

## Asbury Articles: May 31, 2023

### UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS



## Music Celebration Sunday: THIS Sunday!

Sunday, June 4

Music Celebration Sunday is almost here! On **Sunday, June 4**, we will hear music from Asbury's various choirs and musical groups. We will also celebrate Jessica Warren's retirement from directing the Youth Choir and express our appreciation of her hard work in that role.

**Note for our musical groups:** After Music Celebration Sunday on June 4, choir groups will not meet again until after Labor Day in September. Enjoy your summer break!



## The Grill Team is Back!

Saturday, June 10 | 10am

Asbury's Grill Team has been rehearsing hard and is excited to march in the parade!

We would still like a few more folks to walk alongside the truck and to help carry the Asbury banner. If you're available on June 10th for the parade itself, and you'd like to represent Asbury, please contact [Martie Muldoon](#).

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## Celebration of Life: Carol Wilson

Saturday, June 10 | 3pm

There will be a Celebration of Life service for Carol Wilson on Saturday, June 10 at 3pm at Asbury, with a reception to follow the service at Carol's home.

Contact the [office](#) for more details about the reception.

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## *Join us for a Retirement Celebration honoring Terri Gamble*

Sunday, June 11

Following worship | Fellowship Hall  
Hawaiian attire encouraged!

## HELP US CELEBRATE TERRI & KAREN!

### GiFTS

Ellen will be in the worship hall after Sunday worship through June 4. Cash may be donated or checks made out to "Terri Gamble" / "Karen Bauman"

### CARDS

We will have index cards available in the Fellowship Hall after Sunday worship through June 4 for you to write well wishes or a memory for Terri and Karen.



## Inventory Day!

Saturday, June 17 | 10am

It's inventory time! The Trustees are updating the inventory of all of Asbury's "stuff" (tables, chairs, TVs, computers, power tools, ladders, refrigerators...). SO, we're having the first ever "Inventory Day" on Saturday June 17 starting at 10am. We will divide the campus into sections and the existing inventory list into categories – think of it as a giant scavenger hunt! WITH snacks provided!

Please contact the [office](#) or the [facility manager](#) to let us know if you will be joining us.

## *Ladies Night Out*

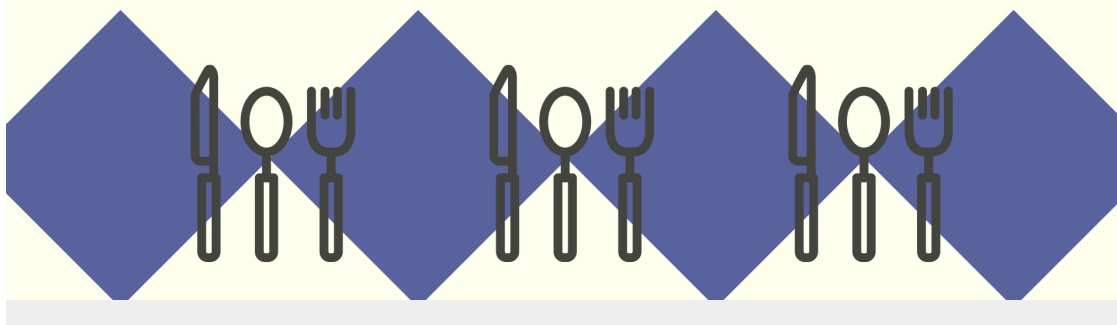
**TUESDAY, JUNE 20TH | 6 PM**

**BRUNO'S ITALIAN CUISINE**

2133 FIRST ST, LIVERMORE, CA 94550

PLEASE RSVP TO KELLI WALTER ([KELLIWALT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KELLIWALT@GMAIL.COM)) BY FRIDAY, 6/16

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



## Summerfest is coming!

Saturday, August 5 - Sunday, August 6

Write it in your calendars now. We will be asking for your help to volunteer with set up, meals, activities and fun.

