

ASBURY UPDATE

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Warren & James
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4th
Jan & Sam
Durham

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Gerry & Marlon
Harman

12th
J.J. & Parker
Collins

25th
Jan & Bob
Corey

29th
Catherine Gilbert
& Sandy Golden

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1 Alexa Schlimmer	9 Khloe Alexander	16 Bill Jahn	22 Pat Ciccodicola
2 Pam Karacostas Kathi Lovelady Nancy Saltsman	10 Graham Dalton Tiia Strong	17 Marilyn Leigh John Marich Greg Martin	23 Orion Alford Danny Lewis
4 Phyllis Carlino Delores Ellis Cathy Solomons Gloria Stahle Jason Zimmer	11 Mark Barner Madeline Kelso Hank Little Will McGowan	18 Ryan Boland Adele Packert	24 Roy Hill 26 Deb Gibson
6 Sherry Moore	12 David Tanner	19 Bob Chvatal Todd Nolan	27 Doug Povie Sienna Varland
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SEPTEMBER 2024

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8 9:30a Wesley Oak 11:15a Asbury Memorial 1:00p "Bad Girls of the Bible" study @ WO	9 7:00p SMART Recovery @ WO	10 6:30p Ministry Round Table Meeting	11	12 7:00p Men's Group	13 6:30p Karaoke	14
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FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR OF JOY

Why Tithe? To Say "Thanks!"

Do you remember a nursery rhyme about a boy named Jack? This one:

*Little Jack Horner sat in a corner,
Eating his Christmas pie.
He stuck in his thumb and pulled out a plum
And said, "What a good boy am I!"*

That rhyme was a puzzle to me, until one day I heard a sermon in which the preacher reminded Jack Horner to consider where the pie, and the plum had come from in the first place. It was years ago, but he said something like this:

*Yes, Jack found the plum. But think about it:
The plum came from a tree. Jack didn't plant the tree,
someone else did. And Jack didn't grow the tree. God
sent rain and sun to grow the tree. And he didn't
fertilize the tree, or weed around its roots. The
gardener did. And the tree produced its plums,
because that's how God made our world. And Jack
didn't pick the plum. He merely found it sitting there,
in his pie. The plum was in a pie that Jack ate in his
lonely corner. Jack didn't wash the plum, or remove
its pit. He didn't heat the oven, or mix the flour and
lard to make the crust.*

*He didn't put the plum in the pie, or place the pie in
the oven. He didn't watch the oven and remove the pie
at just the right time, or let the pie cool, or put a slice
on a plate beside a cold glass of milk.*

*He had the pie because of the efforts of others,
and the grace of God in giving us all plum trees to
enjoy. He found the plum. That's all. His better
response might have been:*

"How blessed am I!"

Jack didn't need to be proud. He needed to be grateful.

So now I understand. When we notice how much we have, sometimes we think to ourselves, "Look what I did." But the truth of our lives is that we are blessed, and gifted. And remember, too, that all good gifts derive, finally, from a gracious and loving God.

Our lives, our health, our fortunes, these each depend, to some degree, on our being supported by others, and being blessed by God.

We tithe as way of saying to God, "Thanks!" Because, as the song from Godspell reminds: "all good gifts are given from heaven above." All that we have, in some sense, is a gift from God. We can be generous because we have all that we call "ours" as gifts from a generous God.



Give Now

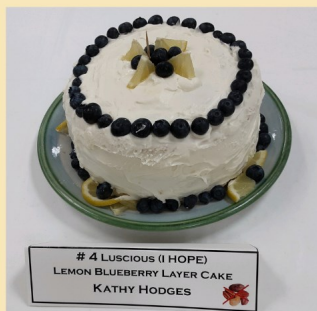
2024 Adult Baking Contest

The 2024 Grady Mills Adult Baking contest brought together members of our *sweet* congregations, each showcasing their best culinary skills. The event was full of delicious treats, ranging from classic cakes and pies to inventive masterpieces. The atmosphere was lively, with friendly competition and **lots** of taste testing.



Participants *poured* more than ingredients into their delectable creations, all hoping to *beat* the competition. You could see, smell and taste the love each put into their entries.

The judges, who are sweet treat experts and enthusiasts, had the tough job of sampling each entry and choosing winners!



The event ended with everyone joyfully sharing the leftover goodies, making sure everyone got to taste the delicious efforts of the bakers.

