



ASBURY UPDATE

September 2023

A NEW CHURCH YEAR BEGINS

Volume 35

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Number 9

September Birthdays

1 Takoda Abbott
Alexa Schlimmer

2 Maddie Gralias
Pam Karacostas
Nancy Saltsman

4 Phyllis Garlino
Delores Ellis
Gathy Solomons
Gloria Stahle
Jason Zimmer

5 Kelly Beaver
Monica Lekuch

6 Sherry Moore

7 Johnnie Eason
Skyler Gurley
Jill Walther

8 Ed Jones

10 Graham Dalton
Tiia Strong

11 Madeline Kelso
Hank Little
Sully McGaffity

Will McCowan
Renee Penrose

12 David Tanner

14 Kimmi Sampieri

15 Amy Jenkins
Carol Klein

16 Bill Jahn

17 Marilyn Leigh
John Marich
Greg Martin

18 Ryan Boland
Adele Packert

19 Bob Ghvatal
Austin Howell
Todd Nolan

20 Dottie Kluttz
Mike Matheny

21 Sarah Povie
Bryan Sikes

22 Pat Giccodicola

23 Danny Lewis

24 Roy Hill

25 Lauren Page

26 Deb Gibson

27 Mark Keaton
Doug Povie

29 Janie Atkinson

30 Ceri Spears
Scott Wygant

September Anniversaries

2nd

Warren and James Heilman

4th

Sam and Jan Durham

4th

Gerry and Marlon Harman

5th

Mary and Dr. Dorsey Flanders

12th

PC and J.J. Collins

25th

Will and Cindy Telljohann


25th

Bob and Jan Corey

29th

Catherine Gilbert and
Sandy Golden





From the Desk of the Director of Joy...

What if....

In early August this year, someone in Florida (and a few million other people) bought a Mega Millions lottery ticket. The temptation was high, because the ticket cost \$2.00, and the pot was estimated to be \$1.58 Billion. Yes, with a "B." The chances of winning were about 302 million to one. Still, you know, there was a chance. And, yes, this one person from Florida hit the jackpot. As the winner, she (or he; or they) will walk away with a single payment of \$783.3 million before taxes. And before their tithe to their church, synagogue, or mosque, of course. Of course.

Have you ever wondered, what if...? What if you won? What might you do with that kind of money? As a retired pastor I can confess that I liked to play a slightly different "What if...." game. Especially when funds were tight (most of the time), I'd daydream this: What if one of our church members won the lottery? And, the daydreaming continued, what if this church member and her family, having won the lottery, did indeed contribute a tithe (a full ten percent) to our church? Wow! What if...? Imagine what that would mean for our church?

But we don't have to wait for anyone to win the lottery, do we? Play a little fantasy game with me. Imagine, if you will, that Asbury's entire church membership faithfully tithed our incomes to the church. Imagine what this might mean for the ministries that God hopes we'll develop for our city, our state, and our world. A food pantry, maybe; or a homeless shelter. A school in Peru. And the finance committee could stop worrying about the bills. The stewardship committee wouldn't have to develop an annual pledge campaign. Instead, they'd just call everyone to simply say, "Thanks!"

Continue the fantasy with me as I do a bit of math. I looked up the median household income in Chatham county; it is \$61,064 per year. The median, remember, is the number exactly in the middle. Half the population makes more than this \$61,064, and half makes less. Not all of our members live in Chatham county, I know, but it's close enough. Honestly, I'd guess that our church's median income is actually a bit higher, but let's just use \$61,064 per household. A tithe of that household's income would be \$6,106 per year.

Now consider this. There are about 400 households that are part of our church's community. So, if all of our households tithed, that would be $400 \times 6,106 = \$2,442,400$ per year. Imagine what we could do, together, with that kind financial support.

What if...? We all won the lottery? But, then again, maybe we have won a different kind of lottery. Imagine the lives that we've been given. Our country. Our families. Our church. Its music ministry. Our leadership. We're so blessed. What if...we could count our blessings, and be grateful? And generous. What if....

