

## Asbury Articles: July 30, 2025



### Blessing of the Backpacks

**Bring your backpack on the 10th!**

It's hard to believe, but a new school year is just around the corner! As our children prepare for another year of learning, growth, and discovery, we invite them to participate in a special moment of encouragement and prayer.

All children are invited to bring their **school backpack** to church for a special **Blessing of the Backpacks** during worship on **August 10**. Together, we will pray over our students and their backpacks—asking for a year filled with **blessings, friendship, kindness, and courage**.

This is a meaningful way to launch the school year with faith and support from our church family. We hope to see you there!



Kick off SummerFest weekend with a relaxing evening on the lawn!

🧺 *Bring Your Own Picnic* **5:30pm**

🔥 *Campfire & S'mores* **6:30pm**

All ages welcome—come enjoy fellowship and fun!

We are still in need of someone who can **start the campfire**, and some people who would like to **lead some campfire songs**!



Come celebrate the end of summer with us!

🎪 Carnival Games • 💧 Water Slides • 🎨 Crafts • 🍔 Hot dog Lunch • 🎵 Music

✦ Youth "Big Kids Only" Time from **1:30–2:30 PM**

Bring your friends and your sunscreen—it's going to be a blast!

## Volunteer for SummerFest!

We're getting ready for **Asbury's Annual SummerFest** on **Sunday, August 3 from 11 AM – 1 PM**, and we need your help to make it a success!

### Specifically we need:

- Two more people to oversee carnival games
- A water slide monitor

Please fill out the volunteer form below to let us know how you'd like to participate:

👉 [SummerFest Volunteer Form](#)

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to **Rachel** or contact the **church office**.

Let's come together for a fun day of fellowship, food, and family fun!



## Thank You for Helping Us Serve Livermore Students!

The Serving Others with Love Committee thanks all who participated in filling the middle and high school backpacks. Asbury and seven other churches in Livermore will be distributing kindergarten, elementary, and middle/high backpacks to Livermore schools Monday, August 4.

Asbury's 144 backpacks will be going to Junction Avenue K-8 School (52), East Avenue Middle School (25), Livermore High School (25), and Granada High School (42). Thank you, Asbury!

## UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS




**July 31 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM | Room 11 and 12**

### United Women in Faith – Monthly Sew-In

Join us for our next Sew-In!

 **Thursday, July 31**

 **1:00 – 3:00 PM**

 **Rooms 11 & 12**

Come enjoy fellowship and creativity as we sew together in support of meaningful missions. All are welcome!



## *Ladies Night Out*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12TH | 6 PM

**FRATELLO'S RISTORANTE**

2124 RAILROAD AVE, LIVERMORE, CA 94550

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!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### A THANK YOU from the SSP Team!

A big thanks to everyone at Asbury who supported our intergenerational SSP trip to San Diego this summer. We could not do it without everyone who bought pancakes or bid crazy amounts on desserts or just made a straight donation or prayed for a fun & safe trip. Your love and support are very much felt and appreciated.

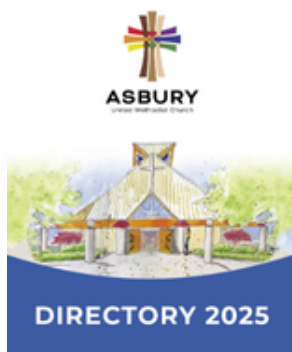
Dylan Bennett made a fun slide show of photos from our trip. You can see it [here](#).

Donations toward next year's trip ("SSP 2026") can be made via check, Zelle, direct deposit, or online.



## Make sure your donations go the correct place

When donating money to anything other than the General Budget, it is important that the Financial Secretary know your desires. This is particularly relevant to donations processed by a bank or brokerage such as using an IRA distribution (an excellent tax savings). Banks or brokerages often don't even include your name with checks arriving at the church. Please contact the Financial Secretary, Gail Bryan at [Finance@asburylive.org](mailto:Finance@asburylive.org) with the information about where the check is coming from and how you want it used.



# Directory UPDATE

## Church Directory Update: Safety First

In light of several recent scam emails and text messages received by members of our congregation, we have made the decision **not to publish the church directory on our website**. This step was taken to help protect the privacy and safety of our church family.

The directory is still available—just not online. If you would like a **printed copy** or a **PDF sent to you**, please contact the church office or simply **reply to this email** with your request.

Thank you for your understanding as we prioritize the security of our community.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



### 💖 Caregiver Support Group – Free & Open to the Community

Are you caring for a loved one over the age of 60? You're not alone. This free support group is for family and friends navigating the challenges of caregiving.

🕒 **Mondays, 10:30–11:30 AM**

📍 *Heritage Estates*, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore

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TEACH. GROW. GIVE.

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are invited to  
**A TASTE  
FOR  
Giving**

*Cost*  
\$115 by August 1;  
\$125 after August 1.  
Ticket sales end September 1.

*Catering*  
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*Beverages*  
McGrail Vineyards

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

 **McGRAIL  
Vineyards**  
5000 Greenville Road  
in Livermore

 **TICKETS**

Fertile GroundWorks, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550 PH (510) 427-4431 W [fertilegroundworks.org](http://fertilegroundworks.org) 501 (c)(3) Tax ID 45-5415064

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.

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### 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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### Asbury United Methodist Church

4743 East Avenue | Livermore, CA 94550

## 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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