

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Collin Richards
- 2 Vicky Hudson Lance Wilhelm
- 3 Don Colvard Emily Gage
- 4 Jim Kluttz
- 5 Lyn Carden
- 6 Chloe Harrison Beverly Vasta
- 7 Carman Purtee

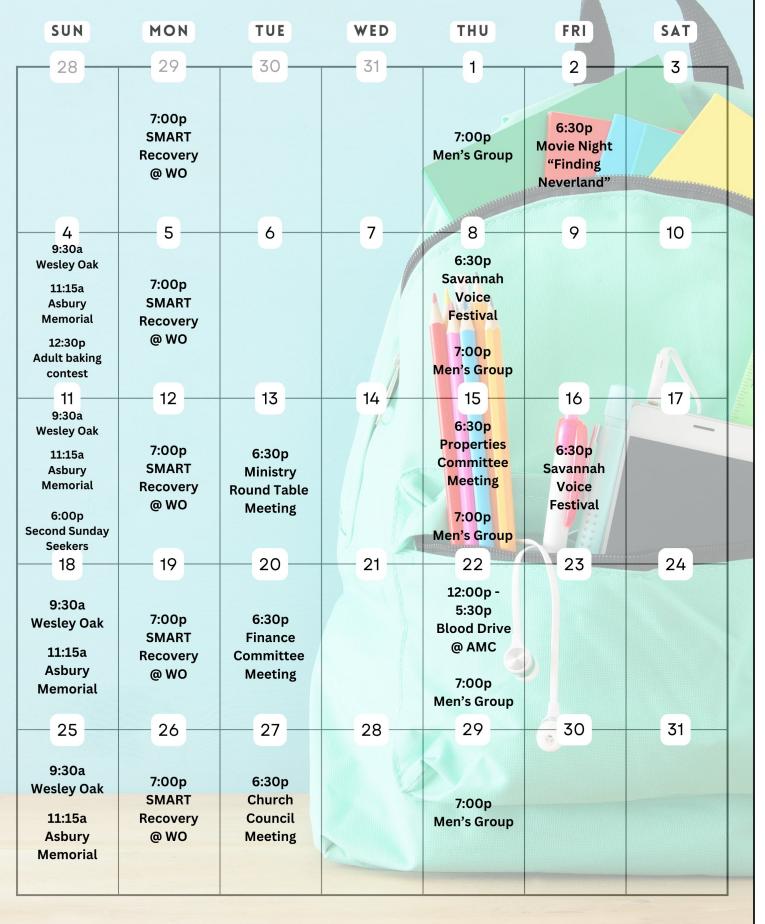
-) Hayden Lego
- 10 Julie Tisinger
- 11 Genevieve Hawkins
- 12 Christi Hester Peggy Larson Greg Socks
- 13 Janet Dixon
- 14 Jo Legacki Pam Sears
- 15 Doreen Karls
- 16 Edward Steiner

- 18 John Hohnerlein 25 Carrie Collins Barbara Passino Diane Meserol
- 19 Philip Baiad Sharon Tarlano
- 20 Anne Bishop Marshall Lego
- 22 Alice Burris Margaret Clay Bob Corey Dahlia Karam Dave Lewis
- 23 Sam Povie

- 5 Carrie Collins Diane Meseroll Debbie Williamson
- 27 Claudette DeLong Julia Drake Cheryl Loose
- 29 Bert Simmons
- 30 Sheri Coffey Lee Davison Chase Harrison Bill Oakley



AUGUST 2024





FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR OF JOY

August: The Best Time to Give

When is the BEST time to give your offering to the church? Of course, any gifts at any time are always appreciated. But late summer is also a very good time to give to the church, especially if you want to give when it's most needed.

This chart shows the actual giving to Asbury Memorial during 2023.

Income is totaled for each month (and note that 2023 was a bit unusual, in that there were five months that each had five Sundays: January, April, July, October, and December). And Easter also fell in April. Then I ranked the months from 1 to 12, with 1 for the month when the church received the most, and 12, the month with the lowest giving.

