

Asbury Articles: July 16, 2025




Dine and Dawdle Delivers Delicious Fun!

Last week's **Dine and Dawdle** was a spicy success, with about **60 people** attending and **10 entries** in the much-anticipated **Chili Cook-Off**. From


meaty to vegetarian, with beans or without—every pot was packed with flavor, and all were thoroughly enjoyed!

Laughter, good food, and community spirit filled the evening. A big thank you to everyone who entered chili, helped serve, or just came to enjoy the fun.

Chili Cook-Off Winners:

 **1st Place:** Patty Baker

 **2nd Place:** Rich Bennett (accepted by Jackie)

 **3rd Place:** Larry Sanford

We think it's safe to say everyone had a great time—and left with full stomachs and warm hearts!



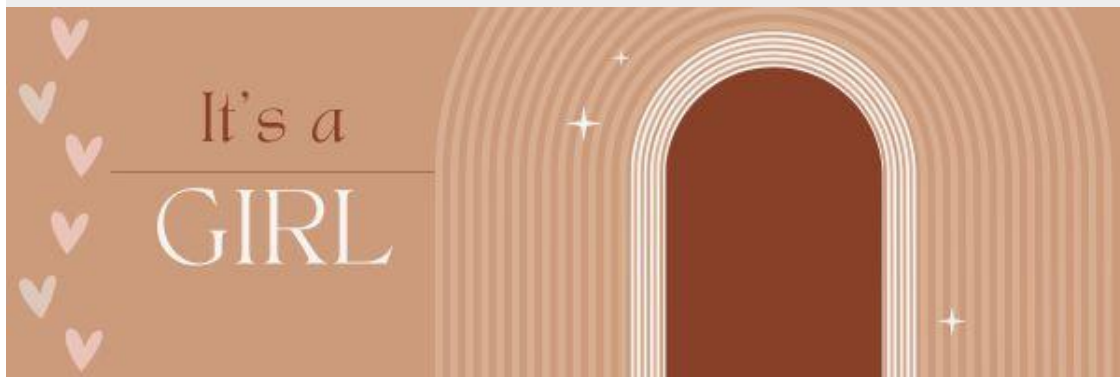
Help Fill Backpacks for Local Students – Sunday, July 27

If you haven't done so already, **mark Sunday July 27 on your calendar** for helping to fill backpacks with school supplies after worship. The Serving Others with Love Committee will have the backpacks and supplies on two rows of tables. There'll be signs showing how much of each supply you should put in a backpack. After you fill a backpack, go around again and fill another backpack.

In 2023 and 2024 the Watermark at Rosewood Gardens offered to fill some backpacks as an optional activity for residents who might be interested. Two Asbury members resident there participated in filling backpacks in 2023 and 2024 along with the other residents. This means you won't have to do all 144 on July 27.

The Serving Others with Love Committee invites your monetary contributions via the "Give" button at AsburyLive.org, the "Giving" button on the Asbury app, by check, or in cash. Be sure to indicate "Backpack Project" as the purpose.

UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS



You're Invited: Baby Shower for Martina!

Join us to celebrate Martina and her little one on **Sunday, July 20 at 5pm** in the **Fellowship Hall**.

If you'd like to RSVP, call the office, or reply to this email.

Your presence is the greatest gift, but if you'd like to bless them with something, gift cards would be most appreciated.



Asbury's Anti-Racism group invites you to discuss ***The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration*** by Isabel Wilkerson July 22 at 7-8:30 p.m. online. For an introduction to the book, watch this inspiring [video introduction](#). Our Zoom link is [here](#).


DONATION DRIVE



Blood Drives at Asbury

We're hosting **two blood drives this month** at Asbury, and **your donation can save lives!**

 **Friday, July 18**

 **Thursday, July 24** – *This drive still has 10 open appointments!*

Both drives will be held **on campus**, and we're inviting everyone who is eligible to roll up their sleeve and make a difference. **Every donation matters**—especially during the busy summer months when supplies run low.

 To schedule your appointment, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org).

Let's show up for our community with compassion and care. Thank you for being a life-giving force!

