



Asbury

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October Birthdays

2 Paul Baiad Meg Lego	8 Kalicia Alexander Karen Conrow	19 Michael Dayoub Tara Dorai Heidi Hoffman Mary Jane McGowan	26 Amy Dilworth Jenny House
3 Julie Gonye Maria Spears	9 Cece Coleman Alec Knox	20 Bonnie Trammell	27 Karen Jahn Pamela Lewanda Pat Picone Sam Ruggere
4 Laura Armitage	11 Kathy Hull	21 Jim Schlimmer	28 Pat Prokop
5 Paula Avena Marsha Bryan Temperance West	12 Monica Mathias	23 Ed Brown Kevin Macleod	30 Auggie Bradt Phil Devlin Birdie Numer Win Numer
6 Jim Drake Karl Stephens Sterling Stephens	13 Sarah Benton Chuck Eyler	24 Brooks Barrett Jim Burris Justin Lacher	31 Barry Parker Jo Poston
7 Karen Townsend Murphree	16 Mary Ann Barnes	25 Alexander Heier	
	18 Evelyn Bradley		

OCTOBER Anniversaries

1 Chuck Eyler & Nancy Saltsman	3 Morgan & Greg Faunce	7 Marge Wester & Chelsea Heier	8 Todd & Ruth Foster	8 Barbara & Robert Plank
10 Royce Patrick & Timothy Obierne	10 Bridgette & Chris Kincade	11 Scott & Amy Porch	11 Karl & Judy Graham	13 Maria & Geri Spears
16 Jenny & Jason House	19 Bob Chvatal & Ross Bolton	22 Jeff & Gale Dick	23 Leigh Ann Staden & Justin Lacher	27 Tim Burkett & Lance Wilhelm

OCTOBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
	5:30p SING Rehearsal @ AMC		5:30p Youth Group	6:00p Spirituality & Grief Support Group		
	7:00p SMART Recovery @ WO		6:30p Choir Rehearsal	7:00p Men's Group		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:30a Wesley Oak 11:15a God on Broadway "Company" Asbury Memorial 1:00p W.O.K.E. @WO	5:30p SING Rehearsal @ AMC	6:30p Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting	5:30p Youth Group	6:00p Spirituality & Grief Support Group		
	7:00p SMART Recovery @ WO		6:30p Choir Rehearsal	7:00p Men's Group		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30a Wesley Oak 11:15a God on Broadway "The Civil War" Asbury Memorial 1:00p W.O.K.E. @WO 6:00p Second Sunday Seekers	12:30p Wisdom Seekers	6:30p Ministry Round Table Meeting	5:30p Youth Group	12:00p Sisters in Faith	6:00p 3 rd Space @ Good Fortune	
	5:30p SING Rehearsal @ AMC		6:30p Choir Rehearsal	6:00p Spirituality & Grief Support Group		
	7:00p SMART Recovery @ WO			7:00p Men's Group		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:30a Wesley Oak 11:15a God on Broadway "SUFFS" Asbury Memorial 1:00p W.O.K.E. @WO	5:30p SING Rehearsal @ AMC	6:30p Finance Committee Meeting	5:30p Youth Group	12:00p Sisters in Faith	6:30p PRIDE Service @AMC	8:00a Congregations in Service
	7:00p SMART Recovery @ WO		6:30p Choir Rehearsal	6:00p Spirituality & Grief Support Group		Savannah Pride Festival
				7:00p Men's Group		
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
9:30a Wesley Oak 11:15a God on Broadway "Mary Poppins" Asbury Memorial 1:00p W.O.K.E. @WO	12:30p Wisdom Seekers	6:30p Church Council Meeting	5:30p Youth Group	6:00p Spirituality & Grief Support Group		
	5:30p SING Rehearsal @ AMC		6:30p Choir Rehearsal	6:30p St. Andrew's String Concert		
	7:00p SMART Recovery @ WO			7:00p Men's Group		

GOD ON BROADWAY

WORSHIP SERIES 2025

SUNDAYS AT 11:15 AM

COMPANY



OCTOBER 5

THE CIVIL WAR



OCTOBER 12

SUFFS

OCTOBER 19

MARY POPPINS

with The Gretchen Greene Dancers

OCTOBER 26

A graphic of vertical rainbow stripes (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple) on the left side of the poster, which curves and flows downwards towards the bottom right corner.

