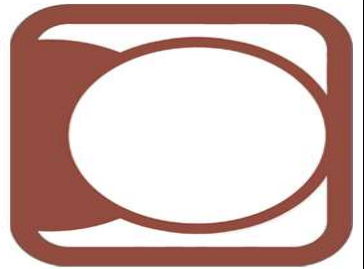


# The Asbury Update

Asbury Memorial  
United Methodist Church  
Rev. Billy Hester  
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## Holy Week

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

*Palm Sunday— April 14, 11:15 A.M.*

*Maundy Thursday— April 18, 7:30 P.M.*

*Good Friday— April 19, 8:00 P.M.*

*Easter Sunday— April 21, 11:15 A.M.*



### The Living Cross An Asbury Family Tradition

On Easter Sunday, our congregation is invited to participate in the poignant practice of creating the Living Cross. As part of Asbury's custom, everyone is invited to bring live fresh flowers to place on the Living Cross in the church courtyard.

### “BIG” COFFEE HOUR, April 7th



On the first Sunday of the month, we encourage folks to bring food to share with others at Coffee Hour after the service. Please drop off food items in the kitchen when you arrive at church. Thanks!

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H A P P Y  
B I R T H D A Y !

Having a Birthday? Call the office at 233-4351  
or e-mail us at [church@asburymemorial.org](mailto:church@asburymemorial.org).

April

**1st Bill Anderson**  
**Jean Butcher**  
**Dan Nelson**  
**Caroline Smith**  
**2nd Bob Francischetti**  
**Les Sears**  
**3rd Linda Burton**  
**Kathy Waters**  
**Willa Wright**  
**4th Kim Malphrus**  
**Joyce Schifanelli**  
**6th Sherry Giddens**  
**Charlie Ribbens**  
**7th Valerie Branham**  
**Mickey Dodge**  
**8th Beth Tyson**  
**9th Hai Dang**  
**McKenzie Jenkins**  
**Pam Parker-Kress**  
**11th Richard Allen**  
**Chris Beaver**  
**Mark Bruemmer**  
**Suzanne Eapen**  
**Melissa Gratias**  
**Preston Hodges**  
**Marie Winters**  
**12th Sam Durham**  
**13th Ellie Gonye**  
**Bobby Soletto**  
**Chris Steiner**  
**15th Fran Ziegler**  
**17th Doug Rodenbeck**

**18th Randy Canady**  
**Buddy Whitlock**  
**20th Mark Pohl**  
**21st Kim Heinz**  
**Judith Kessler**  
**22nd Jenifer Hall**  
**Kathleen Leopard**  
**Marty Propst**  
**23rd Tim Barnes**  
**Anita Clay**  
**Todd Foster**  
**Beverly Thompson**  
**26th Barbara Plank**  
**27th Nancy Austin**  
**Kimberly Smith**  
**28th Jameson Stafford**  
**Evans Wright**  
**29th Chelsea Hester**  
**Kim Limehouse**  
**30th Andra Bowers**  
**Aiden Burnett**



4/4 Nate & Beth Tyson  
4/10 Richard & Lynne Allen  
4/16 Geoff & Susan Harrison  
4/18 Nick & Ruthie Deffley  
4/21 Billy & Linda Aiken  
4/22 Steve & Kim Johnson  
4/22 Bill & Kathy Oakley  
4/29 Paul & Joyce Schifanelli

### Farewell to Linda Ostrow

Longtime Asburian, Linda Ostrow is moving to Gainesville, GA to be near her son. Linda will be sorely missed by many friends made over the years.

We thank Linda for her years of service and devotion to Asbury and wish her happiness and good health along her journey.

To keep in touch, Linda's email address is [lfo@bellsouth.net](mailto:lfo@bellsouth.net)

### Thank you

I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, calls, visits, food and help during my recent surgery and recovery.

