



The Asbury Update

July & August 2019

Asbury Memorial
Church
Rev. Billy Hester

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DISCUSSION GROUPS BEFORE VOTE

Dear Church Family,

On June 25th, the Asbury Memorial Church Council voted to approve requesting the District Superintendent to call a "Church Conference" for the members of Asbury Memorial to vote on whether or not they want to remain part of the United Methodist denomination under the new policies that go into effect January 1st. I will be mailing all church members a copy of the new policies.

When the date of our Church Conference is selected, we will let you know by way of a mailed letter, email, the newsletter, and by our Sunday announcements. In the meantime, we will be having discussion opportunities for Asbury members to ask questions and to share their thoughts and feelings about this important decision.

We realize that if we only have one discussion opportunity, some people will not be able to attend due to a conflict with their schedule. So we will be offering five discussion opportunities. We also realize that it is difficult for some of our members to meet in the evening, so three of the five sessions will be in the afternoon.

Six members of the Church Council will be the facilitators for these discussion-listening sessions. Two will pair up for each session. There is no need for you to sign up to attend the sessions. All you need to do is show up.

Besides these discussion opportunities, I am always happy to meet with people individually. If you would like to discuss this vote or anything else with me, please email or call me so we can set up an appointment. My email address is bghester3@comcast.net.

Below are the days and times of discussion groups:

Tuesday, July 16th at 5:30 pm
Monday, July 29th at 1 pm
Sunday, August 4th at 1 pm
Monday, August 19th at 7 pm
Sunday, September 1st at 1 pm

"BIG" COFFEE HOUR, July 7th



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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2019 SUMMER PREACHING SERIES

ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH – 11:15 AM SUNDAYS



JULY 7 – Rev. Danny Beam

Rev. Danny Beam attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, did graduate studies in theology through Southeastern BTS, and completed 2 years of Greek through New Orleans BTS. He was ordained in 1981, has served churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, and was a consultant with the Georgia Baptist Convention. He is a Licensed Professional Counselor and has a Master Addictions Counselor license through NADAC. Today he works as an embedded Military Family Life Counselor with the 3rd Combat Aviation Battalion at Hunter AAF in Savannah. Danny joined Asbury Memorial in 2003 and married Barbara Jean Lackey-Beam in 2009. He has two adult children and is soon to welcome his fifth grandchild. John Ashley Beam, his late oldest grandson, is with us in spirit.



JULY 14 – 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.



JULY 21 – Rev. Nathan Godley

Rev. Nathan Godley was born in Savannah and was an active member and leader at Epworth United Methodist Church. After graduating from Armstrong State University, he attended the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta. He served a variety of churches in the South Georgia UMC Conference, including Epworth United Methodist Church and White Bluff United Methodist Church in Savannah. After retiring, Nathan and his wife, Patty, bought the 17Hundred90 Inn and Restaurant in historic downtown Savannah, which their son Patrick now manages.



JULY 28 – Rev. Dr. Dawn Chesser

The Rev. Dr. Dawn Chesser is an ordained elder in the Holston Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Dawn grew up in Arkansas but moved to Northern Illinois to attend Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. She served for nineteen years in the Chicago metropolitan area. She has led congregations ranging from urban to suburban to rural, large, medium, and small, in varied worship styles. While completing her PhD in liturgical studies, she taught at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Candler School of Theology, and Tennessee Wesleyan College. Dawn served as the Director of Preaching Ministries for the General Board of Discipleship in Nashville, Tennessee, for five years. She is currently the Senior Associate Pastor at Church Street United Methodist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. She and her husband, Scot Danforth, live in Knoxville.



AUGUST 4 – Rabbi Robert Haas

Rabbi Robert Haas, a native of McAllen, Texas, became the 14th spiritual leader of Congregation Mickve Israel in Savannah, Georgia in 2012. After receiving his B. S. from the University of Texas at Austin, he began his first career as an elementary school teacher. He then studied at Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem and Los Angeles, where he received his master's degree and Rabbinical Ordination. He served as an associate rabbi at both Temple Shalom in Dallas, Texas, and Congregation Emanu El in Houston, Texas. He then spent a year volunteering in Africa with American Jewish World Service. He is married to April, and he and his wife have a beautiful daughter named Amira.



AUGUST 11 – Rev. Claire Marich

Rev. Claire Harrison Marich is a native Chicagoan and an ordained deacon in the Northern Illinois Conference. She has spent most of her ministry in professional healthcare chaplaincy, serving both in level 1 trauma hospitals and in hospice settings. She left a career in business consulting to pursue a vocation in chaplaincy, getting a master's degree in Pastoral Care and Counseling from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. She has undergraduate degrees in Political Science and English from Loyola University of Chicago, along with a Master's in Science in Political Science in Revolution and Terrorism and African Studies from Northwestern University. Claire and her spouse, John, have been members of Asbury Memorial for the last two years.