The smiles and fellowship in Holliday Hall that day were definitely the *icing on the cake!*

We wish to extend a very sugary sweet thank you to ALL of our participants!



Not Pictured:
Apple Cake w/ Maple Syrup Frosting
by Sandy Hoecherl



COASTAL INTERFAITH GREEN TEAM

September 2024

On Saturday, August 23, members of the Coastal Interfaith Green Team participated in the Great Southeast Pollinator Census at the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens. The event at the Botanical Gardens was part of a multi-state citizen science project throughout the Southeast.

Upon arrival at the Gardens, participants were given a brief orientation on the important role of pollinators in the environment and given census forms. Next participants chose a favorite pollinator plant to observe for 15 minutes. Each observer counted and categorized the insects that landed on the plant during the allotted time. The insect categories included bumble bees, honey bees, carpenter bees, wasps, flies, moths and butterflies. After 15 minutes participants could request another census sheet and change to another observation plant.

At the end of the morning all census forms were turned in to a volunteer coordinator and the results were uploaded to a University of Georgia website. These census results along with results from all over the Southeast provide a snapshot of the overall health of these all important pollinating insects.

On Saturday, September 21 members of the Coastal Interfaith Green Team will join with faith leaders and other environmental activists for a day of learning and fellowship at the first annual Coastal Green Team Summit. Sponsored by Georgia Interfaith Power and Light, the summit will focus on ways coastal faith communities can foster spiritual and ecological resilience in the face of the climate crisis. The conference will be held from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM at the First Presbyterian Church on Washington Avenue and will feature a panel of local faith leaders, roundtable discussions, and workshops on local climate issues, Green Team organizing, and political advocacy.



2ND SUNDAY

Seekers

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

Faith

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!



Asbury Memorial will be hosting a potluck dinner for our young families. All families with kids from newborn through 12th grade are invited to join us for an evening filled with great conversation, connection, and mouthwatering dishes!

BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH | AT 5:00 PM
Asbury Memorial Church



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ckincade@asburymemorial.org



Congregations in Service - Sept 21st & 22nd

Congregations in Service will be holding two days of volunteering Saturday September 21st and 22nd. Asbury will be the host on Saturday and the Baha'i center on Sunday.

Volunteers will gather at Asbury shortly after 8am for coffee and to choose their opportunity to work. We will have a brief prayer service at 8:30 given by representatives of the Baha'i, our Moslem, Jewish and Christian brothers and sisters.

As of now we expect to do:

- Dog walking for the Humane Society
- Sorting the clothes closet at Emmaus House
- Preparing vegetable garden beds for schools
- Cleaning up a yard for someone too sick to do it themselves
- Assembling hygiene kits for Church World Service
 - (minimal physical requirement)
- Working on no sew blankets & pillow cases
 - (minimal physical requirement)

Please join us for a morning of fellowship and work followed by a free luncheon at 1st Christian on Victory Drive at noon.

All from Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak are invited to join us!

Margaret Cook Levy



Bad Girls of the Bible

EXPLORING
WOMEN OF
QUESTIONABLE
VIRTUE



Book study at Wesley Oak

"Bad Girls of the Bible"

September 8th at 1:00pm

All are invited to join us at Wesley Oak



Cook and Connect with Creativity

Joy Cottage at Wesley Oak


Join Us for Suppers at the Cottage! Every fourth Sunday, we invite you to a delightful evening at the Joy Cottage where food, friendship, and creativity come together!

As we gather to prepare and enjoy a delicious meal together, you'll have the chance to cook, mingle, and forge new friendships.

But the fun doesn't stop with dinner!

At the end of each meal, we welcome a few brave souls to showcase their talents. Whether you have a poem to recite, a song to sing, or a craft to display, we encourage you to share what you love to do with the group!

Please come join us for an unforgettable evening of good food, even better company, and inspiring creativity. We can't wait to see you there!



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.

When Shadows Fall

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

Mollie Robinson in the passing of her dear friend, Mary Michelle Taylor

Faustina Smith in the passing of her dear friends, Barbara Adele Nixon and Kaloyan Harisko

Maria & Geri Spears in the passing of their dear friend, Charles Stafford

People of Asbury Memorial in the passing of long-time supporter of Asbury Memorial, Lois Wooten

Chris Kincade in the passing of his aunt, Betty Sprague



SEPT 2024

Wesley Oak

Preaching Schedule

1 SEPT

J. J. Collins

8 SEPT

Betsy Kammerud

15 SEPT

Guest Speaker
Lillian Grant Baptiste

22 SEPT

Chris Kincade

29 SEPT

August Alderman

You don't have to deal with this by yourself...

