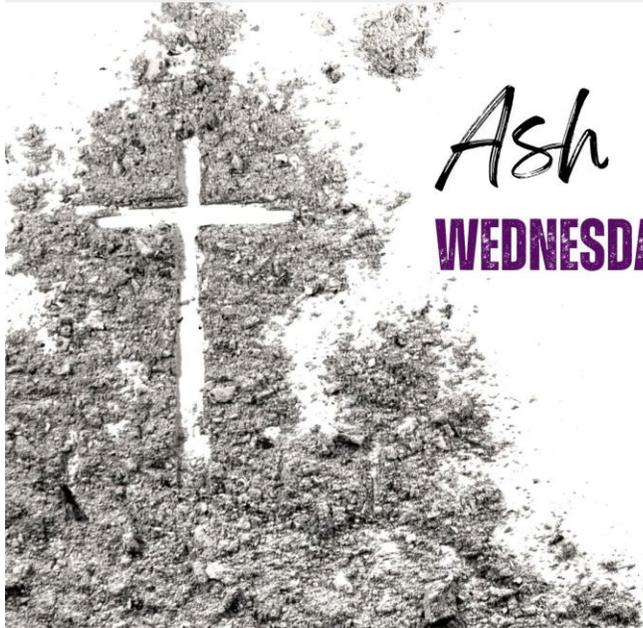


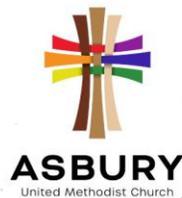
## Asbury Articles: February 11, 2026

Please note that the church office will be closed on Monday, February 16, in observation of President's Day.



# *Ash Wednesday*

## **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026**



**Ashes To Go**

**7:30–9:00 AM | East Parking Lot**

Stop by Asbury on your way to work or school to receive a blessing and the imposition of ashes. Simply pull into the east parking lot, roll down your window, and begin your day with the sign of the cross as we enter the season of Lent.

- Donuts and coffee will be available as you drive through.

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## Ash Wednesday Service

**7:00 PM | Chapel**

Join us for Asbury's in-person Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. This meaningful service will reflect on the significance of the day and include hymns, prayers, scripture, and the imposition of ashes.

Please note: this service will **not** be live-streamed. We invite you to share in this intimate worship experience as we begin the season of Lent together.



### “The Way” – Lenten Worship Series & Small Group

Lent is a season of reflection, and pilgrimage has long been a powerful way to mark intentional journeys of faith. In this Lenten series from Worship Design Studio, we will reflect on scriptures that speak of journeys, roads, and pathways as we make our way through the season together. The film *The Way*, which follows a father's pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago in honor of his late son, will serve as our modern inspiration to live fully into the life we've been given.

As part of the series, you are invited to watch *The Way*. The film is available to stream on Peacock (with subscription) and Angel Studios (for Angel Guild

members), or to rent or purchase on Apple TV, Amazon Prime Video, Fandango at Home, and Google Play Movies.

You may also wish to use Jeanette Banashak's *Mindful Pilgrimage: A 40-Day Pocket Devotional for Pilgrims of Any Faith or None* as a daily Lenten devotion. This brief devotional offers wisdom from interfaith and interspiritual voices and provides a simple way to begin or end each day with intention. [Sign up here](#) if you would like to read the book with other church members in a new small group.

[Join the Lenten small group](#)

## UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS



### Asbury Yoga Ministry Classes

The **Asbury Yoga Ministry Committee** is pleased to offer **two weekly Gentle Vinyasa Flow Yoga classes**:

- 🧘 **Mondays:** 10:00–11:00 AM
- 🧘 **Fridays:** 10:00–11:00 AM
- 📍 **Location:** Chapel / Fireside Room

To participate, please register [here](#). After registering, you will receive an email with a link to sign up for individual classes through **Eventbrite**.

*\*Due to limited space, these classes are available to **Asbury UMC members and active constituents only**.*

*\*Please bring your own yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing.*

We look forward to practicing yoga with you! 🌿



## Korean BBQ Night 🍴👥

The Asbury Fellowship Team invites everyone to join us for **Korean BBQ Night** on **Saturday, February 21, from 6:00–9:00 PM!**

Enjoy a delicious spread featuring **beef, chicken, and pork**, along with **rice, salad, and kimchi**. Dinner will be followed by a fun game as we celebrate **Lunar New Year** together 🇰🇷 ✨ Everybody is welcome and activities for children will be provided.

Come experience an authentic evening of food and fellowship, brought to you by the Fellowship Team and Steve Jueng.

Please be sure to **RSVP by February 16** [here](#).



