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Happy
Thanksgiving

Asbury
U P D A T E

November Birthdays

1 Lenna Dembski	9 Emily Garrard	16 Barri Marshall	24 Vickie Harold Trish Haverkamp Wayne McGowan Laura Picone Sandra White
2 Mirabelle Deffley Shirley Irvine	10 Nelson Drake	17 Mary Thompson	
3 Grace Darling	11 Shelbi Hanton Mary Kate Jump Claire Knight Martha Parsons Laurie Tanner	18 Tyler Gage Andy Page	25 Chris Kincade Kent Urness
5 Dale Karacostas Sharon Page		19 Betsy Kammerud	26 Gale Dick Karl Graham Amy Stewart
6 Sam Crisp	12 Steve Gagne	20 Andrew McGowan	
7 Jennifer Lindsay	13 Michael Orcutt	22 Gretchen Hill Paul Irvine Shanna Lawhon Kathy Oakley	28 Virginia Moryadas
8 Larry Mathews Kelly McDaniel	14 JJ King Ward Lariscy Lora Matos Jeramy Via	23 Cliff Harley Scott Porch	29 Liz Urness
			30 Ellie Covington

November Anniversaries

2nd Anne & Dan Bishop	6th Meredith & Josh Solomons	9th Jennifer & Joshua Lindsay	
11th Pam & Dale Karacostas	14th Diane & Jeff Mesoroll	15th Beth Harn-Via & Jeramy Via	16th Charles Ennis & Bernie Colclasure
18th James Mullins & Charles Richardson	20th Patty & Tim Steinhauser	29th Kathy & Craig Hull	

NOVEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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9:30a Wesley Oak 11:15a Asbury Memorial 12:30p New Member Class 1:00p W.O.K.E. @WO	5:30p SING Rehearsal @ AMC 7:00p SMART Recovery @ WO		5:30p Wednesday Night Supper 5:30p Youth Group 6:30p Dan Nelson Memorial Service Choir Rehearsal	7:00p Men's Group		
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Relationships + **REV**-elations from August Alderman



Thank you for your attendance and participation in the Ministry Fair! We had a fantastic turn out. I saw so many beautiful and creative tables representing our ministries with lots of helpful information. Special thanks to everyone who represented the ministries and to our ice cream servers! I am so happy we brought that back this year. I hope you are finding your way in the ministries you feel called to, and if I can help in discernment about ministry, please let me know.

Our Spirituality and Grief Support Group has gone really well. Thank you to each of you who participated in this group and to our good friend Kathy Hodges. Kathy, thank you for giving your time and support! It was really special to experience the trust and sharing within this group.

In this support group, a few of the activities we did included: writing a lament, discussing the senses of grief with a body map of where and how we feel grief, and the group ended with an intentional nature walk at the Savannah Botanical Gardens.

We have had two "3rd space" get-togethers at Goodfortune Market! For the first one in September, we shared our favorite games and toys. With the second get-together, we gathered for a group coloring session! Both were so much fun. The game night was particularly lively, and the group coloring was very connective and chill! I really appreciate you all willing to be silly and just have fun together. This is church!! Look for announcements about our November 3rd space offering and please join us.

Just wanted to let you know that I am going through the Stephen Ministry Leader training as a clergy leader. I love the Stephen Ministry – and you can expect to hear more about this ministry as they are celebrating 50 years of this ministry! We are thankful to have this at Asbury Memorial Church and Wesley Oak Church. If you have any questions about the Stephen Ministry, contact Candace or myself.

I will be away on November the 16th. I have been invited to preach at Circular Congregational Church in Charleston! I first visited Circular well over a year ago and made some good friends there. In September of 2024, Jason, Reverend Claire, and I went to hear Reverend Dr. William Barber preach at Circular!! It was amazing. I brought pecans from Asbury and a jar of our Heavenly Honey to Reverend Barber. After the service, I had a special moment with him, and he gave me a blessing – pictured here!! I will miss our Sunday service and time together on the 16th. I formed a friendship with their Associate Minister, and we have stayed in contact. That is how this preaching opportunity came about!

Please remember I keep office hours at the church, and I have a wonderful space at Asbury Memorial where I work and am always happy to receive a visit from you. Always give a call to the church to reach me – and text, email or call for us to set up a time to get together. I am here for you!