Let us help!

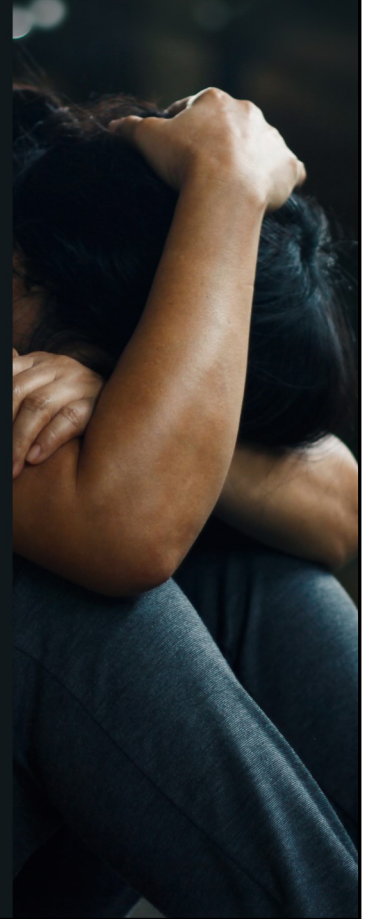
A Stephen Minister is just a call away.

Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. The identity of those receiving care and everything they discuss with a Stephen Minister remains private.

Contact Candace Jenkins for more information:

912.233.4351

cjenkins@asburymemorial.org



ASBURY MEMORIAL'S HEAVENLY

Honey

FRESH BATCH

BUY SOME TODAY

only \$12

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



SENIOR FITNESS CLASSES

SAGE BRIGADE

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

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.

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

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, Marisa Barrentine, Helen Bradley, Sheri Coffey, Kathleen Collins, Marty Coolidge, Mark Cooper, Gale Dick, Sam Durham, Katie Farmer, Jo Fausnacht, Deb Gibson, Lora Gunsallus, Cynthia Herold, Bubba Hughes, Rev. Marilyn Leigh, Jack Lewis, Kim Limehouse, Marion Manigo, Robert McEwen, Brenda Mills, James Mullins, Virginia Moryadas, Elizabeth Newkirk, Marie Parker, Frank Ramsey, Kimberly Smith, Sharon Tarlano, Dave Thompson, Kenn Waters

Family Members and Friends

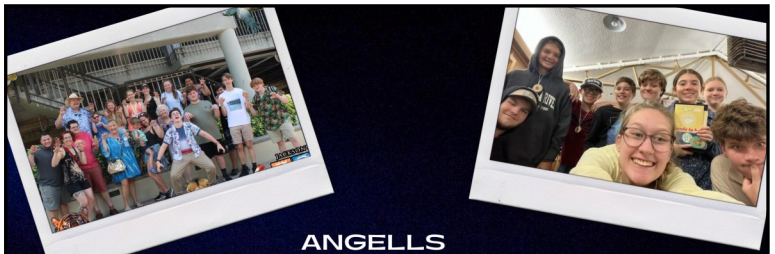
Matthew (son of Deborah Staab), Ann Austin, Max Clements, Sara Driggers, Anne Gooby, CT Harper, Priscilla Hearn, Joe & Mary Jurgenson, Rita Leopard, Jackie Lewis, Shirley Long, Matt Moll, Leonard Nicoletta, Steven Odrezin, Jim Skoronsky, Fredia Peggs, Carol Schwalbe, Linda Southerland, Christi Yunkunis

Thank you  Aug 13, 2020

Dear Asbury family
Big thanks for the beautiful flowers. They brighten my day.
Thanks for the prayers also as I heal from foot surgery.
With gratitude,
Helen Bradley


THANK YOU
THANK YOU
THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your thoughts, your prayers, and for the beautiful flowers! We are so thankful to have a church family like Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak. We love you all! Thank you again!
Bridgette, Chris, and Fitz Kincade




ANGELLS
YOUTH
GROUP

WEDNESDAYS 5:30P - 7:30P



FULLY INCLUSIVE AND SUPPORTIVE
YOUTH GROUP

 COME EXACTLY AS YOU ARE!



