



The Asbury Update

Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
Rev. Billy Hester
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VBS 2018 is here!

Rolling River Rampage invites your children on a white water rafting adventure to experience the ride of a lifetime with God! Along the river, children discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise and that they can trust God to be with them through anything.

The details:

When: June 3rd - June 8th, 5:30- 8:30 pm

Where: Asbury Memorial UMC
1008 Henry St.

Cost: \$15.00 per child (family max \$45.00) scholarships available- see Ruthie or Cheri

Includes: T-shirt, music CD and dinner every night!

Online registration: <https://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/asburymemorialumc/>

For more info, contact Ruthie Duran Deffley at rdurandeffley@asburymemorial.org

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.” (Isaiah 43:2)

Reconciling Ministries Network

Members of Asbury Memorial UMC are hosting a table for Reconciling Ministries at the South Georgia Annual Conference, June 4 & 5 at Jekyll Island. Anyone interested in participating should be willing to discuss what it means to attend a church that is LGBTQ inclusive. All are welcome.

To learn more contact lance.j.wilhelm@gmail.com

“BIG” COFFEE HOUR - June 10th

We will have our BIG Coffee Hour June 10th. If you are able, please bring food items to share with others. You can drop them off in the kitchen when you arrive at church.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Having a Birthday? Call the office at 233-4351
or e-mail us at church@asburymemorial.org.

June

1st Jackie Fall
Liz Sprague
2nd Rev. Jan Durham
Amy Povie
3rd Catherine Gilbert
Colin Harrison
4th D. J. Armstrong
Trina Dunn
Tim Senters
5th Kathy Hodges
Vic King
7th Martha Barnes
Shane Conner
8th Anne Hagan
9th Erin Dalton
Charles Ennis
Chuck Long
Tom Nease
10th Allie Barnes
Caleb Deffley
11th Carol Walls
12th Dwight Campbell
Linden Youngquist
13th Carol Anderson
Linda Jensen
Susan Smith
15th Amanda Arnsdorff
16th Ruth Foster
Susan Harrison
Arlo Hill
17th Rev. Grady Mills
18th Wendy Ciccodicola
Claire Reeve
19th Scott McCoy
Robert Smith Jr.

20th Kirstie Mosier
Joe Richards
Jean Stewart
23rd Cole Via
25th Barbara Beam
Debbie Eason
Lexi Kern
26th Spencer Luke
27th Suzanne Becker
Fay Carroll
Callie Downing
28th Barbara Gooby
Josh Littleton
29th Joan Lee
Nicholas Lindsay
30th Russ Kirks



06/02 Phil & Suzanne Devlin
06/03 Jack & Carolyn Lewis
06/06 Ross & Natalie Munro
06/08 Bill & Connie Coleman
06/09 Callie Downing & Ken Hardigan
06/09 Colin & Jackie Stewart
6/10 Doug & Amy Povie
6/11 Tim & Mary Ann Barnes
06/12 Alexis & Emily Gage
06/13 David & Gretchen Hill
06/14 David "Murph" & Kathryn Murph
06/22 Sam & Barbara Ruggere
06/23 George & Verna Enyeart
06/26 Curtis & Cindy Hanks
06/26 Don & Gloria Stahle
06/27 Billy & Cheri Hester
06/28 Steve & Rhonda Reed
06/30 Larry & Sherry Hines



Summer Movie Nights
to be announced.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Maggie Devlin and Alex Wright on their wedding that took place on Saturday, May 26th. Maggie was part of our youth program when it was started back in the early 2000. Also, congratulations to her parents Asburians Suzanne & Phil Devlin and sisters Kate & Clare.



Children's Church Leaders

Grades K-3rd

Tom & Betsy Davis

Grades 4th-6th

June 3

Andrea Harrelson

June 10

Robert Crisp

June 17

Ruth and Todd Foster

June 24

Ruthie Duran Deffley

Nursery Volunteers

June 3

Ashley Stroud, Nancy Cvetan

June 10

Christy Crisp, Phil Devlin

June 17

Natalie Munro, Linda Aiken

June 24

Bonnie Kaar, Mary Ann Donahue

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

We are in need of additional volunteers!

