



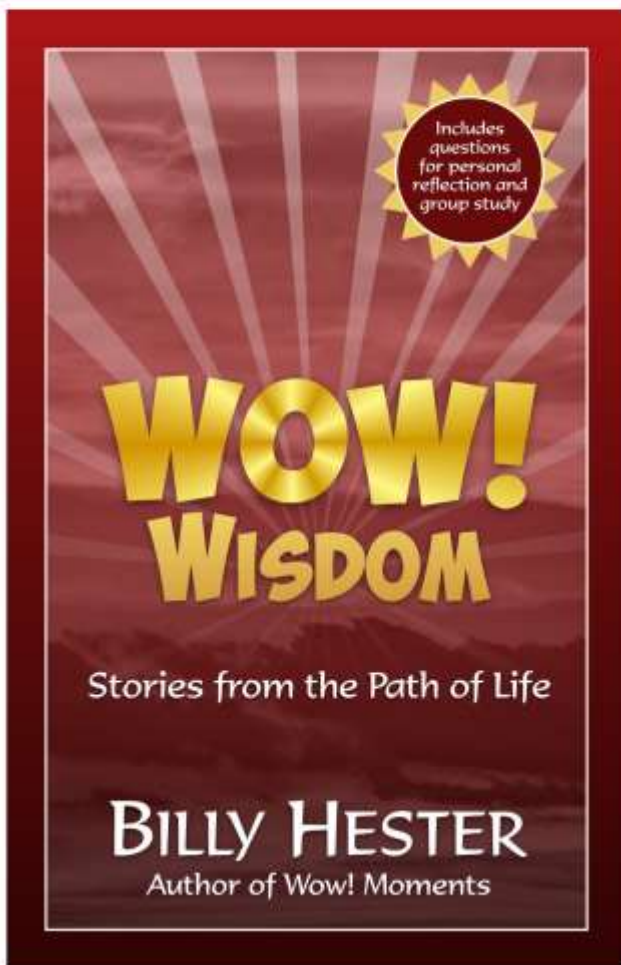
The Asbury Update

Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
Rev. Billy Hester

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WOW! WEEKEND

Book Signings for Rev. Billy Hester's New Book



Saturday, December 1
1:00 to 3:00 pm



E. Shaver, Bookseller
326 Bull Street (on Madison Square)

Sunday, December 2
Around 12:45 pm, after Worship



Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
1008 East Henry Street
(at the corner of Waters)

(Prepurchased books will be waiting for you.)

NO "BIG" COFFEE HOUR in December



**See next page for the activities at
Asbury in December!**



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Savannah, GA 31401

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912-233-5026 fax

Church Christmas Party, December 9th at 6 PM



Great food, great friends, and a great spirit! Join us for our Church Christmas Party on Sunday, December 9th. Bring casseroles, veggies, desserts, or any other wonderful dishes to share with others. Festivities **begin at 6 o'clock. We'll top off the evening with some visitors from the North Pole.**

Caroling to Our Homebound Members December 16th

Join us on the 16th for caroling to our homebound members. We'll have a sandwich lunch together after the worship service then load up in cars and caravan to various places including Azalealand Nursing Home. As we bring joy to others, we experience joy ourselves! Come catch the Spirit!



Candlelight Christmas Eve Service & Caroling, 6:30 PM



There is nothing quite like the Christmas Eve Service at Asbury! The extraordinary service combined with the sanctuary filled with old members, new members, and visitors alike help make this a transforming experience. Just as powerful as the service itself is the caroling in the neighborhood that follows and its **conclusion at Miss Virginia's house.**

It is simply an extraordinary night.....as Christmas Eve should be!

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.

D e c e m b e r

1st Tim Guyer
Dale Hughes
Stacey Kern
2nd Bryn Linton
3rd Ashelyn Garden
Carol Chambers
Brenda Steiner
4th Devon McCaskill
Linda Ostrow
5th Claire Casey
Rachel Porter
Frank Ramsey
6th Bonnie Kaar
Kathryn Osborne
7th Sandra Katz
Natalie Munro
9th Beth Balance
Lilith Via
Janet Wagner
10th Robert Crisp
Glenda McNew
11th Ruthie Deffley
14th Dawn Bosche
Harper Dalton
Maggi Nicoletta
16th Kelsey Hines
Virginia Holliday
17th Payton Harn
Lawrence Staab
18th Shelby Hines
19th Joni Shackley
Taylor

20th Wanda Daniels
Chris Jenkins
Sullivan Jump
21st Larry Fall
Holli Perry
Ike Reeve
22nd Colin Stewart
23rd Suzanne Devlin
Mary Pulwarty
24th Pat Andres
Chris Fahey
David White
25th Roger Amerson
Holly Burnett
Cheri Sheridan
Cabell Stewart
26th Judy Amerson
Eva Ciccodicola
27th Barbara King
John Naylor
Charlotte Ostrow
28th Kim Johnson
30th Christy Crisp



12/08 Erin & Aaron Dalton
12/12 Bob & Carol Walls
12/15 Lew & Kathleen Leopard
12/19 Preston & Kathy Hodges
12/27 Jim & Dottie Klutz
12/31 Anne & Todd Westbrook



From the Church Staff

We hope you and your family
have a wonderful holiday! It is
our honor and privilege to serve
you and Asbury Memorial UMC!

