

Asbury Articles: October 1, 2025

UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS



🚂 🌲 Sunol Train of Lights 🚂 🌲

🚂 ✨ All aboard the fun train – literally! 🚂 ✨

Young Adults of Asbury, this is your ticket to an unforgettable adventure!

We're heading out for the Sunol Train of Lights 🌲 ✨, and trust us, the magic of twinkling lights, cozy vibes ☕, and holiday cheer ❄️ is something you won't want to miss.

Kick off the Christmas season with us and share some scenic views and a chance to meet Santa Claus 🧑🏻🎅!

📅 Kasey is planning to buy tickets this Saturday (10/4), promptly at 10am, for tickets to ride the train on Friday, December 5th for the 7:30pm departure. Tickets are around \$42 each after fees, if I remember correctly. 📅

If this sounds like something you'd like to join us for, please reach out to Kasey at 📞 209-247-3296, before Saturday. Looking forward to sharing the holiday spirit, and hot chocolate 🍷 , with each of you!



☀️ 2026 SSP Trip Informational Meeting ☀️

📅 When: Sunday, October 12th at 11:15 AM

📍 Where: Room 13

☀️ 🚗 Anyone interested in going with the Asbury Intergenerational Team to SSP in the summer of 2026, please plan on coming to a brief informational meeting on Sunday, October 12th right after worship in Room 13. ☀️ 🚗

💖 If you have any questions, please contact [Tony](#)

[Gnecco](#) 💖 (tgnecco@comcast.net)

🎲 This Saturday! 🎲



Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and friendly competition at Asbury Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 4, from 1–3 PM. Bring your favorite board games, decide what to play together, and enjoy time connecting with friends old and new.

Please RSVP to Kelli Walter at kelliwalt@gmail.com.

🎃 Fall Kid's Night Out 🎃



Kids, get ready for an evening of fun at Asbury while your parents enjoy a night out! Join us Saturday, October 11, from 5:00–8:00pm for dinner, games, a spooky October craft, and some outside playtime. 🍷 🎨 🏃

RSVP Reminder: Kids, please have your adults RSVP by October 6 to Children@Asburylive.org to secure your spot!

Asbury Community: We are seeking 1 more adult volunteer to support this Family Ministry event. If you're able to help, please contact [us](#)! 🙌

It's going to be a fun, festive night full of laughter, friends, and fall excitement. We can't wait to see you there! 🍁 🧛

🎉 Youth Lock-In at Asbury UMC! 🎉



Get ready for a night full of fun, laughter, and fellowship! Our Youth Lock-In is the perfect chance to spend time with friends, grow in faith, and make memories that will last a lifetime.

Don't miss out on this awesome event—we can't wait to see you there!

🎲 🍷 🎲 🚀 Please [Register Here](#)! 🎲 🍷 🎲 🚀

🍁 Trunk or Treat is Coming! 🍁



We're kicking off candy collection this Sunday for our annual Trunk or Treat! 🍁 🍬

🍁 🍬 Want to join the fun? Sign up in the Fellowship Hall after church to decorate your trunk. We're hoping for 15–20 trunks this year, so bring your creativity and help make this event extra special for our kids and community! 🍁 🍬

Ladies Night Out

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH | 6 PM

FAMILY BBQ HICK'RY PIT

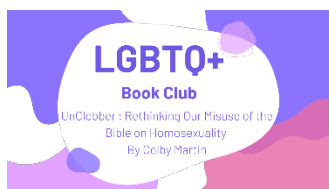
(FORMALLY EMIL VILLA'S IN A NEW SPOT)
1840 PORTOLA AVE., LIVERMORE, CA 94551

PLEASE RSVP TO KELLI WALTER ([KELLIWALT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:kelliwalt@gmail.com)) BY FRIDAY, 10/10

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS



📖 LGBTQ+ Book Club! 📖

All LGBTQ+ Christian adults are invited to join a book club to discuss *UnClobber: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality* by Colby Martin.

Contrary to what we may have been told, the Bible does not condemn LGBTQ+ people, nor does it prohibit same-sex relationships. Ready to learn more? Get liberated from misguided theology and reclaim Christianity for ourselves.

Will meet weekly starting October 19.

For more details, please contact [Ron](#) or [Marilyn](#).



 Youth Sunday School 

The next Youth Sunday School is on October 12!

📍 Middle School – Room 13 📍 High School – Room 15

Youth Sunday School meets on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Students will begin worship with their families and then, after the Children's Moment, head to their classrooms where Sunday School will begin for fellowship and Bible Study.

We're excited for another great morning of learning, faith, and friendship together!

💡 Our weekly Sunday evening youth gatherings are done in collaboration with Lynnewood UMC and take place on their campus in Pleasanton 💡

🙌 We are so grateful for the incredible response to our call for Sunday School volunteers! 🙌 If you'd like to volunteer, please reach out to Lanor at Lanorssmith@gmail.com or text 925-518-1244.

💖 Your support makes a huge difference in the lives of our youth—thank you! 💖

What's with the "Private Property" signs on the doors?

