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From the desk of
PASTOR TOM PASMORE



Of all the great traditions of our church around Easter, one of my favorites is the flowering cross that springs to life after worship on the brick patio of Asbury. I think this is one of the greatest representations of resurrection that I have ever seen. The cross, an instrument of death, is transformed over the course of the morning, into a beautiful display of colorful flowers. Death is turned to new life. Christ is alive.

The flowering cross is a celebration of the new life that Jesus brings us through his own resurrection. Jesus was not willing to let death have the last word. On the third day, he rose so that all of us may have new life. New opportunities to be more than we are now. New opportunities to let something in us die so that something new and better can replace it. New opportunities to go deeper with a God who loved us so much that death couldn't separate us from that love.

Where is new life infusing your old life? What is dying to allow this new life to flourish? This April as we enter into the Easter season, let's seek new life in our attitudes, behaviors, habits, and relationships. Let us seek the face of the resurrected One who will never abandon us.

Easter says to us that despite everything to the contrary, his will for us will prevail, love will prevail over hate, justice over injustice and oppression, peace over exploitation and bitterness. -Archbishop Desmond Tutu

He is risen! He is risen, indeed!

Pastor Tom



Alleluia!

HE IS RISEN

HOLY WEEK

April 2-9, 2023



Palm Sunday - April 2

EMA	8:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
CAYR	8:45 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
Festive	11:00 a.m.	Sanctuary



Maundy Thursday

April 6
7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall



Good Friday

April 7
7:00 p.m.
Bethesda UMC



Easter Worship Services

Sunrise	7:00 a.m.	Garden
EMA	8:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
CAYR	8:45 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
Festive	11:00 a.m.	Sanctuary

Easter Breakfast

All are welcome to come and enjoy food and fellowship in the Soul Cafe on Easter morning, April 9th, after the sunrise service (approximately 7:30-11am).



FINANCE

Janice Ilczuk, *Director of Finance & Building*

Easter OFFERING

While God is a God of profound miracles and can do the “impossible,” His primary purpose is to use us to advance the Kingdom of God through our generous giving with that in mind, would you prayerfully consider giving a special Easter Offering gift? Everyone gets to be a part of giving! Yes, “gets to”! You may feel like you have little to offer or a lot to offer, but remember that Jesus sees our sacrifice before He sees the amount we give.

There are Easter Offering Envelopes in the pews and in the backs of the chairs in Fellowship Hall for this specific giving. You can also mail your Easter Offering, give online, or drop off in the church office—just please make sure to note on your giving that it is for Easter. Last year, as a congregation we received \$4,395—let’s see if we can match that number or go beyond!

While there is no amount of money any of us can give that will ever “pay back” what the Lord did for us on the cross, we know that giving in this manner will enable us to continue to reach out to our community and world with the Gospel of Christ.

Thank you for giving, and we trust you will continue to experience the grace of God during this Easter season, and beyond!

Income & Expense Summary	Jan- Feb Actual
Pledge Contributions	\$126,358
Unpledged Giving	\$8,154
Plate Contributions	\$7,987
Special Contributions	\$908
Endowment	\$27,705
Rentals	\$11,046
Interest-checking/mma/cd	\$16
Gain/loss on stock	\$0
Total Income	\$182,173
Property Expenses	\$28,411
Ministry Expenses	\$47,160
Administrative Expenses	\$23,770
Apportionments	\$21,272
Employee Benefits	\$22,633
Total Expenses	\$143,245
Net	\$38,928



FINANCE

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Did you know that there's a tax-efficient way of meeting your pledge? It allows you to do so by donating appreciated shares of stocks or mutual funds, instead of using cash from your checking or savings accounts. Here are the details:

Donating shares of stock or a mutual fund offers two attractive benefits:

- 1) By donating shares of stock or mutual funds which have increased in value, you can realize the value of your gains without having to pay federal or state taxes.
- 2) You leave your checking or savings accounts untouched by drawing from your invested assets instead.