MONTH	Monthly Offering	% of total	RANK
January	\$ 63,991	9.37 %	4
February	43,902	6.43	11
March	65,694	9.62	3
April	60,510	8.86	5
May	40,003	5.86	12
June	57,265	8.38	6
July	53,890	7.89	7
August	47,339	6.93	10
September	48,844	7.15	9
October	53,805	7.88	8
November	67,718	9.91	2
December	80,138	11.73	1
TOTAL	683,099	Avg.=8.33	



2024 stewardship **PLEDGE**



As a retired pastor, I'm not surprised that three of the months in which giving was most above the average giving were December, November, and January. I think that's because some people wait until December to catch up, or they make their entire annual gift then. Others are the opposite, they give their entire yearly gift in January. Every church's "cash flow" goes up and down most years like this.

Note the average giving per month: \$56,925.00. Note also that the summer months of July, August, and September all fall below the average monthly giving for the year. It's not in the chart, but I calculated that by the end of September in 2023, we were almost \$31,000 behind where we would have been if giving had been spread equally in every month throughout the year. Here's my quick takeaway: Any time is a great time to give financial support to our church. But the best time to make the most impact, to make the most difference, to give when it's really needed? My best answer: July, August or September!

Blessings,

~ Rev. Richard Allen Stewardship Committee Member





2024 SUMMER PREACHING SERIES Asbury Memorial Church – 11:15 am Sundays



RABBI ROBERT HAAS - JULY 14

- 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 before matriculating at Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem and Los Angeles, where he earned his Master's Degree and Rabbinical Ordination.
- After graduation, he served as an associate rabbi in Dallas and in Houston, Texas. He then spent a year volunteering in Africa with American Jewish World Service before moving to Savannah to serve in his current position as the rabbi for the third oldest congregation in America.
- Rabbi Haas is also a sought-after comedian, lecturer, preacher, and interfaith leader, regularly speaking and performing for organizations, radio shows, colleges, theaters, houses of worship, and institutions.
- He is married to April, and they have a daughter named Amira and a son named Aryeh.

- BETSY KAMMERUD JULY 21 Betsy graduated from The Ohio State University with an MSW degree and immediately continued work in the hospice and palliative care field.
- She came to Georgia in 2007 to work for Hospice Savannah, Inc as a home care social worker.
- For the past 14 years, she has been part of Full Circle Grief and Loss, the bereavement wing of Hospice Savannah, Inc., as a bereavement counselor. She now is the Director.
- Betsy also volunteers with Give an Hour, an organization that provides pro-bono mental health support to veterans, service members, and their families.
- Betsy is a licensed clinical social worker and is also certified as a clinical trauma professional.
- Betsy has worked with individuals, couples, and groups promoting a healthy grief journey as well as healthy perceptions of self-image and strengthening core relationships for a more complete sense of self.
- Betsy understands that life can be overwhelming at times and is passionate about providing a safe space for people to process all of the feelings that life experiences can create.

AUGUST ALDERMAN – JULY 28

- August is a member of the preaching team at Wesley Oak Church.
- He serves as a Stephen Minister.
- August works in bereavement services with Hospice Savannah.
- He is a student of Chicago Theological Seminary.
- He has been an Asburian since 2018!
- August lives with his partner Jason in Savannah.

. BERTICE BERRY – AUGUST 4

- Sociologist Bertice Berry, PhD. is a best-selling author, an award-winning lecturer. She has been named Comedian of The Year, Lecturer of the Year, and Entertainer of the Year.
- She has published 13 best-selling fiction and non-fiction books, and she has won numerous awards and accolades for both her writing and presentations.
- Berry has had her own nationally-syndicated television show where she hosted and conducted interviews. She also has made numerous television, documentary, and radio appearances on a variety of diverse venues.
- Berry believes that every one of us has been given a unique purpose and it is our obligation to find it and use it to improve first our own self, and then for those we live and work with.

