

Asbury Articles: January 7, 2026

UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS

A background image of a sunset or sunrise with pink and purple clouds. Overlaid on the image is the word "Unafraid" in a large, white, cursive font. Below "Unafraid", the phrase "Living with courage and faith" is written in a smaller, italicized, white font.

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:

January 11 | Understanding Fear

January 18 | Fear of Failure and Rejection

January 25 | Fear of Aging and Death

February 1 | Fear of Being Alone

February 8 | Fear of Intimacy

February 15 | Fear of Losing Control



Christmas Decoration Removal Event

Help Needed!!

After worship this Sunday, January 11th, we need your help removing the Asbury Campus outside Christmas lights. Many hands make quick work of this task.

Pickup tasks in the fellowship hall following worship. As a reward we will have

🍩 donuts 🍩 for all those who help.

Thank you to all those who helped last Sunday remove the inside Christmas decorations. It was amazing how quickly everything was completed. We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you.



🍩 Baked Potato Dinner & 🎲 Game Night

Join us on Friday, January 23 for a Baked Potato Dinner and Game Night hosted by the Fellowship Team! 🥔🧀

We'll have baked potatoes with *all the fixings*, plus chili, and plenty of games to play 🎲👤.

This night is free and open to everyone of all ages — bring friends, bring family, bring your favorite game if you'd like! 🤝✨

RSVP to Scott Smith or the church office so we know how many potatoes to bake 😊

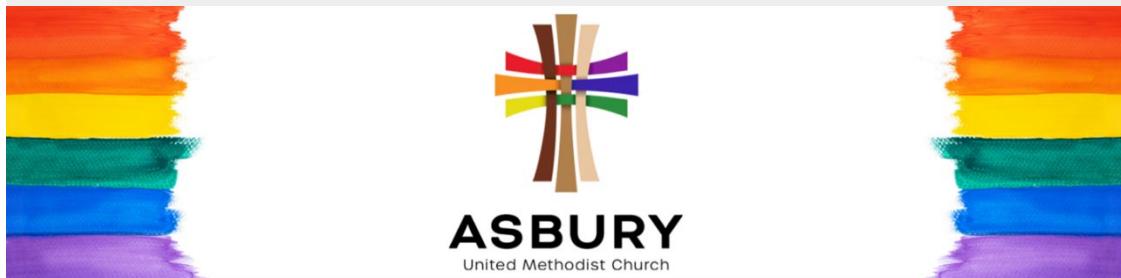
Come hang out, eat good food 🍔, and enjoy a fun night together! 🎉



Combined Youth Sunday School – This Sunday

Join us for a time of fun fellowship this Sunday in Room 13! We'll spend time getting to know each other and share some laughs. Can't wait to see you there!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Office Update

Starting Monday, 1/12/2026 through Thursday, 1/29/2026, the Asbury office will be open from 10 AM to 2 PM, Monday through Thursday.

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

📖 ❤️ The Anti-Racism Group 📖 ❤️

❤️ The Anti-Racism Group will discuss *My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies* by Resmaa Menakem at our January 26 meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join the conversation and work together to end racism. ❤️

LGBTQ+ Christian Book Club

The LGBTQ+ Christian Book Club, sponsored by Asbury Methodist and First Pres, will be reading a new book starting 5:30 pm on Sunday, January 18, 2026. It has a completely different perspective for including LGBTQ+ Christians in today's church that is refreshingly inclusive and affirming. We will be reading *The.Gospel.of.Inclusion;A.Christian.Case.for.LGBTQ>.Inclusion.in.the.Church* by Brandan J. Robertson, a bisexual pastor. All those who identify as LGBTQ+ are invited. Please contact the your church office (AUMC, FPCL, or UUCiL) for more information. Please note that our meeting location has changed.



If you are interested in some of the actions that Asbury has taken and continues to take to protect the environment, you can [read about it here](#).

Ladies Night Out

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH | 5:30 PM

CALAFIA KITCHEN

(PLEASE NOTICE THE TIME CHANGE)
1502 NORTH VASCO ROAD, LIVERMORE, CA 94551

PLEASE RSVP TO KELLI WALTER (KELLIWALT@GMAIL.COM) BY FRIDAY, 1/16

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



DIRECTIONS TO CALAFIA-IT IS OFTEN HARD TO DRIVE ON VASCO AT THAT TIME DAY!

