

# The Asbury Update

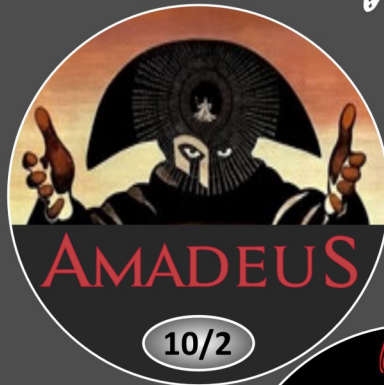
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## GOD ON BROADWAY WORSHIP SERIES 2022

October Sundays at 11:15 a.m.

*Where Theology meets Theatre!*



### ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH

1008 EAST HENRY STREET (AT THE CORNER OF HENRY AND WATERS)  
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31401  
ASBURYMEMORIAL.ORG 912.233.4351



# The Asbury Update October 2022



1st	Lisa Swain	17th	Mike Anderson
2nd	Paul Baiad	18th	Evelyn Bradley
	Meg Lego	19th	Michael Dayoub
3rd	Julie Gonye		Heidi Hoffmann
	Maria Spears		Chelsea Strain
4th	Laura Armitage		Joel Varland
	Bill Coleman	20th	Bonnie Trammell
5th	Ian Hopkins	21st	Jim Schlimmer
	Paula Avena	22nd	Rachel Veazey
	Temperance West	24th	Brooks Barrett
			Jim Burris
6th	Jim Drake	26th	Denise Cooley
	Julie Varland		Jenny House
7th	Karen	27th	Karen Jahn
	Townsend		Pamela Lewanda
	Murphree		Pat Picone
9th	Cece Coleman		Sam Ruggere
	Alec Knox	28th	Pat Prokop
10th	Felix McCaffity	30th	Phil Devlin
12th	Monica Mathias		Daniel Folsom
13th	Julie Anderson		Birdie Numer
	Chuck Eyler		Win Numer
14th	Kiki Meraz		Cindy Telljohann
16th	Mary Ann Barnes	31st	Barry Parker
	Robert McEwen		Jo Poston

*Happy Birthday,  
everyone!*

*Happy Anniversary!*

CHEERS TO ALL THE YEARS!

1st  
Nancy Saltsman & Chuck Eyler  
Nancy & Kenneth Meyer

3rd  
Morgan Page & Greg Faunce

8th  
Ruth & Todd Foster  
Barbara & Robert Plank

10th  
Bridgette & Chris Kincade

11th  
Judy & Karl Graham  
Amy & Scott Porch

13th  
Maria & Geri Spears

15th  
Julie & Mike Anderson

16th  
Jenny & Jason House

19th  
Bob Chvatal & Ross Bolton

20th  
Tara & Kevin Redd

22nd  
Gale & Jeff Dick

27th  
Tim Burkett & Lance Wilhelm

# Thank you!



A very special thank you for coming out and supporting the Laura Angell Scholarship Fund in September! Your contributions will benefit so many of our youth. They say it takes a village, and we are so blessed by our two campus village!

We raised close to \$1,000 for the scholarship fund!

We look forward to making this an annual fundraiser every September for Laura's birthday. If you would like to make a contribution to the Laura Angell Scholarship Fund, please contact the church office.

*"Welcome Home"*

## New Member Classes

*October 23rd & 30th*

*Rev. Hester will be leading two classes for people interested in becoming members of Asbury Memorial. The classes will be held Sunday October 23rd & 30th, after the worship service in the conference room. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Candace Jenkins at the church office or [cjenkins@asburymemorial.org](mailto:cjenkins@asburymemorial.org) or you can email Billy at [bghester3@comcast.net](mailto:bghester3@comcast.net) if you would like to participate.*





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](mailto:ckincade@asburymemorial.org)

 **912.663.5087**





# GODLY PLAY



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

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



# **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](mailto:rellis101@gmail.com) or call the church  
office.**



# 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](http://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](mailto:ruthie@healthymindga.com)



Life beyond addiction





# 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](mailto:gdw0517@gmail.com) or 912-996-0854. We meet Thursdays 7:00-8:30 via Zoom.