J. COLLINS – AUGUST 11

- J.J. Collins has been Wesley Oak's choir director since 2014 and currently serves on their preaching team.
- She is currently in seminary pursuing her Masters of Divinity degree at Mercer University.
- She holds a Master of Music in voice from Peabody Conservatory and is a professional vocalist and vocal instructor.
- She is a commercial real estate paralegal at Hunter Maclean.
- She moved to Savannah in late 2013 and enjoys the coastal life with her spouse, Parker Collins, and their dog, Tinker.



Chris Kincade – August 18

- His greatest accomplishment is still being Fitz's Dad.
 - He is currently serving our campuses as:
 - Youth Director for Asbury Memorial / Wesley Oak
 - Children and Families Ministry Director for Asbury Memorial / Wesley Oak ٠
 - **Communications Director for Asbury Memorial**
- Chris is a huge fan of musicals and writing.

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- He is proud to be husband of the incredible Bridgette Kincade.
- Chris has been part of the Asbury family for about 18 years. Returns – August 25



BIG COFFEE HOUR AT Desley Oak

The recent Big Coffee Hour enjoyed by our two campuses on June 30th at Wesley Oak was a great time! Originally conceived as a way to foster mingling and celebrate the growing work and worship at both Asbury and Wesley Oak, the gathering exceeded expectations. The basement was filled to capacity with attendees enjoying delicious food and warm company.

The overwhelming positive response has prompted discussions for a follow-up event, tentatively scheduled for this Fall. Weather permitting, we hope to host this upcoming gathering outdoors.

This joint initiative has demonstrated the strength of our co-ministry and its potential for building a stronger, more unified community. As we look to the future, we are excited about the opportunities this collaboration presents for deepening connections between our campuses.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to the event's success and to those who participated. Your enthusiasm and support are much appreciated!

Stay tuned for more details about the Fall event and other upcoming opportunities to come together as a community.



Best in Taste #1- David Harn #2 - Brody Greenwood #3 - Natalya Kay

SUGAR

Best in Presentation

BAKING CONTEST

Children and Synth

#1- Fitz Kincade#2 - Peyton Harn#3 - David Swanger

Most Original

#1- Lily Via#2 - Eleanor Davis#3 - Dane Eckard Jr.

HERRIES ON THE SNC

GREAT JOB, BAKERS!

COASTAL INTERFAITH GREEN TEAM

August 2024

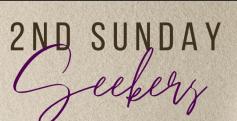
On July 11 members of the Coastal Interfaith Green Team participated in an online forum on solar energy sponsored by Georgia Interfaith Power and Light. Representatives from Georgia BRIGHT discussed their program which is dedicated to helping Georgia's, low, middle-income and faith communities access solar energy through discounted solar leases.

The BRIGHT program saves customers money on their utility bills, requires no upfront cost and Georgia BRIGHT handles all the installation and maintenance of the solar panels.

In a follow-up meeting on July 30 members of the Coastal Interfaith Green Team met to discuss a series of questions related to the Georgia BRIGHT program. Those questions included:

- What are the advantages and disadvantages of the Georgia Bright program?
- Are the potential savings significant enough to justify signing a long term contract?
- How do we determine if our faith community building is a candidate for solar panels?
- If a faith community installs solar panels, is battery storage a necessary component?
- Does the cost of battery storage negate the potential savings of solar energy?
- What information must be gathered for an application to the Georgia Bright program? What is the concept of faith communities as climate resiliency hubs?
- In addition to the installment of solar panels, what are other ways faith communities can become resiliency hubs for their communities?





Second Sunday Seekers Group meets on the second Sunday of each month at 6:00p at Parker and J.J. Collins' house.

This group is for anyone who wants a safe space to ask questions, share thoughts, and hear different perspectives about all things spiritual and theological. Let's get together to discuss the sacred mysteries, the frustrating questions, the ethical dilemmas, and moral conundrums.

There is no agenda, no book to read, and no expectations. Just bring an open heart, an open mind, your humility, your curiosity, and your kindness.



Serenity

Spirit

Harmony

Peace

Believe

Hope

Love



WESLEY OAK CHANCEL CHOIR

COME & JOIN IN!