The church office will close
Tuesday, December 25th and
reopen January 2nd.



The Story of God with Us: Christmas Godly Play Workshop at Asbury on December 1st

As we move closer to Christmas, many of us start to feel the rush of the holidays and before we know it, Christmas is over. But Christmas is more than just one day. It is the culmination of four weeks of preparing us to enter the mystery of Christ's birth. These four weeks are known as Advent.

Asbury's Children and Families Ministries is offering a workshop for anyone who wants to share the story of Christmas at home using Godly Play materials and techniques for "storying" (the sharing and hearing of a story with teller and listener as co-creators of narrative meaning).

The workshop will offer you the opportunity to hear the Godly Play story of Christmas, learn how to share it at home and create your own Godly Play Christmas materials with a simple kit. All materials will be provided for you at the workshop. No craft making skills required!

This is a wonderful opportunity for not only parents, but grandparents, aunties and uncles, cousins and friends to share what Christmas is all about to the children in their lives.

Details-

Saturday, December 1st from 10:00 am -12:00 pm

Asbury's Social Hall

Cost- \$15.00 to cover cost of materials

Questions- Ruthie Duran Deffley- 912-312-0079 or rdurandeffley@asburymemorial.org

Sign up at the Office or by emailing Ruthie- space is limited!

Children's Church Leaders

Grades 1st-3rd & 4th-6th

Dec 2

Anne Allen Westbrook, Youth

Ruth and Todd Foster

Dec 9

Lauren Dutko, Youth

Andrea Harrelson , Youth

Dec 16

Patty Steinhauser, Youth

Robert Crisp, Youth

Dec 23

Ashley Stroud, Youth

Dec 30

Ruthie Duran Deffley, Youth

Nursery Volunteers

Dec 2

Ashley Stroud & Erin Dalton

Dec 9

Natalie Munro, Phil Devlin.

Dec 16

Christy Crisp, Linda Aiken

Dec 23

Nancy Cvetan

Dec 30

Bonnie Kaar, Phil Devlin

Nursery services are provided for preschool children for the programs and services on Sundays and Wednesdays.

BARBERSHOP CHRISTMAS



Presented by...

**13th Colony
Sound**

with guests...

Serendipity
Women's Chorus

Free Admission

Sunday, Dec. 16th, 4:00 PM

Asbury Mem. UMC

*1008 E. Henry Street
Savannah, GA31401*

912-344-9768

www.13thcolony.com

Study Groups & Fellowship Groups

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

10 o'Clock Hour

10 o'clock Hour on Sundays are viewing Living the Questions 2 which has added some new voices. Discussions will follow; however, December 30th will be the only Sunday we will NOT meet.



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

or Cindy Telljohann at 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 Reveigh@yahoo.com with any questions.

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The Green Team Corner

Thanks to all of you who came out for the Green Team's Fall program and meeting. Many thanks to presenters, Alan Kindler and Susan Karlson. Our next program meeting will be Thursday, January 24, 6:30pm—8:00pm in the Asbury Social Hall.

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.

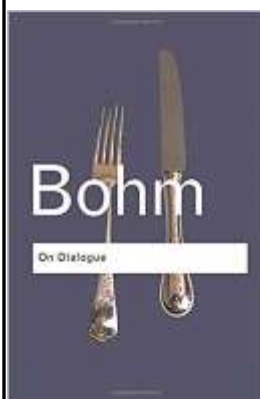


The Monday Seekers of Wisdom Group

Mondays at 1:30 pm

Convener – Pam Parker Kress / Facilitator—Jan Wright (daughter of Val Osborn Utsey)

On Dialogue



When we hear the word "dialogue," we often understand it to mean a conversation between two people, but that is not what scientist David Bohm had in mind when he wrote *On Dialogue*.

"Never before has there been a greater need for deeper listening and more open communication to cope with the complex problems facing our organizations, businesses and societies. Renowned scientist David Bohm believed there was a better way for humanity to discover meaning and to achieve harmony. He identified creative dialogue, a sharing of assumptions and understanding, as a means by which the individual, and society as a whole, can learn more about themselves and others, and achieve a renewed sense of purpose."

Our last study for 2018 explores creative dialogue and how it can help us with difficult discussions and contribute to better relationships and society.

Sign up at the Connection Corner or the bulletin board before you enter the Social Hall.