AUGUST 18 – Chelsea Hester, M.A.

Chelsea Hester, a Savannah native, has a master's degree in Mindfulness-based Counseling Psychology from Naropa University in Boulder, Colorado. While completing her studies in clinical mental health counseling, Chelsea worked as a play therapist and eating disorder support group facilitator. She now blends her expertise in spirituality, mindfulness, and psychology into her work as a case manager for a local non-profit in Greenville, South Carolina, while also working as a Food and Body Image coach, speaker, and educator. Chelsea stands strong as an ally in the body diversity and body acceptance movement and is honored to bring awareness and conversation to this topic whenever possible. Currently residing in Greenville, South Carolina, Chelsea is thrilled to return to her home church of Asbury Memorial for a morning of worship, celebration, and thoughtful conversation.

AUGUST 25 — Rev. Billy Returns

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

July

1st Alexis Gage

Tim Harris

Jackie Stewart

2nd Jeff Tucker

3rd Tara Redd

Barbara Ruggere

4th Steve Johnson

5th Cindy Herold

Will Telljohann

6th Betty Haldeman

Nancy Parker

Dian Ribbens

7th Carolyn Bennett

Ashley Stroud

Cale Hall

John Hester

8th Molly Hester

Suzie Williams

9th Janet Redmond

10th Mike Dayoub

Patty Lewis

11th Bay Luke

12th Austin Wright

13th David Alley

Billy Hester

15th Tina Austing

Nancy Cvetan

18th Nick Deffley

Richard Reeve

Ryan Richards

Jane Thimme

Jan Wright

19th Kenn Waters

20th Ann Anderson

21st Aaron Dalton

Pat Stewart

24th Andrea Harrelson

25th Pat McIntosh

Morgan Page

26th John Giles

Bob Haldeman

Ian Perry

Lucy Perry

27th Marie Parker

29th Charlene Branan

Bridgette Kincade



30th Tim Steinhauser



July

16th Pam & Walter Parker-Kress

17th Bo & Ann Crowder

20th Mike & Iris Dayoub

22nd Dwight & Mary Ellen Campbell

22nd Robert & Christy Crisp

22nd Cliff Harley & Tommy Schafer

25th Evans & Debbie Wright



It's A Boy!

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Charlene and Philip Branan on the birth of their grandson, Ryland Christian Clark. Ryland was born June 20th. He weighed 7 pounds and 11 ounces and was 21 inches long.

A big thank you

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, thoughts and flowers during my surgery and food poisoning following. Also, whomever swept my porch off... Thanks.

Betsy Haun

SUMMER FUN @ ASBURY

GOT SKILLS IN THE KITCHEN? SHOW THEM OFF!

AWARDS FOR TASTE, ORIGINALITY, & PRESENTATION

MEN'S CAKE BAKING CONTEST

SUNDAY, JULY 14th – ENTER BY JULY 10th

WOMEN'S DESSERTS CONTEST

SUNDAY, JULY 28th – ENTER BY JULY 24th

KID'S COOKIE DAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11th – ENTER BY AUGUST 7th

TO ENTER:

- Send your name, along with the name and type of your dish, to Ray Ellis (rellis101@gmail.com) by the deadline date (please indicate if your dish contains nuts).
- On the morning of the event, bring your entry to the Social Hall before the service.
- Do not submit frozen dishes – the church does not have freezer facilities to keep them fresh.

MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, JULY 12th

Bring a comfortable chair or a blanket/quilt and pillow. Dinner and cartoons at 6:30 p.m. The church will supply hamburgers and water and lemonade – bring chips and snacks to share. The movie will begin around 7:00 p.m.



Youth Hinton Mission Trip 2019

Fifteen youth ranging in ages from 11 to 17 years of age; four adult leaders ranging in ages from 18 to...over 18; and one Fitzburgh all traveled to Hayesville, NC for a week of service and fellowship. We stayed at the Hinton Rural Life Center in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina. The views were breathtaking! You didn't need to look far to find God in those incredible views over the lakes!

We started each day by making sandwiches for our teams and for the homeowners we would be helping that day. It was then onto breakfast and fellowship with our teams, staff, and other church teams. Once we had the fuel, the staff would lead us all in morning energizers which were a blast! By the end of the week I could almost keep up with two moves while managing my two left feet. Our youth, on the other hand, mastered each and every dance the staff threw their way! We would close each morning with time in the chapel where we would have reflection and prayer lead by the Hinton staff to prepare us to be the hands and feet of Jesus each day.

