



NEW in Asbury Articles!

Each week, there will be a hidden "Easter egg" somewhere in the Asbury Articles to make sure you're paying attention ;)

AND at the end of each month, we'll have trivia at the bottom of the newsletter to test your knowledge of what you've read that month in the Asbury Articles! Your prize? Bragging rights!

Worship

Asbury Masking Policy

Asbury follows 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. **Masks are now highly recommended (but not required) in worship, as required masking mandate was lifted on June 25 by ACPHD.**

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.

Children's Ministry

Music Camp Registration is Open!



August 1-5 & 7

Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 12pm

Friday: 8:30am - 1pm

Sunday: 9am - 12pm

For children entering 1st - 5th grades

[Register](#) by July 18th

Music Camp is coming! We'll learn about music through singing, instruments, and play. Campers will have the opportunity to perform for each other, residents at Heritage Estates Senior Living, and the Asbury community during the Sunday worship service.

For additional information, contact [Fernanda](#).

**Note: all children will need to show COVID-19 vaccination appropriate to their age group.*

Serving Others With Love

Annual School Backpack Project

It's July, which means it's time for Asbury's annual campaign (along with other churches in Livermore) to provide backpacks filled with school supplies to students in need within our schools!

We need your help!

- **Financial donation:** Asbury has committed to 150 filled middle/high school backpacks at about \$32 each. Your financial donations to this project pays for the materials.
- **Filling the backpacks:** After worship on July 31, we will fill the backpacks with the supplies! It's not difficult work - but it is meaningful work!

The school district's Child Welfare and Attendance specialists have determined how many of which kind (elementary or middle/high) of backpack are needed at each school, and Asbury will help deliver filled backpacks the week before school starts.

Outreach Opportunities

Supporting St. Paul's UMC in San Jose

From Rev. Samuel Ho, District Superintendent of El Camino Real District

St. Paul's Sanctuary was severely damaged by the fire on Wednesday, June 8, 2022. The whole building has tested positive for asbestos and lead. The usable space (the office, the fellowship hall, the classrooms, and kitchen space) will take about three to six months for toxic clean-up and for restoration of power. Current positive estimates for the whole building is 18 to 24 months, God willing.

St. Paul's congregation has worshipped outdoors for the past three weeks. By the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we happened to have arranged some ministry projects prior to the fire. On Sunday, June 19th, the community came together to start a vegetable garden in our play yard. We built four raised beds and planted pre-started seedlings. We are inspired to do three more beds soon, some outside the fence so the harvest can directly be available to all our neighbors.

On Friday, June 24th we partnered with 'Our City Forest of San Jose' to plant 13 trees on campus as part of our effort to combat climate change.

If you are inspired to help St. Paul's UMC overcome our current challenges, we need worship books – either new or used (New Revised Standard Bible, United Methodist Hymnal, The Faith We Sing and Worship & Songs) We have put together a [Google sheet](#) through the El Camino Real district office for the list of items needed.

Please label any resource **"Gift to St. Paul's UMC after 2022 fire, from xxx"** Due to porch pirate issues, please send these books to:
El Camino Real District, c/o Robyn Peterson
200 East San Martin Avenue, Unit 171, San Martin, CA 95046

or drop them off next door to St. Paul's UMC at the **'Stevens House':**
435 S. 10th Street, San Jose, CA 95112

We have also created a [GoFundMe](#) online platform to help us do ministry:

- 1) building up the vegetable garden to provide fresh veggies in our downtown food desert
- 2) helping 'Front Door Communities' (our tenant partner) pivot and continue to serve the most vulnerable people with food and self-care items, five days a week. (www.fdcsj.org), and
- 3) helping our congregation be mobile; creating worship at other spaces while we wait for our least damaged interior spaces to be cleared for use.

For questions or more information, please contact Pastor Helen Kung at:
(408) 910-2157
helen.kung@cnumc.org
PastorHelen103@gmail.com

Greeters for the Heritage Estates Van

We need volunteers to help greet the adults from Heritage Estates that worship with us!

The van from Heritage Estates normally arrives at Asbury on Sundays approximately from 9:40 am to 9:45 am and returns to pick up the seniors at approximately 11:30 am.

We need one person to greet the van and make sure the occupants get safely off the bus and to the entrance of the church, and another person

(or perhaps the same person) to make sure that the seniors are back to the bus stop on time and are there to help them re-board the van.

There are currently 2-3 seniors that come to Asbury UMC from Heritage Estates, specifically. It is important that the van greeters get to know these seniors a little and spend some time (particularly on the departing assignment) talking with them.

