

Asbury Update

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a single, vibrant yellow maple leaf. The leaf is held by its stem between the thumb and index finger. The leaf's veins are clearly visible, and it has several small, dark spots. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blur of warm autumn colors, including shades of orange, brown, and gold, suggesting a forest or park setting. The overall lighting is warm and natural, highlighting the texture of the leaf and the skin of the hand.

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SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

1 Takoda Abbott Alexa Schlimmer	9 Khloe Alexander	16 Bill Jahn	22 Pat Ciccodicola
2 Maggie Hart Pam Karacostas Kathi Lovelady Nancy Saltsman	10 Tiia Strong	17 Marilyn Leigh John Marich Greg Martin	23 Orion Alford Danny Lewis
4 Delores Ellis Cathy Solomons Jason Zimmer	11 Madeline Kelso Hank Little Will McGowan	18 Ryan Boland Adele Packert	24 Roy Hill
6 Sherry Moore	12 David Tanner	19 Bob Chvatal Tom Foley Todd Nolan	25 Mary Ellen Campbell Lauren Page
7 Jill Walther	14 Amy Burris Stephen Finney Kimmi Sampieri David Shackley	20 Dottie Kluttz Mike Matheny	26 Deb Gibson
8 Ed Jones	15 Kathy Bradley Amy Jenkins Carol Klein	21 Sarah Povie Bryan Sikes	27 Doug Povie
			29 Janie Atkinson Larry Burris
			30 Geri Spears

ANNIVERSARIES

2nd
Warren & James
Heilman
(9 years)

2nd
Pamela & Marek
Lewanda
(36 years)

4th
Gerry & Marlon
Harman
(10 years)

9th
Amy & Brad
Stewart
(20 years)

12th
J.J. & Parker
Collins
(11 years)

20th
Betsy Gregory &
Chick Williams
(1 year)

29th
Catherine Gilbert
& Sandy Golden

September 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
9:00a - WO 11:00a - AMC 1:00p - W.O.K.E. @WO	7:00p SMART Recovery @Episcopacy Center		5:30p Youth Group	7:00p Men's Group		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:00a - WO 11:00a - AMC 1:00p - W.O.K.E. @WO	7:00p SMART Recovery @Episcopacy Center	6:00p Ministry Round Table (zoom)	5:30p Youth Group	7:00p Men's Group	7:00p The Fabulous Equinox Orchestra Broadway to Bourbon St @AMC	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:00a - WO 11:00a - AMC 1:00p - W.O.K.E. @WO 6:00p - 2 nd Sunday Seekers	12:30p Wisdom Seekers 7:00p SMART Recovery @Episcopacy Center	6:00p Finance Committee Meeting @AMC	5:30p Youth Group	12:00p Sisters in Faith Luncheon 7:00p Men's Group		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:00a - WO 11:00a - AMC 12:00p - New Member Class 1:00p - W.O.K.E. @WO	7:00p SMART Recovery @Episcopacy Center	6:00p Staff Relations Committee @AMC	5:30p Youth Group	7:00p Men's Group	6:00p 3 rd Space Event @ Halcyon Bluff Clubhouse	
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
9:00a - WO 11:00a - AMC 1:00p - W.O.K.E. @WO 4:00p - JUST Benefit Concert	12:30p Wisdom Seekers 7:00p SMART Recovery @Episcopacy Center	6:00p Church Council Meeting @AMC	5:30p Youth Group	7:00p Men's Group		

GOD ON BROADWAY

WORSHIP SERIES 2026

SUNDAYS AT 11:00AM

WAITRESS THE MUSICAL



OCTOBER 4



GUYS AND DOLLS

OCTOBER 11



WITH SING CHILDREN'S CHOIR

OCTOBER 18

THE NEIL DIAMOND MUSICAL A BEAUTIFUL NOISE

with The Gretchen Greene Dancers

OCTOBER 25

THE SACRED TRUTHS INSIDE A BEAUTIFUL SONG

For 21 years, Asbury Memorial has invited Savannah to discover what happens when scripture, story, music, and imagination share the same stage.

FINDING GOD IN THE STORY

God on Broadway began at Asbury Memorial in October 2005. Since then, the congregation has drawn inspiration from an extraordinary range of productions, from *Les Misérables* and *Wicked* to *Hairspray*, *The Lion King*, *Kinky Boots*, *Mary Poppins*, and many more.

Each Sunday's worship service is shaped by a different Broadway musical. Songs and characters are woven together with scripture, liturgy, and a sermon, creating a place where familiar stories can reveal unexpected truths.

Some selections are joyful and familiar. Others open the door to difficult conversations about forgiveness, justice, loneliness, temptation, identity, courage, and grace. The goal is not theatre for theatre's sake. It is to look more closely at the stories surrounding us and recognize that God can be present in unexpected places.

THE CURTAIN RISES OCTOBER 4

For four Sundays, the choir will sing, the stories will unfold, and scripture will meet the stage. Together, we will listen for the sacred truths waiting inside a beautiful song.

