



The Asbury Update

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Asbury Memorial Church
Rev. Billy Hester

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ABOUT ELLIOTT PECANS

All pecans at Asbury Memorial Church's Pecan & Honey Harvest, whether whole, freshly-shelled, or in our baked goods, are of the Elliott variety. That's why we've named our Pecan Mascot "Elliott."

One of the most flavorful of pecans, Elliotts are a favorite with Georgia pecan growers. Also, seasoned chefs and fanatic foodies prize them for their robust sweet flavor, high oil content, and delectable crunch.

In 1912, a fellow by the name of Henry Elliott purchased a house in Milton, Florida. There, he discovered the original Elliott pecan tree on his lawn. From that tree, he developed the Elliott cultivar we see today. Now, Elliott pecan trees are widespread in small orchards throughout Georgia and Florida.

Donated by an Asbury parishioner, our Elliotts come from orchards located about seventy miles west of Savannah, between Reidsville and Glennville, Georgia — an area known locally as "The Flatwoods." They were harvested and shelled in late October this year.

We know that you will enjoy whatever "Elliott" selections you take home with you!

6th Annual Celebration
Saturday, November 23rd, 2019, 10am-3pm
Historic Madison Square (Bull at Macon)

—+ FEATURING +—

Just-Harvested South Georgia Pecans

"Secret Recipe" Pecan Pies
Pecan Cheese Bites
Shelled Pecan Halves
Pecan Baked Goods

Local Honey
From Our "Heavenly" Bees

Refreshments
at the
Asbury Green Team Country Cafe

Live Music
10:00 - Ryan and Patti Kelly
11:00 - Polyphonic 3
12:00 - 13th Colony Sound
1:00 - Seldom Sober
2:00 - The World-Famous Crabettes

Old Savannah Tours

WE BRING SAVANNAH'S HISTORY TO LIFE

**CATCH A TROLLEY TO
MADISON SQUARE**



"BIG" COFFEE HOUR, November 3rd

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.

1008 East Henry Street
Savannah, GA 31401
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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.

N o v e m b e r

1st Dina Consentino

Jim McNew

2nd Mirabelle Deffley

Curtis Hanks

3rd Nico Meraz

5th Dale Karacostas

Kristen Kelso

Sharon Page

6th Daryl Balzer

Sam Crisp

7th Jennifer Lindsay

10th Nelson Drake

L. A. Lanier

11th Neil Austing

Shelbi Hanton

Michael Jandrich

Mary Kate Jump

Claire Knight

Ronald Mann

Martha Parsons

14th Lora Matos

Rosser Redd

Jeremy Via

16th Barri Marshall

18th Tyler Gage

Andy Page

21st Cindy Beauchamp

22nd Alex Howell

Kathy Oakley

23rd Cliff Harley

24th Vickie Harold

Laura Picone

25th Chris Kincade

Kent Urness

26th Karl Graham

Chriss Nelson

28th Virginia Moryadas

29th Sharon Lightsey

Liz Urness

30th Ellie Covington

Mary Hull



November

9th Jennifer & Joshua Lindsay

9th Richard & Claire Reeve

11th Dale & Pam Karacostas

15th Beth & Jeremy Via

16th Charles Ennis & Bernie Colclasure

18th Val & Jim Utsey

20th Tim & Patty Steinhauser

Thank You

To My Asbury Family:

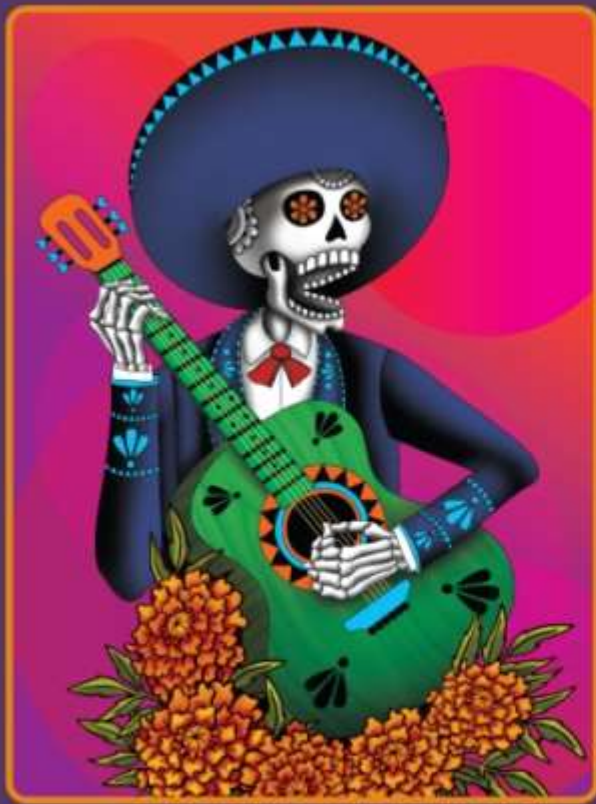
Thanks to the congregation for the prayers and calls before, during and after surgery.

