



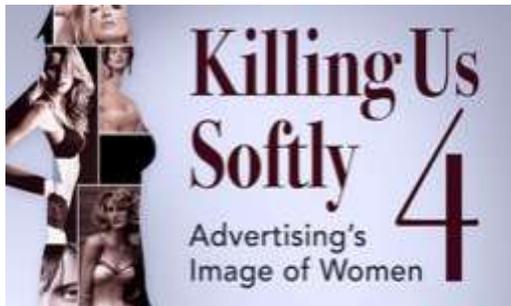
The Asbury Update

May 2019

Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
Rev. Billy Hester
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Step-Up, Graduation & Confirmation Sunday!

We will recognize those moving up in the Asbury Children's programs and our high school & college graduates during the worship service on Sunday, May 19th. If you have a graduate you would like recognized, please call the church office at 912-233-4351.



Screening of Documentary, "Killing Us Softly" & Panel Discussion

Tuesday, May 21st; 5:30—7:30

See article with details inside the newsletter.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES THIS MONTH

Rev. Hester will be leading a 2-part class for people interested in becoming members of Asbury Memorial. The classes will be after the worship service on May 19th & 26th. Lunch will be provided by our Hospitality Team. To know how many people to prepare for, please contact Candace Jenkins at the church office or you can email Billy at bghester3@comcast.net if you would like to participate.

"BIG" COFFEE HOUR, May 5th



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.

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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.

May

1st Joseph Edwards

2nd Mike Flatt

Beth Harn-Via

Zaida Hester

Tommy Schafer

3rd Lynne Allen

Jack Lewis

4th Carolyn Stuber

5th Andy Becker

Susan Bolinger

6th Mary Alice Garvin

7th Marlon Harmon

8th Shelly Corcelius

9th Bill Kelso

Emma Varland

12th Mike Skinner

14th Larry Hines

Don Stahle

16th Luke White

17th Joan Byrd

Kathy Consentino

Dylan Linthicum

Sara Linthicum

Keith Purtee

Shirley Sessions

19th Joe Driggers

20th Brian Clyatt

Marcie Palmer

21st Angie Amerson

Melanie

Raulerson

Peter Smith

23rd Patty Steinhauser

Pat Annel

24th Geoff Harrison

25th Roberta Smith MD

26th Helen Downing

Pauline Munro

27th Eric Anderson

Christopher

Ciccodicola

Gerry Harman

29th Sandy Golden

Faustina Smith

31st Thomas Hunter

Alex Swanger



May

1st Colin & Jennifer Knox

1st Kelly & Kim Limehouse

3rd Doug & Pam Rodenbeck

4th Bill & Jamie Kelso

7th Josh & Valerie Branham

11th Pat & Mary Prokop

13th Nancy & Thomas Parker

15th Bonnie & Jeff Kaar

15th John & Wendy Mason

17th Wes & Jack Hardcastle-Orr

17th John & Claire Marich

21st Chris & Barbara Gooby

24th Bob Francischetti & Bobby Soletto

27th Lawrence & Deborah Staab

28th Trina & Jake Dunn

30th Danny & Barbara Beam

31st Spencer & Carla Luke

Congratulations to Lexi Kern

Lexi was recognized as a Presidential Student Volunteer at the school district's volunteer recognition event in April.



Congratulations
to all our Graduates!



Screening of Documentary “Killing Us Softly IV” (2010)

This American documentary was developed by Margaret Lazarus, Renner Wunderlich, Patricia Stallone, and Joseph Vitagliano and based on lectures by the renowned Jean Kilbourne. Kilbourne is critical of the advertising industry. She argues that the superficial, objectifying and unreal portrayal of women in advertising lowers women's self-esteem. Sexualized images of women are being used to sell virtually all kinds of goods and Kilbourne argues that they degrade women, encourage abuse and violence, and reinforce a patriarchal, sexist society.

"As timely and important as ever... A must for everyone who cares about medialiteracy and gender equity."