PRIDE *Service*

OCTOBER 24, 2025

6:30PM

ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH
1008 E HENRY STREET
SAVANNAH, GA

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

Our very first 3rd Space gathering at Good Fortune Market was such a gift!

A huge "thank you" to Becca Goosen and the Good Fortune Market team for welcoming us so generously, and to everyone who came out to share laughter, snacks, games, and connection.

My heart is so full — and I hope yours is too.
 This is church...reimagined!

Mark your calendars: the next 3rd Space is happening on October 17th!

~Rev. August



Solar Panels Shine on Asbury Memorial Church

Asbury Memorial Church has officially gone solar! In September, 122 panels were installed on the education building to cut power costs and model sustainable energy. The project was made possible through Georgia Bright, a program designed to make rooftop solar affordable through leasing agreements that remove upfront costs. Under the plan, we pay only for the electricity produced, while Georgia Bright owns and maintains the system. Over 25 years, the savings are expected to reach more than \$300,000.

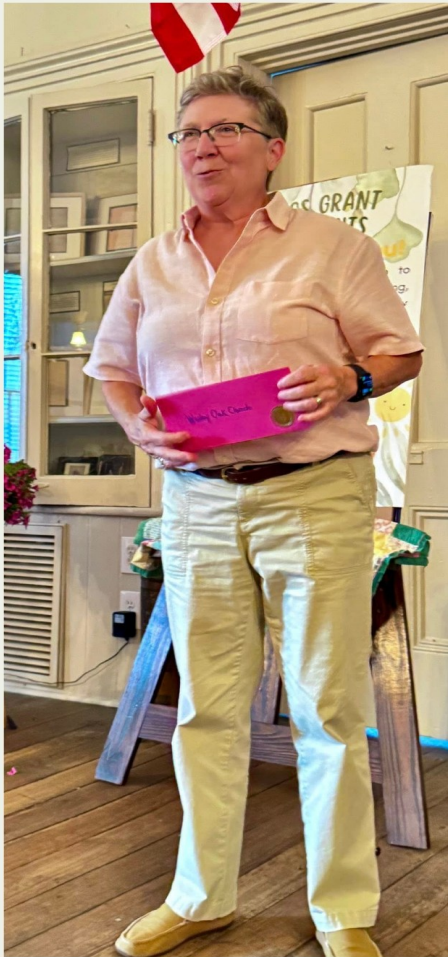
Georgia had secured \$156 million in Solar for All funding through the Inflation Reduction Act to expand similar projects to thousands of households, but that support was canceled in 2025 under the current administration. Experts estimate the cuts could reduce U.S. solar deployment by nearly 20% by 2030.

Even so, Georgia Bright and its partners are pressing ahead. New financing models, like "Safe Harbor as a Service," aim to preserve tax credit benefits through 2029. For congregations like ours, the panels represent both a practical way to lower bills and a hopeful sign that communities can lead the way in clean energy, even when federal backing falters.



Photo credit: Justin Taylor/The Current GA/CatchLight Local/Report for America





Joy Garden Wins \$2,000 NOGS Grant to Grow Community in Thunderbolt

Wesley Oak Church celebrates its first-ever grant award, fueling a greener, more welcoming space for neighbors of all ages.

Thunderbolt, GA — The Joy Garden at Wesley Oak Church has been awarded a \$2,000 grant from The Garden Club of Savannah through its NOGS (North of Gaston Street) grants program—an exciting first grant award for Wesley Oak and a boost that will help the garden deepen its impact across the Thunderbolt community.

"We're thrilled and grateful," said Joy Garden lead Jane Stout. "Our volunteers have self-funded the garden's growth so far. This grant helps us expand thoughtfully—adding beauty, educational opportunities, and fresh food for neighbors."

A Garden With a Mission

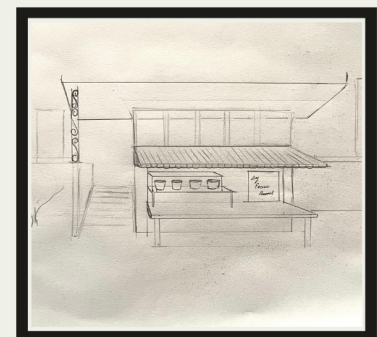
Tucked just off East Victory Drive on Mechanics Avenue, the Joy Garden has blossomed from a modest patch tended by church members into a welcoming community space of nourishment, rest, and connection. In addition to beautifying the neighborhood, the garden already supports hands-on learning with young people from Tidewater Waldorf School and Girl Scout Troop 30180, and it shares produce with individuals and families in need.



