

Asbury Articles: August 6, 2025



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SummerFest Recap: A Great Weekend of Community and Fun

This past weekend's **SummerFest** was a wonderful gathering that brought our community together for two days of connection, activity, and shared enjoyment.

Things kicked off on **Saturday evening** with a relaxed **picnic and campfire**.

Families spread out on the lawn to enjoy dinner together, and as the evening cooled, the campfire became a popular spot. The classic combination of s'mores and conversation created a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

On **Sunday**, thanks to a dedicated team of **volunteers**, the event continued with a variety of activities for all ages. The **giant water slide** was a clear favorite among the kids, keeping them moving (and soaked!) throughout the afternoon. There were also **snow cones**, a **beading station** for making bracelets and necklaces, and other hands-on activities that kept kids engaged and having fun.

Thank you to everyone who helped make SummerFest a success—whether by setting up, volunteering, or simply showing up and being part of the day. We're grateful for the time spent together and look forward to more opportunities to gather as a community.

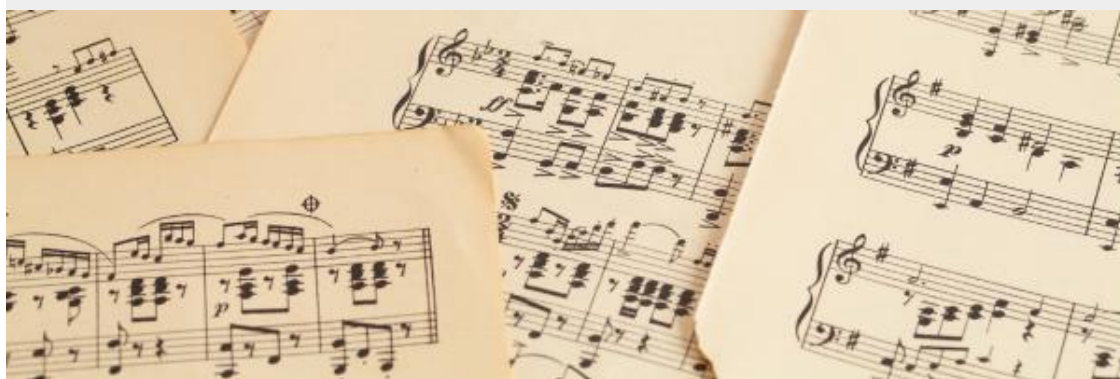


Blessing of the Backpacks

Bring your backpack on the 10th!

A new school year is almost here! All children are invited to bring their backpacks to worship on **Sunday, August 10** for a special *Blessing of the Backpacks*.

Together, we'll pray for a year filled with learning, friendship, and courage. Let's send our students off with love and support from their church family!



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!

UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS

Ladies Night Out

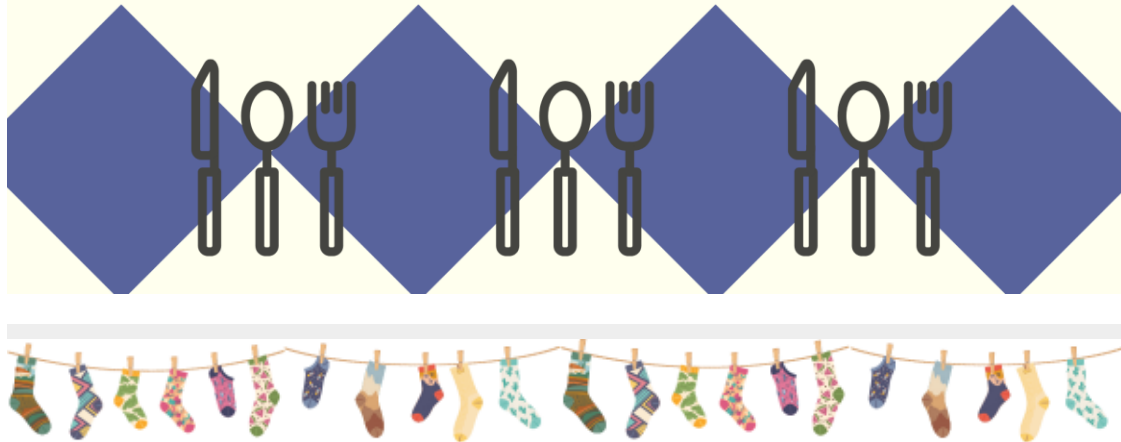
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12TH | 6 PM

FRATELLO'S RISTORANTE

2124 RAILROAD AVE, LIVERMORE, CA 94550

PLEASE RSVP TO KELLI WALTER (KELLIWALT@GMAIL.COM) BY FRIDAY, 8/8

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



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!