Our group would then split into two teams and follow our assigned Hinton leader to our project/projects for the day. We worked on scrubbing and painting a porch for a lovely couple, pulling up weeds and clearing out the storage underneath their porch, painting and repairs on another adorable family's home, and various tasks around the properties. We worked in the garden on Hinton property that provides fresh vegetables for the meals served all summer on campus, as well as, the local food pantry for those in the local communities needing a bit of extra love and assistance. The youth also worked on splitting wood that helps to heat those in the area throughout the winter that cannot afford to purchase firewood for themselves over the cold months.

Each day ended with dinner, group activities and games, and once again, time in the chapel for prayer. One question asked during the week was, "where have you seen God?" I was surrounded by God all week. I saw Him in each youth willing to work through issues in their own lives, help one another with tasks or just being a shoulder to lean on for one another. I saw Him in the beauty of the mountains and lakes that surrounded us all week. I saw Him in the smiles and laughter in our youth as they made memories that will last a lifetime. I saw Him in the way our youth worked through some conflicts and all chose to rise up from the ashes to show God's Grace and compassion to one another.

We are so incredibly proud of our youth who spent a week in service of God's people. We thank all youth who attended for sharing your time, your talents, your patience, and your stories with us. We thank you for allowing us to be a part of your lives. We love you more than you could possibly know!

One memory that will last a lifetime for me was in our last evening at Chapel. They sang *Here I Am, Lord* as their closing hymn. Know that Asbury Memorial was represented as every one of our youth and leaders made the hand gestures each and every time we sang the chorus! We sang with smiles from ear to ear knowing everyone else was watching and wondering what was happening. We all took pride in knowing that Asbury Memorial once again stood out in a crowd!

Youth Hinton Mission Trip 2019



Study Groups & Fellowship Groups

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

The below groups are on summer break, they will resume in September.

10 o'Clock Hour

Busy Bees

Men's Group

NEXT!

The Green Team Corner

The Monday Seekers of Wisdom Group

Reconciling Ministries Network

Follow our news on Facebook @ Asbury Memorial Reconciling!

Big God & Big Conversations:

Wednesday Night Seekers Small Group

Invites You to Join Us

Are you interested in deep, wide-ranging conversation guaranteed to incorporate art, stories, life lessons learned, literature, challenges faced, The Holy Spirit and who knows what else? Join us this summer for unexpected pathways and insights forged via conversation and community! We love exploring the fresh insights of new people, so if you or someone you know would enjoy fascinating and intersecting conversation, join us Wednesday nights 6:30 -8 pm this summer in the conference room across from the water cooler. Please let us know you're interested so we can keep you in the loop on topics, books, or meeting changes (we honor that life does throw curveballs into schedules). Contact facilitator Susan Bolinger 218.213.2127.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Having a Birthday? Call the office at 233-4351
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August

1st Collin Richards

2nd Jamie Kelso

Lance Wilhelm

3rd Birdie Anderson

Wayne Beasley

Don Colvard

Emily Gage

4th Jim Kluttz

5th Omkari Hill-

Williams

6th Chloe Harrison

Renwick Pulwarty

Beverly Vasta

7th Carman Purtee

Shane Conner

9th Hayden Lego

12th Christi Hester

Peggy Larson

13th Janet Dixon

14th Jona Downs

Pam Sears

17th Wendy Mason

18th John Hohnerlein

Barbara Passino

19th Philip Baiad

20th Linda Aiken

Marshall Lego

21st Ross Munro

22nd Alice Burris

Margaret Clay

23rd Samuel Povie

25th Carrie Collins

Diane Meseroll

Debbie Williamson

28th Kathy Virant

29th Mary Cronk

30th Sheri Coffey

Lee Davison

Chase Harrison

Bill Oakley



August

2nd Sanford & Judy Jones

3rd Joel & Julie Varland

9th Kent & Liz Urness

15th Linden & Patricia Youngquist

16th David & Pat Alley

22nd Philip & Charlene Branan

22nd Keith & Carman Purtee

23rd Grady & Brenda Mills

25th Mike & Debra Skinner

27th Bill & Karen Jahn

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 and to sign up, please contact Gerry Harman at gharman527@gmail.com.

Painting Group

The Painting Group will not

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AUGUST 3 - 25, 2019

Heaven and Earth



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BIRTHDAY CLOWN
by Michael Ching

The Little
Prince
by Rachel Portman

Dialogues of
the Carmelites
by Francis Poulenc

Bon Appétit!
by Lee Hoiby

Sherrill Milnes, Artistic Director
Maria Zouves, Executive Director

THE FESTIVAL IS ON SALE NOW!

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Movement Mama Alert!

It's time to recognize **Jennifer Barrett Lindsay**, who volunteers with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America.