~ Rev. Richard Allen
Stewardship Committee member

ASBURY MEMORIAL & WESLEY OAK

Kick-off Sunday

September 10, 2023

9:30 am

Welcome Back Service - Wesley Oak

Kick off the new church year at our Wesley Oak Campus
w/student step-up recognition

11:15am

Welcome Back Service - Asbury Memorial

Kick off the new church year at our Asbury Memorial Campus
w/student step-up recognition

12:30pm

Ice Cream Social - Asbury Memorial

Join us for some delicious Leopold's ice cream and fellowship



Our youth group had the opportunity to spread some joy recently, thanks to
Habitat Restore of Statesboro, GA!

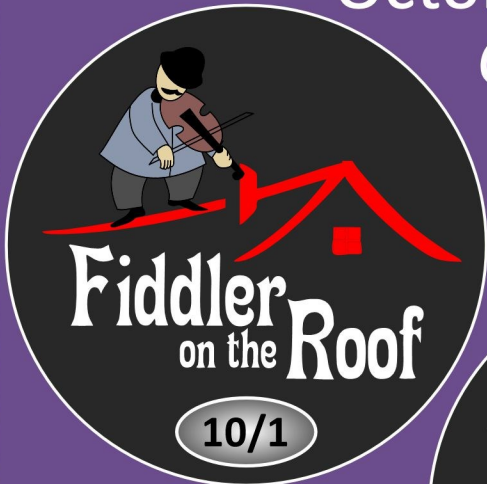
We were gifted some new toys to spread smiles throughout our community, and smiles were in
ABUNDANCE! We even got to deliver smiles to two of our adorable Asbury faces!

GOD ON BROADWAY

Where Theology meets Theatre!

ASBURY MEMORIAL SANCTUARY

October 2023 Sundays
@ 11:15 a.m.



Each Sunday in October, the regular worship service in the Asbury Memorial sanctuary revolves around themes of a different Broadway musical, using songs and characters from that particular show. The spirit of each Sunday's selection influences the entire service; and the Rev. Billy Hester centers his inspiring, and often amusing, sermon on the lessons of the musical and scripture. He and wife Cheri, both veterans of Broadway and off-Broadway productions, have shared their special talents with our congregation and the local community since the early 1990s.

Please consider joining us for one or more of these joyful services. "God on Broadway" is a whole new approach to spirituality and the quest to grow close to God and the love of Christ. We are sure that the experience will bless you.

CHURCH IN SOCIETY

A note from Inspiritus:

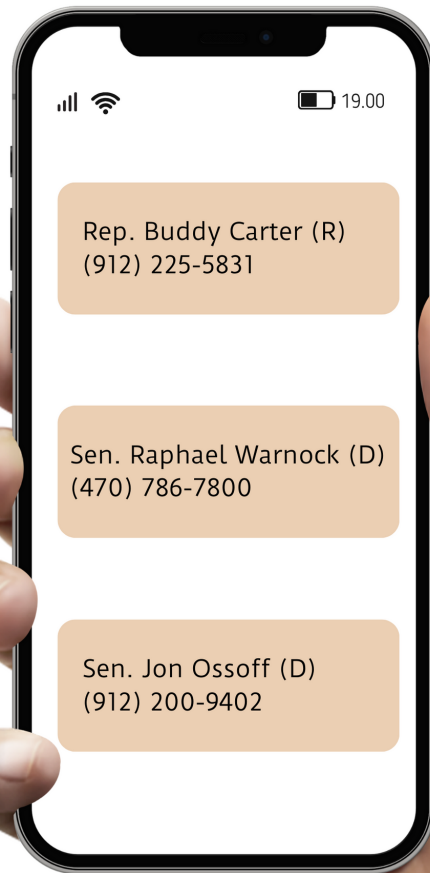


It's been two years since the Afghan government officially fell to Taliban rule. Since then, over 100,000 Afghans were invited to live in the United States and with the help of organizations like Inspiritus, dedicated community partners, and welcoming neighbors like you, they're moving forward and successfully building new lives in their new country and new local community. Our dear friends, the Hameed, Hasiba, Zahra, Zohra, Imran and Yusra are adjusting to new lives in Savannah with our support and love.

However, of those 100,000 individuals, the majority are here with a temporary form of immigration status known as Humanitarian Parole that is valid for two years at a time. Without legal permanent residency, Afghan parolees face the risk of returning to the same persecution from which they fled. They have found safety, stability, and promise in the U.S. and deserve the opportunity to continue moving forward with the new lives they've started to build.