11:00 A.M. • 1008 EAST HENRY STREET • SAVANNAH

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**There's theology in
everything we see.**

REV. BILLY HESTER

A TRADITION OF CREATIVITY AND WELCOME

God on Broadway reflects something essential about Asbury. Music, dance, drama, visual art, humor, and imagination are not simply decorations around worship. They are ways of expressing joy, asking difficult questions, and encountering the sacred.

The series also creates an inviting doorway for people who may not normally feel comfortable walking into a church. Someone may arrive because they love a musical or because a friend invited them. What they discover is a congregation willing to laugh, think, sing, question, and celebrate together.

There is room here for lifelong churchgoers, first-time visitors, people filled with faith, people carrying doubts, and people simply curious about what happens when Broadway enters the sanctuary.

PLAYBILL

BROADWAY

TO



The Fabulous EQUINOX ORCHESTRA

SONGS FROM:

GUYS AND DOLLS, WEST SIDE STORY, MY FAIR LADY, HADESTOWN, FIDDLER ON THE ROOF,
DEAR EVAN HANSEN, HAIRSPRAY, OKLAHOMA! JERSEY BOYS, BYE BYE BIRDIE, SOUND OF MUSIC, COMPANY AND MORE

Presented by:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH

1008 E. HENRY ST, SAVANNAH - DOORS 6:30PM - SHOW 7:00PM



EQUINOXORCHESTRA.COM

SISTERS IN
FAITH

SEPTEMBER
GATHERING



Volunteers needed!

Please sign up to help make our gathering a success.

- Help with setup after choir on the 16th - 15 minutes. (4)
- Help with setup on the 17th, arrive by 11:30 a.m. (8)
- Help with cleanup after the event (3)

Questions? Text Linda at 912-398-5133.

SISTERS IN FAITH

A Day of New Beginnings



After our summer break, we are ready to get together. Sisters in Faith will gather on Thursday, September 17th, in Holiday Hall "Cafe" from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

The theme for the event is **TABLE MATTERS**.

We will hear how "table matters" with Chef Philip Branan and Charlene Branan. Philip, retired chef and owner of the Boar's Head Restaurant on River Street, will prepare a luncheon that includes an appetizer, entrée, and dessert. A delicious menu is being planned! Philip and Charlene will share how table matters in their vocation and how much it matters to them at Asbury Memorial.

Special music and delightful poetry will be woven into the program as we dine!



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the program and
as we dine!*



Come dine and enjoy fun and fellowship! Make sure to **RSVP by September 13th**, as our chefs will want to have everything ready to go for the luncheon.



DATE: 09/17/2026 (Thursday)



TIME: 12:00pm - 2:00pm EDT



LOCATION: 1008 E. Henry St.,
Savannah, GA 31401

Add this event to your calendar!

COMMUNITY • CREATIVITY • CONNECTION

ONE YEAR OF MAKING SPACE

Celebrating twelve months of laughter, courage, creativity, and wonderfully unexpected moments together.

A YEAR OF WONDERFULLY UNEXPECTED MOMENTS

This September marks a joyful milestone for our 3rd Space gatherings. It has been one full year since we first came together to try something new, create something meaningful, and simply enjoy being in community with one another.

During the past twelve months, 3rd Space has taken many forms. We have played games, colored together, shared the spotlight at an open mic night, and enjoyed a picnic in Forsyth Park. We exchanged favorite recipes, books, and records. We played Dolly Parton-inspired Bingo, experimented with watercolor, created and performed Mad Libs, lifted our voices during a group sing-along, and found plenty of reasons to laugh along the way.

Each gathering has been different, but the heart of 3rd Space has remained the same.

It is a place to share and connect without pressure or expectation.

It gives us permission to be creative, curious, and sometimes a little silly. Most importantly, it offers room to be ourselves, try something unfamiliar, and be brave together.

We are deeply grateful to Becca Goossen of Goodfortune Market for providing such a welcoming place to gather, and to Ruthie, who first brought the idea of 3rd Space to us. Thank you to everyone who contributed an idea, prepared food, shared resources, offered time, helped with an activity, or invited someone new.

As we celebrate this anniversary, we are not simply looking back at a calendar of activities. We are celebrating the friendships, laughter, conversations, and moments of courage that happened because we chose to make space for one another.

Here's to all the joyful moments still ahead.

Rev. August



“ A place to be silly, to laugh, have fun, and to be brave together.”



ONE YEAR DOWN. SO MUCH JOY STILL TO COME.

Questions? Contact Rev. August at revaugust@asburymemorial.org

Because of

YOU

OUR CHURCH
CHANGES LIVES

Dear Asbury Memorial family,

Summer VBS is just one of the many ways we invite our community to discover Christ and learn about God's call here in Savannah! The result of this ministry and the VBS experience for children and youth is incredible. Watching our church family prepare our education building from floor to ceiling, hearing them rehearse their parts for storytelling, taste-testing the dinners they cook, and seeing the VBS campers arrive with excitement is truly inspiring! And everyone in our church family is invited to be a part of something with such a positive impact!



VBS is not the only way that our congregation lives out its ministry and mission. We are transforming lives while we are being transformed by the love of God at the same time.