Here's how it works:

- 1) First, consider your different taxable accounts to select part – or all – of a specific asset that has increased in value. This could include shares of a company held in a brokerage account, or shares of a mutual fund held by financial firms like Fidelity or T. Rowe Price.
- 2) Once you've selected which asset you want to donate, contact the broker or investment firm to request the form needed to make a transfer to a church. For example, if you use Charles Schwab, ask for a "Charitable Gift Transfer" form. If you use T. Rowe Price, ask for a "Gift to Nonprofit Organization" form (these forms can also be found on their websites). Depending upon the financial institution, the form might be named in different ways.
- 3) When you have the correct form, contact Janice Ilczuk (the church's Finance Director) at 410-749-2131 to express your desire to donate using this gifting method. She will provide the church account information that needs to be entered onto your transfer form.
- 4) When you're ready to submit your form to the church, describe the asset you wish to donate (e.g. 100 shares of XYZ Company, or 27 shares of T. Rowe Price Equity Income Fund) and write it on your form. Finally, calculate the number of shares needed to meet your donation's dollar amount. You need to know the most recent cost-per-share of the stock or mutual fund to do the math.
- 5) Complete the form and submit it to Janice Ilczuk.

Rules and Reminders-

- 1) Your tax-savings benefit occurs when you transfer shares which have gone up in value. When you donate an appreciated asset to a non-profit, you avoid the federal and state capital gains taxes which you would otherwise pay from the sale.
- 2) Know that you can't get "double benefits" from this method. You cannot later claim the transfer as a charitable donation on your tax form for the year. When the assets transfer, that's when you realize the tax savings.
- 3) This process applies to *taxable* accounts. Donating from a Roth IRA defeats the tax-saving benefit from this process. With a traditional IRA, you can use this method as part of your Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) if you are age 73 or older.
- 4) You can use this tax-saving method *at any time* to make special, one-time gifts.



ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND MEMBERSHIP
Rev. Kristen Wall-Love, *Director of Spiritual Formation and Membership*

Dear faith family,

April 6th is Maundy Thursday—Maundy being the Latin word for “mandate”—the one Jesus gave to his disciples (and us) “love one another as I have loved you.” Good Friday follows (good as in *we* benefit) where Jesus is crucified and darkness covers the earth. Holy Saturday is a time of stunned silence, defeat, and mourning for all who knew Jesus when he walked the earth. But we know the rest of the story: that on the third day Jesus was raised from the dead! The thing is, we can’t jump to the joy and feasting of resurrection without journeying the path of suffering, pain, and sorrow that accompanies Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.



***Join us for worship on Thursday, April 6th at 7pm here at Asbury. We are having a unique service in the Fellowship Hall where we will worship “in the round” (the altar in the middle and chairs on all four sides).**

This worship service will include scripture, meditations, and times of reflection. All are invited and welcome to attend.

***Good Friday Worship: April 7th at 7pm at Bethesda UMC. All are invited and welcome to worship.**



On April 9th, we can revel in celebrating that Christ is risen—he is risen indeed! Alleluia! Christmas and Easter are two of the most joyous times in the church year as we celebrate, respectively, the incarnation—the coming of Christ, and the resurrection—the power of love and non-violence over death. Christ is risen - He is risen indeed! We joyfully recite these words every Easter. But, what does the resurrection truly mean? What does Christ’s resurrection mean to you in your daily life? What does that look like? I encourage you to take some time in

silence and solitude to journal, pray, and reflect on these things. Or, find someone you trust to verbally process these ideas.

The Evangelical Tradition encompasses much more than simply converting people. The evangel – the “good news” – is God’s great message to humanity: that all can be redeemed and restored to its intended design. This is the message embodied in Jesus himself, rooted in the word of God, and ultimately expressed through the lives of those who follow Christ. It is a living tale of grace spoken in and through word and action.

