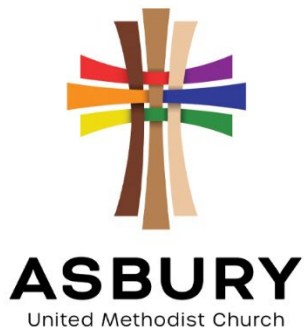




Asbury Articles: November 19, 2025

UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS



🎉 Join the Parade! 🎉

Asbury will be in Livermore's annual **Holiday Sights and Sounds Parade** again this year! 🌲 ✨

We need **six more people** to walk alongside our decorated truck 🚚 🎶 — **no experience necessary!**

📅 **Saturday, December 6**

🕒 **Starts at 6pm**

📍 **Downtown Livermore**

If you're interested or have questions, contact **Michele Rudd** 😊 📧

The poster features a dark red background with a pattern of musical staves and notes. Several white angel cutouts are suspended by thin lines, and two Christmas ornaments are also hanging. The word 'Asbury' is written in a cursive font, while 'CHRISTMAS CONCERT' is in a large, bold, serif font.

Asbury
**CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025

**7:00 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY
AND LIVESTREAMED AT AsburyLive.org**



🌿 Bird Walk at Fertile GroundWorks Garden

Saturday, November 29 • 8:00–9:30 AM

Join **Tod Pohlmann** for a peaceful morning of birdwatching at the **Fertile GroundWorks Garden**! We'll meet at the front entrance of the garden and enjoy observing local and migratory birds in their natural setting.

Bring binoculars if you have them — and your curiosity for what we might discover!

Please RSVP to tandlbirding@gmail.com by **Wednesday, November 26**.

We hope to see you there! 🐦



🇺🇸 Food Is Needed 🤝

Tri-Valley Haven Food Pantry is working hard to support families in need this season, and resources are sparse. We can make a difference together! ❤️

Bring donations to the church narthex on Sunday, or to the church office through **December 7th**. Every contribution, large or small, helps provide comfort and nourishment to neighbors in our community.

Consider donating the following types of foods:

-  **Proteins:** Canned meats (like tuna, chicken, and ham), vegetarian sources (like beans and lentils), and shelf-stable proteins.
-  **Grains:** Whole grains (like rice, pasta, and quinoa), brown rice, and whole wheat products.
-  **Canned Goods:** Canned soups, stews, and vegetables.
-  **Cooking Staples:** Oils, pasta sauces, salsas, and baking staples (like flour and sugar).
-  **Snacks:** Granola bars, dried fruits, nuts, and healthy snacks.



🎄 Kids' Night Out Christmas Party! 🎄

Friday, December 6th from 5-8 PM

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Join us **Friday, December 6th from 5–8 PM** for a festive night of fun!

Kids will enjoy:

- 🌟 Snacks
- 🍪 Cookie decorating
- 🎨 Crafts
- 🎲 Games
- 🎬 Christmas movies

We are also **looking for 4 adult volunteers** to help make the night extra special!

Drop the kids off and let them celebrate the season with friends!



💖 Serving Others with Love Opportunities 💖

🐦 Tri-Valley Haven Needs Volunteers 🐦

Once again, Tri-Valley Haven will be working to provide food for those in need in our community. *"Many hands make light work."*

The following event will take place at Asbury:

💖 **Date:** Monday, November 24, 2025

Activity: Distribution Day

Distribution Time: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Volunteer Shifts:

- 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM
- 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

- 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM
- 2:30 PM – 6:00 PM
- 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Please contact Natali@trivalleyhaven.org to volunteer.

