



The Asbury Update

Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
Rev. Billy Hester

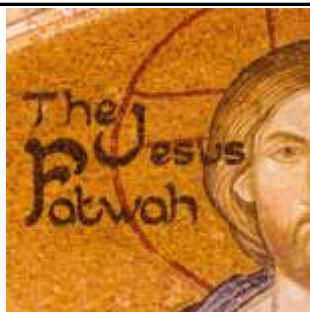
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Lenten Wednesdays

Ash Wednesday, March 1, marks the beginning of the Lenten season, forty days of spiritual reflection before Easter. We **will have a Taize Service at 7 o'clock each Wednesday in March** (March 8, 15, 22, 29) and up to Holy Week. The Taize services will be about 40 minutes long and will focus on silence, listening, breathing, healing, prayer, and reflection. Taize Services also uses soulful, chant-like music to deepen the worship experience. Choir practice will start at 7:45 during Lenten Wednesdays. We are excited about offering this series of services to enrich our relationship with God and with one another.



Join us before the service for Wednesday Night Supper.
Enclosed is a reservation form, or sign up on the web.



Study on Islam The Jesus Fatwah: Love Your (Muslim) Neighbor as Yourself Wednesdays, 7:45 pm After the Taize Services

Following the 7:00 p.m. Taize Services during Lent, Rev. Hester will be showing segments of a DVD about Islam. Segments include: Islam 101, Misconceptions about Islam, Islam in America, and Making Connections. We will conclude around 8:30 p.m. All are

“BIG” SOCIAL HOUR - March 5th

We'll have our BIG Social Hour March 5th. 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.

March

1st Dennis Leadbetter

3rd Will Gratias

Betsy Haun

Betty Hohnerlein

Steve Wagner

4th Lynne Chappell

Kurt Purtee

Steve Reed

Peggy Zeigler

5th Bev Blank

6th Susan Cooper

Liam Foster

7th Judy Wilburn

8th Aaron Crisp

9th Philip Branan

Frances Monson

10th Margaret Cook-Levy

Nate Tyson

11th Linda Combs

12th DiAnne Amerson

Pam Boland

Layla Bosché

Ann Crowder

Tracy Walden

13th Kurt Diefenbach

Brenda Mills

Gary Shelby

Debbie Wright

14th Joe Drake

20th Tracy DuBois

Mary Flanders

21st Sarah Boland

Claire Devlin

Chris Gooby

22nd Dan Bush

Gretchen Dodd

Betty Franklin

23rd Gloria Fulwood

Sandra Mydell

Carolyn Perry

24th Rhonda Bruckman

Cathy Gordon

25th Rena Howell

Effie Mydell

26th Bernie Colclasure

27th Jennifer Graham

Cheryl Loose

28th Abigail Jenkins

Mark Merkousko

29th Jimi Griffith

David Murph

30th Tim Burkett

Vicki Cronk

Ryan Edwards



3/1 Pat & Laura Picone
3/9 Eric & Melissa Gratias
3/14 Ashley & David Stroud
3/15 Jona Downs & Jeri Sasser
3/19 Alex & Stephen Swanger
3/22 Deborah & Kimmi Ray
03/27 Johnny & Bobbie Foster
3/28 Roger & DiAnne Amerson



Congratulations

Asbury members
Shane Conner and
Kurt Purtee were
married Saturday, February
11th.



Congratulations

Brenda and Grady Mills' grand-
son, Cameron Brayden Mills, was

March Youth Schedule

Wednesday, 1st – 5:45 pm – 8:00 pm

Wednesday Night Supper

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, 8th – 5:45 pm – 8:30 pm

Wednesday Night Supper

Youth Group Meeting – Doomsday Chronicles

Wednesday, 15th – 5:45 pm – 8:30 pm

Wednesday Night Supper

Youth Group Meeting – Doomsday Chronicles

Wednesday, 22nd – 5:45 pm – 8:30 pm

Wednesday Night Supper

Spring Break

Wednesday, 29th – 5:45 pm – 8:30 pm

Wednesday Night Supper

Youth Group Meeting – Doomsday Chronicles



If you have any questions or need any information about our youth program, please contact Laura Angell, Youth Director, by email: lauraangell164@gmail.com

Children's Church Leaders

Grades K–3rd

Tom & Betsy Davis

Subs: Ashley Bolfik-Stroud

Grades 4th–6th

March 5th:

Ruth & Todd Foster

March 12th:

Mary Ellen & Dwight Campbell

March 19th:

Andy Page

March 26th

Carla & Spencer Luke

Nursery Volunteers

March 5th

Linda Aiken, Diane Meseroll

March 12th

Bonnie Kaar, Mary Ann Donahue

March 19th

Cindy Beauchamp, Christy Crisp

March 26th

Nancy Cvetan, Phil Devlin

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.