Thanks to Rev. Billy for his well timed hospital visit, prayers and calls.

Thanks to the “flower lady” who arrived at my door after Sunday Services.

Love and thanks to each and every one.

Blessings and love to all,
Sandra Katz



An Asbury Memorial & Wesley Oak Event

DIA de los MUERTOS

COMMUNITY FESTIVAL & POTLUCK LUNCH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019, 10AM – 2PM
WESLEY OAK UMC, 3124 EAST VICTORY DRIVE

LUNCH STARTS AT NOON

Bring a dish to share that honors your ancestors
(a family recipe or a family favorite).



Live Music | Face Painting | Bouncy House
Crafts & Games for Kids of All Ages



Costumes encouraged for children and adults.
Prizes will be given in different categories.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS!

Questions? Contact Ruthie Duran Deffley at rdurandeffley@asburymemorial.org

Missions and Social Concerns

November's Mission Partner of the Month: The Family Justice Center

Located just a few blocks from Asbury on Waters and 36th, The Family Justice Center will soon be a comprehensive support location for victims of domestic violence, rape, and elder abuse all under one roof. Partners offering services at this one location will be the Rape Crisis Center of the Coastal Empire, the Savannah Area Family Emergency (SAFE) shelter Center for Domestic Violence Services, the Coastal Area Children's Advocacy Center, the Mediation Center of the Coastal Empire, the Savannah Police department's Family Violence Unit, etc.

How can you help Asbury partner with The Family Justice Center?

See below on November 9th

Church Wide Mission and Service Opportunities in November and December

November Service Opportunities

Details and sign up at the Connection Corner in the Social Hall at Coffee Hour.

November 2:

Habitat for Humanity Faith Build

Join Asbury's Handy Hands (and Habitat's construction manager Asburian Kevin Ambrey) to help build a home.

Location: Garden City.

November 2:

Rock n Roll Marathon

Serve water and cheer on runners. (Advance online registration required.)

Location: corner of Henry and Waters.

November 9 and 10:

Congregations in Service Multi-Faith Days of Service

Meet new people of various faiths while serving the Savannah community together through these projects:

November 9:

Family Justice Center

Help plant planters, clean, decorate, etc. at the soon-to-open Family Justice Center (FJC). Asbury is leading this project, and we need a lot of help with these easy but critical tasks. So many Asburians have already been involved in bringing the FJC to fruition; come and be a part of this ground-breaking, life-changing project. (See above 'November Missions Partner of the Month.)

Location: Waters and 36th

Other Projects on 9th and or 10th:

Pick up trash at Tybee or Daffin Park, make no-skill-required blankets for Family Justice Center, cards for nursing home residents, bake treats for homeless shelter clients, etc. Locations: various.

Asbury Pecan and Honey Harvest (see more information in this newsletter on page 3.) Location: Madison Square.

Missions and Social Concerns (cont'd)

November Service Opportunities

Details and sign up at the Connection Corner in the Social Hall at Coffee Hour. (cont'd)

November 28:

Asbury Potluck Thanksgiving

Invite your family, neighbors and friends to Asbury's 3rd annual Potluck Thanksgiving. Or come alone and meet new friends!

Location: Asbury's Social Hall.

November 26:

Hanging of the Greens

Join in the festivities to hang the greens and decorate Asbury for Christmas.

Location: Asbury.

November 30:

Youth Group Christmas Trees and Greens Pick Up

Assist the youth in loading trees and greens into cars.

Location: Grayson Stadium.

December Service Opportunities

Details and sign up at the Connection Corner in the Social Hall at Coffee Hour.

December 1 (or earlier if available):

'Christmas gifts for families in need'

Lists available for gifts for families in need.

Location: Social Hall.

December 5:

Barnes House, a Part of Union Mission

Join Handy Hands in painting and decorating the family room at Barnes House, a permanent home for women who formerly were homeless due to mental and/or physical challenges.

Location: Atlantic and Anderson.

