



## OCTOBER 2024

|   | SUN  | MON  | TUE                                      | WED | THU                  | FRI                            | SAT                     |
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| - | 29   | 30   | 1  | 2   | 3                    | 4                              | 5                       |
|   |  | 5:30p<br>SING Rehearsal<br>@ AMC<br>7:00p<br>SMART                         | - 1                                      |     | 7:00p<br>Men's Group |                                | AA                      |
|   |  | Recovery<br>@ WO   |  |     | 10                   |                                | 10                      |
| ı | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9   | 10                   | 11                             | 12                      |
|   | 9:30a<br>Wesley Oak<br>11:15a<br>GOB -<br>Oklahoma!                                  | 5:30p<br>SING Rehearsal<br>@ AMC<br>7:00p                                  | 6:30p<br>Ministry<br>Round Table         |     | 7:00p<br>Men's Group |                                | M                       |
|   | @ Asbury   | SMART<br>Recovery  | Meeting                                  |     |                      |                                | 1                       |
|   | Memorial   | @ WO   | M  |     | W 5 1                |                                |                         |
|   | 13   | 14   | 15                                       | 16  | 17                   | 18                             | 19                      |
|   | 9:30a Wesley Oak 11:15a GOB - Avenue Q @ Asbury Memorial 6:00p Second Sunday Seekers | 12:30p Wisdom Seekers 5:30p SING Rehearsal @ AMC 7:00p SMART Recovery @ WO | 6:30p<br>Finance<br>Committee<br>Meeting |     | 7:00p<br>Men's Group |                                |                         |
|   | 20   | 21   | 22                                       | 23  | 24                   | 25 —                           | 26                      |
|   | 9:30a<br>Wesley Oak<br>11:15a  | 5:30p<br>SING Rehearsal<br>@ AMC   | 6:30p<br>Church                          |     | 7:00p                | 10.1                           | 4:30pm<br>Trunk<br>-or- |
| 7 | GOB - Grease<br>@ Asbury<br>Memorial   | 7:00p<br>SMART<br>Recovery<br>@ WO   | Council<br>Meeting                       |     | Men's Group          |                                | treat<br>@WO            |
|   | 27   | 28   | 29                                       | 30  | 31                   | 1                              | 2                       |
|   | 9:30a<br>Wesley Oak  | 12:30p<br>Wisdom Seekers   |  |     |                      | 6:00p                          |                         |
|   | 11:15a<br>GOB - Finding<br>Neverland   | 5:30p<br>SING Rehearsal<br>@ AMC<br>7:00p                                  |  |     | 7:00p<br>Men's Group | Parents Night Out Movie - Coco |                         |
|   | @ Asbury<br>Memorial   | SMART Recovery<br>@ WO   |  |     |                      |                                |                         |



# FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR OF JOY

### There is Only Us

On March 4, 1865, Abraham Lincoln gave his second inaugural address, in which he called the warring factions of our divided nation to remember a higher truth: each and all, on both sides, are brothers and sisters. In his second term, Lincoln hoped that the nation would begin again to live as one large family. The speech reached its rhetorical and moral climax in its final paragraph, beginning with Lincoln's hopeful vision: "With malice toward none, with charity for all...." Historian John Avlon, in Lincoln and the Fight for Peace, says that with these words, the president called the torn nation back together to live in the truth that "there is no enemy in the aftermath of the civil war, there is only us." Those words might also speak to us today: "There is no enemy, there is only us."

Remember those words this October, as in this season the issue of stewardship comes into sharp focus. This month we begin the process of inviting all of our members and friends to support the church with a pledge of financial support for the coming year. Yes, the focus is on money. Our money gives us a sense of worth: what we earn, what we have, and what we've saved -- each of these says something about our values. And, just so, our money also makes a statement about our commitment to the work and the ministries of our church. Our life together as a congregation depends on each of us doing our fair share of financially supporting our work together.

While the church receives a small portion of its income from rents, bequests, and interest, all of these together make up very little of what the church needs to survive. Yes, we received some federal funding during the pandemic, but that was years ago. Here and now, our church's income is our responsibility. There is no outside financial "angel;" there is only us.