THE CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 8:30 A.M. EACH WEEK. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF THE MUSIC AT WESLEY OAK CHURCH, PLEASE CONNECT WITH J.J. COLLINS, DIRECTOR. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US!





Come Help in the Garden!

Have you ever wished you had the space for a big garden with a ton of sun? Guess what...you do! Wesley Oak has had a long-standing tradition of putting in a garden every year. We cannot do it alone. We have a small team, but we need more help. We need people to help plant, water and weed on a regular basis through the season.

If you have time, love to be outside, and could help out on a weekly or bi-weekly basis, please do let us know. We will work up a schedule and get you in the loop ASAP. You set your own times - we just need to make sure we have days covered.

BIG NOTE: You do NOT need to be a gardener. This is a fun thing and we want all to be able to reap the rewards. Any and all help is greatly appreciated!



WESLEY OAK'S BOOK EXCHANGE



Wesley Oak has a book exchange! Do you have a book you just loved? Did you read something that inspired you? Is there a book you think others would enjoy reading? Donate it!! Everyone is encouraged to participate in the donating and borrowing of books. Once you read the book, just return it back to the library at Wesley Oak. Borrowers are encouraged to write a little something in the book for the next person to read.

> ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH 1008 E HENRY ST SAVANNAH

THURSDAY AUGUST 22, 2024

STARTS AT

12:00PM - 5:30PM

ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH CAMPUS HOLLIDAY HALL

Register today online www.RedCrossBlood.org/give

DONATE BLOOD -SAVE LIVES For more information: 912.233.4351 www.asburymemorial.org

BLOOD DRIVE



Water slide, music & food!

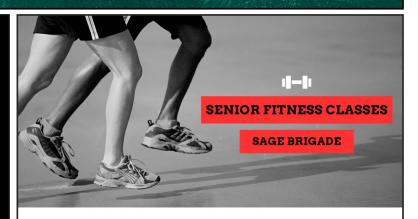
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ASBURY MEMORIAL'S HEAVENLY



You can purchase Asbury Memorial's Heavenly Honey ALL YEAR LONG! Stop by the church office to purchase yours today!



6TH - 12TH GRADE 4PM - 6PM

The Salvation Army has started the "Sage Brigade" a senior program of many activities. Top of the list is Sr. Fitness, using light weights and cardio for a 45-minute fitness class that incorporates music from the 50's, 60's, 70's up to the present. The format is a warmup w/o weights, followed by weights and cardio, and finishes off with a cool down. Great for everyone from beginners to advance. Weights are provided. No floor work. \$25 for the entire year. The fee includes other fun activities like crochet, line dancing, and much more. Registration is at the door when you come for your first class. Start anytime.

Senior Fitness Classes (no age requirement to attend classes)

Led by Asbury Member, Linda Socks

The Salvation Army - 3000 Bee Road, Savannah

Mondays & Wednesdays @ 11:45 am. Some holidays excluded.

Interfaith addiction & recovery coalition

Interfaithaddictionandrecoverycoalition.org



SAVE the DATE! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 For this Free, Inspiring Program

HOST: Congregation Agudath Achim

9 Lee Boulevard Savannah

(free parking/ child care provided) noon to 4:30 p.m.

DOORS TO HOPE:

Helping Families Recover From Addiction

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



DENISE BERTIN-EPP

President/CEO of NACoA (National Association of Children of Addiction) RN, BsCN, MSA



PEGGY MCGILLICUDDY Director of Children's Programs NACoA MEd, CTSS

Nationally-known experts in the field will share their knowledge.
Resources, refreshments, fellowship and door prizes

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Families struggling with the disease of addiction
- **•** Faith leaders who want to offer help and hope
- People in recovery, school counselors, youth coaches, First Responders, Peer Recovery Specialists and coaches, medical professionals, treatment court teams, mental health and treatment professionals.

This program will offer a rich tapestry of knowledge, strategies and tools designed to empower anyone providing care and support to families affected by the disease of addiction. Attendees will be equipped to assist "the First Hurt and the Last Helped" by championing the cause of healing and family unity.

