



Asbury Articles: March 22, 2023

Pronouns on Asbury Nametags

As we continue to strive to be a more inclusive church at Asbury UMC, we will be reprinting our name tags to include pronouns.

Please click on the button below and fill out the two questions so we can have your correct name tag ready for you!

[Nametag Pronouns Survey](#)

UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS

Pittsburg UMC Parsonage Renovation This Saturday

Saturday, March 25

Our next workday is Saturday March 25. We will continue to meet at Asbury near the office building at 8:00am to car pool. We should be back by 5:00pm. Please email Dick Crawford, or call 925 413-4116 if you plan to participate. If you have questions please call Dick Crawford.

We are hoping the kitchen cabinets will arrive this week so they can be installed. There is still plenty work to do such as cleaning the rain water system, caulking baseboard, stucco repair and installing window coverings. All tools will be provided, but if you have some favorites, mark them if you bring them along. Also bring gloves, lunch and water.

If you choose to drive yourself (about 45 - 50 minutes) the address is 3345 Crestview.

We could use monetary donations toward this effort which is costing about \$20,000. If you choose to donate please direct to account 3100-02 Pittsburg Parsonage Renovation.



Farm Tour and Clean Up at Heirloom East Bay

Sunday, March 26 | 12:30pm - 4pm

Following youth choir practice on March 26th, we will eat a sack lunch before heading to Heirloom East Bay in the Castro Valley hills from 12:30-4:00 p.m. This organization is a church, farm, and intentional living community for the Tri-Valley. We will go and learn about what they do and then participate in their service work day. After the recent floods, they had much damage on their property. Please [RSVP](#) to Brad. We need to let them know well in advance how many are planning to come. For more information about Heirloom East Bay, check out their website [here](#).

Celebration of Life: Paula Leslie

Saturday, April 1 | 2pm

There will be a celebration of life for Paula Leslie, Rev. Heather's mother, on Saturday, April 1 at 2pm in the Asbury sanctuary. A reception will be held after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

The service will also be live-streamed on the Asbury [website](#) for those who cannot attend in person.



Easter Sunday at Asbury!

Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday at Asbury is coming up and we have a full day planned!

- **Easter Sunrise at 6:15am:** a special early morning worship outside around the fire pit
- **Easter Sunday at 10am:** Sunday morning worship of celebration
- **Easter Egg-stravaganza at 11am:** lunch, egg hunt, games

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, March 23 | 11am - 5pm

Special promotion for March 23 Blood Drive: Come donate blood and receive one (1) ticket to the Alameda County Fair June 16-June 30, 2023. (Ticket only valid in June)

Share your good health by giving blood or platelets. Donating blood could save a life. To schedule your appointment, log on to redcrossblood.org, enter Sponsor Code: ASBURY925 or call 800-733-2767. If you have questions regarding your eligibility to donate blood, please call 1-866-236-3276. Photo Identification is required. Please sign up to donate today.

Interfaith Interconnect Religion Chat

Wednesday, April 12 | 5-6:30pm | In-person

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In-person Religion Chat: 5-6pm

Optional breakout discussion groups: 6-6:30pm

Meeting room opens at 4:30

Location: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
1501 Hillcrest Avenue, Livermore

Topic: How does your religion adapt itself to reflect changing times?

Speakers:

Troy Witt, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Pastor Brad Biggerstaff, Asbury United Methodist Church, Livermore

All are welcome!

This session concludes our 3-part series on this topic. The [video recording](#) of our March 8 Religion Chat with Rev Steve Wilde and Hosai Mojaddidi is also available to watch!

Save the Date: Hike for Hope!

Saturday, May 6

Save the date on May 6 for the “Hike for Hope” Walk at Del Valle to support Hope Hospice.

More info to come!



ASBURY COMMUNITY

Tiny Homes Update

The Tiny Homes Task Force continues its research on the possibility of using Asbury’s property to house a small number of the currently unsheltered people. We have a concept of what the community of tiny homes would look like and are working on a more detailed plan, an important initial step. Just recently we met for two hours with eight of the neighbors from four different streets to listen to their concerns. Providing tiny homes is a big and complicated idea, so we’ve begun meeting twice a month instead of just monthly. If you are interested in joining our task force for this important job, please let Pastor Kathy or Rob Rudd know.

Part of what complicates the research is the fact that Asbury cannot do this alone: we would need partners for getting the funding, constructing the houses, managing and maintaining the houses, and providing the necessary social services for the residents. Nearly all these pieces of the puzzle depend to some degree on the other pieces. It’s like weaving a tapestry from many individual threads!

Of course, the process leads to many questions we can’t answer yet. Before the Task Force can answer your questions and the questions from our neighbors, we need the City of Livermore to answer our questions. And before the City can answer our questions, it needs Asbury to file a Planning General Application. This application **in no way obligates Asbury to anything**. It can be modified or

withdrawn at any time without penalty. It is just the next step Asbury would have to take to allow the Task Force to continue their research.

