



Asbury Articles: February 15, 2023

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.



Member Exploration Group with Pastor Kathy

Interested? Let Pastor Kathy know by tomorrow (February 16)!

Pastor Kathy is offering a 4-week small group beginning on February 19 and ending on March 12.

The purpose of this small group is:

- to get to know new as well as longer term participants in the life of Asbury.
- to explore what the 5 membership vows of our church ask of members and how those promises relate to walking in the Way of Jesus
- to explore a bit of Asbury's history and culture
- to consider joining Asbury as a member

The group will meet on Sundays from 11:20 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (location TBD based on size of group). You are invited to bring your beverage and bagel with you. Childcare will be provided (if requested in advance). Children K-5th grade and youth 6th and up are also welcome to try out our children's and youth choir which meet at this time -- this is a good time to come into those choirs as they will just begin to work on Easter music.

Although being a part of the group is how we bring people into membership at Asbury, you are welcome to be a part of the group even if you are not interested in joining at this time. Pastor Kathy really enjoys this time of discussion and getting to know each other a bit better. You are also welcome to be in the group if you can't make all 4 sessions and/or if you don't get the reading done.

Please feel free to contact [Pastor Kathy](#) if you have any questions or want to know more about the group. If you would like to be a part of the group, please let [Pastor Kathy](#) know by February 16. Books will be distributed at the first meeting.

UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS

Asbury Players Presents: "The Savannah Sipping Society"

March 4-12

Looking to get back in the drivers seat of your life? Look no further than **Jinx Jenkins**. This multifaceted manager of cosmetics store Beautiquity, not only specializes in beauty makeovers -- but also life makeovers. Not only will Jinx rev up her friends' lives, she'll kick start her own once again.

Come see 'The Savannah Sipping Society', March 4-12. Tickets now available!

[Buy tickets here!](#)



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.

United Women in Faith "Sew-In"

Thursday, February 23 | 1pm - 3:30pm

The United Women in Faith (UWF) will be having a "sew-in" on February 23 from 1pm to 3:30 pm, in rooms 11 & 12. We will be working, again, on quilts to be given out by VIM members to share. Bring your machine if you can. Contact [Lorraine Magee](#) for any questions.

YOUTH MINISTRY

UMCOR Flood Bucket Assembly and Lunch

February 19th | 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Following church and Youth Choir on Sunday, February 19th, we will be assembling the donated materials and purchased materials for our 10 flood buckets! Lunch will be provided. We will eat and then set up materials in the fellowship hall and put together our 10 buckets. We will likely finish early and have time to fellowship after. The whole family is invited, but please RSVP with Brad so he knows how much food to get. You can RSVP by texting him, emailing him, or filling out the RSVP below.

RSVP: Flood Bucket Assembly & Lunch

Video: How Flood Buckets are Assembled

Alabama Service Trip Pancake Breakfast

March 12th | 9-9:45 a.m. & 11-11:45 a.m

The Alabama Service Trip Pancake Breakfast is around the corner! This will be our March service project, and we will need all the help we can get. Even if you aren't planning to go on the Alabama Service Trip, we want you to still serve and participate.

We will be asking all Youth and team members to be there at 8:00 a.m. to start working and getting ready for the serving at 9:00 a.m.

There will be a sign up going out soon for items that we will need for the fundraiser.

Please let Brad know if you plan to help and attend!

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

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](#).



Pittsburg UMC Parsonage Renovation Continues

The renovation of the parsonage for the Pittsburg, CA UMC made great strides after a team of seven Asbury folk plus three from other UMC's worked this last Saturday, Feb. 11. Many thanks to all the workers and a special thanks to our team leader, Steve Elliott! The painting of the walls and doorways is almost complete, and a great start was made on the flooring. Flooring in the front two bedrooms is complete and a critical junction made between the hall flooring and the start of the living room flooring.

Our next workdays are Saturday February 18 and March 4. 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 installing vinyl plank flooring throughout the rest of the house and painting and installing baseboard. All tools will be provided, but if you have some favorites, mark them if you bring them along. Also bring gloves, knee pads, 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.

Sunday, March 5: Rolling Road Closures

There will be a Half Marathon in Livermore on Sunday, March 5 and involves rolling street closures. We realize that this will affect folks from the west side of Livermore coming to church on that day and wanted to make sure to spread the word so that if this applies to you, you may make adjustments as needed!

The race will begin and end the intersection of First Street and South Livermore Avenue at 7:30 a.m., and last around three hours.

Rolling closures will occur March 5, according to the Livermore Police Department:

- First St between S L St and S Livermore, 2:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- First St between S Livermore and McLeod, 5 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- S Livermore between First St and Second St, 7 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- McLeod St between First St and Second St, 7 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Second St between McLeod St and S L St, 7:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- S L St between First St and College Ave, 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Arroyo Rd (southbound only) between College Ave and Concannon Blvd, 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Arroyo Rd (southbound only) between Concannon Blvd and Wetmore Rd, 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
- Arroyo Rd (northbound only) between Sycamore Grove Park and Wetmore Rd, 8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
- Concannon Blvd (eastbound bike lane only) between Arroyo Rd and Wente St, 8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

ASBURY COMMUNITY

Women of the Spirit: New Book Study Beginning

The Women of the Spirit group is leading a book study on “The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times” by Michele Obama. The study will meet every Thursday, starting February 23, from 10:30 a.m.–noon in the Fireside Room. Please contact [Linda Culpepper](#) via email or phone (925-443-6938) to sign up.

New Book Study on "Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws"

Interested in joining a group, but waiting for the right time? Here's your chance!

The Asbury group led by Cory Coll will be beginning a new book study, which is the perfect time for new people to join in! They will use *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws* by pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton. In the book, Hamilton explores the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke. Through Luke's stories we find Jesus' care and compassion for all as he welcomes sinners and outcasts. As we study Luke and see Jesus' concern for those who were considered unimportant, we hear a hopeful and inspiring word for our lives today.

The group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6pm on Zoom.
Contact [Cory](#) for more information, including the Zoom link.

Join the Landscaping Team!

Do you like working outdoors? Would you or your family like to be help in in the upkeep of our campus grounds? It doesn't take much time - only about 2 hours or so every other month. As you all know, many hands make light work – and chores are always more fun when you have help.

If you're interested, please contact [Lorraine Magee](#) (925-443-7913) as she will be updating the Landscape Detail soon.

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 you 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

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- **Thurs, Feb 23; 1pm - 3:30pm:** United Women in Faith "sew-in"
- **Sat, Feb 25:** Asbury Habitat Workday
- **Sun, Feb 26; 2-4pm:** Asbury Bowling

MARCH

- **March 4-12:** Asbury Players, "The Savannah Sipping Society"
- **Sun, March 12, before and after worship:** Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser



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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