Susan Douglas Author, *Where the Girls Are: Growing Up With the Mass Media*

Followed by Panel Discussion and Q&A

Panelists:

Madeleine Shaver, LCSW, psychotherapist and owner of Low Country Counseling

Chef Amber Marie, personal chef and owner of Clean Cuisine

Jane Rage, Ph.D., Director of Gender and Women Studies, Georgia Southern, Armstrong Campus

Moderated by: Ruthie Duran Deffley, LCSW, Director of Children and Family Ministries, Asbury Memorial

Date: Tuesday, May 21st

Time: 5:30-7:30

Location: Asbury Memorial Social Hall
1008 East Henry Street

Suggested donation: \$5.00

All proceeds will go to benefit HUGS (Heads-Up Guidance Services), a local nonprofit making mental health counseling services and addiction recovery services available and affordable to all in need.



Vacation Bible School 2019

June 2nd-June 7th

5:30-8:30 pm

\$20 per child

Dinner included every night

Rising Kinder-5th grade

Questions? Contact Ruthie at rdurandeffley@asburymemorial.org

Register online!



CHURCH & SOCIETY

The United Methodist Church

Living **FAITH** Seeking **JUSTICE** Pursuing **PEACE**

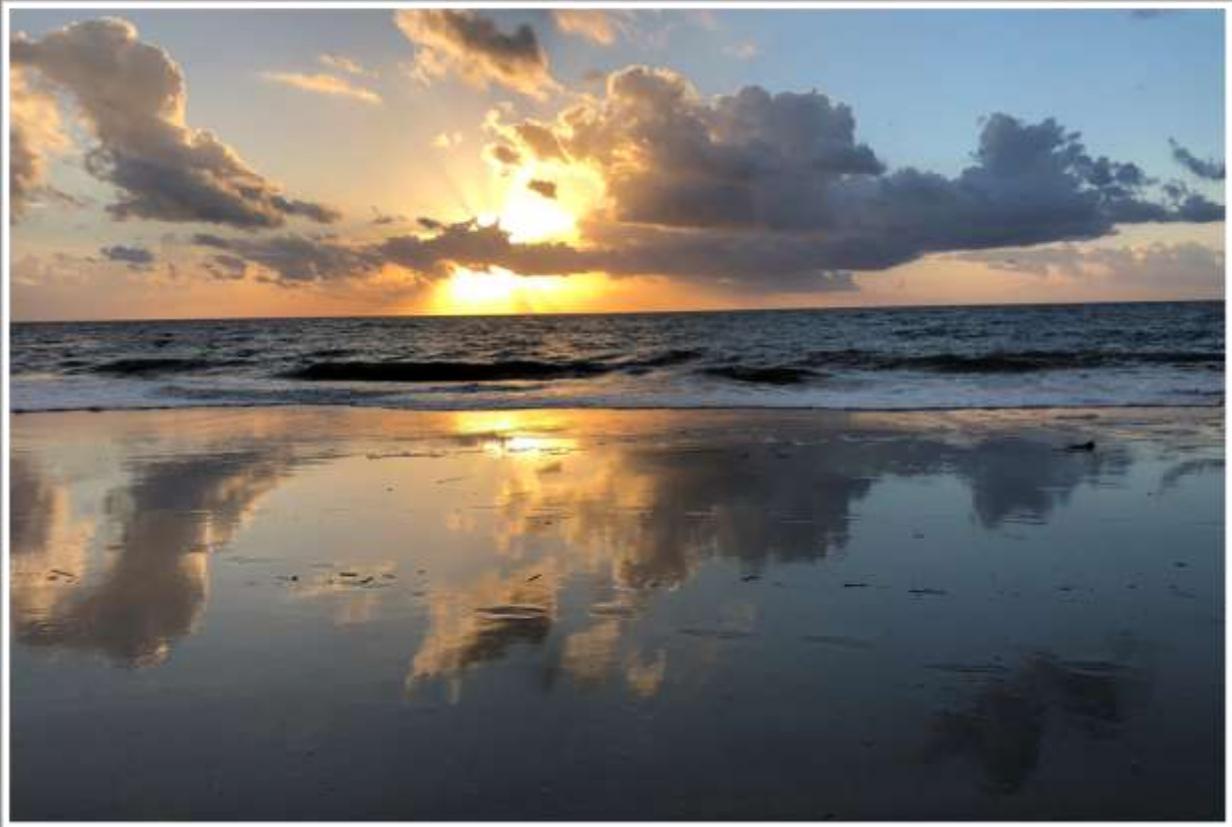
Paula Avena, Chair, and Claire Marich, Clergy Sponsor, are pleased to announce a new ministry at Asbury.