ALTERNATE DIRECTIONS TO GET THERE FROM 1ST STREET ARE:

FIRST STREET GO OVER THE OVERPASS

RIGHT ON BLUEBELL

RIGHT ON SCENIC

PASS THE FIRE STATION ON YOUR LEFT

SOON AFTER THAT, TURN LEFT INTO THE PARKING LOT, IT IS BEFORE YOU REACH VASCO



2026 LADIES NIGHTS OUT

THIS YEAR WE WILL MEET EVERY OTHER MONTH IN:
JANUARY, MARCH, MAY, JULY, SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER

I WILL SEND OUT THE EXACT DATES LATER!

Ladies Night Out

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

2026 at 5:30pm:

January 20th

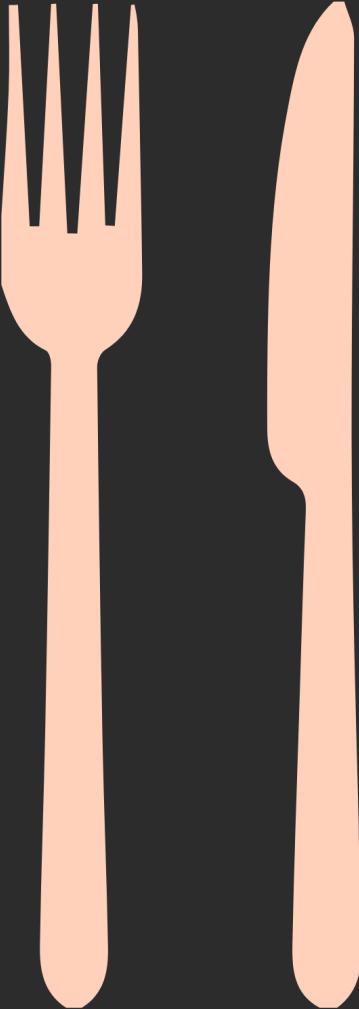
March 17th

May 19th

July 21st

September 15th

November 17th



*Friends of Wadi Foquin in collaboration with
the El Camino Real District of the United Methodist Church,
El Camino Real United Women in Faith, and
the Cal-Nevada Palestine Task Force,
invite you to this important conversation...*



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The Palestinian Reality Post Gaza Ceasefire:

A Time for Faithful Solidarity & Action

{ Asbury United Methodist Church
4743 East Avenue * Livermore, CA
January 10, 2026 * 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
(lunch included) }

presentations *conversation* *fellowship* *more*

Friends of Wadi Foquin Circle

Asbury has been asked by our District Superintendent, Samuel Wong, to host a District meeting regarding the current situation facing Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank. Everyone at Asbury is invited to attend. The Friends of Wadi

Foquin Circle at Asbury hope you will join us for this special event. Please be sure to click the [registration link](#) here or at the bottom.

Since the United Nations' approval of President Trump's controversial 20-point peace plan for Gaza, Palestinians have continued to be killed there, while the West Bank experiences a slow, silent takeover of land.

Although the administration has publicly criticized Israel for plans to annex Palestinian land in the West Bank, de facto annexation takes place on a daily basis. This event will provide an opportunity to hear about the Palestinian reality on the ground and explore ways we can engage in faithful actions for an equitable peace in the Middle East.

Program Presentations

- Iyas Sartawi, Project Hope — sharing about the situation in Gaza
- Charity Hanif, International Development and Agribusiness Specialist — report back from a recent Olive Harvest trip to Wadi Foquin and the West Bank
- Rev. Emily Lin — A Word on *Kairos Palestine II*, a Palestinian Christian voice
- Rev. Naomi Southard — Update on Congressional Advocacy
- District Superintendent Samuel Hong — A Call to Faith

Table Conversations

- *Kairos Palestine & Christian Zionism* — Heather Hammer
- *FWF Congregational Circles* — Bob Johnson
- *Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions (BDS) Advocacy – Chevron Boycott* — Patricia Daugherty
- *Trip to Wadi Foquin / West Bank* — Emily Lin
- *Community Development Project in Wadi Foquin* — Naomi Southard
- *Gaza Relief: Project Hope* — Iyas Sartawi

- *Congressional Advocacy*— Michael Yoshii

12:00 noon — Lunch, Fellowship & Community Dialogue, Announcements, and Closing

Questions?

Contact Michael Yoshii at michaelyoshii1@gmail.com
or Bob Johnson (Asbury) at bobjr@aol.com

To Register:

<https://calnev-reg.brtapp.com/FriendsofWadiFoquinEvent>

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



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

www.HabitatEBSV.org/Unity-Builds



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.



Scan to be directed
to RapidPass®



Scan to schedule
an appointment!

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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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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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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