

Asbury Articles: March 11, 2026



Join Us for Holy Week at Asbury

As we approach Easter, we invite you to journey through **Holy Week at Asbury** with several meaningful opportunities to gather in worship and fellowship.

Palm Sunday – March 29 | Sanctuary

Join us for worship as we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and begin the journey of Holy Week together.

Maundy Thursday Potluck Dinner – April 2 | Fellowship Hall

Gather for a special evening of **dinner, songs, and intergenerational fellowship**. All ages are welcome! Bring a dish to share as we remember the spirit of the Last Supper together.

Good Friday Worship Service – April 3 | Sanctuary

We will gather for a **solemn Good Friday service** as we reflect on the sacrifice and love shown on the cross. Please note that **this service will not be livestreamed**.

Easter Sunday – April 5 | Sanctuary

Celebrate the joy of the resurrection with our Easter worship service. After the service, everyone is invited to stay for our **annual Eggstravaganza**, a fun celebration for children and families in the community.

Everyone is welcome to join us as we worship, reflect, and celebrate the hope of Easter together. ✝️ 🌿 🍷



Thank you for supporting our Community Iftar!

The Friends of Wadi Foquin Circle at Asbury would like to **thank everyone who supported our Community Iftar**, held last Sunday evening, through your presence, donations and those who volunteered. Photos and videos from the event can be found [here](#).

It was a wonderful interfaith event which we shared with our Muslim neighbors during Ramadan. The money raised will help the Friends of Wadi Foquin to provide food packets for families in the village who are the most impacted by a

high rate of unemployment and also to provide new computers for the village school.

If you missed our event, or would like to attend another, the Islamic Center of Livermore has invited everyone to a special free Interfaith Iftar **this coming Sunday, March 15, at 6:15 pm**. You can [view the flyer here](#) and [click here to RSVP](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Online Registration for Children & Youth

We are updating our records for **Children and Youth Ministry** and moving to a new **online registration system**. This will help us keep contact information, permissions, and important details current so we can better serve our families.

If you have children or youth participating in our programs, please take a moment to complete the appropriate form:

- [Nursery – 5th Grade Registration](#)
- [Youth Registration](#)

Thank you for taking a few minutes to fill this out and helping us keep our records up to date! We appreciate your support of our growing children and youth ministries. 😊



Make Our Easter Egg Hunt Sweet & Special!

Easter is almost here, and we're preparing for a fun Easter Egg Hunt for the children of our community! Instead of traditional candy-filled eggs, children will collect wooden eggs and exchange them for a goody bag of treats.

To help make this event a success, we're asking for donations of **individually wrapped Easter candy**. We will also be offering **nut-free goody bags**, so nut-free treats are especially appreciated.

Donations can be dropped off at the **church office** or in the **Sanctuary on Sundays**. Thank you for helping us create a joyful and inclusive Easter celebration for our children! 🐣 🍬



Help Our Sanctuary Bloom This Easter

Celebrate Easter by helping fill our sanctuary with beauty, color, and hope. You are invited to sponsor Easter flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, or simply as a gift to our church community. These blooms will enhance our Easter worship and serve as a joyful reminder of new life and resurrection.

New this year, you may place your flower order and submit payment online [here](#) for added convenience. If you prefer, printed order forms will also be available in the church office and in the narthex before Sunday services.

A donation of \$15 per plant is requested to support the Flower Fund (#2100) and cover the cost of the plants. Orders must be submitted by Sunday, March 22.

You are also invited to volunteer to help deliver flowers after Easter to members of our community who could use a little extra cheer- please contact Karen Bauman. Thank you for helping make Easter a meaningful and beautiful celebration for all!

UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS



Join us to Rise Against Hunger

Asbury's annual Rise Against Hunger food packaging event is Saturday, April 18, 9:00 am to 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. **Please sign up now** by clicking [this link](#). Along with your registration information please click the box for the Volunteer Shift from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. (If you can only be there earlier, we

can take a few people for set up from 7:30 am to 9:00 am, but the primary need is 9:00 am to 11:00 am when the packaging happens.)