How the Grant Will Be Put to Work

While the original request sought \$5,000, the team has reworked its plan to make the most of the \$2,000 award. Priority projects include:

- **Growing capacity:** additional raised beds, nutrient-rich soil, and weed control fabric.
- **More to harvest:** seasonal vegetable and flower seeds, plants, and fruit trees.
- **Care & upkeep:** essential tools and maintenance supplies.
- **Welcoming spaces:** stones/pavers, mulch and straw, and a cozy corner with seating. - Habitat helpers: a bee box plus bird feeders. - Creative touches: garden art, trellises, and clear signage.



- **Learning-in-place:** a simple potting/teaching station, educational signage, and seed-starting kits.

These improvements will support two new planned features now taking shape from aspirational sketches by volunteer Jason Zimmer: a shaded seating nook for reflection and small gatherings, and an educational/planting area for classes, demonstrations, and hands-on workshops.

Community Momentum—and an Open Invitation

This grant is a celebration of many hands: Wesley Oak volunteers, supportive church members, and friends of the garden. Claire Marich has joined the garden's small steering committee, and the team welcomes fresh energy from



across the Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak communities. Whether you garden, teach, build, or simply love green spaces, there's a spot for you.

Want to help? - Join a Saturday workday or adopt a bed. - Donate seeds, tools, or materials. - Lead (or co-lead!) a short kid-friendly lesson. - Share produce or recipes with neighbors.

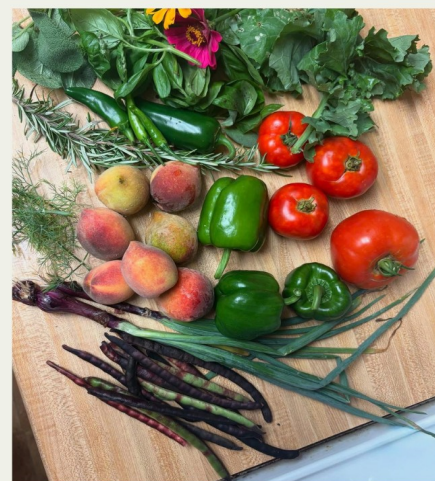
Email info@wesleyoak.org with "Joy Garden" in the subject line to get plugged in.

About the NOGS Grants

Each year, proceeds from the NOGS Tour of Hidden Gardens are awarded to local nonprofits whose projects cultivate beauty, stewardship, and community. This year's grant reception recognized a wide range of organizations working across Savannah and Chatham County.

Save the dates:

- NOGS Tour of Hidden Gardens: April 17–18 (tickets available beginning November 15)
- Next grant cycle: Applications open January 15, 2026 and are due March 1, 2026; awards may be distributed by June 1.



At a Glance: Joy Garden Priorities Supported by the Grant

- Community beautification & a peaceful place to rest
- Youth education in sustainability and gardening
- Fresh produce for neighbors in need
- A welcoming hub for conversation and connection

From a seed to a shared table—thanks to this NOGS grant and many generous hands, Wesley Oak's Joy Garden will continue to grow kindness, curiosity, and community in Thunderbolt.



Exploring Active Hope: A Workshop on Transformation and Connection

On a recent Saturday morning, twelve members of our community gathered for a time of learning, reflection, and intentional conversation. The event was led by Bethe Remmes of Georgia Interfaith Power and Light, who facilitated an Active Hope Workshop from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The workshop centered on the teachings of Joanna Macy, a scholar of systems thinking and deep ecology, whose work helps people navigate the challenges of our time with resilience and purpose. Together, participants explored the Three Narratives that describe our world today:

Business as Usual – the dominant story that assumes society can continue on its current path without significant change.

The Great Unraveling – the recognition of the systemic breakdowns we are witnessing in our climate, communities, and culture.

The Great Turning – a hopeful vision of transformation, where individuals and communities embrace new ways of living that foster sustainability and interconnectedness.

