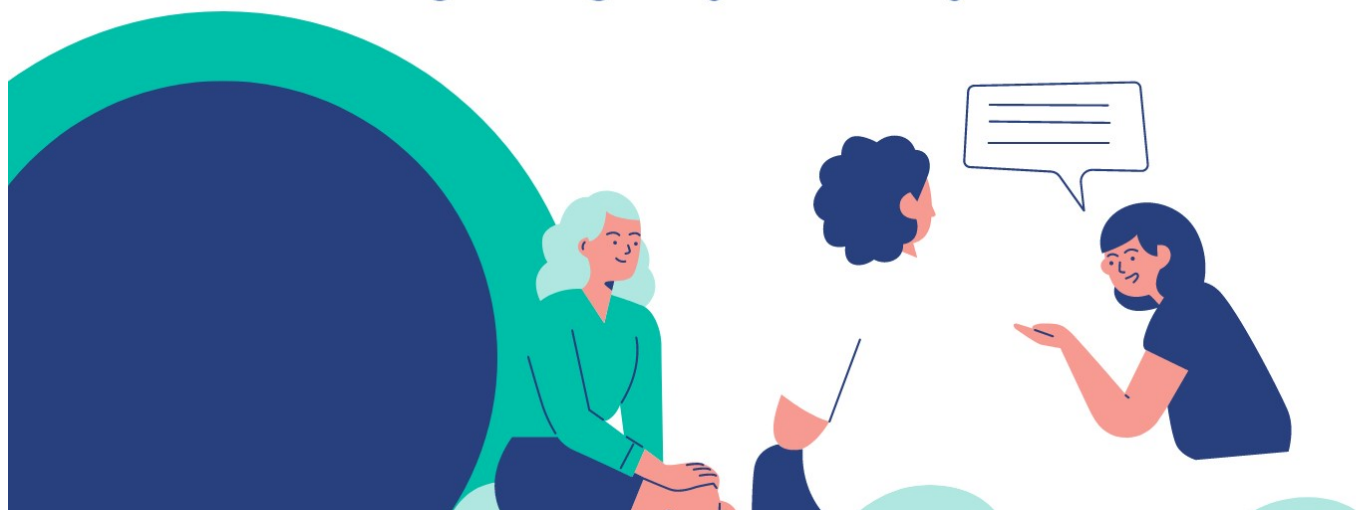
Come share your stories, learn a bit more about your fellow congregants, and help Justice Unites Savannah Together (JUST) in our mission to improve the quality of life in Savannah.

Meetings will be held during the first part of the month, with options during the day and evening, In-person at church or in homes and via Zoom.

A detailed schedule will be available soon.

ALL CONGREGANTS are encouraged to attend a house meeting and to invite neighbors and friends.

This is the first important step to creating change in the community through our interfaith community organizing body. Your story matters.



Amy Povie - Finalist for SCCPSS 2024 District Teacher of the Year



The four finalists for SCCPSS 2024 District Teacher of the Year were named at a reception held at the new Woodville Tompkins Technical and Career High School Auditorium on Thursday, October 13, 2022. The announcement was made after all 55 school level Teachers of the Year were recognized by the Superintendent and Board Members in attendance. WJCL News Anchor Shannon Royster was the event emcee.

The four finalists as seen the photo above are: Amy Povie of Coastal Middle School, Rayshawn Roberts of Hesse K8 School, Robert R. Jordan, Jr. of the Savannah-Chatham E-Learning Academy, and Raegan Dillon of the STEM Academy at Bartlett Middle School. The finalists were determined by scores from Community Readers of each teacher's essay application, which is based on the State Teacher of the Year application.

The four finalists will now move on in competition to name the District Teacher of the Year for the 2023-24 School Year. That process includes classroom observations and panel interviews over the next month. The District Teacher of the Year will be announced at the annual Gala expected to take place in February 2023.

Article by www.sccpss.com

New Classes for Stephen Ministry Training
January 2023

*Do you have a heart for servant ministry?
This may be the right fit for you...*

Since 1975, nearly 500,000 people of faith from all walks of life have trained and served as Stephen Ministers. Most become Stephen Ministers as a way to serve others—but quickly discover the amazing blessings God gives them in return.

Since we commissioned our first Stephen Ministers in March, we have seen the great value of this lay caring ministry.

