



Asbury Articles: December 10, 2025

UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS



The Christmas season is a time when the juxtaposition of the sacred and secular feels sometimes blatantly opposed, and sometimes quite blurred. The word "sacred" points to something dedicated as "holy" and "set apart." This year, inspired by Dr. Marcia McFee's Worship Design Studio, you are invited to a spiritual journey of seeing ALL things pregnant with the Holy. What could our experience of the Advent and Christmas season be like if we lived it imagining that everything is reflecting the sacred?

Upcoming Sermons:

December 14: Sacred Space (Joy)

December 21: Sacred Knowing (Peace)

Christmas Eve: Sacred Being

December 28: On Earth Peace





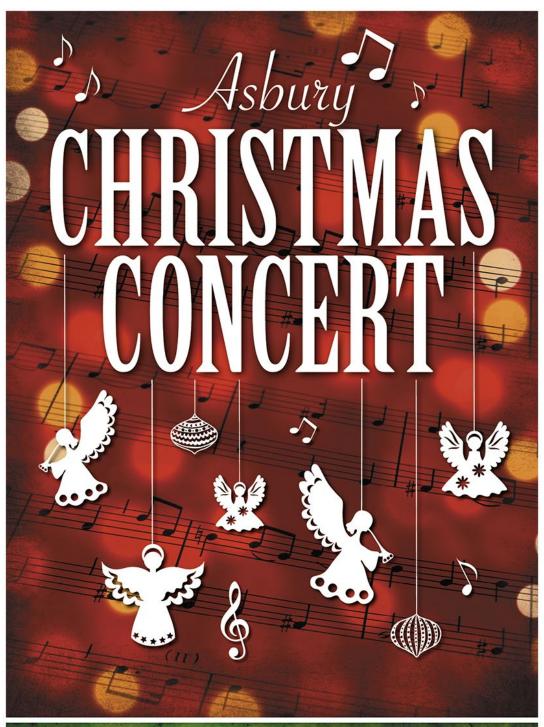
Christmas Flowers

You're invited to help provide the flowers that will decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. If you would like to contribute, please fill out <u>this form</u> (paper copies available in the narthex) along with your check for \$10.00 to the office, by **Wednesday, December 17**.

Proceeds from these flowers will go to the flower fund. Make checks payable to Asbury, marked Flower Fund—#2100 in the memo line. You can also contribute through the Asbury website or Zelle. The form can be sent to the office at office@asburylive.org. If you would like to help with deliveries to our shut-ins and those who need some cheer after Christmas, please indicate below or contact Karen at karenbauman510@gmail.com.

Downloads and attachments

2025 Christmas Flowers Form.pub



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025
7:00 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY
AND LIVESTREAMED AT AsburyLive.org



As the Christmas season approaches, we are reminded of the profound gift of giving – the simple acts of love, compassion, and generosity that bring light to our community. Tri-Valley Open Heart Kitchen and Axis Community Health have been selected to receive Asbury's Christmas Offering this year.

Your contribution this Christmas helps sustain these essential services and directly impact the lives of countless local families. Every dollar given becomes a shared blessing – a warm meal, a safe space, or a healing hand for someone in need. As we celebrate the joy of the season, we invite you to join us in sharing that joy with others through you generous offering to Tri-Valley Open Heart Kitchen and Axis Community Health.

Thank you for your continued support and for being part of this compassionate community.



Annual Community Christmas Caroling

This year, the Annual Community Christmas Caroling will happen on **Sunday, Dec. 21**. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall at 3:30 PM to arrange carpooling and to divide into 3 groups. Singers will leave at 3:45 PM to begin the first "gigs" at 4 PM.

We will be serenading folks who reside in single residences and in senior apartment complexes.

At 5:30 PM, all groups will meet in the lobby of Building 900 of Heritage Estates. We'll perform our grand finale with ALL singers, while the residents enjoy their dinner. At 6 PM carolers return to Asbury's Fellowship Hall to hand-in music, any borrowed jingle bells, and to feast on Togo's sandwiches, fruit, and Christmas cookies.

This is a wonderful event for families to attend together, and for friends to do as a group. We will provide cookie packages to be left at each place carolers sing, so the memory of the visit will linger on. E-mail Jean Braun at braun84@comcast.net or call the church office at (925) 447-1950 for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



🞉 Stewardship Season Update 🎉

A big, **BIG** thank you to all our members and friends who submitted their pledge to Asbury for 2026. This was a very successful Stewardship Season with over 80 pledge forms returned, and more than \$613,000 pledged!

We also know from history that many choose not to pledge but still give generously. And we'd like to take this moment to thank those folks, too, for their commitment to Asbury!

Asbury's Finance Committee is focused on our good stewardship of your gifts throughout the year, with increased levels of transparency as demonstrated in our more frequent updates appearing in the Asbury Articles.

So, **thank you** again. Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year, to you, your family and friends!



▲ Thank You for a Wonderful Christmas Bazaar!

What a wonderful day! Thanks to **you**, our amazing Asbury community, the Holiday Bazaar was filled with laughter, festive cheer, and the joy of giving. From browsing beautiful handmade crafts to enjoying tasty treats, it was a day to remember!

We are thrilled to share that, thanks to your generosity, we raised **over \$2,700** for Tri-Valley Haven food pantry. Your support will make a real difference in the lives of those in need this holiday season.

A huge **thank you** to all our volunteers, crafters, bakers, and everyone who joined us—you helped make this event truly special. • We can't wait to see you at next year's bazaar! Until then, may your holidays be merry, bright, and full of joy.

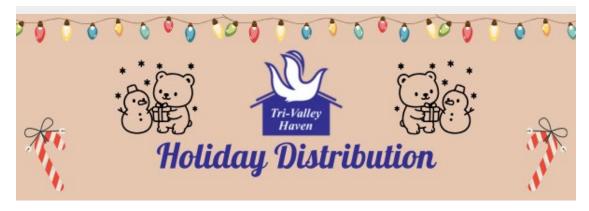


→ One More Middle School Teacher Needed – December 14! →

We're looking for **one more teacher** to help with our middle school class on **Saturday, December 14**. The lesson plan will be **fully prepared for you**, so all you need to do is show up and lead!

If you're interested or have any questions, please email **LaNor Smith** at **lanorssmith@gmail.com**.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



- Tri-Valley Haven Holiday Distribution at Asbury
- IIII Friday, December 13
- O Distribution Time: 9:00 AM 6:00 PM
- Volunteer Shifts:
- 8:30 AM 12:00 PM
- 11:30 AM 3:00 PM
- 2:30 PM 6:00 PM
- Want to help?

Contact Natali at (925) 667-2711 or natali@trivalleyhaven.org



Sunday, December 12, 2025 Catholic Community of Pleasanton's Hispanic Community Invitation to Celebrate the Feast of OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
St. Augustine Catholic Church
3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton
Friday, December 12, 5:00 pm Mass (in Spanish) with traditional music
El Convivo (Gathering) St. Augustine Hall immediately following.

For more information and to RSVP: interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com

Interfaith Interconnect is working with members of our different faith communities to share traditional worship services. All are welcome. We hope you can attend!

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 <u>Martina</u>, 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

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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 <u>Jean</u>)
- Sunday | 11:30am: Cherub Choir (Contact Makayla)
- Sunday | 11:30am: Rainbow Choir (Contact <u>Jean</u>)
- 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 <u>Rita-Ann</u>)
- 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)