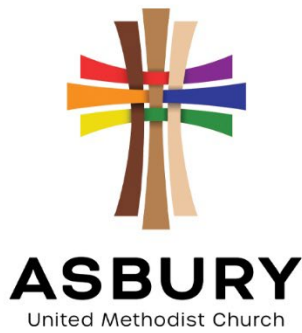




Asbury Articles: October 29, 2025

UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS



Greetings, Asbury!

As you know by now, we're in Stewardship Season! This is a time when we pause to consider the blessings we've received, and the unifying bridges that we've built with one another in our church and the surrounding community. And we focus on what we are called to continue to do together, into the future.

Each fall, Asbury builds our budget for the upcoming year (2026). The key ingredient in our budget process is the information we receive from you, Asbury's members and friends, in the form of your pledge.

Your Pledges do so much! You support children, youth and young adult programs, meeting spaces for non-profit organizations, music for choirs and handbells,

improvements to audio, visual and streaming systems, and contributions to UMCOR and local charitable organizations.

We ask you to continue to be in prayer and in conversation with your family concerning the financial gift that you make.

Your pledge can be submitted [online](#) or via a paper pledge card.

As you consider your pledge for 2026, we invite you to reflect on the bridges you've helped build— and the ones still waiting to be formed. Every gift matters.

Thank you for being part of this journey!

We'll celebrate with special refreshments after church on Dedication Sunday, November 2.

[First Letter](#) and [Second Letter](#)



✦ New Membership Class ✦

Sunday, November 2, 2025 • 12:00–2:00 PM

Conference Room (Church Office Building)

Are you interested in becoming a member of our church — or simply learning more about who we are? Join us for our **New Membership Class** on **Sunday, November 2**, from **12:00 to 2:00 PM** in the **Conference Room**.

Come after lunch in the Fellowship Hall and enjoy a welcoming time of connection and learning about our mission, values, and how you can get involved.

Child care will be provided.

To sign up, [click here](#) or contact the church office.

Please register by **Wednesday, October 29.**

🌿 We look forward to seeing you there! 🌿

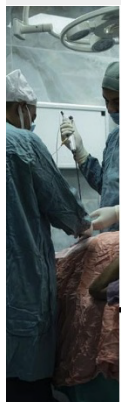


SSP 2026 Availability Survey

If you are interested in going to SSP in summer of 2026, please fill out this form to help us determine which week works best for our intergenerational group: <https://forms.gle/fR1hVMvk3G1sUBo26>

Deadline to fill out the survey is **Friday, November 7th.**

If you have any questions, please contact [Tony Gnecco](mailto:tgnecco@comcast.net) (tgnecco@comcast.net).



GAZA: Doctors Under Attack

Healthcare Workers for Palestine Bay Area and Friends of Wadi Foquin Circle present a documentary screening followed by an exclusive talk with healthcare workers who have recently returned from working on the ground in Gaza.

NOVEMBER 8TH, 4:00 PM
Asbury United Methodist Church
4743 East Avenue
LIVERMORE

Donations will be accepted at the door via cash or Venmo to benefit a grassroots water project on the ground in Gaza.

🎬 Friends of Wadi Foquin 🎬

🎬 ✨ Please join the Friends of Wadi Foquin Circle at Asbury for a showing of the documentary film, *Gaza: Doctors Under Attack*, on **Saturday, November 8, at 4:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. 🎬 ✨

Following the film, health care workers who recently returned from Gaza will share their experiences.

There is **no charge** for admission. A donation of your choosing would be welcome to support a **water project in Gaza** 💧 ❤️.



Last
United Women in Faith
Monthly Sew-In
For this year
October 30th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

