



The Asbury Update

September 2022

Asbury Memorial
Church
Rev. Billy Hester

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ASBURY MEMORIAL & WESLEY OAK

Kick-off Sunday

EVENTS

9:30 am Welcome Back Service - Wesley Oak

Kick off the new church year at our Wesley Oak Campus

11:15 am Welcome Back Service - Asbury Memorial

Kick off the new church year at our Asbury Memorial Campus

12:30 pm Ministry Fair - Asbury Memorial

Join us in Holliday Hall to learn more about all of the ministry opportunities at Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak

12:30 pm Ice Cream Social - Asbury Memorial

Join us for some delicious Leopold's ice cream and fellowship

September 11, 2022



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Having a Birthday? Call the office at 233-4351
or e-mail us at church@asburymemorial.org.

September

1st Alexa Schlimmer

2nd Maddie Grati

Pam Karacostas

Nancy Saltsman

4th Phyllis Carlino

Delores Ellis

Cathy Solomons

Gloria Stahle

Jason Zimmer

5th Haigh Angell

Kelly Beaver

Craig Hull

Monica Lekuch

6th Sherry Moore

7th Johnnie Eason

Skyler Gurley

**Anthony Walker-
Triplett**

Jill Walther

8th Ed Jones

9th Bo Crowder

10th Graham Dalton

Bob Norton

Tiia Strong

11th Madeline Kelso

Sully McCaffity

14th Kimmi Sampieri

15th Amy Jenkins

Carol Klein

16th Bill Jahn

17th Marilyn Leigh

John Marich

Greg Martin

18th Ryan Boland

Adele Packert

19th Austin Howell

Todd Nolan

20th Dottie Kluttz

Mike Matheny

21st Sarah Povie

Bryan Sikes

22nd Pat Ciccodicola

23rd Danny Lewis

24th Roy Hill

25th Lauren Page

26th Deb Gibson

27th Mark Keaton

Doug Povie

Sienna Varland

29th Janie Atkinson

Betsy Davis

30th Jamie Gifford

Geri Spears

Scott Wygant



September

2nd Warren & James Heilman

4th Sam & Jan Durham

4th Gerry & Marlon Harman

5th Mary & Dorsey Flanders

10th Janet & Steve Wagner

12th PC & JJ Collins

14th Chris & Laurie Fahey

25th Bob & Jan Corey

25th Will & Cindy Telljohann

29th Catherine Gilbert & Sandy Golden

Thank You

Thank you so very much for the most beautiful flowers. They so just light my living room also put a bright spot on my heart.

Thank you much again. May God's word be a lamp for you feet and light for you path forever.

Again, many thanks,

*Love,
Virginia*

Dear Asbury Family,

Thank you so very much for the beautiful Birthday flowers.

I so appreciate your thoughtfulness and am beyond blessed to be part of the caring group of friends.

Sincerely,

Barbara Passino

The Angells Youth Group

PULLED PORK DINNER



Saturday, September 10, 2022 from 11 am -1 pm

All money raised goes to the Laura Angell Scholarship Fund



On the Menu

Pulled Pork, Slice of Bread & Various Sides

\$10 per plate



NURSERY & GODLY PLAY

Volunteers Needed

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



Please answer the call

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

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



I WANT TO HELP!

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

CHRIS KINCADE

ckincade@asburymemorial.org

 **912.663.5087**

Here We Grow Again

Please welcome our newest members who joined our family on
02/06/2022



Rev. Bob Townsend



Mickie Townsend

06/19/2022



Anne Green



Julie Tisinger



Sam Tisinger



Natalie Tisinger



Donna Waller

Here We Grow Again—Continued

**Please welcome our newest members who joined our family on
07/17/2022**



Emily Garrard



Alexa Schlimmer



Jim Schlimmer



**Do you or someone you know
have an ear for sound?**

The tech team is looking to grow!