Zoom meeting ID: 844 3633 5506, passcode: Asbury



*Margaret Cook Levy*



PASCACK VALLEY—Meals on Wheels North Jersey celebrates its 50th anniversary at a gala on Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. at Old Tappan Manor.

Guest of honor is the irrepressible Margaret Cook Levy, who developed the local Meals on Wheels program as well as Habitat for Humanity and Westwood House for Seniors, among her many progressive projects as a then-resident of Bergen County.

Meals on Wheels North Jersey is a nonprofit service providing hot meals and friendly visits to upward of 200 people five days a week throughout Bergen County. Delivering those meals is an army of 500 volunteers. The fee paid by recipients is based on ability to pay, and there is a need to attract donations to keep the meals affordable for those who need help. According to executive director Jeanne Martin, operating costs are increasing with the price of food and rent, and the gala aims to raise \$100,000 to subsidize operations over the foreseeable future. Beyond the immediate need: “Our goal is to expand our services to more people. I’d like to see us servicing 500 clients,” she said. Citizen support is gratefully accepted either by attending the event or by providing a donation.

Chairperson RoseAnn Ciarlante told Pascack Press on Aug. 8, “The 50th Anniversary Gala Committee has been working diligently for months to create an entertaining evening that will help further the fundraising efforts of Meals on Wheels North Jersey.” Ciarlante said, **“The fact that founder Margaret Cook will be in attendance is icing on our 50th anniversary cake. She’s a unique woman with tremendous energy and drive.”** She added, “I’m not sure she could have predicted she’d have a five-decade-long impact on Bergen County, but we are glad she used her considerable talents in service to area senior-citizens.”

One discovery she said all the committee members found interesting: the organization’s volunteers rack up 10,000 miles a year in service. “That’s a fun fact that clearly shows how committed our drivers are to putting a nutritious meal on a client’s table and a smile on their face.”

### **A history of doing**

In conversation with Martin on Facebook, Ciarlante draws out much history special to the Northern Valley and Pascack Valley areas:

The idea to start Meals on Wheels in the Pascack Valley began in 1972 with Cook and a meeting of The Pascack Valley Center, an organization of 15 churches and temples. Through Cook’s determination and research, and a \$200 donation from the Park Ridge Rotary Club, the fledgling group found a willing food service partner in Park Ridge Diner.

The program launched with two clients in desperate need of assistance. It grew steadily, and when it became clear that the dietary needs of older people needed more specialized preparation, Pascack Valley Hospital’s food service department got involved.

By September 1974, the group was feeding 32 to 38 people a day and had five delivery routes. She says rapid growth led to financial struggles for Meals on Wheels Pascack Valley, as it was then known, but thanks to an article in the Bergen County Record, donations totaling more than \$6,000 poured in over six weeks.

In just over a decade, Martin says, the organization grew to include a full time director and 200 volunteers who were feeding 80 people a day in 20 towns with an annual budget of \$62,000. The growth, fueled by need and a growing senior population, continues. Meals on Wheels North Jersey serves approximately 170 meals a day, reaches 30 towns, and has an annual operating budget of approximately \$400,000. The program has four employees who coordinate meal delivery, client registration, volunteer training and recruitment, social services programs, friendly visits, and more. Annually, 500 volunteers assist the program and nearly \$50,000 is raised through fundraisers and private donations.

### **Looking ahead to next chapter in a community story**

Martin says she sees the program growing much more in the next year. “We’re finally getting things in sync after the pandemic. Our food is excellent. Our drivers are excellent. We have a new app which helps our volunteers with directions and delivery instructions. So yeah, our numbers are starting to go up again. And we’re serving a big need.”

Recognized in the gala beyond Cook’s legacy and the organization’s volunteers, she says, are “our friends — our family. ... The people we deliver meals to — they’re more than clients to us and I think every one of my volunteers would echo that sentiment. I am very blessed to have this job.”