-Rev August



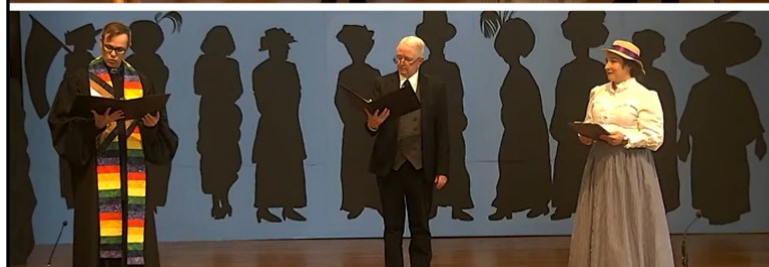
PRIDE WEEKEND

What a beautiful and powerful Pride Weekend! Our Pride Service on Friday, October 24th was filled with inspiring speakers, soulful music, and a spirit of love that moved us all. On Saturday, we joined the Savannah Pride Festival — sharing joy, welcome, and hope at the Asbury Memorial / Wesley Oak booth. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped us connect with so many of God's beloved people. Together, we continue to celebrate the diversity and beauty of all God's children!





GOD ON BROADWAY 2025





ANOTHER WONDERFUL GOD ON BROADWAY SEASON!

What an incredible God on Broadway season we experienced this October! Each Sunday brought its own joy and inspiration as we explored the music and messages from Company, The Civil War, SUFFS, and Mary Poppins. These powerful productions reminded us of the many ways God's love and truth are reflected in the arts through story, song, and

community. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who played a part in making these services so meaningful – from performers and musicians to readers, tech teams, decorators, and all who attended and supported. As always, God on Broadway continues to remind us that faith and creativity walk hand in hand. Bravo, everyone!





THANKSGIVING Blessings

FOOD DRIVE

ThanksGIVING Blessings Food Drive

Our Food Drive is being extended into November as we continue with our ThanksGIVING Blessings Food Drive. Led by our youth, this effort reminds us to share from our abundance and care for our neighbors who are facing food insecurities this season. Let's join together in gratitude and generosity as we help make Thanksgiving brighter for others.



Thank you




Thank You for Supporting "It's Spooky to be Hungry!"

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated to the Youth Group's annual "It's Spooky to be Hungry" food drive! Your generosity and kindness helped provide food and hope to our neighbors in need. We are so grateful for the way our church family continues to share love in action and make a difference in our community.

HONOR A LOVED ONE WITH A SANCTUARY CHAIR DEDICATION

Each Sunday as we gather for our services, there's a sense of sacred connection that fills the sanctuary. This connection is made even more meaningful as we notice the names of loved ones carefully etched into the nameplates on our beautiful sanctuary chairs. These nameplates are more than just engraved markers—they tell stories of love, remembrance, and enduring faith.

Seeing the name of a cherished family member or friend serves as a tangible reminder of their presence, legacy, and the role they played in the life of the church community. It's a beautiful way to honor their memory while contributing to the spiritual life of our congregation.

If you would like to remember or honor a loved one in this special way, we invite you to complete an order form and submit it to the church office. Forms are conveniently available both in the church narthex and the office.

The cost of \$250.00 goes directly towards the upkeep and maintenance of our beloved sanctuary, helping to preserve this sacred space for generations to come.

By dedicating a chair in honor of someone special, you participate in a tradition of generosity and love that supports our worship environment and celebrates the lives that have touched us so deeply.

A Beautiful Way to Remember or Honor a Loved One

We encourage you to prayerfully consider this opportunity. If you have any questions or need assistance with the form, please do not hesitate to contact the church office. Thank you for being part of this meaningful act of remembrance and for supporting the spiritual heart of our community.





Stephen MINISTRY

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2, NRSV).

Stephen Ministry offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties.

The Blessings of Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry multiplies blessings throughout the church and community:

- Congregations carry out Christ's commandment to "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:12 RSV) in a powerful and practical way.
- Pastors have a team of gifted, trained, and committed lay caregivers ready to minister to hurting people.
- Laypeople nurture and use their gifts in meaningful ministry, growing spiritually as they serve others.
- People who are hurting have a caring Christian presence to provide emotional and spiritual support.
- In short, Stephen Ministry helps carry out the mission of the church.



Second Sunday Seekers:

A Place for Honest Questions and Open Hearts

Are you searching for a space where you can ask honest questions, share your thoughts, and explore faith in a welcoming environment? The Second Sunday Seekers Group might be just what you're seeking.

This group meets on the second Sunday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the home of Parker and J.J. Collins. It is open to anyone interested in discussing spiritual and theological topics. Conversations may range from wrestling with sacred mysteries to pondering ethical dilemmas or simply hearing different perspectives on faith and life.