This year we have been asked to increase the number of meals we package from 10,000 to 12,000. With a minimum of at least 50 volunteers, 60 would be even better, we can do this in only two hours. Please help us make this happen. There is an urgent need for these food packets when natural disasters and famine occur.

This is a MULTI-GENERATIONAL Asbury event that is FUN for ALL AGES and a wonderful way to serve together! There is a task for everyone. If standing is difficult, sealing the food packets can be done sitting down at a table. It is a great way to put into action

Asbury's Core Values.

For more information contact [Bob Johnson](mailto:bobjjr@aol.com) at bobjjr@aol.com



Anti-Racism Ministry

Asbury's Anti-Racism group will meet on Monday, March 23 on Zoom to discuss *The Light We Carry* by Michelle Obama.

If you'd like to be part of this meaningful conversation and ministry, please contact the church office.



Spring Clean-up Day

Asbury Spring Clean-up Day is coming on March 28! We have tasks appropriate to almost any age group and supply all the necessary equipment – you provide the labor. We'd love to know how many to plan for, so please register [here](#) to help (but you can always just show up).

Ladies Night Out

TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH | 5:30 PM

CANTON VILLAGE

(PLEASE NOTICE THE TIME CHANGE)
1070 E. STANLEY BLVD, LIVERMORE, CA 94551

PLEASE RSVP TO KELLI WALTER (KELLIWALT@GMAIL.COM) BY FRIDAY, 3/13

THANK YOU FOR BRINGING CASH! WE HOPE YOU ARE ABLE TO JOIN US!





KINTSUKUROI Film Screening & Discussion

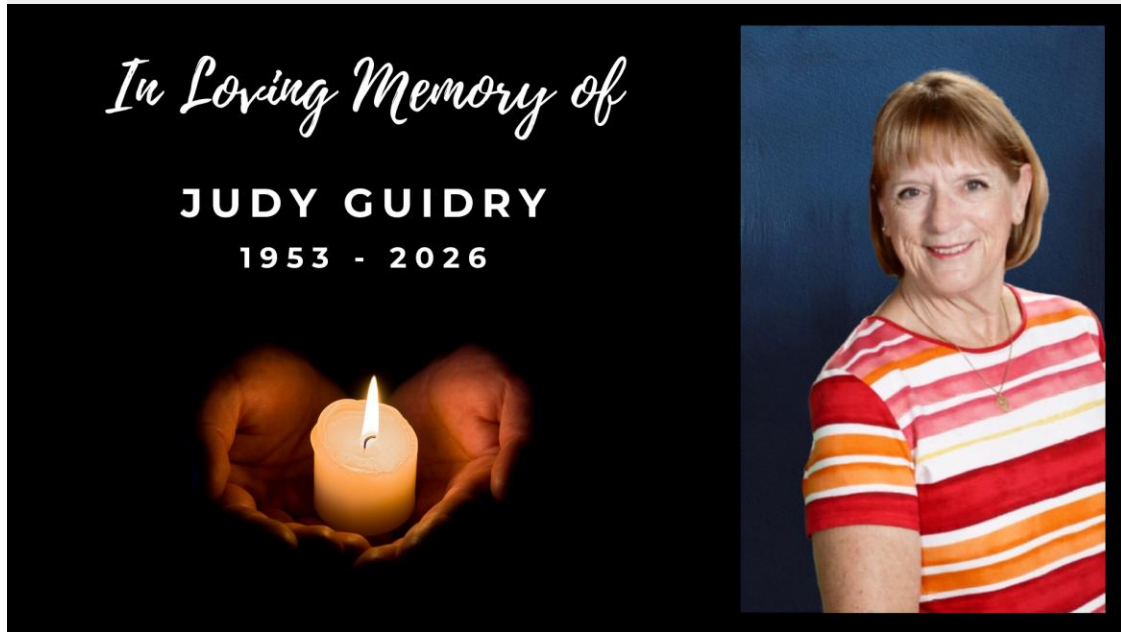
Join us at Asbury UMC for a special screening of **KINTSUKUROI**, followed by a discussion with the film's director, Kerwin Berk, on **Sunday, March 22, 2026, at 1:30 PM** in the **Fellowship Hall**.