The background is dark purple with various candy-themed illustrations. In the top left is a red and orange striped lollipop. In the top right is a green and yellow striped lollipop. In the middle right is a round orange and red lollipop. In the middle left is a green lollipop. In the bottom left is a red and orange striped lollipop. In the bottom right is a green and yellow striped lollipop. There are also small white dots scattered throughout.

Asbury Memorial & Wesley Oak's

# Trunk or Treat Festival

**October 29, 2022**

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Music - Crafts - Games - Fun

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**4pm - 6pm**

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**Wesley Oak Church - Thunderbolt**



Trunk or Treat Festival 2022

# Vendors Wanted

**Homemade Crafts, Baked Goods, and more...**

**We are looking for people from Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak who would love the opportunity to sell homemade crafts, baked goods, etc. Each vendor will be given one table to sell their goods and will be asked to decorate their table for the trunk or treat theme.**

**Please contact Chris Kincade to reserve your table today!**

**[ckincade@asburymemorial.org](mailto:ckincade@asburymemorial.org)**

## 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



# First Friends Update—The Abasy Family



It truly “takes a village,” or in our mission supporting the Abasy family from Afghanistan. It takes a congregation of folks willing to give of their time, energy, talents & skills. And people have really come through with support – donating school uniforms for the kids, furniture and appliances for the apartment, transporting donations and transporting the family for daily life tasks like buying groceries and doing laundry. Thanks to help from Asburians and others, this family has an apartment in a safe neighborhood and the children are enrolled in school.

The opportunity to attend school is a blessing for them, but attending an American public school when one doesn’t speak English is a huge challenge. The native language of this family is a dialect similar to Persian (with an Arabic writing system), a dialect that is not even accessible through Google translator! Our “village” of Asbury volunteers includes some dedicated tutors who go to the family’s small apartment for 2-3 hours every Saturday to work with the children on basic English acquisition. Emily Garrard and Judy Wilburn are using picture dictionaries and early readers for vocabulary building, as they help each child with homework assignments that are far above the child’s level of English comprehension. Iris Dayoub, the math whiz, uses math as the universal language to work with each child on grade-level math skills. The sessions end with a family game of “Uno,” which has proven to be a winner in terms of educational value as well as just plain fun!

In spite of obstacles with communication in English, these children are amazing in their level of accomplishments, as well as their positive outlook. Just one example: Zohra, age 11, has been accepted into a violin program at Windsor Forest under the direction of the Savannah Philharmonic. Iris Dayoub is providing transportation for Zorah’s rehearsals at 7:30 a.m. every Tuesday and could definitely use some help. Anyone willing to help, please let Iris know.

Thanks to everyone for their ongoing support! Those who have contributed are blessed to be a part of this rewarding mission.

# Abasy Family Wish List

## Unfulfilled wishes:

two twin-sized blankets ☐

Mixer/grinder for food preparation ☐

Tools (a basic tool kit with hammer, screwdrivers, pliers, wrench, etc.) ☐

Jackets & sweaters, socks, pajamas for cold weather (for girls ages 5, 11, 13, and 7-yr-old boy) ☐

easy reader books (1st-2nd grade level, with good illustrations, picture dictionary) ☐

thermos for hot tea ☐

bike tire pump ☐

girl's bike ☐

Thank you 

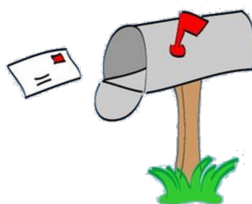




Have you missed that beautiful opportunity to place your contribution in the offering plate on Sunday mornings? Well, have we got options for you! We have multiple ways for you to continue your support of Asbury Memorial and have listed them below. Thank you for your gifts!

### 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**



**Thanks  
for Your  
Support!**

## Asbury/Wesley Oak Stephen Ministry Update

**Our Stephen Ministry team is planning a Stephen Minister Training program for 2023 which will start in January.**

Our current Stephen Ministers, were commissioned in March of 2022: August Anderson, Mary Ann Barnes, Barbara Gooby and Kimmi Sampieri. Our Stephen Leaders are Rev. Claire Marich, Candace Jenkins, Sandra Katz, Rhonda Reed and Stephen Reed.



