

Worship

Livestream via our Website!

We have moved our livestream focus from our YouTube channel to our <u>website</u>.

There is still a chatroom feature (when logged into your account - the same as the app account!) that we will monitor, just as we did on YouTube. Join us in the new <u>livestream space</u> this Sunday!

What Does Asbury Mean to You?

For this year's Stewardship Campaign, we are asking for images for a series of slideshows that will represent — and remind us of — all the wonderful ways Asbury fulfills its mission of being centered in Jesus Christ, growing in faith, celebrating community, and serving others with love.

With this in mind, think about what Asbury means to you:

- individually (your spiritual journey, or specific elements of worship that fill you up, etc.)
- as a family or church family
- locally (what Asbury programs that fulfill our mission are most meaningful to you)
- globally (you get the idea...)

Please send a photo or two for each category, if you'd like, with a sentence explaining why it is meaningful to you, or is something you're proud to support through Asbury.

The photo can be of you, at Asbury, or you can snap a photo on your phone of a scene or object that represents your statement(s).

Please send your image(s) and statement(s) to Pastor Kathy.

Asbury Tech Updates

Asbury A/V Team Training Coming Up!

Sunday, October 23rd

Please join us on Sunday October 23rd after fellowship time for an Asbury A/V training session. We are looking for more volunteers to join our team and going through this training will allow you to be a part of the A/V team! This team serves our church by helping to facilitate worship for our online community.

At the training you will learn about all aspects of the A/V set-up and how to operate it. And after a lot of great work this past summer, we have made working in the booth easier than ever! Additionally, by joining the team, you will gain opportunities to do A/V for events like forums, weddings, and funerals. Once trained and in the volunteer rotation, you will be able to sign up for these events and get paid! This would be a great opportunity for youth in our church.

No experience is necessary, and so if you are interested in volunteering and/or attending the training, please reach out to <u>Pastor Brad</u>.

Upcoming Asbury Events

Trick or Treat: Fun & Games!

Sunday, October 30th 3pm - 5pm

Save the date and spread the word about Trick or Treat: Fun & Games! There will be a trunk or treat area, games, lots of candy, food and drinks, and tons of fun!

Want to decorate a trunk? Fill out this form so we can save the spaces for you! Contact Lori with any questions!

Group Spiritual Direction

Wednesdays in October October 5, 12, 19, 26 1:00pm - 2:30pm Group size: 6-8 people

What is Group Spiritual Direction? It's another way of saying group spiritual friendship! This is an opportunity to give and receive one of the most precious and powerful gifts -- really being heard and to listen with quiet, fully present attention.

We all have a story and Covid has impacted us in different and (too often) traumatic ways. We will have an opportunity to experience how God shows up differently for each of us. There is no fixing or problem solving but being together and sharing in a safe, confidential, and

sometimes silent atmosphere.

This group will be facilitated by Barbara Ernest, who has been practicing as a Spiritual Director for over 30 years and is ready to offer the group experience again after COVID. For more information or to sign up contact <u>Barbara</u>.

Celebration of Life

Val Pace Friday, October 7th at 4:30 pm Asbury UMC Reception to follow

Juanita Benson Saturday, October 8th at 2pm Asbury UMC Reception to follow

Asbury Follies is back!

Saturday, October 15th 7:00pm

Asbury 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 <u>Martie Muldoon</u> 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!

United Women in Faith Gathering



Saturday, October 15th

The California-Nevada Conference United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) are coming to Asbury for their annual meeting. There will be 80 to 100 women in attendance.

Because our UWF group has not been active since the start of the pandemic, we are asking all women of Asbury to be hosts. We need greeters, set up, help in the kitchen for the morning brunch and lunch, bakers and cleanup help.

Nancy Grover will be coordinating the lunch. Lorraine Magee and

Burlyne Wilson will be coordinating the other aspects. Please let us know if you can help in any of these special ways. The district loves meeting here and we wish to be great hosts.

Upcoming Community Events

Interfaith Interconnect Religion Chat

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 Chat: 5:00–6:00 p.m. (Optional) Breakout discussion groups: 6-6:30pm. Online via Zoom *Meeting room opens at 4:45pm*

Topic: What does your religion or culture teach about caring for our earth? What are some ways your faith/congregation is addressing current environmental concerns?

Instead of our usual 2-speaker format, any participants who wish to share a brief response (under 3 minutes) to the topic may do so.

All are welcome! We hope to see you October 12 and look forward to hearing from a wide variety of participants!

Save-the-Date! Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 20, 2022, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Reception immediately following. Location: St. Charles Catholic Church, Livermore. More details will be emailed closer to the date.

