

## Asbury Articles: April 29, 2026



### Garden Vista Update

Asbury's dream of creating a community of tiny homes, called **Garden Vista**, on a portion of our unused property remains alive and well, though progress has been a bit slower than we expected.

We have known from the beginning that we want to provide **permanent supportive shelter for those in need in our community**. We've also known we need **partners to help us with this project**. Those two things remain unchanged.

We continue in conversation with **Tri-Valley Haven (TVH)** about providing social services to the residents, as well as overseeing day-to-day property management. **TVH is enthusiastic about this potential opportunity**.

Our previous project manager was the nonprofit **Firm Foundation**, but they are no longer in business. Consequently, we have begun talking with **Habitat for**

**Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley** about managing the project, securing funding, and building the houses. They recently expressed interest in helping us and have many questions; we are working on providing answers.

The Tiny Homes Task Force thanks you for your **prayers and patience**. If you have any questions or interest in this work, please let the office know, and a member of the Task Force will reach out.



## Family Camp

Camp Shelley at Lake Tahoe. June 18th-21st. Campsites are available. Please come join us for fun and fellowship.

Camp Shelly is located near South Lake Tahoe off Highway 89 between Fallen Leaf Lake and Emerald Bay. The campground is centrally located in the whispering pines, allowing visitors to take advantage of both the natural wonders of the Lake Tahoe basin as well as the indoor attractions of a major tourist destination.

Amenities include hot showers and a metal fire pit and grill in every campsite. Most sites can accommodate tent trailers and campers and some can accommodate motorhomes up to 24 feet in length. Lake Tahoe and the Glen Alpine and Mt. Tallac trailheads are all within hiking distance. Nearby are Emerald Bay, Taylor Creek Visitor Center, Tallac Historic Site, and Vikingsholm.

We will have a potluck on Saturday night. Contact [Kelly Gully](#) for more details.




## Celebrating Our Graduates!

As the school year comes to a close, we're excited to celebrate the achievements of students reaching important milestones in their educational journeys!

We invite graduating students of all ages—from preschool to college—and their families to share their exciting news with the Asbury community. If you or your student is graduating, please send us:

- Student's full name
- Name of school, college, or university
- A few photos (graduation portraits, memorable moments, etc.)
- Future plans (college, career, travel, or anything exciting!)
- Degree or diploma earned (if applicable)

We'd love to feature each graduate in a special slideshow during worship.

 Please email submissions to the church office by **Sunday, May 24**.

Let's celebrate our grads together with joy and pride!

# SUMMER CAMP

## AT LYNNWOOD UMC

### Activities include:

- Bible stories
- Crafts
- Science
- Recreation
- Mission opportunities

June 15-19  
Mon. - Fri.  
9 am - 12 pm

KINDERGARTEN TO 5TH GRADE

[CLICK HERE  
TO REGISTER HERE](#)

4444 Black Ave Pleasanton Ca 94566

### Summer Camp at Lynnewood UMC

Our sister church, **Lynnewood UMC in Pleasanton**, is excited to welcome children for a fun-filled **Summer Camp/VBS** week **June 15-19**, from **9:00 am to 12:00 pm** each day.

Children entering **Kindergarten through 5th grade** are invited to join in a week of learning, friendship, and summer fun. Each day will feature a variety of engaging activities and stations, including:

- Bible
- Crafts

- Science
- Mission
- Recreation

The registration cost is **\$75** for the week.

If your family is looking for a great summer opportunity, this is a wonderful local option! Please let [Corey](#) know if you have any questions.

[Register here](#)

## UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS

### *Ladies Night Out*

TUESDAY, MAY 19TH | 5:30 PM

#### AAMA'S KITCHEN

(PLEASE NOTICE THE TIME CHANGE)  
4022 EAST AVE, LIVERMORE, CA 94550

PLEASE RSVP TO KELLI WALTER ([KELLIWALT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:kelliwalt@gmail.com)) BY FRIDAY, 5/15

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



### Ladies Night Out – Join Us for Dinner & Fellowship!

All women are invited to a fun evening out on **Tuesday, May 19th at 5:30 pm** at Aama's Kitchen in Livermore (please note the updated time). This is a wonderful opportunity to relax, connect, and enjoy great food together.

Please RSVP to Kelli Walter at [kelliwalt@gmail.com](mailto:kelliwalt@gmail.com) by **Friday, May 15**, and plan to bring cash for your meal.

We hope you can join us for a delightful evening of conversation and community!

# STEADFAST FRIENDSHIP & SPIRITUAL SOLIDARITY



Join the **Friends of Wadi Foquin** for  
afternoon tea as we celebrate the beauty,  
hope, and power of Steadfast Friendship &  
Spiritual Solidarity.

*MAY 23, 2026*

2:00 - 4:30 pm

Asbury United Methodist Church  
4743 East Ave. Livermore



Ticket and table sponsorship information:  
[tinyurl.com/SteadfastFriendship](https://tinyurl.com/SteadfastFriendship)  
Please reserve your table/seat by **May 10**.