Stephen Ministry is a distinctively Christian ministry based on the biblical principle that Christ cares for people through people. In the course of their training and service, many Stephen Ministers enjoy experiencing ways to strengthen their spiritual connection with Christ.

Stephen Ministers share in connecting care receivers to God's healing love. Stephen Ministers are surprised by the changes and healing that become evident in their own lives.

Stephen Ministers are not counselors. They are trained Christian caregivers. More than 600,000 laypeople have received Stephen Minister training.

If you would like to know more about becoming a Stephen Minister, please call Candace Jenkins at the Church office with any questions 912-233-4351 or [cjenkins@asburymemorial.org](mailto:cjenkins@asburymemorial.org)

*Thank you*

Dear Asbury Family,  
During this time of uncertainty, Sam and I have missed being part of our Asbury family in person, but we have experienced your presence in so many ways. Through your messages, prayers, flowers, meals, we have felt your love and concern as I'm recovering from my unexpected surgery. Thank you for keeping us in the family.

Love,  
*Jan Durham*

# **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](mailto: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](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!

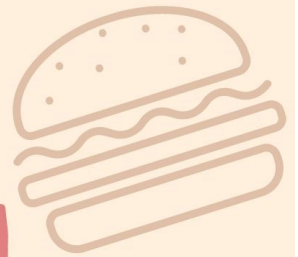
Zoom meeting ID: 844 3633 5506, passcode: Asbury.

## **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).



# Wednesday Night Suppers 2022



Oct 5th

Baked Ziti with  
Bolognese Sauce  
Squash Medley  
Carrot Raisin Salad  
Garlic Bread

Oct 26th

Chicken Marsala  
Wild Rice Blend  
French Cut Green Beans  
Assorted Artisan Roll

Nov 2nd

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

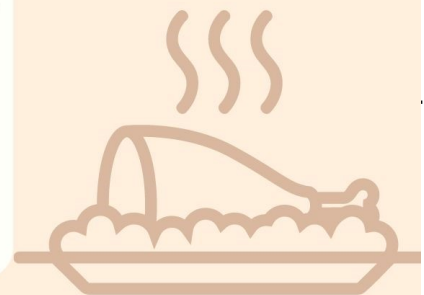
Nov 9th

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.

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

There are also links on the Church Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/asburymemorialsavannah/>  
and the Church's webpage: [www.asburymemorial.org](http://www.asburymemorial.org)

## Worship on Sundays

Join us on Sunday mornings at 11:15 AM for in-person worship with relaxed worship guidelines. RESERVATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE ARE NOT REQUIRED but we ask that you register your attendance at the door. Online services may also be accessed from: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsUjjriKobIASeidLeU6AFA>

## Online Devotionals

From our own Methodist tradition is the Upper Room which can be seen online here:  
<https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals>



## **WHEN SHADOWS FALL**

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

*Rev. Lynn & Jim Drake & Julia in the passing of Jim's sister, Beverly Drake*

*David Grice & John Naylor in the passing of David's mother, Betty Wilson Grice*

*Doug, Amy, Sarah and Sam Povie in the passing of Doug's uncle, William Joslyn*

*Jody Schaaf & Angie Jenkins in the passing of Jody's mother, Elsie Schaff*

*Sam & Barbara Ruggere in the passing of their daughter, Samantha Eastty*

*Laurie Fahey (wife) and Mary Kate Fahey (daughter) in the passing of our beloved Chris Fahey*

*Kenn Waters & Chuck Long in the passing of Kenn's stepmother, Mary Waters*

*Vic, Amanda, Barbara, and JJ in the passing of Barbara T King, mother to Vic and grandmother of Barbara and JJ*