Following are quotes from a few seasoned Stephen Ministers:

“Stephen Ministry has freed me from feeling I needed to have all the answers and solve other people’s problems. Now I just listen and care—and trust God to do the healing. This ministry is a true joy. It has deepened my faith and allowed me to be transformed.”

Patricia, Company Vice President, Hilton Head, South Carolina

“Without a doubt, serving as a Stephen Minister has been the most rewarding, growth-producing, meaningful thing I have ever done! It’s an honor to be able to serve God in this way.”

Don, Electrician, Highland, Michigan

“Stephen Ministry has given me a way to serve God more faithfully by being his presence to those in need. In the process God has blessed me with skills I didn’t know I had and enriched my life in more ways than I could ever imagine.”

Paul, Teacher, Indianapolis, Indiana

The opportunity and responsibility for ministry has been given to all of us. Our January Stephen Ministry training class is a chance to be trained and equipped for this ministry, developing life skills that will improve all of your relationships. Talk to any of our Stephen Ministers, they will tell you that it is a joyous privilege to share Christ’s love with others.

Is this ministry the one for you?

Think about it.

Pray about it.

Then call Candace Jenkins at 912-233-4351



STEWARDSHIP SHARING

THE WEST FAMILY



The West Family Interview for Stewardship Sharing

Cory and Temperance, what does Asbury mean to each of you?

Cory – Asbury to me means the future of what’s going on in the world. There’s a lot of churches that say they’re accepting of people, but you can feel that it’s not. But when you come here you feel grace. You really do.

Temperance – I don’t know if everyone knows, but we’re a military family. We have been all over the place – in lots of churches, and for me, Asbury is...it’s God among its people. It’s the love you feel when you walk in the door. I think Lila said it the best the very first Sunday we ever came to visit – It’s coming home! We don’t live where our family lives – we’re spread out everywhere. And for us it’s having a family everywhere we go that encourages us, that loves us, that loves my precious children, and that helps us grow in relationship with God, with each other. It is truly showing how to love your neighbor. I think we do that every day here. And, how to love your community. It’s just a special, special place here at Asbury.

To follow up on that – what does Asbury mean to you both for your kids?

Temperance – When we were looking for a church...we have seen churches hurt people! I mean I know so many people here have experienced that and I have seen friends leave the church and lose faith because of their experiences within the church. And so for us, for our kids, it was knowing that we could raise our children here at Asbury – and whoever they are, whoever they love, whoever they grow to be, that their church will never hurt them! (The church) will encourage them, will love them, will not only accept them but will affirm them as children of God. For us that is everything!

Collis and Grayson, what does Asbury mean to you?

Grayson – To me, Asbury means somewhere I can be to help worship God, and somewhere where I know that people can have my back. They will help you no matter who you are and no matter what you want to do.

Collis – What Asbury means to me is a place where we can go to express how we feel about God, not be judged by how we worship and who we are.

(message from Lila who could not be present) – Asbury brings here a sense of belonging and home. She doesn’t feel alone and she knows the church always has her back. It makes her feel closer to God. During some of the roughest moments of her life, even during COVID when she experienced a very traumatic event for her, her church family was there for her.



STEWARDSHIP SHARING THE WEST FAMILY

Grayson, can you tell us what you think about Godly Play?

Grayson – I like Godly Play a lot because it helps take the stories of the Bible and the stories of God and make it for more understanding to younger children and help them still understand the stories.

Collis, can you share with us all what you were most looking forward to with Youth Group?

Collis – Being able to hang out with people my age and talk about stuff that may be embarrassing to talk about with other people, but you feel safe and you won't be judged about it.

Grayson, what are you looking forward to?

Grayson – For me, I'm looking forward to youth group so I can get to know more people in the church - and get to understand people in the church. And, become a bigger person in the community of Asbury.

For those of you who may not know, the West family drives each Sunday from Ludowici, GA, which is over an hour away. So, West family, the people want to know – why do you make the drive into church from an hour away when you could join us via live stream?

Temperance – There is something special and holy in this place. There is – being among the people in the community of Asbury. Getting a hug from Billy on Sunday. Just being able to commune with the other members and talk to them and feel the care and love – to be able to share that with each other. Especially during COVID, we all missed that so much. I know the first time I walked back into this building – the feeling that I had was just so special. It brought me to tears to know that I was back among all of you. I can't imagine not making that drive. People ask me all of the time, when they find out they we go to church here, and they're like "well why?" It's worth it! That's all I can tell ya is every Sunday – it's worth it!

What do you hope for the future of Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak?