# BOARD GAMES FUN FOR ADULTS

SUNDAY, 2/22 2-4 PM

 Adult Board Game Afternoon 

**Sunday, February 22 | 2-4 PM** in the Fellowship Hall

Bring a game, bring a snack, or just bring yourself! Come enjoy fellowship, fun, and games together.

RSVP to [Kelli](#).



## Kids' Night Out

Another **super fun** Kids' Night Out is coming up this month! 🙌

📅 **Friday, February 27**

Drop the kids off for a night of fun while you enjoy a little time out! Dinner and refreshments provided.

✉️ **To RSVP, email [Josie](mailto:Josie)**, our new Director of Children's and Youth Ministries, at: **[children@asburylive.org](mailto:children@asburylive.org)**



**Sunday, March 1**



**Fellowship Hall**



**9:00–9:45 AM  
11:00–11:45 AM**



## Life Is Batter With Pancakes! Breakfast

March 1

Everyone is invited to support the Asbury Intergenerational SSP Team at our *Life Is Batter With Pancakes!* Breakfast on Sunday, March 1, in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a delicious spread of pancakes, sausage, bacon, and other breakfast favorites served both before worship (9:00–9:45 AM) and after worship (11:00–11:45 AM).

Tickets are \$9 for individuals and \$30 for families. All proceeds will support the Asbury Intergenerational Team as they prepare for their summer service trip to Del Norte County. Thank you for your generous support of this meaningful ministry!



## Community Iftar: An Evening of Fellowship and Solidarity

After the success of last year's event, Friends of Wadi Foquin Circle is again hosting a Community Iftar on **Sunday, March 8, 7:00 pm**, in the Fellowship Hall. During Ramadan our Muslim friends fast each day from sunrise to sunset. The dinner at which they break their fast is known as an Iftar. Everyone is welcome to join this Community Iftar to share in this experience that holds great meaning for people of the Muslim faith. Click [here](#) for tickets. Suggested donation per dinner ticket is \$10. This is also an option to give an additional donation and to donate if you cannot attend. Please join us! The food will be amazing!

### **Donations will go to the Friends of Wadi Foquin and the Palestinian**

**Children's Relief Fund.** Reverend Michael Yoshii, co-chair of the Friends of Wadi Foquin will give a brief update after dinner. Wadi Foquin is a Palestinian village in the West Bank near Bethlehem. The United Methodist Church has had an ongoing relationship with the village since 2009. For more information please contact Bob Johnson at [bobjjr@aol.com](mailto:bobjjr@aol.com).



## KINTSUKUROI Film Screening & Discussion

Join us at Asbury UMC for a special screening of **KINTSUKUROI**, followed by a discussion with the film's director, Kerwin Berk, on **Sunday, February 22, 2026, at 1:30 PM** in the **Fellowship Hall**.

*Kintsukuroi* is the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery with gold, symbolizing the strength and beauty that can emerge after something has been broken. This powerful concept serves as a metaphor for the Japanese American experience during World War II.

*KINTSUKUROI* is a feature-length film that follows the Ito family from pre-war San Francisco through the unjust incarceration of more than 120,000 Japanese Americans and into the battlefields of Europe, shedding light on a painful and often overlooked chapter of American history.

All are welcome to attend. You can watch the film trailer [here](#). Please **RSVP** to help us plan for the event.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Financial Picture - January 2026

January had a high Income due mostly to annual giving by some of our kind members in December and January.

We appreciate the giving and hope everyone continues with their incredibly kind hearts!

### **Asbury UMC Budget giving for one month through January 2026**

#### **High-Level Financials**

Income	\$	70,991
Expense	\$	47,979
Net	\$	23,013

#### **Expense Detail**

Apportionments	\$	7,099	<b>14.8%</b>
Program	\$	912	<b>1.9%</b>
Office & Finance	\$	2,208	<b>4.6%</b>
Operational	\$	8,743	<b>18.2%</b>
Salaries and Benefits	\$	29,016	<b>60.5%</b>

#### **Playground Giving**

Playground	\$	11,850
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#### **Asbury Benevolences**

#### **Jan**

Pastor's Fund	\$1,300
Backpacks	\$150
Intergenerational Mission	\$1,600
Shower/Laundry/Undies Vineyard 2.0	\$124
Shower Trailer	\$300
UMVIM/ERT	\$200

## Nation & World Benevolences

UMCOR \$900

## Special Offerings

Easter \$50

Thanksgiving \$50

Christmas/OHK/AXIS \$150

Partners for Change \$100

Fertile Groundworks \$1,200

Open Heart Kitchen \$100

Friends of Wadi Foquin \$1,748

Tri-Valley Haven \$100

Alameda County Food Bank \$0

Open Heart Refuge \$0

Meals on Wheels \$0

Gum Moon Residence \$100

**\$8,172 17.0%**



## Supporting One Another Through Meal Trains

We currently have **two meal trains** supporting members of our congregation who are going through difficult times. If you are able, please consider helping.

