

Asbury Articles: January 3, 2024



What Goes Up Must Come Down

This Sunday, January 7

Please join us after the church service on Sunday, January 7, to help take down the Christmas decorations on the Asbury Campus in the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and outside. After the service, please *check in with Karen Bauman and Scott Smith* in the Fellowship Hall for assignments. **Many hands will make light work.**



An Update from Worship Accompanist and Director of Asbury Ringers

Dear Asburyites,

Thanks to your generous financial gifts, we have raised the necessary funds to cover a full tuning of the organ as well as some additional repairs. I am truly grateful for your generosity, as it will help keep our pipe organ in good working condition for years to come!

Jean and I are working to schedule the project with the technicians. Right now, we hope work can begin in late February and be completed well before Easter. Organ pipes are sensitive to changes in temperature and humidity, so the timing of the project is contingent on favorable weather conditions. We will keep the congregation updated as plans solidify.

Best,
Fernanda

UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS



Handbell Course for Beginners

Calling all musical Asburyites Grades 6 -- Adult!

Have you ever wanted to try playing handbells? **Our handbell director will be holding a beginning handbell course after church January 14-February 18, from 11:30-12:30 each week.** It will be structured based on the musical backgrounds and availability of the participants.

Music reading is not required but may be taught. Participants should be able to stand *for an hour, follow directions, and treat the equipment with respect.* (Accommodations may be made as equipment allows. Common accommodations include a stool to sit on, large-print music or handouts, smaller bells, etc.)

Participants will be expected to attend as many sessions as possible, and to notify me in advance of conflicts. An opportunity to play in church on February 25 will be encouraged for interested ringers but is not a requirement of the class.

Interested ringers should contact Fernanda by January 9 at fernandav@asburylive.org or by calling the church office at (925) 447-1950. Space is limited to 11 people.

Ladies Night Out

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH | 6 PM

LANNA THAI

2270 LAS POSITAS ROAD, LIVERMORE, CA 94550

PLEASE RSVP TO KELLI WALTER (KELLIWALT@GMAIL.COM) BY FRIDAY, 1/12

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



ASBURY COMMUNITY

Critical Need for Blood Donors

Come to give blood in January and automatically be entered to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas!



Thank you Asbury blood donors!

In 2023 Asbury hosted a total of 21 Livermore Community blood drives for the Red Cross. The donation goal was reached on 19 of the 21 drives and a total of 825

productive units were collected for the year. A huge thank you for all the support from the Asbury community to make this possible!

Future drives at Asbury are on the following dates:

- **January 5**
- **January 19**
- **February 16**

To sign-up for any drive, please go to www.redcrossblood.org and use ASBURY925 as the Sponsor Code.



Make a Difference in 2024! Train to help others in their time of need.

Saturday and Sunday, January 6th and 7th, 2024, 1-5pm

When disasters happen, your Cal-Nev Conference deploys Early Response Teams (ERTs) to assist with cleanup and immediate repairs.

ERTs also staff Local Assistance Centers where we offer gift cards for pressing needs, cleaning supplies, hygiene kits and other aid. Most importantly, we offer survivors a place to talk, to process what happened to them.

In 2023, we have deployed ERTs five times related to the Humboldt Earthquake and the winter storm flooding.

If you would like to become an ERT, the next online, virtual training session will be Saturday and Sunday, January 6th and 7th, 2024, 1-5pm both days. You will become an UMCOR trained and badged responder. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

For questions contact [Leslie Carmichael](#).



Point in Time Count

January 25, 2024, from 5 am – 10 am

Asbury has been asked to help with the Point in Time (PIT) count again this year. On the PIT, we go out into Alameda County and count the number of homeless in a 5-hour time period. This count helps the county to understand how it is doing on ending homelessness and is also used for getting federal and state grants.

PIT is January 25, 2024, from 5 am – 10 am. There will be training, and we will go out in pairs often with a guide from someone who works with unsheltered folks. We had a good contingent from Asbury help in 2023 we hope to have a good turn out this year.

