



Asbury Articles: February 8, 2023



Pastor Kathy on Vacation

I will be on vacation February 1-11, 2023. While I am gone, please contact the [church office](#) or [Pastor Brad](#), if you need a pastor or something about Asbury.

Blessings,

Pastor Kathy

Asbury Email Opt-In Survey

As we transition from one emailing system to another, we want to make sure that you receive the emails from Asbury that you want...and don't receive the ones you don't want! The last thing we want to do is clog up your inbox, but we also want to make sure that you have the opportunity to choose the information you want. Want to hear about everything? Great! Only want to hear about a few things? Also great!

Fill out this [survey](#) so that we know what lists to put you on!

Note: this is an **opt-IN** survey. You are selecting the emails you **want** to receive.

UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS

Sunday Brunch at Asbury: THIS Sunday!

Sunday, February 12 | After worship

The Fellowship Team invites you to brunch after worship THIS Sunday, February 12th!

Stick around for blueberry french toast and spend time with the Asbury Community! Everyone is welcome, no matter if you've been a long-time member at Asbury or this is your very first Sunday with us!



Ash Wednesday events

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Ashes To Go

7:30am - 9:00am

Stop by on your way to work or school!

Ash Wednesday service

6:30pm in the Chapel

Note: this service will not be live-streamed

Ash Wednesday at Asbury

Wednesday, February 22

Ashes To Go

7:30am - 9:00am

Stop by Asbury on your way to work or school from 7:30am - 9:00am on February 22 to receive a blessing and the imposition of ashes. Pull up, put your vehicle window down, and begin your day with the sign of the cross on your forehead to start the season of Lent. We will be set up in the east parking lot. Donuts and coffee will be available as you drive through as well. Hope to see you then!

Ash Wednesday Service

6:30pm in the Chapel

Asbury's Ash Wednesday Service is in-person in the Chapel this year at 6:30pm on February 22nd. This short service will speak to the meaning of the day and have a moment for you to receive the imposition of the ashes. This service **will not** be live-streamed, so we invite you to this intimate in-person worship experience as we start the season of Lent.



Asbury Bowls!

Sunday, February 26 | 2-4pm

Who wants to go bowling?! Asbury does!

We have reserved lanes at the Granada Bowl on Sunday, February 26 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and are excited to invite everyone (no matter what age you are) to come have fun! Asbury is paying for the bowling and shoes - so it is free to you!!!

What could be better? A little exercise, strikes for sure, and camaraderie with church folks of all ages is just what you need. Please come with us! These reservations will go quickly, so put it on your calendar. Contact [Lori Day](#) to reserve you and/or your family's spot!

Upcoming First Aid/CPR Training

How long has it been since you were First Aid/CPR trained?

We will be offering a class to all Asburyites taught by our very own Sharon Grant. Please let [Lori Day](#) know if you are interested. A future date(s) will be set once we know how many want to sign up.

Asbury Players Presents: "The Savannah Sipping Society"

March 4-12

Meet Randa Covington (Martie Muldoon), a dyed-in-the-wool career gal who doesn't have time for personal relationships. But when her architecture career suddenly comes to a halt, Randa's new-found friends help her find a new path forward.

Meet Dot Haigler (Donna Blevins) recently widowed, new and alone in Savannah. I thought I was missing out on life until I met 3 gals in a hot-yoga class. We traded up to the veranda where I had my first sip of bourbon and guess who's going to have a good time!

Come see 'The Savannah Sipping Society', March 4-12. Tickets coming soon.

Asbury Habitat Workday

Saturday, February 25

The next Asbury group workday for Habitat is Saturday February 25 at 1250 Las Juntas Way in Walnut Creek.

To register go to <http://vhub.at/unityday>

The 42 home Esperanza project now includes both interior and exterior work. At least through April, Habitat workdays will be the 4th Saturday of the month so they do not conflict with the parsonage project in Pittsburg. For questions about the project or carpooling for the workday contact [Bob Hoffman](#).

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Interfaith Interconnect Religion Chat: February

Wednesday, February 8 | 5pm | Via Zoom

[Zoom](#), Meeting ID: 818 8084 4246

Zoom Room Opens at 4:45pm

Chat: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Breakout discussion groups (optional): 6:00 - 6:30pm.

Topic: How does your religion adapt itself to reflect changing times?

Speakers: Fr. Kwame Assenyoh, St. Charles Catholic Church, Livermore and Rev. Sangye Hawke, Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore.

All are welcome!



Pittsburg UMC Parsonage Renovation Continues

The renovation of the parsonage for the Pittsburg, CA UMC is well along after a great team of Asbury folk worked six days last week. Many thanks to Roger “Sparky” Everett, Coleman “Woodsman” Johnson, Scott “Sprayer” Smith, Dick Crawford, Steve Wilson, Ron Logan, Roger Grimm and Larry Suter for their hard work. The electrical work has been completed and all but the kitchen painted.

Our next workdays are Saturday February 11 and 18. We will continue to meet at Asbury near the office building at 8:00am to car pool. We should be back by 5:00pm. Please email [Steve Elliott](#) if you plan to participate. If you have questions please call Steve at 925-640-9797 or Dick Crawford at 925 413-4116.

The work these next two Saturdays will involve mainly painting the kitchen and installing vinyl plank flooring throughout the house. All tools will be provided, but if you have some favorites, mark them if you bring them along. Also bring gloves, lunch and water.

