



Asbury Articles: June 17, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Church Office Hours Update

Starting **Monday, June 29**, the church office will transition to new hours:

- **Open:** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM (Monday – Thursday)
- **By Appointment:** Available outside these hours upon request.

If you need to schedule an appointment or reach the staff, please contact the office directly via [email](#) or phone (925-447-1950). Thank you for understanding!



JULY 12, 2026
10:00 AM | ASBURY UMC

WORSHIP SERVICE
IN HONOR OF

G. ALLEN SCHELL
1934 - 2026

"MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD..." — PSALM 100:1

Honoring the Life and Legacy of G. Allen Schell

Please join the Asbury family for a special worship service as we remember and give thanks for G. Allen Schell. Allen was a cherished member whose decades of faith, generosity, and service deeply shaped our church community.

This service of thanksgiving and remembrance will feature scripture, special music, and personal reflections celebrating his enduring legacy of faith, music and fellowship.

Plan to join us on July 12 at 10:00am as we gather in gratitude for Allen's life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Anti-Racism Ministry

Anti-Racism Group invites all readers and all United Women in Faith to read *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

This book is on the UWF Reading Program this year, and it is recommended as a “story of an extraordinary woman” named Belle, who hides her African-American identity to protect herself from racial persecution.

Named best book of the year by NPR, this is a good summer read. Join us to discuss this book **Tuesday, July 27 at 7:00 pm by Zoom.**

UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS

DINE & DAWDLE

June 18 - Taco Night
June 25 - Chili Cook-Off
July 2 - Pie Night

6:00 pm
Fellowship Hall



Dine and Dawdle

Join us this Thursday at 6:00 p.m. for **Taco Night / Dine and Dawdle** 🍌

Come hungry and ready for a fun, relaxed evening of food, fellowship, conversation, and community. No RSVP needed—just show up, grab a bite, and stay as long as you'd like. Everyone is welcome—bring a friend!

Next Week: Chili Cook-Off at Dine & Dawdle!

Get your recipes ready! Next week's Dine & Dawdle is our annual Chili Cook-Off. Are you planning to enter your culinary creation into the contest?

👉 **Let us know [here](#)**, we can't wait to see you there!



Cherub Choir Announcement: Baby Donations!

Our wonderful Cherub Choir Director, Makayla Durst Gully, is preparing to go on maternity leave. To celebrate this exciting new chapter, we are organizing a special blessing for her growing family.

How You Can Help

- **Donate books:** Bring new children's books for ages 0 to 5; consider writing a special message inside the book.
- **Give cash:** Financial gifts will help purchase nursery essentials as well as go towards a DoorDash gift card for the new parents.
- **Drop-off location:** Please bring physical books, as well as cash, to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday 6/21, and 6/28 or leave in the office.
- **Deadline:** Please submit all donations by Sunday, June 28.

Thank you for showering Makayla with love and supporting her during this beautiful season!



Used Air Purifiers Available

Asbury has several Blue Air 211 and Blue Air 311 air purifier units available for Asbury members to take. These were previously used during COVID in various Asbury locations, and are no longer needed. The available units do not include the HEPA filters, which are available from Amazon, but do include the covers. The Blue Air 211 is suitable for large rooms (>500 ft²), and the Blue Air 311 is sized for smaller spaces (up to 400 ft²). Blue Air's HEPA silent dual filtration technology

captures 99.97% of airborne particles down to 0.1 microns, including dust, pollen, pet dander, mold particles, and smoke. We have 9 Blue Air 211's and 3 Blue Air 311's available on a first-come basis.

If you would like to have one of the units, please contact Ruth Hawley at facilitiesmgr@asburylive.org.



Asbury UMC Budget

Income slowed just a bit for the month of May.

However, for our Year-to-date financials we are running a positive \$51,951.

Asbury UMC Budget giving for one month through May 2026

High-Level Financials

Income	\$ 329,035
Expense	<u>\$ 277,084</u>
Net	\$ 51,951

Expense Detail

Apportionments	\$ 36,194 13.1%
Program	\$ 6,494 2.3%
Office & Finance	\$ 5,312 1.9%
Operational	\$ 69,668 25.1%
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 152,511 55.0%

Playground Giving

Playground	\$ 29,456
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Asbury Benevolences

Pastor's Fund	\$	2,440
Backpacks	\$	250
Intergenerational Mission	\$	7,442
Shower/Laundry/Undies Vineyard 2.0	\$	251
Shower Trailer	\$	4,244
UMVIM/ERT	\$	2,900

Nation & World Benevolences

UMCOR	\$	1,900
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Special Offerings

Easter	\$	5,921
Thanksgiving	\$	150
Christmas/OHK/AXIS	\$	250
Partners for Change	\$	100
Fertile Groundworks	\$	1,200
Open Heart Kitchen	\$	1,100
Friends of Wadi Foquin	\$	1,748
Middle East Children's Alliance	\$	492
Tri-Valley Haven	\$	1,100
Alameda County Food Bank	\$	-
Open Heart Refuge	\$	96
Meals on Wheels	\$	-
Gum Moon Residence	\$	100

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

FERTILEgroundworks
TEACH. GROW.  GIVE.

You
are invited to

A TASTE
FOR
Giving

Cost
\$125 by August 9:
\$140 after August 9.
Ticket sales end September 5.

Catering
Simple Elegance

Beverages
McGrail Vineyards

SPONSORED BY  PREMONT BANK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026
6:00 to 9:30 pm *Silent & Live Auctions & Door Prize Drawings!*

McGRAIL
Vineyards
7000 Greenville Road
in Livermore



TICKETS



Fertile GroundWorks, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550 PH (510) 427-4431 W fertilegroundworks.org 501 (C)00 Tax ID 45-5415064

Taste for Giving Gala – September 19

Join Fertile GroundWorks for its Annual *Taste for Giving* fundraising gala on Saturday, September 19, from 6–9 pm at McGrail Vineyards. Enjoy delicious food and wine, garden-fresh tastings, prizes, and auction items while supporting Fertile GroundWorks’ mission to **Teach, Grow, Give**. Early-bird tickets are available now (\$125 per person; \$120 each for groups of four or more). Space is limited, so [reserve your tickets today](#) and invite your adult family and friends to join the celebration!



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.

Asbury United Methodist Church

4743 East Avenue | Livermore, CA 94550



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:

- Rehearsals and gatherings will resume in September. Have a wonderful summer!

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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