

## Asbury Articles: November 15, 2023



Our church directory is updated on a regular basis (usually monthly) so whenever you need an updated directory, call the church office and we can email one to you or send you a hard copy. Thanks!



LIGHTS AND SOUNDS

# Christmas

PARADE

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 AT 6 PM**

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!

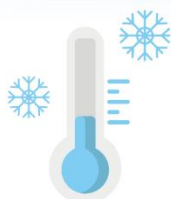
We also need artistic help in decorating the float that week, and any and all ideas and suggestions are welcome!

Please contact Martie Muldoon at [martietm55@gmail.com](mailto:martietm55@gmail.com) if you'd like to help, or have suggestions or questions





SANCTUARY  
UPGRADE!



## Warm feet are good

A team made up of Roger Everett, Dick Crawford, Scott Smith, Steve Wilson and Philip Woolworth worked last week to upgrade the heating system in the Sanctuary. The existing heater, a 31 year old pool heater, was becoming more and more unreliable. A much more modern heater was languishing in the Chapel building, unused due to leaks in the underfloor piping. The old pool heater was removed and the newer heater installed and was operational by last Saturday. Even more modern upgrades for heating and cooling are in the works!



We would love to invite you to come celebrate Christmas Eve with us! This year we are hosting three special events on Christmas Eve. Join us for games and fellowship time in the morning, interactive telling of the Christmas story in the afternoon and/or traditional candlelight service at 11 PM.

There will be a photo booth and hot chocolate after each event!

### **10 AM - Celebration of Christmas | Fellowship Hall**

Let's enjoy fellowship time with donuts, bagels, our special hot chocolate, coffee and of course, something for people who can't have sugar.

We will sing carols, play Christmas games and share.



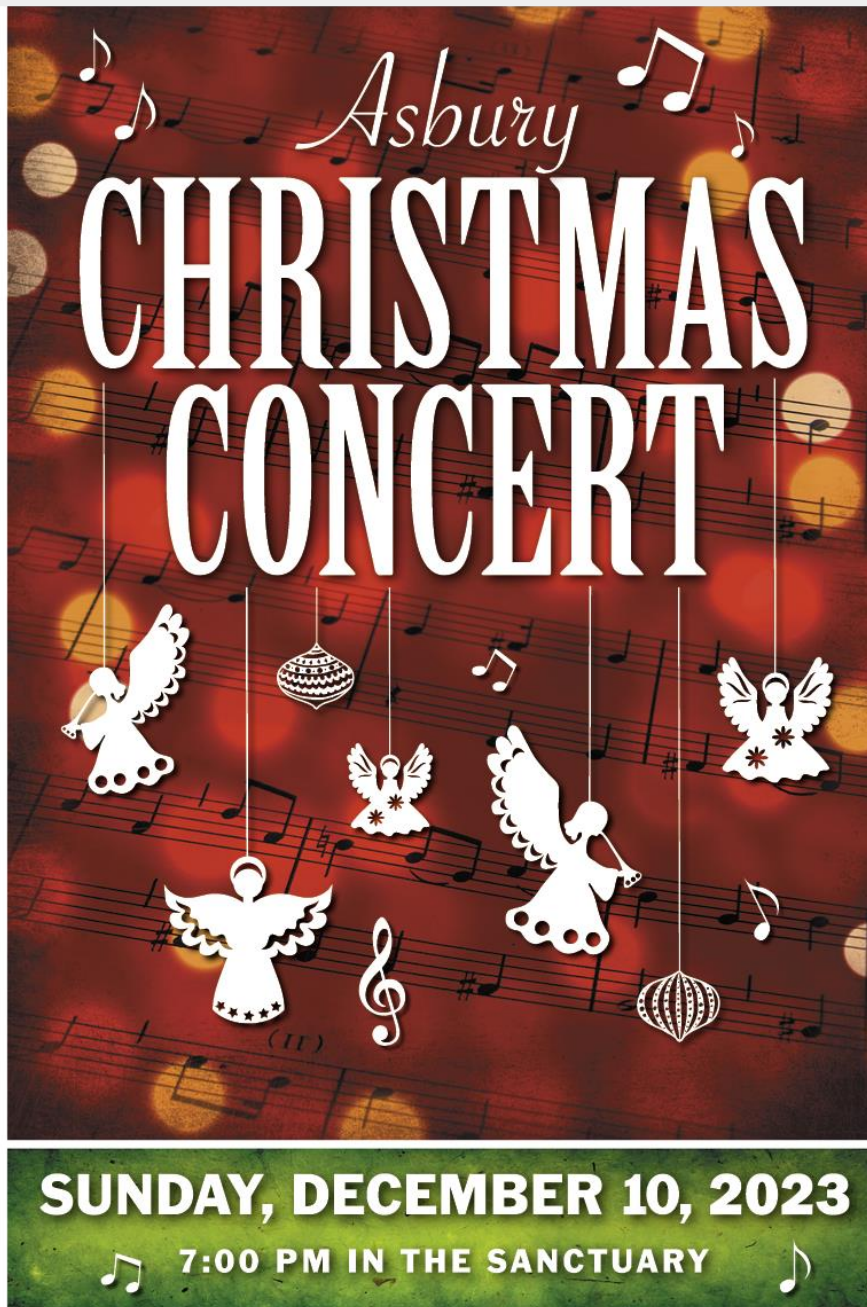
**4:30 PM - Family Christmas Eve Service | Sanctuary**