As your Associate Pastor, just over a year into my role, I want to thank you for partnering with us in the ministries of our church. Your financial gifts make a difference in the lives of many people and help our church reach them with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In the upcoming season of Stewardship, you will hear more about how we as a congregation are responding to God's invitation to invest our spiritual and financial gifts in the life of the church.

Make plans now to join us on Commitment Sunday, November 22nd when we will offer our intentions to the church.

Thank you for your part in the life-changing work of this congregation.

Generously yours,

Rev. August



THANK YOU

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**COMMITMENT
SUNDAY**

NOVEMBER 22

Make plans now
to join us when we
will offer our
intentions to the
church.

Your financial
gifts make a
difference.

HOW WONDERFUL TO
LET SOMEONE KNOW
YOU'RE THINKING OF
THEM!

Group Card- Making



THINKING
OF YOU...

Get crafty & cardy in 3rd Space as
we make "Thinking of You" cards
together!

FRIDAY SEP 25TH AT 6:00
HALCYON BLUFF
CLUBHOUSE
1108 HALCYON DRIVE

ALL SUPPLIES
PROVIDED.

REACH OUT TO REV AUGUST
WITH QUESTIONS!

3RD SPACE

A Little Card Can Mean a Lot

Join us for an evening of creativity, connection, and thoughtful encouragement.

Sometimes the simplest gestures have the biggest impact. A handwritten note can brighten someone's day, offer encouragement, or simply remind a friend, neighbor, or loved one that they are remembered and cared for.

On Friday, September 25 at 6:00 PM, 3rd Space invites you to gather for Group Card Making as we create 'Thinking of You' cards together. Whether you are naturally crafty or just want to spend time in good company, this is a chance to make something meaningful for someone who has been on your heart. All supplies will be provided.

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at just the
right moment.*



EVENT DETAILS



Friday, September 25 at 6:00 PM



Halcyon Bluff Clubhouse



1108 Halcyon Drive



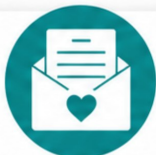
Questions? Reach out to Rev

August

Ways to Give

We have multiple ways for you to continue your support of Asbury Memorial.

Thank you for your gifts!



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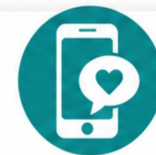
Mail your contribution by check to:

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**

Thank you for partnering with **Asbury Memorial** to make a lasting impact in our community.

ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH • SECOND ANNUAL PRIDE SERVICE

PROUDLY MADE. DEEPLY LOVED.

A spiritual celebration honoring the courage, beauty, resilience, and faith of the LGBTQ+ community.



Every person is created in the image of God, worthy of dignity, belonging, and love.

A SACRED CELEBRATION OF PRIDE

Asbury Memorial Church will gather for its second annual Pride Service on Friday, October 23, at 6:30 p.m. This special evening will offer a joyful and deeply spiritual celebration of the LGBTQ+ community through stories, music, and prayer.

For many LGBTQ+ people, the relationship between faith and identity has not always been easy. Some have encountered churches where they were asked to hide a part of themselves or made to feel that they had to choose between living authentically and being embraced by God.

Asbury Memorial believes there is another story to tell.

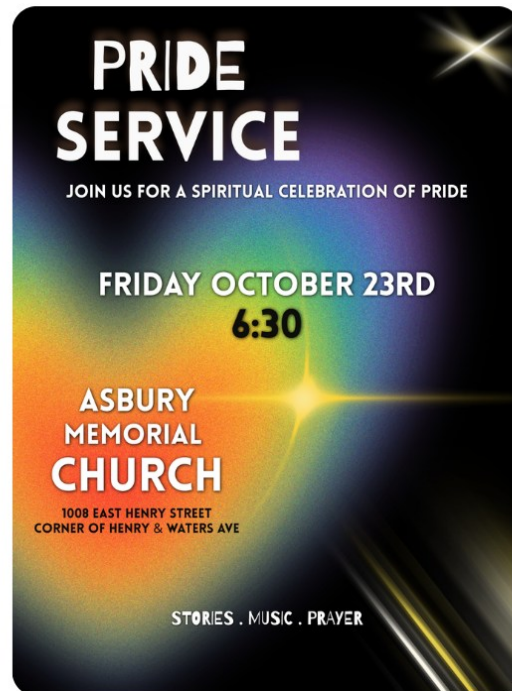
It is a story of a God whose love is not limited by human boundaries, a table with room for everyone, and a faith community where people can bring their whole selves, ask honest questions, form meaningful relationships, and know they are truly welcome.

Through personal reflections, music, and prayer, the evening will honor the courage, beauty, resilience, and faith of LGBTQ+ people and allies. It will also create space to remember those who have been hurt or excluded and renew our commitment to compassion and justice.

This gathering is for members of the LGBTQ+ community, families, friends, and anyone who believes the church should be a place of radical welcome and life-giving love.

Holding a second annual Pride Service reflects Asbury Memorial's continuing commitment to inclusion as part of who we are and how we live our faith. Pride is not simply something we recognize once a year. It is part of our promise to see, hear, support, and celebrate one another.