December 9:

Shelter from the Rain Annual Christmas Concert

Grab some friends, join Asburian and Shelter from the Rain board member Lauren Dutko, and get in the spirit of Christmas as we serve as ushers and greeters for an incredible Christmas concert fundraiser.

Location: the Historic Savannah Theatre.

December 15:

Christmas Caroling

Make merry music caroling for Asburians who are home bound and in area nursing homes.

Locations: various.

The Painting Group



Grab your watercolor brushes, paint and paper. The Painting Group is starting again! Beginners and more advanced painters are welcome. Sessions will be in the Social Hall. There will be two sessions per month. Sessions will be on Thursdays, from 10 am until noon.

Dates are as follows:

November 7 & 21

December 5 & 19

If you are interested in joining the group, contact Carol Anderson at andersoncarol61@gmail.com

One on One Conversations!

This is an exciting time in the life of our church! We are unified in an unprecedented way and ready to grow in our faith and mission together. To this end, a church-wide initiative has been launched which will involve every person in the congregation. Our plan is to have congregants talk one-on-one together in order to know one another better and to strengthen our relationships. Through one on one conversation, we can talk about the things that are most important to one another, and share our hopes and dreams together. We can also identify the fears that creep into our everyday lives and the things we would like to change in the world.

A dedicated team of folks has gathered and trained to lead these important conversations and you can look forward to receiving a call in the next several weeks from someone in this church community who wants to spend about 45 minutes with you to learn more about your thoughts and experiences. There is no catch. They will not be looking to sell you anything or convince you to join any group, just to talk. I hope that you receive this gift of listening with an open heart and mind. And know that your participation in this church-wide conversation is SO IMPORTANT. It will take us to a new place of deeper understanding of our strengths, our gifts and our care for one another, helping us to understand what it means to be a truly inclusive church.

Congratulations!!



Congratulation to Richard and Lynne Allen on the birth of their granddaughter, Emilia Marie, born Saturday, 10/05/19

Congratulation to Danny and Barbara Beam on the birth of their grandson, Nathan Barrett Beam born Sunday, 10/20/19



CHRISTMAS TREE AND GREENS FUNDRAISER

'Tis the Season once again for our annual AMUMC Youth Group Christmas Tree and Greens Fundraiser. A warm thank you to everyone who has supported our Christmas Tree and Greens Fundraiser in the years past, and we hope to have everyone's support this year as well! You can order your trees and greens from any of our youth now through November 18th. We will be stationed in the Social Hall every Wednesday Night Supper and after church on Sundays!

Garland 25' - \$22 | 12" Fraser Fir Wreath - \$14 | 16" FF Wreath - \$18.00

Table Top FF Tree - \$28.00 | 6/7' FF Tree - \$42.00 | 7/8' FF Tree - \$52.00

Please do consider ordering your greens through the AMUMC Youth Group as this helps to cover the cost of our mission trips and youth trips throughout the year for our youth.

Thank you in advance for your support!



Study Groups & Fellowship Groups

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

10 o'Clock Hour

10 O'clock Happenings in November: Join us as we continue our Faith in Action series. We will have some exciting presentations from people who live their faith.

Nov 3rd: Bereavement counselor Barbara Moss will lead us in a discussion of how to help a grieving friend.

Nov 10th: Ruthie Deffley will engage us in Godly Play.

Nov 17th: Judith Jones will help us reimagine prosperity.

Nov 24th: Sanford Jones will share his love of music as a spiritual practice.

Join us for these interactive sessions and expand your thinking about how you put your faith into action.

Questions: email Kathy Hodges at kathleenhodes@gmail.com

The Monday Seekers of Wisdom Group

This group meets on Mondays at 1:30 pm in the Social Hall.

Monday Wisdom Seekers are reading and discussing Barbara Brown Taylor's *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*. Join us each and every Monday afternoon at 1:30 in the social hall. Have a specific question? Email katesagegreene@comcast.net

Course in Miracles

Facilitator: Rev. Marilyn Leigh
Thursdays, 4:00 to 5:30 pm

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 pm. in The Asbury Memorial social hall. All are welcome. Contact Rev. Leigh by email at Revleigh@yahoo.com with any questions.

Men's Group

The Men's Group meets on Thursdays at 7 pm in the Youth room which is located on the second floor of the education building.

Study Groups & Fellowship Groups

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

Wednesday Night Study Small Group

The Wednesday Night Study Small Group meets in the conference room from 6:30-8 pm. New members are welcome! Our goal is to get to know ourselves, each other and God better through dynamic study and conversation.