If you choose to drive yourself (about 45 - 50 minutes) the address is 3345 Crestview.

We could use monetary donations toward this effort which is costing about \$20,000. If you choose to donate please direct to account 3100-02 Pittsburg Parsonage Renovation.



Fertile GroundWorks Plant Sale

Orders are due by Monday, February 13th

It may be chilly outside, but soon enough it will be time to have seedlings ready for planting in our gardens. Let Fertile GroundWorks start some plants for you and your garden! Our plant sale helps support our Garden of Grace and Sustainable School Garden Program.

This year we're offering individual veggie seedlings in 3.5 inch pots, six-packs of lettuce and salad green seedlings, four-packs of beans and greens, and six-packs of herbs (a single variety or build your own). We've refined our selection slightly based on what grew well in our gardens over the years.

All plants in pots are \$4 each, four-packs are \$4 each, and six-packs are also \$4 each. We're also offering our famous complete organic fertilizer mix for \$6/bag (each bag covers 25 square feet of garden bed). *Note that due to current seed*

demands and shipping delays, seedlings may be smaller than usual and quantities are limited.

Complete the checkout process online and pay for your seedlings (with check or cash) when you come pick them up at our Garden of Grace in early April. We will be in touch with pickup details in March. **Orders are due by Monday, February 13th. Quantities are limited so place your order early!**

Access our online store [here](#).

Thank you for supporting Fertile GroundWorks!

Happy gardening,
Brenda Kusler

ASBURY COMMUNITY

Book from Sunday Sermon

Adrift: America in 100 Charts

We've had several inquiries about the book that Pastor Brad referenced in his sermon on Sunday so we thought we would send out a link to everyone!

The book is called *Adrift: America in 100 Charts* by Scott Galloway and can be found on [Amazon](#), as well as other places!

WANTED:
Do you have a key?



Key Amnesty is Coming!

THIS Sunday, February 12

Did you know that there are over 150 Asbury keys signed out?
Do you have an Asbury key that you no longer need?

Please consider turning in your unneeded Asbury keys after worship on February 12. Look for Ruth Hawley at a table in the courtyard (or the Fellowship Hall if the weather is nasty).

If you aren't sure what an Asbury key looks like among all those unknown keys on your key chain, see the picture. And if you can't make it on the 12th, you can always turn your keys into the office!

We need Sunday morning greeters!

Interested in serving on Sunday mornings?

Enjoy welcoming people into the worship space?

Be a greeter!

Contact Don Faul to sign up!

Lent Theme: Good Enough

We are using *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection* by Kate Bowler and Jessica Rich as a resource of our Lenten Worship Theme. Our Theme, Good Enough, celebrates kindness, honesty, and interdependence in a culture that rewards ruthless individualism and blind optimism. We can rest in the encouragement to strive for what is possible today while recognizing that although we are finite, the life in front of us can be beautiful. Jesus shows us how to be good enough.

We wanted to alert you now in case you would like to order the book and follow along. *Good Enough* is available in the following formats: physical book, Kindle, and audio (you can order through your favorite place to get books). Small group leaders have been notified and we will let you know if any groups decide to use it and are open to new folks attending.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22.

Asbury Masking Policy

Alameda County is following the CDC guidelines for masking. When community transmission is low, masking indoors may be optional. When community transmission is medium or high, masking indoors is strongly recommended. Asbury will follow the CDC guidelines, and we support and encourage mask wearing indoors, especially for those with underlying health conditions or who are not fully vaccinated and boosted.

Sunday Prayer Requests

Please pray for the [requests](#) that were made during prayer time on Sunday.

If you would like to be on the email prayer chain, please contact the [church office](#).

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

RECURRING EVENTS

- **Sundays; 10am:** Asbury worship service
- **Sundays; 11:30am:** Cherub Choir rehearsal
- **Sundays; 11:30am:** Rainbow Choir rehearsal
- **Sundays; 11:30am:** Youth Choir rehearsal
- **Thursdays; 7:30pm:** Faith Choir rehearsal

OPEN SMALL GROUPS

- **Every Sunday; 8:15am:** Meditation Circle on Zoom (Contact [the office](#))
- **1st and 3rd Monday; 6:30pm:** Monday Night Small Group (Contact [Ruth](#))
- **Thursdays; 7:45am:** Men's Bible Study on Zoom (Contact [Art](#))
- **Saturdays; 10am:** Craft and Chat [Zoom](#) gathering
- **3rd Saturdays; 10:30am:** Caregivers' Support Group on [Zoom](#)

FEBRUARY

- **Wed, Feb 8; 5pm:** Interfaith Interconnect Religion Chat
- **Sun, Feb 12; after worship:** Sunday Brunch at Asbury
- **Wed, Feb 22; 7:30am - 9:30am:** Ashes To Go
- **Wed, Feb 22; 6:30pm:** Ash Wednesday service, the Chapel (**not** live-streamed)
- **Sat, Feb 25:** Asbury Habitat Workday
- **Sun, Feb 26; 2-4pm:** Asbury Bowling

MARCH

- **March 4-12:** Asbury Players, "The Savannah Sipping Society"

HOW CAN WE HELP?

Have questions?

Reply to this email or call the office at 925-447-1950.

Have an article, announcement, or event to submit?

Send them to the [Alaina Harrison](#), our Communications Specialist, **by 3pm on Tuesdays**.

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

Check out the [newsletter archive](#)!

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