Within this framework, the group also considered the Dimensions of the Great Turning, which invite us to: Engage in Holding Actions in Defense of Life, Work toward Transforming the Foundations of our Common Life, and Cultivate a Shift in Perception and Values.

A highlight of the day was exploring the Spiral of the Work That Reconnects, a process that moves through gratitude, honoring our pain for the world, seeing with new eyes, and going forth with renewed intention.

This spiral, as captured in the artwork above, illustrates both the flow and the interconnectedness of this work. It reminded participants that transformation is not a straight line, but a living, breathing cycle of reflection and action.

The workshop proved to be a meaningful experience of introspection and community processing. Participants walked away not only with a clearer understanding of these transformative concepts, but also with concrete ideas for how to help nurture the Great Turning in their own lives and within our faith communities.

This gathering reminded us that hope is not passive—it is something we practice, cultivate, and carry together.

For Donna

with gratitude from Dori

LUNA STEVIE PAWLAK

Congratulations to uncle Rev. August Alderman! August's niece was born on August 25, 2025

Proud parents,
JENNA & TYLER



STERLING HUNTER

Congratulations to Betty Hunter on the birth of her 3rd great-grandchild born on August 26, 2025



CONGREGATIONS IN SERVICE



Saturday, October 25, 2025 (8:00a.m. – 12:00 noon) – First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 26, 2025 (12:30p.m. – 4:00p.m.) – Baha'i Unity Center

Congregations in Service, a group organized in 2004 representing various Savannah congregations will be hosting its thirty-fourth community service project on Saturday, October 25, 2025 & Sunday, October 26, 2025 at different venues in Savannah. Everyone is invited to work together on projects for their community from 8:00a.m.-12:00 noon on Saturday (Continental breakfast at First Presbyterian Church – 520 Washington Avenue and a free lunch at First Christian Church - 711 E. Victory Drive). Join us from 12:30p.m.-4:00p.m. on Sunday for a free pizza lunch at Baha'i Unity Center – 2416 Waters Avenue. Parking is across the street or down the alley.

Fourteen projects are scheduled:



1.) Decorating pillowcases for children;



2.) Making “No Sew” blankets and scarves;



3.) Assist with pumpkin carving at Safe Shelter;



4.) Shelving food at Second Harvest (Sat. only);



5.) Cleaning/shelving project at Habitat Re-Store (Sat. only);



6.) Baking food & assembling treat bags for Inner City Night Shelter (Sun. only);



7.) Walking dogs for the Humane Society at different places around town;



8.) Gardening project at Wormsloe Plantation; (Sat. only);



9.) Fundraising assisting project at Pegasus;



10.) Repair projects at Park Place;



11.) Gardening at Tharros (Saturday only);



12.) Making hygiene kits for Church World Services;



13.) Collecting men's white socks, toiletries & underwear for Union Mission;



14.) Collecting dog food for Meals on Wheels.

*If you can't attend but would like to help, **CONTRIBUTIONS** for blanket, landscaping, and other materials would be greatly appreciated. For questions, contact congregations.service@gmail.com.

Check out our updated website - <https://congregationsinservice.com>!!! We look forward to visiting together, helping our community and enjoying our shared beliefs of loving our neighbors. See you there!

Honorariums

A gift has been given
in honor of
the Hospitality team
by
Tom Lewis

A gift has been given
in honor of the
SING! Children's Choir
by
Tom Lewis

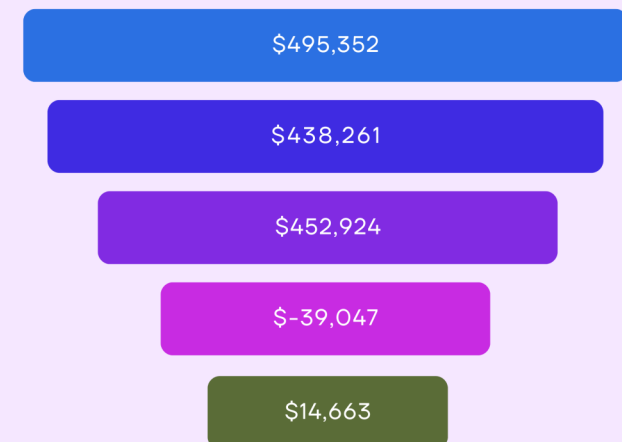
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in honor of
Asbury Memorial &
Wesley Oak
by
Betsy Gregory &
Chick Williams

