

## Asbury e-Articles

### Meet our new Communications Specialist



Alaina Harrison comes to us (remotely) from Columbus, Georgia. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Advertising/Marketing Communications and Communications from Wesleyan College in Macon, GA and a Masters of Divinity from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. She is currently working on a Masters of Counseling in School Counseling from the University of Louisiana-Monroe with the goal of becoming a high school counselor. In addition, she is an ordained Deacon in the UMC and has a heart for all things social justice.

Alaina has been married to her husband, Greg, for ten years and they have three human kids - Owen (6.5), Addison (5), and Sawyer (3) - and one furry kid - Lucy (10), the lab/weimaraner mix - who they have had since Lucy was 7 weeks old! Alaina's favorite kinds of shows to watch are pretty much any procedural medical/crime/court dramas and her favorite books are murder mysteries (notice a trend here?). Her family loves going to parks and playgrounds, and they are Six Flags annual pass holders so you can catch them on rollercoasters every chance they get! Alaina has an Asbury [email address](#).

## Campus Clean-Up, April 9

Asbury Spring Clean-up Day is this Saturday 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](mailto:facilitiesmgr@asburylive.org) to sign up to help (but you can always just show up).



## Update on our Office Staff

As most of you know, Terri Gamble our Office Administrator will be on leave as she receives chemo and radiation treatment for lung cancer. Terri will be gone at least 3 months. Ruth Hawley, our Facilities Manager, will provide the main coverage on Monday-Wednesdays. Karen Bauman and Margot Platt will help with coverage with Ruth is on vacation. We may miss a few things so if we do, just let Ruth or Pastor Kathy know. We also ask that you keep Terri and Dave in prayer as they go through this challenging time. Thank you.

## Have You Met Monique Yet?

My name is Monique Andrade and I am a seminary student at Claremont School of Theology. I am pursuing a Master's in Divinity to better prepare myself for ministry as a hospital chaplain. I came to Asbury last summer after moving to Livermore to be closer to family and have loved being part of the community. Unfortunately, I have yet to meet many of you due to the pandemic. Luckily I am serving the church as





an intern involved in various projects so you may be hearing from me throughout the next few weeks. My number is (925)-207-4434 and I welcome calls or texts from any of you who may have questions or just want to chat. I look forward to getting to know my Asbury family and serving our beloved community alongside all of you!"

## 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**.

## Holy Week

**Sunday, April 10 Palm Sunday  
10 a.m. in the sanctuary**

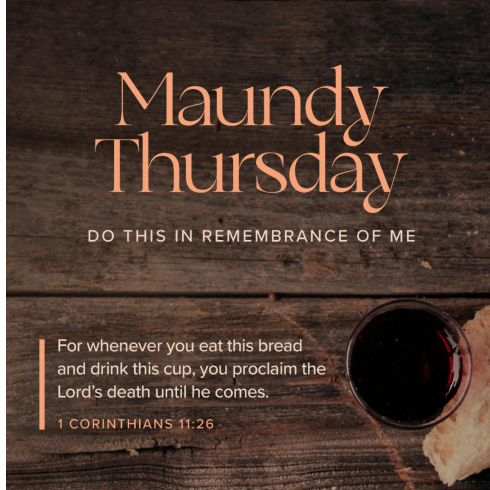
Our District Superintendent, Samuel Hong, will preach, and there will be palm branches for everyone as we celebrate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.



**Maundy Thursday, April 14**

**Released at 7 p.m. on Youtube**

Our online worship will offer us the opportunity to participate in foot



washing and take holy communion. Supplies needed: basin filled with water for foot washing, a cloth, a towel and a bread item and beverage for communion.

**Good Friday Tenebrae, April 15  
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.



**Easter Sunday, April 17**



**Easter Sunrise**

**6:15 a.m. at the fire circle**

Join us for our informal worship around the campfire as Easter morning dawns.

**Easter Worship**

**10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

Our Easter Worship will be filled with joy as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with 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.



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**APRIL 17**  
10:00 am



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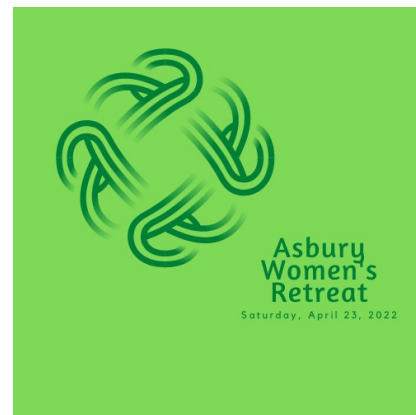
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11:00 am

### Eggstravaganza

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 everyone is invited to an Easter lunch in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome at this time of fellowship.

## Women's Celtic Retreat, April 23

All are invited to a day of spiritual renewal right at Asbury. Our theme is "Celtic Spirituality." Rev. Heather Hammer is leading us in exploring this theme through 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 [registration](#) form and return it to the church office by **April 10**. Contact the church office with any questions.



## Charge Conference Meeting o Sunday, August 4 at 12:30 p.m. on Zoom

The Church Council meeting will begin with a Charge Conference on Sunday, April 24 for the purposes of electing Lay Members to Annual conferences, members to the Board of Trustees and a member to Staff Parish Relations Committee. The Charge Conference will be on Zoom



and will be the same link at the Church Council meeting. Church Council members comprise the Charge Conference.

## Konnections with Kathy



"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens"--so begins Ecclesiastes 3. Asbury has been through a great many changes lately in our IT and communication systems. Many of these changes started in response to the pandemic. We know there have been some glitches and oops while we are in the process of adapting to new procedures. We have also experienced some key changes in volunteer leadership due to families moving away from Livermore.

I have highlighted a few things that we will do in communications:

- continue to develop our E-articles
- improve our Facebook and local press presence
- initiate an Instagram presence
- begin a major overhaul of the website.

On the IT front, the things we will tackle Include:

- the bringing online of the second camera for worship livestreaming which will improve the visual experience
- calibrate the sound system for both in-person and online worship (it takes different calibrations for each setting)
- develop a manual and more in-depth training for our volunteers (We are grateful for our amazing group of AV volunteers)
- continue to refine our worship slides as we engage more deeply with the new software.

All this change takes time and so we ask for your patience and good humor as we learn and adapt. Some of the improvements will happen soon, others will take a year or a year and half. We welcome feedback and ask you to understand that quick fixes are rare. We must think through and examine how each change impacts other components of the system. We will keep you apprised of our progress. I ask that you hold this group in prayer and be patient. And I extend my deep appreciation to

all who are working on these projects. If you have further questions about what we are doing, please talk with Brad or me. As always, we are happy to discuss these or other matters.

Blessings,

Pastor Kathy

Have questions? Reply to this email or call the office at 925-447-1950. If you have newsletter items, please send them to the [Newsletter mailbox](#).

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