



Asbury Articles: February 28, 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.



- 🌞 Join us for our Intergenerational Maundy Thursday event! 🌞
- Maundy is derived from the Latin "mandatum" meaning "command," this day commemorates the Last Supper where Jesus gave his disciples a new mandate: to love one another.
- Date: Thursday, March 28, 2024 Time: 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall We will celebrate the spirit of the Last Supper with games, table discussions, service, songs, readers Theater and a delightful potluck dinner!
- The Fellowship Team will provide the main dish of Lasagna and attendees are aske to bring a salad, vegetable, bread, dessert or any kind of side dish. Plates and silverware will be provided.

Save the date and RSVP now here or call/email the office (We need to know how many are attending)! #MaundyThursday #AsburyUMC #KindnessMatters #LastSupperCelebration #FellowshipEvent #LoveOneAnother



Easter Sunday at Asbury!

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday is only few weeks away and we have a full day planned!

- Easter Sunrise at 6:30am: A special early morning worship outside around the fire pit
- Easter Sunday at 10:00am: Sunday morning worship of celebration in the sanctuary and online
- Easter Eggstravaganza at 11:15am: Egg hunt, snacks, games and crafts!

UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS



February 29, 1:00 - 3:30 PM

United Women in Faith will be having a sew-in this Thursday, February 29 from 1pm to 3:30 pm, in rooms 11-12.

Contact Lorraine Magee if you have questions.







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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Readers Wanted

Readers wanted for our Holy Week services. If you'd like to read for **Maundy Thursday** (March 28), **Good Friday** (March 29) and/or **Easter Sunday** (March 31), please contact Martie MuldoonWe'd love a variety of voices!



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 Greeters
- Supervise for hunters
- Help clean-up after

Join in the fun!

Contact Lori Day if you want to be a part of this extravaganza!

Easter Temporary Tattoos

We need some help on **Easter Sunday** during the children's time to help apply temporary Easter symbol tattoos and then some volunteers to take turns assisting at the tattoo table during our fun time in the courtyard (11:15-12 and 12-12:30). Patty Baker will train the volunteers in how to apply temporary tattoos and all materials are supplied.

If you can help, please sign up here or contact Pastor Kathy.



Open Heart Refuge at Vineyard Resource Center is Looking for Volunteers

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.



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Virtual Religion Chat

Wed., March 13, 2024 5:00-6:00 pm* via Zoom

*The Zoom room will open at 4:45 pm ♦ All are welcome
Optional breakout discussion groups 6-6:30 pm
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85249778210

Topic:

Nearly all religions have a version of "Thou Shalt Not Kill." How does your religion/congregation deal with the reality of war?

Speakers:

Manish Singhvi

Jain

Troy Witt

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

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Contact Michele Rudd with any questions!

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





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

- 1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6-7pm: Wednesday Zoom Group (Contact <u>Jordan</u>)
- Wednesdays; 5-7pm: Family Small Group (Contact Rachel)
- 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 <u>Dick Ernst</u>)
- 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 <u>Martina</u>, our Office and Communications Manager, **by 3pm on Tuesdays**.

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

Check out the <u>newsletter archive!</u>

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