Last month, Congress reintroduced its newest iteration of the Afghan Adjustment Act (AAA) with bipartisan versions of the legislation in both the House and Senate chambers, respectively. Originally introduced last year, the AAA is legislation that if passed, would create a pathway to permanent residency for Afghans who were granted Humanitarian Parole.

Now more than ever, we urge our Members of Congress to provide our Afghan Allies with the appropriate protections they need to remain free from persecution and to pursue the American Dream they've already started building.



2023 School Supply Drive

thank you!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the school supply drive!
What we collected will be incredibly helpful to families in our community

PARENTS WITH PURPOSE

BEACH

Clean up

September 16, 2023

10AM - 12PM

LET'S PROUDLY REPRESENT OUR CHURCHES AND JOIN TYBEE CLEAN BEACH VOLUNTEERS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEAN UP EVENT. WE WILL ASSIST WITH BEACH CLEAN UP ON TYBEE FROM 10AM - 12PM. MORE INFO WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL



Stephen Ministers are the After People

People often ask, *“What exactly is a Stephen Minister?”*

Stephen Ministers are there for you:

- after the phone call you hoped you’d never get
- after the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life
- after the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you’ve held at bay come crashing in on you
- after the doctor says, “I’m sorry, but there’s nothing more we can do.”
- after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”
- after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty
- after the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away
- after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible
- after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck
- after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out

Stephen Ministers are the “After People.” They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long after as needed.

If you, a friend or family member need the help of a Stephen Minister, please call Candace Jenkins at 912-233-4351

Help for Habitat for Humanity Florida

"We just can't thank you enough for your amazing generosity."

The blue dresser in the photo below was unloaded, priced and on the sales floor for 5 minutes. A nice lady and her daughter bought it and drove around to pick it up all in the course of 15 minutes while we were still unloading the truck. Very exciting! Thanks again! 😊"



Special thanks to Margaret Cook Levy, Jason Zimmer, Tom Wages, Nick Deffley, Steve Johnson, and Chris Kincade for the helping hands



SEPTEMBER UPDATE

MEN FRIENDS

Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak Men's Group

Wednesdays at 7pm

Men Friends is the Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak Men's Group that meets on Thursday nights via Zoom.

We will be reading the book "Do I Stay Christian?" by Brian McLaren, who has authored over 15 books. The book is described as 'a guide for the doubters, the disappointed, and the disillusioned.' We will read the book over a period of 6 weeks, which will require reading about 50 pages a week. We plan to begin the second week of September so there is plenty of time to acquire the book and join us!

We begin each meeting with a time of voluntary sharing about what's happening in your life, or whatever you care to share before we begin our discussion of the week's readings.

There is a wonderful mix of deeply serious discussion and a lot of laughter as well. There is no commitment to attend, or requirement that you have to have been here from the beginning. Drop in and give us a try. It's a great way to connect and make new friends, all from the comfort of your home.

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

We meet each Thursday 7:00p - 8:30p
Zoom meeting ID: 844 3633 5506, passcode: Asbury

JUSTICE UNITES SAVANNAH TOGETHER



Sacred Conversations

Sacred Conversations are coming later this month and in early October.

We are ready to listen...

If you are interested in leading a great discussion with a small group, please contact Claire Marich at claire.marich@gmail.com

JUST
Justice Unites Savannah Together

4 Ways to Make a Difference

- **Train to become a SMART Recovery facilitator**
 - Self-Management and Recovery Therapy is a cognitive therapy-based approach for all process disorders, eg. substance use disorder, shopping, overeating, cutting
 - Be part of the team that leads weekly meetings to support the recovery community.
 - Contact Ruthie Deffley: ruthie@healthymindga.com
- **Help settle new neighbors with Inspiritus**
 - Refugee families are arriving weekly in Savannah and there are many ways to help! Drive families to appointments, assist with move-ins, or provide an occasional meal
 - Contact Claire Marich: claire.marich@gmail.com
- **Volunteer at PACK**
 - (People of Action Caring for Kids)
 - Mondays and Thursdays (10am-12pm)
 - Pack weekend supplies of food for hungry kids in the Savannah public school system.
 - Contact Claire Marich: claire.marich@gmail.com
- **Read with the Abasy children**
 - Saturday afternoons, 1-2 times/month
 - Read, have great conversation and play games with our school-aged Abasy family friends who are working to improve their English skills.
 - Contact Judy Wilburn: judwilburn@gmail.com

ASBURY MEMORIAL'S HEAVENLY

Honey

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!

