



Asbury Articles: February 21, 2024



Exciting news! We're in the process of putting together a picture directory and we would love to have you be a part of it! If you're interested in being included, you have a couple of options to choose from. You can either **have your picture taken** by one of our volunteer photographers on Sunday, March 10 or March 24, right after the service, or you can **send us your own photo** by emailing it to the office - office@asburylive.org.

We're also still on the lookout for volunteer photographers to take photos on those two Sundays (March 10 and March 24). If you're able to lend a hand, we'd greatly appreciate it! Thanks so much for considering joining in on this fun project with us and feel free to respond to this email if you are available or have any questions.

UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS



Beginning Handbells Playing in Church THIS SUNDAY!

The beginning handbell class will play their concluding piece at the start of the worship service this Sunday, February 25. I encourage all who are able to set your alarms and come to church in time to hear and support Asbury's newest music ensemble! This group has been working hard the past six weeks to learn how to play bells, read music, and work together as a group. They have made great progress and I'm very proud of all their accomplishments! Asbury Ringers is playing as well, so it will be a very musical morning! As always, the service will be [livestreamed](#) for those unable to attend in person.

Blessings,
Fernanda



Friends of Wadi Foquin Circle

Meeting Sunday, February 25

The newly formed Asbury Small Group, **Friends of Wadi Foquin Circle**, will meet on *Sunday, February 25, after church at 11:15 am in Room 11 and 12*. Please join us to learn more about the West Bank village of Wadi Foquin, what is happening there during this very challenging time and opportunities for involvement.

For more information please contact [Bob Johnson](#).



Eggstravaganza Coming Soon!

We're in need of some individually-wrapped Easter candy for our upcoming **Easter Eggstravaganza**. Please drop them off on Sundays in the sanctuary or at the office (Mon-Thu, 10am-4pm).

We have a special Goody Bag-filling event planned after our worship service on March 17, where everyone can pitch in and help fill the bags with the candy you generously provide. Please make sure to send in your candy before or on March 17 so we can have everything ready to go before Holy Week begins.

Your contributions will help make our Easter celebration extra sweet! Thank you for your support!

We are doing our Eggstravaganza differently this year. We have painted wooden eggs that will be hidden/found and returned for a goody bag. That way, we can use the wooden eggs year after year. **NO MORE PLASTIC!**

More ways to help with the event (on March 31):

- Help with crafts
- Be a Greeter

- Supervise for hunters
- Help clean-up after

Join in the fun!

Contact [Lori Day](#) if you want to be a part of this Extravaganza!



Alameda County Community Food Bank

“Little by little, a little becomes a lot.” (Tanzanian Proverb)

Please help Asbury collect food for the Alameda County Community Food Bank this Lenten season. Requested items include Canned entrees (chili, ravioli) Boxed Macaroni & Cheese, Canned meat and tuna, and Low-Sodium soups. There will be a collection container in the Narthex until Easter.



SSP Meeting This Sunday!

We will be having a brief meeting after church (11:30) in room 15 this coming Sunday (2/25) with the SSP team to discuss trip details and our Palm Sunday pancake breakfast fundraiser. Anyone interested in SSP is welcome to attend!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Financial Report for January

January is an unusual financial month for Asbury. There is a significant amount of prepaid pledges recorded near the end of the previous year. Last year we received \$75,820 in prepaid pledges. Of this amount, \$33,110 was set aside to pay our insurance bill next December. The rest, \$42,710, shows as income for the month of January. This means that over half of January's income as shown below is from prepaid pledges. For a detailed financial report, please email the [office](#).

Asbury UMC budget giving January 2024

Income	\$81,898	
Expense	\$51,118	
Net	\$30,780	
Expense detail		
Apportionments	\$8,190	16.0%
Program	\$363	0.7%
Office & Finance	\$1,158	2.3%
Operational	\$7,639	14.9%
Salaries	\$33,768	66.1%

January benevolence giving	
Pastors fund	\$300
Backpacks	\$121
Shower & Laundry	\$606
UMCOR	\$270
Human Relation Day	\$554
Thanksgiving	\$33
Christmas	\$498
Habitat for Humanity	\$20
Open Heart Kitchen	\$250
Total	\$2,652



California-Nevada Conference
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



United Methodist revised Social Principles

When Dr. Randall Miller preached in early February, he spoke extensively on the United Methodist revised Social Principles and the 12-year revision process that was undertaken. These articles will be under consideration at the General Conference held in Charlotte, North Carolina this April and May.

[Here](#) is the link for the complete revised edition.



Shower and Laundry Ministry Update

With the opening of Open Heart Refuge in late January, the showers and laundry services previously offered are now being provided by the resource center. We have donated all the supplies and your generous gifts to the center. However, we are still accepting mail deliveries at Asbury's office and providing bus passes to those in need.

Open Heart Refuge is now offering overnight shelter, dinner, and breakfast for our unhoused neighbors. There are volunteer opportunities available 7 days a week, with various shifts to choose from. If you are interested in learning more about Open Heart Refuge and how you can help, please visit their [website](#) or feel free to reach out directly to the volunteer coordinator, [Hannah](#), with any questions you may have.

SUMMER CAMPS 2024

FAMILY CAMPS

Adult & Family Camp at Koinonia

June 9-15, 2024

Shasta Family Camp

August 3-9, 2024

AFFILIATED CAMPS

Unity Youth Retreat (Korean Camp)

Asian Camp njaumccamps.org

Fijian Camp

Updates & more info at

CNUMC.ORG/CAMP



KIDS & YOUTH: 3-12 GRADE

Toyon Camp

Aptos, CA

JULY 7-13, 2024

Camp Lodestar

Wilseyville, CA

JULY 14-20, 2024

Lodestar & Toyon
Early Bird Savings Extended!
Register by March 1st
and save \$30

Asbury Masking Policy

Alameda County is following the CDC guidelines for masking. When community transmission is low, masking indoors may be optional. When community transmission is medium or high, masking indoors is strongly recommended.

Asbury will follow the CDC guidelines, and we support and encourage mask wearing indoors, especially for those with underlying health conditions or who are not fully vaccinated and boosted.



Prayer Chain

If you would like to be added to the Prayer Chain email list, contact the office.

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

RECURRING EVENTS

- **Sundays; 10am:** Asbury worship service

CHOIRS

- **Faith Choir** - Thursdays at 7:30pm: Sanctuary
- **Cherub Choir** - Sundays at 11:30am: Room 5
- **Rainbow Choir** - Sundays at 11:30am: Sanctuary

- **Youth Choir** - Sundays at 11:30am: Chapel
- **Asbury Ringers** - Sundays at 7pm: Sanctuary

OPEN SMALL GROUPS

- **Wednesdays; 5-7pm:** Family Small Group
- **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 [Dick Ernst](#))
- **Saturdays; 10am:** Craft and Chat [Zoom](#) gathering
- **4th Sundays; 11:15am:** Friends of Wadi Foquin Circle (contact [Bob Johnson](#))

HOW CAN WE HELP?

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.**

Miss a newsletter or need to go back and re-read?

Check out the [newsletter archive](#)!

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