Wednesday Night Supper Reservation Form

You still have the option of either salad bar or hot meal with a small salad.

Both options include a homemade dessert and roll.

[In order to prepare we need your reservation!](#)

There are three ways to reserve your spot:

- Place this form in the offering plate
- Go to our website www.asburymemorial.org and register
- Call the church office at 233-4351

Supper is served at 5:45 p.m. - Serving stops at 6:30 p.m.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED
ON MONDAYS, NO LATER THAN NOON.

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 Dates: 3/01____ 3/08____ 3/15____ 3/22____ 3/29____ 4/05____ or
Permanent Fall Request _____

_____ Adult Meal \$6.00 _____ Adult Salad Bar \$6.00 (1 trip only)

_____ Child's Meal \$3.00 (12 and under) _____ Child's Salad Bar \$3.00

Menu

BBQ Pork, Squash Casserole, Pasta Salad

Mar 01

Spaghetti, Green Beans

Mar 03



Steel Magnolias!

Asbury Memorial Theatre Company is pleased to present Robert Harling's "Steel Magnolias" under the direction of Carmel Hearn.

The show will run for six performances:

- Friday March 3, 2017...7:30pm
- Saturday March 4, 2017...7:30pm
- Sunday March 5, 2017...3:00pm Matinee
- Friday March 10, 2017...7:30pm
- Saturday March 11, 2017...7:30pm
- Sunday March 12, 2017...3:00pm Matinee

Tickets are available at asburymemorial.org/theatre and at the door for \$15 each. For groups of 10 or more people, tickets are discounted to \$10 each.

Cast:

- M'Lynn Eatenton - Cheri Hester
- Shelby Eatenton Latcherie - Amie Michelle Schulz
- Truivy Jones - Frannie Williams

Mission Moments March 2017

Many thanks to all those who donated items for Hygiene Kits for those affected by the recent storms. We were able to complete 14 kits and will have additional items to send to the collection center.

Our teenagers collected \$830 on Souper Bowl Sunday to be shared 50/50 between the storm victims through UMCOR and Social Apostolate who provide meals and many other services for the homeless of Savannah.

Lutheran Refugee Services.

We have been collecting furniture and household supplies for refugee families settling in Savannah. Unfortunately, we have had to put a hold on large furniture until the flow of refugees starts again due to storage capacity. We can still accept kitchen items and linen supplies since they don't require much room.

Mission Board

Welcome to the Connection Corner

Have you ever wanted to meet more people at Asbury? If so, please feel free to come to the Connection Corner at coffee hour on any Sunday.

Friendly people are eager to meet and talk with you and if you wish, introduce you to other people with whom you have things in common. It is a great way to start the transition from attending worship to becoming a vital part of the Asbury family. We look forward to seeing and getting to know you at the Connection Corner at coffee hour.

Your Connection Corner team consists of: Susan Bolinger, Tommy Schafer, Pam Parker Kress, Linda Aiken, Kathy Hodges, Greg Martin and Sanford Jones

EDA Savannah

The support group for individuals who struggle with anorexia, bulimia and/or binge eating disorder will not be meeting at this time.

Walkers and would be Walkers

Study Groups & Fellowship Groups

The Monday Seekers of Wisdom Group

The group is taking a break. Please stay tuned for upcoming studies.

Facilitator ~ Pam Parker Kress

Thursday Night Women's Group "Widening Circles"

You Are Wanted at the Women's Group

For an hour and a half each Thursday, the women of Asbury's Women's Group laugh, listen, learn and share as we wrestle with living out our faith. Every week we seem to leave a little lighter for having spent rich, deep time together. We invite you to join us in this sacred and wonderful time. Leadership is shared but not required.

Thursdays at Asbury 7-8:30...usually in the social hall. You are wanted.

Questions? Susan Bollinger 218.213.2127 or email at wonderwoman@amptassociates.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, work-book, 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.

Study Groups & Fellowship Groups

Asbury offers a wide variety of study and fellowship groups.

Reconciling Ministries Network

Facilitator: Lance Wilhelm



Reconciling Ministries will meet Sunday, March 5th at 1:15 pm in the room next to the social hall.

Follow their news on Facebook @ Asbury Memorial Reconciling!

In Christian service,
Lance



Busy Bees

The Busy Bees Winter Sale! All in-stock dolls are \$20.00. Join them on Monday mornings from 10 –Noon for sewing and fellowship.

“Our Time”

A Fellowship Group for Parents with Young Children

Our Time meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month at 10:00 AM upstairs in the Youth Room. All parents of young children are welcome. Nursery is available for childcare. For more information, contact Ruthie Deffley at 912-312-0079 or Nick Deffley at 912-312-3555. Come connect with other Asbury parents!