We are reading 'This I Believe' a collection of short but powerful essays edited by Jay Allison and Dan Gediman. Most of the essays are available to read and listen to online at thisibelieve.org

We are keeping these *animating questions of our time* in mind as we read:

- 1) What do I believe?
- 2) How did I come to believe it?
- 3) How might conversation, examination, light, prayer, and pondering change my belief?
- 4) What does God ask of me regarding this belief?

Questions? Text or call Susan Bolinger at 218.213.2127.



Reconciling Ministries Network

Join us for our next meeting Sunday, November 3rd at 1:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.
Follow our news on Facebook @ Asbury Memorial Reconciling!



The Busy Bees meet on Monday mornings at 10 am. 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.

Green Team News!

The November meet-up for the Green Team is at the Pecan & Honey Harvest on Saturday, Nov. 23.

For the first time ever, the Green Team will be staffing the cafe. It will be a fun time working together. We'll be selling, among many other delicious items, Cafe Campesino coffee. It is organic, fair trade, shade grown coffee and has been donated to us. Thanks to David Alley for making that happen!



Do you have time to help? Volunteers are needed!

We will need help the day before and the day of the event.

If you would like to volunteer your time, please email Carol Anderson. at andersoncarol61@gmail.com



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 and register
- Call the church office at 233-4351

Supper will begin at 5:45 p.m. - Serving stops at 6:30 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: 10/30_____ 11/06_____ 11/13_____ 11/20_____

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



Wednesday Night Suppers Menu

- Oct. 30th** *Roast Beef with Mushroom Gravy, Southern Style Mashed Potatoes, House Prepared Kale Slaw, Whole Wheat Roll*
- Nov. 6th** *Chicken Marsala, Wild Rice Blend, French Cut Green Beans, Assorted Artisan Rolls*
- Nov. 13th** *Beef Stew with Roasted Vegetables, Carrot Raisin Salad, Steamed Rice, Sweet Corn Bread Muffin*
- Nov. 20th** *Roasted Turkey Breast with gravy, Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Sweet Island Rolls*



**Daylight Savings
Time Ends
November 3rd**

Hanging of the Greens

6:30 P.M., Tuesday, November 26th

Help us prepare our spaces for the
Advent & Christmas season.





Poinsettia Order Form

If you would like to have a Poinsettia placed in the sanctuary for the service on Sunday, December 15th and December 22nd, please complete the form below. Indicate at the bottom of the form if your plant is to be "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" a Loved One. Completed forms, along with payment, may be placed in the offering plate or you may mail it to the church office. Checks are to be made payable to Asbury Memorial UMC.

Price of a poinsettia is \$12.50

Deadline for orders is Sunday, December 8th at noon.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____

_____ No. of Poinsettias

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

You may pick up your Poinsettia after worship on Sunday, December 22nd or leave them for our Christmas Eve service and pick them up after the Christmas Eve service.

From the Connection Corner

If you're looking for more information about events happening at Asbury or how to get involved, come to the Connection Corner at Coffee Hour in the Social Hall after worship! There will be lots of new information each Sunday, and friendly people who want to help knit you into our community.

The Connection Corner is looking for a volunteer

We're looking for a volunteer to do a one-time data entry project from our 'where have you lived' and 'transformational movies, books, music, other' giant post-it wall exercises. We want to capture this information in a document to keep in a binder at the Connection Corner for new people to look at and add their information and answers to. Come to the Connection Corner to volunteer!

Acolytes Needed

Parents/Guardians, we are still looking for more children ages 8 -13 that are interested in becoming acolytes for the church services. It is a great way for the children to participate and learn more about the services. There will be training for all acolytes coming soon. For more information, please contact Gerry Harman at gharman527@gmail.com.

The acolyte sign-up site is open for the months of November, December and January. To sign up, please go to the following website: ttsu.me/4uc8rs (The password is Asbury Memorial).

Rock'n'Roll
MARATHON SERIES

MARATHON

November 2nd

Volunteers needed

Sign up at the Connection Corner!

Let's cheer on those runners and treat them to water.



6th Annual Celebration

Saturday, November 23rd
10am-3pm

Historic Madison Square
(Bull at Macon)

THIS IS ASBURY MEMORIAL'S BIGGEST FUNDRAISING EVENT. VOLUNTEER TO HELP MAKE IT A SUCCESS!

If you have volunteered for the Pecan & Honey Harvest before—or if you have just joined the congregation—please consider volunteering this year for one or more of the activities below. The volunteers have as much (or more) fun than the visitors!

