

## Asbury Articles: November 1, 2023



### Presentation about a Pilgrimage to Palestine and Israel

Following the post-worship brunch on Sunday November 5, Bob Johnson will present to the congregation a report on his recent pilgrimage to Palestine and Israel. Bob will share photos and what it was like to visit religious sites that have great meaning for Jews, Muslims and Christians, and to walk where Jesus walked. He will share interesting and unusual facts about the region. For example, why a church in Jerusalem flies the French flag and is located on ground designed as French sovereign territory. Having spent most of the time on the pilgrimage in the West Bank of Palestine, Bob will provide firsthand insight on the situation faced by Palestinians in the Occupied Territory. He will tell what it was like to visit the Village of Wadi Foquin, which is supported by the work of our Cal Nevada Conference's Friends of Wadi Foquin. Bob will share how his own faith was challenged when he met Palestinians who, because of the strength of their faith, reject hate and violence in spite of the

hardships caused by the occupation. The pilgrimage was a life changing experience that Bob wishes to share, especially given the current conflict that is occurring. Please do not miss this opportunity. All are welcome and invite your friends.

## The Annual All Church Conference 2023

The Annual All Church Conference will be held on Sunday afternoon, November 5 at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Reverend Jennifer Murdock, Tri-Valley Circuit leader will preside. This is the annual business meeting of the church where we elect leaders and membership to the church committees, adopt pastoral compensation, adopt the membership report, and discuss business presented to us by the District Superintendent for discussion. All persons are welcome to attend and have voice--only Church Members can vote.

*We're looking for a couple of people to coordinate cookies and coffee/tea for our meeting. If you can help, please talk with Pastor Kathy.*



## New Pipe Organ Repair Fund

Dear Asburyites,

This past Sunday, I spoke to the congregation about the upcoming maintenance and repairs needed for the pipe organ. After 20 years of regular use, the instrument needs a general tuning and to have a few mechanical issues fixed. We also hope to get it on a regular service schedule to keep it in good playing condition. The projected costs for 2024 are \$8000 for the general tuning as well as \$2500 for a year of regular maintenance. Of course, this cannot happen without your generosity!

Some of you have asked me how to contribute toward these costs. We have a new fund specifically for organ repairs (including a general tuning). If you feel called to donate, simply write "organ repairs" on the memo line of a check or online donation. If you [give through the website](#), simply select "organ repairs" from the drop down menu.

Grace and Blessings,

Fernanda Van Atta



## Tiny Homes Update



The Tiny Home Task Force mailed a copy of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) to our neighbors earlier this week about the Tiny Home project. Copies were also distributed to the congregation after worship last Sunday. If you would like a copy, please contact the church [office](#). If you have attended the Tiny Home presentations, you know most of these details.



## Trick or Treat: Fun and Games 2023

Our *Trunk or Treat: Fun and Games!* event last Sunday was a spooktacular success!

We had a blast decorating our car trunks and handing out treats to all the amazing little ghouls and goblins who joined us. From witches to superheroes, the creativity in costumes was off the charts!

A huge thank you to everyone who made this event possible, from the volunteers to everyone who donated candy. Your support truly made the day magical.

We can't wait to see you all again next year! Until then, let's keep the Halloween spirit alive and enjoy the sweets.

Congratulations to the drawing winners!

- Jamie Do

- Vanessa Tovar

*Please stop by the office to pick up your prize.*

[Click here to view photo gallery](#)



## Office will be closed on Thursday, November 2

A reminder that the office will be closed tomorrow, Thursday, November 2nd, for a staff retreat.

For any inquiries, please send us an email or leave a message and we will get back to you on the following Monday.



## The Anti-Racism Group invites you to join book study

Join us for a book study to learn about The United Methodist Church and racism through our history. We will read *Our Hearts were Strangely Lukewarm* by John Elford and discuss it in two sessions, November 28 (chapters 1-4) and January 23 (chapters 5-8) at 7:00 pm. The meetings will be both in-person in the Conference Room and by Zoom. The Anti-Racism Group invites anyone in the church and community to participate in one or both sessions.

Michele Rudd and Heather Hammer will facilitate.

*Our Hearts were Strangely Lukewarm* is available on amazon.com for \$23.30 (Prime and Kindle also) and at progressivechristianity.org for \$9.99 and christianbook.com for \$14.85. Get the book now and begin reading. Then bring comments to our

discussions. The title comes from John Wesley's famous quote, "My heart was strangely warmed."

## Waiting Lists For Affordable Senior Apartments Open For One Week

Waiting lists are open for one week for [Hillcrest Gardens](#) and [Vineyard Village](#) affordable senior housing properties in Livermore. The properties are owned by Interfaith Housing and managed by Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA).

Applications for the waiting lists are now available and must be completed by November 7.

[Apply Here](#)

## Youth Group Volunteer Sign-Ups

If you are interested in signing up as a second adult for youth group or to make a youth group meal (for 8-10 people), please use [this google doc](#). If google docs aren't your thing, feel free to contact [Jordan](#) or call the church office!

