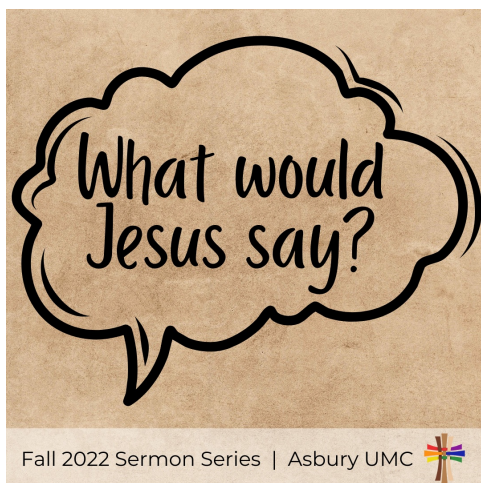




Reminder: Pastor Kathy is practicing what she preached about self-care and is on vacation from August 14 through August 29. She will return to the office on August 30. If you need pastoral assistance during this time, contact [Pastor Brad](#) or the [church office](#).

Worship

Current Sermon Series



We have started our new sermon series titled "What Would Jesus Say?"

Pastors Kathy, Brad, and Heather will explore what Jesus would say about various topics that **you** suggested a couple months ago!

This is a great opportunity to invite a friend and spread the word about this intriguing series!

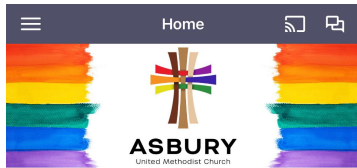
Asbury Tech Updates

We gave technology updates via Asbury Articles a few weeks ago and

gave you a glimpse of what was to come. For the next three weeks, we'll be focusing on a different specific update each week - the app, the website, and online giving - in preparation for **their official launch on Sunday, September 4th!**

We are excited and we hope you are too!

Update Part 1: An App!



We have our own app! Closer to launch day (Sunday, September 4th), we'll give more detailed instructions on how to download, create a profile, etc. But for today, we want to highlight some key features:

- In-app messaging between individuals and among group members
- Livestream worship from the app
- Online giving platform
- Access church announcements, worship bulletin, and church events
- Register worship attendance
- View past worship services
- Receive notifications (worship reminders, urgent announcements)
- SO MUCH MORE!

Children's Ministry

Children's Choirs Resume September 18th!

Sundays from 11:30am - 12:30pm
Starting Sunday, September 18th

Save the date for the return of Children's Choir! The choirs meet after Labor Day in September and end their season the 1st Sunday in June with "Music Celebration Sunday". Each of the children's choirs sing in service every five weeks, plus various performances throughout the year.

Cherub Choir (K-2nd grade) has a fun and relaxed time - sharing, song teaching, pitch training, notation, tempo, and learning a song about every 4-6 weeks. The rehearsals usually end with an interactive game or a book, then close with Joys & Concerns and a short prayer. Contact [Sharon Gach](#) for more information.

Rainbow Choir (3rd-5th grade) singers learn musical notation and singing skills, plus some great songs about love and community. They also play percussion instruments like finger cymbals, xylophones, chimes, drums and more! Contact [Jean Braun](#) for more information.

Opportunities to Serve

Habitat for Humanity Unity Build Day

Saturday, September 17

8:30am - 4:00pm

Esperanza Place – 1250 Las Juntas Way, Walnut Creek

Habitat for Humanity is having another build day at Esperanza Place and we'd like to get a group from Asbury to join in!

Every volunteer must [register](#) individually, but there will be a carpool from Asbury to the worksite. Contact [Bob Hoffman](#) if you register and want to carpool (or if you have trouble registering)!

****Note:** For safety reasons, all volunteers at our sites or ReStores must be at least 16 years old. All volunteers under the age of 18 must bring a signed minor waiver form with them to the site. Minor waiver forms are available [here](#).

Join the Asbury VIM Team!

We are now taking signups for the next Volunteers in Mission (VIM) trip to Paradise, CA on September 19-23.

If you are interested in participating in some rewarding work, Christian camaraderie, and making a difference contact Steve Elliott by [email](#) or phone (925 640-9797). Sign up by the first week in September - spots fill up quickly!

Upcoming Asbury Events

Asbury Follies is Back!

Asbury Follies is scheduled for Saturday, October 15 at 7 pm!

The Follies is a fun-filled evening full of songs, skits, jokes, dances, juggling, magic --- you name it!

Start thinking about what you'd like to do for this year's follies, and contact [Martie Muldoon](#) with your ideas, comments or questions. If you'd like to participate, but don't know what to do, you can still sign up! All ages are welcome!