Cynthia Herold

# April Youth Updates

<b><i>April 3rd</i></b>	<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>	<b><i>Regular Youth Meeting</i></b> <b><i>Reconciling Blessing</i></b>	<b><i>6:30 —8 pm</i></b>
<b><i>April 10th</i></b>	<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>	<b><i>Regular Youth Meeting</i></b>	<b><i>6:30 —8 pm</i></b>
<b><i>April 17th</i></b>	<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>	<b><i>Regular Youth Meeting</i></b>	<b><i>6:30 —8 pm</i></b>
<b><i>April 21st</i></b>	<b><i>Sunday</i></b>	<b><i>Easter Sunday</i></b>	
<b><i>April 24th</i></b>	<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>	<b><i>Regular Youth Meeting</i></b>	<b><i>6:30 —8 pm</i></b>

## ***Thank you!***

A big ***THANK YOU*** to everyone who attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Fundraiser! It was a great time with all. The additional money raised will assist us with our Mission trip this summer. We are so thankful to have such an amazing and supportive church family!

Blessings to you all!

*~Asbury Youth Group*

## ***Congratulations to Sarah Povie***

Sarah's school orchestra from Savannah Arts Academy was invited to perform at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC. The group traveled by train and spent a full weekend touring the city and visiting historic and government sites. On Monday, February 18th they performed in the Concert Hall before a full house. Way to go Sarah!!



## Easter Egg Hunt

Join us at Wesley Oak UMC for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 13th from 10:30 am—12 pm.

There will be live music, crafts, gardening, face painting and of course lots of EGGS! Kids of all ages are welcome. We will have a special area for our babies and toddlers. Questions? Contact Ruthie Duran Deffley at [rdurandeffley@asburymemorial.org](mailto:rdurandeffley@asburymemorial.org)

**Interested in helping out? Contact Ruthie or Asbury's Office.**

**Save the Date**  
VBS 2019  
June 2<sup>nd</sup>-June 7<sup>th</sup>  
5:30-8:30 pm  
Rising Kinder-5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Stay tuned for more details.....



Paula Avena, Chair, and Claire Marich, Clergy Sponsor, are pleased to announce a new ministry at Asbury. What we care about: **Civil and Human Rights, Economic Justice, Environmental Justice, Health and Wholeness, Peace and Justice** and **Women and Children**. Our role at Asbury will be to inform, train, sponsor, gather data, advertise events and opportunities for action, identify resources and encourage and champion congregational activities within Asbury, our neighborhood and our state. Our goal is to effect positive systemic institutional change in each of the mission areas. We will work closely with the Missions ministry, the Green Team, Reconciling Ministries and other Asbury teams and community partners that support the mission. Our new team members are Anne Allen Westbrook, David Alley, Karen Jahn, Sanford Jones, and Ginger Miles. If you have wondered how you can make a difference or a small voice urges you to become active in justice reform, join us. No experience necessary; we will make this journey together. Our first sponsorship, Howard Thurman movie night, was a huge success with a cross-cultural turnout of roughly 300 people. We look forward to many more interesting and diverse activities.



## Wednesday Night Suppers Reservation Form

You still have the option of either the **salad bar** or the **hot meal with a small salad**. Both options include a homemade dessert and roll.

There are three ways to reserve your spot:

- Place this form in the offering plate
- Go to our website [www.asburymemorial.org](http://www.asburymemorial.org) and register
  - Call the church office at 233-4351

**Supper will begin at 5:30 p.m. - Serving stops at 6:15 p.m.**

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED  
ON MONDAYS. NO LATER THAN 11 AM.**

Also, the type of meal must be selected at time of registration. If you do not make a reservation, you will need to wait until 6:15 p.m. so all who made reservations have been accommodated.

Meal Date: 04/03\_\_\_\_\_ 04/10\_\_\_\_\_ 04/18\_\_\_\_\_ (Please note the 18th is a Thursday-  
supper will begin at 6 pm)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

### Indicate number of dinners:

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult Meal \$7.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Salad Bar \$7.00 (1 trip only)

\_\_\_\_\_ Child's Meal \$4.00 (12 & under) \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Salad Bar \$4.00

Maximum Family limit is \$28.00 per family

### Weekly Menu

**Roast Beef w/Mushroom Gravy, Southern  
Style Lima Beans, House Prepared Kale Slaw, Whole Wheat Roll** **Apr 03**

**Build Your Own Taco Bar** **Apr 10**  
**Chopped Chicken, Shredded Lettuce, Blended Cheese,  
Pico de Gallo, Beans & Rice, Sour Cream & Salsa**

