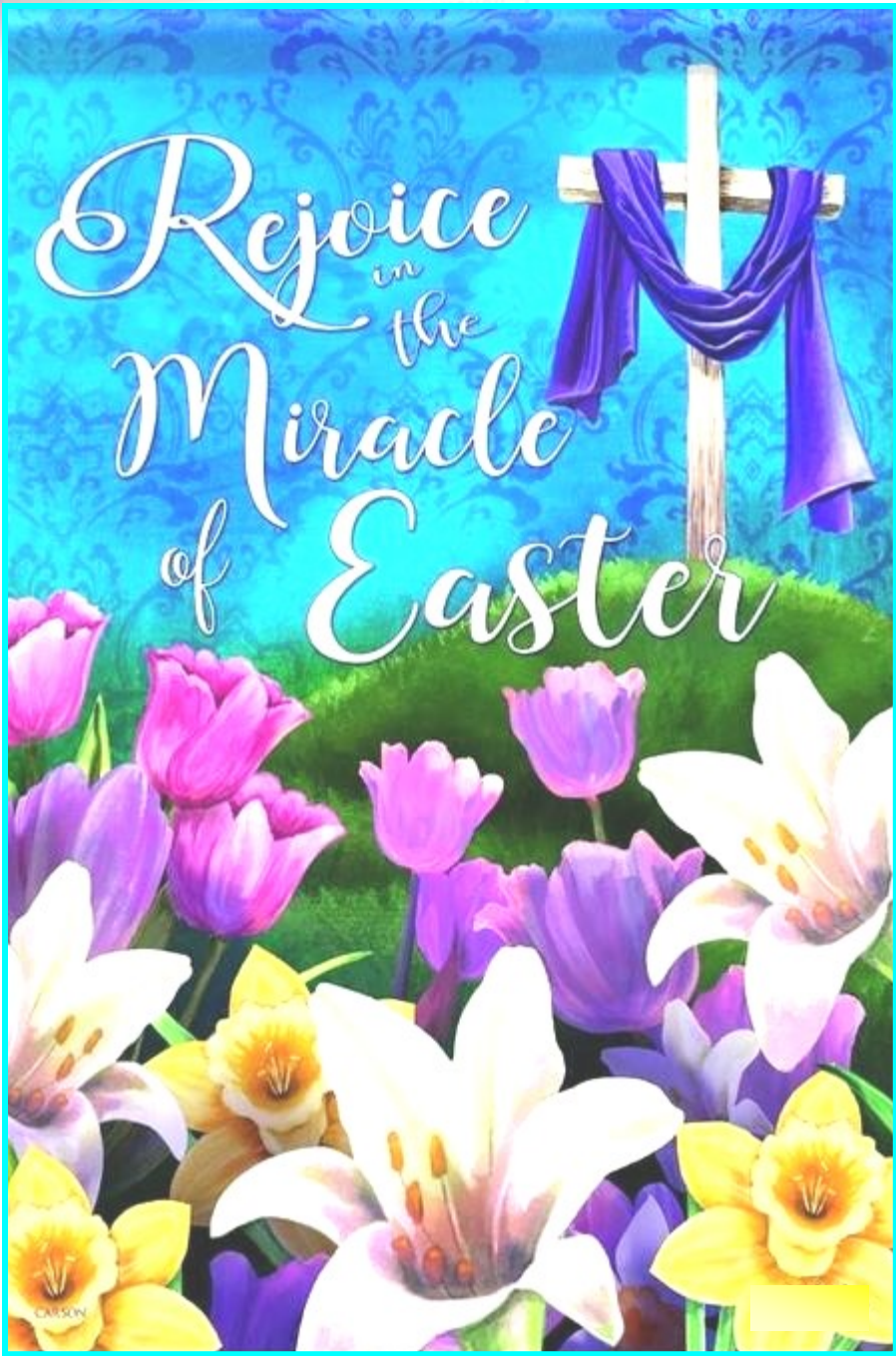


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*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



As we prepare for Holy Week and the great feast of Easter, I am feeling the weight of the world on my shoulders. I find myself alternating between the various fears pop up in my head. Fear of World War III, fear another outbreak of Covid-19 (variant alpha-delta-omicron-etc.), and failure on a personal level with the family and the church. It can all be much on any given day.



