



Asbury Articles: March 18, 2026



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! 🍬 🍭



Another Chance for Directory Photos! 📷

Did you miss our last round of photo sessions for the church directory? You can still be included!

Join us this Sunday after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall, where our volunteer photographer, Kirby, will be available to take your photo. We'd love to have you included in the pictorial section of our church directory—it's a great way to help our community stay connected.

If you're unable to make it, you're always welcome to send us a photo anytime, and we'll be happy to add it for you.

Thank you for helping us build a more connected church family!

HOLY WEEK AT ASBURY

 PALM SUNDAY 10:00 am Sanctuary Online	 MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall	 GOOD FRIDAY 7:30 pm Sanctuary	 EASTER SUNDAY 10:00 am Sanctuary Online
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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

Details below.

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 | Fire Pit and Sanctuary

Celebrate the joy of the resurrection with our Easter worship services. Sunrise service at 6:30am by the fire pit and Easter celebration at 10am in the sanctuary. After the 10am 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. ✝️ 🌿 🥚



The graphic features a light blue background. On the left, the words "Maundy Thursday" are written in a large, black, cursive font. To the right is a reproduction of the painting "The Last Supper" by Leonardo da Vinci. Below the text and painting is a white rectangular box containing event details: a calendar icon followed by "April 2, 2026", a clock icon followed by "6:00 PM", and a location pin icon followed by "Fellowship Hall". At the bottom right of the graphic is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon, containing the text "songs, potluck, fellowship" and a heart icon.

Maundy Thursday Potluck

Join us for a meaningful Maundy Thursday evening of food, song, and fellowship as we gather to remember the Last Supper and the love Christ shared with his disciples.

We'll begin with a time of music, reflection, community; and will continue with a potluck meal—please bring a main dish or side to share as we enter into the sacred story of Holy Week together.

All are welcome—come as you are, bring a dish, and be part of this special evening.

RSVP [here](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS



KINTSUKUROI Film Screening & Discussion

Don't miss it—**this Sunday at 1:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall! Join us for a powerful screening of *KINTSUKUROI*, followed by a conversation with director Kerwin Berk.

[RSVP](#) if you can, or simply come as you are—bring a friend and be part of this meaningful afternoon.



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. 😊



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!



Celebrating Pastor Kim's Interfaith Impact

Former Asbury pastor Kim Risedorph was honored and presented with a gift during an Interfaith Iftar held on March 15 at the Islamic Center of Livermore (ICL). Pastor Kim was recognized for her leadership in the creation of Interfaith Interconnect.

Serving the Tri-Valley, Interfaith Interconnect's mission is to enrich, inform, and educate our community about the great diversity of faiths and cultures.

Pictured (left to right) are ICL Board Member Abdul Awwal, ICL member Charity Hanif, and Pastor Kim.

UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS



Easter Eggstravaganza is Coming! 🐰 🎨

Get ready for a joyful celebration—our Easter Eggstravaganza is happening right after church on Easter, and you won't want to miss it!

Bring your friends and family for a fun-filled morning with **two egg hunts, crafts, music, food, temporary tattoos, a photo booth, and more**. And yes—the **Easter Bunny** will be hopping by for a special appearance! 🐰

Egg Hunt Times:

- Preschool: 11:30 AM
- School Age: 11:45 AM

Come celebrate the good news—**He is Risen!**—with laughter, community, and plenty of Easter fun.

Want to be part of making this day special? We'd love your help! If you're interested in preparing ahead of time or volunteering on the day of the event, please reach out to Carol at children@asburylive.org. There's something for everyone to do!

If you'd like to help spread the word by handing out flyers, just reply to this email and we'll get some to you.

Let's make it a day to remember! 🌸



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, [click here](#) to join.



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).



Asbury UMC Budget giving for one month through February 2026

Giving in February continued the strong financial support from the congregation with \$63,248 income and \$57,966 expense for the month.

High-Level Financials

Income	\$179,485
Expense	\$111,406

	Net	\$68,079	
Expense Detail			
	Apportionments	\$19,743	17.7%
	Program	\$2,534	2.3%
	Office & Finance	\$1,434	1.3%
	Operational	\$28,705	25.8%
	Salaries and Benefits	\$50,028	44.9%
Playground Giving			
	Playground	\$25,544	
Asbury Benevolences			
	Pastor's Fund	\$1,300	
	Backpacks	\$150	
	Intergenerational Mission	\$1,600	
	Shower/Laundry/Undies Vineyard	\$124	
	2.0		
	Shower Trailer	\$500	
	UMVIM/ERT	\$2,900	
Nation & World Benevolences			
	UMCOR	\$900	
Special Offerings			
	Easter	\$50	
	Thanksgiving	\$50	
	Christmas/OHK/AXIS	\$150	
	Partners for Change	\$100	
	Fertile Groundworks	\$1,200	
	Open Heart Kitchen	\$100	
	Friends of Wadi Foquin	\$1,748	
	Middle East Children's Alliance	\$492	
	Tri-Valley Haven	\$100	
	Alameda County Food Bank	\$0	
	Open Heart Refuge	\$14	
	Meals on Wheels	\$0	
	Gum Moon Residence	\$100	
		\$11,578	10.4%

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](https://fertilegroundworks.org) to view the full list of available plants and all the details.

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

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.

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

*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](#))



Asbury Office

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