Whether you arrive carrying joy, questions, hope, hurt, faith, or uncertainty, there is room for you. Come as you are. Bring someone you love.



SECOND ANNUAL

PRIDE SERVICE

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 23
6:30 P.M.

STORIES • MUSIC • PRAYER

Asbury Memorial Church
1008 East Henry Street
Corner of Henry Street and
Waters Avenue

ALL ARE WELCOME

A CHURCH WHERE EVERYONE CAN BRING THEIR WHOLE SELF.



A Season of **ENOUGH**

As autumn approaches, the Green Team invites us to consider a simpler question: What do we really need?

September arrives quietly:
The days begin to shorten.
Summer slowly loosens its grip.
Gardens change, leaves begin their turn, and the natural world reminds us that growth does not mean endlessly producing more.

Sometimes, growth means letting go.

That makes September a beautiful time to think about our relationship with "enough."

We live in a culture that constantly encourages us to want more. More things. More convenience. More packages arriving at the door. More food than we can eat. More new things to replace things that still work perfectly well.

Creation offers us another rhythm.

For the Green Team, caring for creation is about more than recycling or remembering to turn off the lights. It is also about becoming thoughtful stewards of what we already have.

Before buying something new, could we repair what is broken?

Could we borrow something we will only use once? Could an item we no longer need become useful to someone else? Could tonight's leftovers become tomorrow's lunch?

These choices may seem small, but small choices practiced by many people can make a meaningful difference.

They can also change us.

When we begin paying attention to what we consume, we often discover how much we already have. Gratitude begins to replace accumulation, and caring for creation becomes less about following a list of environmental rules and more about living with intention.

This September, perhaps our Green Team challenge can be wonderfully simple! Notice what is already enough.

Enjoy food to share. Enjoy clothing in the closet. Enjoy beauty just outside the door. Enjoy opportunities to make one thoughtful choice today.

Because sometimes caring for God's creation begins not with doing more, but with discovering that we already have enough.

SEPTEMBER CHALLENGE

Before purchasing something new this month, pause and ask:

Do I need it?

*Can I use what
I already have?*

*Can I repair, borrow,
reuse, or share instead?*

One pause. One
decision. One small step
toward a more
thoughtful way of living.

*The earth is the Lord's,
and everything in it."*

PSALM 24:1



*Grief is
a journey,
not a problem
to solve.*

Creatively & Spiritually Grieving

Just the other day, I tried talking to my Granny....

In the 12 years since she died, I tried talking to her out loud for what I thought was the first time the other day. I spoke the name I called her, and I waited a few moments, then again, I spoke. If you've been blessed to hear Rhonda Reed pray aloud—that is kind of how I decided to speak to my Granny. Rhonda offers words of prayer and intentionally waits for God's reply. I spoke and left space giving my Granny time to hear me and perhaps, respond.

Like I said, I thought that was the first time but after some thought, I remembered I have actually spoken out loud to her once before since she died. When I was working with Hospice Savannah in bereavement services, I was a speaker for the Tree of Light ceremony. I had a moment of inspiration and decided to call my Granny from a dial phone and those gathered listened to my side of the conversation. I'd been inspired by the story of the wind phone.

It has been over a decade since she died, and I have grieved her in many ways. I have found many creative ways to grieve her through writing, performing, making art, photography, preaching, reenacting stories about her and so much more! I put grief into all this and honestly, almost everything I create.

Through this journey, I have grieved creatively and spiritually.

Next month, Kathy Hodges and I will be offering a 7-week support group on grief and spirituality. This grief group was inspired by the book, *The Spirituality of Grief: Ten Practices For Those Who Remain* by Fran Tilton Shelton. I recommend this book to anyone who grieves.

I love this book because it invites us to see grief as a journey, not a problem to solve. Grief is a human journey and also a spiritual one. Shelton explains that faith isn't about pretending everything is okay. Faith can be a place where people bring their questions, pain, and uncertainty. God meets us in our questions, pain, and uncertainty. Faith and hope do not erase grief—they're not meant to. Hope and sorrow or sadness can exist together.

This book by Shelton is a book we can live with. Along with the creative practices that happened naturally for me, I have grieved through the practices Shelton writes about in *The Spirituality of Grief*. Through acts such as walking in nature, writing a lament or a letter, being silent, and using breath prayers, I have processed grief. And through this, also developed tools for grieving as life goes on. Many of the tools I turned to right away when my Mom died in 2024.

None of this requires training or perfection. It does ask for time, honesty, and intentionality.

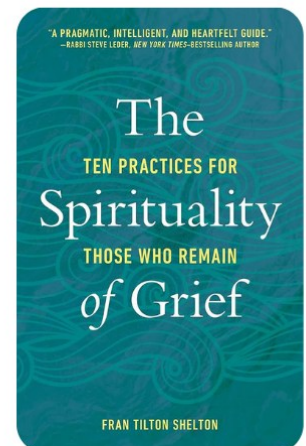
If you are grieving the death of a loved one, please consider reaching out. For the upcoming Spirituality and Grief Group, we advise to be at least 6 months out from the loss before joining the group. The spiritual and creative practices in this group are typically more appropriate for a loss not too recent. We have a 12-person limit for the group. This will be the second time Kathy and I have offered this group at Asbury Memorial Church. It is a wonderful blessing to be a part of a church that openly and honestly recognizes grief and where we are free to grieve.