So, the big question is this: should we continue to explore this mission to house the unsheltered? We expect to hold a Church Conference and ask members to vote on whether Asbury should submit a planning application. This would **not** be the decision to build or not build the tiny homes, just an important step in continuing to research the opportunity to serve the marginalized with housing.

The Task Force would very much like to hear your thoughts on this (positive, negative, or undecided). Please call the church office, Pastor Kathy, or Rob Rudd to arrange a conversation, either one-on-one or with the Task Force via Zoom, as you prefer. And please continue to pray for Asbury, our neighbors, the Task Force, and the unsheltered.

Housing for Asbury members

Two from our congregation, Lisa Hamera and her young adult son, Andrew, will need a new place to rent as of August because their current landlord is selling his home. Lisa has described what she is looking for below in the hopes that some of us in Asbury might have some leads. If you have any ideas, contact [Lisa](#).

"We're open as to space size. Ideally, I'd like a 2 bd 1 bath cottage type house but I'm looking at anything from a mother-in-law house to an apartment above garage. If anyone has something on their property. Even a studio . Basically, just need to be out by August. I'm hoping to find something in the \$1500-\$1800 or lower rent range. Andrew has a small 10lb 6-year-old dog that will need to be included. I'm open to things like bartering with folks, such as attending to pets or farm animals, yard work in exchange for lower rent. I'm very good about taking care of other people's property and keeping it clean. We don't smoke or any of that. We're not home very much as it is but I'm trying to stay in Livermore, or Pleasanton. If anyone in the congregation has something or knows someone, we'd be very appreciative.

Thank you kindly,

Lisa Hamera"

Asbury Ladies Night Out dinners are back!

Time to resume our fun Ladies Night Out dinners! We will try every other month.

Please email [Kelli Walter](#) by Friday, March 26th if you are interested in being on the email list. I will send out a Google form to pick what weeknight and time will work for the majority of people. It will be the 2nd week of the month!

Please bring cash to pay for dinner!

Looking forward to getting together in fellowship!



Sara



Laura



Kayley

Support our Asbury Girl Scouts!

Want to support the Girl Scouts who call Asbury home? Buy some cookies!

Some notes about Girl Scout Cookie sales for this season:

- For Northern California online sales, only 3 flavors are available for purchase: Adventurefuls, S'mores and Thin Mints. Key dates for discounts on online shipping are March 31- April 2.
- For local in-person delivery, 1) inventory will be available the weekend of March 19. So, in-person sales will be from March 19 and will stay open until April 23, and 2) all flavors except Raspberry Rally will be available for in-person sales. Due to weather issues, there was an impact on the transportation to our area of that new flavor.

You can buy from [Sara](#), [Laura](#), and/or [Kayley](#) by clicking on their personal links or using their personal QR code!

Easter Candy!

Our Easter Eggstravaganza is coming! We need your help to make it happen. Please send in candy to fit into 2" eggs. Please be careful to make sure there are no peanuts in the candy. There will be a box in the sanctuary.

Also, you can hop your way over to Rooms 11 & 12 at 11:30 on April 2 to help load the eggs!

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 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

- **Sundays; 10am:** Asbury worship service
- **Sundays; 11:30am:** Cherub Choir rehearsal
- **Sundays; 11:30am:** Rainbow Choir rehearsal
- **Sundays; 11:30am:** Youth Choir rehearsal
- **Thursdays; 7:30pm:** Faith Choir rehearsal

OPEN SMALL GROUPS

- **Every Sunday; 8:15am:** Meditation Circle on Zoom (Contact [the office](#))
- **1st and 3rd Monday; 6:30pm:** Monday Night Small Group (Contact [Ruth](#))
- **Thursdays; 7:45am:** Men's Bible Study on Zoom (Contact [Art](#))
- **Saturdays; 10am:** Craft and Chat [Zoom](#) gathering
- **3rd Saturdays; 10:30am:** Caregivers' Support Group on [Zoom](#)

MARCH

- **Thurs, March 23; 11am-5pm:** American Red Cross Blood Drive
- **Sun, March 26; 12:30pm – 4pm:** Farm Tour & Clean Up at Heirloom East Bay

APRIL

- **Sat, April 1; 2pm:** Celebration of Life for Paula Leslie
- **Thurs, April 6; 7pm:** Maundy Thursday service (**virtual only**)
- **Fri, April 7; 8pm:** Good Friday service
- **Sun, April 9; 6:15am:** Easter Sunrise service
- **Sun, April 9; 10am:** Easter Sunday service

- **Sun, April 9; 11am:** Easter Egg-stravaganza

HOW CAN WE HELP?

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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