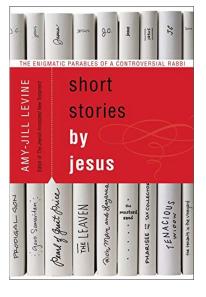


Parables Book Study Starts April 7

On Thursday evenings an Asbury small group will be discussing Amy-Jill Levine's "Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi." Levine invites us to understand Jesus' parables in the light of the world to which he spoke them. This group will have ten discussions on this book, finishing up on June 9. The group begins at 6 p.m. with a soup and salad supper, followed by discussion (often including laughter), and ending with soul sharing and prayer at 8:30 p.m. We have a book just for you (reimbursement amount is \$13). Please email <u>Sharmyn</u> to get more details and/or to sign up to join in!



Campus Clean-Up, April 9



Asbury Spring Clean-up Day is a week and a half away! In case you missed the earlier announcements, it's on Saturday April 9, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. We have tasks appropriate to almost any age group and supply all

the necessary equipment – you provide the labor. We'd love to know how many to plan snacks for, so please contact the office or e-mail facilitiesmgr@asburylive.org to sign up to help (but you can always just show up).

Easter Art Needed by April 10



For Easter we would like to fill the sanctuary with joyful color—and we need your help! We will be making an abstract mosaic with whatever we get from YOU...so we are looking for art that is **purple, yellow, or green**; without words; and anywhere from about 8.5x11 to 11x17 inches. Swirls? Splatters? Sure! Or it could be pastels, or tissue paper collage, or crayon. Use whatever medium you want. Each sheet should be all one color family. Feel free to make lots. We will be cutting them in half, or into triangles (we will figure that out once we have all the sheets) to make our design. It is just all about color. Have fun! Please return your completed wordless, monochromatic yellow, purple, or green art to the box outside the church office by **Sunday, April 10**. We look forward to seeing your creative art pieces. Thank you!

Holy Week and Easter at Asbury

Sunday, April 10--Palm Sunday 10 a.m. in the sanctuary.Our District Superintendent, Samuel Hong, will preach and there will be festive palm branches for everyone as we celebrate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. All are welcome.

Maundy Thursday, April 14--Released at 7 p.m. on Youtube and Facebook. Our online worship will offer us the opportunity to participate in footwashing and take holy communion as we recall the last supper that Jesus shared with his disciples. Supplies needed: basin filled with water for footwashing, a cloth, a towel and a bread item and beverage for communion.

Good Friday Tenebrae Worship at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and online.

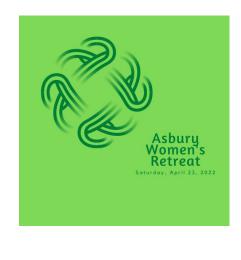
Join us as we remember the last days of Jesus' earthly ministry through dramatic reading of the scripture and music. All are welcome.

April 17, Easter Sunrise 6:15 a.m. at the fire circle(near Fertile GroundWorks behind the sanctuary). An informal worship around the campfire as Easter morning dawns. All are welcome.

Easter Worship 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary featuring the Youth and Faith Choirs, special music, scripture readings, the Easter sermon "Run, Mary, Run," an interactive children's story and Easter hymns. Nursery care provided. All are welcome.

Easter crafts, Egg Hunt, games, and Easter lunch following worship. Immediately after worship, children will have the opportunity to make their easter egg bags, while the youth hide the eggs and then the hunt begins. Additional crafts and games will be available and then everyone is invited to a simple Easter lunch in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

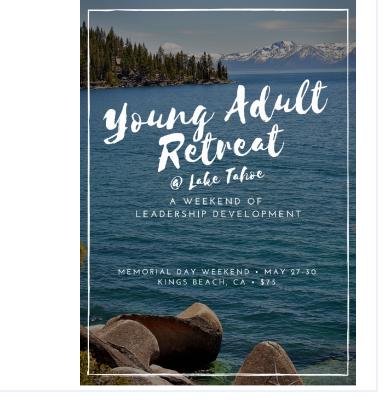
Women's Celtic Retreat, Saturday, April 23



Invite your friends to a day of spiritual renewal right here at Asbury. Our theme this year will be "Celtic Spirituality." Rev. Heather Hammer will lead us as we explore this theme in music, prayer, and fun activities. The cost for the day will be \$20.00, including breakfast snacks, lunch, and program. Scholarships are available and childcare is free for all. Please fill out the <u>registration</u> form and return it to the church office by **April 10**. Contact the church office with any questions.

Young Adult Retreat @ Lake Tahoe

All young adults from ages 18-35 are invited to the Young Adult Retreat @ Lake Tahoe over Memorial Day weekend. It will be a fun weekend focused on Christian Leadership Development where we will be reading John 13 and Simon Sinek's "Start with Why". <u>Click</u> <u>here for more information.</u>



Have questions? Reply to this email or call the office at 925-447-1950. If you have newsletter items, please send them to the <u>Newsletter mailbox</u>.