Be a rainbow,

Rev. August



RECOMMENDED READING



The Spirituality of Grief

Ten Practices for Those Who
Remain
by Fran Tilton Shelton

JOIN OUR SPIRITUALITY & GRIEF GROUP



Thursdays - 6:00pm
September 17 - October 29

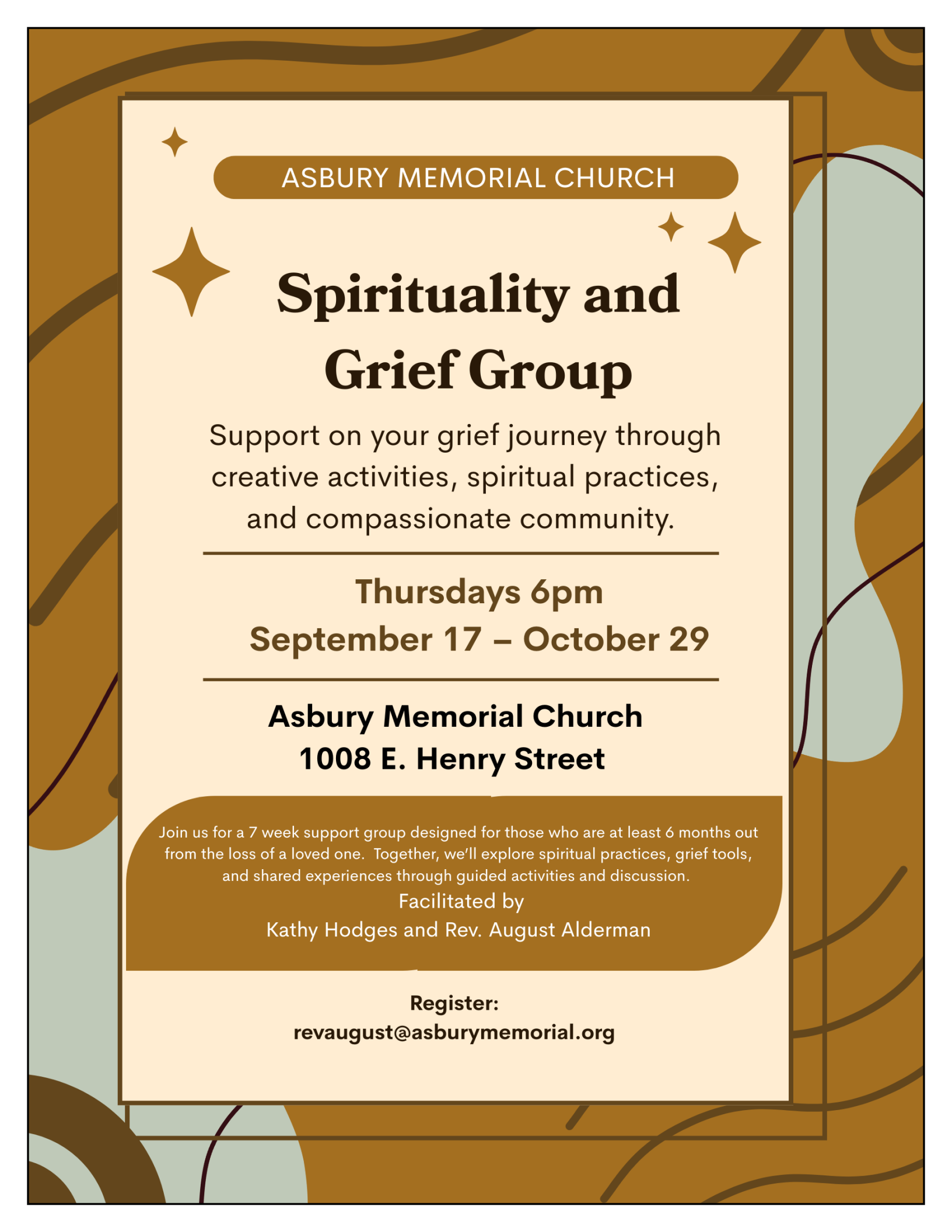


Asbury Memorial Church
1008 E Henry Street



Facilitated by
Kathy Hodges and
Rev. August Alderman

*For those who are at least 6 months
beyond the loss of a loved one.
Maximum of 12 participants*



ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH

Spirituality and Grief Group

Support on your grief journey through
creative activities, spiritual practices,
and compassionate community.

Thursdays 6pm
September 17 – October 29

Asbury Memorial Church
1008 E. Henry Street

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
Kathy Hodges and Rev. August Alderman

Register:
revaugust@asburymemorial.org



Love Your Neighbor. Feed Your Neighbor.

Asbury celebrates our neighbor, church family member, and friend Becca Goossen and the community she is building at Goodfortune Market.