Grayson – For me, I really hope that we can continue to be able to make Asbury bigger and help other people be able to worship God in a way that they want to. I hope that we know that everybody has each other's backs even if they're new to the church.

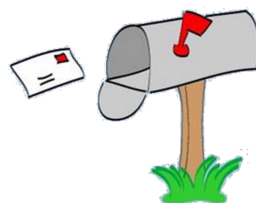
Temperance – my hope for Asbury is to see these pews full every weekend. Because the more people that are here, the more people are experiencing what we get to experience. The more people that may have been hurt before by the church get to realize that they are loved by God, and that they are loved by God's people. So really my hope is to see us continue to grow, because the more we grow the more we can help each other - the more we grow in our relationship with God, the Asbury community, and more with the community at large. The bigger things we can do! The more of us working together, the bigger difference we can make in all of God's world.



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

Mail:

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



Website:

Log on to our website: www.AsburyMemorial.org

Click on



Complete the form as directed.

You can set it up to be a recurring donation!

Text Giving:

From your mobile phone:

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

Donate anytime, anywhere

Use easy debit/credit card registration

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



Church Office:

Call the church office at 912.233.4351

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



Give Now





THIS WEDNESDAY

TRIVIA NIGHT

During Wednesday Night
Suppers at Asbury Memorial
Church

Wednesdays
Nov. 2, 9, 16

5:30p - 6:30p

invite your
friends,
family and
neighbors for
this night of
fun and fun
facts!



Register for Wednesday Night Supper
by Monday morning!

For registration & further information
www.AsburyMemorial.org

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**

Our book for the fall is *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans
Any questions about the group or the book email Margaret Clay at margaretclay@comcast.net.
Zoom Meeting ID: 864 8291 0310, Passcode: Asbury

Men's Group **Facilitator: Gregg Walther** **Thursdays, 7:00pm—8:30pm**

The Thursday night Men's Group welcome all men to join us for an evening of discussion and fellowship. We talk about topics suggested by our members, recently 'Christian nationalism' and the state of the Christian Church in general has sparked much discussion. What's on your mind?

Should you have any questions please contact Gregg Walther at gdw0517@gmail.com. The Men's Group meets Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 via Zoom and welcomes all men.

If you're looking for a way to connect, make new friends and participate in some fascinating discussions, all from the comfort of home, give us a try. We have a great time, come join us!
Zoom meeting ID: 844 3633 5506, passcode: Asbury.

A Course in Miracles **Facilitator: Rev. Marilyn Leigh** **Thursdays, 4:00 to 5:30 pm**

The Course in Miracles study group is dedicated to the study and practical application of A Course in Miracles to our daily lives. Our group allows the Course to guide us in becoming and expressing the Love that is the truth about us. It teaches the true meaning of forgiveness and challenges us to put God first in our lives. If you are interested, contact Rev. Marilyn Leigh at revleigh@yahoo.com.

Wednesday Night Suppers 2022



Nov 2nd

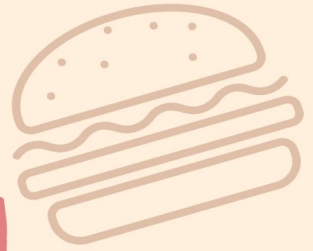
Roast Beef with
Mushroom Gravy
Southern Style Mashed
Potatoes
House Prepared Slaw
Whole Wheat Roll

Nov 9th

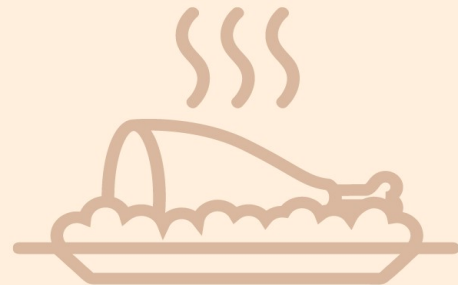
Chicken & Sausage
Gumbo
Green Beans
Long Grain White Rice
Cheddar Herb Biscuits

Nov 16th

Roasted Turkey Breast
with Gravy
Roasted Garlic Mashed
Potatoes
Vegetable Medley
Sweet Island Rolls



*Sign up
online*



Greetings, Asburians!

As our ability to interact in person may be limited, 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.

Stay connected and some comforting resources via our website.

