

Asbury Articles: August 2, 2023



Velveteen Rabbit worship comes to Asbury!

Sunday, August 6

Our Summer Fest celebration worship on Sunday, August 6 will feature a re-telling of the Velveteen Rabbit Story and how it connects with the Gospel. We need your help in putting on this drama/play/worship! We're looking for children (5 and older), youth, and adults to be a part of the production (with just a few rehearsals). There are speaking and non-speaking parts, memorized and non-memorized parts.

If you would like to be a part of this special Summer Fest worship or help with the production, please contact [Martie Muldoon](#), who is directing the project, or [Pastor Kathy](#). We hope you will join us in this fun and unique opportunity to look at the Gospel through the lens of the Velveteen Rabbit.

Interfaith Interconnect Religion Chat

Wednesday, August 9

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Presentations: 7–8pm, will include time for audience questions

Optional breakout discussion groups: 8-8:30

Doors open by 6:40pm

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

1315 Lomas Ave., Livermore

Keeley Center building (*ample parking in the adjoining lot, enter through east driveway*)

TOPIC: *Religious and Cultural Calendars and Celebrations*

We will hear from Jain and Catholic speakers about their calendars, some of their important observances, and how they are celebrated. This is the third* and final presentation on this topic, which has proven to be interesting and enlightening!

***Links to recordings of previous presentations:**

[May 10 \(Baha'i Faith and Hindu\)](#)

[June 14 \(Muslim and Jewish\)](#)

Ladies Night Out

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22ND | 6 PM

CATTLEMENS

2822 KITTY HAWK ROAD, LIVERMORE, CA 94551

PLEASE RSVP TO KELLI WALTER (KELLIWALT@GMAIL.COM) BY FRIDAY, 8/18

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



Asbury Fantasy Football League

Interested in joining the Asbury Fantasy Football League on Yahoo! for this fall? A few spaces are available. Please contact [Tony Gnecco](#) if you are interested or have questions.



Backpack Project 2023

Backpacks are Packed!

The Serving Others with Love Committee thanks all of you who helped fill the backpacks with supplies last Sunday. The leaders of the interfaith Backpack Project consulted with teachers to determine what supplies are needed, and the collaborating Livermore churches buy the supplies in bulk to achieve the lowest cost. But that means the backpacks are kits! And some (actually, a lot of) assembly is required. Thus, backpack filling is one of the ways we live into our core values of serving others with love. The combined Livermore churches will be providing over 900 school backpacks to Livermore students when school starts later this month.

Tiny Homes Task Force: Update

The Tiny Homes Task Force continues researching the amazing mission opportunity of having tiny homes for the unsheltered on Asbury's back lot. Because this mission is serious and solutions are complicated, involving several partners besides the church, many questions remain unanswered at this time. But the task force and its subcommittees are still hard at work on several fronts. Conversations are underway with the City of Livermore, La Familia (a possible social service partner), and Firm Foundation (the nonprofit preparing the architectural plans, looking for the funding, and eventually overseeing the construction).

As always, everything is still dependent on the approval of the congregation, the denomination, the city, the funding source(s), and the social services provider, among others. The hope is to submit an application to the City of Livermore in the next couple of weeks, after which another letter will be sent to the neighbors with whatever answers we have for the more than 200 questions submitted by neighbors, community members, congregants, and other interested parties. The task force will then hold a series of four small-group neighborhood meetings in the coming months.

Thank you all for your patience and prayers. The Task Force continues the slow process, holding in prayer the congregation, our neighbors, and those potential residents so desperately in need of supportive housing. If you are interested in helping the task force, please let Rob Rudd, Pastor Kathy, or Martina in the office know.

Habitat for Humanity Workday

Saturday, August 19 | Walnut Creek

A Habitat workday for Asbury volunteers is scheduled for Saturday, August 19 in Walnut Creek. Esperanza Place will have 42 homes, with 23 now being built in phase 1. Development is well underway, and our work will likely be inside. To sign up go to the [volunteer page](#) and sign up as an individual volunteer for August 19. Let [Bob Hoffman](#) know you have signed up so we can organize a carpool. If you have any questions, reach out to Bob!

Palestinian Fundraiser Dinner to benefit the village of Wadi Foquin

Saturday, August 19 | 5:30pm

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Twin Towers UMC | 1411 Oak Street | Alameda, CA

We have arranged drivers for carpools and expect to have at least two tables for 8 at the Palestinian Dinner Fundraiser August 19, 5:30 pm in Alameda. Please let Heather know if you want to come via [email](#) or phone (925-321-4298).

