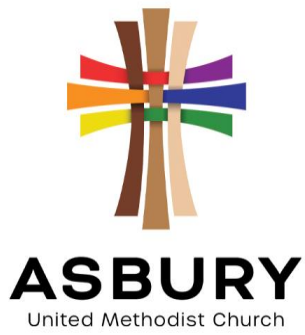




Asbury Articles: July 8, 2026



That's a Wrap on Dine & Dawdle!

A heartfelt thank you to our Fellowship Team for making Thursday **Dine & Dawdle** another wonderful summer tradition! We also want to thank everyone who joined us each week—your participation made the evenings so much fun.

Congratulations to our **Chili Cook-Off** and **Pie Bake-Off** winners! And to everyone who entered, you're all winners for sharing your delicious creations with us.

Thanks for a great summer—we'll see you next year at Dine & Dawdle!



Report to Asbury church family about California Nevada Annual Conference

Asbury, thank you for letting me represent you as a Lay Delegate to our Annual Conference. I was an alternate delegate and this was my first time to attend as a lay delegate.

The conference was held in Sacramento June 26-29th and consisted of worship and the business of Annual Conference. As was noted, all committee work is ministry. The message of the four-day conference was “Healing the World” with Isaiah 58:12 being our conference passage: “your ancient ruin shall be rebuilt; you shall rise up the foundations of many generations, you shall be called to be repairer of the breach, the restorer of the street to live in.” Very high expectations by our denomination and our Bishop.

I found our Bishop's message to be very powerful and hopeful. She is a very dynamic and forward thinking leader of five districts consisting of approximately 300 churches. Along with the conference's professional staff, the Bishop asked us to continue ‘equipping the church to make disciples and help heal the world.’

We had the opportunity to worship five times over the course of four days. The opening service was energizing and gave us the inspiration to do the work needed for the conference. The youth led service had an energy that cannot be described; all I know is the youth are not the church's future, they are the church right now!. Remembering the saints service is a reminder of the foundation our church is built on. The ordering of ministry is a celebration of the realization for people's call to the ministry and was quite inspirational. The close of the conference included communion; sharing the bread and cup with hundreds of United Methodist being sent out into the world gives you a feeling of spiritual vitality.

We also were able to celebrate four anniversaries within the United Methodist Church: the 30th anniversary of the Order of Deacons; 50th anniversary of VIM; the 70th anniversary of the ordination of women; and the 200th anniversary of Methodism in Tonga.

The committee work for the laity consisted of electing two representatives to the General and Jurisdictional conference in 2028. The delegates who will represent the Cal-Nevada conference are Aton Abril and Rayne Diamond, plus nine reserves. The clergy also elected two delegates, Rev. Elizabeth Brick and Rev. Theon Johnson III. We received and approved many reports on the work of the conference ranging from nominations, board of ordained ministry and appointments, the board of pensions, native american ministry commission on race and religion and the conference's annual budget that is dependent on local churches tithes. The laity also was inspired by a guest speaker on the Wesleyan tradition of “Vile Christianity” and we had a choice of five breakout sessions helping us to heal the world. I attended the session on UMVIM “Hands in Action of Healing the World.” Please ask me about my time at the conference on any of these items or questions you have about the greater church, or visit the [Conference website for more details](#).

In closing, thank you again for giving me the honor to represent Asbury especially when we received the One Matters Award (watch video [here](#)). It takes every member of Asbury to be present with our time, passion and treasure to be recognized as a church that cares .

Scott Smith
Lay delegate 2026



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

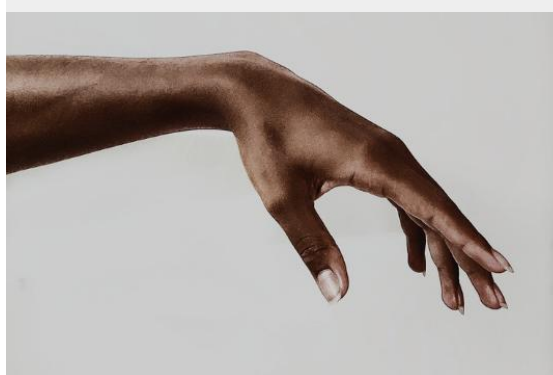
This Sunday: Service of Thanksgiving for G. Allen Schell

Please join the Asbury family **this Sunday, July 12, at 10:00 a.m.** 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.

The service will include scripture, special music, a photo slideshow, and personal reflections celebrating his enduring legacy of faith, music, and fellowship.

We hope you'll join us as we gather in gratitude for Allen's life and the many ways he blessed our church family.

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

Presentation of KATHERINE PARKER

UMC Missionary to Nepal



**10:30
am**

KATHERINE WILL REPORT ON HER
WORK AND SHARE UPDATES FROM HER
MINISTRY IN NEPAL.

PRESENTATION WILL BE 90 MINUTES
LONG, FOLLOWED BY LUNCHEON.

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Missionary Visit & Potluck Luncheon with Katherine Parker

Join us **on Wednesday, July 29, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** for a special visit with Katherine Parker, the missionary Asbury has faithfully supported for many years through our Annual Conference.

Katherine has served in Nepal for the past 13 years and will be sharing stories, insights, and updates from her ministry during a presentation followed by a potluck luncheon. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the impact of her work, ask questions, and thank her personally for her faithful service.

We invite you to bring a salad or dessert to share for the potluck meal. To sign up, please contact Rev. Heather Hammer at 925-321-4298 or heather.hammer@cnumc.org.

We hope you will join us for this inspiring time of fellowship and mission as we welcome Katherine back to Asbury!



Kids Night Out

Parents, mark your calendars! Kids Night Out is coming on **Friday, July 17, from 6:00–9:00 PM** for an evening full of fun, games, laughter, and great memories.

Kids will enjoy an exciting night with friends while parents get a few hours to relax, enjoy a date night, run errands, or simply recharge. It's a win for everyone!

Dinner and snacks will be provided for both kids and volunteers.

Interested in learning more or signing up or volunteering? Please email Carol at children@asburylive.org.



Join Us for the Women's Retreat

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

If you're 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, encouraging, and refreshing time together!

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



Save the Date: Sharing Our Music – An Interfaith Concert

Mark your calendars for a special afternoon of music, community, and interfaith friendship!

Sharing Our Music: An Interfaith Concert will be held on **Sunday, August 30, at 4:00 p.m.** at Asbury United Methodist Church. This unique event will bring together musicians and participants from different faith traditions to celebrate the ways music can inspire, connect, and unite us.

A reception will follow the concert, providing an opportunity to meet performers, visit with friends, and continue building relationships across our community.

All are welcome! Please invite your congregation, family, friends, neighbors, and anyone who enjoys music and community.

Sunday, August 30 • 4:00 p.m.

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We look forward to sharing this meaningful experience with you.



Church Office Hours Update

Please note our updated church office hours:

Open Office Hours:

Monday–Thursday

10:00 AM–2:00 PM

By Appointment:

Appointments outside of regular office hours are available upon request.

If you need to schedule an appointment or reach a staff member, please contact the church office directly by email or phone at **(925) 447-1950**.

Thank you for your understanding!

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:

- 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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