

Asbury Articles: August 20, 2025



Women's Retreat: *Embracing Hope*

Women's Retreat

Register now for the Embracing Hope Women's Retreat, Friday, September 5th and Saturday, 6th at Asbury.

Registration forms are available in the church office, Sunday worship and attached below. The retreat begins on Friday at 5:00, registration; 6:00 dinner and program at 7:00. Saturday program begins at 9:30 a.m., with light snacks, and lunch provided, ending at 4:30 p.m. Join us for spiritual renewal, singing, crafts, mediation and fun. Childcare will be provided for children registered by August 29th.

In the midst of the busyness of our lives we are aware of the chaos, conflict and change around us. It's a lot. So, we need a **time to pause**. This women's retreat

offers us the **chance to connect** with each other and the power of God's presence right here with us. Join us as we explore, ponder and find renewal.

Our retreat leader, facilitator this year is Rev. Kim Risedorph, retired United Methodist Minister and former Asbury Pastor and retreat leader. Kim has always been curious about our spiritual journey. Being a retired pastor, an end-of-life doula, hospice volunteer and chaplain at Viamonte Retirement Community — all have deepened her awareness of how to live a meaningful and joyful life.

Questions? Contact Karen Bauman at 510-409-9760 or the church office.

Downloads and attachments

[Womens Retreat-Rev 2-2025 Registration Form.docx](#)



Searching for Middle & High School Sunday School Teachers

With Sunday school classes for our children and youth starting soon, we are in need of your gracious assistance. Starting in September, in addition to nursery care thru 5th grade classes, we will also be having a middle school (6th thru 8th grade) class and a high school (9th thru 12th grade) class on Sunday mornings. These classes will both meet twice a month to coincide with youth choir rehearsal.

Two individuals are requested for each class, curriculum will be selected, and you will be given a lesson plan/study guide for each Sunday, requiring a minimal amount of preparation; no experience necessary. Committing to doing a single Sunday is truly encouraged! We ask that you prayerfully consider being part of our

wonderful Asbury youth's lives by sharing your kind spirit and joining other Asbury folks who have already volunteered.

We look forward to hearing from those who are interested in assisting our youth program. Please email LaNor Smith if you would like to volunteer and/or you have any questions.

UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS

Legalizing Annexation of Settlements

Jerusalem Metropolitan Bill



Rev. Michael Yoshii, Co-Chair
Friends of Wadi Foquin &
Special Guest from the Village of Wadi Foquin

The Jerusalem Metropolitan Bill introduced in the Knesset will legally annex settlements north, east, and south of the city. The village of Wadi Foquin is directly impacted being located near the southern settlement bloc. Learn about the proposed bill and it's impact upon Palestinian displacement.

Saturday, August 30th
12 noon - (light lunch served)
Asbury United Methodist Church
4743 East Avenue, Livermore
Please RSVP to Bob Johnson at bobjjr@aol.com.



Undie Sunday

Serving Others with Love

Undie Sunday is Here!

As part of our support for the **Shower Ministry** (currently hosted at Vineyard 2.0), Asbury provides **new underwear** to individuals in need who participate in the program.

Fresh underwear is a small but powerful gift following a shower—and it's deeply appreciated.

Current needs include:

- **Men's white T-shirts** – Sizes L, XL, 2XL
- **Men's boxer briefs** – Sizes M, L, XL
- **Women's briefs** – Sizes 5 & 6
- **White tube socks**

Back-to-School sales are a great time to pick these items up!

Donations can be dropped off in the **Narthex** or **church office** now through **August 31st**.

Prefer online shopping? Have items shipped directly to:

Asbury UMC, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550

Monetary donations are also welcome and will go toward purchasing underwear and toiletry items. You can give by check with "**Undie Sunday**" in the memo line or choose the **Undie Sunday** option in online giving.

Thank you for your generosity!



The Anti-Racism group will meet online Monday, August 25, at 7:00 p.m. to look at what the church is doing to combat racism. Join us, all interested folks!


[Join the Zoom Meeting](#)



August 28 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM | Room 11 and 12

United Women in Faith – Monthly Sew-In

 **Thursday, August 28**

 **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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

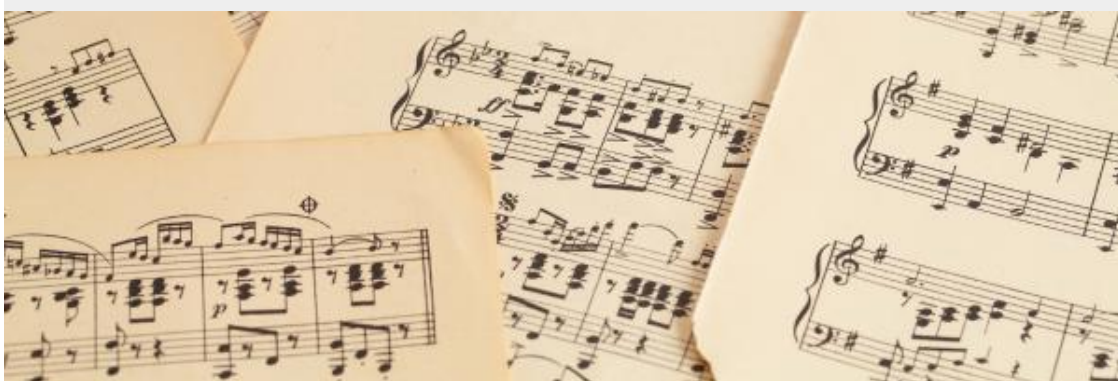


Stretch Your Giving with Matching Gifts at LLNL

A great way to get more impact from your giving dollars is to take advantage of workplace charitable giving programs. In particular, if you work at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the Lab has a generous matching program through its HOME campaign. Each fall, they invite pledging to charities through payroll deduction on a one time or ongoing basis, and are currently matching those donations at 40%. For instance, if you donate \$100 to Asbury through HOME, the Lab adds \$40 to Asbury on top of your donation. The donations are delivered on a quarterly basis. If you donate through HOME, make sure you identify Asbury as Asbury UMC, Livermore, since there are a lot of Asbury UMCs around the country.

In addition to the fall campaign, the Lab now has an “Open Match Giving Campaign” through HOME that can take directed donations via debit/credit at any time of year. Those are also matched at 40% up to \$400. Through August 31, they have a special enhanced version with 80% matching up to \$800.

Jim Hammer
Chair, Finance Committee



ALL Vocal Choirs Start After Labor Day!

Mark your calendars—choirs will resume their Fall schedule following Labor Day (Monday, September 1).

- **Faith Choir** – First rehearsal: **Thursday, September 4 at 7:30 PM** in the Sanctuary. The choir will sing in worship on **Sunday, September 7**.
- **Cherub, Rainbow, and Youth Choirs** – First rehearsals begin **Sunday, September 7 at 11:30 AM** in their respective rooms:
 - **Cherubs (K–2nd Grade)** – Room 5
 - **Rainbow Choir (3rd–5th Grade)** – Sanctuary
 - **Youth Choir (6th–12th Grade)** – Chapel

Come make a joyful noise with us as we start a new season of music and worship!

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

- **1st and 3rd Tuesdays | 1:30pm:** Women of the Vine (Contact [Anne](#))
- **Wednesdays | 5-7:30pm:** Family Supper Club (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](#))



Asbury Office

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