Virtual Early Response Team Training

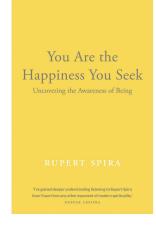
Saturday, November 5th & Sunday, November 6th 1pm-5pm

Cost: \$15 per person for ERT class. \$41 for Safe Gatherings online background check and Abuse Prevention Training (to be paid on the Safe Gatherings website) **Instructor:** Leslie Carmichael **Training includes:** ERT training manual, ID badge, lanyard and t-shirt

The Mission of an Early Response Team (ERT) is to provide a caring Christian presence in the aftermath of a disaster. The team is not a "first response" group; nor is it a recovery, rebuild or repair team. It is assigned various tasks; usually relating to safety, mitigation of further damage to property, and cleanup tasks to assist the homeowner in preparation for rebuild. Register <u>here</u>!

Asbury Community

Souped-Up Spiritual Growth Group



The Souped-Up Spiritual Growth Group is beginning a new study starting Wednesday, October 12!

We will be reading and discussing You Are the Happiness You Seek: Uncovering the Awareness of Being, by Rupert Spira. In this book, Spira discusses our innate longing for peace and happiness and walks us on a journey inward to find it. This is a 20-week study. The reimbursement amount for the book is \$22.

We meet on Wednesdays, from 6-8:30 p.m. (supper included), and we have room for three more people around the table. Please email <u>Sharmyn Crawford</u> with any questions and/or to sign up. We have a book waiting just for you!

Tiny Homes at Asbury: Next Info Session

Wednesday, October 19th 6-7pm in the Asbury chapel

Topic: What is Supportive Housing?

The task force on tiny homes has been researching what "supportive housing" means in terms of possibly building tiny homes at Asbury. We have invited La Familia, a local social services agency, to come talk to us about what services they might provide to the residents if we decide to build the homes. We have also invited some people who have experienced homelessness to share their stories with us.

So mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 19, from 6 to 7 pm, in the chapel. Because of the sensitive nature of this topic, the event will not be recorded. A written summary will be provided afterwards in these Asbury Articles.

Asbury Kitchen Etiquette: Part 1

Hi Asburyites! Here's a quick reminder of some simple guidelines to make the kitchen function well for everyone who uses it.

- 1. Please do not leave food in the kitchen after your event. All food should be removed and taken home. Food left in the kitchen will be disposed of.
- 2. Please do not leave food as a donation for Open Heart Kitchen. They are no longer using our facility. If you have food to donate, please take it to the TriValley Haven Food Pantry.
- 3. Please do not leave food because "someone will use it", unless you have arranged ahead of time with the mysterious "someone". If you are leaving food for someone, please label it (see #4).
- 4. If you are putting food in the refrigerator for an upcoming event, please label it with the event, the date, and a contact name. The

drawer by the hand washing sink has pre-printed labels, pens, and masking tape to make this process easier.

5. If you see ANYTHING in the kitchen that needs attention, please let the facility manager know! You can use <u>text</u> or <u>email</u>. Feel free to include a picture (because they are often worth a thousand words) and please include your name (because I don't have everybody in my contacts list!).

Thanks for reading this far! Ruth Hawley (Facility Manager)

Asbury Masking Policy

Alameda County is following the CDC guidelines for masking. When community transmission is low, masking indoors may be optional. When community transmission is medium or high, masking indoors is strongly recommended. Asbury will follow the CDC guidelines, and we support and encourage mask wearing indoors, especially for those with underlying health conditions or who are not fully vaccinated and boosted.

Sunday Prayer Requests

Please pray for the <u>requests</u> that were made during prayer time on Sunday.

If you would like to be on the email prayer chain, please contact the <u>church office</u>.

Events at a Glance

RECURRING EVENTS

- Every Sunday; 10am: Asbury worship service
- Check out our <u>small groups</u>! Email the <u>church office</u> for more info, including links for virtual groups.

OCTOBER

- Fri, Oct 7; 4:30pm: Val Pace Celebration of Life
- Sat, Oct 8; 2pm: Juanita Benson Celebration of Life
- Wed, Oct 12; 5pm: Interfaith Interconnect Religion Chat
- Sat, Oct 15: United Women in Faith conference-wide gathering
- Sat, Oct 15; 7pm: Asbury Follies
- Wed, Oct 19; 6-7pm: Tiny Homes Informational Event
- Sun, Oct 23: Asbury A/V Training (after fellowship time)
- Sun, Oct 30; 3-5pm: Trick or Treat Fun & Games

NOVEMBER

• Sat-Sun, Nov 5-6; 1-5pm Virtual ERT Training

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 <u>Alaina Harrison</u>, our Communications Specialist, by **3pm on Tuesdays**.

Miss a newsletter or need to go back and re-read? Check out the <u>newsletter archive</u>!

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