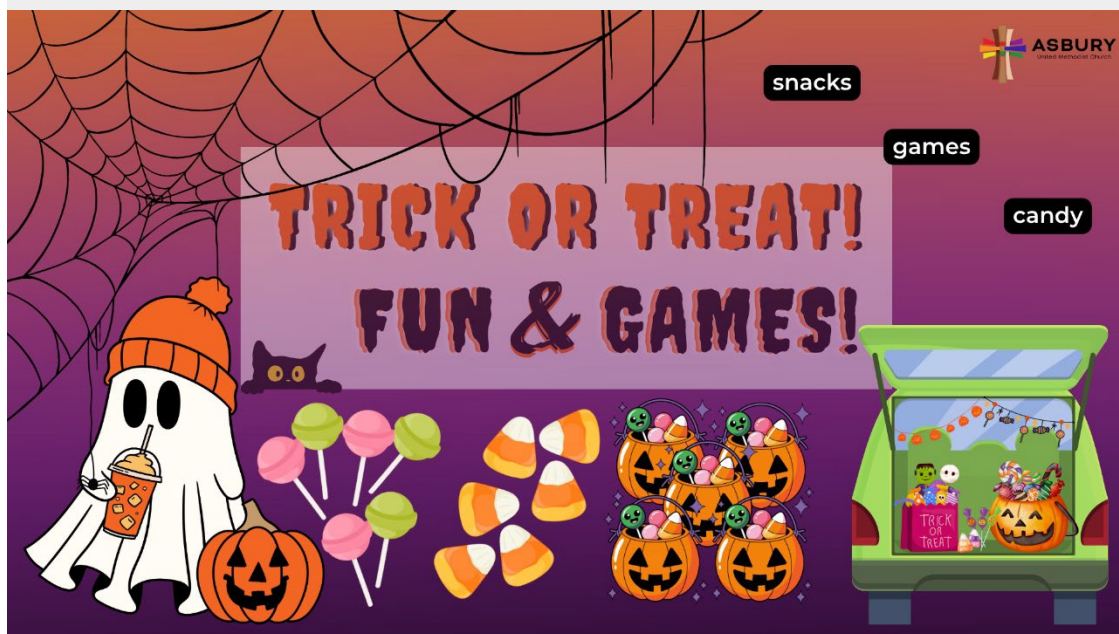
Welcome,

ELSA JOY MONROE!



Fall Back This Sunday





🍁 🍊 Trunk or Treat 🍁 🍊

Thanks for being a part of another successful community Trunk-or-Treat!

Despite our soggy weather, we had a great turnout of Asbury members, with 20 trunks ranging from spooky to silly to interactive! We estimate that over 150 people came to trick-or-treat, snack, and craft. You can find the pictures [here](#).

Special thanks to all our creative trunk participants: Lauren Holleman & Truett Malakoff, the David Family, Kelli Walter, Angela Brady & girls, Dave Schlientz, Laura Hicks, the Lemmer Family, the Campos Family, Amy Rice & boys, Maureen Gandara-Swinbank & Mary Evans, the Bayless Family, Josie Staley & Mike, Bob & Janet Johnson, Heather Noble, the Olson Family, the Thorpe Family, Michelle Rudd, and the Lobao Family!

Additional thanks to Karen Bauman and Lorraine Skaff for running the fellowship hall snacks and crafts; Cameron David for our spooky music playlist; Mikel Campos for keeping all trunks stocked with candy during the event; Kirby Fong for photographing the event; Ruth Hawley for day-after cleanup; and anyone else who helped make our event a success behind the scenes!

Rachel Olson & the Children's Committee



🎉 2025 Trunk-or-Treat Winners! 🎉

While every trunk was amazing this year (each one received at least one nomination!), a few stood out above the rest — as chosen by **votes from the people!** 🙌

🏆 **Best Trunk Overall:**

Bayless Family – Those go-karts were a huge hit!

👻 **Spookiest Trunk:**

Amy Rice & Boys – A pirate adventure complete with a *walk-the-plank* challenge!

🎨 **Silliest Trunk:**

Kelli Walter – The puppy theme stole our hearts... especially that *giant wiener dog costume!*

🎨 **Most Creative Trunk:**

Matt Olson – Ninja training course and eating donuts from a string!

🌈 **Best Themed Trunk (TIE):**

Laura Hicks – *Willy Wonka* – The candy Wo-man herself graced us. 🍫

Lobao Family – *Star Wars* – Many a lightsaber battle was had! ✨

Thank you to everyone who made this year's Trunk-or-Treat so fun, festive, and full of creativity! 💜

Your certificates will be at church on Sunday!



WAIT LIST OPENING FOR AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING IN LIVERMORE

The waiting list for their Interfaith Housing's Arbor Vista affordable senior housing community in Livermore is open for new applications. Applications must be submitted from October 29- November 12. A lottery will be conducted for all applications received by the deadline.

An information flyer with a link for applications is available from [Arbor Vista Application](#).

For more information about Interfaith Housing go to <https://ifhlivermore.org/>.

More Affordable Senior Housing is Coming

A new affordable housing community on Pacific Avenue is being developed by Interfaith Housing and Satellite Affordable Housing Associates, and phase 1 is now under construction. For information about the project go to <https://www.pacavelivermore.com/>.



A Shower Trailer Shower?

There is a new "Big White Box" in what was Kirby Fong's flower garden. It's a 24 foot, enclosed car hauler that is being converted into a . . .

