

Asbury Articles: September 10, 2025



Women's Retreat 2025

Last weekend, Asbury UMC hosted a Women's Retreat with 49 women in attendance. Former Asbury UMC Pastor Rev. Kim Risedorph served as our retreat leader, providing spiritual and thought-provoking reflections on the theme "*Embracing Hope*." Through breakout groups, crafts, free time, and meals, we were able to connect with one another through conversation and sharing.

During free time, participants had the opportunity to make a greeting card with Diane Thompson; create a prayer bead bracelet with Rita Ann Hart; enjoy quiet

time with guided meditation led by Barbara Ernst; as well as take part in coloring, drawing, and games with Burlyne Wilson and Debbie Whiteside. Of course, music is always a part of our retreat—this year provided by Jean Braun, Mary Evans, and Evelynne Schwartz.

We would like to thank our Retreat Leadership Team, which included: Karen Bauman, Chairperson; Burlyne Wilson; Kelli Walter; Debbie Whiteside; Jean Braun; Evelynne Schwartz; Michele Rudd; Linda Evans; Diane Thompson; Mary Evans; Lori Day; Maureen Gandara-Swinbank; Rita Ann Hart; and Barbara Ernst. Everyone pitched in with setup and cleanup. This team worked beautifully together, supporting one another and making this retreat both memorable and fun for all.

We would like to extend special thanks to Scott Smith, LaNor Smith, and Bob Cowgill, who provided lunch and dessert for us on Saturday and handled all the cleanup. As well as a special thanks to Linda Evans, Kelli Walter, and Maureen Gandara-Swinbank who planned and prepared Friday's dinner and helped with registration.

UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS



BOARD GAME FUN FOR ADULTS

SATURDAY, 10/4/25 | 1-3 PM

**ASBURY FELLOWSHIP HALL
WE CAN BRING GAMES, DECIDE WHAT TO
PLAY & ENJOY SOME FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER!**

PLEASE RSVP TO KELLI WALTER AT [KELLIWALT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:kelliwalt@gmail.com)

Board Game Fun for Adults!

Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and friendly competition at **Asbury Fellowship Hall** on **Saturday, October 4, from 1-3 PM**. Bring your favorite board

games, decide what to play together, and enjoy time connecting with friends old and new.

Please RSVP to **Kelli Walter** at kelliwalt@gmail.com.

Ladies Night Out

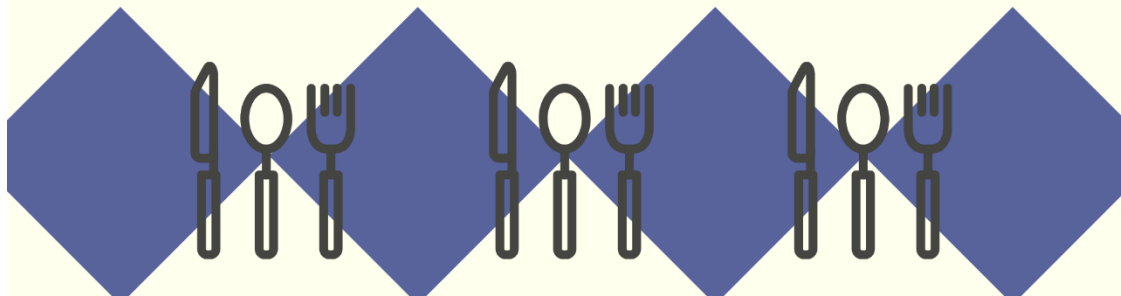
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH | 6 PM

FAMILY BBQ HICK'RY PIT

(FORMALLY EMIL VILLA'S IN A NEW SPOT)
1840 PORTOLA AVE., LIVERMORE, CA 94551

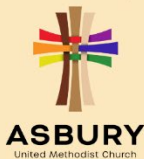
PLEASE RSVP TO KELLI WALTER ([KELLIWALT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:kelliwalt@gmail.com)) BY FRIDAY, 10/10

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



WELCOME FALL CAMPFIRE

MUSIC



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST @ 7:00PM

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S'MORES


RSVP HERE





Welcome Fall Campfire

Join us as we celebrate the new season together!

Come enjoy an evening of **s'mores, music, and community** around the fire as we welcome fall.

 **Sunday, September 21**

 **7:00 p.m.**

 **Asbury UMC**

Bring your friends and family—everyone is welcome. Let's gather in the crisp evening air for warmth, laughter, and celebration! Please help us plan the event by RSVPing [here](#).



Visit to Oakland Museum: Black Housing in the East Bay

Asbury's Antiracism Group is sponsoring a special visit to the Oakland Museum of California on **Saturday, September 20**, to view the exhibition on Black housing in the East Bay. This is a powerful opportunity to learn and reflect together. We will meet at the church at 1:00pm to carpool and return about 5:00pm.

The cost is **\$25 per person**. To sign up or ask questions, please contact [Michele Rudd](#) **as soon as possible (registration has been extended)**.

Learn more about the exhibition [here](#).