 Goodfortune Market, 2413 Waters Avenue, Savannah

At Asbury, we talk often about what it means to love our neighbors. This month, we're celebrating someone in our own church family who is putting those words into action in a wonderfully practical way.

Becca Goossen, owner of Goodfortune Market, has helped bring Savannah's first street-legal community fridge to Waters Avenue. Located outside Goodfortune at 2413 Waters Avenue, the refrigerator is open 24 hours a day and operates on one beautifully simple idea: Take what you need. Leave what you can.



Creating Something Good

Becca and the Goodfortune team worked with the City of Savannah to make sure the fridge met health and code requirements, creating a place where neighbors can freely share food while also helping reduce food waste. Anyone can contribute, and anyone who needs something can take it. There are no applications, qualifications, or explanations required.

And the people who use it are simply our neighbors. They may be older adults stretching groceries until the next check, college students living on tight budgets, families with children at home, people experiencing homelessness, migrant families, or working people who could simply use a little help this week. As Becca reminds us, even one or two meals a family doesn't have to worry about can make a meaningful difference.

There is something wonderfully familiar about that idea for people of faith. Jesus continually brought people together around food and tables, reminding us that caring

for one another often happens through ordinary acts of generosity. Sometimes loving your neighbor really can be as simple as sharing what you have.

Of course, a Community Fridge needs a community behind it. Goodfortune provides the space and takes care of the cleaning, electricity, maintenance, and day

“Take what you need.
Leave what you can.”

needs of keeping the fridge available. The rest of us can help by donating food, contributing toward those ongoing expenses, or simply spreading the word so that people who need the resource know it is there.

We are grateful to Becca for being part of our Asbury family and for reminding us what can happen when neighbors decide to care for one another.



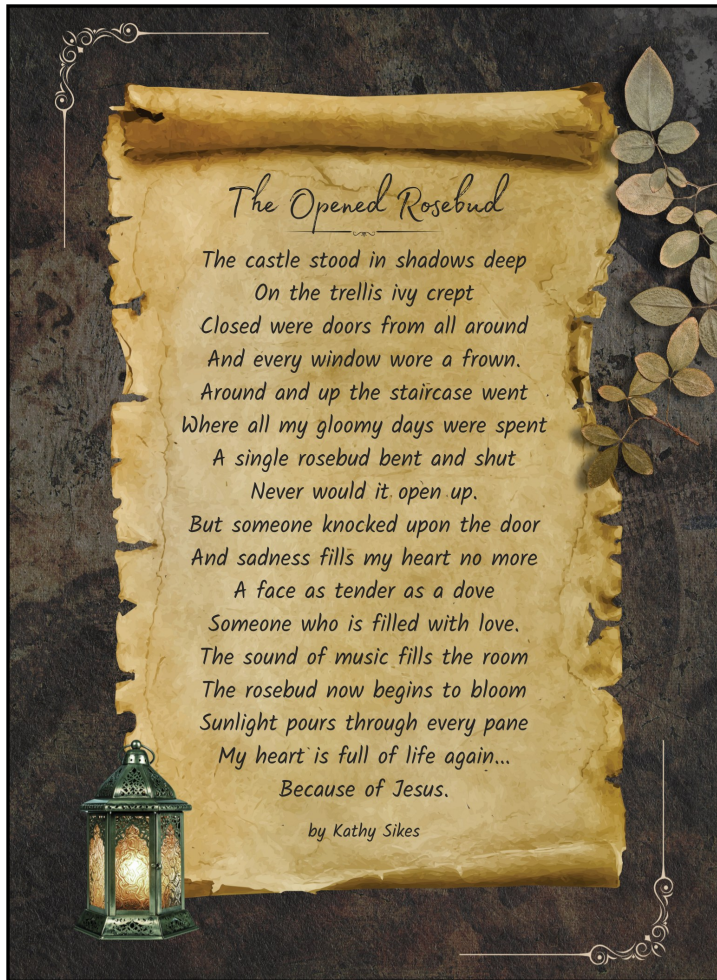
The next time you're near Goodfortune Market, consider stopping by with something to share.

Take what you need. Leave what you can. We're all in this together.



Goodfortune Market, located at 2413 Waters Avenue, is now home to Savannah's first street-legal community fridge, a 24-hour mutual aid food resource






SMART Recovery



SUPPORT FOR A BALANCED LIFE

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

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

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

- **MONDAYS**
- **7:00P -8:30P**
- **EPISCOPACY CENTER
AT 3101 WATERS AVE,
SAVANNAH, GA**
- **ALL ARE WELCOME!**



2ND SUNDAY Seekers

Second Sunday Seekers Group meets on the second Sunday of each month at 6:00p 'at Parker and J.J. Collins' house.

This group is for anyone who wants a safe space to ask questions, share thoughts, and hear different perspectives about all things spiritual and theoretical. Let's get together to discuss the sacred mysteries, the frustrating questions, the ethical dilemmas, and moral conundrums.

There is no agenda, no book to read, and no expectations. Just bring an open heart, an open mind, your humility, your curiosity, and your kindness.




