

Asbury Articles: November 8, 2023



Holiday Sights and Sounds Parade

Asbury is once again entering a float in the Holiday Sights and Sounds Parade, and we need 'angels' to join the fun! The parade is on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 6 pm, in Downtown Livermore.

Our float theme this year is 'Angels Among Us', and will feature many of our community outreach programs, such as Fertile Groundworks, Partners for Change, Shower and Laundry Ministry, and more!

- We need folks to ride on the float or walk beside, and also banner-carriers. We will all be 'angels', and halos will be provided!
- We also need artistic help in decorating the float that week, and any and all ideas and suggestions are welcome!
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Please contact [Martie Muldoon](#) if you'd like to help, or have suggestions or questions.

Thanksgiving Volunteers needed. Do any of these dates work for you?

Tri-Valley Haven is asking for volunteers to prepare Thanksgiving Food Bags for distribution at Asbury.

November 15th: 9 am - 2 pm

Volunteers needed to help bag food items for distribution. You do not need to volunteer the entire time. (Meeting place TBD)

November 19th

5-6 volunteers needed to help with the Turkey Drive, the collecting of Turkeys, at Asbury Church (Time TBD)

November 20th

Distribution of Food Bags and Turkeys at the Asbury Church from 9 am to 6 pm, we have shifts 8:45am - 12 noon / 11:45 am - 3pm / 2:45 pm - 6 pm. For each shift we will need 8-10 volunteers.

Please contact [Nabanita Borua](#), Volunteer Coordinator at Tri-Valley Haven, with any questions!

CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

Herb Guidry

Please join us for a memorial service to celebrate the life of Herb Guidry.

We will gather together on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 2pm in Sanctuary to remember our wonderful friend who will be greatly missed. The service will be followed by reception at Fellowship Hall.

Marilyn Philbin

Memorial service for Marilyn Philbin, mother of Janet Malski, will take place on Saturday, November 18 at 2:00 PM followed by a reception in 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



Friends of Wadi Foquin Palestine 101 Teach-In

1:00 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023

Lake Park UMC, 281 Santa Clara Ave., Oakland, CA 94610

Facilitators: Rev. Ken Schoon, Rev. Emily Lin, & Dr. George Han

Are you concerned about the suffering and devastation in Gaza but don't feel like you know enough to speak out? Join Friends of Wadi Foquin for this introductory teach-in covering the current crisis and what led up to this point.

By this end of this teach-in you will be able to speak knowledgeably, faithfully, and compassionately about the situation in Gaza and the West Bank; you will be able to help friends understand the situation; and you will come away with concrete actions that you can take to advocate for the people of Gaza and Palestinians more broadly. The teach-in is intended to be a space for learning as well as building relationships with other Christians who are interested in justice for Palestinians. It will be interactive, consisting of 3 sessions with time for breaks and break-out groups.

You are invited to gather at 12:30 p.m. for coffee, tea, and baklava (you are welcome to bring your own lunch). Program starts promptly at 1 p.m. and concludes by 3:30 p.m.

Invite a friend!

[Register here](#)

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.

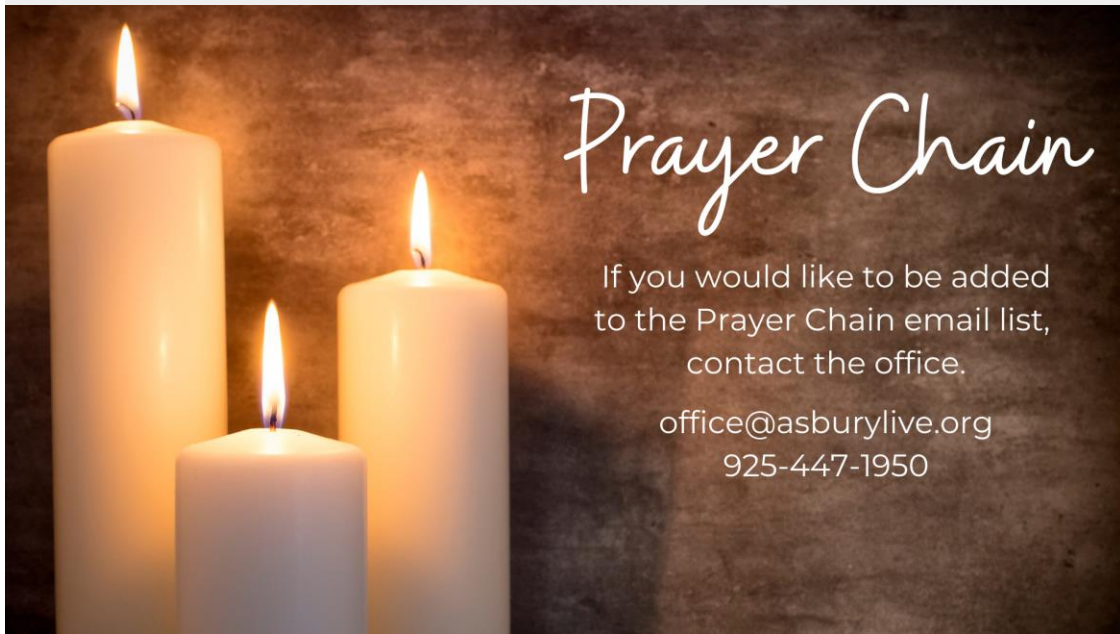
Asbury will follow the CDC guidelines, and we support and encourage mask wearing indoors, especially for those with underlying health conditions or who are not fully vaccinated and boosted.



Prayer Chain

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

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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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