Now, for some folks, the word “Evangelical” may have some baggage or connotation attached to it. This is about the Word-centered life. Period.



Join the discussion about the Evangelical Stream of the Church on Thursday April 27th at 7pm in the library (NOT the 3rd Thursday this month—sorry about that!). All are welcome to attend. If you have the book, read the chapter on the Evangelical Tradition. Let Kristen know you are coming: kristen@asburyweb.org.

Our spiritual practice of the month, born out of the Evangelical tradition, is scripture memorization. Enjoy this italicized excerpt from Renovare Institute, adapted from author Jan Johnson:



“When we look at how Jesus behaved—so others-centered and compassionate, speaking truth firmly yet in love—we want to be like him. But first we need to have the internal life that Jesus had that caused that behavior. We need to think the way Christ thought. A key to Christlikeness is developing the “mind of Christ.” ‘For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?’ But we have the mind of Christ” (1 Cor 2:16).

A great help in developing the mind of Christ and restoring the soul is learning Scripture by heart. “If I had to choose between all the disciplines of the spiritual life,” Dallas Willard writes, “I would choose Bible memorization, because it is a fundamental way of filling our minds with what it needs.”

Keys to Shaping our Memory

Repetition: The more you’ve heard a passage, the easier it is to learn by heart. For this reason, 1 Corinthians 13 can be a little easier to memorize after having it heard so many times at weddings.

Concentration (Focus): Wrapping one’s mind around a passage is imperative. This intensity is best motivated by a desire to absorb the ideas in the passage. You may wish to print it out and color code certain words or draw diagrams that illustrate its flow.

Understanding: Studying a commentary to comprehend the meaning of a passage in its original context or how it connects with other passages increases our grasp of its meaning. You may wish to look up specific words also for their meaning. It’s much easier to memorize a passage when you’ve looked at it repetitively for several days or weeks, concentrated on it, and worked to understand it.

Passages Instead of Single Verses: While single verses here and there might be helpful, it’s better to memorize larger chunks of Scripture. The ideas presented in Scripture have a flow to them and it’s easier to understand that flow when in larger sections. You see how ideas connect.

Passages Often Recommended: Colossians 3:1-17; Romans 8:1-17; 1 Corinthians 13; all or parts of Philippians 2-4; all or parts of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7); John 15:1-17; Psalm 23, 27, 91 and 103.”

Sign up with Kristen to get more suggestions on tips to help memorize scripture this month.



On the journey with you,

Kristen Wall-Love

Director of Spiritual Formation & Membership

kristen@asburyweb.org

MEMBERSHIP EVENT!

If you are considering membership or are interested in formally joining Asbury UMC, please make plans to attend our spring membership event, happening Sunday, May 7 at 12:30 in the Library. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please RSVP by April 10 to kristen@asburyweb.org or 410.749.2131.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Heather Harman, Director of Children and Care Ministries

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place in the Garden on Easter Sunday, April 9, during Sunday School. The Nursery and the Preschool-1st Grade class will hunt from 10:05-10:20 and 2nd-5th Grade from 10:25 a.m. -10:40 a.m. Thank you to all who donated egg-stuffers for this event!

A flowering cross on Easter Sunday dramatically and visually represents the new life we celebrate in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. On Easter Sunday, April 9, there will be a large wooden cross on the brick patios area in front of the Church. Everyone is

invited to bring flowers or greenery from their own gardens, or that they have purchased, so that we can adorn the cross as a congregation to celebrate. The more flowers and greenery we bring to share, the more glorious the cross will be! Please spread the word!