GODLY PLAY



EVERY SUNDAY

AT ASBURY MEMORIAL & WESLEY OAK

Wesley Oak Campus
9:30am
ages 3 yrs - 3rd grade

Asbury Memorial Campus
11:15am
ages 3 yrs - 5th grade

IT'S SPOOKY TO BE HUNGRY

FOOD DRIVE

OCT
1ST

THRU
OCT 31ST

THE ANGELLS YOUTH GROUP IS HOSTING THEIR 3RD ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT OUR WESLEY OAK FOOD PANTRY

PLEASE BRING IN NON-PERISHABLES THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

FINANCIAL HEALTH

General Budget as of July 2023

YTD Budgeted Goal: \$438,769

Actual Year-to-Date Expenses: \$385,041

Actual Year -to-Date Contributions: \$385,256

Ahead \$215

Average Worship Attendance 282
(in person 154, online 128)

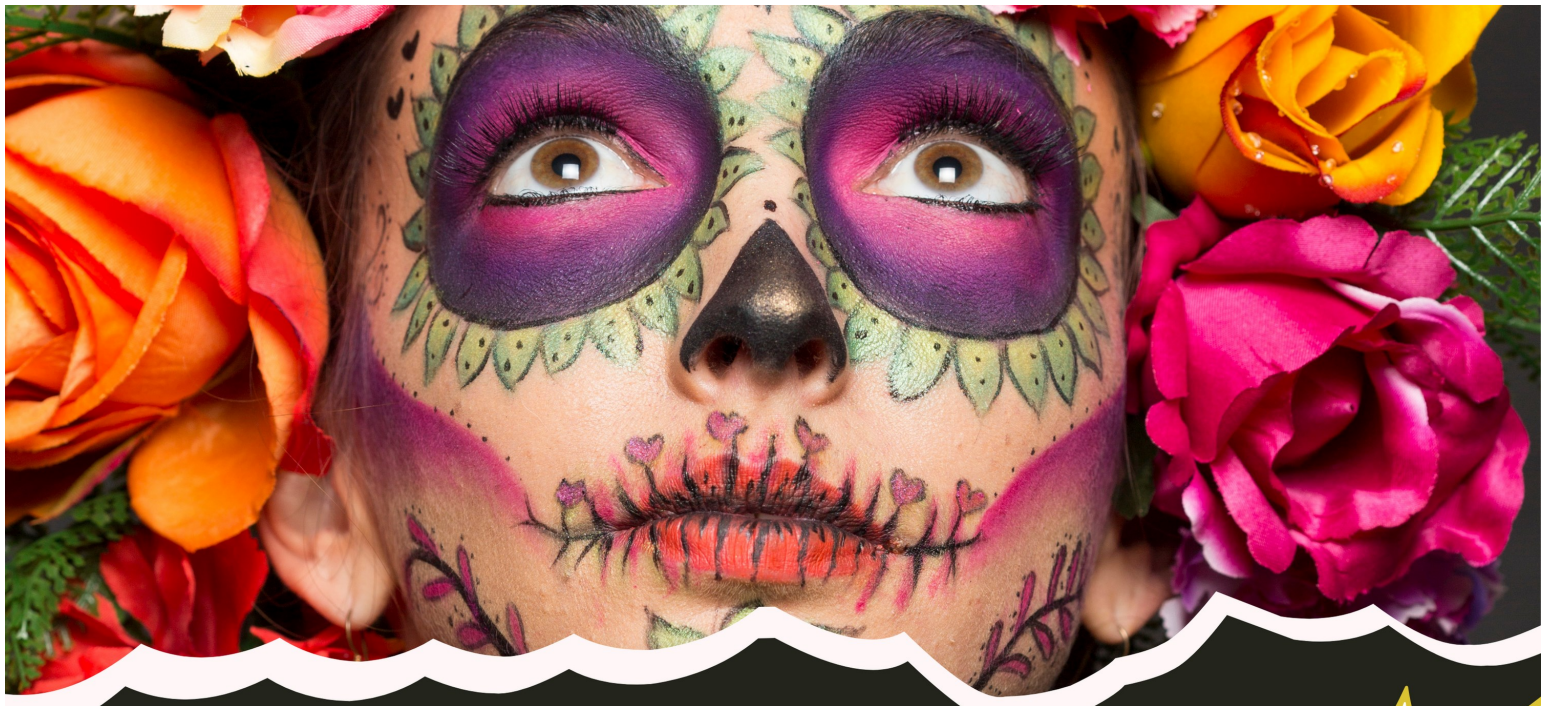


THE COASTAL INTERFAITH GREEN TEAM UPDATE

The Coastal Interfaith Green Team will take part in "Birds and Bins," a combination birding walk and litter cleanup on Saturday, September 16 from 9:00-11:00 AM. The event will take place at the Chatham County Wetlands Preserve which features a mix of wetlands and river habitats. Ogeechee Audubon and Ogeechee Riverkeeper guides will help locate and identify birds. At the conclusion of the bird walk volunteers will work in teams to clean up the waterways. Registration is through the Ogeechee Riverkeeper website at www.ogeecheeriverkeeper.org



Birds & Bins
SEPT. 16TH



SAVE THE DATE:
DIA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION
NOVEMBER 1ST
ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH



ANGELLS

Y O U T H
GROUP



WEDNESDAYS 5:30P - 7:30P

FULLY INCLUSIVE AND SUPPORTIVE YOUTH GROUP.
COME EXACTLY AS YOU ARE!



Sound Ministry

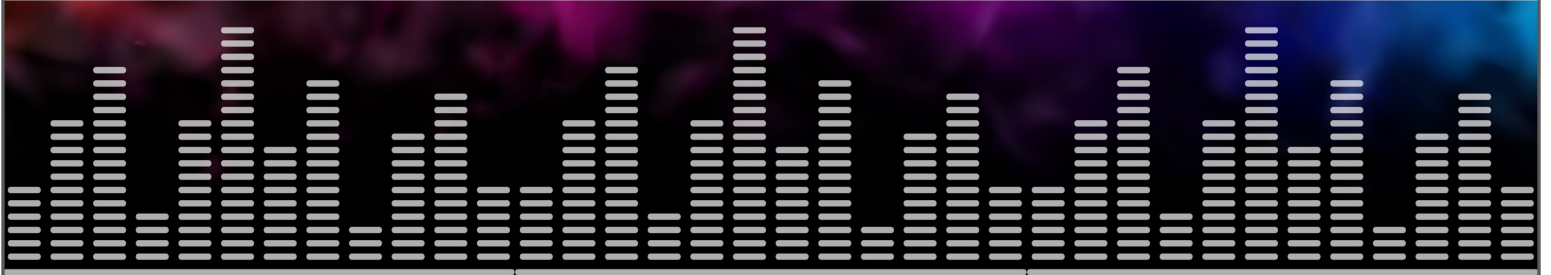


Join Our Sound Ministry Team

Do you have an ear for sound? We need you!