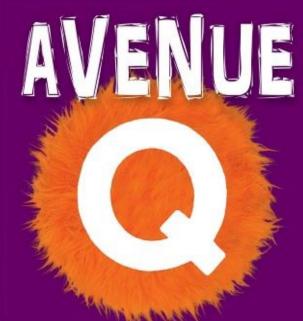
In our recent visit to Alaska, Lynne and I saw a demonstration of truly shared responsibility. During our tour, we stopped several times to see how sled dogs are bred and trained to pull sleds across the snow during Alaska's long winter months. They can pull the sled efficiently and only by working cooperatively, depending on each other to pull his or her own fair share. Our church is a larger system similar to a dog sled team: if we are to survive, grow, and thrive as a congregation, we each need to give to the best of our ability.

We have a loving, caring church. Our worship life sustains us. The music inspires us. The sermons challenge us. Our education program for children and youth helps them to grow into faithful and responsible adults. Our witness against violence and intolerance is vital in Savannah. We depend on the church, and the church depends on us. The church's vitality depends on all of its members. God's grace is sufficient for our needs when our generosity matches our hopes and our prayers. In this season, be generous. Our church's gifts to us depends on our gifts to the church. To make the church thrive, we can't expect someone else to pay the bills. There is only us.

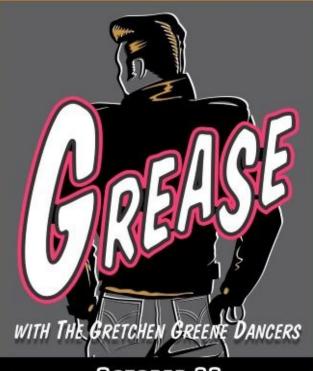
### GOD ON BROADWAY



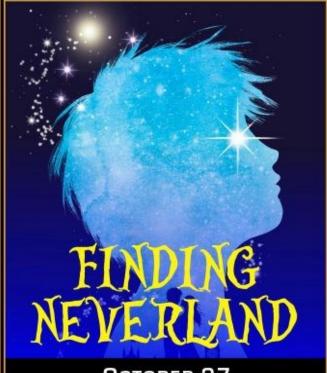
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A GRIEF SEMINAR
REV. HOLLAND MORGAN
Retired Bereavement Counselor

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

This two-hour seminar will help to break the silence and destroy the myths about grief.

We will explore what it means to live with grief, to find meaning in the midst of suffering, and offer specific tools for coping.

Our conversation will be considered confidential by all who attend.

Reserve your place at 912.233.4351



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### **COASTAL INTERFAITH GREEN TEAM**

### October 2024

September was a busy month for the Coastal Interfaith Green Team. On September 13 Asbury Memorial hosted Nicole Lee from Be Smart Home Solutions. Nicole performed an energy audit of the church. The energy audit was arranged by Georgia Interfaith Power and Light and is designed to help congregations lower their carbon footprint by reducing the amount of energy that is consumed on site. This reduction in energy consumption helps to reduce environmental injustices that are caused by improper storage of energy waste and the public health problems that are caused by coal and natural gas plants in Georgia.

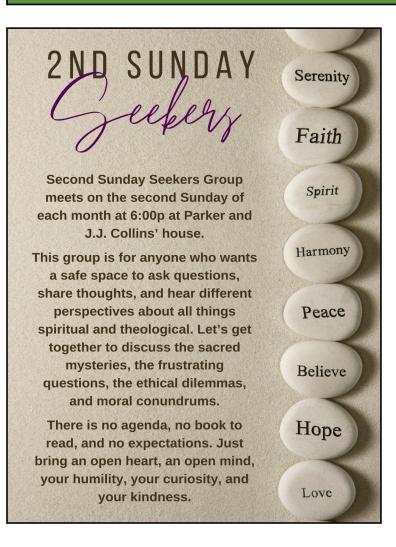
On September 21 the Coastal Interfaith Green Team in conjunction with Georgia Interfaith Power and Light hosted the first annual Coastal Green Team Summit. The summit was an opportunity for faith leaders, Green Team members and environmental activists to come together for a day of learning and fellowship.

The summit focused on ways coastal faith communities can foster spiritual and ecological resilience in the face of the climate crisis. Speakers included the Reverend Guillermo Arboleda, Program Manager for New Church Starts for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Cathy Douylliez, the M.K. Pentecost Ecology Fund Coordinator at the Savannah Presbytery, and Reverend Antwon Nixon, lead pastor at the

Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church in Folkston, Georgia.