Let your inner angel, shepherd or Wise Guy have some fun at Asbury! Special service with the interactive telling of the Christmas story, candlelight, Christmas carols and Christmas music.

**11 PM - Traditional Candlelight Service | Sanctuary**

Traditional candlelight service will include music by Faith Choir and the singing of carols. Following the worship service, we will have a hot chocolate bar after.

[More info](#)



**OR WATCH ONLINE AT [asburylive.org](https://asburylive.org)**

## SSP Registration Open

Del Norte County, CA: July 14-20

It is time to sign up for our second intergenerational SSP trip! We're excited to serve as a multi-generational group from Asbury again next summer, and the trip is open to youth (incoming 6th graders), young adults, and adults. The dates are July 14-20, 2024, and Asbury needs each person that plans to attend to [sign up using this form](#) by Wednesday, November 22nd. If you have any questions, please contact [Tony Gnecco](#) or [Pastor Jordan](#).

## The Friends of Wadi Foquin

The Friends of Wadi Foquin is now providing by email a **Special Weekly Update** every Thursday that includes news from the village and the region. If you would like to be added to the distribution list please send an email to [friendsofwadifoquin@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwadifoquin@gmail.com) indicating that you want to receive the update. Also include your name and that you are a part of Asbury.



**PARENTS NIGHT OUT**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

6:00PM - 9:00PM

**Drop Off**  
Your Children Age  
6 weeks - 12 year old in a  
♥ Loving ♥  
Environment!

Friday,  
December 15, 2023

Asbury UMC

We're excited to invite you to another Parents' Night Out event!  
Leave the kids with us for a fun-filled evening while you enjoy a  
well-deserved break! Snacks provided.  
Email or call to RSVP by 12/10/2023.

Theme: **MOVIE NIGHT**

**Contact Us**

office@asburylive.org 925-447-1950

## Seeking Room to Rent

A member of our congregation is in need of a place to stay in Livermore or nearby. Ideally, they are looking for a room with access to a kitchen for a maximum of \$600 a month. They are happy with pets and are very clean. If you have an open room or know of any possibilities, please contact [Jordan](#).

## CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE



*In Loving Memory of  
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





## **Blood Drive**

### **Livermore Community**

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

**Friday, November 17, 2023**  
**11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**



American  
Red Cross



## **INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

**Sunday, November 19, 3:30-4:30 PM**  
**St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton**



Downloads and attachments

[2023-Nov19 InterfaithThanksgiving flyer-1.pdf](#)



## Friends of Wadi Foquin Palestine 101 Teach-In

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

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**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 the 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](#)



## 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](#))
- **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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