

Asbury e-Articles

Rise Against Hunger: We Need Your Help!



Saturday, April 30th
9:00am - 11:00am
Asbury UMC Fellowship Hall

We need YOUR help to pack 10,000 meals for communities around the world impacted by hunger. There are jobs available for all ages making it the perfect family service activity! You can even track where our packed shipment of food is sent.

[Learn more](#) about Rise Against Hunger and [sign up](#) to volunteer!

Much Ado About...the Food Bank!

Want to support the Alameda County Food Bank and have fun at the same time?

Come see *Much Ado About Nothing*, Shakespeare's romantic comedy - Beatles style!

Dates:

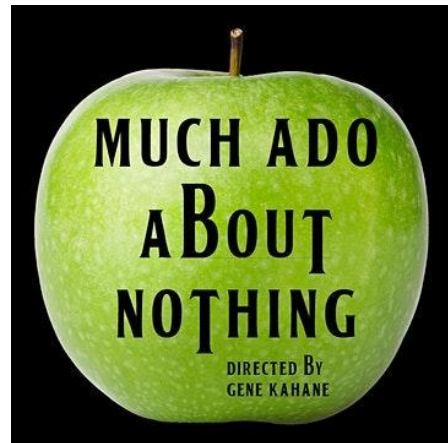
Saturdays, April 23rd and 30th at 2pm
Sundays, April 24th and May 1st at 2pm

Location:

West End Healing Garden: 1453 Webster St, Alameda

Things to Know:

- The play is outdoors (prepare for the weather)
- It's free! But donations to the food bank are gladly accepted.
- Even though it's free, it's highly encouraged to [reserve](#) tickets
- You'll see a familiar face as the Friar! (you'll recognize the stole!)



Cards for the Davids

Dave and Barbara David will soon be moving to Portland, Oregon. On **Sunday, May 15** we will say good-bye to them in worship and during Fellowship Time.

As part of the good-bye, we would like your help by writing a note to them on a 3 x 5 card expressing a memory, appreciation, or thanks. Cards will be available following worship or in the church office. **Please return the cards to the church office before Sunday, May 1st.** If you have photos of them singing in the choir, working and performing in a play, as a trustee, etc., please drop them off or email them to the church office.

Asbury's Antiracism Ministry: Update!

Asbury's Antiracism Ministry began formally about 18 months. We felt called to respond to the well-documented choking death of George Floyd, but needed to educate ourselves on the issues, the history, and the nature of racism. We wanted to be actively working against racism in our own lives and in our society. We've learned a lot and there's so much more yet to learn.

We meet via [Zoom](#) on the 4th Tuesday of each month, and we would love to have you join us, no matter where you are in your own journey. **Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 26th at 7pm** and will be discussing portions of the book, Hood Feminism by Mikki Kendall, which examines how the feminist movement does (and mostly does not) help women of color. Check out the book trailer [here!](#)

If you're intrigued by the topic of antiracism and feel called in that direction but a monthly Zoom meeting does not appeal to you, not to worry: you can study the issues on your own time and at your own pace. We have a wonderful [resource list](#) of things our group has read, watched, discussed, or recommended to each other. It has books, videos, articles, webinars, movies, TED talks, poetry, and You Tube clips. Browse through it as you would browse through a library or a Netflix menu. Pick something that catches your eye and dive right in. And if ever you want to talk about what you've learned, join us on [Zoom](#).

Upcoming Events

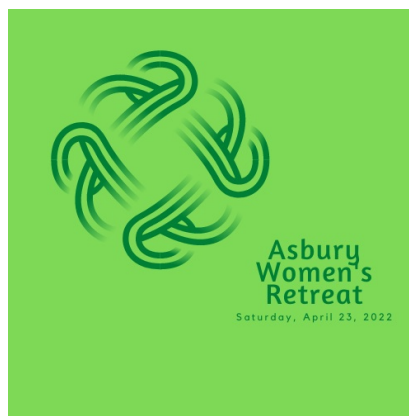
May 15: Celebration Sunday!

On **Sunday, May 15**, we will have a luncheon following worship to say farewell to the Davids, as well as recognize the building committees who put so much work into our new building! Please plan to join us after worship to celebrate!

SAVE THE DATE

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 17**. Contact the church office with any questions.



Have questions?

Reply to this email or call the office at 925-447-1950.

Have an article, announcement, or event to submit?

Send them to the [Alaina Harrison](#), our Communications Specialist.

Miss a newsletter or need to go back and re-read?

Check out the [newsletter archive](#)!
