



## Coming This Weekend!

### Hike for Hope 2022: THIS Saturday!



THIS Saturday, May 14th  
Del Valle Regional Park, Livermore  
Start between 8:30am - 9:30am

Hike for Hope is a memorial walk and fundraiser for Hope Hospice and Asbury has a team this year! If you would like to join Team Asbury, email [Michele](#).

There are two ways you can donate to Hope Hospice:

- [online](#), via the event website
- send a check to with "Hike for Hope/Team Asbury" in the memo line to Hope Hospice (6377 Clark Ave., Ste. 100, Dublin, CA 94568)

### Caregivers' Support Group: THIS Saturday

THIS Saturday, May 14  
10:30am  
Join the [Zoom meeting](#)

The Caregiver's Support Group meets every third Saturday at 10:30 a.m. However due to the memorial service for Tim Evans, our next meeting will be Saturday, May 14 10:30 a.m.

Please invite friends, family and neighbors who are caregivers too. It is so important to not go through the care giving task alone and to spend some time with people who understand the joys and challenges of care giving. This is a time for sharing and prayer.

For more information about the group, contact [Pastor Kathy](#).

# THIS Sunday: Celebration Sunday!



THIS 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?

THIS Sunday, May 15th  
4:00pm - 5:30pm  
Asbury Sanctuary

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  
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FR. GEORGE GRIENER  
Professor Emeritus,  
Jesuit School of Theology



REV. JOANNA SHENK  
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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](#)!

## Worship

## Prayer Time in Worship



We are now offering 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

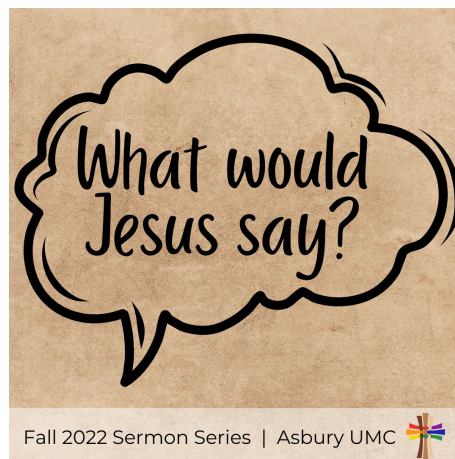
candles. Fernanda will accompany this time of prayer, which will be followed by a brief pastoral prayer and the Lord's prayer.

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.

## What Would Jesus Say?

Pastor Kathy and Brad will be preaching a sermon series this fall entitled "I Wonder What Jesus Would Say About...?"

We want your input! Please share with us what topics or questions you would ask Jesus about by taking the survey below or by emailing [Pastor Kathy](#) by May 30. Make as many submissions as you would like and watch for our sermon series come fall!



"What Would Jesus Say?"  
survey

## Children's Ministry

### Rainbow Choir is Back In-Person!

Rainbow Choir is for singers in 3rd - 5th grade, and has returned to in-person rehearsals in the sanctuary on Sundays 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 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!

THIS Sunday (May 15) is the last day of children's Zoom Sunday school!

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

We'll 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! Tickets are on sale now!

## 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 Sunday, May 22nd

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

### Livermore School Backpack Project

We're beginning preparations for the annual Livermore schools backpack project!

Asbury has committed to **150 filled backpacks** for middle and high schoolers. The approximate cost is **\$32 per backpack**. If you would like to make a monetary donation to this project, make sure that you make a note with the gift that it is for the Livermore School Backpack Project.

We'll be returning to the pre-pandemic practice of each church doing the packing, which means we'll have a packing assembly line this summer as we did in 2019.

## Upcoming Community Events

### Interfaith Interconnect Religion Chat: TODAY!

Wednesday, May 11 (TODAY!)

Presentations: 5-6pm

Breakout discussion: 6-6:30pm (optional)

Please join us for Interfaith Interconnect Religion Chat!

**Topic:** How does your community welcome children/youth into the faith? What rite of passage ceremonies are traditional in your culture?

**Speakers:**

- Hosai Mojaddidi, Muslim Community Center East Bay
- Renee Andrus, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

**In-person:** Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1501 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore. Enter parking lot at 2nd (south) driveway.

**New this time!** You have the option to attend in-person or via [Zoom](#)

Doors and Zoom room will open at 4:40. Masks not required but you're welcome to wear one. All are welcome! Please feel free to invite others to attend.

If you missed the last conversation on April 13 with speakers Parima Shah, Jain, and Gaurav Rastogi, Hindu, catch up with the [recording!](#)

## Grief Support Group

**4th Wednesday of the Month**

**May 25th**

**4:30pm - 5:30pm**

**In-person: Asbury Conference Room**

**Zoom: Meeting ID 816 5232 4145; Password 041314**

Sometimes it's hard to put our grief into words. Join a support group and you might hear someone else speak how you've been feeling!

Grief Groups are open to the public and all are welcome!

## Witness our Welcome 2022

**Sunday, June 5th**

**8:00pm**

**Danville Congregational Church**

**989 San Ramon Valley Blvd,**

**Danville, CA**

Join 680-Corridor Area faith communities for a special interfaith worship celebration!

After two years of postponements, the annual Witness Our Welcome (WOW) Celebration is back, just in time to kick off Pride Month!



Through this interfaith service, WOW celebrates the diversity of God's creation as seen in all their 'rainbow-hued children'. It is sponsored by affirming faith communities and organizations located primarily along the 680 corridor.

Bishop Megan Roher — the first openly transgender pastor-bishop in a mainline Christian denomination -- will bring the message. The prestigious Spirit Award will be presented to the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, helmed by superintendent Dr. John Malloy. This

award honors those who advance the cause of inclusivity and justice for LGBTQ+ people.