**Roasted Turkey Breast w/ Pineapple Glaze,  
Hawaiian Luau Rice, Great Northern Beans,  
Mountain Top Citrus Slaw, Sweet Island Rolls** **Apr 17**

## Painting Group



*At our February meet-up, we had such a good time painting piggies! It's the Chinese Year of the Pig, and we could do no less than honor that with some creations. Our next get together is Thursday, April 11th. If you are interested in joining us, send an email to Carol Anderson at [andersoncarol61@gmail.com](mailto:andersoncarol61@gmail.com)*



## Clothing Swap at Asbury on April 5th at 6:00 pm

The Green Team and Children and Families Ministries invite all women to be part of Asbury's 1st Clothing Swap on Friday, April 5th starting at 6:00 pm in the Social Hall.

What is a clothing swap?

A fun filled event where you bring your gently used and washed clothing items that you no longer use (dresses, shirts, pants, sweaters, coats), shoes and accessories (scarfs, handbags, hats, jewelry) and then SWAP them out for "new" gently used items to update your wardrobe.

Ruthie will start receiving donations for the swap this Sunday, March 24th after worship service in the Social Hall.

All items must be gently used (no rips, stains or excessive piling) and washed.

After the clothing swap, all unclaimed items will be donated to Goodwill.

A huge thank you to Bill Oakley for securing clothing racks from Goodwill to use during the swap!!!

[This is a great opportunity to get rid of stuff you don't wear, update your wardrobe without spending money and hang out with other ladies on a Friday night!](#)

And no matter what size or shape you may be, every woman can use a "new" handbag or scarf.

Gentlemen, if you're interested in a Men's Clothing Swap, please contact Ruthie or Bill Oakley.

Questions? Email Ruthie at [rdurandeffley@asburymemorial.org](mailto:rdurandeffley@asburymemorial.org) or look for her on Sunday in Social Hall after worship service.

# Study Groups & Fellowship Groups

Asbury Memorial offers a wide variety of study and fellowship groups.

## **10 o'Clock Hour**

**The 10 o'clock hour will NOT meet on Easter Sunday. We know everyone wants time to get to the sanctuary early.**



The Busy Bees meet Monday mornings at 10 am for fellowship and of course Clown Doll Making! They welcome new sewers. If you should have any questions, please contact David Grice at [degrice@comcast.net](mailto:degrice@comcast.net) or Cindy Telljohann at [cyndytel@gmail.com](mailto:cyndytel@gmail.com).

## **Course in Miracles**

**Facilitator: Rev. Marilyn Leigh**  
**Thursdays**  
**4:30 to 6 p.m.**

The Course in Miracles study group is dedicated to the study and practical application of A Course in Miracles to our daily lives. Our group allows the Course to guide us in becoming and expressing the Love that is the truth about us. It teaches the true meaning of forgiveness and challenges us to put God first in our lives.



A Course in Miracles is an open group. You may join at any time. The only thing that you need is the Third edition of A Course in Miracles which includes the text, workbook, teacher's manual and two pamphlets. It is available from the facilitator, Reverend Marilyn Leigh or

may be obtained from Barnes and Noble or as an eBook from Amazon.

Join us as we journey together to God, the journey with no distance.

We meet on Thursdays at 4:30 P.M. in The Asbury Memorial social hall. All are welcome. Contact Rev. Leigh by email at [Revleigh@yahoo.com](mailto:Revleigh@yahoo.com) with any questions.

NEXT!

## **Asbury's Young Adult Fellowship Group**

Young adults (ages 19-35, no children) meet the second Sunday of the month in the Conference Room immediately after the church service. If you have any questions, or would like to be added to our Facebook group, please contact Alex Swanger at [alex.hearn11@gmail.com](mailto:alex.hearn11@gmail.com).

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## The Green Team Corner



The spring meeting is Thursday, April 25 from 6:30 to 8 in the Social Hall. Our guest presenter is Dr. Clark Alexander, Director of the Skidaway Institute of Oceanography. He will talk about Coastal Georgia climate issues. Please come hear Dr. Alexander's important, timely information. Our meetings are open to all. *Don't feel that you must be a "member of the Green Team."* Everyone is welcome. Please come!