Flowering Cross

*Bring fresh flowers on Easter
Sunday to decorate the Cross.*

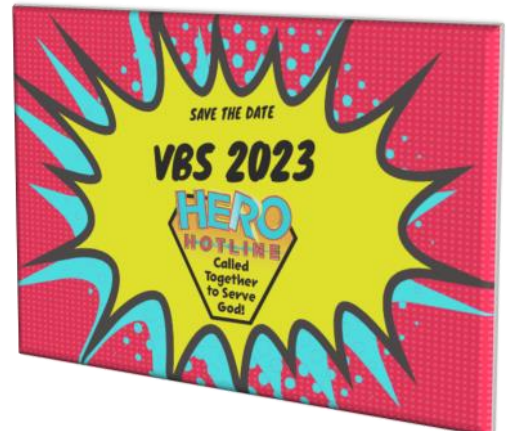
Christ is Risen!



SAVE THE DATE

Hero Hotline VBS July 9-12, 2023!

In the depths of a colorful underground cave is the beating heart of the hero community, the Hero Hotline Headquarters, where everyone's gifts are valued and every hero has a role to play! Be sure to get these dates on your calendar now!



A NOTE FROM MS. HEATHER

The Choristers Guild Institute is a training program designed for directors of children's and youth choirs. It is offered each July, with graduation after attending three years. I was thrilled to attend this program, where I gained expert advice from incredible musicians and composers. It was a transforming time for me, allowing me to gain confidence in my directing skills while connecting with other directors from all across the country. I graduated in July of 2017, and I have stayed in touch with many of the faculty as well as fellow classmates.

Imagine my excitement when I was asked back in February to write the April devotional article for the Choristers Guild Magazine! Although I do have a background in writing, this will be my very first time as a published author.

I thought it would be fun to share one of the devotions I wrote during this Easter season, so here is the April 9th devotion for Easter Sunday. If you would like to hear the anthem, you can find it at this link. Enjoy!

<https://www.choristersguild.org/store/cga1393-just-as-he-said-1/5213>

Week of April 9

Coordinating Anthem: CGA1393/ *Just As He Said* / Trevor Manor / Unison/two-part with piano and optional 2 or 3 octaves handbells.

Scripture

Luke 24: 1-6 NIV

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!

Devotional

The dictionary tells us that a surprise is 'an unexpected or astonishing event, fact, or thing'. Do you enjoy being surprised? Some people do, and some people don't. Surprises can be fun, like receiving an unexpected gift or finding something special that you lost. But surprises can also be scary, like when someone jumps out and startles you on purpose, or when you don't do as well on a test as you expected. On that first Easter morning, the women went to the tomb to mourn the death of their beloved friend, Jesus. Imagine how they felt when they discovered that the stone at the entrance to the tomb was rolled away, and Jesus was not there! Do you think that was a happy surprise or a scary surprise? Could it be a little bit of both? How do you think you would you have felt?

Prayer

God, help us to always trust in your promises. Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Brooke Christensen, *Director of Youth & Family Ministries*

Youth Group

For our March event we had a St. Patrick's Day party. Games were themed around stereotypical images of Ireland and St. Patrick's Day such as making Fruit Loop rainbows, snake races, and catapulting Rolos into pots of gold. We also had trivia from the real life of St. Patrick.

April's event will be a talent show at Bethesda on Friday, April 14.

Service Days

This month the youth will be participating in a service day at the zoo! Saturday, April 15 we will meet at the zoo to do whatever project is needed.

Love Bucket Deadline Coming Up

We have 7 Confirmands this year! Just like last year we would love for the congregation to participate in filling up love buckets for them. Notes, candy, little fun things, these are all great ideas to show them we love them and want to celebrate this journey with them. If you would like to participate please get items either to Brooke or drop them in the buckets by May 8th.

Ben Harris

Ben West

Paden Creel

Shannon Tayman

Olivia Szczurko

Nathan Madruga

Nick Cropper

Seniors

Calling all families of **High School** and **College Seniors!**

I need some information for you so we can celebrate you!