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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

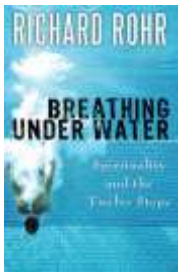
The Power of Myth, currently running on Netflix, is one of the most popular tv series in the history of public tv, and continues to inspire new audiences even 25 years after its original broadcast. Celebrated journalist Bill Moyers and mythologist Joseph Campbell explore what myths can tell us about our lives. This deeply fascinating conversation feels critically relevant to 2018.

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

Sunday, 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 or sign up at the Connection Corner. All welcome! Childcare is available.



Reconciling Ministries Network

The next meeting will be December 2nd at 1:15 pm in the sanctuary.

Follow our news on Facebook @ Asbury Memorial Reconciling!

In Christian service,
Lance

“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.



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International Student Climate Art Project

ART SHOW & SALE

FEBRUARY 9, 2019, 1-4 PM

ASBURY MEMORIAL UMC SOCIAL HALL

CLIMATE ART ❁ ENVIRONMENTAL ART
REPURPOSED MATERIALS ART
LOVE-PLANET-EARTH ART
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(monitored parking available behind the church)



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twitter.com/teamiscap

Carol Anderson, Coordinator
www.iscapartproject.com
teamiscap@gmail.com



Painting Group

Thanks to all who have participated so far in the painting group.

We will not meet in December.

We'll get our paints and brushes out again in January.

Contact Carol Anderson if you have any questions or if you are considering joining the group in January at andersoncarol61@gmail.com



Hearing Impaired Devices

Did you know we have listening devices located in the narthex for individuals finding it hard to hear the service? If you could benefit by one of these devices, just ask one of our ushers where they are located.

MISSION MOMENTS

DECEMBER 2018

As we prepare our families and homes for a bountiful and blessed season let's remember and help those struggling, especially, this time of year.

Christmas gifts are being collected and shared with community organizations and people in our own congregation. The Wesley Community Center and The Lutheran Refugee Services are grateful for the support of our Asbury family. Several families from Afghanistan and the Congo will benefit from our generosity as well.

Gifts can be left in the social hall wrapped and clearly labeled by December 9th. Please consider Walmart or Kroger gift cards for members of our own church family.

Your generosity, as always, is appreciated.

MEMORIALS

*A Gift has been given to the Trustees Fund in memory of Al Andres by:
Pat, Erik & Ragan & Families*

*A Gift has been given to the Choir Fund in memory of Al Andres by:
Lynne Bendoly*

*Robert & Barbara Andres
John & Michelle Manrique*

2018 Budget Offering

November 4th—\$9,981.00
November 11th—\$8,778.00
November 18th—\$16,627.05
November 24th—TBA

2018 Weekly Budget Need

\$12,254.63

2018 YTD Budget Need

\$563,712.98

2018 YTD Received

\$567,402.48

PRAYER REQUESTS

Asburians

Billy Aiken, Laura Angell, Pat Annel, Andra Bowers, Jean Butcher, Carrie Collins, Shane Conner, Gretchen Dodd, Mickey Dodge, Ellie Gonye, Karl and Judy Graham, Chase Harrison, Geoff Harrison, Cynthia Herold, Zoey Kaar, Barbara King, Pam Parker-Kress, Monica Lekuch, Lynn Lord, Mike Matheny, Brenda Mills, Grady Mills, Frances Monson, Eric Mullins, Nancy Munoz, Andy and Sharon Page, Lauren Page, Marie Parker, Mary Pulwarty, Keith Purtee, Colleen Robinette, Sam Ruggere, Roberta Smith, Maria Spears, Brenda Spencer, Cabell Stewart, Diane Williamson, Marie Winters

WHEN SHADOWS FALL

- ✚ *We extend our love and sympathy to Ryan O'Leary and family in the death of his mother and Asbury member, Kristan O'Leary.*
- ✚ *We extend our love and sympathy to the family and friends of Jean Fritts Stewart, long time Asburian, past church secretary and church historian.*
- ✚ *We extend our love and sympathy to Kate Jacobson and family in the death of her mother and Asbury member, May Johnson. May was 101 years old.*



Family Members & Friends

Dewy Ambos, Sharon Bowdoin, Jesus Castillo, Ryan Collins, Tim Cook, Nolan Donaldson, Sara Driggers, Patrick Ebert, Amelia Foster, Mary Alice Garvin, Judy Graham, Betty Grice, Richard Grice, Leslie Gross, Catherine Price Guiton, David Hamilton, Shirley Harris, Matt Hearn, Randy Matthews, Donna Miles, Bruce Monson, Charlotte Naylor, Jay Northcut, Phil Pinault, Patsy Sallette, Harold Saye, Piper Schwartzburt, Linda Sickler, Jim Skoronsky, Robert Smith, Sr., Serenah Tyson, Kiara Vega, Catherine Wallace, Carolyn Walters, Paula Watts, Melvin Wiley, Jerome Williams, Mary Wise, Dale Wolfe, Rebecca Wood

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Return Service Requested

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 2018 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 Hester-Children Education 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
Office hours are 9 AM to 4 PM, Monday thru Friday.

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.