A gift has been given
in honor of
Rev. Billy Hester
by
Tom Lewis

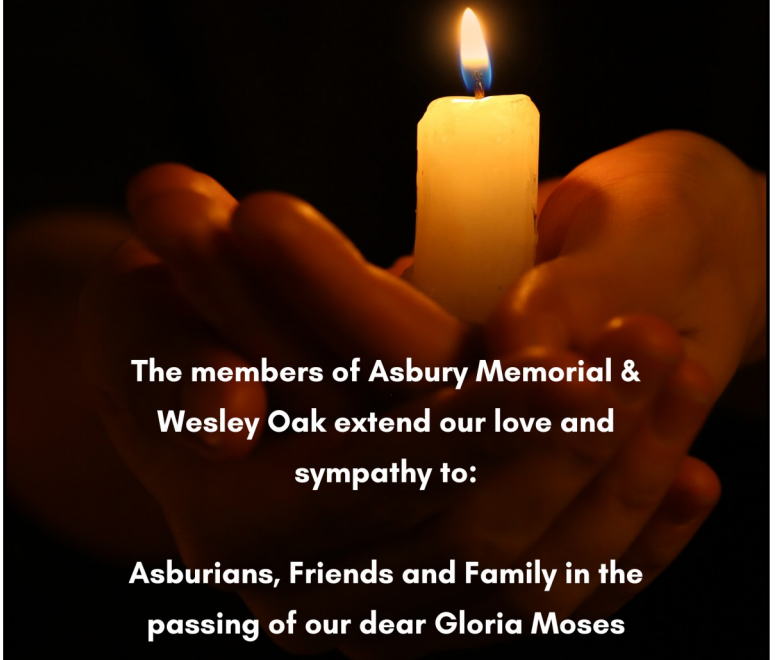


2025 Financial Health

General Budget as of August 2025



When Shadows Fall



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

Asburians, Friends and Family in the
passing of our dear Gloria Moses



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!

A close-up photograph of two hands clasped together, one with a white sleeve and the other with a tan sleeve. The hands are resting on a light-colored surface.

Spirituality & Grief Support Group

Supporting you through your grief journey.
Discover healing through activities, spiritual practices,
and compassionate community.

Thursdays
6:00 pm

Asbury Memorial Church
1008 E. Henry St
Savannah, GA

Sept 18th - Oct 30th

Join us for a 7-week support group designed for those who are at least 6 months out from the loss of a loved one. Together, we'll explore spiritual practices, grief tools, and shared experiences through guided activities and discussion.
Facilitated by Rev. August Alderman & Kathy Hodges
Meets weekly for one hour at Asbury Memorial Church.
Register today: revaugust@asburymemorial.org

WESLEY OAK OCTOBER LINEUP

<p>5</p> <p>JJ. COLLINS</p>	<p>12</p> <p>BETSY KAMMERUD</p>
<p>19</p> <p>CHRIS KINCADE</p>	<p>26</p> <p>REV. AUGUST ALDERMAN</p>

Memorials



A gift has been given
in memory of
Gordon Baker
by
Helen Brackett

A gift has been given
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Gordan Baker
by
Stephanie Adams

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Rosemary Spiegel

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Stacy Brown

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Audrey Biloon

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in memory of
Gordon Baker
by
Linda David



2025 STEWARDSHIP

Please search your heart
& plan your gift

MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY

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.



Prayer Requests

Congregants of Asbury Memorial & Wesley Oak

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

Family Members and Friends

Tim (son of Margaret Cook Levy), Layla Fuller, Nimrod Mehari,
Pryor Murphree, Becky Poulin, Robert Robinson

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



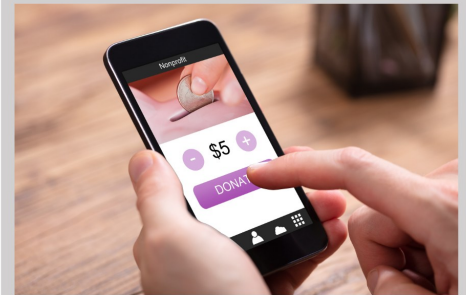
Mail:

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

Asbury Memorial Church

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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.