

## Asbury Articles: September 13, 2023



Dear Asburyites:

I've been asked to testify at the United Methodist Jurisdictional trial in which Bishop Minerva Carcaño is the respondent beginning September 19 in Chicago. It will be livestreamed and when the link becomes available, I will send it to the congregation. As a witness, I need to arrive early so I am flying to Chicago on Sunday night and will return on Saturday. If you need a pastor while I'm gone, please contact Rev. Heather Hammer at 925-321-4298 (I'm so grateful for Heather and her willingness to step in when needed!). For all other needs, please contact the church office 925-447-1950. In between trial sessions, I will be in contact with the office. I ask that you keep all the trial participants in your prayers. It's a stressful time and we appreciate your prayers.

Blessings,

Pastor Kathy

The Annual All Church Conference

Sunday, November 5 | 4 PM

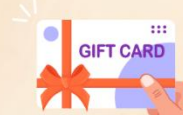
The Annual All Church Conference where we conduct the business of the church such as electing leadership, hearing annual reports and electing membership on committees for the coming years will be on Sunday, November 5 at 4 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

All are welcome to attend. Only church members can vote.

# WELCOME



## Jordan!



### Restaurant Gift Cards

**It's been a tradition of Asbury to welcome our new pastors with gift cards to our favorite restaurants which gives them an opportunity to be out and about in the community.**

**We invite you to donate a gift card to one of your favorite restaurants. Cards may be brought to the office and there will also be a box on the table in the sanctuary entryway on the next two Sundays (September 17 and 24) to receive the cards.**

**Thanks in advance for your participation!**

### Welcoming Brunch

**Fellowship Team is hosting a brunch (approximately 11 AM) on Sunday, September 24 after worship to welcome Jordan.**

**Please join us for an informal time of talk with Jordan and of course one another!**

# HELP NEEDED!



Our Committee on Nominations and Leadership is at currently working on staffing our committees for next year. Do you have an interest in helping our church to fulfill its core values? If you would be interested in any of the following, please let a member of our Nominating Team know (Pastor Kathy, Michele Rudd, Bob Cowgill, LaNor Smith, Terri Gamble, Pat Baker).

- **Congregational care** (check in on our elderly members, send birthday and anniversary cards, check in with people who have an illness)
- **Fellowship Team** (plan our brunches and other fun events)
- **Finance Team** (Over sees the church's finances)
- **Serving Others with Love** (plans many of our missional activities such as backpack Sunday, Rise Against Hunger, Undie Sunday, etc)
- **Stewardship** (plans our annual giving campaign)
- **Attendance** (review's attendance and reaches out with a check-in phone call to those we haven't seen)
- **Children's Ministry** (works with our Children's Ministry director on our children's program)
- **Church Council** (the official board of the church who keeps a birdseye view of what's going on and what might be missing)
- And there's more just ask one of us



## B-MEN

Every Saturday morning, 8:30am - 10:00am via Zoom

B-MEN, honoring the roots of the A-MEN breakfast established at Asbury many years ago, provides a place for men to share and support each other in the joys and challenges of their daily lives, and to discuss current events as they affect the community and world.

Contact [Dick Ernst](#) or [Bob Berger](#) if you are interested in exploring/joining the group.

Send either of the above your email address, and you will receive a Zoom invitation the Friday before each week's gatherings.



# Undie Sunday

## Serving Others with Love

As part of the Shower Ministry, Asbury provides NEW undies to those individuals who participate in the program and are in need. *(Specific needs are: white men's T-Shirts and boxer briefs sizes medium, large, x-large; ladies briefs — size 5/6; white tube socks.)*

After taking a shower fresh, new underwear is so appreciated. Donations can be dropped off in the Narthex or the church office **now through October 6th**. Monetary gifts are always welcome. They will be used to purchase toiletry items, as well as undies. You can donate via check, noting Undie Sunday, or online accessing the drop-down Undie Sunday.

## Brokerage Firm Change

TD Ameritrade was Asbury's brokerage firm for the past 13 years. Charles Schwab has acquired TD Ameritrade and Asbury's account transitioned to Schwab over Labor Day Weekend. For those who have donated stocks or ETF's in the past, a new Letter of Instruction will be available soon with updates.

If you are interested in donating stocks or ETF's as part of your pledged givings or for special projects you wish to support, contact me. Such assets can be contributed directly to Asbury so as not to incur capital gains on the asset's appreciation. For additional information, please contact Jean Lerche.

## FAMILY SMALL GROUP



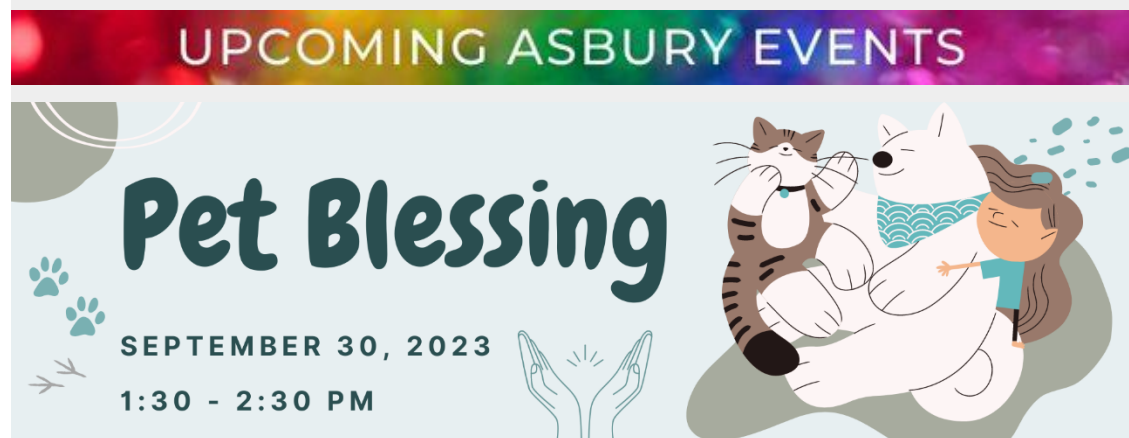
Asbury has a long tradition of bringing people together and creating one big family. In this spirit, we would love to establish a small group for families and need your input. If this is something you'd be interested in, [click here to fill out a questionnaire that will help us polish the details](#).