On September 28 members of the Coastal Interfaith Green Team participated in the Keep Savannah Beautiful Fall Community Cleanup.







# Cook and Connect with Creativity

Joy Cottage at Wesley Oak

Join Us for Suppers at the Cottage! Every fourth Sunday, we invite you to a delightful evening at the Joy Cottage where food, friendship, and creativity come together!

As we gather to prepare and enjoy a delicious meal together, you'll have the chance to cook, mingle, and forge new friendships.

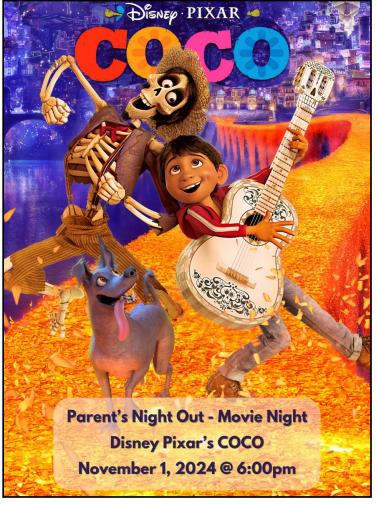
But the fun doesn't stop with dinner!

At the end of each meal, we welcome a few brave souls to showcase their talents. Whether you have a poem to recite, a song to sing, or a craft to display, we encourage you to share what you love to do with the group!

Please come join us for an unforgettable evening of good food, even better company, and inspiring creativity. We can't wait to see you there!









# Sign Up for Sacred Conversations



Join us in our initial step in creating systemic change. We will share stories about the issues impacting our daily lives.

Justice Unites Savannah Together is a network of 24 area faith-based congregations that are culturally, economically, geographically and religiously diverse.

Member congregations come together each fall to research problems and propose solutions that address the root problems of poverty and injustice in our community. Please plan to attend one of our nine conversations:

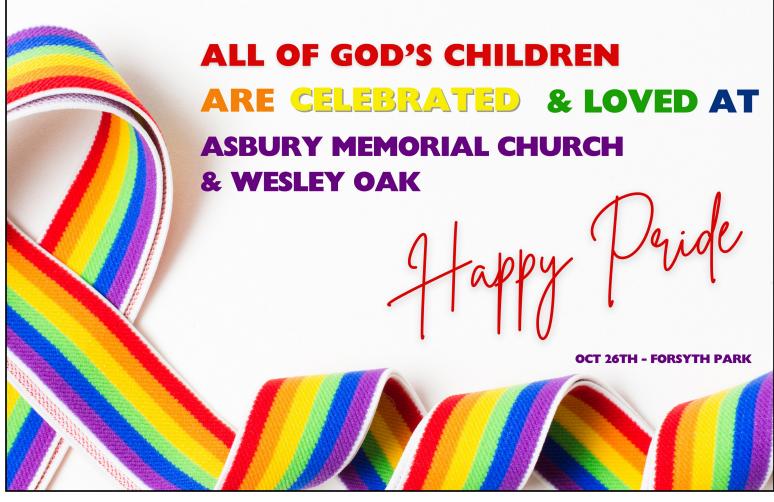
- Date: Wednesday, 10/2 at 5:00 pm
- Location: Asbury Memorial Church
- 1008 E. Henry Street Savannah, GA
- Host: Barbara Gooby
- Date: Sunday, 10/6 at 4:00 pm
- Location: The Home of Kathy & Preston Hodges
- 211 Island Creek Lane Wilmington Island
- Host: Kathy Hodges
- Date: Thursday, 10/10 at 3:00 pm
- Location: Asbury Memorial Church
- 1008 E. Henry Street Savannah, GA
- Host: Barbara Gooby
- Date: Thursday, 10/10 at 7:00 pm
- Location: Online via Zoom
- Meeting code: 844 3633 5506
- Password: Asbury
- Host: Wayne McGowan
- Date: Friday, 10/11 at 1:30 pm
- Location: The Marich's home
- 523 E. Liberty Street Downtown Savannah
- Host: Claire Marich