When asked what being a Movement Mama felt like, Jennifer said, "Being a 'Movement Mama' is a place where I can integrate all the parts of myself: caring fiercely as a mother without losing my individuality and sense of individual purpose; caring actively for the common good while caring lovingly for this one young soul entrusted to me."

"Motherhood has meant being more conscious of issues in the larger world and what that means for our children and the future of our planet. Raising my son has driven home how critical some of the public health, environmental and social justice issues we face are. And if I can do something about some of them, I will. My reasons for being in the activist community are to help make this world a safer, more just, more tolerant, more equitable place for my son, his friends and classmates and our neighbors. I want to model to my son that 'with our two hands' each of us can make a positive difference in the lives of others. I also have selfish reasons for being an activist: a mom's life can be lonely and isolating sometimes. I continue to help out with the causes I choose because I have met the most amazing women in this work. My individual, independent female soul needs to do this work. It is part of my self-care.

"I also wholeheartedly believe that 'it takes a village' to raise a child and I have intentionally created a loving village around us to help raise my son Nicholas. I think activism is the same. It takes a village to bring about the change we seek."

HONORARIUMS

*A Gift has been given to the Trustees Fund in honor of Joan Byrd by
Suzie Williams
Janet Dixon*

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*been given to
Fund in honor
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Judy Gra-*





SUMMER FOOD SERVICE

Free, healthy meals for children and youth ages 2-18

CHATHAM COUNTY

June 3 - July 31
Monday - Friday

Bull Street Library

11:30 AM - 1 PM

Carnegie Library

12 PM - 1 PM

Garden City Library

12 PM - 1 PM

Port City Library

12 PM - 1 PM

Southwest Chatham Library

12 PM - 1 PM

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

June 3 - July 31
Monday - Friday

Rincon Library Park

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

LIBERTY COUNTY

June 3 - July 26
Monday - Friday

Hinesville Library

11 AM - 1 PM

Midway-Riceboro Library

12 PM - 2 PM

NOTE: There will be no SFS on Thursday, July 4 (Libraries are closed for Independence Day) or Friday, July 5.

Summer Food Service is provided through partnerships with America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia, Liberty County Summer Food Program, and Liberty County Board of Commissioners.



Free Summer Food Service at Local Libraries
See information above on participating library locations and hours.

To volunteer, please call Live Oak Public Library volunteer coordinator Rita Harris at 912.927.4079.

2019 Budget Offering

May 26th—\$12,529.44

June 2nd—\$13,314.34

June 9th—\$4,450.00

June 16th—\$18,304.50

June 23rd—\$9,571.00

2019 Weekly Budget Need

\$13,170.00

2019 YTD Budget Need

\$329,250.00

2019 YTD Received

\$307,654.05

WHEN SHADOWS FALL

- *We extend our love and sympathy to Delores & Ray Ellis and Randy Canady in the death of Delores' brother & Ray's uncle, Charlie Snyder.*
- *We extend our love and sympathy to Daniel Folsom in the death of his aunt, Claudine Dorminey.*
- *We extend our love and sympathy to Nancy Saltsman & Chuck Eyer in the death of their good friend, Richard Smith.*
- *We extend our love and sympathy to the family of Renee Williams, Asbury's nursery worker for 10 years.*



PRAYER REQUESTS

Asburians



Laura Angell, Pat Annel, Jan Bell, Randy Bolinger, Jean Butcher, Becky Case, Sheri Coffey, Vicki Cronk, Bo Crowder, Gretchen Dodd, Verna Enyeart, Ellie Gonye, Chase Harrison, Geoff Harrison, Cynthia Herold, Roy Hill, Betty Hohnerlein, Jamie Kelso, Stacey Kern, Barbara King, Monica Lekuch, Jack Lewis, Scott McCoy, Brenda Mills, Grady Mills, Frances Monson, Eric Mullins, Natalie Munro, Dan & Chriss Nelson, Marie Parker, Colleen Robinette, Caroline Smith, Roberta Smith, Geri Spears, Brenda Spencer, Liz Sprague, Cabell Stewart, Carol Walls, Judy Wilburn,

Family Members & Friends

Steve Amerson, Dewy Ambos, Wayne Black, Ryan Collins, Linda Cowart, Janice Dorminey, Sara Driggers, Ruchi Ferro, Alex Geronimo, Dan Goff, Catherine Price Guiton, David Hamilton, Matt Hearn, Bruce Monson, Sandra Oravec, Joe Overton, Schneider Alden Theodore, Barry Thurstin, Jan Newton Smith, Robert Smith, Sr., Kathy Swanger, Carolyn Walters, Paula Watts, Larissa Whitten, Leola Williams, Jeanie Wynne

MEMORIALS

A Gift has been given to the Trustees Fund in memory of Cecil Crockett by
Joan Byrd
Gloria Moses

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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.