



Asbury Articles: June 14, 2023

UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS

California-Nevada Annual Conference

June 15-18

The 175th Session of the California-Nevada Annual Conference will meet at the Sacramento Convention Center June 15th-18th. Asbury will be represented by our Lay Members: Burlyne Wilson, LaNor Smith and Cal Wood. Our retired clergy: Heather Hammer, Dick Ernst and Maggie McNaught and our appointed clergy: Pastor Brad and Pastor Kathy. For more information, please go to the [website](#).

The Annual Conference session is where we conduct business such as adopting budgets, setting priorities and hearing reports; "fix" the appointments of pastors to local churches and extension ministries for the coming year; ordain new clergy; worship and study together. The Annual Conference Offering this year [supports Native American Ministries](#). If you would like to participate in this offering please see the link or give through Asbury and designate it for "Annual Conference Offering." Visitors are welcome. Visitors don't need to register, they sit outside the bar of the conference and they may not attend legislative sections on Friday morning. If you are interested in attending as a visitor and need more information, please see Pastor Kathy. Thanks!

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) BY FRIDAY, 6/16

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



BEST WISHES BRAD

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE
CELEBRATION FOR BRAD

**THURSDAY, JUNE 29TH
6-8 PM**

HORS D'OEUVRES

CARDS & DONATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED IN
FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER CHURCH THRU 6/24
BY ELLEN PEETE & BURLYNE WILSON

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

Retirement Celebration for Pastor Kim Risedorph

Thursday, June 22 | 6pm

Thursday, June 22 | 6pm
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

Job Opening: Nursery Coordinator

We want to thank Lynn Tripp for stepping in these past few months as our Nursery Coordinator to bring the nursery back to livelihood after the Pandemic shutdown. Lynn misses being in worship with us all so has decided to step down as the Nursery Coordinator. Below is an ad for this position. We would be most grateful if you would share it with anyone you think might be interested. For more information, please see Lori Day or Pastor Kathy.

Nursery Coordinator Job Opening

Asbury United Methodist Church is hiring a part-time Nursery Coordinator. The Coordinator is responsible for ensuring the young children of the church are well cared for in a loving environment on Sunday mornings and for any event or ministry of the church for which childcare is requested. Duties include caring directly for the children, training and supervising staff, overseeing the maintenance of the nursery, and implementing appropriate educational opportunities for the children. Please contact the Church office at Asbury for a complete job description and an application at office@asburylive.org or call 925-447-1950. Position open until filled. Asbury is located at 4743 East Avenue in Livermore, Ca.

Paradise: Rebuilding from the Camp Fire

The most striking thing about this mission trip to Paradise was how extensive the recovery is. There is home construction everywhere and new businesses open. The recovery is clearly accelerating with much optimism “in the air.” It is so encouraging to see.

The Camp Fire in November 2018, was the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in California history. Tragically, 85 people died. The fire burned over 150,000 acres and more than 15,000 homes. The towns of Paradise, Concow, and Magalia were largely destroyed.

After a massive two-year cleanup and debris removal, rebuilding began in earnest in early 2021. Volunteer organizations were permitted to scale up efforts to assist low-income survivors with construction of new homes. One such organization is Hope Crisis Response Network (HCRN). At present, HCRN has ten homes under construction. We have been working with HCRN on wildfire recoveries for over five years.

Our June 2023 Mission Team was the second United Methodist Team this year. Following us will be Glenwood Springs UMC from Colorado, Community UMC – Huntington Beach and Santa Rosa UMC.

Our team included Asbury UMC in Livermore, San Ramon Valley UMC in Alamo, Lynnewood UMC in Pleasanton, El Dorado County Federated Church in Placerville, and Los Altos UMC. We worked on three homes -interior and exterior painting, installed flooring, baseboard, trim, and doors.

Our clients, Fred, Don, and Eddy were all fire survivors. Fred and Don live in trailers on their property as their home is being built. Eddy has been staying in a modest motel since the fire. They are so ready to have a new home.

Each day was collectively rewarding work. We enjoyed the shared camaraderie and sense of purpose in helping wildfire survivors. We also enjoyed evenings back at the dorm. We reflected on each day, shared devotional moments, and laughed at stories told.

Mission trips like this one are a unique blend of Christian love in action and a week-long small group experience. Tired by the end of the trip, we nonetheless came back savoring what it means to live a ministry of presence in helping survivors of a horrific wildfire.

Faithfully,
Steve Elliott, Roger Everett, Steve Wilson, Coleman Johnson, Raeanne Passantino, Doug Huey, Mary Ellen Huey, Scott Smith, Ron Logan, Mary Morisset, Gretchen McLean, Ryan Hornbeck, and Bob Lee

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.

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](#).

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

- **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
- **Thurs, June 29; 6-8pm:** Farewell Celebration for Brad

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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