Worship on Sundays

Join us on Sunday mornings at 11:15 AM for in-person worship with relaxed worship guidelines. We ask that you register your attendance at the door. Online services may also be accessed from our website.

www.AsburyMemorial.org

Save the Date

12

MONTH

6

DAY

22

YEAR

Annual Congregation Meeting

6:30pm

WHEN SHADOWS FALL

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

Doug, Amy, Sarah and Samuel Povie in the passing of Doug's father, Donald Povie, Jr.

Friends and family in the passing of Asburian, Elizabeth Terry

MEMORIALS

*Gifts have been given to the Properties Fund in
memory of Roberta Smith by
Patrick Moschitto
Renee Bridges
Joan Byrd*

*Gifts have been given to the Properties Fund in
memory of Janet Erickson by
Glenda Weed*

*Gifts have been given to the Properties Fund in
memory of Vernon Charles Emanuel by
Joan Byrd*

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memory of Chris Fahey by
Margaret Vanhemert
Sarah Vincent Fahey
Ernie Lee
Meyer Music
Joan Byrd
Janet Wagner
Jennifer Lindsay*

*Gifts have been given to the Properties Fund in
memory of Ann Fertwell Mintz by
Joan Byrd*

*A gift has been given to the Choir Fund in memory of Chris Fahey by
Patrick & Mary Prokop*

HONORARIUMS

*A gift has been given to the Worship Fund in honor of
Rev. Billy Hester, Rev. Danny Beam, & Asbury Memorial Church by
Laurie Fahey*





General Budget As of September 2022

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| YTD Budgeted GOAL | \$585,512 |
| Actual Year-To-Date Expenses | \$518,961 |
| Actual Year-To-Date Contributions | \$444,708 |
| Ahead/Behind | \$-74,253 |

Average Worship Attendance 226
(in person 109, online 117)

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.

(Two examples of nameplates for the chairs.)

Elizabeth Lariscy
A Southern Lady
By R. Ward Lariscy

In Loving Memory
of
Dix Elliott

PRAYER REQUESTS



Asburians

DiAnne Amerson, Ann Anderson, Tim Barnes,
Danny Beam, Fay Carroll, Anita Clay, Sheri Coffey,
Margaret Cook-Levy, Gretchen Dodd, Jan Durham,
Sam Durham, Katie Farmer, Bob Francischetti,
Sherry Giddens, Sandy Golden, Ellie Gonye, Cale Hall,
Gerry Harman, Chase Harrison, Roy Hill,
John Hohnerlein, Bill Jahn, Dale Karacostas,
Zoey Kaar, Judith Kessler, Ernie Lee,
Rev. Marilyn Leigh, Cynthia Linthicum, Jack Lewis,
Cheryl Loose, Marion Manigo, Scott McCoy,
Robert McEwen, Brenda Mills, Virginia Moryadas,
James Mullins, Dan Nelson, Marie Parker,
Pam Parker Kress, Barbara Plank, Jim Schlimmer,
Scott Porch, Mary Prokop, Frank Ramsey,
Cabell Stewart, David Swanger, Sharon Tarlano,
Rev. Bob Townsend, Pat Vitkus, Diane Williamson,
Peggy Zeigler

Family Members & Friends

Adam Alani, Dorothy Allen, Earlene Atiba,
Lisa Brown, Karen Browning, Cindy Burns,
Max Clements, Collie Collins,
Jennifer Despres Corey, Linda Cowart,
Sara Driggers, Yolanda Eklund, Dan Goff,
Samantha Garcia, Twumwa Grant, Priscilla Hearn,
Tom Hendrick, Elvis Key, Lynette Jones,
Lindsay Kessler, Walt Kress, Anna Lewis,
Kim Lewis, Mary Jane Lundberg, Cathy McKay,
Jennifer Payne, Fredia Peggs, Geral Pinault,
Steve Ray, Brianna Reeves, Joanne Rowley,
Lisa Swain, Neola Walker,
Bonnie & Glynn Zimmerman



WESLEY OAK LEAF

NOVEMBER 2022

NOW THANK WE ALL

The beloved hymn of Thanksgiving, *Now Thank We All Our God* written by Martin Rinckart in 1636 was set to the tune composed even earlier by Johann Cruger.

The text of the first two stanzas are based on Sirach 50:22-24:

“Now therefore bless ye the God of all, which only doeth wondrous things everywhere, which exalteth our days from the womb, and dealeth with us according to his mercy. He grants us joyfulness of heart, and that peace may be in our days in Israel for ever (KJV).”



