



## Asbury Articles: April 26, 2023



Two of our office staff, Terri Gamble and Karen Bauman, have reached a milestone! They are retiring at the end of May. Terri and Karen have provided wonderful office support to all of Asbury's visitors and members along with the support of our Facility Manager (currently held by Ruth Hawley). We are grateful for their hospitality, compassion, and love which they have showered on all of us, as well as the endless bulletins, bulk mailings, phone answering, direction giving, organizing, and filing they have done. There will be a celebration of Terri's retirement on June 11 following worship. Karen's retirement celebration will be announced shortly (we are finalizing the date). Please take the time to say thank you and appreciate their service.

Staff Parish has begun the search for a new office manager. The position will be combined into one job known as Office Manager. The hours will be Monday-Thursday 10-4. The office will be closed on Fridays. We are asking for your help in advertising the position, if you know of anyone who might be interested, please encourage them to apply. You can find the document with the job description below. Thank you.

Pastor Kathy

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### Downloads and attachments

[Asbury UMC Office Manager job description.docx](#)

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# The Gospel According to...

## We need your input!

Upcoming Sermon Series: The Gospel According To...

You may remember that last summer we did a sermon series entitled "The Gospel According To" in which we examined different pop culture references from the lens of the Gospel. Last year, we examined Star Wars, the Statue of Liberty, Harry Potter, and Peanuts.

Well...we're at it again and we want your input! Give us your suggestions for 1) children's books and 2) banned books that you think could be examined from the lens of the Gospel.

The entry deadline **May 1st**. For questions or comments, please contact [Pastor Kathy](#).

Survey: The Gospel According To...

## UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS

### Church Conference re: Tiny Homes

Sunday, May 21 | After worship

The District Superintendent, Samuel Hong, has authorized Asbury to hold an all-Church Conference on Sunday, May 21 following worship at approximately 11:15 am. The Reverend Michael Yoshii has been authorized to Chair the Church Conference. This Church Conference has one item on the Agenda: Tiny Homes.

The Conference will be asked to vote on the following which has been supported by the Board of Trustees and the Church Council: *We authorize the Trustees of Asbury to sign and submit the planning application for a community of 16 tiny homes and associated administrative buildings on Asbury's back lot to provide housing to the chronically homeless.*

The planning application and this approval do not obligate Asbury to build the tiny homes, even once the planning application is approved by the City of Livermore. The Tiny Homes Task Force will make a short presentation prior to the vote. The vote will be by written ballot. There will be one ballot box in the courtyard for those who are still avoiding indoor gatherings due to COVID. All are

welcome to attend the Church Conference but only Church Members (the technical term is Professing Members) may vote. If anyone needs a ride to the church conference, please contact the church office by May 18. Please direct your questions to Pastor Kathy or Rob Rudd. Thank you.

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## United Women in Faith Sew-In

Thursday, April 27 | 1-3:30pm

Tomorrow, Thursday April 27, is the next Sew In. We will be meeting in Rooms 11 and 12, from 1 pm to 3:30pm. Bring your machine if you can and thread for it. We will have other activities to help the sewers. For more info, call Lorraine at 925-989-6923.

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## SSP Summer Service Trip

Deadline to sign up: Sunday, April 30

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.

**The deadline to sign up is Sunday, April 30.** To sign up, fill out the form in the button below.

Click on the attachment below or visit this [page](#) for more information. Please contact [Tony Gnecco](#) if you have any questions.

Sign up for SSP Trip by Sunday, April 30

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Downloads and attachments

[SSP2023Info.pdf](#)

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## Celebration of Life: Bobb Smith

Friday, May 5 | 1pm

There will be a celebration of life for Bobb Smith on Friday, May 5 at 1pm 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.

## Asbury United Women in Faith Begins Again

Sunday, May 7

Our United Methodist Women's group (now called United Women in Faith) will be having a short informative meeting (20 minutes) on Sunday, May 7 after church (11:20 am) in the chapel. If you are interested in finding more about our mission, please join us after you get your coffee. If you need child care let Lorraine Magee know (989-6923) so we can have someone in the nursery for that time.

The group is open to all women of the church including teens. Former members are also welcome to join to hear about the ministry.



## Register for our 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! (FYI- You can still make an Easter donation to Asbury.)

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.

[Register for Rise Against Hunger event](#)

## Dessert Auction Fundraiser for SSP Trip

Sunday, May 14 | After worship

There will be a Dessert Auction after worship on Sunday, May 14th as a fundraiser for the SSP trip. Anyone interested in helping raise funds for the SSP trip is encouraged to bring a dessert to Asbury on the morning of the 14th to be included in the auction.



## The Grill Team is Back!

Saturday, June 10 | 10am

Asbury's award winning Grill Team is back, and you can be part of it!

Want to have a great time representing Asbury in the Rodeo Parade? Please join the Grill Team! What's a 'Grill Team'? It's like a drill team, but with mini BBQ grills!

The Livermore Rodeo Parade is Saturday, June 10 at 10 am. Asbury's Grill Team will march in the parade, with our mini-grills, and perform simple routines to our own band's clever songs (previous songs include 'You Ain't Nothing but a Hot Dog', 'My Grill', and 'Combo #5').