1. Please send brooke@asburyweb.org a **picture** as soon as you can- the higher the resolution the better for the digital sign out front
2. With your picture send: **What school you are graduating from** and **how you would like your name to appear in print**
3. I also need to know: **What you are hoping to do next year** and a **favorite Asbury memory you have**
4. Save the date! Sunday, May 14 is Senior Recognition Sunday

ASP 50th Anniversary Party

If you have been a part of Asbury for any amount of time then I am sure you are aware of Asbury's rich connection to Appalachia Service Project. Since 1973 Asbury has sent groups of youth and adults all over the Appalachian mountains to help make homes warmer, safer, and drier. To celebrate this church community's commitment to supporting this ministry we are throwing a party and we want YOU to be there!

Save the Date: Sunday, July 16, 2023 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.

We will be **collecting pictures** to be on display and we want to make sure we represent as many eras as we can! If you have pre-digital age pictures please put your name on the back and bring them to the church for Brooke Christensen to hold on to. If you have digital pictures there will be information released soon on where to send them.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Brooke Christensen, *Director of Youth & Family Ministries*

Cookie Decorating Cook-Out

Spring is here and it's time for another Brooke and Heather production!
What are we doing this time??

If you love watching cookie decorating videos or see beautiful sugar cookie displays in stores and have ever thought, "I'd love to try that," now is the time!

Local cookie decorator, and friend of Asbury, Kim Timmons is coming to Asbury to teach us some techniques. We don't have the exact cookies picked out yet but they will be cook-out themed. To go with that theme we will be serving hotdogs!

There is a cost for this event with payment due by Sunday, April 23

Price for the first 15 participants to register: \$20

Price for the next 20 participants to register: \$30

Price after that: \$40

How do you register?

See the weekly E-blast for a link to the spreadsheet



ASBURY SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE

Carlton Bradshaw, *Chair, BOD, ASP*



Spring is here and with it comes the return of Asbury Service Project / Chesapeake Housing Mission wheelchair ramp builds. Michael is an amputee who has had to rely on friends to get him in and out of his own home for want of access. On March 25, in between rain showers, your ASP group spent the day constructing a new wheelchair ramp to give Michael the freedom to independently come and go. This marked the maiden voyage of our new tool trailer (see the March 2023 Asburian for details on that). What a blessing to be able to bless others!

We have two more ramp builds scheduled for the Spring, April 22 and May 13. These work days provide opportunities for skills training, and act

as a practice day for our week in Appalachia. They also remind us that there are folks right here in our local community who need help, and that Jesus calls us to feed his lambs.

Our final pancake breakfast fundraiser for the spring is scheduled for April 16! Come support ASP over food and fellowship.

Thank you, Asbury, for your continued support of this longstanding ministry. Love Strong!

If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me at 410-896-2776.

Carlton Bradshaw

ASP 50TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY!



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Save the Date: Sunday, July 16, 2023 11:30am-1:30pm

HYDE SCHOLARSHIP

Attention graduating seniors interested in applying for the Hyde scholarship: applications are due in the church office **no later than 4:00 pm on April 14, 2023**. Hard copies are available in the Welcome Centers, so students can review and ensure they meet the requirements first. The official application can be found on the church website. You will need to use Adobe Acrobat to edit the pdf form.



Circle News

Joanna Circle – Carol Bisker

(Meets @10:00 AM on the second Monday of the month)

Joanna will meet on Monday, April 10 at 10 AM at the home of Carol Bisker. We will make our Mother's Day cards and practice our skills.

Eve Circle – Amy Cropper

(Meets @7:15 PM on the third Wednesday of the month)

Eve meets on April 19 at 7:15. Place of meeting to be decided.

Dorcas Circle – Susan Cropper

(Meets @10:00 AM on the second Tuesday of the month)

Dorcas will meet on Tuesday, April 11 at 10:00 in the Fox Room at the church. We made and delivered bag lunches for Joseph House on March 21st.

