



Asbury Articles: April 5, 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](#)



Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 6 | 7pm
Virtual only



Good Friday

Friday, April 7 | 8pm
In-person & virtual

Holy Week Services

It's easy to jump to the joy and triumph that we know is coming with Easter Sunday. But quite a bit happens during the week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, what we call Holy Week. We invite you to participate in these special services that give even more meaning to our Easter Alleluias!

Maundy Thursday Service (virtual only)

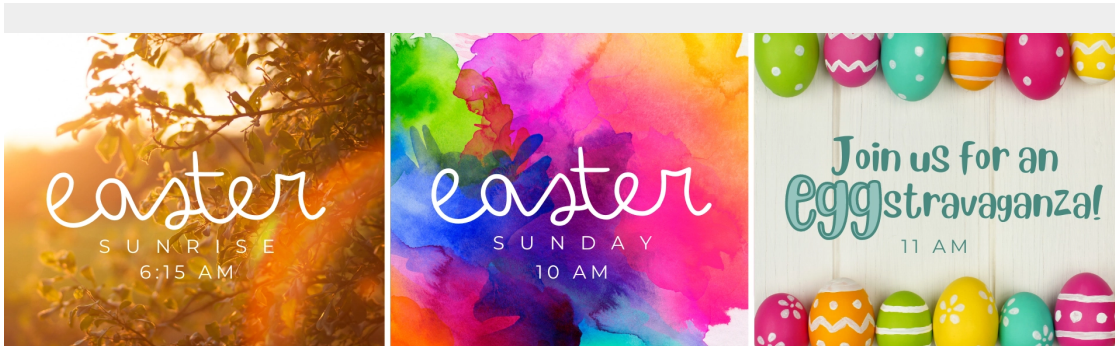
Thursday, April 6 at 7pm

This service is pre-recorded and will be posted at 7pm on our [livestream website](#). We invite you to participate at home as we revisit the stories of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples and the Last Supper.

Good Friday Service (in-person and virtual)

Friday, April 7 at 8pm

In this service, also referred to as a service of light and shadows, we remember the last days of Jesus' life through dramatic readings and music.



Easter Sunday at Asbury!

THIS Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday at Asbury is THIS Sunday 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:** brunch, egg hunt, games

UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS

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!

Save the Date: Rise Against Hunger event

Saturday, May 13 | 9am - 11:30am

As part of our Easter offering, join Asbury to help create 10,000 meal packets for distribution to a community in dire need!

This is a **multigenerational** event that is FUN for all ages, with plenty of various jobs to be done. Many of you may remember that we did this same event last year. We are hoping for a minimum of 40 people to help. The more the merrier- and the faster we complete this worthwhile project.

SSP Summer Service Trip

Sunday, July 23 - Friday, July 28

Asbury is organizing another opportunity to "Serve Others With Love" this summer with Sierra Service Project. This will be an intergenerational group (not just youth) serving in Sacramento from Sunday, July 23 to Friday, July 28. We will be working on both home repairs and community based projects with local organizations. Youth, young adults (especially Youth Group alums), and adults are encouraged to sign up. Please contact [Tony Gnecco](#) for more information or would like to sign up.

You can also learn more about the trip [here](#).

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Interfaith Interconnect Religion Chat - Featuring Pastor Brad!

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!



April Fools, Steve!



Pittsburg UMC Parsonage Renovation Continues April 15

Saturday, April 15

Our next workday is Saturday April 15. 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.

The installation of kitchen cabinets is moving along well. We played an inadvertent "April Fools" joke on Steve Wilson by not telling him that the countertop was known to be too short (see photo). The caulking of baseboards and installing flooring transitions is almost complete.

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.

ASBURY COMMUNITY

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.

Downloads and attachments

[Easter Flower Order Form.pdf](#)

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!



A Sobering but Fruitful Mission to Pajaro

On Thursday March 30 a group of five from Asbury UMC and two from San Ramon Valley UMC met at the volunteer center run by Hope Crises Response Network (HCRN) in Pajaro, the site of recent devastating flooding. Driving into this small blue-collar village we were immediately struck by the sad vision of large piles of mud-covered household goods in front of each home.

We were struck by the beehive of activity from both governmental and volunteer groups gathering and outfitting themselves with protective clothing and cleanup gear. It was nice seeing a goodly stack of flood buckets provided by Lynnwood UMC. There was a large group from the Monterey California Conservation Corp (CCC) fire fighters and high school students from Santa Cruz. We later met a group from Rubicon, a disaster response group made up of veterans. Red Cross was present as well as the California Office of Emergency Management.

We met with the onsite director and were immediately warned that the record keeping was difficult due to so many different groups and the scope of the disaster. It was a timely warning! We were given an address and headed out. After arriving we ran into the first glitch; none of us knew Spanish! Fortunately, the home-owners daughter arrived, and we could quit using Google Translate. After conferring with her parents, they decided they didn't need any additional help as other groups had cleaned the house out and removed the wet sheetrock.

Back to the HCRN command trailer and where we were given the address of a small trailer park. Fortunately, we came across a bilingual gentleman who assisted us. We again found no work to do as the trailers, because of the wheels, were high enough off the ground to prevent flooding. Back to the command center and lunch on a sunny set of benches.

After lunch we found that the owners of the first house we visited had changed their minds and wanted more help. In order to install insulation, they wanted the sheet rock removed to above the fire block (~5 feet). We also removed the ceiling that had previously been water damaged by a roof leak. This work went fairly rapidly and we asked for another assignment.

Our final task of the day was a house built in the late 1800s in the strawberry fields outside of town. It had been hit by a wave of water ten feet high! We met the owners, Patrick and Joanne, who were delighted for our help. The water had

come into the living room to a height of about five feet, leaving a neat line we could use for cutting. Fortunately they still had power and we were able to use our multi-tool to cut the 5/8" sheetrock (normally only 1/2" is used for interior walls). When we started pulling out the sheetrock, which is required to let the structure dry and not form mold, we found knob and tube wiring (typical of older homes, but still viable). We were able to clear the living room of sheetrock, and cut the walls in the dining room, halls and one bedroom. A lot of work left to do in Pajaro, we may go back!

Thank You from our Asbury Girl Scouts

Our Asbury Girl Scouts met their sales goals thanks to your support!

THANK YOU!

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!

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.

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

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.



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!

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

- **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

- **Sat, April 15:** Pittsburg Parsonage Renovation

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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