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



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!



13TH SEPTEMBER, 2024

SING & SWING

Family Fling

6:30P - 9:30P

HOLLIDAY HALL

FREE



Our first Sing & Swing Family Fling will be a great way to end the summer as we prepare for fall! There will be finger foods and beverages. Please invite family members and friends to join us. A great way to get to know other members in our church family.

Childcare will be provided



Shelter from the Rain, an organization that helps pregnant single mothers, is in need of items for babies like wipes talcum powder, diaper rash cream.

They do not need newborn diapers as they were given a large donation. However they do need larger diapers for older children. Pull ups and sizes 3-6. Clothes are provided by Goodwill.

Please leave donations on the stage in Holliday Hall.

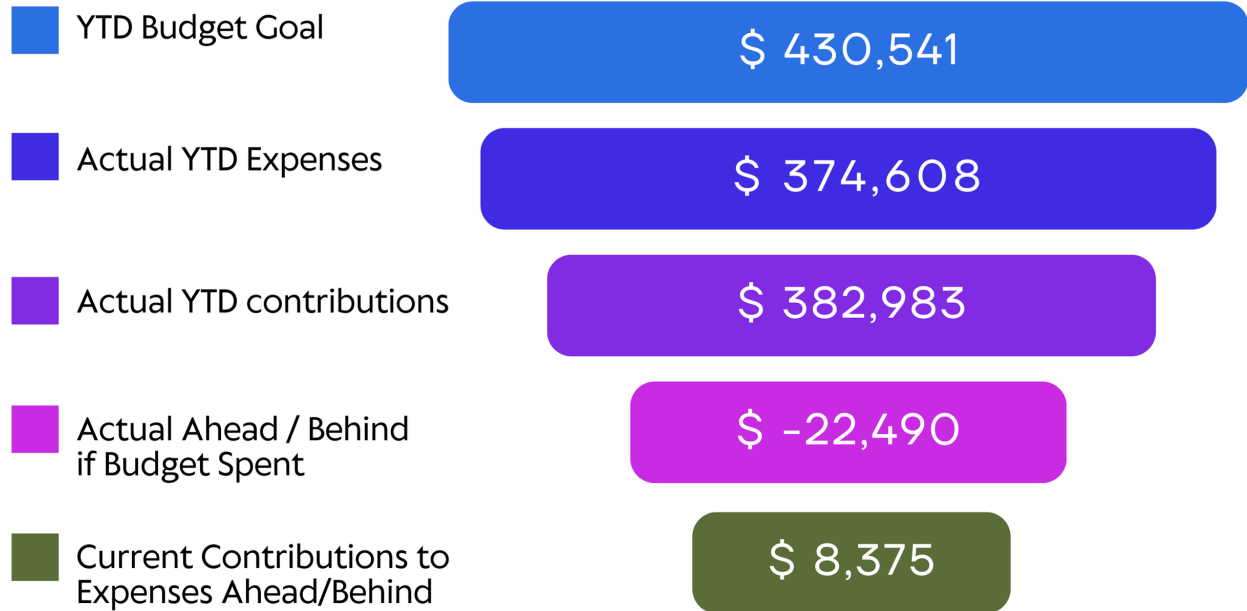
Thank you,

Margaret Cook Levy



Financial Health

General Budget as of July 2024



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

A colorful advertisement for Godly Play. The top features the text 'GODLY PLAY' in large, orange, stylized letters with a sun and cloud graphic. Below is a photograph of various wooden toys including a boat, blocks, and animal figures. At the bottom, text specifies the schedule and location, with two boxes providing details for the Wesley Oak and Asbury Memorial campuses.

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
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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, self-resilience, 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

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.

*For my Asbury Family
By Robert D. McEwen*

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



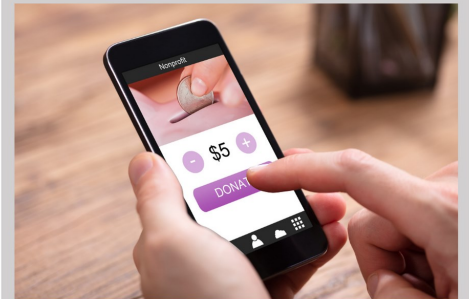
Mail:

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

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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.