My friend, Pastor Wendy Butterworth, puts it this way:

There are times when I read verses of scripture that I just want to roll my eyes. "Be patient in suffering" was one of those passages that I just wanted to let loose with what I was seriously thinking. It all went along the lines of "Really God? You want me to be more patient? Because this whole virus thing is getting old and I'm tired of being patient. I want this over and done with and I want it done yesterday."

But then the Holy Spirit jumped right in with the Spirit's version of, "And how is that working for you?" Point taken.

There really is no choice but to be patient, because I'm not going to be able to change anything about what is happening in the bigger world. I can only focus on my attitude and my approach to the circumstances we find ourselves in. Thankfully, we all have God who leads us to the parts of scripture we can cling to. "Rejoice in hope, persevere in prayer." Those are things we can do.

Easter is about the fact that as screwed up as we are, God could not stay away. God loves us so much that death itself could not separate us from Jesus. The empty tomb tells us, "Take heart and be of good cheer for I am with always. Even to the end of the age because I love you." If anything will get us through, it's love. So, let's go out and love this Easter season. Let's love like our world depends on it. The truth is that it does. God's love be with you.



Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tom



April

**Altar
Guild**



Carolyn Conners, Chair

Robin Evans

Emily Saulsbury

Priscilla Basehart



Dear Church Family,

All are invited to attend our very own production of the musical GODSPELL that will take place in Fellowship Hall. We have an amazing cast, crew, musicians, and directors from the church and theater community working hard at preparing the show.

GODSPELL is centered around the Gospel of Matthew, in which Jesus preaches through parables and storytelling. The songs vary in style and feature solos, duets, and company. The script makes it as relevant today as it was when it opened at the Cherry Lane Theater in New York City on May 17, 1971, and was an immediate hit with audiences.

It eventually made it to Broadway in 1976 where it ran 527 shows.

Performances will be on Friday, April 8 at 7:30pm and Saturday, April 9 at 2:00pm & 7:30pm. Reservations are required. Please visit Asbury's website: asburyweb.org and click on the "Spring Production: Godspell" link to get your free tickets.

GODSPELL will be immediately followed by Palm Sunday and Holy Week, which will lead up to our triumphant celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus at our worship services on Easter Sunday, April 17. I'm pleased to announce that we will have a full brass ensemble and timpani with choir at our 11:00am Festive worship service this year after two years of waiting.



All Best,

Dr. Michael Stefanek
Director of Music Ministries

SPONSORSHIP OF AN AFGHAN REFUGEE FAMILY



At the March Leadership Team meeting, it was decided to explore the possibility of adopting/sponsoring an Afghan refugee family. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has partnered with Church World Service (CWS) to be one of 9 agencies authorized by the US Department of State to process the tremendous number of people that escaped in August 2021. Many of the requirements for sponsorship seem feasible, and much help has already been offered. Once a proposal is ready, it will be presented to the Leadership Team for further review.

Moving a refugee family out of temporary housing on a military base to settle in Salisbury will require lots of help from our congregation - we'll need help finding housing, transportation, medical care, clothing, furnishings, education, employment, food, etc. There will be a job for people of all talents. Please think about the gifts you have and are able to offer.

So... you are already praying at 7:00pm each evening for Asbury. Now please add prayers for clarity and wisdom as we explore this uncharted territory. Let us also pray for courage and creativity as we each consider our personal gifts.



For more information, contact Charles Emery at 443-877-7740 or charlescemeryms@gmail.com.



Giving opportunities here at Asbury

Every gift that you share with Asbury is an expression of your values, priorities and gratitude for God’s blessings in your life. By making the choice to remember the church in your will or estate plans, you ensure that Asbury will have the resources we need to continue our mission and ministries for many years to come. Since planned gifts generally come from the accumulated assets of a lifetime, it is an opportunity to make a final statement of support for the ministry of Asbury. Planned giving does not have to be complicated—and it is not only reserved for those with great wealth. It can be as simple as adding a bequest to Asbury in your will. Other options, such as charitable gift annuities, provide a guaranteed income for life and substantial tax savings. Please consult with an estate planning attorney or financial advisor to help you develop or revise your current estate plan. Asbury United Methodist Church relies on the income from its endowment to maintain and upgrade our church buildings and programs, to support mission here in Salisbury and around the world, as well as support the staff and work of the church. Your generosity can make real difference in the future.