Please write checks payable to **BMU-FOWF** with "fundraising dinner" in the memo line and send to **Jean Hart, FOWF Treasurer, 730 Tree Top Lane, Auburn, CA 95603, or give to Heather to send in.**

Downloads and attachments

[FWF Dinner Flyer 8.19.23.pdf](#)

Meet our Missionary: Katherine Parker

Wednesday, August 23 | 7:30 - 9:00pm

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Fellowship Hall

Here is a unique opportunity to meet with our missionary in Nepal, Katherine Parker. Katherine is from Marin County, so we call her "ours."

You will learn from slides and video what her mission work entails and what life is like in Nepal. A big part of a missionary's work is to "mission" to folks on the home front. We want to be involved in the work of bringing love and justice to places as far away as rural Nepal.

We will invite you to contribute toward a freewill offering to support Katherine's mission. Bring your checkbook! We want to be a sponsoring church so that Katherine knows she can count on our support.

All ages are welcome, and if you need childcare for small children, please call the church to register in advance. There will be time for questions and conversation and then light refreshments.

Email Communications

We have been made aware that numerous Asbury members are currently not receiving subscribed email communications.

We are working on fixing this technical issue but in the meantime, please contact the church office and let us know what emails you are missing (Prayer Chains, E-Articles...) and we will make sure to email them to you individually or we can provide you with a printed copy during the office hours (Monday-Thursday, 10am-4pm) or before Sunday worship.

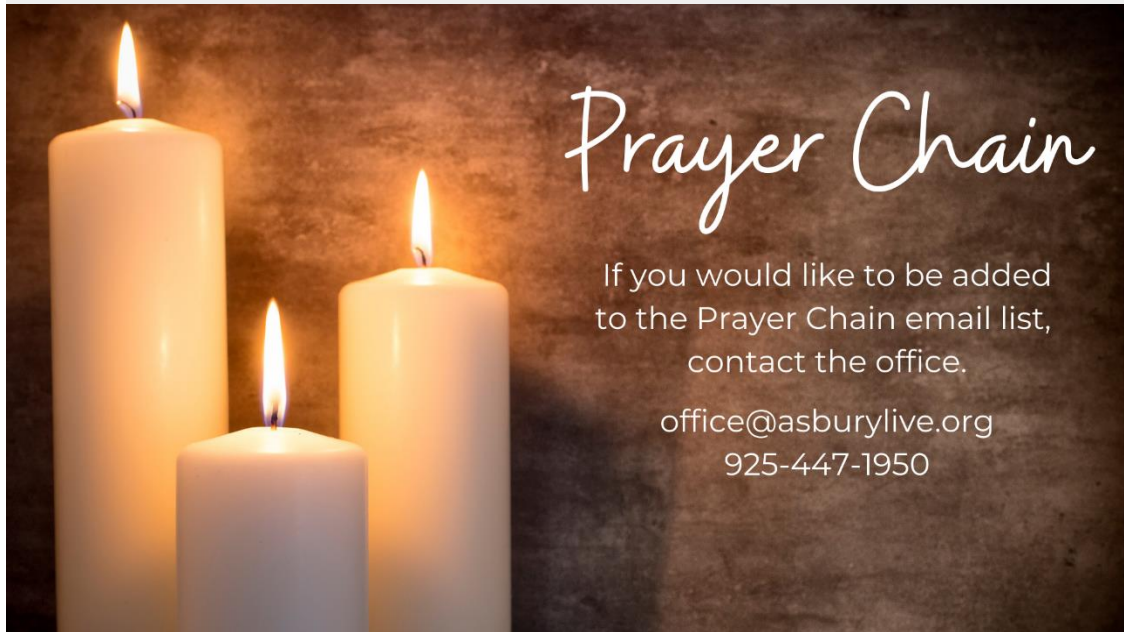
We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience!

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
- **Note:** All musical groups will resume after Labor Day!

OPEN SMALL GROUPS

- **Every Sunday; 8:15am:** Meditation Circle on Zoom (Contact [the office](#))
- **1st and 3rd Monday; 6pm:** Monday Night Small Group (Contact [Ruth](#))
- **Thursdays; 7:45am:** Men's Bible Study on Zoom (Contact [Art](#))
- **Saturdays; 10am:** Craft and Chat [Zoom](#) gathering
- **3rd Saturdays; 10:30am:** Caregivers' Support Group on [Zoom](#)

AUGUST

- **Sat, Aug 5 - Sun, Aug 6:** Summer Fest
- **Sun, Aug 6:** Velveteen Rabbit worship
- **Wed, Aug 9:** Interfaith Interconnect Religion Chat
- **Tues, Aug 22:** Ladies' Night Out (RSVP by Fri, Aug 18)

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 [Alaina Harrison](#), our Communications Specialist, **by 3pm on Tuesdays**.

Miss a newsletter or need to go back and re-read?

Check out the [newsletter archive](#)!

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