



August Trivia Time!

Test Your Asbury Articles Knowledge!

All of the answers for this month's Articles Trivia can be found in TODAY'S issue of the Asbury Articles! The answers are listed at the bottom of the newsletter!

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2. What are the two children's choirs?
3. What show inspired the Antiracism Ministry potluck this Friday?
4. When do the various choirs start back with rehearsal?

Asbury Tech Updates

We gave technology updates via Asbury Articles a few weeks ago and gave you a glimpse of what was to come. Now we're focusing on a different specific update each week - the app, the website, and online giving - in preparation for the official launch **THIS Sunday, September 4th!**

We are excited and we hope you are too!

Update Part 3: New Online Giving!

Ways To Give

Give Online

Use the form on this page or through our app to give securely online via debit or credit card. You can create a personal account to save your payment details, access your giving history, and set up regular donations. Or you can give as a Guest for a one-time donation.

Give In Person

During Sunday morning worship, we have an opportunity to give in person through our offering time. Simply drop a check or cash in the offering!

Mail A Check

You can mail a check (made out to "Asbury United Methodist Church") to our church office: 4743 East Avenue, Livermore, CA

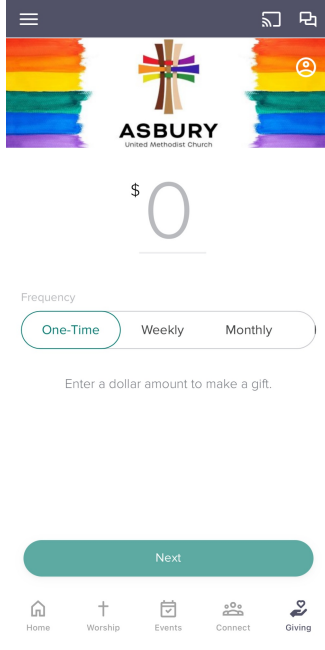
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☒ One-Time ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Every Two Weeks

Enter a dollar amount to make a gift.

We have a new way to give online!



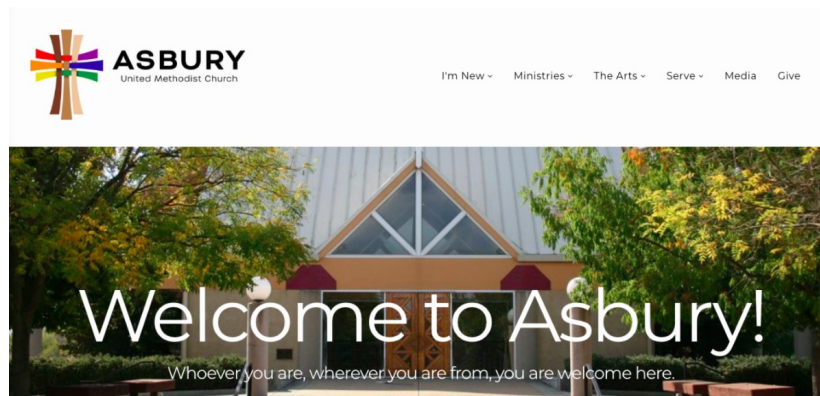
Not everyone has cash on them at all times and these days, checks seem few and far between. Enter: online giving!

Both the new website and the app are equipped to receive online donations, as well as online payments for things like events, trips, or other goods/services. This will be a much more streamlined version of what we currently use.

Another benefit is that you can set up recurring donations by creating an account in the app!

We can't wait for you to see it yourself!

Update Part 2: New Website!



We have an updated website!

We thought it was time for a new look to the website!

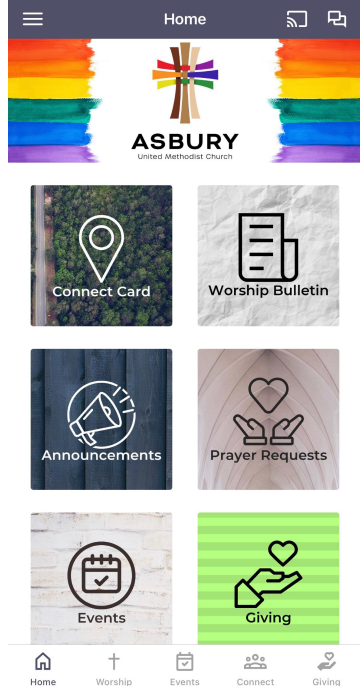
Our hope is that the new website will make it simple and easy for those interested in Asbury to find the information they need to feel comfortable taking those first steps into a new church.

The new website will also allow for online registration for various events, as well as a much easier way to donate/pay online than our current system. No worries - the website URL will stay the same so no need to learn a new one!

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.

Youth Ministry

Youth Choir Resumes September 18th!

Youth Choir is for students in grades 6th -12th and meets every Sunday from 11:30am - 12:30pm. Choir sings in service once a month.

Youth Choir gives students the opportunity to practice singing together in a group, working more on 2-4 part harmony with the potential for more

and solos. Some basic music theory is taught along with proper breathing technique. The Youth Choir also gets to put on a musical once a year in the early spring, giving youth the opportunity to sing, act, and possibly do set design. Youth Choir at Asbury is designed to be fun and give students the chance to sing together when it may not be possible to do so through regular school or during the week.

All are welcome - the Youth Choir is a safe space for those that are looking. We hope to see you soon!

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

Antiracism Ministry Potluck

THIS Friday, September 2nd

5:00pm

The Antiracism Ministry is having a potluck inspired by the Netflix series "High on the Hog" THIS Friday! Everyone is welcome! The event will be off campus, so please RSVP to the [church office](#) and they can give you

more details.

Celebration of Life

Juanita Benson

Saturday, October 8th at 2pm

Asbury UMC

Reception to follow

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

Interfaith Interconnect Ice Cream Social

Sunday, September 18th

3:30pm - 5:00pm

Asbury UMC Courtyard

Please Join Us! Interfaith Interconnect is having an ice cream social in observance of UN Day of Peace. At approximately 4pm, there will be a short program. There will be time for attendees to converse with one another before and after the program.

Jack Quigley, Music Minister at Center for Spiritual Living Livermore Valley, will provide music during the event.

All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

--> Who's Still Reading??

Anyone who can name the five different choirs at Asbury to Jean Braun on Sunday will receive a Hershey Kiss!

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](#).



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Trivia Answers!

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3. What show inspired the Antiracism Ministry potluck this Friday? Netflix's "High on the Hog"
4. When do the various choirs start back with rehearsal? Faith Choir starts back Thursday, September 8th. All other choirs (Cherub Choir, Rainbow Choir, Youth Choir, Asbury Ringers) start back Sunday, September 18th.

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](#)

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; 11:30am: Youth Choir rehearsal resumes
- Sun, Sept 18; 7pm: Asbury Ringers rehearsal resumes

OCTOBER

- Sat, Oct 8; 2pm: Juanita Benson Celebration of Life
- 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](#)!

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