	February
Pledge Contributions	\$147,838
Unpledged Giving	\$10,788
Plate Contributions	\$2,170
Special Contributions	\$0
Endowment	\$12,786
Rentals	\$10,570
Interest-checking/mma/cd	\$14
Gain/loss on stock	(\$28)
Total Income	\$184,139
Property Expenses	\$25,957
Ministry Expenses	\$46,685
Administrative Expenses	\$23,085
Apportionments	\$21,026
Employee Benefits	\$23,984
Total Expenses	\$140,736
Net	\$43,403



Easter Offering

Our operating budget is projected to receive \$4,200 as our 2022 Easter Offering. This special offering is part of our anticipated income for the year in support of our budget (see chart- special contributions includes Lent, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas). There are Easter Offering Envelopes in the pews and in the back of the chairs in Fellowship Hall. Would you prayerfully consider an extra gift over and above your regular giving during this Easter season to help meet our goal in support of our operations and ministries? Last year, as a congregation you gave \$4,406 –let’s see if we can match that number or go beyond!

HELP US COMFORT EACH OTHER



During this time of COVID, we have experienced many disruptions. Recently, at a church meeting, it was mentioned that it has been difficult to stay on top of who is in the hospital or ill at home, or needs help given the visiting restrictions in place at the hospital. The TidalHealth Pastoral Care Office has been very helpful in laying out the best ways to contact our loved ones in the hospital. As background, before COVID, any pastor could visit the hospital, read the list of patients

admitted and visit members of their congregation from that list. Since COVID, TidalHealth has closed admittance to all pastors except those employed by TidalHealth in the Pastoral Care Office. At present, about the only way a pastor from one's church can visit is when the patient is at or near end-of-life. Unless family or friends notify staff at Asbury of family or friends in the hospital, it is difficult for the church to know.

The following are the rules for patient communications/contact at TidalHealth:

1. To send patient Ecards go to: www.tidalhealth.org/ecard.
2. Patients admitted to the hospital can request a text update be sent to loved ones, patient **will not** receive text back. This will not include any medical information.
3. At the present, FaceTime will only be done for Covid patients in isolation and will be set up through the patient's nurse.
4. At present, one designated person can visit a patient throughout their stay during visiting hours. This can be whomever the patient chooses.
5. At present, a patient can request a visit from **their pastor**, this will not be counted as their one visitor. The nurse must know of the request for the clergy to be admitted.
6. Clergy may come in at end- of- life at the family's request.
7. If it is requested, Staff Chaplains are available for prayer or a visit. They are on call 24/7.
8. Patients can be contacted by bedside phones if they choose, except for ICU and PCU. Calls must go through the nurses' station.

If you know of someone who is in the hospital, please contact the Asbury Church Office, so someone from Pastoral Care Ministries can contact the family to offer comfort and prayer with the family's permission.

Romans 15:1-7

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. **Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up. For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me."** For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, **so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.** Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.



If you are a youth, parent, grandparent, or volunteer and would like to receive my weekly **Youth Update** emails filled with announcements, pictures, and updates on what we are learning about, please send a message to brooke@asburyweb.org

First Friday Youth Group

March's First Friday was an Olympic Games event. We had an awesome time with members from Bethesda's youth group. I think our favorite event was the biathlon, the youth "skied" on pieces of carpet to a series of targets that they shot with nerf guns. What made this event even more amazing was that it was all planned and coordinated by our youth and the Olympic Planning Committee!

Confirmation

There is still time to add to our confirmands' love buckets. Feel free to see me (Brooke) until Confirmation Sunday on May 22nd.



WESLEY FOUNDATION



What is the Wesley Foundation?