GET FIT WITH MS. LINDA

You determine the workout you want to get. You get out what you put in!




SeniorFit45	SeniorFit30	Core Foundations
A 45-minute full-body workout focused on strength, mobility, and low-impact cardio.	A quick, effective 30-minute class to build strength, balance, and endurance.	Strengthen your core to improve balance, posture, and stability.
Monday - 11:45 am	Wednesday - 12 pm	Wednesday - 12:45 pm

part of the
GREENBRIAR GYM

(912) 665-6718

3709 Hopkins Street
Savannah, GA 31405

APPLE CIDER, TWO WAYS

One cozy fall favorite becomes a tender cinnamon-sugar cake and a fragrant drink made for sharing.



Apple cider is September in a glass: bright, gently spiced, and just sweet enough. Here, it stars in two companion recipes. Reduce it to deepen the flavor of a tender Bundt cake, then warm it with citrus and whole spices for an easy drink to serve alongside every slice.

“One ingredient, two cozy ways to welcome fall.”

Apple Cider Donut Cake

12-14 SLICES • 25 MIN PREP • 45-55 MIN BAKE

INGREDIENTS

2 cups apple cider
2½ cups all-purpose flour
2 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
¼ tsp. ground nutmeg
½ tsp. kosher salt
¾ cup unsalted butter, softened
¾ cup packed light brown sugar
½ cup granulated sugar
3 large eggs, room temperature
1 tsp. vanilla extract
½ cup unsweetened applesauce

CINNAMON-SUGAR FINISH

3 Tbsp. unsalted butter, melted
⅓ cup granulated sugar
1½ tsp. ground cinnamon

METHOD

- 1** Simmer the cider over medium heat until reduced to 1 cup, 20 to 25 minutes. Cool completely.
- 2** Heat oven to 350°F. Generously grease and flour a 10- to 12-cup Bundt pan.
- 3** Whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt.
- 4** Beat butter and both sugars until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add eggs one at a time, then vanilla and applesauce.
- 5** Add dry ingredients in three additions, alternating with cooled cider. Begin and end with dry ingredients. Mix only until combined.
- 6** Spoon into the pan. Bake 45 to 55 minutes, until a tester comes out clean.
- 7** Cool in the pan 15 minutes, then turn onto a rack. While warm, brush with melted butter and coat with cinnamon sugar.
- 8** Cool before slicing. Serve plain or with lightly sweetened whipped cream.

Warm Spiced Apple Cider

8 SERVINGS • 10 MIN PREP • 20-30 MIN SIMMER

INGREDIENTS

8 cups apple cider
1 orange, sliced into rounds
3 cinnamon sticks
6 whole cloves
4 star anise, optional
1-inch piece fresh ginger, sliced
2 Tbsp. maple syrup or brown sugar, optional

METHOD

Combine the cider, orange, cinnamon sticks, cloves, star anise, and ginger in a saucepan. Bring just to a simmer, then reduce the heat and cook gently for 20 to 30 minutes. Strain and taste. Stir in maple syrup or brown sugar if you would like it sweeter.

FOR SERVING

Pour into heat-safe mugs and garnish with an orange slice or cinnamon stick. Keep warm over very low heat for a gathering.

BAKER'S NOTE

Cool the reduced cider completely before adding it to the cake batter so the butter stays creamy and the crumb remains tender.

Thank You, Church Family!

Thank you to everyone who helped support the Youth Group's Back to School Drive. Collectively, we were able to help 60-80 kids get started on the right foot with supplies for the school year.

You are an amazing church family.

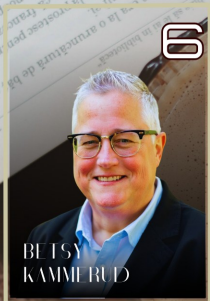


Congratulations, Mollie Robinson!

On earning your yellow belt!



Wesley Oak SEPTEMBER LINEUP



BETSY
KAMMERUD



REV.
AUGUST
ALDERMAN



J.J. COLLINS



REV.
AUGUST
ALDERMAN

WISDOM SEEKERS

September 14 at 12:30 PM

Finding God in the Psalms

What can the Psalms teach us about the way we understand and experience God?

At September's Wisdom Seekers gathering, Freida McGee will lead a thoughtful exploration of *God in the Psalms: A Marcus Borg Perspective*. Together, the group will reflect on Psalm 19 and Psalm 23, with Psalm 29 and Psalm 139 included as time permits.

Volunteers will also be invited to read passages aloud as the group considers themes of creation, comfort, wonder, and the presence of God in our everyday lives.

Come with your questions, your curiosity, and an open heart for a fresh look at some of Scripture's most familiar and beloved words.

"The heavens are telling the glory of God."

Psalm 19:1

— Led by Freida McGee —

This Month's Focus

God in the Psalms: A Marcus Borg Perspective (YouTube video)

Psalm 19 and Psalm 23

Psalm 29 and Psalm 139 (if time permits)

Volunteers will read selected verses aloud

In Loving Memory

We give thanks for the lives of those who have faithfully gone before us. These gifts honor their memory and reflect God's love that lives on.