## Men's Group

The Men's Group meets on Thursday nights at 7 pm in the Youth room. They are exploring "Living the Questions" by watching the 20 minute video followed by thoughtful conversation.



## Women's Group

There are no Women's Group meetings for April.

## The Monday Seekers of Wisdom Group

Mondays at 1:30 pm

Convener – Pam Parker Kress / Facilitator—Paula Avena

*The Four Agreements*—Don Miguel Ruiz

Monday , February 11th for 6 weeks

The author explores his Toltec roots and reformulates their ancient wisdom for today's wisdom seekers. With four apparently simple agreements he lays down a road map for self discovery, personal emotional freedom, true happiness and love. The study of the agreements takes us deep into ourselves to release assumptions about our past and present to build a free more spiritual future.



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## ***The Power of Myth***

Starts Wednesday Nights in February at 6:30 pm

Study will be held in the Conference Room

Facilitator: Susan Bolinger

Beginning Wednesdays February 13th from 6:30-8 pm The study is based on the video series which is currently playing on Netflix. *Bill Moyers and mythologist Joseph Campbell begin their groundbreaking and timeless conversation with an exploration of the classic hero cycle, including consistent and enduring hero patterns in literature, real life and even the Star Wars films. Campbell also encourages the audience to view parts of their own lives as heroic journeys.*

A transcript of entire discussion, by episode, is available on **Bill Moyer's** website

<https://billmoyers.com/content/ep-1-joseph-campbell-and-the-power-of-myth-the-hero%e2%80%99s-adventure-audio/>

Watch first episode on Netflix before the first meeting and come to meeting prepared to discuss (of course you should still come if you haven't had a chance to watch).

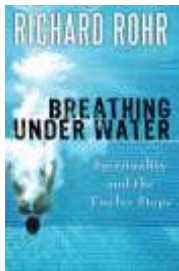
Please sign up at Connection Corner if you plan to attend this study.

## ***Breathing Under Water***, Richard Rohr

Starts on Sunday, January 20th , Sundays at 10 am

Co-facilitators: Ruthie Duran Deffley, Andrea Harrelson & Steve Johnson

Study will be held in the Conference Room



A perfect writer on the subject of the Twelve Steps, Rohr explains how the renowned AA program is preeminently spiritual and has the power to rescue people from the tidal wave of compulsive behavior and addiction by helping them 'breathe under water' and discover God's love and compassion. Rohr identifies the core Christian principles in the Twelve Steps and connects them to the message of the Gospels.

To sign up or for more information, contact Ruthie at [rdurandeffley@asburymemorial.org](mailto:rdurandeffley@asburymemorial.org) or sign up at the Connection Corner.

All welcome! Childcare is available.

## **Reconciling Ministries Network**

The church wide meeting on April 2 will serve as the Reconciling Ministries April meeting.

Follow our news on Facebook @ Asbury Memorial Reconciling!  
In Christian service,  
Lance



## MEMORIALS

*A Gift has been given to the Trustees Fund  
in memory of Oleta Laura Coker Martin by  
Betty G. Hunter, Steve & Kim Johnson, & Phil & Cindy Hunter, Jr.*

*A Gift has been given to the Emergency Fund  
in memory of Julie Tucker by Pat & Mary Prokop*

*A Gift has been given to the Trustees Fund  
in memory of Harry Woo by Lily & Michael Wong*

*A Gift has been given to the Janice Gantt Butterfly Fund in memory of Elizabeth  
Stewart by  
Judy Wilburn  
James & Jennifer Hausch*

*A Gift has been given to the Trustees Fund in memory of Jean Stewart by Vernon & Susie Padgett*

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Colleen Robinette & Tara & Kevin*

## HONORARIUMS

*A Gift has been given to UMCOR Refugee Projects  
in appreciation of Asbury staff by Judy Wilburn*

*A Gift has been given to Piano Fund in honor of Claire Knight  
by Nick, Ruthie, Caleb & Mirabelle Deffley*

## *Lenten Wednesdays*

The Lenten season is forty days of spiritual reflection before Easter. We will continue with our Taizé Services at 6:30 pm each Wednesday in April (3, 10) and up to Holy Week. The Taizé services will be about 40 minutes long and will focus on silence, listening, breathing, healing, prayer, and reflection. Taizé Services also use soulful, chant-like music to deepen the worship experience. Choir practice will start at 7pm during Lenten Wednesdays. We are excited about offering this series of services to enrich our relationship with God and with one another.



