

## Asbury Articles: September 20, 2023



Dear Asbury Folks

I'm doing a sermon on All Saint's Day on the legacy we leave behind. I would like to ask as many of you as you would like to write about a specific action that someone took that impacted our congregation and left some type of legacy to build on (these can be tangible things or qualities they exhibited). I need these in writing, no later than October 8.

Thank you,

[Pastor Kathy](#)

WELCOME  
to Nursery,  
MS.  
KARINA!



## Welcome on board!

This past Sunday we welcomed our new Nursery Assistant, Ms. Karina (and her sweet daughter, Maya)! Karina has previously worked in a daycare and is excited to help Asbury kids learn about God's love.

She got to meet some of our nursery kiddos and parents and we had a blast learning about Noah's Ark. Feel free to stop by the Nursery on Sunday to say hi to Karina.

**We are so excited to have her join our Children's Ministry team!**

There will also be another Nursery Assistant, Ms. Mia, starting in October. How exciting to see the Nursery expand!

## The Annual All Church Conference

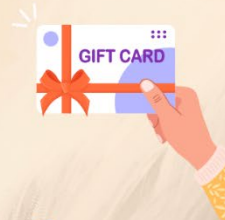
Sunday, November 5 | 4 PM

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!**



# 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.

## 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](#).



# **RISE AGAINST HUNGER**

## **EXPERIENCE**



## Rise Against Hunger Update

The meals you packaged have been shipped!

Great news! The meals Asbury packaged are on their way to a community in urgent need of nutrition. Located in the center of Africa, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is the second largest country in Africa, with the fourth largest population. Despite its many natural resources, corruption and weak institutions have delayed the country's development. Child malnutrition is widespread, and most of the population lives in conditions of moderate to serious food insecurity.

The Global Hunger Index, which assesses food insecurity based on indicators that measure undernourishment and undernutrition, categorizes the DRC as having an "alarming" level of hunger. The meals you packaged will help ensure that children have access to the consistent nourishment they need to live healthy lives and successfully pursue their education. Read more about how your meals make an impact by [checking out our Pathways to End Hunger!](#)

Thank you again for volunteering your time. If you happen to receive more than one of these emails, your meals are being distributed through multiple shipments! The impact we are making together starts with a meal and leads to resilient communities worldwide.

# SHOWER & LAUNDRY MINISTRY



## Laundry Ministry Needs Volunteers!

The Laundry Ministry is in need of volunteers to monitor the washers and dryers while our homeless and low-income clients do their laundry. Volunteer hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 12pm to 4pm. If you are interested and would like to learn more, please reach out to [Kathy Seppala](#).

## UPCOMING ASBURY EVENTS



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.



## 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



## 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.



**PARTNERS  
FOR CHANGE**  
TRI - VALLEY

## Partners Ending Poverty

Partners for Change equips and empowers people to chart their course out of poverty into self-sustainability through a life skills education and long-term mentorship program. We foster quality community by intentionally developing relationships that bridge socioeconomic lines. The idea is to help people prevent themselves from returning to crisis mode and repetitively seeking assistance from community care providers.

A year ago, we were serving less than 30 participants. With our newest collaboration with Goodness Village, we are currently serving approximately 100 participants. We have 4 different cohorts happening, both in person and via Zoom.

Partners for Change has a 50% matching grant opportunity with CHEF (Community Health and Education Foundation).

We are to raise \$20,000 and they will match us with \$10,000. This is a great opportunity to multiply resources.

If you would be interested in contributing toward this goal,

Here is the CHEF information:

[To donate online, click here.](#)

Please mail checks made out to:

Community Health and Education Foundation (CHEF)

PO Box 420, Livermore, California 94551

Please be sure to notate the campaign name: **Partners Ending Poverty**

[Learn more](#)



**A message from Program Coordinator  
for Tri Valley Haven's Transitional House,  
and the Chair of the Senior Bags project**

"Hello,

*My name is Charisma Thomas, the Program Coordinator for Tri Valley Haven's Transitional House, and the Chair of the Senior Bags project, for our annual Holiday program. We have worked with Asbury and Asbury's Youth department for several years now with gathering donations, and with assembling the bags. I want to say thank you very much, because this congregation has played a huge part in the*



*success of the Senior Bags! So, I am reaching out to see if your congregation would be interested in supporting the Senior bags, this year. We are hoping to fill 200-250 bags with hats & scarves, hand sanitizers, and a sweet treat, and any monetary donation that can go towards meeting our goal, would be greatly appreciated.*

*We are hoping to have all donations collected by Dec. 8th, and possibly have the youth of Asbury assemble the bags on this weekend, as they have in the past.*

*Thanks, and looking forward to working with you all again."*

If you'd like to donate to this cause, please bring a check to the church office. All checks should be made out to Tri Valley Haven, for The Senior Bags.

## 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](#))
- **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

## 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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