And we need audience members, too, so save the date for a wonderful evening of fun!

Adult Choirs Resume in September!

Save the date for the return of adult choirs at Asbury!

The musical season for adult groups begins on the Thursday after Labor Day in September and goes through the first Sunday in June. There are no auditions, and anyone interested in singing or playing an instrument is welcome to come to a rehearsal or contact one of the adult directors.

Note: masks are highly recommended during rehearsal (but not required).

Faith Choir

Thursdays from 7:30pm-8:30pm

Starting Thursday, September 8th

Contact [Jean Braun](#) for more information.

Asbury Ringers (Handbell Choir)

Sundays from 7:00pm-8:30pm

Starting Sunday, September 18th

Contact [Fernanda Van Atta](#) for more information.

Upcoming Community Events

Current Blood Drive



**American
Red Cross**

**Blood
Services**

Friday, August 19
12pm - 6pm

Sign up to donate blood or platelets and save a life! You can schedule an appointment by checking appointment times [online](#) or by calling 800-733-2767. When signing up, enter Sponsor Code: ASBURY 925.

Asbury Community

Create a Memorial Brick!

If you would like to have a memorial brick installed in the memorial garden at Asbury, please provide the [office](#) with the following information:

- Name as you want it to appear on the brick
- Year of birth
- Year of death

If you are able, please provide the \$30 cost of laser engraving the brick.

Antiracism Group Zoom: Next Week!

The Antiracism group discussed the first two episodes of the Netflix series "High on the Hog" in their last Zoom meeting.

They will be discussing the final two episodes of the season in the next Zoom meeting on August 23 at 7 PM. Anyone wishing to watch those episodes and join in the discussion is most welcome.

We are also planning a potluck on Friday, Sept. 2 to make and taste some of the foods being discussed on this show. RSVP to the [church office](#) if you'd like to make a dish and attend.

--> Who's Still Reading??

The first person to email [Pastor Brad](#) and list three features of the new Asbury app gets a surprise when he sees you next!

Opportunities to Serve in Worship

Be a Greeter!

- [Sign up here](#) to be a Sunday morning greeter and help make Asbury the warm, inviting, welcoming place that it is!
- [Sign up here](#) to help specifically greet the adults from Heritage Estates that worship with us. If you have any questions or concerns about this, contact [Donald Faul](#).

Become a Children's Moment Leader!

- Talk to the children in our congregation during worship. In just a few minutes, discuss a given theme/Bible verse by relating it to a personal experience and/or by illustrating it with pictures, poems, props, or puppets -- you are only limited by your creativity!
- Email [Pastor Kathy](#) if you're interested!

Help Serve Communion!

- Individuals or couples periodically help serve the bread or the juice to fellow congregants during worship services.
- Email [Pastor Kathy](#) if you're interested!

Asbury Masking Policy

Asbury follows the guidance of the Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) regarding indoor masking. **Currently masks are highly recommended but not required.** Sunday School teachers and nursery staff will continue to wear masks when children less than 5 years old are present indoors. We encourage everyone who is able to get vaccinated and boosted.

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 [the office](#))
- Every Sunday; 10am: Asbury worship service
- 1st and 3rd Monday; 6:30pm: Monday Night Small Group (Contact [Ruth](#))
- 4th Wednesdays; 4:30pm: Grief Support Group (in-person or Zoom)
- Every Thursday; 7:45am: Men's Bible Study on Zoom (Contact [Art](#))
- Every Saturday; 10am: Craft and Chat [Zoom](#) gathering
- 3rd Saturdays; 10:30am; Caregivers' Support Group on [Zoom](#)

AUGUST

- Fri, Aug 19; 12pm-6pm: Livermore Community Blood Drive
- Tues, Aug 23; 7pm: Antiracism Discussion (Zoom)
- Wed, Aug 24; 12:37pm: Ballpark with Brad (A's vs. Miami Marlins)

SEPTEMBER

- Fri, Sept 2: Antiracism Potluck ("High on the Hog" themed)
- Thurs, Sept 8; 7:30pm: Faith Choir rehearsal resumes
- Sun, Sept 11; 11am: Tiny House informational event
- Sun, Sept 18; 11:30am: Cherub Choir & Rainbow Choir rehearsal resumes
- Sun, Sept 18; 7pm: Asbury Ringers rehearsal resumes

OCTOBER

- Sat, Oct 15; 7pm: Asbury Follies
- Sun, Oct 30; 3-5pm: Trick or Treat Fun & Games

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](#)!