No experience required, and all equipment will be provided. The only requirement is the willingness to have fun! Rehearsals will be Saturday mornings and/or Sundays after church, to be arranged according to team member's schedules. Rehearsals will start in May.

To sign up, or to get more information, please contact [Martie Muldoon](#).

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

## A First Time for Everything: Yoga & Dinner

Friday April 28 | 6:30pm-9:00 p.m.

At the end of this month, we will be having another "A First Time for Everything" evening activity. We will be meeting downtown at Dragonfly Yoga Studio for our own private group yoga class. The class will be an introduction to yoga class so it will be designed for all. The owner of Dragonfly, Suzanna Spring, will be our teacher for the evening.

Our class will begin at 6:45, but everyone will need to be at Dragonfly from 6:15-6:30 p.m. to help set up and fill out a release form. There is no cost to the yoga class.

After the class is over, we will decide as a group where we'd want to grab dinner downtown. Please bring money to pay for your dinner.

This will be a fun evening of movement, meditation, and meal. Please invite your friends! If you plan to attend, please RSVP by letting Brad know that you will be there.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



**Saturday, May 6**  
**Del Valle Regional Park**  
**Kicks off at 8:30am**

## Hike for Hope

Saturday, May 6

Join Team Asbury in supporting Hope Hospice by walking at Lake Del Valle on Saturday, May 6!

For those who want, we we can carpool from the church at 8:00 a.m. You're welcome to walk 2.6 miles, 4.4 miles, or the amount you feel comfortable walking. There is a complimentary BBQ lunch afterwards. Register with the button below and sign up with "Team Asbury." Contact [Lori Day](#) with any questions.

[Register for Hike for Hope with Team Asbury](#)

**United Women in Faith Mission u**

Women of Asbury:

Summer is coming and so is Mission u, an opportunity to meet other women and fellowship and study together. There are 3 United Women in Faith weekends to choose from:

- June 2-4 at Monte Toyon Campground (Aptos) with Heather Hammer, pastor and study leader
- July 28-30 at ECCO Conference Center (Oakhurst) with Katherine Parker, missionary and study leader
- August 25-27 at Centennial UMC (Sacramento) with Lee Neish, pastor and study leader

All sessions also offer youth and children's groups. This year's theme is "Living the Kin-dom," a study of The Lord's Prayer.

[Registration](#) is now open for the June 2-4 weekend. If you've never been to Monte Toyon, visit their [site](#) in the trees, by the ocean.

Invite a friend and make this a meaningful experience of your summer!

## ASBURY COMMUNITY

### Update: Mule Next Door

Some of our neighbors have shared with us something we wanted to share with you. You may have noticed that Asbury's neighboring mule in the property next door is no longer there. She has been moved to a horse rescue in Lathrop for the time being. While there were a number of factors resulting in her move, those caring for her are no longer able to care for her on a daily basis. We are hopeful she will recover quickly with the care she's now receiving and will soon end up in her forever home.

### Welcome, baby!

**Lucy Lamb Wilbur**, born April 3

7 pounds 14 ounces

*Daughter of Tori & Stefan Wilbur*

*Granddaughter of Mick Lamb*

*Great-granddaughter of Edie Lamb*

Congratulations!

### Tiny Homes Progress Report

The Tiny Homes Task Force has been hard at work since the last update on March 22. As explained in that article, if we choose to use our property to create supportive housing for the chronically unsheltered, we would need help from other partners. Firm Foundation is drawing up conceptual plans of what a tiny home village might look like. The Task Force and the Trustees have made suggestions, which Firm Foundation is now incorporating into their drawings. Members of the Task Force have also talked with La Familia, the social service agency interested in providing the “supportive” part of the homes (including an on-site supervisor 24/7). These conversations are clarifying who would be eligible to live in the homes and what the rules and guidelines would be for the residents and their visitors. As also mentioned in the article on March 22, the Task Force needs more information from the City of Livermore. In order to provide that information, the City needs a Planning General Application, a document that is nearly completed now. Before it is filed, however, the members of Asbury will be asked to vote on sending in this application. Remember, this is not the vote on building tiny homes, it is just a vote on whether or not the congregation wants the Task Force to continue its research by getting more information from the City of Livermore. Another group of Task Force members are working on improving communications with the neighbors adjacent to Asbury’s property.

A tiny home village is an important mission of compassion, and if it is to be built, many aspects need to be carefully studied. Keep checking the Asbury Articles for further updates. And keep the unsheltered, the neighbors, the Asbury congregation, and the Task Force in your prayers.

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## 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.

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## 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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## 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; 6pm:** 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](#)

#### APRIL

- **Thurs, April 17; 1pm:** UWF Sew-In
- **Fri, April 28:** Young Adults First Time for Everything: Yoga & Dinner

#### MAY

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- **Sat, May 6:** Hike for Hope
- **Sun, May 7; after worship:** UWF Informational Meeting
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- **Sun, May 14; after worship:** Dessert Auction fundraiser for the summer SSP trip
- **Sun, May 21; after worship:** Church Conference regarding Tiny Homes

## 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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