Think: swimming, waterslide, slip-n-slide, drumming, chimes, Biffer (fun game!), Fertile Groundworks, eating, campfire, camping, and lots more!

Save the Date!

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Stories of the Civil Rights Movement: From Selma to Today

Sunday, June 4 | 4pm - 8pm



Spend an evening listening to the stories of the Civil Rights Movement from those who were a part of it!

We will begin by watching the 2014 movie Selma in the sanctuary. After the movie ends, we will move to the Fellowship Hall for dinner, followed by a panel discussion from Ellen Peete, Rev. Dick Ernst, and Rev. Theon Johnson. Suggested \$20 donation for dinner per person

This event is a fundraiser event for the Asbury group going to serve in Alabama this summer!

[Register Here](#)

## Retirement Celebration for Pastor Kim Risedorph

Thursday, June 22 | 6pm

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San Ramon Valley UMC  
902 Danville Blvd, Alamo, CA  
Suggested donation: \$15-25 per family  
RSVP to [Patsy Kyles](#)

All are invited to attend a retirement barbecue celebration for Pastor Kim Risedorph, former pastor at Asbury, at San Ramon Valley UMC. There will be vegetarian options available as well.

SRVUMC is preparing a scrapbook for Pastor Kim. Cards, letters, and mementoes are welcome. Please send any contributions for the scrapbook to [Terry Bailey](#).



ASBURY COMMUNITY



## Our 2023 Graduates!

Congratulations!!

## High School Graduates

Alexa Hart, Livermore High School

Alexandria Lobao, Foothill High School High School

## College Graduates

Cloe Bennett, Bachelor of Science, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

Austin Gnecco, Bachelor of Science, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

Kathrin Bauman, Master's Degree, Yale University

*Granddaughter of Paul & Karen Bauman*

Tess Cayton, Master's of Music in Trombone Performance, Carnegie Mellon

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## Thanks from the Tiny Homes Task Force

The Tiny Home Task Force wishes to thank everyone who showed up for the vote either in person or on Zoom. After Tiny Task Force Chair, Rob Rudd, gave a brief overview of the project to date, a vote was taken on whether to submit to the City of Livermore a general planning application (and thereby continue researching the possibility of building tiny homes for the unsheltered on our back lot).

The results: Yes - 106, No - 17

This surpasses the two-thirds threshold set by Church Council, so our work on Tiny Homes continues. Regardless of how you voted, the Task Force values your input on this project. As we make reports about our progress, we hope that you will continue to share your ideas, questions, and concerns with us. Thank you for the opportunity to continue our work on Tiny Homes.

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## Welcome, baby!

Join us in celebrating the birth of this baby boy and congratulating their families!

**Bennett Stewart Sherburne**, born May 23

*Son of Kim (Braun) & Brady Sherburne*

*Brother of Finley Sherburne*

*Grandson of Dave & Jean Braun*

Congratulations!

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## New Church Office Hours!

Taking effect June 1

Beginning June 1, the Asbury church office hours will change slightly.

**The new office hours will be:**

Monday - Thursday: 10am - 4pm

Friday - Sunday: closed



The book of Ecclesiastes reminds us that there is season and a time for every matter under heaven. In the United Methodist Church, pastors tend to think of January through June as appointment season, a time when our Bishop and District Superintendents meet to assess the needs of the churches and the pastors. These meetings are based on written input from the churches through the Staff Parish Relations Committee and from the pastors as well as in-person meetings with these same people.

Some appointments are kept the same, others shift, some pastors retire, some pastors take leave, some pastors step outside of the appointment system, etc. When pastors are licensed and later ordained in our denomination, we agree to be itinerate and express our willingness to be appointed where the Bishop and Superintendents decide. All pastoral appointments are for a year at a time. Normally, we stay longer than a year, but I've seen some appointments that were only a year. This coming year there is a shortage of pastors. Many people have been brought in from other Annual Conferences to pastor and very few churches have associates.