Visit our website: Interfaithaddictionandrecoverycoalition.org for more information

RSVP:) https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/5x8xdhx

Prayer Requests

Congregants of Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak

DiAnne Amerson, Pat Andres, Wayne Bland, Marcia Budarz, Sheri Coffey, Carrie Collins, J.J. Collins, Marty Coolidge, Mark Cooper, Gale Dick, Sam Durham, Katie Farmer, Morgan Page Faunce, Jo Fausnacht, Deb Gibson, Ellie Gonye, Chase Harrison, Bubba Hughes, Bridgette Kincade, Rev. Marilyn Leigh, Jack Lewis, Kim Limehouse, Marion Manigo, Brenda Mills, James Mullins, Virginia Moryadas, Elizabeth Newkirk, Marie Parker, Frank Ramsey, Greg Socks, Pat Stewart, Dave Thompson, Kathy Waters, Kenn Waters, Peggy Zeigler

Family Members and Friends

The Abasy Family, Ann Austin, Max Clements, Kendall Cole, Sara Driggers, Anne Gooby, CT Harper, Priscilla Hearn, Joe & Mary Jurgenson, Rita Leopard, Jackie Lewis, Matt Moll, Leonard Nicoletta, Steven Odrezin, Jim Skoronsky, Fredia Peggs, Carol Schwalbe, Linda Southerland, Beth Vasta, Christi Yunkunis

Mhen Shadows Fall

The members of Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak extend our love and sympathy to:

> Ed Jones in the passing of his mother, Lynette Jones





We have added a section to the monthly newsletter to showcase the talents of our church family. Please submit pictures of your artwork, art pieces, poems, stories, etc. and we will pick a few of the submissions for each issue. Please be sure to include your name, a description of your submission, and email everything with the subject line of "Creative Corner" to ckincade@asburymemorial.org



1 in 4 children in South Georgia live in homes where having enough food is a struggle every day.

P.A.C.K. is committed to packing and delivering over 10,000 bags a month to children in Chatham county and the surrounding areas.

VOLUNTEER

Mondays & Thursdays

10am - 12pm

4 Mall Terrace

Savannah

www.packsavannah.com

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Season 12



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

Our children's programs are a vital part of our church community, providing a safe and nurturing environment where children can grow in their faith, make friends, and have fun.

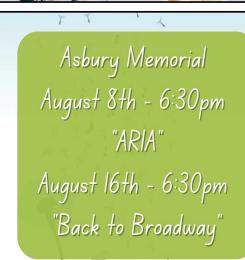
Now we need help to grow our programs at BOTH campuses. Will YOU help?

No prior experience is necessary—just a willingness to serve and a heart for children. Training and support will be provided to all volunteers. Even just one Sunday a quarter would be a HUGE help!

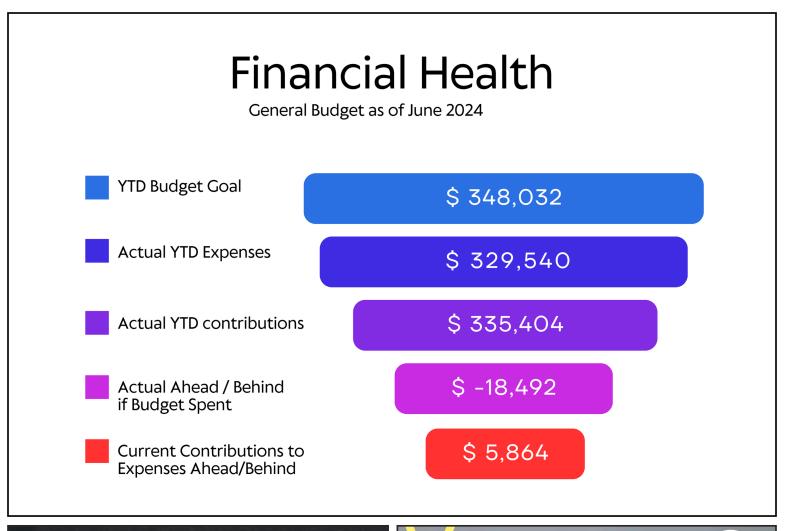
If you feel called to make a difference in the lives of our children, we'd love to have you on board!