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.

The Magic Continues

Sunrise Service for our Children.....and our adults too

—Saturday, June 15th —sunrise



What will our church be in 10,15, 20 years? Many of us believe, if we do “now” right with our children, it will be them as adults!

Come and be a part of the magic!!~!!

When adults and children gathered last Fall to watch the majesty of God rise across the ocean, we all agreed that we had seen the face of God. Join us again while Dottie Klutz leads us in story, Ellie Covington on a marine biology walk, giving and receiving communion to one another, swimming in the ocean, and losing with a children foot washing ceremony that'll take your breath away.....more details on where to meet up will follow by email and in next month's news letter.

Call Mary Ellen at 912 247-2065 to be part of the magic

Painting Group



The May meet-up will be held, Thursday, May 16th. Our subject will be painting flowers in watercolor. If you are interested in joining us, send an email to Carol Anderson at andersoncarol61@gmail.com

Thank You

Dear church family,

This is a thank you letter from the bottom of my heart. I was blessed to become a member of this loving church community several years ago. In every way possible from Sunday School, small Bible groups, various committees and of course choir, I have been blessed beyond measure. I am praying that I find such a congregation in my new home of Gainesville, GA.

But I want to share my own personal WOW moment (maybe Billy will include it in one of his books). My grandson, Cab Stewart, was born on Christmas Day, 2008. We knew from the onset that he would be a very special baby. Shortly after birth he became quite sickly and was labeled failure to thrive despite all of our love, care and attention. One Sunday in June, 2009 he was christened and became a member of the church. The following Thursday he and my daughter were in an ambulance headed to Egleston, Children's Hospital of Atlanta diagnosed with heart failure. We were frantic with worry. The very next Sunday we received a message that there was a package for us in the lobby. How could that be? No one knew we were there. But nonetheless, a loving church member was in Atlanta, heard of our situation, went to Target and filled an entire Tupperware container w/blankets, stuffed animals and the like for my precious family. If that's not a WOW moment, I don't know what is. Soon after, he was listed for a heart transplant. My family spent over two months at Egleston, not once leaving Cab's side. During all of this, you provided us with your prayers, cards and gifts, restaurant meals and visits (Billy made the journey TWICE). I know we could not have endured this time without God and your love and support.

On August 26th Cab received his new heart. That's the reason I place flowers on the altar on or near that date every year— for Cab's angel baby. We are so blessed and grateful.

That experience means so much to me that I want to once again express my heartfelt appreciation.

Leaving you has been tough and I'm sorry I didn't formally tell everyone good-bye. But know that each and everyone of you holds a special place in my heart. And I will definitely visit when I'm back in Savannah.

With much love, Linda Ostrow



**Godly Play
&
Nursery
Going out to
the courtyard
to hunt Easter
Eggs!**

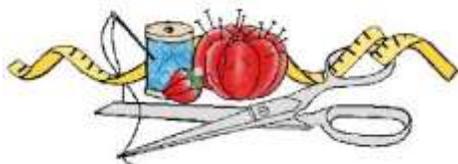


Study Groups & Fellowship Groups

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

10 o'Clock Hour

10 o'Clock Hour will continue through May 26th, at which time the group will take a break for the summer. The group will reconvene in September.



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 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. We will not meet in May due to Mother's Day. The next meeting will be in June. 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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The Green Team Corner



Thank you to all who helped with and attended our special event on April 25th. Dr. Clark Alexander, Director of the Skidaway Institute of Oceanography, gave a stirring and informative presentation on coastal issues of climate change.

green team Stay tuned for the next Green Team event!

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

Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

#1 New York Times Bestseller

FROM ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANT AND INFLUENTIAL LAWYERS of our time comes an unforgettable true story about the redeeming potential of MERCY. Bryan Stevenson was a gifted young attorney when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending the poor, the wrongly condemned, and those trapped in the furthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his first cases was that of Walter Mcmillian, a young man sentenced to die for a notorious murder he did not commit. The case drew Stevenson into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, and legal brinkmanship-and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever.