IN MEMORY OF

Jan Durham

Gifts have been received from:

- Jane Sherlock
- James & Barbara Conner
- Greg & Christina Sherrer



IN MEMORY OF

Lee Davison

A gift has been received from:

- Elizabeth Brannon



IN MEMORY OF

Kenn Waters

Gifts have been received from:

- Mickie & Bob Townsend
- Julie Gordon
- Joan Strozier
- Marty Coolidge

May we continue to honor their memory by living lives of compassion, generosity, and faith, as together we care for one another.

Prayer Requests

Congregants of Asbury Memorial & Wesley Oak

**DiAnne Amerson, Valori Armstrong, Kathy Bradley, Linda Combs,
Marie Foley, Deb Gibson, John Hohnerlein, Bubba Hughes,
Carolyn Ingram, Penny Langley, Virginia Moryades, Kathy Munro,
Frank Ramsey, Geri Spears, Dave Thompson, Shirley White,
Debbie Wright**

Family Members & Friends

Lisa Brown, Naomi Nettles, Zedna Pitt, Elizabeth Wallace

FINANCIAL *Health*



General Budget as of:

JULY



YTD Budget Income Goal

\$481,387



Actual YTD Expenses

\$426,138



Actual YTD Contributions

\$396,248



Actual Contributions TO
Expenses Ahead(Behind)

(\$29,890)



Ahead or (Behind)

if YTD budget spent

(\$72,974)

Faithful stewardship strengthens our mission
and builds a better future—together.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WALK ALONE: THE CARE OF STEPHEN MINISTRY

Life does not always unfold the way we expect. There are seasons of joy and celebration, but also times of grief, stress, illness, transition, or uncertainty. In those moments, it can be easy to feel like we have to carry everything on our own. But did you know you do not have to?

Stephen Ministry is a quiet but powerful presence within our church, offering one to one, confidential care to those who are going through a difficult time. It is built on a simple and meaningful idea. Sometimes what we need most is someone to truly listen and walk beside us.

A Stephen Minister is a trained member of our congregation who meets regularly with someone needing support. They are not there to fix problems or offer quick answers. Instead, they provide compassionate listening, encouragement, and a steady, caring presence. Whether you are navigating loss, dealing with health challenges, facing a life transition, or simply feeling overwhelmed, a Stephen Minister is there to remind you that you are not alone.

This ministry reflects the heart of who we are as a church. People caring for one another, showing up with love, and offering grace in real and tangible ways. It is about creating space for honesty, healing, and connection, without judgment or expectation.

If you or someone you know could benefit from having someone to talk to, someone who will listen and walk alongside you, Stephen Ministry is here for you. Reaching out may feel like a small step, but it can open the door to meaningful support and companionship.

Because no one should have to carry life's burdens alone, and here, you do not have to.

Questions? Contact Candace Jenkins
cjenkins@asburymemorial.org



ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH

When Shadows Fall

**A TIME TO REMEMBER,
TO PRAY, AND TO HOLD
ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE.**

In times of loss, we are reminded that we do not walk alone. As a church family, we lift one another up in prayer, trusting in the enduring love and presence of God.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Warren
Heilman**

in the passing of
his mother,

Virginia Heilman

**Dani
Roberts
& Robbie
Jenkins**

in the passing of
Dani's father,

Darren Roberts

**Mary Alice
Garvin,
Carmel Hearn,
and Alex Swanger**

in the passing of
their beloved family
member,

Barbara Plank

*God of comfort, surround these families
with your peace. Strengthen them with your
love and hold them close in the days ahead.*

AMEN.

ASBURY MEMORIAL'S

Heavenly Honey

You can purchase Asbury Memorial's Heavenly Honey ALL YEAR LONG!

Stop by the church office to purchase yours today!



Men's Group

Building Connection and Conversation

Our Men's Group meets every Thursday at 7:00 PM via Zoom for conversation, support, and spiritual growth. Anyone is welcome to join—any time, from anywhere. No experience or sign-up needed, just drop in and connect!

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



GODLY PLAY

Wesley Oak Campus
9:30am
ages 4 yrs - 5th grade

EVERY SUNDAY
AT ASBURY MEMORIAL & WESLEY OAK

Asbury Memorial Campus
11:15am
ages 4 yrs - 5th grade

CHAIR NAME PLATES

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.

*For my Asbury Family
By Robert D. McEwen*

A Little Laughter FOR THE SOUL

Who was the smartest man in the Bible?

Abraham - he knew a Lot!

Why didn't Jonah trust the ocean?

Because he knew there was something fishy about it.

Who was the world's first comedian?

Samson. He brought the house down.

The Pharisees believe in the resurrection of the dead, but the Sadducees don't. That's why they're sad, you see.

How do we know God loves baseball?

Well he started his book "In the big-inning"

How did the apostles get to Pentecost?

Honda! They were all in one Accord.

W.O.K.E.

WESLEY OAK KNOWLEDGE EXPLORERS

SUNDAYS AT 1:00 PM

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

Wisdom Seekers

**SEPT 14TH
&
SEPT 28TH**

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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.