

Asbury Articles: January 28, 2026



Unafraid - Living with Courage and Faith

Fear touches every part of our lives, from our relationships to our sense of control. But over and over, Scripture reminds us: "Do not be afraid." Based on Rev. Adam Hamilton's book, *Unafraid*, in this six-week series, we'll explore how faith can help us face our deepest anxieties and fears and live with courage and hope. We will discover that, with God's help, we can live unafraid and learn practical ways to live with peace in uncertain times.

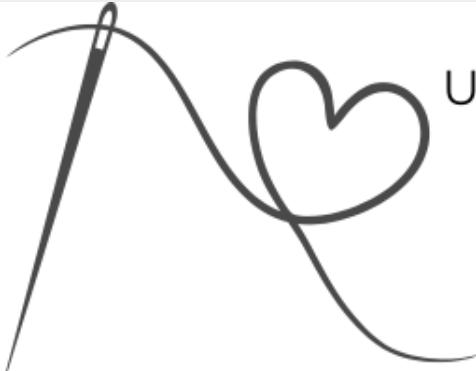
Upcoming Sermons:

February 1 | Fear of Being Alone

February 8 | Fear of Intimacy

February 15 | Fear of Losing Control

UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS



United Women in Faith

Monthly Sew-In

Jan. 29

Room 10+11



You are invited to join a small group!

We explore how the books we read inform, enrich, and sometimes challenge our faith journeys.

Women of the Vine meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1:30 in the Fireside Room.

We will begin reading **Heart of a Stranger - An Unlikely Rabbi's Story of Faith, Identity, and Belonging** by Angela Buchdahl.

Please joins us on **February 3rd!**

Contact Burlyne Wilson, 925-784-5162, fluteandbells@gmail.com





🥔 🎲 Baked Potato & Game Night: A Big Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Baked Potato and Game Night last Friday! It was a huge success and a whole lot of fun. From great toppings to friendly competition and plenty of laughs, the night wouldn't have been the same without you. We loved seeing everyone connect and can't wait to do it again soon!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Office Update

This Monday, 2/2/2026, Asbury's office will continue with regular Monday through Thursday hours of 10 AM to 4 PM.

The office will be closed all day Thursday, February 5th due to construction.



Important Sanctuary Door Update

Dick Crawford and Steve Wilson recently worked on the sanctuary doors to help them close better (they were sticking at the top). As a result of this work, the procedure for closing and locking the Sanctuary doors has changed. Please use the following process to close and lock the sanctuary doors:

1. Insert key in outer door and turn to right (this lifts the locking mechanism)
2. Close Door
3. Release key to lock door

Our previous practice of just closing the doors without lifting the locking mechanism caused damage to the door, which Steve and Dick repaired. Please use this process going forward to make sure we preserve the hard work they did to fix the door. Thanks!

FRIENDS OF WADI FOQUIN CIRCLE AT
ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRESENTS:

A screening of the two short films

Maryam, A Woman of Bethlehem
and
Mary Under Occupation



Followed by Q&A discussion with Dr Victoria Rue,
creator of *Maryam, a Woman of Bethlehem*

The film "Maryam, A Woman of Bethlehem" presents the play which asks the question: Who is Mary/Maryam in 21st century Bethlehem, Palestine? What role does she play in this occupied, politicized land? Mary is the Christian mother of Jesus. Maryam is the Islamic mother of Isa/Jesus. Two Palestinian actresses play 22 characters, both Christians and Muslims.

Through their stories, the everyday lives of Palestinian men and women, particularly women, are revealed.

(Run time 60 minutes.) **Some language and topics discussed not appropriate for children.**

The film "Mary Under Occupation" tells the story of the creation of the play,

"Maryam, A Woman of Bethlehem." (Run time 22 minutes.)

Sunday, February 1st, at 2:00 pm
Asbury United Methodist Church
4743 East Avenue, Livermore CA

Admission is free. RSVP required.

Donations in support of MECA welcome.

RSVP at
tinyurl.com/MaryamFOWF
or scan the QR code



The Friends of Wadi Foquin Circle

The Friends of Wadi Foquin Circle at Asbury is hosting a very special showing of two films on **Sunday, February 1, at 2 pm**. We will be showing "Maryam, A Woman of Bethlehem" that presents the play which asks the question: Who is

Mary/Maryam in 21st century Bethlehem? Mary is the Christian mother of Jesus. Maryam is the Islamic mother of Isa/Jesus. Two Palestinian actresses play 22 characters, both Christians and Muslims. Through their stories the everyday lives of Palestinian men and women, particularly women, are revealed. The play is based on interviews with Christians and Muslims asking what Mary/Maryam, a woman revered by both faiths, means to them.

The second film “Mary Under Occupation” tells the story of the creation of the play, which was first performed in Bethlehem.

After the films, Dr. Victory Rue, the creator of “Maryam, A Woman of Bethlehem” will participate in a Q&A discussion.

