

Asbury Articles: October 8, 2025

UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS



Office will be closed
on Monday, October 13

in observance of
Indigenous People Day



☀️ This Sunday - 2026 SSP Trip Meeting ☀️

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

📍 Where: **Room 13**

☀️ 🚌 Anyone interested in going with the Asbury Intergenerational Team to SSP



🎃 Trunk or Treat is Coming! 🎃

🎃 We Need YOU for Trunk or Treat! 🎃

Hi everyone! We're gearing up for a *spooktacular* Community **Trunk or Treat** on **Saturday, October 26th from 3–5pm** — and we need your help to make it amazing!

Last year we had a *huge turnout*, and this year we want to bring that same excitement... but right now, we only have **ONE family signed up** to decorate a car.

😱 Oh no!

We can't have a Trunk or Treat without *trunks*! So please consider joining the fun:

- **Have a car?** Decorate it! Big or small, spooky or silly — it all adds to the fun.
- **Have a car but need decorating help?** We've got supplies and creative hands ready to assist!
- **Have ideas but no car?** We have tents you can use!
- **Connected with a community group or business?** Invite them to join in!
- **Have a friend who loves Halloween?** Bring them along and set up side-by-side!

This year, our focus is all about creating a **robust, festive Trunk or Treat** — no extra volunteers needed for games or crafts.

Let's make this a fantastic event for our community's kids and families!

🎃 **Sign up today and help us fill the lot with fun, candy, and creativity!** 🎃



🌲 ☀️ Sunol Train of Lights ☀️ 🌲

It's a Christmas miracle! The date to buy tickets for the Sunol Train of Lights was moved out to **October 25th**. This means you have even more time to decide if you are able to join us for this magical evening of jolly fun!

We are planning for ✨ **Friday, December 5th for the 7:30pm departure** ✨. With two more weeks until we can buy tickets, you have plenty of time to invite all your friends to join in on the festivities!

You can reach out to **Kasey** at 209-247-3296 with any questions, or to secure your ticket. ✨ **Please reach out by October 24th** ✨. It's sure to be a night full of cheer! 🎀 🌲 🎁



Bird Walk in the Garden

🦜 Are You a Birder? 🦜

Join **Tod Pohlmann** for a peaceful **Bird Walk** in *Fertile Groundwork's Garden* on **Sunday, October 26**, starting at **8:00 AM**.

🌿 Meet at the **front entrance** of the garden

🦜 🔭 Bring **binoculars** if you have them

🕒 The walk will wrap up by **9:30 AM**

Please RSVP to tandlbirding@gmail.com by **Wednesday, October 22**.

Come enjoy the sights and sounds of nature—let's see what feathered friends we can find! 🌿 🌸



🎉 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! 📺 🍕 🎲 🛌

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



🎨 Friends of Wadi Foquin invites you to

💎 ***The Soul of My Soul* Exhibit** at the **Livermore Art Walk** 💎

📅 **This Saturday, October 11**

🕒 **11:00 AM – 5:00 PM**



🎉 Youth Sunday School 🎉

Youth Sunday School on October 12!

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

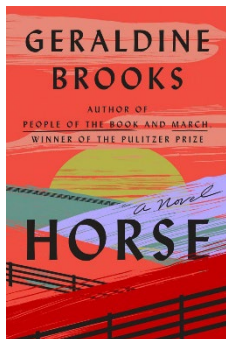
Youth Sunday School meets on the **second and fourth Sundays of the month**. Students will begin worship with their families and then, **after the Children's Moment, head to their classrooms where Sunday School will begin for fellowship and Bible Study.**

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!** 💖



📖 Anti-Racism Group 📖

The Anti-Racism group will meet online **Monday, October 27**, to discuss the novel, *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. It's a fun read, with many examples of overt and subtle racism to talk about. Join us on [Zoom](#).



📖 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.



Financial support for Asbury remains strong

For the month of September Income was \$55,025 and expenses of \$45,843. The expenses included a \$5,182 donation called 2nd Mile Giving which helps support District and Conference projects.

Asbury UMC budget giving for nine months through September 2025

Income	518,163	
Expense	472,150	
Net	46,013	
Expense detail		
Apportionments	51,816	10.97%
2nd mile giving	5,182	1.10%
Program	16,564	3.51%
Office & Finance	12,932	2.74%
Operational	90,332	19.13%
Salaries & benefits	256,634	54.35%
Nine months through September Playground giving		
	62,343	
Nine months through September Benevolence giving		
Pastors fund	2,356	
Backpacks	5,625	
Intergenerational Mission	9,531	
Shower & Laundry	1,409	

Shower Trailer	200
LA Fire Help	1,000
UMCOR	2,465
UMCOR US	700
Human Relations Day	200
Peace with Justice	100
Easter	6,129
Thanksgiving	540
Christmas	910
Partners for Change	1,300
Heifer International	1,000
Fertile Groundworks	900
Habitat for Humanity	2,200
Open Heart Kitchen	1,300
Friend of Wadi Foquin	200
Tri-Valley Haven	2,100
Alameda County Food Bank	1,000
Open Heart Refuge	570
AXIS Community Health	1,500
Gum Moon	100
Total	43,335

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



Adelaide Olson, Clementine Olson, Montgomery Thorpe, & Quannah Thorpe's preschool is having a fundraiser out.

Show this picture in the articles or use code :GETSAUCED for online orders. 20% of profit will be donated to their school!

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.

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 [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](#))



SAUCED
BBQ & Spirits

DINE & DONATE
benefitting

**ROOM TO GROW
PRESCHOOL**

TUESDAY
OCTOBER 14, 2025
4:00PM - CLOSE

SAUCED BBQ & SPIRITS
DOWNTOWN LIVERMORE



CYCLE OF HOPE

Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley | Patelco ENERGY SERVICES

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!

Beautiful courses for all riders with great event support!

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

62 mi Metric century
18 mi Starter ride
Ride support
Premium swap

Moderate ride
Habitat ride
Incredible views
Finish line celebration

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



Volunteer in Livermore → **OPEN heart KITCHEN**

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)
1:30 AM - 1:45 PM, 1:50 PM - 4:05 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!



Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley

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!



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LEARN MORE www.HabitatEBSV.org/Unity-Builds