Kintsukuroi is the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery with gold, symbolizing the strength and beauty that can emerge after something has been broken. This powerful concept serves as a metaphor for the Japanese American experience during World War II.

KINTSUKUROI is a feature-length film that follows the Ito family from pre-war San Francisco through the unjust incarceration of more than 120,000 Japanese Americans and into the battlefields of Europe, shedding light on a painful and often overlooked chapter of American history.

All are welcome to attend. You can watch the film trailer [here](#). Please **RSVP** to help us plan for the event.

CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE



A Celebration of Life for Judy Guidry will be held in the Asbury Sanctuary on **Thursday, March 12, at 2:00 PM**, followed by a reception.

Please note that **this service will not be livestreamed**.

All who knew and loved Judy are welcome to attend as we gather to remember her life and give thanks for the many ways she touched our community. ❤️

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Gardeners, Get Ready! 🌱 Fertile GroundWorks Plant Sale

Spring planting season is almost here, and the gardeners at Fertile GroundWorks have been busy starting seedlings just for you! You're invited to their annual open plant sale, where you can step inside the big hoop house and **pick out the exact seedlings you want for your garden**.



Shop a wide variety of vegetables, herbs, greens, and more—including tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, melons, lettuce, herbs, kale, beans, and even Aunt Molly's

groundcherries. With **dozens of varieties available**, you're sure to find something perfect for your garden beds or containers.

Plants are **\$4 per container**, and Fertile GroundWorks' famous fertilizer is available for **\$6 per quart**.

Sale Dates:

- Fridays, April 3 & April 10 | 3:00–6:00 PM
- Saturdays, April 4 & April 11 | 9:00 AM–Noon

Knowledgeable gardeners will also be on hand to **answer your vegetable gardening questions** and help you choose the right plants.

👉 Click [here](#) to view the full list of available plants and all the details.

Come support this wonderful ministry and get your garden growing! 🌱

Interfaith Iftar at ICL

Building Bridges Through Faith, Understanding
& Community

Join us for a special free Interfaith Iftar as we come
together during the blessed month of Ramadan.

 **Date: March 15**
 **Time: 6:15PM**

[Program Highlights](#)

- Community welcome
- Interfaith reflections and dialogue
- Iftar dinner and networking


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Islamic Center of Livermore
3820 East Ave, Livermore
CA 94550

[Click here to RSVP.](#)

Have questions?

Contact the church office via [email](#) or phone, 925-447-1950.

Have an article, announcement, or event to submit?

Send them to the [Martina](#), our Office and Communications Manager, **by 3pm on Tuesdays**.

Want to donate online?

[Click here](#) or use Zelle (our ID is finance@asburylive.org)

Miss a newsletter or need to go back and re-read?

Check out the [newsletter archive!](#)

Would like to get in touch with a fellow Asburyite?

Contact the office.

Asbury United Methodist Church

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*You can view the full calendar of Asbury activities and facility use anytime on our [website](#) or through the **Asbury app**.

RECURRING EVENTS

- **Sundays | 10am:** Asbury Worship Service

CHOIRS:

- **Tuesday | 7:00pm:** Asbury Ringers (Contact [Michèle](#))
- **Thursday | 7:30pm:** Faith Choir (Contact [Jean](#))
- **Sunday | 11:30am:** Cherub Choir (Contact [Makayla](#))
- **Sunday | 11:30am:** Rainbow Choir (Contact [Jean](#))
- **Sunday | 11:30am:** Youth Choir (Contact [Bailey](#))

OPEN SMALL GROUPS

- **1st and 3rd Tuesdays | 1:30pm:** Women of the Vine (Contact [Burlyne](#))
- **2nd and 4th Wednesdays | 6-7pm:** Wednesday Zoom Group (Contact [Rita-Ann](#))
- **Thursdays | 7:45am:** Men's Bible Study on Zoom (Contact [Art](#))
- **Last Thursdays | 1pm:** Sew-In (Contact the [Office](#))
- **Saturdays | 8:30am:** B-MEN (Contact [Bob Berger](#))
- **Saturdays | 10am:** Craft and Chat (Online - Join [here](#))
- **3rd Sundays | 11:30am:** Friends of Wadi Foquin Circle (Contact [Bob Johnson](#))



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