Sign up [here](#) and if you have any questions or concerns about this, contact [Donald Faul](#).

Upcoming Asbury Events

Celebration of Life

Alice Schell

Saturday, August 6 at 1pm

Asbury UMC Sanctuary

Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall

Celebrate Community Weekend!

Our VBS Food Truck has re-routed to a weekend of celebrating community for **everyone of all ages** to participate.

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. **You are welcome to invite family, friends, and neighbors to join in the fun.**

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."



Interfaith Interconnect Religion Chat: TODAY!

TODAY, Wednesday, July 13th

In-person or [Zoom](#)

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore, CA

Keeley Center, Borromeo Hall

There is ample parking in adjoining lot; enter the driveway at east entrance. *Masks are required.*

Presentations: 7:00pm-8:00pm

Breakout discussion groups: 8:00pm-8:30pm (optional)

****Note the different hours for summer!****

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

Speakers: Pastor Kathy La Point-Collup, Asbury United Methodist Church; and a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church faith formation team

Doors and [Zoom room](#) will open at 6:40pm.

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

Additional resource: June 8 Religion Chat [video](#) on the same topic with speakers Karan Saini, Sikhism; and Trish Munro, Judaism; Saini's slideshow [presentation](#)

Asbury Community

TV Show Recommendation

Did you know the popularity of mac and cheese in the U.S. has African-American roots?

Or, that despite them being labeled either as yams or sweet potatoes in the grocery store, all of them are just varieties of sweet potatoes? Yams aren't grown in the U.S.

To get a sense of how influential African-Americans have been on our cuisine, check out "High on the Hog" on Netflix. Any one of the four 52-minute episodes will give you some insight into early American history and foods.

If you are interested in discussing any of this information, join the Antiracism group on the 4th Tuesday of either July or August. We'd like to have a potluck to taste some of these foods; probably in August. We welcome food lovers of all sorts to join in the fun.

Read your e-Articles for further updates!

Mail for the SSP Team

This past Sunday, July 10th, the following eleven youth, young adults, and adults drove north to Smith River, CA for a week of serving with Sierra Service Project:

Brad Biggerstaff, Kelly Gully, Kelli Walter, Tony Gnecco, Emily Bennett, Dylan Bennett, Emily Gnecco, Alex Lobao, Zack Lobao, Alexa Hart, and Spencer Haugen.

This is the first time since 2019 that SSP will be in-person, and they are all doing good work! Please keep them in prayer this week as they serve, travel, and build community with other churches.

If you would like to send mail (no food, please) to them -- they LOVE having to sing for their mail! -- the address for the week is:

[Volunteer's name]
C/O Sierra Service Project
General Delivery
Crescent City, CA 95531

Men's Bible Study

The Asbury Men's Bible Study will not meet on Thursday, July 14.

Besides this Thursday, the men's Bible study meets every Thursday at 7:45 a.m. via video conferencing. Our current study is of comparative religion, a very relevant topic in today's diverse world. The next lecture will be "Creation Myths and Sacred Stories."

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 this group and get the link.

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!

--> Who's Still Reading?

POP QUIZ!

Where did the SSP team go this week? The first person to email Kathy the correct answer will get a surprise treat on Sunday!

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

RECURRING EVENTS

- Every Sunday; 8:15am: Meditation Circle on Zoom (Contact [Jackie](#))
- Every Sunday; 10am: Asbury worship service
- Every Thursday; 7:45am: Men's Bible Study on Zoom (Contact [Art](#))
- 4th Thursdays; 4:30pm: Grief Support Group (in-person or Zoom)
- Every Saturday; 10am: Chat and Craft [Zoom](#) gathering
- 3rd Saturdays; 10:30am: Caregivers' Support Group on [Zoom](#)

JULY

- Wed, July 13; 7:00-8:30pm: Interfaith Interconnect Religion Chat
- Sat, July 23 - Sun, July 24: Celebrate Community Weekend
- Wed, July 27; 12:37 pm: Baseball with Brad (A's vs. Houston Astros)
- Sun, July 31; 11am: Backpack Project filling after worship

AUGUST

- Mon, Aug 1 - Fri, Aug 5: Children's Music Camp
- Wed, Aug 10; 12:37pm: Baseball with Brad (A's vs. Anaheim Angels)
- Wed, Aug 24; 12:37pm: Baseball with Brad (A's vs. Miami Marlins)

SEPTEMBER

- Wed, Sept 7; 12:37pm: Baseball with Brad (A's vs. Atlanta Braves)
- Thurs, Sept 22; 12:37pm: Baseball with Brad (A's vs. Seattle Mariners)

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](#)!