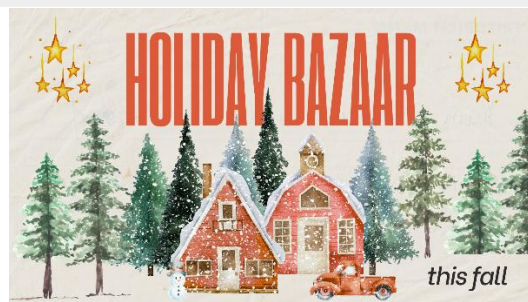
Donations can be dropped off in the **Narthex** or **church office** now through **August 31st**.

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!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Thank You for a Strong July

Another good month for Asbury's financial health! Income for the month of July was \$69,314 with expenses of 42,589 for a net of \$26,725. Thank you to all for your generosity. The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is making good progress in hiring so hopefully we will be back to full staff soon.

Asbury UMC budget giving for seven months through July 2025

Income	\$419,642	
Expense	\$338,130	
Net	\$81,513	
Expense detail		
Apportionments	\$41,964	12.4%
Program	\$12,376	3.7%
Office & Finance	\$8,090	2.4%
Operational	\$72,011	21.3%
Salaries and benefits	\$203,689	60.2%
Seven months through July Playground giving		
	\$50,023	

Seven months through July 2025 Benevolence giving

Pastors fund	\$1,856
Backpacks	\$5,400
Intergenerational Mission	\$6,231
Shower & Laundry	\$636
LA Fire help	\$200
UMCOR	\$2,465
UMCOR US	\$700

Human Relations Day	\$200	
Peace with Justice	\$100	
Easter	\$5,729	
Thanksgiving	\$540	
Christmas	\$910	
Partners for Change	\$300	
Fertile Groundworks	\$400	
Habitat for Humanity	\$1,200	
Open Heart Kitchen	\$1,300	
Friends of Wadi Foquin	\$200	
Tri-Valley Haven	\$2,100	
Alameda County Food Bank	\$1,000	
Open Heart Refuge	\$339	
AXIS Community Health	\$1,000	
Gum Moon Residence	\$100	
Total	\$32,905	7.8%



Mission Trip to Repair Mobile Homes

Fifty-year-old mobile homes are not a thing of beauty. They were never intended to last this long. They leak. Floors sag. Mold accumulates from water damage.

Plumbing fails. Electrical becomes a safety hazard. Such were the challenges faced by a recent Cal-Nev mission team.

During the last week of July, the first of two Cal-Nev Conference mission teams undertook the daunting task of repairing two dilapidated mobile homes near Placerville, California. The next team will tackle two more mobile homes in early August.

These homes faced the risk of being “red-tagged” as unlivable. Our goal was to make as many repairs as feasible to help the residents live in their homes in a safer and more sanitary way. We also added updates to make the home more comfortable.

One of the families was a mother, her young adult daughter with two small children. The other was a single mom with three teens. Both had limited income and are living on modest means.

In both homes, we addressed plumbing issues and electrical problems, repaired or replaced walls, replaced kitchen counters and cabinets, repaired or replaced bathrooms, painted and added or repaired flooring. The outcome was an updated and improved living environment.

This mission effort was a partnership with two El Dorado County non-profits – Housing El Dorado and the Non-Profit Construction Corporation. Both are local organizations devoted to providing affordable housing options for seniors, disabled and underserved populations. Our team was from four different churches and was hosted by the El Dorado County Federated Church.

This was a remarkably rewarding effort to put our faith into action for families that find it difficult to maintain their mobile home. We reflected, in our evening devotional time, that it is our purpose, as Christians, to invest in the lives of others. We are to serve as the “hands and feet of Christ” in a world that so needs compassion.

Steve Elliott, Mary Morriset, Harold Caudle, Steve Wilson, Roger Everett, Jeff Biggs, Ron Logan, Laura Barnes, Ross and Rhonda Franke

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

INTERFAITH INTERCONNECT INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

Interfaith Worship Experience Visit
Congregation Beth Emek Shabbat Service

Friday, August 8, 2025 | 7:30 PM

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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