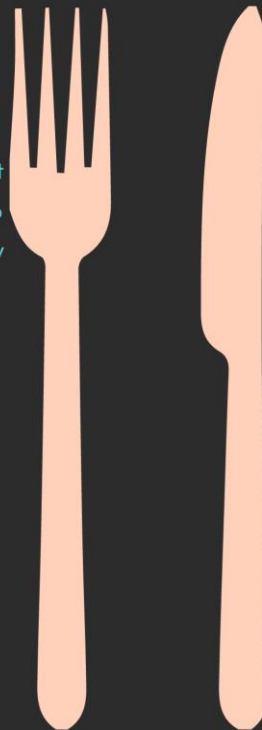
## UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS

### *Ladies Night Out*

It was decided at the last LNO that we will skip December and start up Ladies Night Out dinners in January again.

Please save the upcoming Tuesday dates for 2024 at 6pm!

January 16th  
March 19th  
May 21st  
July 16th  
September 17th  
November 19th



## CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

### Herb Guidry (1947 - 2023)

Please join us for a memorial service to celebrate the life of Herb Guidry. We will gather together on Saturday, November 11, 2023 in Sanctuary to remember our wonderful friend who will be greatly missed. The service will be followed by reception at Fellowship Hall.

### John Emerson

The memorial service for John Emerson, who was Asbury's pastor from July 1, 1970 – June 30, 1975, will be in Reno at the First United Methodist Church, Friday, November 17 at 1pm. There may be a Zoom opportunity for those who are unable to travel. If we get a livestream link, we will share in a subsequent article.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



### Holiday Crafts Boutique

Saturday, November 4 | Bothwell Arts Center

The Holiday Crafts Boutique is an annual fundraiser for the Livermore Lions Club. This event takes place on Saturday, November 4 at the Bothwell Arts Center (2466 Eighth St).

Artisans sell unique gifts for Christmas and other occasions that include jewelry and clothing to ceramics and woodcraft. Lion members will offer fruit crepes, soup, hamburgers, hotdogs and raffle prizes. Proceeds from the fundraiser will support Canine Companions and other Lion charities.

*For artisans wishing to display their crafts, contact Ben Barrientos during Asbury fellowship time on October 29 or call (805) 405-8743.*

## Interfaith Interconnect

Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 19, at St. Claire's Episcopal Church in Pleasanton from 3:30PM.  
See the flyer for more information.

Downloads and attachments

[2023-Nov19 InterfaithThanksgiving flyer-1.pdf](#)

### 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.

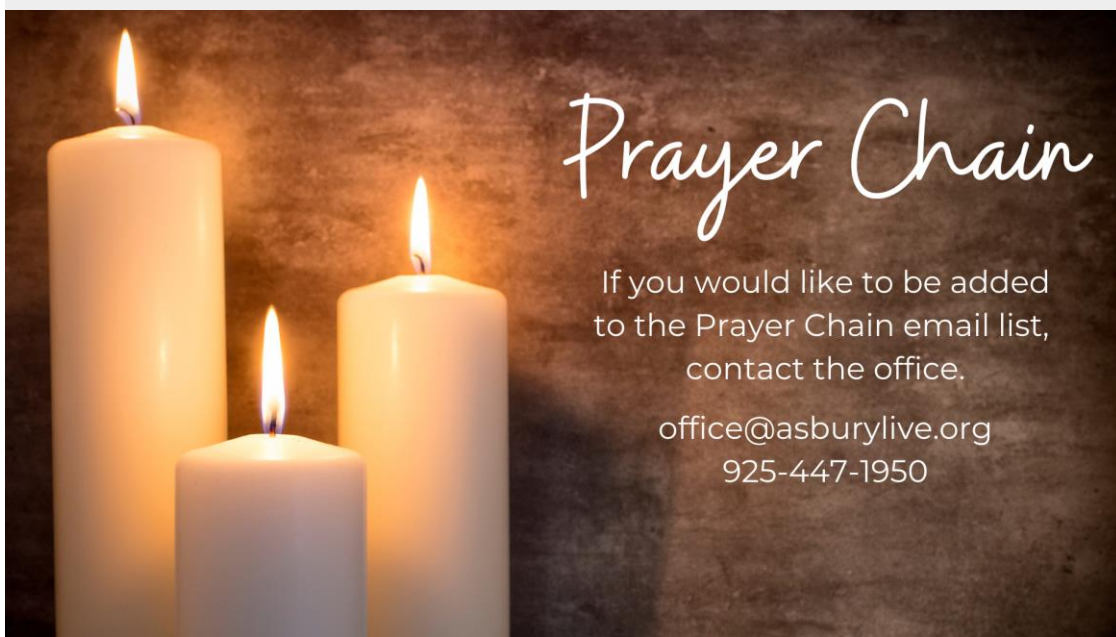
Asbury will follow the CDC guidelines, and we support and encourage mask wearing indoors, especially for those with underlying health conditions or who are not fully vaccinated and boosted.



### 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

### 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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