Sorting and Packaging Shelled Pecans (November 3–15)

We obtain the finest quality Georgia pecans directly from the orchard. Although they have gone through the shelling process, we still must insure there are no shells remaining in the nuts. Pecan pickers sort through our 500 plus pounds of nuts, separating the whole halves from broken pieces and removing any shell pieces. Then they package them into one pound and half-pound bags. This work can be done independently or in small groups in our second floor sorting room.

Home-Baking of Pecan and/or Honey-Related Goods for Sale at the Harvest (November 15–22)

Home Bakers prepare their favorite cookie and snack recipes and package them in small bags for sale in the Country Café (we suggest two dozen bags per baker). In keeping with the theme, each recipe needs to contain pecans and/or honey. We also welcome whole cakes and breads. Beginning November 3rd, you can pick up shelled pecans for your cooking.

Baking Pecan Cheese Bites (November 15) and Packaging Them for Sale (November 18–19)

We need four or five folks to help bake cheese bites in the church kitchen ovens. We will be baking over the entire day, but we welcome those who can only help for a shorter period. We will package the cheese bites for sale early the next week.

Packaging Home-Baked Products for Sale (November 22)

Beginning at 9 am, we will need volunteers to receive, package, and label our food products for sale.

Logistics Team (November 22 and November 24)

This group loads/unloads the sales product and the necessary equipment (tables, chairs, stage, etc.) to/from the truck. We need at least six to eight people with good backs at 4 pm on Friday, November 22, to load the truck. Then on Sunday, November 24, after the worship service, to unload the truck.

Event Set Up/Tear Down (8 am and 3 pm November 23)

We need at least ten volunteers to unload and reload the truck at Madison Square. They also will assist in setting up/breaking down the tables and chairs.

Working in the Country Store and Country Café on the Day of the Event (November 23)

Volunteers for this activity will be our sales force. They should be prepared to prepare product samples and to interact with the customers to market all our products and to make sales. Additionally you will help the store coordinator set up and take down the tables. There will be several shifts, which makes it easier on any one volunteer and enables a greater number of people to volunteer.

If you would like to learn more about any of these tasks, please see the notice on the bulletin board by the Social Hall or contact Bill Jahn at vijahn@gmail.com. Also, there will be sign-up cards, where you can indicate how you would like to serve and select a shift, available at the Connection Corner.

2019 Budget Offering
September 29th—\$8,416.07
October 6th—\$11,791.75
October 13th—\$12,316.62
October 20th—\$16,726.00
October 27th—TBA

2019 Weekly Budget Need
\$13,170.00

2019 YTD Budget Need
\$553,140.00

2019 YTD Received
\$545,003.87

WHEN SHADOWS FALL

- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Omkari and Cate Hill-Williams in the death of Omkari's father, H. Roy Williams, Sr.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Maggie Nicoletta in the death of her mother, Margaret Atamanchuk.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Kathy and Daniel Virant in the death of Kathy's husband and Daniel's father and Asbury member, Joe Virant.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Kay Barrett in the death of her dear friend, Jeanie Wynne.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Susan Murray in the death of her husband, Buddy Murray.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Mike & April Prow and Jennifer & Van Doubleday in the death of Mike's sister, Jackie Ricks.*

PRAYER REQUESTS **Asburians**



Laura Angell, Pat Annel, Jean Butcher, Anita Clay, Wendy Ciccodicola, Linda Combs, Dianne Connor, Shane Conner, Margaret Cook-Levy, Gretchen Dodd, Verna Enyeart, Ellie Gonye, Betty Haldeman, Chase Harrison, Geoff Harrison, Cynthia Herold, Roy Hill, John Hohnerlein, Barbara King, Jack Lewis, Scott McCoy, Brenda Mills, Grady Mills, Frances Monson, Eric Mullins, Sharon Page, Marie Parker, Colleen Robinette, Erin Smith, Roberta Smith, Geri Spears, Brenda Spencer, Deborah Staab, Cabell Stewart, Pete Vasta, Kenn Waters, Diane Williamson, Marie Winters

Family Members & Friends

Steve Amerson, Dewy Ambos, Natalie Beam, Wayne Black, Sid Case, Ryan Collins, Linda Cowart, Larry Daniels, Janice Dorminey, Sara Driggers, Ruchi Ferro, Dan Goff, Catherine Price Guiton, Matt Hearn, Roland Hill, Elsie Hilliard, Joe Overton, Dal Poston, Barry Thurstin, Jan Newton Smith, Robert Smith, Sr., Vanessa Smith, Carolyn Walters, Paula Watts, Paul Westbrook, Melvin Wiley, Leola Williams



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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 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.