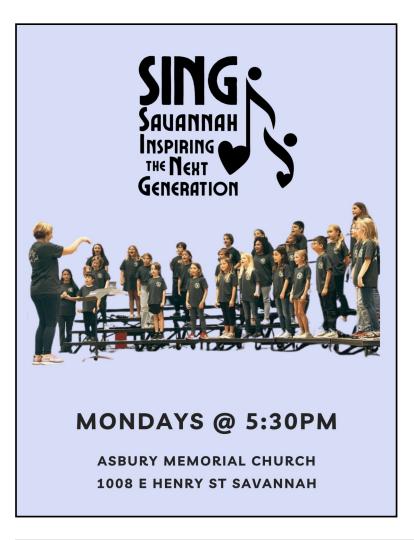
- Date: Sunday, 10/13 at 10:45 am
- Location: Wesley Oak Joy Cottage
- 3124 E. Victory Drive Thunderbolt
- Host: Claire Marich
- Date: Sunday, 10/13 at 4:00 pm
- Location: The Home of Carol & Jim Anderson
- 109 Kathryn's Court Coffee Bluff
- Host: Claire Marich
- Date: Wednesday, 10/16 at 4:00 pm
- Location: The Home of Claire & John Marich
- 190 Green Island Rd. Skidaway Island
- Host: Claire Marich
- Date: Sunday, 10/20 at 10:00 am
- Location: Asbury Memorial Church
- 1009 E. Henry Street Holliday Hall
- Host: Wavne McGowan