[Please RSVP by clicking here to attend.](#)

Ladies Night Out

Please save the dates for the year!
Looking forward to our time together!

2026 at 5:30pm:

January 20th

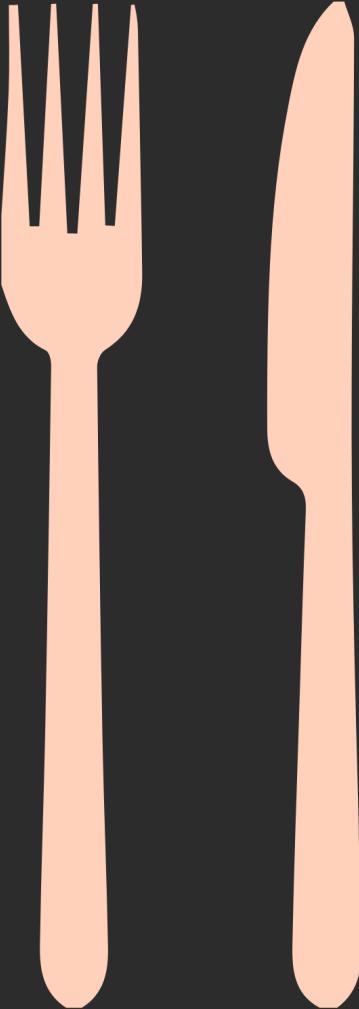
March 17th

May 19th

July 21st

September 15th

November 17th



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



Livermore Community Blood Drives

Located in the Asbury United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
4743 East Avenue, Livermore CA 94550

**Fridays, January 16, February 20
& March 20, 2026
11:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

To schedule your appointment or for more information visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: ASBURY925 or call 1-800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

If you have questions regarding your eligibility to donate blood,
please call 1-866-236-3276.

Identification is required.



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UNITY BUILD DAYS SEQUOIA GROVE



TURNING VALUES INTO ACTION

Unity Build Days bring together communities of all faiths and non-religious worldviews to volunteer and make a tangible impact for Bay Area Families. We invite you to these special volunteer days and experience first-hand the difference your support is making.

WHERE YOU'LL BUILD

Join us in the heart of Hayward and transform an empty lot into a thriving community. You'll help build 10 affordable townhomes that will soon be the foundation for brighter futures. No experience required! Our staff will teach you everything you need to make the biggest difference and enjoy your time on site!

JOIN US!



DECEMBER 13
JANUARY 17
FEBRUARY 21



SEQUOIA GROVE
123 A STREET
HAYWARD, CA

Volunteer spots are limited, so reach out to reserve your spot today!



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LEARN MORE

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Start the year with purpose. Imagine learning new skills, working side by side with incredible people, and leaving a tangible mark on a family's future. Every nail volunteers drive and every wall raised brings us closer to a home filled with love and stability.

This winter, Asbury UMC members can help keep construction on track for our **Home Dedication Ceremony this summer at our Sequoia Grove development in Hayward.**

Join us:

Saturdays: Unity Build days are held monthly. Reserve a spot for you, your family, or fellow Asbury members: February 21, and March 21

Weekdays: Wednesdays–Saturdays

Sign up on your own: [Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley](#)

Together, we're not just building homes, we're building community and hope. **Thank you for being part of this mission!**

Have questions?

Contact the church office via [email](#) or phone, 925-447-1950.

Have an article, announcement, or event to submit?

Send them to the [Martina](#), our Office and Communications Manager, **by 3pm on Tuesdays.**

Want to donate online?

[Click here](#) or use Zelle (our ID is finance@asburylive.org)

Miss a newsletter or need to go back and re-read?

Check out the [newsletter archive](#)!

Would like to get in touch with a fellow Asburyite?

Contact the office.

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

RECURRING EVENTS

- **Sundays | 10am:** Asbury Worship Service

CHOIRS:

- **Tuesday | 7:00pm:** Asbury Ringers (Contact [Michèle](#))
- **Thursday | 7:30pm:** Faith Choir (Contact [Jean](#))
- **Sunday | 11:30am:** Cherub Choir (Contact [Makayla](#))
- **Sunday | 11:30am:** Rainbow Choir (Contact [Jean](#))
- **Sunday | 11:30am:** Youth Choir (Contact [Bailey](#))

OPEN SMALL GROUPS

- **1st and 3rd Tuesdays | 1:30pm:** Women of the Vine (Contact [Burlyne](#))
- **2nd and 4th Wednesdays | 6-7pm:** Wednesday Zoom Group (Contact [Rita-Ann](#))
- **Thursdays | 7:45am:** Men's Bible Study on Zoom (Contact [Art](#))
- **Last Thursdays | 1pm:** Sew-In (Contact the [Office](#))
- **Saturdays | 8:30am:** B-MEN (Contact [Bob Berger](#))
- **Saturdays | 10am:** Craft and Chat (Online - Join [here](#))
- **4th Sundays | 11:30am:** Friends of Wadi Foquin Circle (Contact [Bob Johnson](#))



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