Deborah Circle – Maggie Fulkrod

(Meets @6:30 PM on the last Tuesday of the month)

We continue to meet on the last Tuesday of the month (this month April 25) at 6:30pm in the library. In March we began a new book study (used for Mission U) *Finding Peace in an Anxious World* by Erin James-Brown. All women are welcome. Contact: Maggie Fulkrod mfulkrod1@verizon.net.

Spring Fundraiser -please support our missions.

We will be selling notecards and magnets with an original image of Asbury Church designed by our very talented Sydney Cropper (daughter of Amy and Dale Cropper/granddaughter of Shirley and Bill Cropper!)

Dates for sale of items: April 30 and May 7. Items will be sold at all services with more details to follow in the upcoming weeks via bulletins and email news blasts.

ALTAR GUILD APPRECIATION DAY



The light shining through the stained-glass windows, the majestic relief above the upper altar, the gleaming brass, the radiant candles, the vibrant flowers, the liturgical paraments - all these elements combine to form a serene space in the sanctuary. The Altar Guild is charged with creating this sacred environment of trust, peace, hope, charity and love for the greater glory of God.

We celebrated these faithful servants on Sunday, March 26 during the 11:00 a.m. Festive Worship Service. ***We are blessed by their dedication to making Asbury a beautiful place in which to worship!*** For more information about Altar Guild, or to join this important mission of the church, please contact Jean Laws at 410-430-8714 or jeanlaws@comcast.net.



PASTOR TOM'S EASTER SEASON BIBLE STUDY



Join Pastor Tom for an Easter Season Bible Study based on Bob Goff's book, *Undistracted*. We will spend five weeks looking at the text and the way Jesus invites us to focus. Through the pithy and inspiring storytelling that has endeared him to millions, New York Times bestselling author Bob Goff invites you to laugh with more gusto, dream with more confidence, and love with more intention in this disarming call to live Undistracted. Bob's stories are like the rumble strips on the road that make you suddenly alert to how far you have drifted from your lane. From

visiting friends in San Quentin to accidentally getting into a stalker's car at the airport to establishing Uganda's first space program, Bob shows you the way back to an audaciously attentive life. Starts Thursday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m.



In March we had a game night and went bowling.

We will be getting together Wednesday, April 17th for a D&D night and we will have a trash clean up day on Friday, April 28.

Our last few Bible Study sessions for the semester will be led by different students through May 14th.

Next month we will be having a fundraiser at Sweet Frog! To participate and help out your local Wesley Foundation all you need to do is bring in a copy of the Wesley Foundation fundraiser flyer to the North Salisbury Sweet Frog location and buy some delicious frozen yogurt!



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



The **Bible 101** class is currently studying “EMBRACING THE UNCERTAIN” by Pastor Magrey de Vega of Hyde Park UMC in Tampa, Florida.

BIBLE 101



Pastor deVega describes LENT as: “an invitation to engage life’s uncertainties not ignore them.” We will look deeply into our hearts as we explore the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord in all four Gospels!



OPEN HEARTS OPEN MIND

Come join us in the **Open Hearts, Open Minds** adult class. **ALL** are welcome to attend this Sunday School class held in the Mackey room. We convene between 9:45-10:00 with joys and concerns before beginning the lesson. Our collection each Sunday is used to support 4 local and 1 international charities: ASP, Habitat for Humanity, the Village of Hope, Afghan Refugee project, and Covenant Mercies, where we have supported the same Ugandan child for 7 years.

For this spring, we have chosen the curriculum Saving Jesus, Redux, from the Living the Questions Project. This series is an exploration of a credible Jesus for the 21st Century. The premise underlying the conversations asks the question: “Ever feel like Jesus has been kidnapped by the Christian right or discarded by the secular left”? There are 12 conversations beginning with Jesus through the Ages to the wrap up of Why Jesus is Worth Saving.