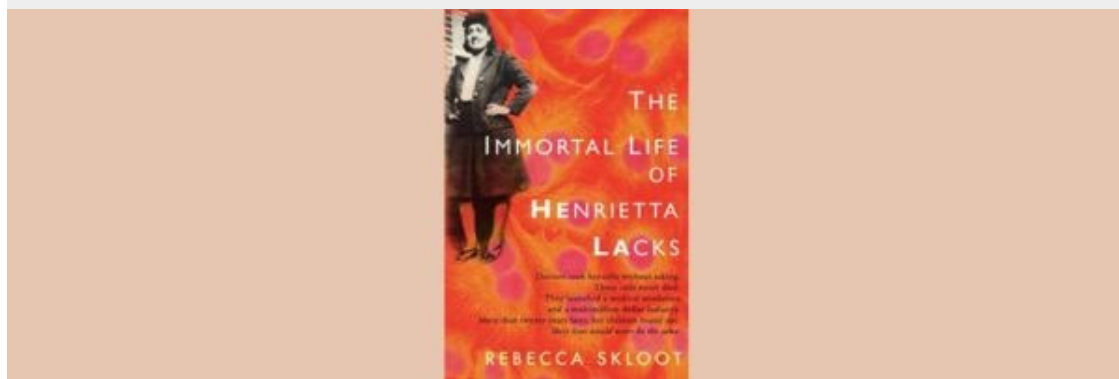
ANNOUNCEMENTS



Combined Youth Sunday School this Sunday!

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



♥ Anti-Racism Group–November Gathering 🗨️

✦ The Anti-Racism Group meets **November 24, 7:00–8:30 p.m.** online. We will discuss *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. This powerful

story is also available as a film, an e-book, and an audiobook. Join us for an important discussion on ethics, race, and medicine. [Here is the Zoom.](#)



Asbury's financial status still good

Giving in October was down a bit at \$36.7K and expenses somewhat higher than normal at \$61.9K. The higher expenses were due to donations to other non-profits from our budget, cost sharing the youth director from Lynnewood UMC, and a three-payroll month (since we pay bi-weekly this happens every six months). As can be seen by the data below, we are still positive for the year. **Keep those pledges coming in!**

Asbury UMC budget giving for ten months through October 2025

Income: \$554,778

Expense: \$534,201

Net: \$20,577

Expense detail

Apportionments: \$61,026 — 11.4%

Program: \$22,489 — 4.2%

Office & Finance: \$13,797 — 2.6%

Operational: \$98,475 — 18.4%

Salaries and benefits: \$298,806 — 55.9%

Ten months through October Playground giving

\$63,608

Ten months through October 2025 Benevolence giving

Pastors fund: \$2,356

Backpacks: \$5,625

Intergenerational Mission: \$9,531

Vineyard Shower & Laundry: \$1,433
 LA Fire help: \$200
 UMVIM, SSP shower trailer: \$10,200
 UMCOR: \$2,465
 UMCOR US: \$700
 Human Relations Day: \$200
 World Communion Sunday: \$300
 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
 Friends 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 Residence: \$100

Total: \$52,859 — 9.5%

Source of Funding	Amount
UMC District Grant	30,000
UMC District Loan	55,000
Mother's Day Tea	6,000
Concessions Asbury Players	2,758
Pledges and donations	55,680
Donation prior to 2025	20,290
Education special projects	1,794
Education special budget carryover	5,576
Total Raised	177,098

Source of Expense	Amount
Cal playgrounds	126,871.77
Shade structure corrections	6,900
Materials for preparing Asbury Site	2,108.57
Contractor installation*	28,000
Engineering calculations*	2,200
Equipment rental and Gas line relocation *	2,000
City of Livermore Permitting*	4,000
Total Cost of Project	172,080.34

* = cost are not yet paid

Play it Forward!