**They are looking for someone with sound and/or
video/live stream experience or someone with a
passion for technology and is eager to learn.**

**The position requires commitment and the ability
to focus and multi-task.**

**If interested, email Ray Ellis at
rellis101@gmail.com or call the church office.**

A FIRST FRIENDS PROGRAM WISH LIST

The Abasy family has moved into their apartment and would be grateful to have these new or gently-used items to round out their household:

- Two love seats in neutral colors of tan (or any matched set)
- Rugs, up to 14' X14'
- Queen-sized blankets, salmon or light pink preferred
- Twin-sized blankets, one blue and one salmon or light pink
- Regular sized pillows (4)
- Food processor
- Sewing machine
- Chest of drawers with mirror, if possible
- Smart TV
- Pressure cooker
- Working laptop computer



If you have any of these items to spare or you wish to purchase, contact Rev. Claire Marich.

cmarich@asburymemorial.org

630.338.5478



PERFORMANCE DATES:

Thursday, Sept. 15 PREVIEW at 8 pm.

ALL TICKETS \$20—A SAVINGS OF \$15 OFF GENERAL ADMISSION

Friday, Sept. 16 and Saturday, Sept 17 at 8 pm


Sunday, Sept 18 at 3 pm.

Thursday, Sept. 22 through Saturday, Sept. 24 at 8 pm

Sunday, Sept. 25 at 3 pm

General Admission Tickets \$35.00

Senior/Military Tickets \$25.00

TICKETS ON SALE NOW! Use the link in our bio or go to our website Savannahrep.org  Graphic Design
by @markrand63 [#theatreinsavannah](#) [#regionaltheatre](#) [#equitytheatre](#) [#supportlocalsavannah](#)
— at [Asbury Memorial Theatre Company](#).

Asbury audience is encouraged to attend the Preview Performance on Thursday, Sept. 15. This is a great opportunity to see the performance for a discounted price!

Make all reservations through the Savannahrep.org website above.

DO NOT CALL ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH FOR TICKET RESERVATIONS.

Asbury Memorial Church hosted successful “Addictions 911” event on 08/20/22.

Following is WSAV story that explains the event. Organization hosting event to help those with “substance use disorder”

SAVANNAH, Ga. (WSAV) — Organizers of the Addictions 911 event are hosting it at the Parc on Pennsylvania Avenue to educate people on the issue as well as provide a safe place for individuals in our area who struggle from what organizers of the event referred to as “substance use disorder.”

“We don’t like to use the term drug abuse,” said Claire Marich, an associate minister with the Asbury Church. “Words really matter. We like to use the term substance use disorder. People who have substance use disorder because there is so much stigma around drug use.”

In the state of Georgia, deaths from overdose increased by 55% from 2019 to 2021. Chatham County is no stranger to the issue of opioid abuse.

The number of deaths related to opioid overdose have been steadily increasing since 2010, when the total was 21,000 deaths, compared to over 68,000 deaths in 2020.

Those numbers are courtesy of the national institute on drug abuse.

“Chatham county is no exception to that rule,” Marich said. “We’ve seen a marked increase in drug overdoses on the streets. Opioid overdoses have been tremendously escalating especially with the addition of fentanyl in the local market.”

The event on Saturday doubles as an opportunity to educate Chatham County youth on the dangers of fentanyl.

“More potent than heroin and so the addition of even the smallest amount of fentanyl can make even a first-time user die,” Marich said.

While also offering those who struggle with addiction and substance use disorder the chance to get help and guidance.

“Our objective is to invite the community into a safe space to provide good community connections and to provide them with the people, the therapies, the recovery options and treatment options that they need to be successful in recovery,” Marich said.

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<https://www.wsav.com/news/local-news/savannah/organization-hosting-event-to-help-those-with-substance-use-disorder/>

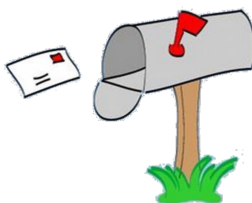
By: Brian Gallagher Posted: Aug 16, 2022/11:15 PM EDT Updated: Aug 17, 2022/04:56 PM EDT



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

Mail:

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



Website:

Log on to our website:
www.AsburyMemorial.org

Click on



Complete the form as directed.