Here is the schedule:

4/2	Jesus’ Program: The Kingdom of God & Ministry of Compassion 2 sessions
4/9	Easter
4/16	Who Killed Jesus?
4/23	The Atonement

4/30	The Resurrection of Christ
5/7	Why is Jesus Worth Saving?
5/14	Sessions Assessment
5/21	Asbury’s Foundation

****On May 14, Prof. Ray Thompson will lead a discussion of Asbury’s roots.*





CHURCH & SOCIETY (SPRING SCHEDULE)

Everyone is cordially invited to attend a series of talks this winter and spring on timely issues and programs affecting our community. Sponsored by the committee on Church & Society, we offer a light lunch, presentations from guest speakers doing important work, and engaging conversation. The floor is always open. Hope to see you there!

Lunch & Learn

*One Sunday per month, 12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Mackey Room*

April 2 – Brenda Mahan, Delmarva Program Coordinator, Society of St. Andrew. See ENDhunger.org for more information on this church-based project which promotes gleaning healthy food from America’s fields *after* the commercial harvest is finished, to feed America’s hungry.

May 7 [new date]: Jennifer Small, vice president, Maryland Food Bank. The Eastern Shore Branch of the food bank serves some of the most food-insecure areas in the state, including Wicomico and Somerset counties. See <https://mdfoodbank.org/about/locations/eastern-shore-branch/>

All meetings to be held in the Mackey Room following the 11:00 a.m. service. A light lunch will be served prior to a talk and conversation with our guest speakers. Voluntary donations only. Please RSVP if possible to Lydia in the church office for purposes of room setup and lunch planning. (But please feel free to come even if you have not RSVP’d!) 410-749-2131.

TOWN HALL MEETING

Friends, you all are invited to a Town Hall gathering on Wednesday, April 26, at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Tom will be talking about the state of the church and answering your questions. Please check the weekly E-blast or email Pastor Tom (tom@asburyweb.org) with any questions that you have. He will be collecting them throughout the month of April and answering them as best he can April 26. The session will not be livestreamed, but it will be recorded and posted to the church webpage once the meeting is concluded.



AFGHAN FAMILY UPDATE

Like geography? Like to learn about places you haven’t visited and cultures that are different? We have all heard about the war in Afghanistan and know the disruptions it has caused, but probably most of us have no idea of what one might see there outside the war zones and US bases. On Sunday, April 23rd at 12:30 come to Fellowship Hall for a covered dish luncheon with our Afghan family and our friends from the Delmarva Muslim Community. It will be another chance to meet the family and visit with neighbors who are part of the Delmarva Muslim Community. You will also see beautiful pictures that are likely very different than anything you’ve seen and heard about our family’s life before fleeing their home. PLEASE BRING ANY COVERED DISH (no pork please) TO SHARE WITH SIX PEOPLE. Questions? Call Charles Emery, 443-877-7750.

PUPPETS FOR CHRIST

Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae!



Please come out to support Puppets for Christ's "Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae" Fundraiser and Black Light Show on **Sunday, April 30th**. This year's show will include a few of the songs that we have performed in the past, plus a new one that we are working on. Entertainment will begin at 4:00pm with ice cream following. Tickets are \$5/person and will be available for purchase beginning on April 1st via Facebook (Puppets for Christ) page, by contacting Amy Cropper at 410-726-2847, or by email at puppetboss@comcast.net. Tickets sales at church will be April 16 & 23 at each service. NO ticket sales at the door! Sugar free ice cream will be available along with many delicious toppings!

Please join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and ice cream! Who can turn that combination down? Hope to see you there!

JAMES M. BENNETT HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIAL

James M. Bennett High School Memorial Garden Needs Your Help!

WANTED: Gardeners, want-to-be gardeners, folks who like the occasional dirt on their hands, or anyone who wants to give back to the community in a tangible way! Our faith-based partner school, James M. Bennett High School, needs help revitalizing their memorial garden this spring.

The JMB Memorial Garden was originally designed and built in 2000 to honor 3 JMB classmates who died before graduating. Since the garden was installed, other past students have been memorialized, including Army Sgt. Maj. Wardell Turner, who was killed in Afghanistan in 2014.