If you would like to volunteer in our nursery, please call the church office.

2018 SUMMER PREACHING SERIES

@ ASBURY MEMORIAL UMC – 11:15 AM SUNDAYS



JULY 8 – Rev. Sue Laurie

Rev. Sue Laurie has been present in the struggle for love and full inclusion for LGBTQ people within the United Methodist Church for over twenty years, working with Reconciling Ministries Network as a witness for Opening Doors, Extending the Table, Remembering Our Baptism, being part of One Family Tree, and Loving Your Neighbor. She received her M.Div. from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in 1995 but was denied ordination because of Book of Discipline rules. She continued to offer ministry however, serving with RMN. At the 2016 UMC General Conference in Portland, OR, she received a "grassroots ordination" with the support of Love Prevails. Sue is married to Julie Bruno, her spouse of 35 years.



JULY 15 – Rev. Richard Allen

Rev. Richard Allen is a retired United Methodist pastor and a member of the New York Annual Conference. He is a graduate of Wofford College and Yale Divinity School. Prior to retirement, he served churches in South Carolina (Columbia and Myrtle Beach) and New York (Mamaroneck and New York City). Richard grew up in the South Carolina Lowcountry, and he and his wife, Lynne, divide their time between their homes in Bluffton, SC, and New York City. They both joined Asbury Memorial UMC in June of this year.



JULY 22 – Imam Ibrahim 'Abdul-Malik

Ibrahim 'Abdul-Malik is the Imam (religious leader) of Masjid Jihad, Inc., in Savannah, GA. He has been a working member of the mosque for over 35 years and assumed his current position in March, 2016, with the passing of Imam Maajid Faheem 'Ali (R). He is a native Virginian who moved to Hilton Head Island, SC, in 1977. A product of "Community Training," Ibrahim has led the Jum'ah (congregational service), Islamic Studies, Qur'anic Arabic Classes, Youth Leadership Training and Development, Interfaith Dialogs, and other ceremonial requirements. He performed the pilgrimage (hajj) to Mecca, Saudi Arabia, in 2007. Ibrahim and his wife, Mumtahanah, have three children and seven grandchildren.



JULY 29 – Rev. Lesley Brogan

Rev. Lesley Brogan graduated from Candler School of Theology at Emory and is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. She works at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta with Family Experience. Lesley was born and raised in Mattoon, Illinois, a middle daughter of a middle daughter. She and her partner, Linda Ellis, live in Decatur, GA, and are moms to Ray Ellis' and Randy Canady's favorite nephews, John Brogan and Sam.



AUGUST 5 – Rev. Pat Youngquist

Rev. Pat Youngquist is Executive Director of Union Mission in Savannah, GA, and an Asburian. She received her bachelor's degree in accounting and an MBA before attending Fuller Theological Seminary. She was ordained as a United Methodist Deacon (1997) and Elder (2003). She has served in administrative ministry in Los Angeles, as chief financial officer at the Claremont School of Theology, and at the General Council on Finance and Administration in Nashville, TN. She also served as a local church pastor in Iowa. She and her husband, Linden, moved to Savannah in 2015, where she has served as Union Mission's director of finance and interim director, before assuming her current position.



AUGUST 12 – Rabbi Robert Haas

Rabbi Robert Haas, a native of McAllen, Texas, is the 14th spiritual leader of Congregation Mickve Israel in Savannah, Georgia. He joined the congregation in 2012 after spending a year in Africa volunteering with American Jewish World Service. After receiving his BS from the University of Texas at Austin, he began his first career as an elementary school teacher; then he spent a year studying in Israel through the World Union of Jewish Students before entering rabbinical school. He previously served as associate rabbi at both Congregation Emanu El in Houston, Texas, and Temple Shalom in Dallas, Texas.