2019 Budget Offering

February 24th—\$11,589.00

March 3rd—\$13,925.50

March 10th—\$9,059.00

March 17th—\$20,755.94

March 24th—\$9,535.43

March 31st—TBA

2019 Weekly Budget Need

\$13,170.00

2019 YTD Budget Need

\$158,040.00

2019 YTD Received

\$144,683.90

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Asburians**



Laura Angell, Pat Annel, Jan Bell, Jean Butcher, Gretchen Dodd, Helen Downing, Delores Ellis, Verna Enyeart, Steve Gagné, Ellie Gonye, Chase Harrison, Geoff Harrison, Cynthia Herold, Roy Hill, Elizabeth Jackson, Dale Karacostas, Jamie Kelso, Barbara King, Monica Lekuch, Jack Lewis, George Lindsay, Scott McCoy, Brenda Mills, Grady Mills, Frances Monson, Eric Mullins, Kathryn Murph, Natalie Munro, Marie Parker, Colleen Robi-nette, Roberta Smith, Geri Spears, Brenda Spencer, Liz Sprague, Cabell Stewart, Judy Wilburn, Diane Williamson, Marie Winters

**WHEN SHADOWS FALL**

- *We extend our love and sympathy to Laura & George Lindsay in the death of Laura's mother, Oleta Laura Martin.*
- *We extend our love and sympathy to Lynne & Richard Allen in the death of their close friend, Laura Johnson.*
- *We extend our love and sympathy to Jeff & Carey Tucker in the death of Julie Tucker, Jeff's wife and Carey's mother.*
- *We extend our love and sympathy to Erin Sinkuler in the death of her husband and former member of Asbury, Joel Parks.*
- *We extend our love and sympathy to Mary & Ren Pulwarty, Faith Boles & family in the death of Mary's mother, Shirley Harris.*
- *We extend our love and sympathy to Tom Nease in the death of his mother, Betty Nease.*

**Family Members & Friends**

Dewy Ambos, Sara Driggers, Ruchi Ferro, Mary Alice Garvin, Alex Geronimo, Catherine Price Guiton, David Hamilton, Matt Hearn, Joe Overton, Robert Smith, Sr., Kathy Swanger, Carolyn Walters, Chris Waszczak, Larissa Whitten, Leola Williams, Jeanie Wynne

**Chair Name Plate**

As we worship on Sundays, how meaningful it is to see the name of a loved one etched into a nameplate on one of our beautiful sanctuary chairs. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one in a special way, complete an order form and turn it into the church office. Forms are available in the church office. Please turn in a completed form to the office. The cost is \$250.00. The funds are used for the upkeep and maintenance of the sanctuary.

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**Flowers in the Sanctuary**

Supplying the flower arrangements for the worship service is a wonderful way to commemorate a date that is important to you or a loved one. Please check the 2019 Flower Chart in the narthex and sign up. The cost is \$60. For more information call the church office at 233-4351.

**Special Funds**

One way to honor or to remember a loved one is with a memorial or an honorarium to some of our different funds such as the Trustee Fund, General Fund, Piano/Organ Fund, the Children's Fund, Youth Fund or one of our Mission Funds.

**Newsletter Information**

If you have an announcement for "The Asbury Update," please send it to the church office in writing by the 15th of each month. Contact Claudette DeLong, Office Manager at 233-4351 or email to [church@asburymemorial.org](mailto:church@asburymemorial.org)  
Office hours are 9 AM to 4 PM, Monday thru Thursday.

**Mission Statement:**

**Asbury Memorial is a place where all people can develop their spirituality, use their talents, and grow in faith as we seek to love, serve, and celebrate God, each other, and our community.**