Asbury Men's Group

Thursday Nights



Asbury has a study, sharing & support group for men and meets every Thursday evening from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All men are welcome.

The group gathers on the 2nd floor of the Education Building.

For more information, email Dwight Campbell at dcampbell58@gmail.com,

Asbury Memorial Theatre

2017 SPRING PRODUCTION

STEEL Magnolias

A PLAY BY ROBERT HARLING
Directed by Carmel Hearn



Evening Performances

7:30 pm on Fridays and Saturdays
March 3rd, 4th, 10th, & 11th

Matinees

3:00 pm on Sundays
March 5th & 12th

General Admission \$15

Tickets available online and at the door
www.asburymemorial.org/theatre



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WHEN SHADOWS FALL

- † We extend our love and sympathy to Shane Conner and Kurt Purtee in the death of **Shane's mother, Barbara Conner.**
- † We extend our love and sympathy to Dennis Leadbetter and family in the death of **Dennis' wife and Asbury Member, Cookie Leadbetter.**
- † We extend our love and sympathy to Marty Coolidge and family in the death of her son, **Richard "Rich" Hample.**

MEMORIALS

A Gift has been given to the Reconciling Ministries Fund in memory of Kathryn Burkett by Lance Wilhelm

A Gift has been given to the Trustees Fund in memory of Barbara Conner by David Grice & John Naylor

*A Gift has been given to the Trustees Fund in memory of Cookie Leadbetter by
Dr. Scott Cohen & Staff
Janice Melton
Clate & Belle Ralston
Bill & Harriet Bland*

HONORARIUMS

A Gift has been given to the Flower Ministry in honor of the Flower Committee by Gretchen Dodd

A Gift has been given to the Reconciling Ministries Fund in honor of Cathie Jorgensen

PRAYER REQUESTS



Asburians

Don Amerson, Pat Andres, Laura Angell, Janet Arango, Wayne Bland, Jean Butcher, Thurman Butcher, Bill Coleman, Dina Consentino, Betty Cooper, Vicki Cronk, Gretchen Dodd, Bob Francischetti, Gerry Hagan, Elizabeth Jackson, May Johnson, Judith Kessler, L. A. Lanier, Monica Lekuch, Molly Mayne, Brenda Mills, Rev. Grady Mills, Frances Monson, John Naylor, Linda Ostrow, Marie Parker, Barbara Plank, Brenda Spencer, Cabell Stewart, Jean Stewart, Tiia Strong, Carolyn Stuber, Diane Williamson

Family Members & Friends

Ronnie Bailey, John Ashley Beam, Steve Beauvais, Adam Conner, Maitlin Grace Crowley, Bill Dodge, Bob Fennell, Cathy Girardeau, Leslie Gross, Jen Grotheer, Catherine Guiton, Gregory Hunter, Archie Iodice, Ed Jilek, Mark Kelso, Sherry Kennedy, Jeanie Knight, Ray McDevitt, Calvin McGahee, Judy Mullins, Pat Munoz, Betty Nease, Amy Reynolds, Gwen Rush, Andrew Smith, Rev. Mary Ann Traver, Mrs. Wilson

An Invitation from our Hospitality Committee

Have you ever wanted to be a "Social Butterfly" but thought you might get lost in this big world of ours? We would love to meet you so come try out the Kitchen Krew arm of Asbury's Hospitality Committee. We need people who like to do a little of this: slice cakes, pies, rolls or ham or make pretty cheese & meat trays & a little of that: serve New Member Class meals, WNS, visit WNS tables to meet diners & on occasion serve a funeral reception.

Of course there's the work part - help clear tables, maybe wash a dish or two (we have a dishwasher). There are 2 best parts: Taste testing & camaraderie. On more than one occasion we have been asked to quiet down the laughter! We hope to see you soon.

Here We Grow Again!

We welcome our newest members who joined on February 5th:

Mary Ann Barnes

John Brooks

Penny Brooks

Stephen Butler

Aaron Dalton

Donna Danley

Tim Floyd

James Griffith

Mimi Mangrum Numer

Geri Spears

Maria Waller

Rachel Veazey

2017 Budget Offering

January 29th—\$7,606.72

February 5th—\$22,287.78

February 12th—\$7,382.10

February 19th—\$15,048.50

February 26th—TBA

2017 Weekly Budget Need

\$11,217.14

2017 YTD Budget Need

\$78,519.98

2017 YTD Received

\$85,231.21

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 narthex and the 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.

(Two examples of nameplates for the chairs.)

Elizabeth Lariscy
A Southern Lady
By R. Ward

In Loving Memory
of
Dix Elliott

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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 2017 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.