*Sandy Hoecherl in the passing of her husband and Asburian, Harry Hoecherl*

## **MEMORIALS**

*Gifts have been given to the Properties Fund in memory of Neil Austing by*

*Mickey Jewett*

*Bill & Ann Anderson*

*Gifts have been given to the Properties Fund in memory of Roberta Smith by*

*Ann B. Hall*

*Janet Calder*

*Carolyn & Michael Donovan*

*Linda & Steve Sacks*

*Susan Rosenzweig*

*Sally Jilek*





**General Budget  
As of August 2022**

<b>YTD Budgeted GOAL</b>	<b>\$525,460</b>
<b>Actual Year-To-Date Expenses</b>	<b>\$451,590</b>
<b>Actual Year-To-Date Contributions</b>	<b>\$379,057</b>

**Average Worship Attendance 223**  
**(in person 107, online 116)**

***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, 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, 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, Dan Goff, Samantha Garcia, Twumwa Grant, Priscilla Hearn, Tom Hendrick, 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



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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](mailto: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.**



# WESLEY OAK LEAF

OCTOBER 2022

## SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER

### THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO PEANUTS

From the well-known book by Robert L. Shorts, come words of inspiration for each Sunday in October. This special moment in worship will have a theme as well as a song from the musical YOU'RE A GOOD MAN CHARLIE BROWN.



#### October 2<sup>nd</sup> – WORLD COMMUNION

Luke 17: 5 – 10      Theme - Faith

Message - Lynn Drake

Song - "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown"

#### October 9<sup>th</sup> – CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Mark 10: 13 – 16      Theme – Children

Message - Ruthie Deffley

Song - "Little Known Facts"

#### October 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 18: 1 – 8      Theme – Perseverance

Message - August Alderman

Song - "The Kite"

#### October 23<sup>rd</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 18: 9 – 14      Theme – Humility

Message – JJ Collins

Song - "Happiness"

#### October 30<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 19: 1 – 10      Theme - Hospitality

Message – Chris Kincade

Song - "Supper time"



# COLLINS CORNER

## What on Earth Am I Here For?

Good morning, church friends and family!

In 2002, Pastor Rick Warren, author of *The Purpose Driven Life*, graced the world with one of the bestselling nonfiction books in publishing history. It is far more than just a book...it is a road map for your own spiritual journey.

Most of us work our entire lives trying to decipher our true purpose. We look at our natural talents, gifts, education, surroundings, occupation, social status, need for belonging, etc. as a possible guide. We spin and we worry. We pray and we continue to go through the daily trials and errors to weed out what isn't working.

What do you enjoy? What brings about a sense of pride and confidence? Do you have dreams and goals? What on earth are you here for?

Education and hard work are important. No doubt. But what if you were unable to get an education? Would you feel confident in following the purpose and path God has laid out for your life? Could you focus on your natural gifts, work hard toward improving them and let God carry you the rest of the way? It's a scary thought, but if we can trust God and know we are doing exactly what we are meant to do, (and as authentically as possible) we may just figure out our true place in this world. So, go forth and be purposeful! Be the person who God created you to be and share your gifts with the world. You are unique and have so much to offer.

Love and miss you 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!

Mary Ann and Walter Parker   Bubba Hughes   Fitz Kincade   Sunny Kirby  
Margaret Callaway   Ukraine   Collie Collins, PC's Dad   Lily Warmkessel  
Lora Gunsallus family as they are personally affected by the Russian invasion of the Ukraine.  
Pat Howe   Family of David Tammen   Brant Gammon  
Kacey Mayes, nephew of Tracy and Monty Osborn   Barbara Gilley   Carol Schwalbe  
April Hendrix, Betsy Kammerud, Family of Hugo Hendrix  
Alexis Mendenhall   Cheryl Hessel   Dan Kerrick   Unspoken need for healing  
Gloria Moses   McCarthy family, neighbors of Carolyn Ingram   Sydja Trice  
Michael McDaniel   Jack Donker   Family of Beverly Drake   George and Barba Irvin  
Eddie Aenchbacher   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



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## 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.

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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](mailto:lynnadrake@gmail.com)