AUGUST 19 – Jennie Belle

Jennie Belle was born and raised in Savannah, GA, and grew up attending Asbury Memorial UMC. She moved to Texas for her undergraduate education at Rice University, during which time she studied in Mexico, Peru, and Argentina and participated in service projects in Central America. After graduation, she moved to Spain for a year to teach English. Jennie then came to North Carolina for a dual degree M.Div./M.S.W. graduate program at Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill. Jennie previously directed the immigration program for the North Carolina Council of Churches and currently works as a faith organizer with the Immigration & Refugee Program of Church World Service. She lives in Durham, NC, with her husband and two dogs.

AUGUST 26 – MUSIC & ARTS SUNDAY (BILLY RETURNS)

1008 East Henry Street, Savannah, GA 31401

(at the corner of Henry and Waters)

asburymemorial.org 912.233.4351

(monitored parking available behind church)





Congratulations Graduates!

High School Graduates

Shelbi Hanton

Grandparents: Jim and Alice Burris
Graduated from: Islands High School
Continued Studies: Juliette Low

Molly Hester

Parents: John and Jean Hester
Graduated from: South Effingham High School
College to be attending: Kennesaw State University
Major: Accounting and Theater

Chloe Lynch

Parents: Steve and Joleen Lynch
Graduated from: Islands High School
College to be attending: University of Georgia
Major: Agriculture Education

Alex Osborne

Parents: Dan and Lori Osborne
Graduated from: Savannah Christian Preparatory School
College to be attending: Kennesaw State University
Major: Mechanical Engineering and Theatre & Performance Studies (with concentration in musical theatre)

Harrison Wayner

Parents: Eric and Kendall Wayner
Graduated from: Savannah Arts Academy
College to be attending: University of Utah
Major: Undecided at this time

College

Savannah Knauss

Parents: Mark and Sara Knauss
Graduated from: Georgia Southern University
Degree: Bachelor of Arts with a focus on 3D Design
Minor in Psychology

Masters

Kristen Kelso

Parents: Bill and Jamie Kelso
Graduated from: Southern Methodist University
Degree: Humanities, Studies in Literature with an emphasis in Literary Translation (focused on translating plays from Spain and Latin America and creating bilingual translations).

Nelson Drake

Parents: Joe Drake and Cheri Sheridan
Graduated from: American University School of Law
Degree: Law
Nelson will be having a paper published in the Laws Review

MISSION MOMENTS

JUNE 2018

Medical supplies are desperately needed by the doctors in the Dominican Republic. There are ways for you to help the less fortunate people.

Hospitals, in the United States, discard partially unused supplies after a patient's release (paid by your insurance). Request the remainder of these supplies. Items you no longer use at home are welcome donations – pain killers, vitamins, hearing aids, prosthetics, glasses, adult diapers, and colostomy supplies. Many stores offer the “buy one get one” deals. Please take advantage of these deals and donate the second item. All medical and hygienic supplies are much needed.

Usage of regular mail service often results in stolen items. As an alternative, donations are flown directly to Florida and weekly deliveries are made to the islands. The doctors are informed of the arrival. These measures are taken to insure supplies are safely delivered.

All donations can be left in the baskets on the stage in the social hall. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Please read the thank you letter we received earlier this year.

ASBURY MEMORIAL UMC

It is an honor and blessing to partner with you over the years. We are so blessed by your generosity and faithfulness in collecting and mailing us a continual supply of medicines and medical supplies to help us serve the indigent and “underserved” of the Dominican Republic. Know that your donations of medications, soap, shampoos and other hygiene products sustain our orphan and widow program. We serve mainly Refugee camps and the Garbage dump communities where the poorest of the poor inhabit. Most have no access to care unless we bring it to them. We are in these villages on a regular basis meeting the needs as best we can. Thank you for coming along side us and making this all possible. We pray you will someday come and visit and see all we are doing with your love and support.

In His Grace,
Francisco and Diane Sabado

Thank you Lauren Dutko for assisting UMCOR by packing 44 personal care kits!