We are looking for people with sound or video experience to join our sound and live stream ministry at Asbury Memorial.

For more information, please contact Ray Ellis at rellis101@gmail.com or call the church office.



TRUNK OR TREAT

October 28th
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Wesley Oak Church

games, crafts,
food, music, and
CANDY

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

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.**

Study Groups & Fellowship Groups

Asbury Memorial offers a wide variety of study and fellowship groups. We are excited about the rich and varied opportunities for adult study and fellowship, some via Zoom. We hope that you will join in one or more of the programs.

Wisdom Seekers

(on break for Summer)

Facilitator: Margaret Clay
Mondays, 1:30pm—3:00pm

If you have any questions about the group or the book, please email Margaret Clay at margaretclay@comcast.net.
Zoom Meeting ID: 864 8291 0310, Passcode: Asbury

Men Friends

Men's Group for Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak
Facilitator: Gregg Walther
Thursdays, 7:00pm—8:30pm

The Thursday night Men's Group welcome all men to join us for an evening of discussion and fellowship. We talk about topics suggested by our members, recently 'Christian nationalism' and the state of the Christian Church in general has sparked much discussion. What's on your mind? Should you have any questions please contact Gregg Walther at gdw0517@gmail.com. The Men's Group meets Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 via Zoom and welcomes all men. If you're looking for a way to connect, make new friends and participate in some fascinating discussions, all from the comfort of home, give us a try. We have a great time, come join us!
Zoom meeting ID: 844 3633 5506, passcode: Asbury.