### Meals for Judy and Katie Guidry

Judy Guidry was recently diagnosed with aggressive multiple myeloma, and her worsening dementia has added to the daily challenges faced by both Judy and her daughter Katie, who cares for her. Meals would be a meaningful support for this family.

### Meal Service for the Hughes Family

John Hughes will be hosting family at his home prior to the memorial service for his wife, Judy, on February 14. Help with dinner meals would be greatly appreciated.

**Questions? Contact Karen Bauman at 510-409-9760**

Thank you for supporting one another through prayer and care.

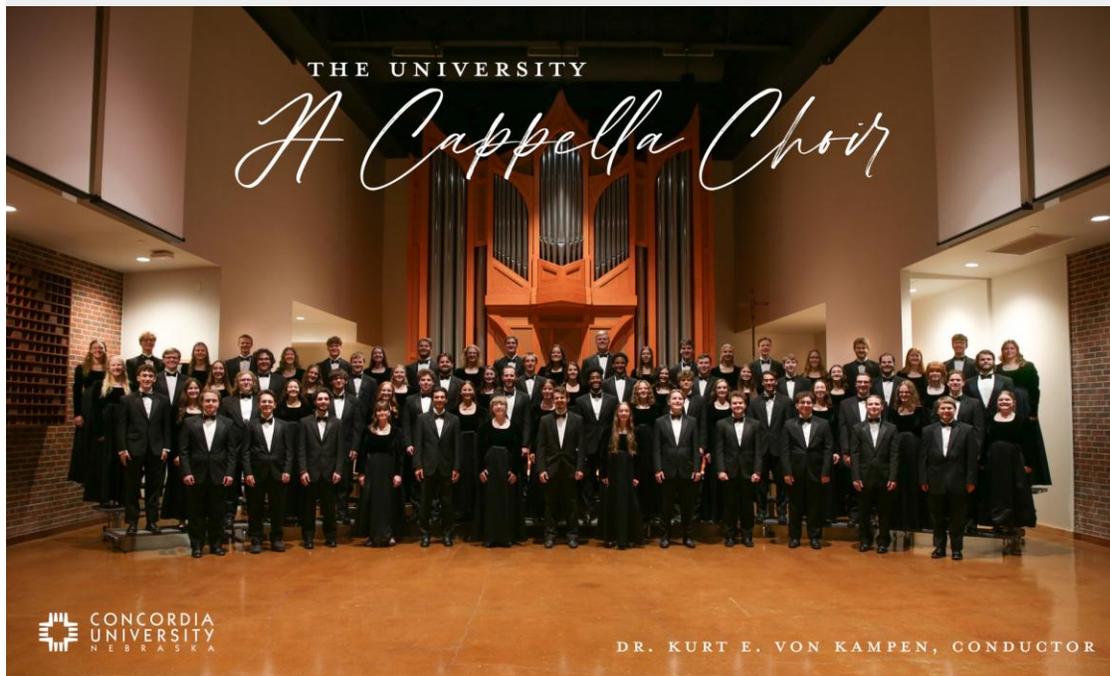
## CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE



A Celebration of Life service for **Judy Hughes** will be held on **Saturday, February 14 at 2:00 PM** in the **Sanctuary**, followed by a **reception**.

The service will also be **livestreamed** on **Asbury's website** and **YouTube channel**.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



### Concordia A Cappella Choir in Concert

Concordia University Nebraska's A Cappella Choir will be traveling west on their spring Pacific Southwest tour, singing concerts, performing assemblies, and participating in worship at various churches, including offering a free concert at Our Savior Lutheran Ministries on Sunday, March 8, at 4 PM. Everyone is invited!

Our Savior Lutheran Ministries  
1385S Livermore Ave.  
Livermore, CA 94550  
925.447.1246

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# DONATION DRIVE



## Upcoming Red Cross Blood Drives

Could this be your new calling in 2026?

The American Red Cross will be hosting a **Blood Drive at Asbury on Thursday, February 20 and March 20.**

Donating blood is a simple way to make a life-saving impact. Please prayerfully consider giving—could this be your new calling in 2026?

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### **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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## **Asbury United Methodist Church**

4743 East Avenue | Livermore, CA 94550

## 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](#))
- **3rd Sundays | 11:30am:** Friends of Wadi Foquin Circle (Contact [Bob Johnson](#))



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