



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

Pentecost is THIS Sunday!

This Sunday, June 5th, is Pentecost Sunday.

We encourage everyone to wear fire colors to worship as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit!

Choir Takes a Summer Break!

After THIS 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

Celebrate Community Weekend!

Saturday, July 23rd, beginning at 9am
We'll work in the Fertile GroundWorks garden, eat lunch, swim, have a hot dog dinner and campfire, and camp out on Asbury's property! We'll wake up on Sunday morning to breakfast before worship at 10am.

Sunday, July 24th: Summer Fest, 11am-3pm

Following worship at 10am, we'll have lunch, a shave ice food truck, a giant waterslide, games, science, and arts & crafts with space to do art from home in the fellowship hall!

[Sign up](#) to participate and/or to provide food for the various meals! Make sure to include how many people are in your party.

If you would like to make a donation to our program, please make it to our Serving Others With Love summer project: [Fertile GroundWorks](#). You can also drop it off to the church office or offering boxes labeled "Fertile GroundWorks."



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!

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, 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

THIS Saturday, June 4th at 2pm

Asbury UMC

Reception to follow

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!

Upcoming Community Events

Witness our Welcome 2022: THIS Sunday!

THIS 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](#).

Partners for Change: Spaghetti Cook Off



SPAGHETTI COOKOFF



Saturday, June 25th
11am - 5pm
Livermore Airport

Enjoy some delicious spaghetti and support Partners for Change!

Partners is in need of volunteers to help with ticket sales as well as the event itself. If you are able to help with the event, contact [Kathy](#).

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!

Asbury Community

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study has resumed meeting **every Thursday at 7:45am** via video conferencing.

We are starting a new series "Comparative Religion." The first lecture is titled ""Exploring Similarities and Differences." The professor introduces the topic and himself, giving us some of this background so we can better understand his subjective biases.

Whether or not you've been attending, you are welcome to join us. There is no homework. Contact [Art Molvik](#) if you would like to join the group and to get the link.

Women of the Spirit small group

Women of the Spirit, an Asbury small group led by Joanne Abey, is looking for new members. Starting **June 16 at 10:30 am**, we will meet monthly this summer to discuss our new book: *Good and Mad: The Revolutionary Power of Women's Anger* by journalist Rebecca Traister.

This New York Times bestselling exploration of the transformative power of female anger and its ability to transcend into a political movement is "a hopeful, maddening compendium of righteous feminine anger, and the good it can do when wielded efficiently—and collectively."

If you would like to join our group please contact Joanne at 925-321-6319 or Debbie Whiteside 925-321-4712.

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 **THIS 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 the above to [Brad Biggerstaff](#) by TODAY (Wednesday, June 1st)!

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

- Every Thursday; 7:45am: Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- Every Saturday; 10am: Chat and Craft [Zoom](#) gathering
- 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, June 25; 8:30am-4:00pm: Habitat for Humanity workday
 - Sat, July 23 - Sun, July 24 Celebrate Community Weekend
 - 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](#)!