I know many are surprised, disappointed, or even shocked that Pastor Brad has not been reappointed to Asbury. It's important that we take time to appreciate Brad's time among us, that we thank him, and let him know what he has meant to us. As we work through the transition, please feel free to ask me your questions, share your concerns, and get help on projects with which you are engaged.

I ask that you keep Pastor Brad and the Staff Parish Relations Committee in your prayers as we go through this time of transition.

Blessings,  
Pastor Kathy

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## Meet Asbury's New Office Manager!

Welcome, Martina!

Staff Parish Relations Committee has interviewed applicants for the Office Manager position and is pleased to announce that Martina Monroe has been selected. Martina will spend time during the remainder of May working with Terri and Karen in training and then officially starts on June 1. We asked Martina to write short introduction to the congregation:

I am so excited to start my journey with Asbury Church! I was drawn to Asbury because of the commitment to community development and welcoming people of all backgrounds.

I recently moved to Livermore from Washington state with my family and we love the people and sunshine.

I have a degree in marketing from University of Worcester in England where I met my husband. We have a son who turns three in a few months and recently we welcomed a little black puppy named Chilly into our home. Our family loves spending time exploring parks and eating good food.

I can't wait to get started!

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## Memorial Bricks Available

We are preparing to order more memorial bricks to be installed in the Memorial Garden north of the Chapel. If you would like to order one for a relative or friend, please provide the following information:

Name as you would wish to have it appear on the brick  
Year of birth  
Year of death

Please provide this information to the church office and provide a check for \$30 each. If you need more information please contact [Dick Crawford](#).

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## Hey God, it's me...

Prayer Board



There is a prayer conversation board in the Fellowship Hall where the children and congregation can write conversations with God. The children will focus on a different type of prayer each week with them being posted in the Hall. Please feel free to join in on having a conversation with God and please encourage others to do so.

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## 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.

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## Sunday Prayer Requests

Please pray for the requests that were made during prayer time on Sunday.

If you would like to be on the email prayer chain, please contact the [church office](#).

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## EVENTS AT A GLANCE

### RECURRING EVENTS

- **Sundays; 10am:** Asbury worship service
- **Sundays; 11:30am:** Cherub Choir rehearsal
- **Sundays; 11:30am:** Rainbow Choir rehearsal
- **Sundays; 11:30am:** Youth Choir rehearsal
- **Thursdays; 7:30pm:** Faith Choir rehearsal

### OPEN SMALL GROUPS

- **Every Sunday; 8:15am:** Meditation Circle on Zoom (Contact [the office](#))
- **1st and 3rd Monday; 6pm:** Monday Night Small Group (Contact [Ruth](#))
- **Thursdays; 7:45am:** Men's Bible Study on Zoom (Contact [Art](#))
- **Saturdays; 10am:** Craft and Chat [Zoom](#) gathering
- **3rd Saturdays; 10:30am:** Caregivers' Support Group on [Zoom](#)

### JUNE

- **Sun, June 4:** Graduation Video during worship
- **Sun, June 4:** Music Celebration Sunday
- **Sun, June 4; 4pm:** Stories of the Civil Rights Movement: From Selma to Today
- **Sat, June 10; 10am:** Livermore Rodeo Parade
- **Sat, June 10; 3pm:** Celebration of Life for Carol Wilson
- **Sun, June 11; after worship:** Retirement Celebration for Terri Gamble
- **Sat, June 17; 10am:** Inventory Day
- **Tues, June 20; 6pm:** Ladies Night Out at Bruno's (RSVP by June 16)
- **Thurs, June 22; 6pm:** Retirement Barbecue for Pastor Kim Risedorph

## AUGUST

- **Sat, Aug. 5 - Sun, Aug. 6:** Summerfest

## HOW CAN WE HELP?

### Have questions?

Reply to this email or call the office at 925-447-1950.

### Have an article, announcement, or event to submit?

Send them to the [Alaina Harrison](#), our Communications Specialist, **by 3pm on Tuesdays**.

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

Check out the [newsletter archive](#)!

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