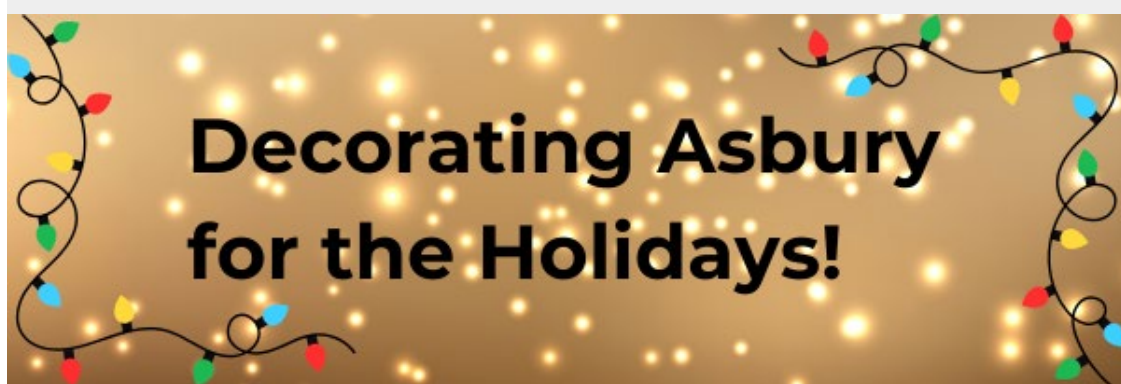
Playground Fundraising updates

As you can see, progress is being made toward our new playground installations—although not at the pace we had all hoped for.

We delayed sharing an update in hopes of bringing more joyful news. At this point, we are still awaiting delivery of the playground and confirmation of installation dates. However, great work continues nonetheless. The playground committee would like to take a moment to update you on the financial status of the project.

With the recent gift of a **\$30,000 grant** and a **\$55,000 zero-interest loan** from the UMC District, we are pleased to share that the project is now **fully funded**.

As you look toward end-of-year and holiday giving, please prayerfully consider donating toward the repayment of our loan. Doing so will enable Asbury to move forward with our next passion project.



🎄 Save the Date! 🎄

☀️ **Sunday, November 30th at 11:30am** ☀️, we will be **decorating Asbury** for the Christmas holidays. We will be decorating the Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary and the grounds with lights, wreathes, trees, garland and tinsel. We need your help to make Asbury become magical. If you would like to be a part of the planning & executing team, please contact Karen at 510-409-9760. For everyone who helps we will have 🍩 **DONUTS** 🍩 for you.



Eat me – drink me – would you??

After an event in Fellowship Hall, we often find food left out, either on tables in the hall or in the kitchen. Sometimes there is a note attached reading “help yourself” but often there is not. People assume that “somebody” will eat it; after all, they know where it came from, what it was purchased or made for, and how fresh it is. But anyone else coming into the kitchen knows none of these things. Ask yourself, would you eat food left lying around that you know nothing about?

Please do not leave food in the kitchen because “somebody” will use it. All food left in the kitchen should be labelled with the date it was left, who left it, and what event it is for. There are labels and tape in the drawer by the handwashing sink just for this purpose. If you do have leftovers that you plan to leave for another group to use, please make sure you have contacted that group, they know the food is there, and it is labelled!

As a follow on, **the refrigerator and freezer will be cleaned out the week of Dec 22.** All food past its expiration will be tossed. Any food that is not commonly used for Asbury events (salad dressings, condiments, syrup) will also be tossed unless it has an owner’s name on it.



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

Baby's arrival soon draws near,
help fill the freezer with love and cheer.

Fill the Freezer

BABY SHOWER

IN HONOR OF RACHEL OLSON

December 6th

Drop in anytime from

9am-12pm

for snacks, activities, and visiting

263 Soapstone Cmn.



You're Invited to Help Fill the Freezer for Baby Olson!

Rachel Olson would like to extend an invite to you all-- Please feel welcomed to join.

Date: Saturday December 6th

Time: 9am-noon (drop in anytime)

Address: 263 Soapstone Cmn. Livermore

No RSVP Necessary

Join us at Rachel's house anytime between 9am-12 pm to celebrate new baby boy Olson. We will have activities, snacks, coffee/tea, and a chance to socialize.

In lieu of traditional baby registry gifts please consider bringing your families favorite freezer meal, restaurant gift card, casserole, breakfast dish, snacks, lunch items, desserts or cookie dough! Let's stock the freezer with lots of convenient nutritious food for postpartum!

