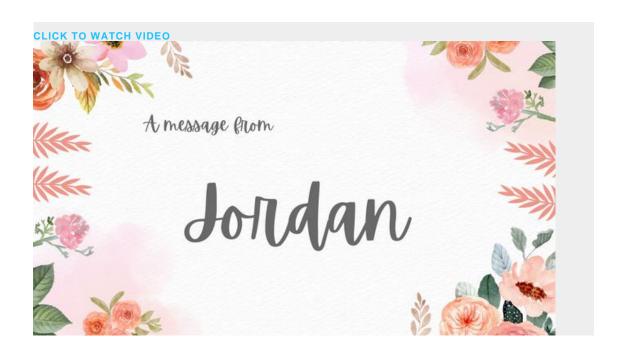




Asbury Articles: September 27, 2023



Dear Asbury,

We officially had our first Sunday together, and it was a blast! Thank you for the warm welcomes at brunch. I am excited to get to know you more. Feel free to <a href="mailto:emailto

Warmly,

Jordan



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



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.



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.

Message from the Campos

Dear Asbury Friends....

The power of prayer is truly amazing! Kellie and I are very thankful for all of your good thoughts, prayers, and help.

As you may recall, we were faced with moving out of our home of 10+ years by July 31st and were fighting to get another month. Instead, we have been able to extend our stay and are scheduled for court on October 23rd. The worse case scenario is we will be out by Halloween and a good case scenario could give us a few more months. We will find out on the 24th. Please keep praying for us.

We are in so much better shape with all of your help. We've had 4 days of moving/estate sales and managed to sell a lot of stuff. There is still much more. Online sales have not worked out great but we're learning. We have moved over half of our household belongings to storage and will be moving most of the furniture we plan to keep to storage on Monday coming.

We are planning to have another Moving Sale on Saturday the 30th from 9am – 2pm. If you can come out and help with the sale we need you to help watch buyers. The outside garage area will still have stuff to sell in addition to 2 garage buildings and inside the house too. I suspect there could be the need for another sale before we're done too.

Please let me know if you can join us Saturday. Thank you all so much!

Adios,

Chuk

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.



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.



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, you can do so via the Asbury Live app, through the website or bring a check to the church office. All checks should be made out to Asbury, with Senior Bags on the memo line.

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 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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