



## Asbury Articles: March 29, 2023

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### 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](#)

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### Re: Subsplash Emails

As you probably know by now, our office staff has been working hard to transition our church management and communication from previous systems (Constant Contact and Power Church) into a single system (Subsplash) that integrates everything into one place: communication, church management, website, app, giving platform, etc.

In the process of cleaning up the systems and contact lists, you may have received emails from Subsplash informing you of a change to your profile. Worry not - you have not been hacked! These are legitimate emails, but ones that are nothing to worry about at all.

If you do have any concerns, please feel free to call the office!

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## UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS

### 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.

### United Women in Faith "Sew-In"

Thursday, March 30 | 1pm - 3:30pm

The United Women in Faith (UWF) will be having a "sew-in" on February 23 from 1pm to 3:30 pm, in rooms 10 & 11. We will be working, again, on quilts to be given out by VIM members to share. Bring your machine if you can.

Contact [Lorraine Magee](#) for any questions.



### Palm Sunday Procession

THIS Sunday, April 2

THIS Sunday, April 2, is Palm Sunday. Asbury will have a procession with palms to begin the service.

It will be led by Makayla Gully, the Cherub Choir Director, along with the children and youth. The entire congregation is invited to participate. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall, and at 10am, as Fernanda plays the Prelude, those who choose to process will move into the sanctuary down the main aisle. Youth and children will take their places on the platform. Adults may find a place in the pews or a place to stand in the angled aisles of the sanctuary. The prelude will morph into the opening hymn, and everyone will be encouraged to wave their palms and sing the opening hymn.

We hope you will join us in service for this joyous entry!

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## 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!



## 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

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## Ladies' Night Out Dinner is Coming!

Tuesday, April 11 | 6pm | RSVP by April 7

The votes are in: **Tuesdays at 6pm** will be our Ladies Night Out Dinners! In April, we will meet the 2nd week of the month. After that, it will be the 3rd week of the month.

Our upcoming dinner will be Tuesday, April 11th at 6:00 pm at Old Mexico (1848 Portola Ave.)

Please RSVP to [Kelli Walter](#) by Friday, April 7th if you are able to join us.

Please bring cash, thank you! Time for fellowship!

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Interfaith Interconnect Religion Chat

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

**Wednesday, April 12**

**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!



### Pittsburg UMC Parsonage Renovation This Saturday

This Saturday, April 1

Our next workday is Saturday April. 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 Bob Hoffman, or call 925 209-7351 if you plan to participate. If you have questions please call Bob Hoffman.

The kitchen cabinets have arrived and installation has begun. Other tasks are caulking baseboard, stucco repair and installing flooring transitions. 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 Pittsburgh Parsonage Renovation.

## Chestnut Square Senior Affordable Senior Housing Community

Applications available [here](#)

Leasing Office: 1651 Chestnut Street, Livermore

Phone: 925-532-1601 or 650-357-9773

Email: [chestnutsquare@midpen-housing.org](mailto:chestnutsquare@midpen-housing.org)

Chestnut Square Senior Affordable Senior Housing Community is taking applications for 1 bedroom apartment waiting list from February 21, 2023 until May 8, 2023. Applications received will be date/time stamped when received. A lottery will be run periodically during the application period and applicants will be placed on the waitlist in order of lottery number within consecutive lottery runs. For full list of qualifications, including income limits, and other criteria, please refer to the applications packet and Resident Selection Criteria which are available online or at the leasing office.



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## 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.

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## Welcome, baby!

Join us in celebrating the births of these babies and congratulating their families!

**Atlas Jay Brubacher**, born March 13

*Son of Erielle and Daniel Brubacher*

*Grandson of Mick Lamb*

*Great Grandson of Edie Lamb*

**John Leonyx Baker-Muldoon**, born March 15

*Son of Dennis Muldoon and Kate Baker*

*Grandson of Martie Muldoon*

Congratulations!

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## Easter Flowers

Orders due Wednesday, April 5

You're invited to help provide the flowers that will decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 9. If you would like to contribute, please fill out the [online form](#) or print the form below and return it to the Asbury office or the offering plate, along with your check for \$10.00, by Wednesday, April 5. Proceeds from these flowers will go to the flower fund. Make checks payable to Asbury, marked Flower Fund - #2100 in the memo line.

## Need: Birthday Cards

Birthday cards are needed by our Caring Team. Each month our Caring Team sends birthday cards to our congregation to help them celebrate. If you have cards that you are not going to use or would like to donate unused cards please drop them off at the church office or in the basket in the narthex on Sunday. You can also donate to the card fund by check or online. Please put "Birthday" on the memo line.

## 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"



# Recycle Your Old Crayons with The Crayon Initiative

Bring your old, broken, crayons to the church office or Sunday Worship to turn your leftover crayons into smiles for kids in hospitals, by recycling them through The Crayon Initiative. Crayons will transform the old crayons by remanufacturing used crayons. Millions of pounds of crayons are discarded every year, turning into a waxy sludge that clogs our landfills. With your help The Crayon Initiative can recycle and remanufacture them into new, free crayons for kids in children's hospitals across the United States. One free pack of crayons can draw a thousand smiles!



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: Adventurefufs, 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!

## 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 30; 1-3:30pm:** United Women in Faith "Sew-In"

### APRIL

- **Sat, April 1; 8am:** Pittsburg UMC Parsonage Renovation
- **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
- **Tues, April 11; 6pm:** Ladies Night Out Dinner

- **Wed, April 12; 5pm:** Interfaith Interconnect Religion Chat



## 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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