You can set it up to be a recurring donation!

Text Giving:

From your mobile phone:
Send your contribution amount to **912-307-3206**
Donate anytime, anywhere
Use easy debit/credit card registration
Make a one-time gift or set it up to be recurring

online
GIVING
easy. fast. effective.



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!”**

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

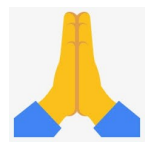
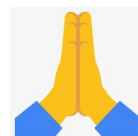
To All,

I thank the Lord Jesus for allowing me to experience "His Amazing Grace" through each of you as I saw the loving care and generosity given to me.

Once again, thank you all for the hard work that you did and for choosing to allow me to see "His Light" shine through you.

May the Lord allow each of you to feel deeply the joy of knowing what a blessing you are to me.

In loving gratitude,
Janet Arango



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.

Adult Ministries 10 o'Clock Hour & Wednesday Night Programs

10 o'Clock Hour will return in the fall.

Stay tuned, a Wednesday Night program is being developed as we go to press!

Wisdom Seekers

Mondays, 1:30—3 pm

The Wisdom Seekers are currently taking a short break. They will begin a new book September 12th the first Monday after Labor Day.

Any questions about the group or the book email Margaret Clay at margaretclay@comcast.net.

Zoom Meeting ID: 864 8291 0310, Passcode: Asbury

Men's Group

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

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

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

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

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.

Congratulations!!

We are pleased to announce that Chris Kincade has been promoted from his part-time position as Youth Director to a full-time position of Children, Youth & Communications Director. Chris has a passion for ministry and wanted to work for the church full time. He has proven himself time and time again. He has stepped in and taken the lead when we had no one filling the position of Children & Family Director. He designed and organized Vacation Bible School this summer. He has been working on our website. To get a glimpse of his computer skills, the front cover, youth BBQ and Volunteers needed in our nursery & Godly Play posters in this newsletter he designed. He has been a true asset to the church. Let's not forget when asked he also preaches at Wesley Oak! He is very excited about the opportunities ahead. His position became full time August 1st.

Until he gets organized with his new duties he will work in the church office 1 day a week. When you see him, please give him a big congratulations!!!!



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

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

WHEN SHADOWS FALL

- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Judith Kessler in the death of her wife and Asbury member, Roberta Smith.*

MEMORIALS

*Gifts have been given to the Properties Fund in memory of Neil Austing by
Barbara & Arthur Jenks
Ann Manchester
Jackie & Colin Stewart*

*A Gift has been given to the Properties Fund by Sally Jilek
in memory of Neil Austing*

*A Gift has been given to the Godly Play Fund by Judy Jones
in memory of Grady Mills*

*A Gift has been given to the Properties Fund by Warren Swartz
in memory of Janet Erickson*

*Gifts have been given to the Properties Fund by Joan Byrd in memory of
Bob Fennell
Lynn Nevill
Rev. B. L. Daughtery
Margret Odom
Neil Austing
Mrs. Gusten Sharpe*

*Gifts have been given to the Properties Fund in memory of Roberta Smith by
Joan Salim
Mary Ann & Robert Grant
Albert M. Wall, III*





**General Budget
As of July 2022**

YTD Budgeted GOAL	\$465,407
Actual Year-To-Date Expenses	\$395,657
Actual Year-To-Date Contributions	\$332,204

**Average Worship Attendance 222
(combined in person and online)**

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, Rev. Cale Hall, Gerry Harman, Chase Harrison, Roy Hill, Harry Hoecherl, 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, Sharon Tarlano, Diane Williamson, Peggy Zeigler

Family Members & Friends

Adam Alani, Dorothy Allen, Earlene Atiba, Lisa Brown, Karen Browning, Cindy Burns, Max Clements, Jennifer Despres Corey, Linda Cowart, Sara Driggers, Dan Goff, Samantha Garcia, Twumwa Grant, Eileen Green, Priscilla Hearn, Tom Hendrick, Lindsay Kessler, Walt Kress, 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
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

September 2022

Get out your tambourine, even two pots or pans, a whistle, some drums, a cymbal or two...the psalmist has given the cue..