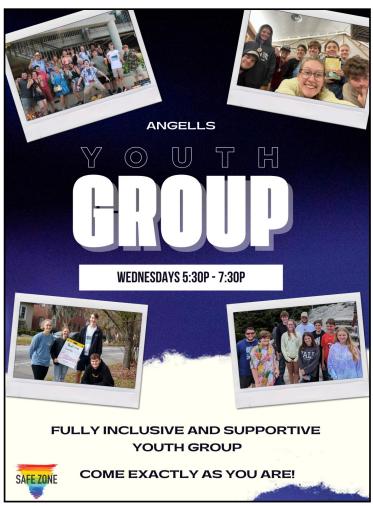


Call Claire Marich at 630-338-5478 to signup

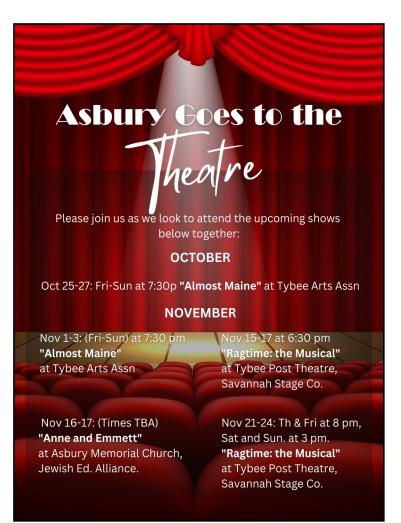


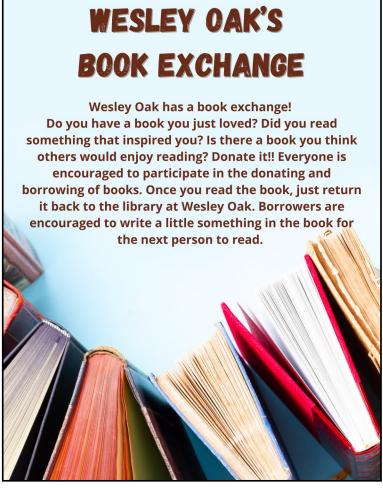


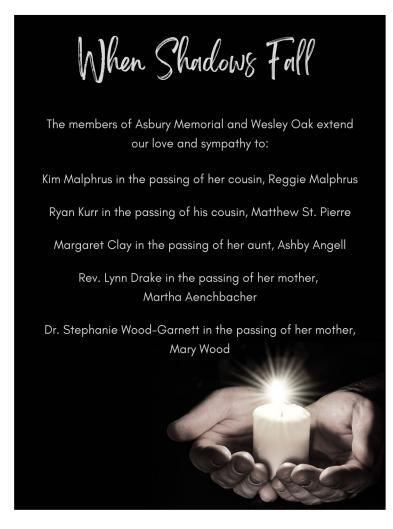


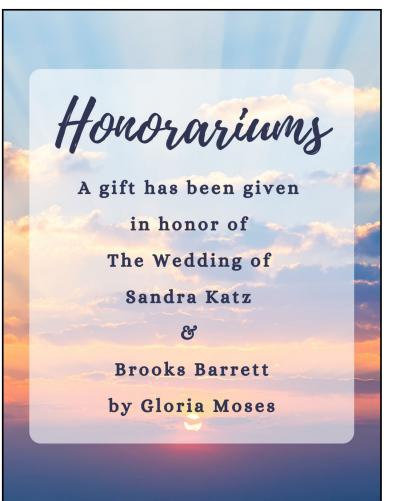












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**Preaching Schedule** 

6 OCT

Betsy Kammerud

13 OCT

J. J. Collins

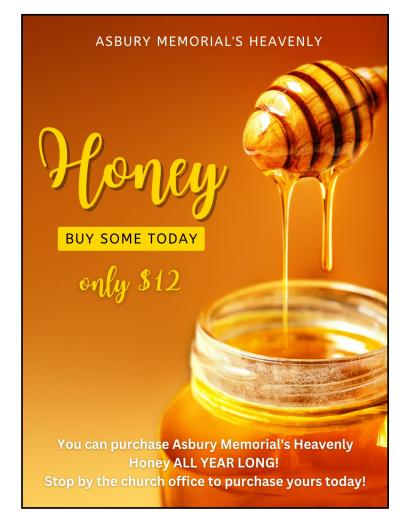
20 OCT

Chris Kincade

27 OCT

August Alderman







The Salvation Army has started the "Sage Brigade" a senior program of many activities. Top of the list is Sr. Fitness, using light weights and cardio for a 45-minute fitness class that incorporates music from the 50's, 60's, 70's up to the present. The format is a warmup w/o weights, followed by weights and cardio, and finishes off with a cool down. Great for everyone from beginners to advance. Weights are provided. No floor work. \$25 for the entire year. The fee includes other fun activities like crochet, line dancing, and much more. Registration is at the door when you come for your first class. Start anytime.

Senior Fitness Classes (no age requirement to attend classes)

### Led by Asbury Member, Linda Socks

The Salvation Army – 3000 Bee Road, Savannah

Mondays & Wednesdays @ 11:45 am. Some holidays excluded.

# CREATIVITY CORNER Orion Alford Photography



Commemorative Air Force Boeing B-17G Flying Fortress "Sentimental Journey" at Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport



Southwest Airlines Boeing 737-800 Freedom One livery at Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport



US Air Force Boeing C-32A Air Force Two with VP Harris and Gov. Walz at Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport



Douglas C-47 Skytrain named That's All, Brother at the Cherbourg Maupertus Airport

### Prayer Requests

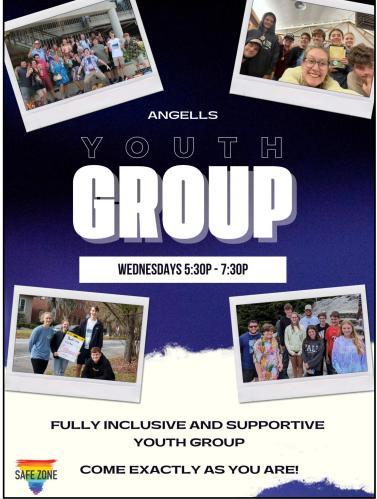
### Congregants of Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak

DiAnne Amerson, Pat Andres, Marisa Barrentine, Wayne Bland, Sheri Coffey, Kathleen Collins, Marty Coolidge, Diane Connor, Mark Cooper, Gale Dick, Sam Durham, Katie Farmer, Jo Fausnacht, Deb Gibson, Becca Goosen, Lora Gunsallus, Callie Downing Hardigan, Bubba Hughes, Rev. Marilyn Leigh, Dave Lewis, Jack Lewis, Kim Limehouse, Cynthia Linthicum, Lynn Lord, Marion Manigo, Robert McEwen, Brenda Mills, James Mullins, Virginia Moryadas, Marie Parker, Frank Ramsey, Kathy Sikes, Kimberly Smith, Sharon Tarlano, Kenn Waters

### Family Members and Friends

Max Clements, Barbara Coley, Sara Driggers, Anne Gooby, CT Harper, Claude House,
Priscilla Hearn, Roland Hill, Joe & Mary Jurgenson, Rita Leopard, Jackie Lewis,
Shirley Long, Matt Moll, Leonard Nicoletta, Steven Odrezin, Jim Skoronsky, Fredia Peggs,
Carol Schwalbe, Linda Southerland, Terry Town, Renah Tyson, Sally Wilhelm,
Christi Yunkunis







1 in 4 children in South Georgia live in homes where having enough food is a struggle every day.