A chance to skip making dinner and get together in community. We'll share a meal the kids can all play together. Meet at the Olson's house.

If you have any questions, ideas or suggestions, please let us know in the form above, contact [Rachel Olson](#) or the [church office](#).

## Reminder: No Faith Choir 9/14

Faith Choir rehearsal is cancelled this Thursday, September 14, as Jean will be out of town.



It's a tradition to offer a pet blessing around the birthday of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals! St. Francis's birthday was September 26.

We will have a drop by pet blessing in the courtyard at Asbury from 1:30-2:30 PM on Saturday, September 30, 2023. You are welcome to bring your pets anytime during that hour and we will bless the pets and the owners. We will have both people and animal snacks.

Friends and neighbors are welcome as well.



## Women's Retreat Registration Information

Time to register for the upcoming Asbury United Methodist Church Women's Retreat!

Time to register for the upcoming Asbury United Methodist Church Women's Retreat that will be held on Friday, September 22, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Check-in starts at 5:00 p.m.) and Saturday, September 23, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on the campus at Asbury, 4743 East Ave. Livermore. Registration is due by Sunday, September 17.

The retreat is open to all Women of Asbury, friends, and family members, 18 to 105. We invite you to personally ask others to join us.

The cost of the retreat for both days is \$50.00 which includes dinner and lunch and take-home materials! Scholarships are available please see Pastor Kathy or check the box on the registration form. If you are unable to attend both days, the cost for Friday is \$20.00 and Saturday is \$30.00. Childcare will be available, registration is required.

**The theme for the retreat is Gratitude --** Gratitude and grace come from the same root word—to give freely. At the retreat we will revisit the important practice of gratitude—how it shapes our everyday lives, our spiritual journeys, and our relationship with others. We will share gratitude stories, talk about how to live a life based on gratitude and how we can practice gratitude after the retreat. We will have activities and discussions in small groups as well as the large group. The Friday night portion of the retreat will focus on community building and getting to know each other in a deeper way.

**Our Facilitator and Retreat Leader will be the Rev. Maggie McNaught.** Maggie is a recently retired United Methodist Pastor. Leading retreats is one of her passions. She and her family attended Asbury and has led worship at Asbury this last year while living with Pastor Kathy before moving to their retirement home in Elk Grove.

Please complete the attached registration form and return it to the church office along with the fees or on Sunday as you enter the church. Printed registration forms will also be available before and after worship on Sunday and in the church office during office hours.

If you have questions, contact [Karen Bauman](#) or 510-409-9760.

Downloads and attachments

[Womens Retreat 2023 Registration Form .docx](#)

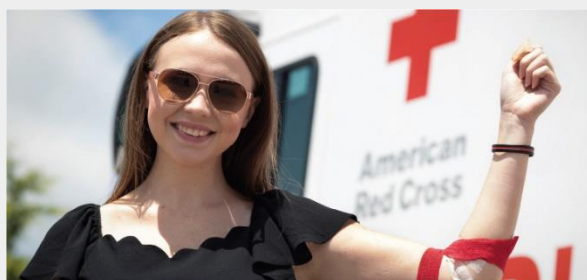


## Trick or Treat: Fun & Games!

Sunday, October 29 | 3 - 5 PM

Save the date and spread the word about Trick or Treat: Fun & Games! Come in a costume or as you are. There will be a trunk or treat area, balloon twisting, face painting, arts and crafts, games, lots of candy, hot dogs and tons of fun!

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



### **Blood Drive**

#### **Livermore Community**

Asbury United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall  
4743 East Avenue  
Livermore, CA 94550

**Friday, September 15, 2023**  
**11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**





## Livermore Pride Fest 2023 is coming!

October 21, 12:00 - 3:00 PM at Bankhead Plaza, Livermore

Glitter Blessings abound from Asbury's booth at Pridefest! We get to bless anyone and everyone that wants one on their forehead or hand. It is a wonderful thing to behold if you have never witnessed it because the connection we make can be very moving. We are asking for helpers with our blessings in our booth. Please consider this.

Contact [Lori Day](#) for more information and for signing up.

### 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.



## EVENTS AT A GLANCE

### RECURRING EVENTS

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

### CHOIRS

- **Faith Choir** - CANCELLED THIS WEEK! (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](#))
- **Last Thursdays; 1pm:** Sew-In (contact the Office)
- **Saturdays; 8:30am:** B-MEN
- **Saturdays; 10am:** Craft and Chat [Zoom](#) gathering

## SEPTEMBER

- **Women's Retreat:** September 22 & 23
- **Pet Blessing:** September 30, 1:30-2:30pm

## OCTOBER

- **Pride Fest:** October 21, 12-3pm
- **Trick or Treat: Fun & Games:** October 29, 3-5pm



### 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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