Book can be ordered from Amazon \$12 plus tax.



Reconciling Ministries Network

The next meeting will be Sunday, May 5 in the sanctuary.
Follow our news on Facebook @ Asbury Memorial Reconciling!
In Christian service,
Lance

Thank you from the Emmaus House

Thank you Susan Bolinger and the Missions Team at Asbury Memorial for purchasing shelving and sorting/organizing our pantry! There's still quite a bit to do, but it looks AMAZING.
You can actually walk in now!



Thank you

"Asburians Pat and Mary Prokop would like to express sincere thanks to everyone who called, texted, emailed, sent cards, brought meals and, most importantly, prayed before, during and after Mary's hip replacement surgery. Special thanks from Mary to Helen Downing for being such a good mentor, and to Pat for everything he did. I know that marriage vows include "in sickness and in health" but he went above and beyond that vow. It's truly a blessing to be a part of such a loving community."

Easter Potluck Lunch at Lake Mayer



MEMORIALS

*A Gift has been given to the Trustees Fund
in memory of Lillian O'Donovan
by Joan Byrd*

*A Gift has been given to the Choir Fund
in memory of Betty Nease by Karl & Judy Graham*

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by Joan Byrd*

*A Gift has been given to the Trustees Fund
in memory of Cecile Crockett by
Joan Byrd & family
Mary Alice Garvin*



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*A Gift has been given to the Choir Fund
in honor of Helen Downing by
Pat & Mary Prokop*

2019 Budget Offering

March 31st—\$8,742.93

April 7th—\$14,308.00

April 14th—\$9,214.00

April 21st—\$24,017.50

April 28th—\$8,243.94

2019 Weekly Budget Need

\$13,170.00

2019 YTD Budget Need

\$223,890.00

2019 YTD Received

\$209,210.27

WHEN SHADOWS FALL

- *We extend our love and sympathy to McKinley Thomas in the death of his mother, Marlene Thomas.*
- *We extend our love and sympathy to Jamie Kelso in the death of her cousin, Gina Michelle Neeld.*
- *We extend our love and sympathy to Helen & Callie Downing in the death of their good friend, John Fields.*
- *We extend our love and sympathy to Jan Wright in the death of her friend, Dick Pfenniger.*
- *We extend our love and sympathy to family members Joan Byrd, Bette Hunter, Gloria Moses, Marie Winters, Wendy and Pat Ciccodicola, Kim and Steve Johnson, Phil and Cindy Hunter, George and Laura Lindsay and Billy and Cheri Hester in the death of Cecile Crockett.*
- *We extend our love and sympathy to Amy Jenkins in the death of her student, Jay Belin.*

PRAYER REQUESTS
Asburians



Laura Angell, Pat Annel, Jan Bell, Randy Bolinger, Jean Butcher, Becky Case, Gretchen Dodd, Helen Downing, Delores Ellis, Verna Enyeart, Steve Gagné, Ellie Gonye, Chase Harrison, Geoff Harrison, Cynthia Herold, Roy Hill, Dale Karacostas, Jamie Kelso, Stacey Kern, Barbara King, Monica Lekuch, Danny Lewis, Jack Lewis, George Lindsay, Scott McCoy, Brenda Mills, Grady Mills, Frances Monson, Eric Mullins, Kathryn Murph, Natalie Munro, Dan & Chriss Nelson, Marie Parker, Mary Prokop, Colleen Robinette, Caroline Smith, Roberta Smith, Geri Spears, Brenda Spencer, Liz Sprague, Cabell Stewart, Carol Walls, Judy Wilburn, Diane Williamson, Marie Winters

Family Members & Friends

Dewy Ambos, Janice Dorminey, Sara Driggers, Ruchi Ferro, Alex Geronimo, Dan Goff, Catherine Price Guiton, David Hamilton, Matt Hearn, Bruce Monson, Joe Overton, Cindy Rauback, Schneider Alden Theodore, Robert Smith, Sr., Kathy Swanger, Carolyn Walters, 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.

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
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.