P.A.C.K. is committed to packing and delivering over 10,000 bags a month to children in Chatham county and the surrounding areas.

# VOLUNTEER Mondays & Thursdays 10am - 12pm

4 Mall Terrace Savannah

www.packsavannah.com



### 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.

Now we need help to grow our programs at BOTH campuses. Will YOU help?

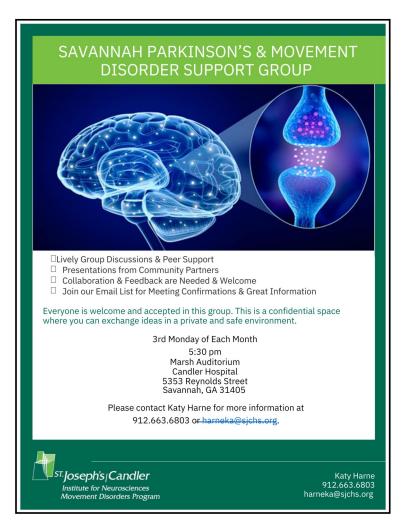
No prior experience is necessary—just a willingness to serve and a heart for children. Training and support will be provided to all volunteers. Even just one Sunday a quarter would be a HUGE help!

If you feel called to make a difference in the lives of our children, we'd love to have you on board!

Please contact Chris Kincade (ckincade@asburymemorial.org) to learn more & to become a volunteer.

### ME NEED YOU!







### Financial Health

General Budget as of August 2024

YTD Budget Goal

\$ 489,926

Actual YTD Expenses

\$ 423,976

Actual YTD contributions

\$ 443,917

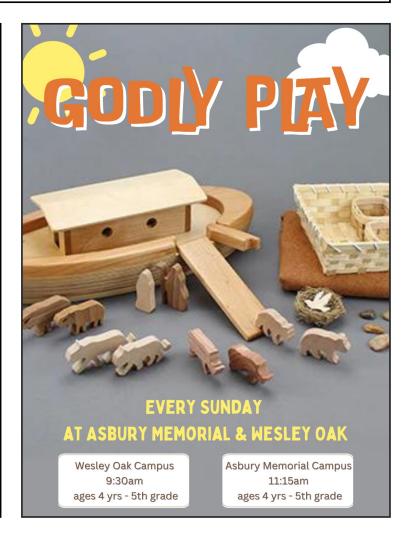
Actual Ahead / Behind if Budget Spent

\$ -8,731

Current Contributions to Expenses Ahead/Behind

\$ 19,941





### SMART RECOVERY FOR INDIVIDUALS

Do you want to address an addiction problem or harmful habit? With our practical tools based on cognitive and motivational psychology and addiction research, SMART Recovery helps you make and sustain positive changes that lead to a balanced life.

Through our meetings, tools, and strategies, SMART can help you stop harmful habits and behaviors, including addiction to alcohol and other drugs, or negative behaviors related to relationships, sex, spending, gambling, eating and exercise disorders, and self-injury.

SMART Recovery is unique. Our science-based approach emphasizes self-reliance, self-resilience, and self-empowerment. With SMART, you are the expert on your recovery. You choose how to personalize your plan for successful change. There's no requirement to commit to a lifetime of SMART Recovery meetings. You decide when and if the time is right to move on.

### **SMART and Other Recovery Groups**

SMART Recovery believes that people find their own paths to successful recovery. For some, that path may include 12-step programs or other support groups. Although SMART's approach differs from those of other organizations, it does not exclude them. We recognize and support the fact that many individuals benefit from participating in more than one support community.

#### **Get Started**

Ready to get started? SMART Recovery hosts online and face-to-face meetings around the world. Our online message board is an excellent forum to learn about SMART and get 24/7 support.

### Learn More

Visit www.smartrecovery.org to search for local meetings and to join our online community.





#### LOCAL MEETING INFORMATION

Mondays 7:00-8:30pm

Wesley Oak Church 3124 E. Victory Drive Savannah, GA 31404

All are welcome!

#### LOCAL CONTACT

Ruthie Duran Deffley 912-312-0079 ruthie@healthymindga.com

#### CONFIRM MEETING DETAILS\*

http://www.smartrecovery.org/meetings

\*Meeting times, days, and locations are subject to change. Please confirm meeting details prior to attending.



### 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 912-307-3206
- 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.