The short answer is that we are the United Methodist presence on SU's campus and we are housed at Asbury. A slightly more interesting answer is that we are **aspiring** to be an anti-racist and LGBTQ+ affirming space for the church curious, church questioning and church loving student. I emphasize "aspiring" because we might not all be in the same place and that's ok. Not sure if you're on board with our aspirations? This is a great place for questions and GENTLE discussion.

So what are we up to? Bible Study

Sunday mornings in our new room (#134) at 12:00pm there is a Young Adult Bible Study led by SU student Joseph Hayden. There is always an interesting discussion and I make sure we always have snacks! Who is a Young Adult? Generally, anyone over 18 can be a "young adult," we would love for you to join us!

Wesley Wednesday

For our Wesley Wednesday social event in March we had a Librarians Watch Party with pizza and the comfiest of furniture.

In April we will be hosting a D&D campaign with our own Donny Pasmore serving as Dungeon Master.

Help Us Spread Some Cheer

On the Tuesday before our Wesley Wednesday events we have been passing out treats around campus-would you like to help us? Contact Brooke! brooke@asburyweb.org

–Brooke

PUPPETS FOR CHRIST SPAGHETTI DINNER IS BACK!



Please come out to support Puppets for Christ's annual Spaghetti Dinner/Ice Cream Sundae Fundraiser on Friday, May 13th. This year's show will be entitled "**Comin Alive**".

Entertainment will begin at 6:00pm with dinner following. Ticket sales will begin on Sunday, April 24, May 1 and 8 at each service, which gives you 3 Sundays to buy your tickets!

Ticket prices are \$10/adult, \$5/children (4-12) and children 3 and under are FREE. The ticket sale deadline will be May 8th. Tickets will not be sold after this date. **No Exceptions!**

There will be NO sales at the door! Also, reservations for parties of 6 or more can be made when you buy your tickets.



Won't you join us for a night filled with wonderful entertainment and delicious spaghetti? Plus, we will celebrate our 3 Seniors in their last show!!! We hope to see you there!



ACDC students are excited that the weather is warming up so they can get outside and enjoy some fresh air. Our St. Patrick's Day celebrations included 3's, 4's and Kindergarten students going on a hunt to find treasure that was left at the end of the rainbow. Upon the students return to the classroom, they discovered how messy leprechauns can be. Those sneaky little leprechauns can really make a mess!

We are taking registrations for the 2022-2023 school year. We have openings in our 2's T/TH classes, 3's T/TH class and M-F 4's class.

Please call our office for more information. To schedule a tour, call 410.742.7058 or email our Director, Casey Taylor, at casey@asburyweb.org. We thank you in advance and appreciate your spreading the word about our wonderful little preschool and all of the wonderful activities and unique events we have here at ACDC.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Heather Harman, *Director of Children's Ministry*



The annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the High School Sunday School class, will be held on Easter Sunday, April 17th, during the Sunday School hour from 10:00-11:00am. Kids will hunt for eggs with their classes at scheduled times to limit the number of people in the Garden. A schedule will be provided that morning. The High School class will be collecting donations of individually wrapped candy, stickers, or small toys (must fit inside a plastic Easter egg). Look for the donation boxes in the welcome centers. Thank you!

Bring fresh flowers on Easter Sunday to decorate the Cross. CHRIST IS RISEN!

A flower 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 17, there will be a large wooden cross in the Disciples Garden. 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 Easter. The more flowers and greenery we bring to share, the more glorious the cross will be! Please spread the word!



PIZZA **PAINT** PRAISE



Party!