A 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.
If you are interested, contact Rev. Marilyn Leigh at revleigh@yahoo.com.

Pride Families Group



Pride Families Group is a social group for parents or caregivers and their LGBTQIA+ children ages 13 and younger. The group meets the third Saturday of each month to provide a safe, affirming place for fellowship, and for the kids to meet and connect over games and stories.

Check the Programs & Services calendar for program information or contact: Angelic by email uniqlymyself@hotmail.com

Third Saturday of Each Month From
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.



PFLAG SAVANNAH

4TH TUESDAY OF
EVERY MONTH
5:30PM - 8PM

FIRST CITY PRIDE CENTER
1515 BULL STREET SAVANNAH, GA



PFLAG of Savannah Georgia is a locally based volunteer organization that was created to fill a need for support within the coastal empire, and the low country. PFLAG is all about kids, parents/family, and allies. We are here to educate, advocate and support those with LGBTQ+ children in our community.

PFLAG of Savannah Georgia sprang forth from volunteers at our local LGBTQ+ center First City Pride Center. We saw a lot of parents coming in and saying that their children had come out to them and they wanted to be supportive but didn't know how. Carla Faith Moore and Donna Vargas volunteers at the center took this as both a good sign and a challenge and ran with it. Beginning in May with an initial meeting to organize and ending in our official first meeting in September lots of work by many dedicated volunteers created this great group.

Our mission at PFLAG of Savannah is to provide support for families and allies of the youth in Savannah, coastal Georgia and the low country. We provide monthly support group meetings the 4th Tuesday of every month from 5:30- 8pm at First City Pride Center located at 1515 Bull Street, Savannah Georgia.

Email pflagsavannaga@gmail.com or look us up on Facebook PFLAG Savannah GA | Facebook



When Shadows Fall

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

Bob Chvatal in the death of his cousin, Barbara Aldrecht

Ernie Lee in the death of his aunt, Judy Lee

Anita McKenzie & Jimmy Whitlock in the death of their father
and Asburian, Buddy Whitlock

Tracey Littlefield in the death of her mother, Verna Enyeart

Friends and family in the death of our dear Bob Francischetti

Jenifer and Parker Hall in the death of Jenifer's mother &
Parker's grandmother, Zenda Hall

Bo Curler in the death of his partner, Pat Bangs

Maria & Geri Spears and Donna Waller in the death of Maria's grandmother
and Donna's mother-in-law, Neola Waller



Prayer Requests

Asburians

**DiAnne Amerson, Nancy Austin, Gordon Baker, Fay Carroll, Pat Ciccodicola, Sheri Coffey,
Linda Combs, Diane "D" Connor, Gretchen Dodd, Sam Durham, Katie Farmer, Ellie Gonye, Jim Green,
Gerry Harman, Chase Harrison, Dale Karacostas, Bonnie & Zoey Kaar, Judith Kessler,
Rev. Marilyn Leigh, Jack Lewis, Marion Manigo, Brenda Mills, Virginia Moryadas, Marie Parker,
Mary Prokop, Frank Ramsey, Linda Socks, Patty Steinhauser, Cabell Stewart, Pat Stewart, Lisa Swain,
Mickie Townsend, Beverly Vasta, Kenn Waters, Diane Williamson, Peggy Zeigler**

Family Members and Friends

**Max Clements, Collie Collins, Linda Cowart, Sharen Demstetter, Travis Dodd, Susan Doughtie,
Sara Driggers, Sue Guyer, Priscilla Hearn, Ernest Lee, Anna Lewis, Jackie Lewis, Matt Moll,
Pat Munoz, Tony Munoz, Leonard Nicoletta, Fredia Peggs, Bonnie Ridley, Paula Ruehling,
Linda Southerland, Joel Whitmire, Robert Zimmer**



Memorials

Gifts have been given to the Properties Fund in memory of Elizabeth Sprague by
Bud & Sallie Bowers
Richard Meyer
Cooper Glenn
Frances MacLean
Janet Stone