Study Groups & Fellowship Groups

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

The following groups will be taking their Summer Break starting in June. The groups will resume in September:

10 o'Clock Hour

Busy Bees

Women's Group

Men's Group

Our Time

Reconciling Ministries Network

The Green Team Corner

“NEXT”

Asbury's Young Adult Fellowship Group

Young adults (ages 19-35, no children)

The group will meet June 10th right after the worship service

If you have any questions, or would like to be added to our Facebook group, please contact Rachel Veazey at raveazey@outlook.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 with any questions.

Sign Up for the Asbury Member Site

You have already or soon will receive an email inviting you to set up an account on Asbury's member web site. The subject line will be **"Welcome to Asbury Memorial UMC's Church360 Unite site!"** ["Church360 Unite" is the name of the software that provides the service.]

Within the email is a link that says **"Accept Invitation."** When you click on it, you will be taken to the initial page for setting up your account (see sample to the right). Your first/last names and email address already will be there.

You may enter an optional user name; otherwise, your email address will be the user name on your account. Enter and confirm a password of your choosing. Click the **"Continue"** button to proceed to the site's **Home Page**. **HINT:** To help you return to the site, be sure to bookmark the home page in your browser(s).

Once you have completed the initial setup, you can sign in later by clicking **"Sign in"** in the upper right corner of the home page and entering your user name and password. To sign out, click **"Sign out"** in the upper right corner.

Welcome to Asbury Memorial UMC

Please confirm your name and choose a password:

First name

Last name

Email

Username (Optional)

Password

Password confirmation

Verify/Update Your Information

The information that the church office currently has about you and your household is in the directory. There, you can verify and, if necessary, update your information (any updates you make will be synced with the church database). Here's how to do it...

Click on **DIRECTORY** in the navigation bar to display the directory. To locate your information in the list quickly, start typing your first and last names in the "Filter Directory" field at the top of the page. As you type, the list will shorten to show only matches (you may not need to enter your whole name before you see your household in the list). Click on your household name to display information about your household, including all household members. Review the information for accuracy. To update your information, take the following steps...

To update household information, click on "Edit Household" in the upper right side of the page. Make changes to your address, household phone numbers, and email addresses. Members of your household are at the bottom of the page—if you would like to reorder their names, click on a name and drag it to the desired location. Click **"Update Household"** to save your changes.

To update your personal information, click on your name on your household page. Then click "Edit my profile." Make changes to your personal information there. Click **"Update Profile"** to save your changes.

To add a picture to your profile, click on the default avatar beside your name. Select the "Custom" option and click "Browse..." to find the picture on your computer. **HINT:** Head shots make better profile pictures, since the system displays only thumbnails. Click **"Update Profile"** to save the picture in your profile.

Explore and Watch for Changes

This web site is in the early stages of roll-out. Check out what's already there—the Calendar and Directory may be of use right away. As we move forward, Asbury groups and ministries will have tools to help them communicate.

Thank You

Thank you Asbury for hosting the International Student Climate Art annual exhibition on April 28 and for your continued support after church April 29.

The show's success was due to wonderful Asburians Billy Hester, Randy Canady, Frank Ramsey, Pat Prokop, and Ruthie Deffley. Your selfless commitment and time assured our teachers and students of a successful show. Our sincere gratitude to all who helped in any way.

Tara Redd, daughter of Colleen Robinette, would like to thank everyone for their prayers during her mother's recent illness. Tara is a believer in the power of prayer as she watched her Mom get markedly better within the 24 hours of the prayer request being sent out.

HONORARIUMS

***A Gift has been given to the Trustees Fund
in honor of The Ned Downing Family by:
Susan & John Tew***

***A Gift has been given to the Children's
Ministry in honor of Godly Play by:
Leslie & Ge-Juan Wilkes***

***A Gift has been given to the Emergency Fund in honor of Rev. Billy Hester
by: A.L. Addington***

***A Gift has been given to the Emergency Fund in honor of
Rev. Billy & Cheri Hester by:
Frank C. Stanton***

***A Gift has been given to the Emergency Fund by Paula & Joe Wilson
in honor of their Renewal of Vows***

Congratulations!!



