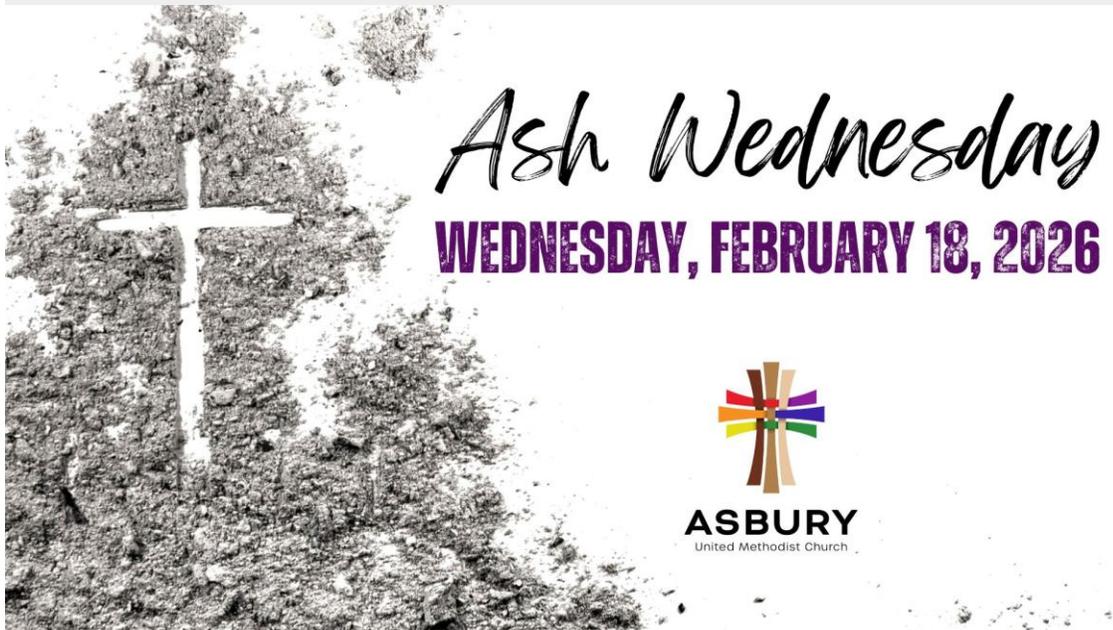


Asbury Articles: February 18, 2026



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



 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](#).



Join the Conversation: Anti-Racism Group

The Anti-Racism group will meet by zoom February 23 at 7:00 pm to discuss Hubert Ivery's writing on "Racial Conditioning." This is an unpublished chapter of a book in progress, loaned to us with permission by Hubert Ivery, the husband of a former associate pastor, Donna Fado-Ivery. If anyone wishes to read the 50-pp attachment, please email Heather: heather.hammer@cnumc.org. All are welcome to attend even if you do not read the text. The Zoom link is [here](#).



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**, our new Director of Children's and Youth Ministries, by February 20, at: 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!



**Gather
for Good:**

Community iftaar

**Benefitting
Friends of Wadi Foquin
and HEAL Palestine**

Sunday, March 8
Starting at 7 pm (doors open 6:45)
\$10/person (donation)
**Asbury United Methodist Church,
Fellowship Hall**
4743 East Avenue, Livermore

*Palestinian
regional
cuisine:
Vegan and
GF options
available*

**Limited space, get your tickets at:
tinyurl.com/Gather4Good2026**



Scan for tickets

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 this link for tickets tinyurl.com/Gather4Good2026. Suggested donation per dinner ticket is \$10. There 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 HEAL Palestine. Reverend Michael Yoshii, co-chair of the Friends of Wadi Foquin will give an update after dinner. For more information please contact [Bob Johnson](#).

Ladies Night Out

TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH | 5:30 PM

CANTON VILLAGE

(PLEASE NOTICE THE TIME CHANGE)
1070 E. STANLEY BLVD, LIVERMORE, CA 94551

PLEASE RSVP TO KELLI WALTER ([KELLIWALT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:kelliwalt@gmail.com)) BY FRIDAY, 3/13

THANK YOU FOR BRINGING CASH! WE HOPE YOU ARE ABLE TO JOIN US!





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, March 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

A mistake was found in the numbers published last week for January. It's actually much better than previously reported.

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	\$ 116,238
<u>Expense</u>	<u>\$ 52,027</u>
Net	\$ 64,211

Expense Detail

Apportionments	\$ 7,099 13.6%
Program	\$ 912 1.8%
Office & Finance	\$ 2,208 4.2%
Operational	\$ 8,743 16.8%
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 29,016 55.8%

Playground Giving

Playground	\$ 11,850
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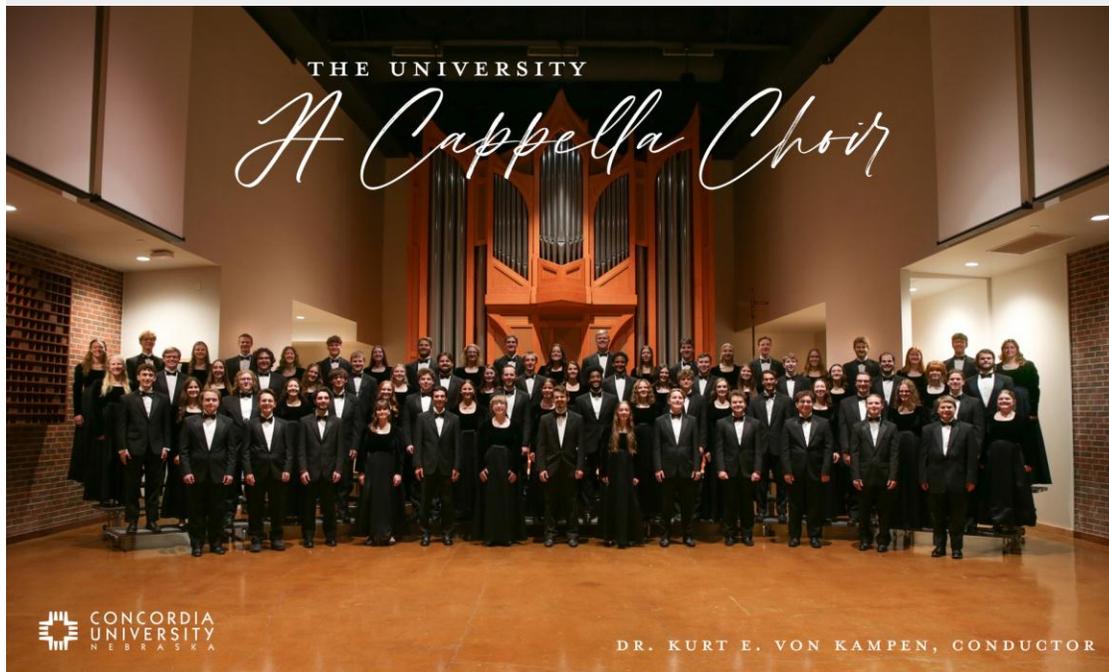
Asbury Benevolences

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	
<u>Gum Moon Residence</u>	<u>\$100</u>	
	\$8,172	15.7%

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

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



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