Please contact Chris Kincade (ckincade@asburymemorial.org) to learn more & to become a volunteer.

we need you!







MEN'S GROUP

Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak Men's Group

We welcome all men to join us Thursday nights for fellowship and discussion. We talk about what is on our minds: a theological point or question, an interesting book or current events.

What's on your mind?

If you're looking for a way to connect, make new friends, participate in some fascinating discussions, and get to know others, please join us! We have a great time and all from the comfort of our homes.

Should you have any questions, contact Gregg Walther at gdw0517@gmail.com

We meet Thursdays 7:00-8:30 via Zoom.

Zoom meeting ID: 844 3633 5506, passcode: Asbury

GODLY PLAY



EVERY SUNDAY AT ASBURY MEMORIAL & WESLEY OAK

Wesley Oak Campus 9:30am ages 4 yrs - 5th grade Asbury Memorial Campus 11:15am ages 4 yrs - 5th grade

SMART RECOVERY FOR INDIVIDUALS

Do you want to address an addiction problem or harmful habit? With our practical tools based on cognitive and motivational psychology and addiction research, SMART Recovery helps you make and sustain positive changes that lead to a balanced life.

Through our meetings, tools, and strategies, SMART can help you stop harmful habits and behaviors, including addiction to alcohol and other drugs, or negative behaviors related to relationships, sex, spending, gambling, eating and exercise disorders, and self-injury.

SMART Recovery is unique. Our science-based approach emphasizes self-reliance, selfresilience, and self-empowerment. With SMART, you are the expert on your recovery. You choose how to personalize your plan for successful change. There's no requirement to commit to a lifetime of SMART Recovery meetings. You decide when and if the time is right to move on.

SMART and Other Recovery Groups

SMART Recovery believes that people find their own paths to successful recovery. For some, that path may include 12-step programs or other support groups. Although SMART's approach differs from those of other organizations, it does not exclude them. We recognize and support the fact that many individuals benefit from participating in more than one support community.

Get Started

Ready to get started? SMART Recovery hosts online and face-to-face meetings around the world. Our online message board is an excellent forum to learn about SMART and get 24/7 support.

Learn More

Visit www.smartrecovery.org to search for local meetings and to join our online community.



LOCAL MEETING INFORMATION

Mondays 7:00-8:30pm

Wesley Oak Church 3124 E. Victory Drive Savannah, GA 31404

All are welcome!

LOCAL CONTACT

Ruthie Duran Deffley 912-312-0079 ruthie@healthymindga.com

CONFIRM MEETING DETAILS*

http://www.smartrecovery.org/meetings

*Meeting times, days, and locations are subject to change. Please confirm meeting details prior to attending.

CHAIR NAME PLATES

For my Asbury Family By Robert D. McEwen 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.

WE HAVE MULTIPLE WAYS FOR YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT OF ASBURY MEMORIAL THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS!



Mail: Mail your contribution by check to: Asbury Memorial Church 1008 East Henry Street Savannah, GA 31401



Website:

- Log on to our website: www.AsburyMemorial.org
- Click on the Give Now button
- Complete the form as directed.
- You can set it up to be a recurring donation!



Text Giving:

- From your mobile phone:
- Send your contribution amount to 912-307-3206
- Donate anytime, anywhere
- Use easy debit/credit card registration
- Make a one-time gift or set it up to be recurring

Asbury Memorial

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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 Flower Chart in the narthex and sign up. The cost is \$70.

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 Properties Fund, General Fund, Piano/Organ Fund, Family and Children's Ministries Fund, Youth Ministry Fund, Laura Angell Scholarship Fund, Pet Memorial Fund or one of our Mission Funds.

Newsletter Information

If you have an announcement for "The Asbury Update," please email Chris Kincade at ckincade@asburymemorial.org.

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.