A joyful noise will happen, a ruckus to raise the roof...a time to dance and play... a verse to sing each day!

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD



Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak will be making some heart & soul Joyful Noise in September as we celebrate our shared ministry, worship, and fellowship. We will be giving thanks for God's providence all along the way, for the many who gave of time, talent, gift, and service to see this day arrive. Thanks be to God for faith and hope that has filled our days, that gave us strength and good courage, and lots of joyful noise! So let us get ready, mark the calendar for special events as announced for September, and be looking for that wonderful noise maker in your heart & soul that moves us all to sound forth the joy of the Lord.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP at Wesley Oak will be filled with special speakers, music, celebration, and many surprises!

****September 4th**, we will celebrate the gift of vocation, with Betsy Kammerud bringing the morning message. Mary Thompson will be sharing a witness on the gift of vocation.

****September 11th**, we will celebrate Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak joining as one ministry, with August Alderman offering the morning message.

****September 18th**, "Surprise, surprise, surprise" awaits us! *"Sometimes the light surprises the Christian when they sing. It is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings."*

"September 25th, Journey to Peru, a spiritual time for travel and epiphany! Jack Cooley will be bringing the morning message on his climb up Machu Picchu!



COLLINS CORNER

Evolve or Remain

Why do you think we are here? What's the meaning of life? No one knows for sure, but one thing has always been certain...and that's change. What we choose to do with change is up to us. Will we choose to grow, learn and evolve? Or will we remain stuck and struggling?

I know when I work on my self-awareness, I try my best to see any stagnant patterns and move toward a more productive approach. If I'm paying more attention to technology and not enough to my spirit, my passions, loved ones and nature, I feel stuck and on the struggle bus. When I take time to live simply, practice gratitude, self-reflect and connect with others, I evolve.

Often times, I have to push myself out of my comfort zone. It's not always easy...but worth the growth that follows. My goal is to choose love. To awaken. To be. I wish you all love...you have everything you need to get to your best self.

Love, PC

Evolve or Remain

By Creig Crippen • Vybe Source

You are being presented with a choice: evolve or remain. If you choose to remain unchanged, you will be presented with the same challenges, the same routine, the same storms, the same situations, until you learn from them, until you love yourself enough to say "no more", until you choose change. If you choose to evolve, you will connect with the strength within you, you will explore what lies outside of the comfort zone, you will awaken to love, you will become, you will be. You have everything you need. Choose to evolve. Choose love.

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, Weapons into Ploughshares

Lora Gunsallus family as they are personally affected by the Russian invasion of the Ukraine.

Pat Howe, Family of David Tammen, Sally Wilhelm

Kacey Mayes, nephew of Tracy and Monty Osborn

April Hendrix, Betsy Kammerud, Family of Hugo Hendrix, Barbara Gilley, Carol Schwalbe

Alexis Mendenhall, Cheryl Hessel, Dan Kerrick Unspoken need for healing

Gloria Moses, McCarthy family, neighbors of Carolyn Ingram, Sydjea Trice

Michael McDaniel, Jack Donker, 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 Farmer's Market, UMC Worldwide



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

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



PASTORAL CONCERNS

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

CHURCH STAFF

Reverend Lynn Drake, Pastor

JJ Collins, Director of Music

PC Collins, Property and Administrative Assistant

Wesley Oak Church

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Email: wesleyoak@asburymemorial.org

NEW EMAIL INFORMATION FOR OUR CHURCH AND CHURCH STAFF

Wesley Oak email address: wesleyoak@asburymemorial.org

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