There is no set agenda, no required reading, and no expectations — just a group of people gathering with open hearts and open minds. All that's asked is that you bring humility, curiosity, and kindness. Every voice is valued, and every question is welcome.

If you're longing for meaningful conversation and genuine community, consider joining the Second Sunday Seekers. Together, we'll journey through life's big questions with honesty and grace.



2026 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE

A Heart of Stewardship: Growing Together in Faith and Generosity

As we approach Commitment Sunday on November 23rd, we are invited to reflect on one of the most meaningful callings we share as a church family: the call to be good stewards of the many gifts God has entrusted to us.

At Asbury Memorial Church and Wesley Oak Church, stewardship is not just about budgets or numbers. It is about how we live out our faith. It is the daily practice of caring for what God has given us, including our time, our talents, our resources, and our community, and using those gifts to help love grow within and beyond our church walls.

This year, we have so much to celebrate and even more to look forward to. From vibrant worship and creative ministries to outreach programs that touch lives across Savannah and Thunderbolt, we are a community that believes in making God's love visible. We are passionate about supporting programs that nurture our children and youth, deepen spiritual growth, strengthen community partnerships, and care for those in need.

As we look toward the future, we are filled with hope and excitement for all that God is doing in our midst. Together, we can nurture the ministries that make Asbury and Wesley Oak places of compassion, creativity, and welcome for all. Through our shared faith and partnership, we can continue to grow in service, strengthen our community, and imagine new possibilities for the year ahead.

As you prayerfully consider your pledge, remember that stewardship is an act of gratitude. It is saying "thank you" to God by giving back in ways that build up the church and bless the world. Every gift, no matter the size, helps transform lives and sustain the ministries that make a difference every day.

Let us come together this Commitment Sunday with open hearts and generous spirits, ready to share in the joy of what God will do through us in the year ahead.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." - 2 Corinthians 9:7

SING
SAVANNAH
INSPIRING
THE NEXT
GENERATION

SING Fall Concert

NOVEMBER 16TH - 3:00PM

ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH
1008 E HENRY ST SAVANNAH

ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

12

MONTH

09

DAY

25

YEAR

WATCH EMAIL WITH MORE
INFO COMING SOON!



Asbury Memorial Church



Sisters in faith

Sisters in Faith Luncheon – October Gathering

The October Sisters in Faith Luncheon was filled with laughter, fellowship, and the spirit of the season! On Wednesday, October 16th, the group gathered at Asbury Memorial for a festive, Halloween-themed luncheon featuring a wonderful array of homemade soups, sandwiches, and other delicious treats — every bite was a hit! (We may need to track down those soup recipes!)

Our special guest speaker was Chris Kincade, Youth Director, who shared a heartfelt message that inspired and uplifted everyone in attendance. It was a beautiful reminder of the strength, faith, and joy that come from gathering together in community. We're already looking forward to November's Sisters in Faith social — another opportunity to connect, share, and celebrate the fellowship that makes this ministry so special.

Our next luncheon will be November 20th at Asbury Memorial and we will have the Executive Director of the Living Vine Maternity Home, Dawn Rodriguez, as our guest speaker.

Join us!



Oct 15th
 Chicken Tetrazzini
 Steamed Broccoli
 Sweet Carrots
 Baguette

Oct 22nd
 Beef Stroganoff with Egg Noodles
 Steamed Mixed Cabbage
 Baby Carrots
 Yeast Rolls

Oct 29th
 Chicken Marsala
 Roasted Potatoes
 Mediterranean Grilled Vegetables
 Rolls

Nov 5th
 Barbecue Pulled Pork
 Sweet Potato Casserole
 Cole Slaw
 Cornbread Muffin

Nov 12th
 Teriyaki Beef and Broccoli
 Jasmine Rice
 Stir-fried Vegetables
 Rolls

Nov 19th
 Roasted Turkey Breast w/ Gravy
 Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes
 Green Beans
 Sweet Rolls

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS
 FALL 2025 @ 5:30PM

Register online or through the church office

Wesley Oak
NOVEMBER LINEUP

2
 J.J. COLLINS

9
 CHRIS KINCADIE

16
 BETSY KAMMERUD

23
 J.J. COLLINS

30
 REV. AUGUSTE ALDERMAN

**Wesley Oak
 Chancel Choir**
Come & Join In!

The CHANCEL CHOIR rehearses on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. each week. If you are interested in being a part of the music at Wesley Oak Church, please connect with J.J. COLLINS, director.