## Friends of Wadi Foquin Celebration With Bishop Olewine at Asbury

Join Friends of Wadi Foquin as we celebrate the beauty, hope, and power of Steadfast Friendship and Spiritual Solidarity.

We gather to give thanks for recent work, draw encouragement for the current moment, and build strength for what's ahead. We are thrilled that the Cal-Nevada Annual Conference's Bishop, **Rev. Sandra Olewine**, as well as good friends, **Fahmi Manasra**, from the village of Wadi Foquin, and **Janet Lahr Lewis**, will be joining us! We hope you will too.

Join us as we enjoy homemade tea-time treats by **Aseel Catering**, meet old and new friends, hear the latest from Wadi Foquin, and more!

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**Saturday, May 23rd, 2026**

**2:00 - 4:30 pm**

**Asbury United Methodist Church**

[4347 East Ave., Livermore](#)

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We invite you to sponsor a table of 7 for \$250 or purchase individual tickets: \$35. No one will be turned away.

Please register your attendance and reserve your table or individual tickets at

<http://tinyurl.com/SteadfastFriendship> Or scan QR code on leaflet.



Save the Date: Dessert Auction!

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, May 31**, and plan to stay after worship for a fun and festive **Dessert Auction** benefiting the **Sierra Service Project!**

Enjoy a wonderful selection of homemade desserts and take part in a lively auction supporting youth mission trips and service opportunities. It's a sweet way to give back and support a great cause!

✦ **Save the date—you won't want to miss it!**

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



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### **In-person Religion Chat**

**Wed., May 13, 2026 ♦ 7:00-8:30 pm**

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**

**950 Mocho Ave., Livermore\***

Doors open at 6:45 pm ♦ All are welcome ♦ Ample parking  
*Optional breakout discussion groups 8-8:30 pm*

Topic:

***What does your religion teach about  
the presence of evil in the world?***

Speakers

**Gina Badura**

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**

**Ustadh Feraidoon Mojadedi**

**Muslim Community Center East Bay, Pleasanton**

***\*Please park in the lot behind the church and use the rear entrance. We will be meeting in the room off the rear foyer.***

*Our Mission: To enrich, inform, and educate ourselves and others about the great diversity of faiths and cultures in our Valley.*

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<https://www.facebook.com/InterfaithInterconnect/>*

## Interfaith Interconnect of the Tri-Valley Religion Chat: Understanding Evil in the World

Join Interfaith Interconnect of the Tri-Valley for an in-person Religion Chat **on Wednesday, May 13, from 7:00–8:00 p.m.** exploring the question, “What does your religion teach about the presence of evil in the world?” Presenters include Gina Badura of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Ustadh Feraidoon Mojadedi of Muslim Community Center East Bay. The gathering will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Livermore, with doors opening at 6:45 p.m. All are welcome!



## **Blood Drives**

### **Livermore Community**

Asbury United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall  
4743 East Avenue  
Livermore, CA 94550

**Fridays, May 15, June 19  
and July 17, 2026  
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**



# SANCTUARY

Screening And Q&A

Sanctuary is a feature-length documentary that exposes the plight of LGBTQIA+ individuals within modern faith systems—told



through the eyes of a visionary architect whose passion project becomes a lifeline. As doctrine collides with identity, a sacred space rises from rejection, offering refuge and hope. Alongside his journey, scholars and spiritual

leaders from a variety of religious traditions share how they are transforming their institutions to welcome the marginalized and reimagine what it means to belong.

Join us for a private screening and conversation with the filmmakers.

Saturday, May 16th at 6 p.m.

Lynnewood United Methodist Church  
4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton 94566



Scan the QR code to register - event is free!



Q&A with Sanctuary filmmaker Autumn McAlpin; pastor and LGBTQ+ advocate, Rev. Stan Mitchell; and Rev. Dr. Paula Stone Williams, a Pastoral Counselor & internationally known speaker on gender equity and religious tolerance.

CELEBRATING AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

# 7TH ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

HOSTED BY THE ALAMEDA COUNTY DISTRICT 1 INTERFAITH ADVISORY COUNCIL



**THURSDAY, MAY 7TH, 2026**

Alameda County Fairgrounds Amphitheatre  
4501 Pleasanton Ave.

5pm - Reception & Dinner  
6pm - Program Begins

RSVP Requested  
Please Scan QR or Visit  
[tinyurl.com/natdayofprayer2026](https://tinyurl.com/natdayofprayer2026)  
(Walk-Ins Welcome)

SCAN TO RSVP



Contact Gloria Gregory  
with Questions  
[Gloria.Gregory@acgov.org](mailto:Gloria.Gregory@acgov.org)  
925-998-3785

ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERVISOR  
**DAVID HAUBERT**  
DEDICATED TO SERVING YOU!



## 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**

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**Tuesdays.**

**Want to donate online?**

[Click here](#) or use Zelle (our ID is [finance@asburylive.org](mailto: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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**Asbury United Methodist Church**

4743 East Avenue | Livermore, CA 94550



\*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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