



Worship

Asbury Masking Policy

Asbury will be following the guidance of the Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) regarding indoor masking.

When the ACPHD strongly recommends masking for all, Asbury will require masks be worn at all indoor events.

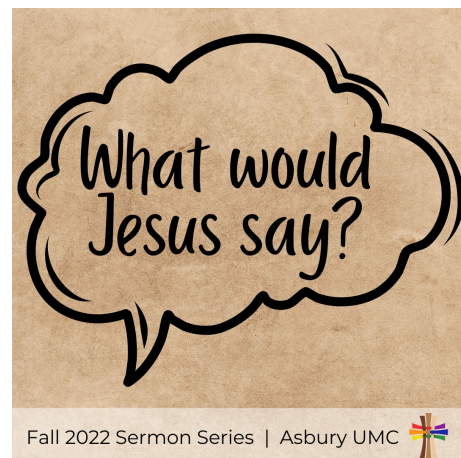
When ACPHD relaxes indoor masking recommendations, Asbury will follow suit and require masks for those not fully vaccinated. Sunday School teachers and nursery staff will continue to wear masks when children less than 5 years old are present indoors.

Getting vaccinated and boosted is also another way we can love our neighbor and do no harm. People are always welcome to mask if that is their preference. Group leaders or groups may decide to implement a mask mandate in their group to protect their members in need of greater protection

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!



Choir Takes a Summer Break!

After Sunday, June 5, there will be no choir (adult, children, or handbells) until September! If you would like to stay updated about any of our music opportunities, please reach out to [Jean](#).

Children's Ministry

Rainbow Choir: Last rehearsal!

THIS Sunday, May 29, is the final rehearsal for Rainbow Choir!

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. Feel free to contact [Jean](#) with questions, comments, concerns &/or to let her know you are coming!

Save the Date: Music Camp!

August 1-5 & 7

Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 12pm

Friday: 8:30am - 1pm

Sunday: 9am - 12pm

For children entering 1st - 5th grades

All children and volunteers will be required to be vaccinated appropriate to their age group and show proof.

Contact [Fernanda](#) to volunteer or find out more. Registration coming soon!



Young Adult Retreat at Lake Tahoe: THIS Weekend!

Fri, May 27 - Sun, May 29

Lake Tahoe

\$75 (includes most meals, group discussion book, transportation, and lodging)

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.



Upcoming Community Events

Grief Support Group: TODAY!

4th Wednesday of the Month

TODAY, 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

5:00pm

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 10-11am leading up to the event. 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](#).

Fertile Groundworks Summer Garden Party

Fertile Groundworks warmly invites you to help kick off the summer season with an afternoon of food, fun, and festivities!

Join us at the Fertile Groundworks garden at 4743 East Avenue, Livermore on Saturday, June 25 from 4-7pm.



Bring your appetite as we fire up the grill for a delicious outdoor BBQ. We will be hosting activities for all ages including music, games, raffles, a Master Gardener Ask-Me-Anything booth, and tours of the garden. Invite your family and friends to join in the festivities!

Tickets will be \$30 for adults and \$10 for children and will go on sale soon!

Upcoming Asbury Events

Ballpark with Brad



Do you like baseball? Do you have open afternoons during the week? Do you want to spend more time getting to know Brad? Then, you should join Brad this summer for Ballpark with Brad.

Pastor Brad will be taking all who want to go to Oakland A's games on 6 dates from June through September. Anyone going will get to enjoy weekday afternoon baseball in the cheap seats with Brad.

Tickets will be purchased at the ballpark or one day in advance for everyone by Brad. Bring some extra money for food or other items that you want to buy at the game. All are welcome to attend any or all of these six games from retirees with free afternoons to youth out of school for the summer. Email [Brad](#) at to sign up for the days you plan to go to!

Dates:

- Wednesday, June 1st 12:37 pm vs. Houston Astros
- Wednesday, July 27th 12:37 pm vs. Houston Astros
- Wednesday, August 10th 12:37 pm vs. Anaheim Angels
- Wednesday, August 24th 12:37 pm vs. Miami Marlins
- Wednesday, September 7th 12:37 pm vs. Atlanta Braves
- Thursday, September 22nd 12:37 pm vs. Seattle Mariners

Celebrations of Life & Memorial Services

Jim Culpepper
Saturday, June 4th at 2pm

Interfaith Interconnect Religion Chat

Wednesday, June 8th

In-person or [Zoom](#)

Muslim Community Center East Bay
5724 W. Las Positas Blvd., Pleasanton
Conference Room/Suite 100

Enter from "A" and park at "Outdoor Prayer Space" as listed on the [map](#)

Presentations: 5:00pm-6:00pm

Breakout discussion groups: 6:00pm-6:30pm (optional)

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

Speakers: Trish Munro, Congregation Beth Emek and Karan Saini, Sikh

Doors and [Zoom](#) room will open at 4:40pm.

All are welcome! Please feel free to invite others to attend.

Additional resource: May 11 Religion Chat [video](#) on the same topic with speakers Hosai Mojaddidi, Muslim; and Renee Andrus, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

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

Tiny Home Community: Update

As you may know we have a Task Force working on the possibility of building a tiny home community at the back of Asbury's property to help provide housing for the unsheltered in our area.

We are sending a [letter](#) to our neighbors outlining the history of our work

and where we are now. We hope you will read it to be updated on the latest work of this Task Force.

In addition, we are looking for a few additional Asburyites to serve on this task force—particularly our younger members. If interested, please contact [Rob Rudd](#).

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!**

Need: Embroidery Machine & Tablet

If you have a used embroidery sewing machine or a tablet that can connect to the internet, please contact [Lorraine Magee](#) at 925-443-7913.

These will be sent to Uganda with a missionary leaving on May 27 to be used by a young woman and her nephew who live there.

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!

Sunday Prayer Requests

Please pray for the [requests](#) that were made during prayer time on Sunday.

If you would like to be on the email prayer chain, please contact the [church office](#).



Events at a Glance

- **Wed, May 25; 4:30-5:30pm:** Grief Support Group
- **Fri, May 27 - Sun, May 29:** Young Adult retreat at Lake Tahoe
- **Sat, June 4; 2pm:** Jim Culpepper's Celebration of Life
- **Sun, Jun 5; 10am:** Graduate Sunday
- **Sun, June 5; 5pm:** Witness our Welcome 2022
- **Sat, June 11; 10am:** Livermore Rodeo Parade
- **Sat, July 25; 8:30am-4:00pm:** Habitat for Humanity workday
- **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
by 3pm on Tuesdays.

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

Check out the [newsletter archive](#)!