As we come to the season of Thanksgiving, we give thanks for the myriad of ways we have been fed in body, mind, and spirit. Throughout these days of worship, the parables of Jesus have given to us a beautiful pathway for living out faith and hospitality, perseverance, and love for one another. These gifts carry with them the joy of the Lord that is our strength and peace that passes our understanding! “Now thank we all our God!”

Already the sounds of justice, mercy, and love draw our attention to the ways in which they come to life in each one of us. The activities during PRIDE have brought closer such in real acts of love and understanding, and the celebration at Trunk or Treat Festival resound with children of all ages sharing in an ever flowing “joyfulness of heart.” Surely the many who were able to attend to these events continue to sing out with gladness, and all of us who bear witness of them sing on in our hearts as well, “Now thank we all our God!”

At Wesley Oak during these coming days of November, there will be celebrations of All Saints Day, the 112th Homecoming of the church, a Service of Thanksgiving, and the First Sunday of Advent. Such a time is deeply moving and filled with joyfulness of heart! All Saints Sunday, November 6th, we will remember those who now rest in “so great a cloud of witnesses” of heaven and celebrate their lives and the hope of everlasting life. Wesley Oak Homecoming will be a time of sharing the providence of God throughout the last 112 years of the church with prayers under the Centennial Oak Tree, and a reception to follow. That afternoon, we will enjoy “Raise the Roof Low Country Boil” from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The eat in or take out event is being held in support of a new roof for the Joy Cottage.

Donation is \$10.00 per dinner. On the third Sunday of November the sanctuary will be filled with songs of thanksgiving and expressions of gratitude for God’s providence in our lives. The First Sunday of Advent will follow Thanksgiving Day, and our journey begins towards Bethlehem with wonder and expectation. God of all doeth wondrous things! “Now thank we all our God!”

Happy “Thanksgiving” to all, Lynn



COLLINS CORNER

The Beauty of Difference

One of the most important things I've learned along my work path is the value of diversity. I've been employed in variety of environments, and all of my experience has been an opportunity for growth. There have been plenty of changes and I'm grateful for the chance to learn what works best to have satisfaction and advancement in all areas.

Some of the best places I've been had successful and happy employees due to their focus on embracing differences. Everyone was considered worthy and encouraged to offer their gifts to help develop good working relationships. When people felt seen and heard, they worked better together, it increased innovation and company profit. It was a winning combination and that type of process can be carried over into personal relationships in different environments.

Along the way, I noticed when things became too routine, and communication and openness were low, people really struggled to stay. Once it became clear things were stagnant and there was a failure to see what others to bring to the table, incentives were offered and people were rewarded for their hard work. Productivity increased and people were back to enjoying each other and their workplace.

It doesn't take much to value one another. To see gifts and work together to combine those gifts to make everything and everyone better. I believe we are truly better together and have so much to offer. Give someone who is different from you a chance...hopefully they will do the same for you. The world deserves our contributions, and we deserve happiness in unity.

LOVE TO ALL,

PC

IN OUR PRAYERS

Rejoice always, pray constantly... | Thessalonians

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

Kristin Karam's cousin, Joy Komosar, and Joy's father, Joe Komosar

Mary Ann and Walter Parker Bubba Hughes Fitz Kincade

Ukraine Collie Collins, PC's Dad Lily Warmkessel

Pat Howe Family of David Tammen Brant Gammon

Kacey Mayes, nephew of Tracy and Monty Osborn Barbara Gilley

Alexis Mendenhall Cheryl Hessel Dan Kerrick

Unspoken need for healing Gloria Moses

McCarthy family, neighbors of Carolyn Ingram Sydjea Trice

Michael McDaniel Jack Donker George and Barba Irvin

Fran and Arlene Moore Jimuel Gray and family Andrew Brown

Carter Cummins Cassie Watson William Cooley John Sheehan

Dylan Moore Magaly O'Donnell Zoe Simpson Martha Aenchbacher

Bonnie Trammell Julius and Mary Cooley Forsyth Famer's Market

UMC Worldwide Bernie and Liz Morrison

THUNDERBOLT COMPOST PILOT
3124 EAST VICTORY DRIVE
WESLEY OAK COMMUNITY GARDEN SPACE

SIGN UP AT compost.com and begin actively caring for the earth through collecting food waste that will get it out of landfill and sewage drains to help filter/conserves water, decrease/remediate chemicals, decrease greenhouse gases, sequester carbon, and replenish growing medium for our food cycle. Free drop off station in the garden by the Joy Cottage!