## Rodeo Parade & Grill Team are back!



The Rodeo Parade is back and so is the Asbury Grill Team! After charming the judges in last year's virtual Rodeo Parade, we are ready to do it again, live!

The Rodeo Parade takes place **Saturday June 11, 2022 at 10 am**. We need 10+ Asburyites (men, women, and youth) to march in the parade with portable grills to be our Grill Team!

The Grill Team will rehearse on Saturdays from 9-11 am, starting May 14. We will meet in the courtyard, then move to the parking lot for marching practice. Grills are provided, but we ask you to provide a BBQ apron and utensils (we can help with this if needed). Wear comfortable walking shoes, and be prepared for fun!

If you can't come to rehearsals but want to be in the parade, we need banner carriers and people on the float. We're also looking for creative folks to help decorate, too!

To sign up, or for questions, contact [Martie Muldoon](#).

## Upcoming Asbury Events

### Virtual Conference with Pema Chodron

**May 27-29**

- Friday, May 27: 4:00pm-6:30pm
- Saturday, May 28: 6:00am-9:00am; 11:30am-2:00pm
- Sunday, May 29: 6:00am-9:00am; 10am Asbury Worship Service; 1pm group lunch by RSVP (in person or virtual)

**\$99** (*includes access to recordings for 60 days after event concludes*)

Join Asbury's Prayerful Meditation Circle for a virtual weekend conference featuring the first American woman to be ordained as a Buddhist nun in the Tibetan tradition, Pema Chodron. The focus of the retreat is "Awakening Through Difficult Circumstances: The Ancient Practice of Love and Compassion" and will explore what it means to engage the world in an open and deeply connected way.

You do not have to be an existing part of the Prayerful Meditation Circle to join in on the weekend! Simply [register here](#) and let [Jackie](#) know you're attending.

If you would be interested in a group lunch at the conclusion of the retreat and Asbury worship on Sunday, May 29th, please let [Jackie](#) know by **Sunday, May 22nd** so proper accommodations can be made. Indicate whether you would be open to an in person lunch gathering or if you would prefer virtual.

## Celebrations of Life & Memorial Services

**Tim Evans**

Saturday, May 21st at 11am

Asbury UMC

*Reception to follow*

**Jim Culpepper**

Saturday, June 4th at 2pm

Asbury UMC

*Reception to follow*

## Habitat for Humanity service project



Saturday, June 25th

8:30am - 4:00pm

Asbury is joining with San Ramon Valley UMC and Walnut Creek UMC to work on a Habitat for Humanity project at Esperanza place, an affordable housing complex in Walnut Creek.

[Register online](#) to volunteer!

## Asbury Community

### Calling all graduates!

Are you or a family member graduating from high school, college, university, technical school, or graduate school?

We will be recognizing all graduates on **Sunday, June 5th** and are putting together a video to honor them! Here's what we need:

- Graduate's name
- School they are graduating from (high school, college, university, and/or technical school)
- Degree they are receiving
- Their future plans
- A graduation photo and a baby photo

Send everything above to [Brad Biggerstaff](#) by **Wednesday, June 1st!**



## Antiracism Ministry: Update

At our April meeting, Asbury's Antiracism group discussed the book *Hood Feminism: Notes from the Women that a Movement Forgot*, written by Mikki Kendall.

We covered just a few of the chapters, but there were still lots of ideas to discuss and think about. The author contends that mainstream feminism in the US does not focus on improving the lives of women of color. Instead, it concentrates on advancing the opportunities for white women. Food insecurity, a living wage, and access to health care and education are issues of importance in "hood feminism." These issues, if addressed, could help all women and men but most especially the disadvantaged people in our society who need the most help.

Because the book is a collection of essays, you can read one or two chapters or even jump around in the book as your interest leads you. Copies are available to borrow if you contact the church office. We guarantee the book will challenge you, give you new perspectives, and leave you with lots to think about.

Save the date for our next [Zoom](#) meeting on **May 23rd at 7pm!**

## We want YOU to be a greeter!

We need more of your smiling faces to be greeters for Sunday mornings!

Think back to when you enter a building the first few times and how helpful and inviting it feels to have someone there to greet you with a smile and guidance on where to go. Or even when the place is no longer new, think about how warm it feels to see that familiar smile when you walk through the doors.

[Sign up](#) to be a Sunday morning greeter and help make Asbury the warm, inviting, welcoming place that is it!

## Events at a Glance

- **Sat, May 14; 10:30am:** Caregivers Support Group
- **Sun, May 15; 11am:** Celebration luncheon after worship
- **Sun, May 15; 4-5:30pm:** Pathways to Peace event
- **Sat, May 21; 11am:** Tim Evans' Memorial Service
- **Sun, May 22:** In-person children's Sunday School resumes
- **Sun, May 22:** Youth Pancake Breakfast fundraiser
- **Mon, May 23; 7pm:** Antiracism Ministry Zoom
- **Wed, May 25; 4:30-5:30pm:** Grief Support Group
- **Fri, May 27 - Sun, May 29:** Virtual Conference with Pema Chodron
- **Fri, May 27 - Mon, May 30:** Young Adult retreat at Lake Tahoe
- **Sat, June 4; 2pm:** Jim Culpepper's Celebration of Life

- Sun, June 5; 8pm: Witness our Welcome 2022
  - Wed, July 20 - Fri, July 22; 9am-12pm Kindness Matters Camp
  - Mon, Aug 1 - Fri, Aug 5 Children's Music Camp
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**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  
by 3pm on Tuesdays.

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

Check out the [newsletter archive](#)!

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