Shower Trailer

The mission of this trailer is for both SSP (Sierra Service Project) and UMVIM (United Methodist Volunteers in Mission) to have hot showers available at the end of a hard days work. It will parked at the sponsoring church. The volunteer work may be rebuilding flooded homes, building a replacement home after a fire, removing an invasive species, or many other projects.

The shower trailer will contain 6 shower/dressing rooms (including a larger limited mobility shower/dressing room), two hot water heaters, low voltage lighting, forced ventilation, and a clothes washer. All the dressing rooms have robe hooks, towel racks, a bench as well as LED lighting, and an “occupied /vacant” sign lock system on each door.

So you might ask . . . Can I help build this thing?? **Yes You Can!**

There will be sign-ups posted in the office and on the shower trailer. Most of the work will be starting in late November.

And . . . Donations toward the completion and ongoing expenses, may be made to Asbury UMC with a note “Shower Trailer” or account 3110.

Thank you so much for supporting this service project,
Steve Wilson

For more info or questions . . .

wilsons4@comcast.net

cell #925-784-5163



ASBURY
United Methodist Church

🌱 Now Hiring: Part-Time Children & Youth Ministry Director

Asbury United Methodist Church, Livermore, CA

Are you passionate about helping young people experience God's inclusive love and grow in faith? We, a welcoming and justice-minded United Methodist congregation, is seeking a Children and Youth Ministry Director to lead creative, compassionate ministries for Pre-K through 12th grade.

You'll recruit and support volunteers, coordinate Sunday School and youth programs, plan intergenerational events, and walk alongside families as children and youth grow in faith, service, and community.

We're looking for someone who:

- Loves working with children, teens, and families.
- Brings creativity, organization, and warmth to ministry.
- Values inclusion, diversity, and progressive Christian faith.
- Is available Sundays and for special events, retreats, and mission trips.

Join a supportive, collaborative church community that believes all are beloved children of God.

✉️ Apply: Send your résumé and a short statement of your ministry vision to to Asbury's SPRC Chair, LaNor Smith at lanorssmith@gmail.com.



🌈 Youth Sunday School 🌈

Our next Sunday School gatherings will be on **November 9** and **November 23**.

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

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



🎃 Come Carve Your Pumpkin! 🎃

Join us Wednesday the 29th to carve your pumpkin and eat chili.

ALL are welcome! Bring your own pumpkin! Tools and patterns provided!



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Volunteer in Livermore



SUPPORT SENIORS

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

Wednesday, 11/17
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.

Wednesdays 11/17-18
1:30 AM - 1:45 PM, 1:45 PM - 4:00 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.

Thursdays 11/18-19
2:00 PM - 3:00 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!



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

Stacy Spence, Corporate & Community Engagement Specialist
408.620.3701 | SSpence@HabitatEBSV.org

LEARN MORE

www.HabitatEBSV.org/Unity-Builds

2025 TRI-VALLEY COMMUNITY OUTREACH 12TH ANNUAL

Please Join Us for a Traditional "Sit Down"

Thanksgiving Dinner

Hosted by a Coalition of Businesses, Churches & Community Organizations
Serving Families, Seniors, Military, Veterans and Singles in Need

Thanksgiving Day, November 27th

Serving from 12:00 Noon ~ 4:00 PM

St. Raymond Catholic Church, Moran Hall, 11555 Shannon Avenue, Dublin, CA 94568

FREE EVENT, RESERVATIONS NOT NECESSARY
(Due to food safety concerns, no take-out meals, food to go, or packaging leftovers)

Parking Available, Handicapped Accessible
No animals, other than Service Animals allowed

For transportation needs or questions:
Call (925) 829-8956 or email TriValleyOutreach@gmail.com
For details and Volunteer Information:
www.TVC-Thanksgiving.com





Interfaith Interconnect and
Livermore-Pleasanton Interfaith Clergy Assn.
Invite You to Attend an Interfaith

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Asbury United Methodist Church
4743 East Ave., Livermore
Parking in the adjoining lot

Program: 3:30-4:30 pm
Reception: 4:30-5:00 pm
*Light refreshments and socializing
with attendees and presenters*

Come join us! All are welcome. No RSVP needed.

The event is free, but an offering will be accepted to benefit

Tri-Valley Bus Pass Program
(For almost 10 years, the program has provided bus passes for those who do not have the financial means to access transportation for essentials such as health care, shelter, hot meals, groceries, laundry, clothing, job interviews or even jobs.)

Interfaith Interconnect of the Tri-Valley is a 501(c)3 non-profit whose mission is "To enrich, inform and educate ourselves and others about the great diversity of faiths and cultures in our valley."

<https://www.facebook.com/interfaithinterconnect/> or
interfaithinterconnect@gmail.com

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



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](#))
- **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](#))