Gifts have been given to the Properties Fund in memory of Joan Hester Byrd by
Gordon Baker & Tom Lewis
Debbie & Evans Wright

Gifts have been given to the Properties Fund in memory of Mary Pulwarty by
Sally Jilek
Nancy Cvetan
Kathy & Preston Hodges

A gift has been given to the School Supply Fund in memory of Mary Pulwarty by
Judith Wilburn

A gift has been given to the Elevator Fund in memory of Mary Pulwarty by
Cynthia Herold

A gift has been given to the Elevator Fund in memory of Virginia Holliday by
Cynthia Herold

Gifts have been given to the Hospitality Fund in memory of Virginia Holliday by
Gordon Baker & Tom Lewis
Judy Wilburn

Gifts have been given to the Choir Fund in memory of Virginia Holliday by
Karl & Judy Graham
Alex, Stephen & David Swanger

Gifts have been given to the General Fund in memory of Virginia Holliday by

Judy Jones, Sally Jilek, Nancy Cvetan, Kathy & Preston Hodges, Colin & Jackie Stewart, Diane Meseroll, Mary Alice Garvin, Mickie & Robert Townsend, Carmel & Phil Hearn, Todd Maulden & Robert Dunn, Judith Jones, Ryan & Pam Boland, Jane Thimme

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.

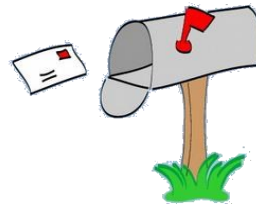
*For my Asbury Family
By Robert D. McEwen*



Have you missed that beautiful opportunity to place your contribution in the offering plate on Sunday mornings? Well, have we got options for you! We have multiple ways for you to continue your support of Asbury Memorial and have listed them below. 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



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



Church Office:

Call the church office at 912.233.4351

**Both our Finance Chair and Stewardship Chair would also want to remind you,
“It is NEVER too late to make and pay a pledge!”**



Give Now



Wesley Oak Leaf

September 2023

Learning is a Treasure

The students are arriving and settling in their classrooms. Online classes are set for students in a myriad of places. All kinds of subjects to explore and various concepts as well. So many things to learn at every age. It is no wonder then that Jesus was about teaching the disciples as they went forth in ministry. Makes sense that as disciples in the world today there are many things about our faith awaiting our interest and attention. It is one of the most wonderful things we are afforded as we worship and fellowship in freedom. Filling our hearts and minds with knowledge, to reason with one another, step out of comfort zones to learn of the new things God is doing in each of us and in the world.

ROMANS 15: 4 reminds us "For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

Let us as a church think about making more opportunities for learning events together and to be about sharing more materials and studies. There is a book that has recently been brought up in conversation as pertaining to the world and Christ followers.

"Christ and Culture," a book by H. Richard Niebuhr, 20th century American theologian and ethicist. It was based on lectures he gave in 1949 and published in 1951. It surveys the many ways that Christians have understood their relation to the world and to Christ and categorizes them into five types: Christ against culture, Christ of culture, Christ above culture, Christ and culture in paradox, and Christ the transformer of culture. It is a classic and influential book that has been used in many courses and debates."

"Come, let us reason!" Consider checking out this book. May we look for some new times for learning in the coming months together too.

Prayer Pockets by Carolyn Ingram

Our talented sister Carolyn is at it again! Taking her creative time to make for us Prayer Pockets to have as an outward and visible sign of an inward spiritual grace for when we pray, when we draw near in attending to God's presence with us.. THANK YOU, CAROLYN, for these gifts for us of love and devotion.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

Myers Middle School is trying to get a softball program going for girls! \$\$ is short but Lisa Ciucevich is championing her friend, Shannon Linton, and can use some help in supporting this program!

We may not be able to play softball anymore but it sure is super to see young girls gaining so much from the sport and team experience. If you would like to support the Myers Girls Softball Program, please speak with Lisa for more information! Let's get involved and perhaps we will be able to attend a game or two and sing for the group, "Take me out to the ball game!" Cracker Jacks included!



LET'S STOCK UP THE FOOD PANTRY READY, SET, GO!