Asbury's Board of Trustees contacted the board of the United Methodist Church California-Nevada Conference for guidance on how to handle potential Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) actions on campus. The private property notices were posted a result of the guidance we received from the conference.

Under federal law, ICE agents may freely enter public spaces but may not enter private spaces freely. A valid judicial search warrant is required to enter private property.

We at Asbury have decided to designate our regularly used meeting rooms as

private spaces. We have also posted a copy of the Conference Guidance in or near these meeting spaces (Fellowship Hall, Chapel building and classrooms, meeting rooms 10-15) and in the office.

In essence, the guidance is as follows:

- Refer agents to the point person (an Asbury Staff member) who is on campus
- The point person should ask for identification and badges, to make sure they are dealing with ICE agents
- The point person should determine what ICE wants, including verifying they have a judicial warrant.
- If they do not have a judicial warrant (a sample is in the documentation posted around campus), then they should be told that they are here without any legal authority and Asbury does not consent to any searches or entry.
- Do not impede or interfere with them. If you feel comfortable doing so, video the entire encounter.

Click [here](#) for a link to the guidance document.

Community groups using Asbury space have received a separate e-mail explaining the reason for the signs, and a copy of the guidance.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

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](#)) - Cherub Choir will not be meeting this weekend.**
- **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 [Anne](#))**
- **Wednesdays | 6-7:30pm: Family Supper Club (Contact [Rachel](#))**
- **2nd and 4th Wednesdays | 6-7pm: Wednesday Zoom Group (Contact [Rita-Ann](#)) - this group does not meet in June**
- **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](#))**

Volunteer in Livermore



SUPPORT SENIORS

Serve up a delicious lunch and meaningful moments of connection for seniors in our community.

Weekdays (M - F)
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
at: Robert Livermore
Community Center.



SERVE MEALS TO OUR COMMUNITY

Volunteers help OHK serve up hot meals and hope—one scoop, one smile, one neighbor at a time.

Weekdays (M - F)
11:30 AM - 1:15 PM, 1:00 PM - 4:35 PM,
or 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
at: Vineyard Resource Center.



PROVIDE SHELTER & CARE

Open Heart! Refuge is a year-round overnight shelter supporting adults in our community who are experiencing homelessness. Volunteer to welcome guests and serve them dinner.

7 nights a week
5:15 PM - 8:15 PM
and 8:30 PM - 10:30 PM
at: Vineyard Resource Center.



CHOOSE A VOLUNTEER SHIFT THAT WORKS FOR YOU - NO MINIMUM SIGN UP REQUIRED.

CONTACT VOLUNTEERSERVICES@OPENHEARTKITCHEN.ORG TO LEARN MORE!



Invites you to an

Interfaith Worship Experience Visit Muslim Community Center East Bay

**Friday Prayer Service
Oct. 3, 2025 ♦ 3:40 pm**

**5724 W. Las Positas Blvd., #300
Pleasanton**



2024 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Please arrive by 3:30 pm to find parking in the MCC lot*. Overflow parking is in the Pleasanton Unified School District lot next door. Volunteers will be in the parking lot to direct you. ♦ Modest clothing requested. We will have head scarves for women who wish to wear one. ♦ You can choose to sit on the ground or on seats in the Prayer Hall for the 20 minute sermon. The congregation stands for prayer at 4 pm followed by announcements. ♦ Afterwards, there will be light refreshments and an opportunity to meet with Mahdy Amine and some MCC outreach members.

We're looking forward to seeing you!

If you would like to attend or have any questions, RSVP to
interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com

Interfaith Interconnect is offering this series to allow members of our different faith communities to share their traditional worship services.

*Parking lot map: <http://mccceastbay.org/district>

Our Mission: To enrich, inform, and educate ourselves and others about the great diversity of faiths and cultures in our Valley.

Interfaith Interconnect is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible.

Tax ID # 87-4206222

Find us on: interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com and <https://www.facebook.com/interfaithinterconnect/>

CYCLE OF HOPE

10.19-25 DUBLIN, CA

Join us for the 8th annual Cycle of Hope, and enjoy beautiful courses, on-course support, and a finish line celebration with music, food, and activities for the whole family! From 1 mile to 62 (plus a virtual option), there's a ride for everyone!

Bike to Build Homes
It's really that simple. When you ride Cycle of Hope, you support Habitat for Humanity — and help build affordable, equitable housing in the Bay Area.

Register today!
10.19.25 | DUBLIN, CA
HabitatCycleOfHope.org

Beautiful courses for all riders with great event support!

62 mi	Metric century	33 mi	Moderate ride
18 mi	Starter ride	10 mi	Kids' ride
+	Ride support	+	Incredible views
+	Premium swag	+	Finish line celebration

Faith and community groups save 20% on registration!
Register with code FAITH, or scan this QR today!

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!

SEPTEMBER 13
OCTOBER 18
NOVEMBER 15

SEQUOIA GROVE
123 A STREET
HAYWARD, CA

Volunteer spots are limited, so reach out to reserve your spot today!

CONTACT

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LEARN MORE

www.HabitatEBSV.org/Unity-Builds