

## Asbury Articles: June 3, 2026



### Pride Sunday This Week!

We invite everyone to join us for Pride Sunday this week as we celebrate God's boundless love for all people. Come dressed in bright colors as a visible sign of joy, welcome, and community. Together we will lift up worship filled with music, prayer, and thanksgiving, affirming that all are beloved and included in God's grace.

We hope this will be a meaningful and joyful Sunday as we gather in celebration and gratitude.



## Smile for the Directory!

Need a new photo for the church directory? 📷

Kirby Fong is offering another photo session on Sunday, June 14 after worship! Take an updated picture by yourself or with your family — everyone is welcome.

As a special bonus, anyone who has their photo taken can receive a printed copy if interested.

Don't miss this easy opportunity to update your directory photo and share your smile with the Asbury community!

**UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS**



## 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:**

- **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!



## Women's Retreat – Save the Date!

Mark your calendar for the Asbury Women's Retreat on Friday and Saturday, September 11–12! The retreat will begin Friday evening and continue all day Saturday.

If you would be interested in helping with planning, please contact Karen Bauman at 510-409-9760 or reach out to the church office.

We hope you'll join us for a meaningful and refreshing time together!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Dessert Auction Update

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the SSP Dessert Auction a wonderful success this past Sunday!! **We raised over \$2,200 to help pay for our service trip to Del Norte County in July.** We really appreciate everyone who...

- Made a tasty dessert to auction off or goodies to buy
- Participated in the auction

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- Bought a treat at the Buy it Now Table
  - Just gave a donation because you wanted to help

We really appreciate the love and support that you showed the SSP Team on Sunday, and we will do our best to take that love and support with us to share with everyone that we will work with and serve on our trip.

- The SSP Intergenerational Team



### Summer Break for Music Groups

Kids' Choirs, Faith Choir, and Asbury Ringers will not meet after May 31 as they take a summer break. We are so grateful for all the music and joy they shared this year!

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

[Click to watch video](#)



## Celebrating Our Graduates

Last Sunday, we had the joy of recognizing and celebrating this year's graduates during worship. As part of the service, we shared a special video highlighting their achievements, memories, and hopes for the future.

If you were unable to join us—or would like to watch it again—we invite you to view the video [here](#). Please join us in congratulating our graduates and praying for God's guidance, wisdom, and blessings as they begin the next chapter of their journeys.

- **Elijah Verive** graduated from East Avenue Middle School.
- **Dylan Bennett** graduated from Granada High School. He will attend Las Positas College.
- **Zack Lobao** graduated from Foothill High School. He will attend Las Positas College.
- **Alexandria Lobao** graduated from Las Positas College with AA biology, AA liberal a/s: arts humanities, AA liberal a/s: mathematics/science, AS biology UC Pathway, AST biology. Alex will attend UC Davis with a major in Genetics & Genomics.

- **Sarah Rudd** graduated from University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, VA with BA in Art History and English. She will be studying Art History in Birmingham, UK.
- **Emily Gnecco** graduated from Trinity University, San Antonio, TX with BA in Political Science and BA in Urban Studies. She will be working for SSP this summer as a Construction Coordinator in Del Norte County.
- **Susannah Rudd** graduated from Minot State University, Minot, ND with Master's Degree in Speech Language Pathology. She will be the SLP at a K-12 school near Minot starting in August.
- **Austen Gnecco** graduated from Columbia University. Master's Degree in Computer Engineering. Will be returning to Livermore in July to start a new job at LLNL.
- **Ron Correll-Feichtner** graduated from San Jose State University with Master's Degree in Special Education.