To register please [click here](#) or use the QR code. **Be sure to mark that you want to count in Livermore.** And let [Jordan](#) know if you are going to join the PIT so we can let the city know how many from Asbury are involved. Invite your friends to join you! Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Livermore Lions Club

Cioppino Fundraiser

Livermore Lions Club has a fundraiser on Saturday, January 20. Each ticket is \$70 for a cioppino dinner for 4. The drive by pick up is from 10:00am-1:00pm at the Singing Wine Maker (5143 Tesla Road). Proceeds support Fertile Ground Works and Open Heart Kitchen.

To order tickets call (925) 454-1489 or see Ben after church in the Fellowship Hall.

[Learn more about Livermore Lions Club projects](#)

Asbury Budget Update


Asbury has ended 2023 in excellent financial shape. You can congratulate yourselves on your generosity and faithfulness. Next week we will report on the total benevolent

giving, and I was blown away when I added it up! If you want to understand more about the budget categories below, [click here](#) for an explanation.

Asbury UMC budget giving through the full year 2023

Income	\$670,177
Expense	\$660,055
Net	\$10,122
Expense detail	
Apportionments	\$67,018
Program	\$31,723
Office & Finance	\$12,693
Operational	\$136,437
Salaries	\$412,184
December benevolence giving	
Pastors fund	\$440
Intergenerational Mission	\$400
Shower & Laundry	\$241
UMCOR	\$660
Student Day	\$75
Thanksgiving	\$620
Christmas	\$3,244
Partners for Change	\$1,370
La Familia	\$100
Fertile Groundworks	\$500
Habitat for Humanity	\$1,025
Christmas Alternate Giving	\$300
Open Heart Kitchen	\$350
Tri-Valley Haven	\$350
Alameda County Food Bank	\$450
Livermore Homeless Refuge	\$27
Meals on Wheels	\$100
AXIS Community Health	\$1,000

Total	\$11,252
Benevolence from budget	
Intergenerational Mission	\$1,000
AXIS Community Health	\$1,000
Shephard's Gate	\$500
Alameda County Food Bank	\$932
Tri-Valley Haven Pantry	\$500
Total	\$3,932



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presents a

Virtual Religion Chat

Wed., Jan. 10, 2024
5:00-6:00 pm* via Zoom
**The Zoom room will open at 4:45 pm*
Optional breakout discussion groups 6-6:30 pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84307041608>

Topic:

***Nearly all religions have a version of
 "thou shalt not kill." How does your
 religion/congregation deal with
 the reality of war?***

Speakers:

Rev. Sangye Hawke
 Unitarian Universalist Church, Livermore

Rev. Andy Lobban
 St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, Livermore

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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.



Prayer Chain

If you would like to be added to the Prayer Chain email list, contact the office.

office@asburylive.org
925-447-1950

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

RECURRING EVENTS

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

CHOIRS

- **Faith Choir** - Thursdays at 7:30pm: Sanctuary
- **Cherub Choir** - Sundays at 11:30am: Room 5
- **Rainbow Choir** - Sundays at 11:30am: Sanctuary

- **Youth Choir** - Sundays at 11:30am: Chapel
- **Asbury Ringers** - Sundays at 7pm: Sanctuary

OPEN SMALL GROUPS

- **1st and 3rd Monday; 6pm:** Monday Night Small Group (Contact [Ruth](#))
- **Thursdays; 7:45am:** Men's Bible Study on Zoom (Contact [Art](#))
- **Thursdays; 5-7pm:** Family Small Group
- **Last Thursdays; 1pm:** Sew-In (contact the Office)
- **Saturdays; 8:30am:** B-MEN (Contact [Dick Ernst](#))
- **Saturdays; 10am:** Craft and Chat [Zoom](#) gathering

HOW CAN WE HELP?

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.**

Miss a newsletter or need to go back and re-read?

Check out the [newsletter archive](#)!

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