We would LOVE to have you join us!



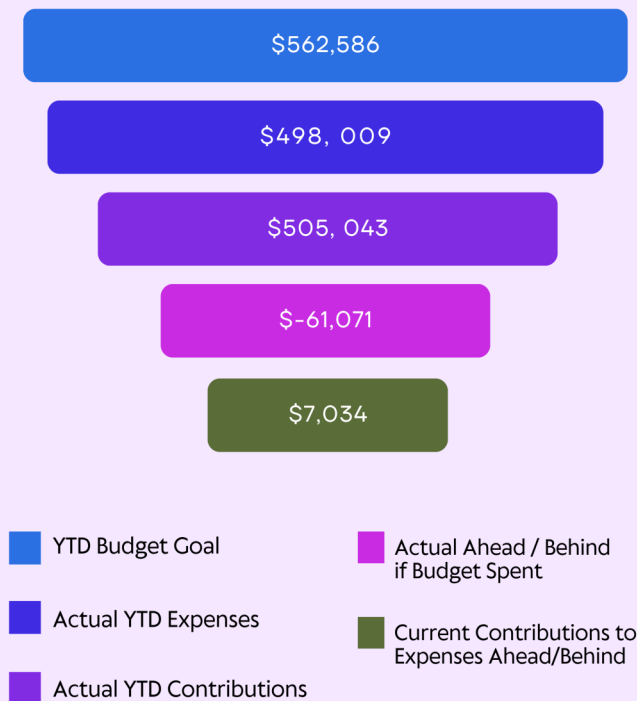
Welcome to the world!

Paul Wallis
Solomons

Born on Monday,
October 13, 2025 at 6:00am

2025 Financial Health

General Budget as of September 2025



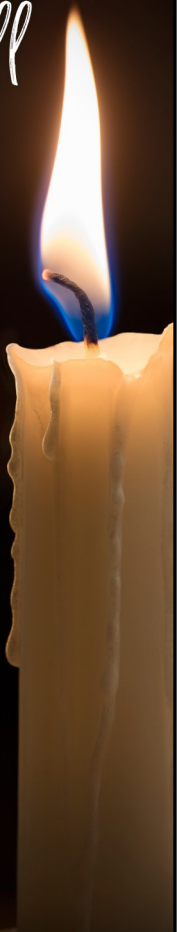
When Shadows Fall

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

Tom Lewis in the passing of
his father, Richard E Lewis

Joe Marcus in the passing of his
sister, Rebecca Marcus

Ellie Covington in the passing of
her mother, Brenda Strickland





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



SUPPORT FOR A BALANCED LIFE

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

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

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

3RD SPACE

*Go with the Flow
Watercolor
with Nancy Saltsman*

FRIDAY, NOV. 21ST
6:00P - 7:00P

GOODFORTUNE MARKET
2413 WATERS AVE
CONTACT REV. AUGUST
912-233-4351

**MATERIALS & SUPPLIES
PROVIDED**



Walk to End Alzheimer's

Members of Asbury Memorial joined thousands across the nation in the Walk to End Alzheimer's, held locally at Daffin Park. This annual event raises vital funds and awareness for Alzheimer's care, support, and research — bringing hope to so many affected by this disease.

The team proudly walked in support of Sherry Giddens, and we're thrilled to share her update:

"UPDATE! OUR TEAM RAISED \$2025!! Thanks to all who donated to help end this horrible disease! I love you!! Here's a picture of some of us at yesterday's Walk To End Alzheimer's in Daffin Park. Lowell was our photographer." – Sherry

Together, we're helping move toward a world without Alzheimer's.

In All My Hope

*God, Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And the Wisdom to know the difference*

I live by this prayer. My son, Bryan, is the reason that I live by this prayer. This is my story of our journey through his life...so far.

It's been too long a journey with my son to go back to the very beginning. Still, I will say that there were many doctors, meetings, and medications that my husband, Raymond, and I dealt with, not to mention the trials and tribulations of having a son with a mental disorder, which was Attention Deficit Disorder.

After finding the right medication for Bryan, he was placed in a special needs school and did pretty well. He made friends easily, and his behavior was good.

Fast forward to 2016, a very bad time. Raymond was diagnosed with kidney cancer and passed away in November of that year. Then things began to change... unfortunately, for the worse.

Bryan was 29 and became defiant about taking his medications. This was very hard on both of us, especially me, who had to deal with this by myself. Things got pretty rough, but with the Lord beside me, I got through this.

