



Worship

Prayer Time in Worship



Beginning **Sunday, May 1**, we are going to offer a time of prayer in worship to engage the senses.

Prayer will begin with an invitation for worshippers to come forward and light a candle as they pray silently. Prayer request cards may be left in the basket by the prayer

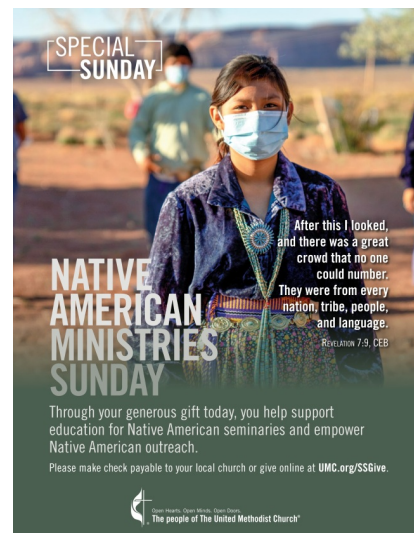
candles. Fernanda will accompany this time of prayer, which will be followed by a brief pastoral prayer and the Lord's prayer.

On Sunday night or Monday, the prayer request cards will be compiled and sent to the congregation with a request to pray for these people and situations during week. Please see Pastor Kathy or Brad, if you have any questions.

Special Offering: Native American Ministries

This Sunday is Native American Ministries Sunday.

This Special Sunday is celebrated on the Third Sunday of Easter in United Methodist Churches around the country. An offering is taken on this day to develop and strengthen Native American ministries in rural, urban, and reservation settings. It provides scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist seminaries and hope for families in communities of poverty.



You may write a check to Asbury UMC and write on the notation line "Native American Ministries" or use Zelle (destination is Finance@asburylive.org) and drop an email to [Gail Bryan](#), our Financial Secretary, so it is credited properly.

Children's Ministry

Rainbow Choir Begins In-Person Rehearsals Sunday, May 1

Rainbow Choir (Singers in 3rd - 5th Grade) will resume in-person rehearsals in the Sanctuary beginning Sunday, May 1, from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM.



There will still be a Zoom component for those uncomfortable with in-person meetings. Masks will not be required, but can certainly be worn.

Rainbow Choir uses percussion instruments, like chimes, xylophones, tambourines, drums and finger cymbals. Choir director, Jean Braun, is REALLY wanting her singers to experience all that joyful noise before another choir year is over! The hope is to have Rainbow Choir participate in Music Celebration Sunday, June 5, playing instruments.

Please come join in on the fun. We will rehearse May 1, May 8, May 22 and May 29. (No rehearsal on May 15.) Feel free to contact [Jean](#) with questions, comments, concerns &/or to let her know you are coming!

Zoom Sunday School Moving to In-Person!

The last day of children's Zoom Sunday school will be Sunday, May 15!

Starting Sunday, May 22, we'd love to see you in person!

Kindness Matters Camp 2022 is coming!



Wed, July 20th - Fri, July 22nd
9am to 12pm
Children entering 1st-5th grades
[Registration](#) closes July 1st

All children and volunteers will need to show COVID-19 vaccination appropriate for their age group.

Sun, July 24th Community Picnic

Well have a giant waterslide and lunch for families to attend together following 10 a.m. Worship Service

If you are interested in planning and/or volunteering, contact [Jackie](#).

Youth Ministry

Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser



Sunday, May 22nd
9-9:45am or 11-11:45am
\$8/person; \$25/family

Help the youth group raise money for their SSP Trip to Smith River, CA this summer! Purchase your tickets beginning **this Sunday, May 1!**

Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Retreat at Lake Tahoe

Fri, May 27 - Mon, May 30
Lake Tahoe
\$75 (*includes most meals, group discussion book, transportation, and lodging*)
[Registration](#) closes May 8th

Join us for a fun weekend focused on Christian Leadership Development where we will be reading John 13 and Simon Sinek's "Start with Why".

We will plan to go out and explore Tahoe so bring some extra money for activities and for one dinner/snacks/drinks. As of March 25, masks will be optional at the retreat center.



Serving Others With Love

Rise Against Hunger: We Need Your Help!



THIS 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!

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!

Pathways to Peace: Are nuclear weapons necessary today?

Global tensions are dramatically rising from the recent Russian invasion of Ukraine. At the forefront of these tensions is the heightened alert toward nuclear weapon use. For many born in the last few decades, this is the first time in their lives that this threat of nuclear weapon use has felt real. Because of this, Asbury United Methodist Church and Livermore Indivisible are co-sponsoring a public forum entitled, "Pathways to Peace: Are Nuclear Weapons Necessary Today?"

PATHWAYS *to* PEACE: Are nuclear weapons necessary today?

May 15 | 4:00pm - 5:30pm | Asbury United Methodist Church



DR. GEORGE MILLER
Director Emeritus, Lawrence
Livermore National Laboratory



FR. GEORGE GRIENER
Professor Emeritus,
Jesuit School of Theology



REV. JOANNA SHENK
Associate Pastor, First Mennonite
Church of San Francisco



DR. RON LEHMAN
Former Director, U.S. Arms Control
and Disarmament Agency and U.S.
Strategic Offensive Arms Negotiator



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There are many perspectives on nuclear weapons and their development, and this forum will highlight four different paths to peace. We will have four experts, Dr. George Miller, Dr. Ron Lehman, Fr. George Griener, and Rev. Joanna Shenk, speaking on the four topics of nuclear deterrence, nuclear reduction, just war theory, and religious pacifism. Livermore, California has a long history and connection to nuclear weapon development through the Lawrence Livermore National, and this forum draws on that history while equipping new generations to answer the question, "Are Nuclear Weapons Necessary Today?"

The event is free, but [reserve](#) your spot!
Can't make it in person? Watch the [livestream](#)!

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 **one side** of 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 THIS 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. (Please identify people in photos)

Have a car to spare?

Our new Communications Specialist, Alaina Harrison, will visit Asbury and Livermore on May 12-17.

Pastor Kathy is setting up her schedule and she will be in worship on Sunday as well as at our lunch to honor the building committees and the Davids among other things.

We are hoping there might be a member of the congregation who would be willing to lend a car to Alaina while she is here or people who would be able to help give her rides. If you can help with rides or the lending of a car, please contact [Pastor Kathy](#).

Asbury Events at a Glance

- Sat, April 30; 9-11am: Rise Against Hunger food packing event
- Sun, May 1; 11:30am-12:30pm: Rainbow Choir rehearsal begins
- Sun, May 15; 11am: Celebration luncheon after worship
- Sun, May 15; 4-5:30pm: Pathways to Peace event
- Sun, May 22: In-person children's Sunday School resumes
- Sun, May 22: Youth Pancake Breakfast fundraiser
- Fri, May 27 - Mon, May 30: Young Adult retreat at Lake Tahoe
- Wed, July 20 - Fri, July 22; 9am-12pm Kindness Matters Camp
- Mon, Aug 1 - Fri, Aug 5: Children's Music Camp

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](#)!