The Food Pantry at Wesley Oak awaits our canned goods, dry goods, and specialty things like juice, and children's food items. Bring something every Sunday and pack the corner of the sanctuary!

THANK YOU!



IN OUR PRAYERS

Rejoice always, pray constantly...I Thessalonians

Renah Tyson, Jenny Magee, Kristin Karam's Uncle BJ Zandstra and Aunt Kristin, Brandt Green, Family of Joan Hester Byrd, Bill Wilhelm, Komoscar family, Jack Donkar, Mary Wynn Lloye Wynn, Jane Rollins, Charlie Coursey, Collie Collins - PC's Dad, Mary Ann and Walter Parker, Bubba Hughes, People of Ukraine, Pat Howe, Cheryl Hessel, Dan Kerrick, Unspoken need for healing, Gloria Moses, McCarthy family, Shirley White, Michael McDaniel, George and Barbara Irvin, Eddie Aenchbacher, Fran and Arlene Moore, Jimuel Gray and family, Andrew Brown, Magaly O'Donnell, Zoe Simpson, Martha Aenchbacher, Julius and Mary Cooley, Shirley and Paul Irvine, April Hendrix

Prayer request cards are found on the back of the pews.

Vickie Hudson address for mail:
C/O Southern Manor Retirement Inn
1532 Fair Road, Room 13,
Statesboro, Georgia, 30458



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Chancel Choir began rehearsing the Christmas Cantata, TIDINGS OF JOY by Joseph M. Martin on August 26th. The Celtic Celebration is full of joyful melodies and rhythms that express the glad tidings of the holy season. All singers are invited to participate in the cantata.

For more information, please connect with JJ Collins at vocalist@mindspring.com

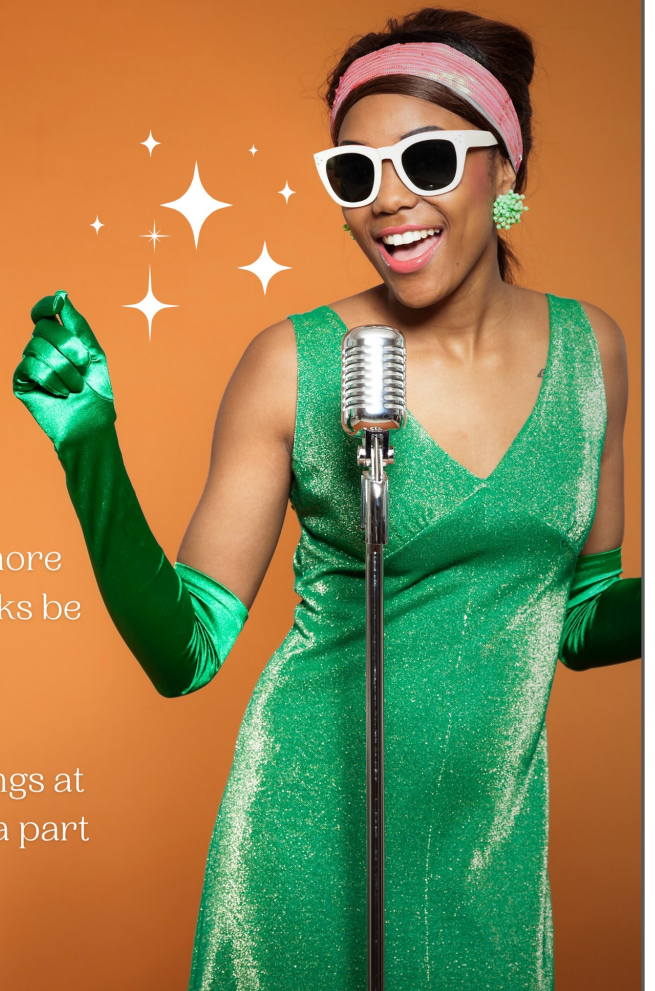


Wesley Oak Chancel Choir

New singers and more new singers! YAY!

The chancel of the altar at Wesley Oak is getting more and more crowded with singers in the choir! Thanks be to God for the joyful sounds and joy full singers! 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, connect with JJ COLLINS, director.



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Flowers in the Sanctuary

Supplying the flower arrangements for the worship service is a wonderful way to commemorate a date that is important to you or a loved one. Please check the 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.