The Memorial Garden is in need of community help for cleaning and revitalization, and this is where you can be of service!

We will begin meeting the first week of April to plan garden visits and develop a schedule for plantings & maintenance. Please contact Ashlee Plotts at 443-243-1613 or ashlee@plotts.us for more information or to join the committee. All skill levels are welcome! Both daytime and evening time gardening hours will be planned, for ease of participation.



Please consider giving some of your time to this worthy endeavor.

NEW ADDITION TO SANCTUARY



If you are in the Sanctuary for a service or program and find yourself with a restless child DON'T LEAVE before you try our newly placed vintage rocker. We are doing a trial placement on the pulpit side of the Sanctuary about one-half way forward. Sit and rock and feel the love aura surrounding this rocker used by multiple generations of the donor's family. It's just another way we can say "Welcome" to families.



ASBURY NEWS

Church Directory Update

After a long hiatus, the 2023 church directory is being finalized and will be available soon! We will let you know when the directories arrive and are ready for pickup.

Chair Yoga

You are invited to attend some gentle/chair yoga every Wednesday at noon in the Mackey room. Plan on 30-45 minutes, beginning with a devotion. Hope to see you there! Contact Kristen with questions kristen@asburyweb.org.

Opportunity Shop

Donations:

- ◆ Monday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- ◆ Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sales:

- ◆ Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please clean out your attics and closets and donate your usable items to us! Lack of inventory has limited our hours and our ability to help Asbury ministries and the community with the proceeds from our sales.

The shop is in need of spring clothes, shoes, holiday decor and any kitchen or houseware items. Must be clean, functional and current. Tax receipts are available.

Thank you for supporting this important ministry!

Salisbury Urban Ministries

Donations needed for:

- ***Lazarus Food Pantry:*** Cereal, Desserts for Easter Bags (such as cake mix, frosting, brownie mix)
- ***Kid's Café:*** Spray Deodorant

Please drop off your donations in/near the large pots in the hallway. If you prefer to order online, have your donations delivered to: Salisbury Urban Ministries, 326 Barclay St., Salisbury, MD 21804.

SUM is currently seeking to fill two position as an Kid's Café Coordinator positions. One position is the coordinator, the other is an assistant coordinator. We are asking you to post our ad in your church bulletins and/or newsletters if possible. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Donaway, Executive Director, at 410-749-1563 or email sbyurbanministries@gmail.com. ***Thank you!!***

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deaths

Susan Stockslager
2/9/2023

Richard Cropper
3/14/2023

Aaron Pulhamus
3/20/2023

Baptisms

Ryan Lane Carter Tyler
3/12/2023

Memorials

Todd Hershey
Al & Linda Prestileo



MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Time	Meeting
5	Wed	6:00 p.m.	SPRC
11	Tue	5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
12	Wed	7:00 p.m.	Leadership Team
13	Thu	5:30 p.m.	Finance Committee
25	Tue	10:00 a.m.	Altar Guild
26	Wed	7:00 p.m.	UWIF

*** Meetings are subject to change, please check with church office for verification of date, time and location. ***
*** All meetings will be held in the Library, unless other arrangements are made.***

April Altar Guild

Carolyn Conners *Chair*

Priscilla Basehart

Jean Laws

Kathy McIntyre

Klaudia Thompson



Senior Pastor: *Rev. Dr. Tom Pasmore*
Administrative Office Manager: *Lydia Childs*
Administrative Assistant: *Sheri Burchard*
Director of Music Ministries: *Michael Stefanek*
Director of Children and Care Ministries:
Heather Harman
Director of Finance and Building: *Janice Ilczuk*
Director of Adult Spiritual Formation and
Membership: *Rev. Kristen Wall-Love*
Director of Youth & Family Ministries:
Brooke Christensen
Maintenance Worker: *Bob Love*
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