Fast-forward, Bryan was put in a group home in Thomaston, GA, four hours away from Savannah. I was grateful for the relief I had of not having to deal with an out-of-control son, but I missed him so very much. The important thing was that Bryan was finally getting the help he needed.

Bryan moved four more times, the last being in September of last year. This time, he was back in Savannah, down on Wilmington Island. Only half an hour away from me.

Bryan was re-diagnosed, now being on the autism spectrum. He is doing very well.

However, most of the time, he's not my Bryan. He's very quiet and not very enthusiastic about things. I love our times together, but it's not the same. I'm holding onto my faith in God.

This is where I have to have the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can (but can't), so I have to have the Wisdom to know the difference.

It is my hope that Bryan will be back to himself soon, and I know that God is with him every step of this journey.

Kathy Likes

Wisdom Seekers

This ministry is simple and rich: we read, reflect, and practice curiosity together—then we get out into the community to share a meal, enjoy a field trip, or try something new. Whether you're a faithful regular or just Wisdom-curious, you're welcome at the table.

Come to either gathering or both. Bring your questions, your stories, and a friend. As always, all are welcome.

- **2nd Monday — Zoom Discussion at 12:30 p.m.**
 - A relaxed, book-or-topic conversation where every voice matters.
- **4th Monday — Social Outing at 12:30 p.m.**
 - Lunch, a local field trip, or another low-key adventure together.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

Our children's programs are a vital part of our church community, providing a safe and nurturing environment where children can grow in their faith, make friends, and have fun.

If you feel called to make a difference in the lives of our children, please get in touch with the church office (church@asburymemorial.org) to learn more & to become a volunteer.

WE NEED YOU!



Men's Group

Building Connection and Conversation

On Thursday evenings, men from Asbury gather on Zoom from their living rooms, kitchens, and studies. Though the setting is virtual, the connection is genuine. The Men's Fellowship Group is where faith, curiosity, and camaraderie come together each week.

The format is simple: time for conversation and fellowship. Discussions often begin with a question, a book, or a current event, and soon everyone is sharing perspectives, laughing, and learning together.

"It's not about having all the answers," says one member. "It's about having a space where we can think, talk, and grow together."

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



ASBURY MEMORIAL'S

Heavenly Honey

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



W.O.K.E.

WESLEY OAK KNOWLEDGE EXPLORERS



SUNDAYS AT 1:00 PM | JOY COTTAGE

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

LET'S GROW TOGETHER.

Prayer Requests

Congregants of Asbury Memorial & Wesley Oak

DiAnne Amerson, Roger Amerson, Jim Burris, Phyllis Carlino,
Bernie Colclasure, Sam Durham, Katie Farmer, Deb Gibson,
Cynthia Herold, Bubba Hughes, Carolyn Ingram,
Bill Jahn, Marion Manigo, Virginia Moryadas,
Frank Ramsey, Sam Ruggere, Neal Saye, Jim Schlimmer,
Pat Stewart, Becca Terrett, Dave Thompson,
Curtis Veal, Kenn Waters,
Shirley White, Debbie Wright

Family Members and Friends

Dave Alderman, Layla Fuller, Ronnie Martin, Pryor Murphree,
Becky Poulin, Robert Robinson, Phil Barrett

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



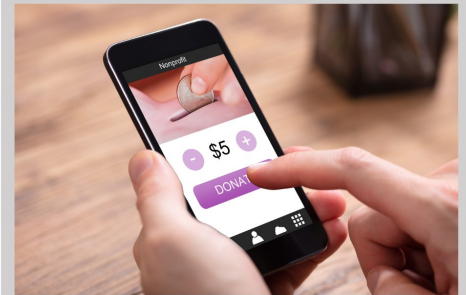
Mail:

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



Website:

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



Text Giving:

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

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Return Service Requested

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Supplying the flower arrangements for the worship service is a wonderful way to commemorate a date that is important to you or a loved one. Please check the Flower Chart in the narthex and sign up. The cost is \$70.

For more information call the church office at 233-4351.

Special Funds

One way to honor or to remember a loved one is with a memorial or an honorarium to some of our different funds such as the Properties Fund, General Fund, Piano/Organ Fund, Family and Children's Ministries Fund, Youth Ministry Fund, Laura Angell Scholarship Fund, Pet Memorial Fund or one of our Mission Funds.

Newsletter Information

If you have an announcement for "The Asbury Update," please email Chris Kincade at ckincade@asburymemorial.org.

Mission Statement

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