PASTORAL CONCERNS

If there is a concern, and you need to speak with Reverend Drake during the week, please call the church office, 352-0844, or 656-1974.

CHURCH STAFF

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NEW EMAIL INFORMATION FOR OUR CHURCH AND CHURCH STAFF

Wesley Oak email address: wesleyoak@asburymemorial.org

PC Collins, Church Administrator, will receive all emails to the church and will pass vital information on to staff and to the congregation. To email Reverend Drake:

lynnadrake@gmail.com

HOMECOMING 2022

Wesley Oak Church

Since 1910

What a great day this will be for Wesley Oak this year! To be able to celebrate in person again our wonderful heritage! **Be sure to offer invitations to family and friends to join us in this happy time.** Sunday, November 13th is set for HOMECOMING, and we shall celebrate heartily the day through.

Morning Worship will include special hymns and music, with various times for the sharing of story and witness. The Homecoming Message will be offered by one of our newer members, Kristin Karam. Kristin and Adel, have both embraced their calling to love and serve in the church. We give thanks for them, and for the ways they witness and bring to life the gifts and graces of God.

Following the service we will gather around the CENTENNIAL TREE behind the sanctuary for a Prayer of Thanksgiving, followed by a reception in the social hall (or outside weather permitting).

If you have a special remembrance about Wesley Oak and would like it shared with the church that day, please send it in to Reverend Drake.

One of the beautiful memories of Wesley Oak is that throughout the years, the church has been a good neighbor in the Thunderbolt Community. The sharing of resources, helping of neighbors as a faith community, and reaching out during difficult times for our country. Many neighbors have told how the people of Wesley Oak cared for them in years past as well. That is some heritage to be remembered.

RAISE THE ROOF LOW COUNTRY BOIL will continue our Homecoming celebrations on November 13th in the afternoon.

The event will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. See you there!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY At WESLEY OAK

The Service of Worship at Wesley Oak on Sunday, November 6th, will be a Celebration of All Saints. Everyone is invited for this hour of remembrance and thanksgiving.

During the service, the names of those in our church who died in the past year, and the loved ones of any who wish their names to be called, will be called. All are welcome to bring flowers for the morning altar arrangement in memory of loved ones. The message for the day will be offered by Betsy Kammerud, who brings for us to experience a beautiful Holy Communion liturgy for the day.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.



THE BEGINNING OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

Advent is a season of four weeks including four Sundays. Advent derives from the Latin *adventus*, which means "coming." The season proclaims the comings of the Christ—whose birth we prepare to celebrate once again, who comes continually in Word and Spirit, and whose return in final victory we anticipate. Each year Advent calls the community of faith to prepare for these comings. We will be preparing for Advent with **HANGING OF THE GREENS** on Sunday, November 20th.

HANGING OF THE GREENS * Sunday after church * November 20th

The Chrismon Tree will be set and adorned with lights and ornaments.

Other Advent adornments will be set in the sanctuary and narthex.

Wreaths will be hung on the doors of the church and cottage, along with garland.

The fellowship hall will be decorated with Advent wreaths and table settings.

A delicious soup & sandwich lunch will be served – Be sure to come!

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SUNDAY SERVICES of hope, peace, joy, and love, culminating with the celebration on Christmas Eve and on Sunday, Christmas Day. Our Christmas Eve Service will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m. On Christmas Day, we will gather again for Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m.



"RAISE THE ROOF" LOW COUNTRY BOIL



YES SIRREE...WE ARE RAISING THE JOY COTTAGE ROOF ONE SHRIMP AT A TIME! COME OUT FOR A DELICIOUS DINNER OF SHRIMP, POTATO, CORN, AND SAUSAGE. NOT TO MENTION, THERE WILL BE DESSERTS TO ENJOY!

THE DONATION FOR A DINNER IS \$10.00 PER PLATE

A BAKE SALE TABLE WILL BE SET WITH TEMPTING SWEETS @
SAVORY

EMAIL wesleyoak@asburymemorial.org FOR YOUR TICKET(S)

ORDER OR CALL 912-352-0844 AND MAKE YOUR ORDER. TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH ON OCTOBER 30TH AND NOVEMBER 6TH AS WELL.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST IN THE HELPING WITH THE EVENT, PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE CHURH, OR CONNECT WITH TAMMY WELLS.



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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 \$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 Properties Fund, General Fund, Piano/Organ Fund, Family & 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 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.