Ladies Night Out

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12TH | 6 PM

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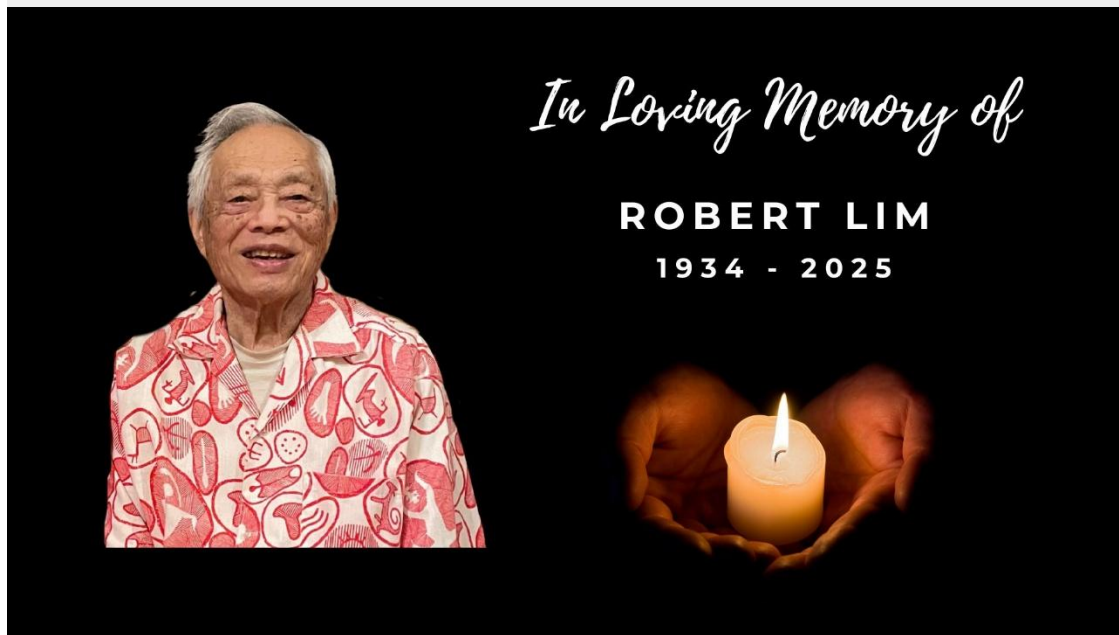
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PLEASE RSVP TO KELLI WALTER ([KELLIWALT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:kelliwalt@gmail.com)) BY FRIDAY, 8/8

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



CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE



Celebrating the Life of Bob Lim

A memorial service for Robert Lim will be held this **Saturday at 2:00 pm** in the **Asbury Sanctuary**, followed by a reception.

All are welcome as we gather to remember and celebrate Bob's life.

The service will also be **livestreamed** on our [website](#) and [YouTube channel](#) for those who are unable to attend in person.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Women's RETREAT



SAVE THE DATE!

The **Women's Retreat** is coming, Friday evening, September 5 and all-day Saturday, September 6 at our Asbury Campus. We are excited to have one of our former pastors, Kim Risedorph as our Retreat Leader this year. Watch for more news later. Contact Karen Bauman at 510-409-9760 if you would like to be part of the retreat planning.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Become an Adult Literacy Volunteer

You'll likely be amazed by what YOU learn.

Can you see yourself teaming up with an adult to work on their basic reading, writing or conversation skills? Are you interested in meeting new people and making a positive contribution to our community? If so, become a literacy volunteer and help adults become more confident and better able to navigate everyday situations.

Next Volunteer Training:

July 21st, 23rd & 28th
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Civic Center Library
Community Room B



For more information or to sign up, please contact literacy@livermoreca.gov or (925) 373-5507.



To request a reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), please call or email the City of Livermore's ADA coordinator at (925) 960-4170 (TTY Relay at 711), or adaordinator@livermoreca.gov. Accommodations should be requested at least three working days before the scheduled event.

Want to make a difference of service to others?

See the information above about our Livermore Library Adult Literacy Program for tutor volunteers and adult learners.

I am proud to share that I am an English Conversation Leader. The next tutor **training is July 21, 23, and 28, 10am-12:30pm**. As a participant in the Asbury Anti-Racism group, I am learning the importance of language to understand and respect others.

Feel free to contact the library at the number/email listed in the flyer or contact me at church, or email Evans5263@att.net. Also, call me at 209-609-2503 and leave a message. I will return your call as soon as possible.

Mary Evans

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025
6:00 to 9:30pm Silent & Live Auctions & Door Prize Drawings!



Fertile GroundWorks warmly invites you to an evening of celebration at our Annual Taste for Giving fundraising gala! Join us for good food and wine, cheer and laughter, summer tastings from the garden, prizes and auction items, all in support of Fertile GroundWorks' mission to TEACH, GROW, GIVE!

This year, our event will be held on Saturday, September 13th from 6-9pm at the beautiful McGrail Vineyards.

Early bird tickets are on sale now for \$115 / ticket and \$110 / ticket for groups of 4 or more. We can't wait for you to join us! Invite your family and friends to enjoy this evening together. Our event is limited to 150 guests, so [reserve your tickets today!](#)

INTERFAITH INTERCONNECT INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

Interfaith Worship Experience Visit
Congregation Beth Emek Shabbat Service
Friday, August 8, 2025 | 7:30 PM


Interfaith Interconnect

Interfaith Interconnect welcomes you to our next
Interfaith Worship Experience Visit

 **Congregation Beth Emek – Shabbat Service**

 3400 Nevada St., Pleasanton, CA 94566

 Friday, August 8, 2025

 7:30 p.m.

Come experience Jewish worship and fellowship in community.

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**.

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.

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

RECURRING EVENTS

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

CHOIRS: not rehearsing during the summer (will resume in September)

OPEN SMALL GROUPS

- **Wednesdays | 5:30pm:** Family Small Group (Contact [Rachel](#))
- **1st and 3rd Tuesdays | 1:30pm:** Women of the Vine (Contact [Anne](#))
- **Wednesdays | 5-7pm:** Family Small Group (Contact [Rachel](#))
- **2nd and 4th Wednesdays | 6-7pm:** Wednesday Zoom Group (Contact [Rita-Ann](#)) - this group does not meet in June
- **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](#))



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