The Anti-Racism group will not have a regular meeting this month.



Blood Drive

Livermore Community

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

Thursday, September 25, 2025
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PEANUTS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Have you seen me?



Missing Shakerele

A special thank you to Patti Hughes, who graciously let our youth borrow her shakerele to make joyful music together. Unfortunately, the instrument has not yet been returned, and Patti has not received it back. If you happen to know where the shakerele may have been misplaced or have any information about it, please contact the church office or reach out directly to Patti Hughes.

💎 In Search Of: Organizing Superstar! 💎

Do you love bringing order to chaos? Do labels, bins, and checklists make your heart happy? Rachel Olson is looking for someone with a passion for organizing to help finish labeling and inventorying all the wonderful treasures stored in our **Children's Ministry Resource Room**.

This is a fun way to serve while making a lasting impact for our kids' ministry!

👉 If this sounds like your kind of project, reach out to [Rachel Olson](#) directly to get involved.



🌈 Combined Middle & High School Sunday School !

This Sunday, our Middle and High Schoolers will come together for Sunday School in **Rooms 11 & 12!** 🎉

📅 Meeting Date: **September 14**

This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to connect with friends, grow in their faith, and discover how God is at work in their lives. We're excited to see everyone there!

👉 Next week Middle and High School groups will meet separately.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

PRACTICING HOPE

Palestinian Women's Empowerment

Areej Masoud

Founder of Khayari Women's Leadership
& Economic Empowerment Program



Cornerstone Fellowship
348 N Canyons Parkway
Livermore CA 94551

Thursday
September 18, 2025

6 p.m. Reception
7 p.m. Presentation

Learn more and RSVP



A **FREE** Event Sponsored by
Friends of Wadi Foquin
& Asbury UMC WF Circle

KHAYARI
ORGANIZATION

Empowering Voices from Bethlehem: An Interview with Areej Masoud

The Friends of Wadi Foquin Circle at Asbury invite you to join us for an interview with Areej Masoud, a Palestinian Christian from Bethlehem and Founder of the Khayari Women's Organization. Thursday, September 18, 6:00 pm, at Cornerstone Fellowship of Livermore. While Areej's work is empowering women, this

presentation will be very interesting and informative for everyone. This is a free event, but please register to attend using the QR code in the leaflet or by clicking [here](#).

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY



SATURDAY, SEPT 20 // 8 AM - 1 PM

We're looking for volunteers to help beautify parks, schools, and areas around Livermore.

For more info: www.LivermoreCA.gov/CSD



CITY OF
LIVERMORE
CALIFORNIA

Join Us for Community Service Day – Saturday, September 20

Asbury is invited to take part in this year's **Community Service Day organized by the City of Livermore**—a wonderful opportunity to serve our neighbors and strengthen community bonds. On **Saturday, September 20, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, volunteers from across Livermore will come together for hands-on projects that make a real difference.

Following the morning of service, all participants are invited to enjoy a **complimentary BBQ lunch** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Las Positas College—a time to gather, share a meal, and celebrate the day's accomplishments.

You can find a list of project sites here: [Community Service Day – September 2025](#)

If you'd like to participate, you may sign up individually, or we can register as an Asbury group. To coordinate as a group, please contact the [church office](#).

Let's come together to share our compassion and community spirit!



Invites you to an

Interfaith Worship Experience Visit

Asbury United Methodist Church

Sun., Sept. 21, 2025 ♦ 10 am Worship Service

4743 East Ave., Livermore

Parking in the adjoining lot



2024 Interfaith
Thanksgiving
Service

Please arrive a few minutes early so we can greet you and sit together in the sanctuary. There will be refreshments after the service and then Pastor Ouk-Yean will hold a Q&A session for those who are interested.

We're looking forward to seeing you!

If you would like to attend or have any questions, **RSVP to**
interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com

Interfaith Interconnect is offering this series to allow members of our different faith communities to share their traditional worship services.

Our Mission: To enrich, inform, and educate ourselves and others about the great diversity of faiths and cultures in our Valley.

Interfaith Interconnect is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible.

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Find us on: interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com and: <https://www.facebook.com/InterfaithInterconnect/>

Have questions?

Contact the church office via [email](mailto:interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com) 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.

Asbury United Methodist Church

4743 East Avenue | Livermore, CA 94550



EVENTS AT A GLANCE

RECURRING EVENTS

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

CHOIRS:

- **Tuesday | 7:00pm:** Asbury Ringers (contact [Michèle](#))
- **Thursday | 7:30pm:** Faith Choir (contact [Jean](#))
- **Sunday | 11:30am:** Cherub Choir (contact [Makayla](#))
- **Sunday | 11:30am:** Rainbow Choir (contact [Jean](#))
- **Sunday | 11:30am:** Youth Choir (contact [Bailey](#))

OPEN SMALL GROUPS

- **1st and 3rd Tuesdays | 1:30pm:** Women of the Vine (Contact [Anne](#))
- **Wednesdays | 6-7:30pm:** Family Supper Club (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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