

Asbury Articles: May 27, 2026



Welcome to Asbury!

May 31, 2026

*Music
Celebration
Sunday*

Music Celebration Sunday This Week!

All choirs and several instrumentalists will be singing and playing throughout the service on May 31. Asbury will be celebrating the gift of music and the end of choir season.

Coffee Fellowship time will begin immediately after the service ends. It will feature an auction of baked goods to benefit SSP (Sierra Service Project). There

will be small items for sale, suitable for kids, as well as some scrumptious treats to bid on to take home.

At 11:30 – Noon, Youth Choir, Rainbow Choir and Cherub Choir will have a year-end party in Rooms 11-12.

Please plan to attend worship in person on May 31 to hear all the special music, live, and to partake in some sweet treats!



Come Early for a Special Handbell Prelude This Sunday!

Everyone who enjoys the beautiful sound of handbells is invited to come early this Sunday for a special prelude by the Asbury Ringers! Please plan to arrive by 9:50 am to enjoy this moving musical offering as part of Music Celebration Sunday.

The prelude, *Meditations on the Theme of Peace* by Derek K. Hakes, was inspired by the composer's desire to express peace through music. Built around a musical motif spelling "peace," the piece reflects a heartfelt prayer for peace in a world marked by violence and uncertainty. The composition also incorporates the Latin phrase "Dona nobis pacem" ("Grant us peace"), symbolizing voices crying out for peace and hope. Read the full story [here](#).

Come in person to worship and celebrate the gift of music together!

UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS

**DINE
& DAWDLE**



May 28 | 6:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Hamburgers & hot dogs (vegan options available)

June 4 – Game Night

June 18 – Taco Night

June 25 – Chili Cook-Off

July 2 – Pie Night

Dine and Dawdle

No RSVP needed • No cost to attend

Join us **Thursdays at 6:00 PM** in the **Fellowship Hall**

All are welcome! Hosted by the Fellowship Team.

Upcoming Nights:

- **May 28** – Bingo Night
Hamburgers & hot dogs (vegan options available)
- **June 4** – Game Night
- **June 18** – Taco Night
- **June 25** – Chili Cook-Off
- **July 2** – Pie Night

Come as you are, bring a friend, and stay awhile!



Sew-In – Thursday, May 28 at 10 am

Join us for a wonderful time of fellowship, creativity, and service at our **Sew-In on Thursday, May 28!** Please note that this week only, the time has changed to **10 am to 12 pm**. Whether you are an experienced sewer, a beginner, or simply want to help with cutting, ironing, or encouraging others, there is a place for you. Come enjoy good company while helping create meaningful items for those in need. All are welcome!



Dessert Auction for SSP

Dessert auction is just a few weeks away! Stay after worship for a fun and festive auction benefiting the Sierra Service Project (SSP).

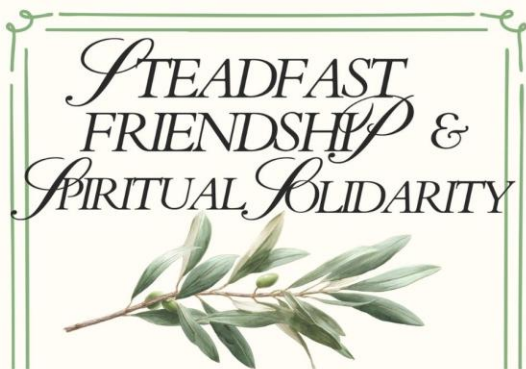
Bid on delicious homemade treats while supporting youth mission trips and service opportunities. Every dessert makes a difference!

We are also looking for bakers to help make this fundraiser a success. If you plan to contribute a dessert, please fill out the form below once you know what you will be bringing:

[SSP Trip Dessert Auction Fundraiser – Fill out form](#)

🍰 Plan to stay, bring your sweet tooth, and be ready to bid! This is a major fundraiser for SSP, and we hope everyone will join in the fun and support our youth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Adam Manasra shared what the partnership with the Friends of Wadi Foquin has meant for his village and the region.



Bishop Sandra Olewine delivered a powerful call to action.



Over 150 attendees listened intently to Bishop Olewine's message.

Steadfast Friendship & Spiritual Solidarity

Last Saturday over 150 people from throughout Northern California gathered at Asbury for a wonderful event to commemorate the 17th anniversary of the founding of the Friends of Wadi Foquin, a UMC partnership founded in 2009. Wadi Foquin is a Palestinian farming village in the West Bank near Bethlehem. The Friends of Wadi Foquin has worked with the village on a variety of community development projects, including bee hives, a grocery store and a soccer field. The partnership also includes advocacy and education, such as organizing trips to learn firsthand the situation faced by Palestinians.

At Saturday's event Pastor Ouk-Yean provided a warm welcome and prayer. A very touching video from the village was shown. Delicious food prepared by Nada Zeid was enjoyed. Throughout the program candles were lit to remember those we have lost both near and afar.

Speakers included Reverend Michael Yoshii and Pastor Emily Lin, co-chairs of FWF; Fahmi Manasra from the village, who explained the significance of the relationship that Friends of Wadi Foquin has with the village; Adam Manasra, also from the village, who is the author of a new book, *A Chronicle Of Our Land*; and Janet Lahr Lewis, former liaison from the UMC General Board of Global Ministries to the West Bank.

A major highlight was the message delivered by Bishop Sandra Olewine, of the California - Nevada Conference. Bishop Olewine previously served for ten years as the United Methodist Church's representative to the Middle East. She challenged everyone to step up and fully engage in advocacy for justice and peace.

A very special thank you to everyone at Asbury who helped make this very meaningful and moving event possible.

At Asbury the Friends of Wadi Foquin Circle supports the work of the Friends of Wadi Foquin. Our group meets the third Sunday of the month at 11:30 am in Room 10. **The next meeting will be Sunday, June 21. All are welcome.** For more information please contact Bob Johnson at bobjjr@aol.com.



Asbury Youth at the Fair

Ava Neilsen is a sophomore in the Livermore FFA chapter and is raising two market swine for the Alameda County Fair. She writes “Being in FFA and raising life stock has taught me...responsibility, patience, managing a schedule, business and financial skills and how to handle things when they get a little chaotic...” She is working towards attending UC Davis and becoming a veterinarian.

Ava wrote to us to let us know about the Junior livestock auction on July 12, 2026 at 8:00 pm. That’s the big moment when all of her hard work will pay off. Both of her pigs will be in the auction ring, if you want to support her with a bid.

You can read [Ava's letter here](#).

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

A promotional poster for a bird walk event. The background is a photograph of a woman in a camouflage jacket and a red scarf, holding binoculars to her eyes. She is standing in a natural setting with trees and a body of water. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Bird Walk
at Fertile GroundWorks Garden
Saturday, May 30
8:00–9:30 a.m.
RSVP: tandlbirding@gmail.com
or call the church office

Fertile GroundWorks Bird Walks Return!

Fertile GroundWorks Bird Walks are returning! Join us on Saturday, May 30 from 8:00–9:30am for a guided bird walk at the Fertile GroundWorks Garden with Tod Pohlmann. Meet at the front entrance of the garden and bring binoculars if you have them. Please RSVP to tandlbirding@gmail.com at your earliest convenience. Hope to see you there!



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.**



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](#)) - this month at 10am
- **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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