Congratulations to Chase Harrison

Chase Harrison, a 5th grade student at Jacob G Smith Elementary and son of Asburians Geoff and Susan Harrison, received 1st place for the Savannah/Chatham School District's 2018 Science Fair Elementary Level.

Chase's project titled, "Can the Salinity of Savannah River Water be measured using Electricity?"

He placed 2 electrodes attached to an electric sound alarm into water samples taken from different locations along the Savannah River.

Answer: Yes, you can! And he did!

Congratulations to Asbury's Gretchen Greene Dodd for her 50 years of teaching dance at the Gretchen Greene Dance Studios!

Congratulations also to Gretchen's daughter, Trina, and Gretchen's son, Travis, who help run the studio. A 50th Anniversary Dance Celebration was held at the Lucas Theatre on a Saturday night, in May. A green ribbon was worn by the performers in memory of Kate McKay, a 9 year old dance student who recently died of complications with leukemia.

Gretchen, Trina, Travis, and their dance students have helped us with our worship services for many years. Gretchen was a Radio City Rockette in her younger days. She has bravely fought through difficult illnesses - having had two kidney transplants. She is an inspiration to us all!

We are so proud of Gretchen and her family, and so thankful to have them as part of our church family!



2018 Budget Offering

April 29th—\$7,541.00

May 6th—\$14,108.00

May 13th—\$7,603.00

May 20th—\$15,372.20

May 27th—\$12,917.23

2018 Weekly Budget Need

\$12,254.63

2018 YTD Budget Need

\$257,347.23

2018 YTD Received

\$261,874.65

WHEN SHADOWS FALL

✚ *We extend our love and sympathy to Gretchen Greene Dancers, Gretchen Dodd and Trina Dunn in the death of 10 year old Kate McKay.*

✚ *We extend our love and sympathy to Marble Collegiate Church, Billy & Cheri Hester, Wendy & Pat Ciccodicocla in the death of retired minister, Dr. Edwin (Ed) Mulder.*

✚ *We extend our love and sympathy to Brenda and Grady Mills in the death of Brenda's uncle, Jack Cook.*

✚ *We extend our love and sympathy to Jim Smith's family in the death of Jim.*

✚ *We extend our love and sympathy to Jean Butcher, Cheri, Billy, Chelsea, Christi, Wendell and Wesley Hester in the death of Jean's husband and Cheri's father, Dr. Thurman Butcher.*

PRAYER REQUESTS



Asburians

Billy Aiken, Laura Angell, Nancy Austin, Tim Barnes, Jean Butcher, Claudette DeLong, Gretchen Dodd, Mickey Dodge, Steve Gagné, Ellie Gonye, Chase Harrison, Geoff Harrison, Cynthia Herold, May Johnson, Lynn Lord, Barbara King, Brenda Mills, Grady Mills, Linda Ostrow, Marie Parker, Mary Pulwarty, Colleen Robinette, Brenda Spencer, Cabell Stewart, Jean Stewart, Pete Vasta, Diane Williamson, Marie Winters

Family Members & Friends

Dewy Ambos, Kelly Barrett, Sharon Bowdoin, Clark and Jordan, Toli Davis, Nolan Donaldson, Patrick Ebert, Betty Grice, Richard Grice, Danny Gunn, Allison Hall, Shirley Harris, Jamie Herold, Brianne Jones, Melanie Kincade, Jeanie Knight, Donna Miles, Charlotte Naylor, Patsy Sallette, Linda Sickler, Oscar Leaf Smith, Serenah Tyson, Catherine Wallace, Neola Waller, Carolyn Walters, Paul Westbrook, Jerome Williams, Mary Wise, Dale Wolfe, Rebecca Wood

MEMORIALS

A Gift has been given to the Trustees Fund in memory of Betty Cooper by: Betty Hunter, Steve & Kim Johnson

A Gift has been given to the Trustees Fund in memory of Barbara Schafer by: Betty Hunter, Steve & Kim Johnson

A Gift has been given to the Trustees Fund in memory of Pat Fraker by: Betty Hunter, Steve & Kim Johnson

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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 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.