Please include basic ingredients and reheat instructions. The Olson's have an extra empty freezer ready to fill up. NO allergies in the household.

Traditional Registry: <https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/rachel-olson-january-2026-livermore/AGIX1MS8DXGK>

FAMILY SUPPER CLUB

**Share a meal together
Build community
Time for kids to play**

**@ ASBURY UMC
LIVERMORE**

**WEDNESDAYS
6:00PM-7:30PM**



ASBURY
United Methodist Church



Gather. Grow. Play.

Family Supper club will meet off campus this week to celebrate Friendsgiving!

If you wish to join please text Amy Rice 505-309-1091

Ladies Night Out

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH | 5:30 PM

LANNA THAI RESTAURANT

(PLEASE NOTICE THE TIME CHANGE)
2270 LAS POSITAS ROAD, LIVERMORE, CA 94551

PLEASE RSVP TO KELLI WALTER (KELLIWALT@GMAIL.COM) BY FRIDAY, 12/5

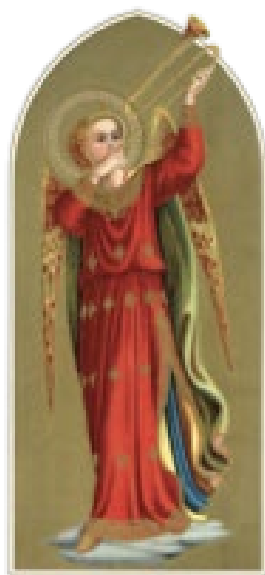
THANK YOU FOR BRINGING CASH! WE HOPE YOU ARE ABLE TO JOIN US!



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



Presenting Fine Choral Music Since 1963
Joseph Castro, Music Director & Conductor



Need to brush up on your Messiah choruses?
Here's your chance.

Messiah Workshop

November 22, 2025, 10:00am - 1:00pm
Asbury United Methodist Church, Livermore

Sing-It-Yourself Messiah

December 5, 2025, 7:30pm
Asbury United Methodist Church, Livermore

Tickets: *Messiah Workshop* \$10.00
Sing It Yourself Messiah \$15.00
Both Workshop & Sing It Yourself Messiah \$20.00
(When purchased together.)

All enthusiastic singers are invited to sing the Messiah with the Valley Concert Chorale on Friday, December 5. Some may wish to practice beforehand at our optional workshop on **Saturday, Nov. 22**.

The workshop will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church in Livermore and will include sectional work for each voice part of soprano, alto, tenor, and bass, followed by a full chorus run-through, which will include the Hallelujah Chorus.

Singers may bring their own copy of Handel's *Messiah*, or borrow one of ours.

VCC will host the annual Messiah singalong at 7:30 p.m. on **Friday, Dec. 5**, also at Asbury United Methodist Church.

Tickets for the annual singalong are \$15, with a \$5 discount if the workshop fee and singalong tickets are purchased together.

Tickets to both the workshop and singalong are available online at valleyconcertchorale.org or by calling 925-866-4003.

Christmas
FREE MARKET
December 6th

Enjoy refreshments, crafts, facepainting.
We'll be offering coats, clothing, toys,
food, essential supplies and more.
This event will run as supplies last.

10AM TO NOON
8850 DAVONA DRIVE IN DUBLIN



cityservecares.org

🎁 Holiday Donations Needed! 🌲

We're gathering goodies to help make the season brighter for our neighbors, and we'd love your support!

We're currently looking for:

- 💠 Toys
- 💠 New or gently used clothing
- 💠 Non-perishable food items
- 💠 Christmas decorations (in good condition)

Last year over **800 people** came through — and each donation helped make someone's holiday a little lighter and a little brighter. 🧡

This is a wonderful way to share joy and support families and individuals in our community who could use some extra love this season.



*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 501c3 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
Interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com

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



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](#))

- **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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