## 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



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## **In-person Religion Chat**

**Wed., June 10, 2026 ♦ 7:00-8:00 pm**

**First Presbyterian Church**

**2020 Fifth St., Livermore\***

Doors open at 6:45 pm ♦ Enter through courtyard on K St.  
*Optional breakout discussion groups 8-8:30 pm*

Topic:

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

Speakers

**Rev. Steve Wilde**

**Pastor, First Presbyterian Church Livermore**

**Rev. Amelia Marie Petersen**

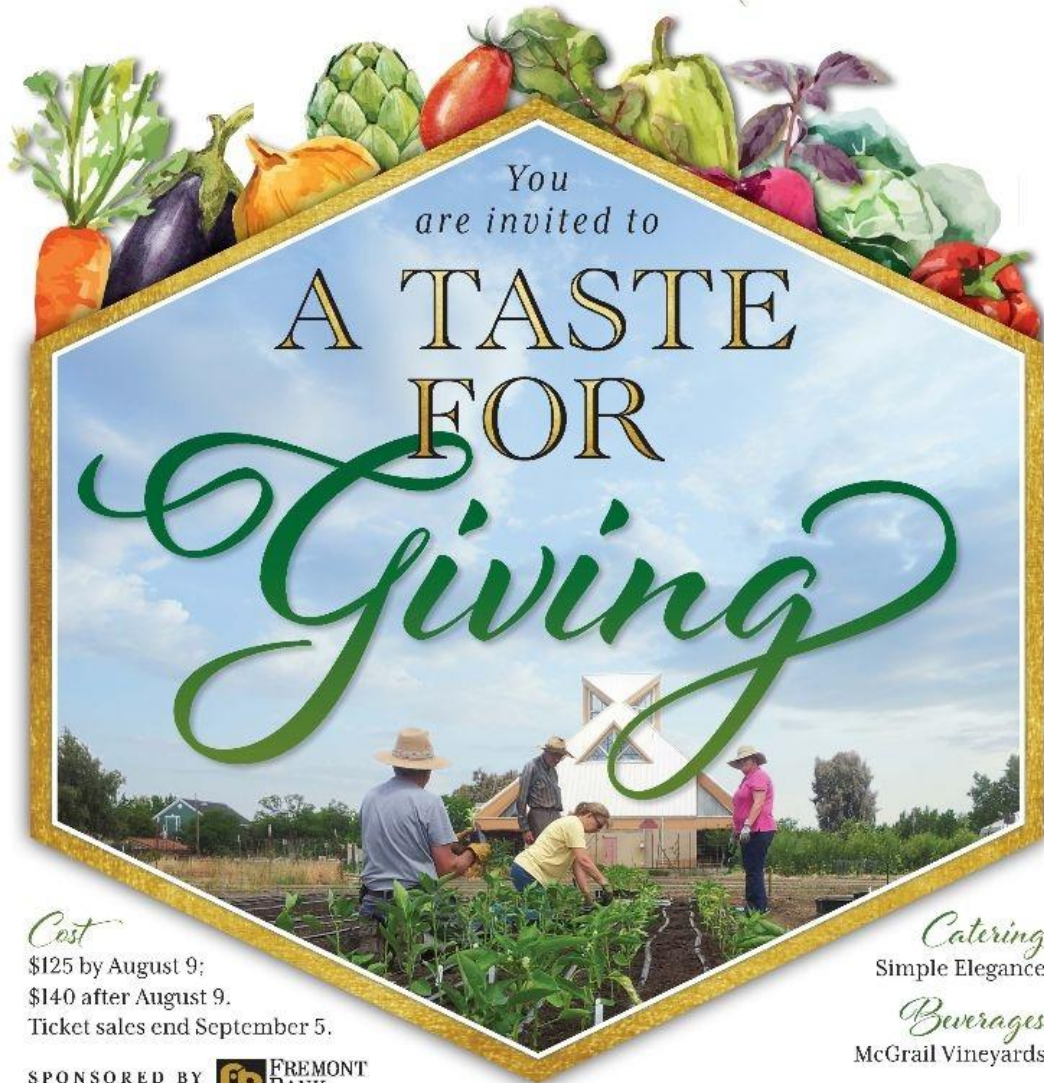
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\$140 after August 9.  
Ticket sales end September 5.

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



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## 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.**



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### **Have questions?**

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

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**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](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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## 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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