THURSDAY - APRIL 28TH

PIZZA AT 5:30 PM

PAINTING STARTS AT 6:00 PM

Lead by Stacie Desautels - Artist



Asbury

ALL AGES WELCOME

Kids under 12 half price Adults \$20

RSVP

heather@asburyweb.org or brooke@asburyweb.org

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND MEMBERSHIP



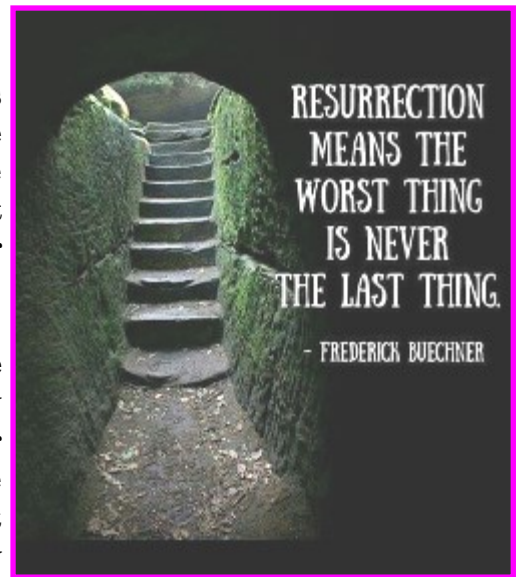
Dear faith family,

April 14 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 14th at 7pm.**

So, on the 17th, 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.



April's spiritual practice is "coffee with God" and it is exactly what it sounds like. Take some time during the day to enjoy a beverage of your choice and simply be with God for the time it takes you to finish your cup of joe (or tea or diet coke or whatever). This means just sitting--no reading, no screens, no music—just you, your beverage, and God. Be with God and your thoughts--they may turn into prayers, or not. Let me know if you want to participate by checking "monthly spiritual practice" on your connection card and I will check in with you during the month. Enjoy your time! kristen@asburyweb.org

MEMBERSHIP EVENT!

If you are considering membership or interested in formally joining Asbury UMC, please make plans to attend our spring membership event, happening Sunday, May 1 at 12:30 in the Library. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please RSVP by April 10 to kristen@asburyweb.org or 410.749.2131.



On the journey with you,

Kristen Wall-Love

Director of Spiritual Formation & Membership

kristen@asburyweb.org

BIBLE 101 NEW STUDY...

The Bible 101 class will complete their present study: SAVIOR on Palm Sunday. We will begin a new study of the application of Scripture in the Devotional Book: The Upper Room, April 24. Our last class until September will be on May 22. The congregation is invited to attend all classes!



Please join Pastor Tom as he explores *Faithful & Inclusive: The Bible, Sexuality and the United Methodist Church*, a video series developed by Rev. Rob Fuquay, the senior pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis. This five-session study will be held at Asbury at 7:00 pm on Thursday nights, beginning on Thursday, April 21st, and concluding on May 19th. Pastor Tom will facilitate the discussions so that the participants can engage in respectful conversations focused on scripture, tradition, personal experiences, and reason.

ASBURY SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE



Imagine being bed bound, unable to walk or even stand, and without access to your own home. The only way that you can go to church or doctor's appointments is to have family members and friends carry you in and out of the house. Imagine that you and your elderly spouse do not speak English, and so even a call to 911 takes on an added challenge. Such was the situation for Immacula, who lives in Salisbury, until March 19. On that day, your ASP team, in partnership with Chesapeake Housing Mission, constructed a wheelchair ramp to provide a means of egress and a measure of freedom. At the end of the day, her husband, with their

son interpreting, thanked God for sending us to help them. He blessed us with words, and then with a song that he played on his harmonica. We were and are truly blessed!

We have two more ramp builds scheduled for the Spring, April 9 and May 7. 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 24! As in past years, we will offer the option of chocolate chip pancakes as a once each year treat! Come support ASP over food and fellowship.

Thank you, Asbury, for your continued support of this longstanding ministry!
If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me at 410-896-2776.

Carlton Bradshaw
Chair, BOD



welcome APRIL



PALM SUNDAY ~ APRIL 10

*Palm Sunday, also called **Passion Sunday**, in the Christian tradition, the first day of Holy Week and the Sunday before Easter, commemorating Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.*



MAUNDY THURSDAY ~ APRIL 14

Christ's "mandate" is commemorated on Maundy Thursday---"maundy" being a shortened form of mandatum (Latin), which means "command." It was on the Thursday of Christ's final week before being crucified and resurrected that He said this commandment to His disciples. Jesus and his disciples had just shared what was known as the Last Supper and he was washing their feet when he stated:

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" ([John 13:34](#)).

GOOD FRIDAY ~ APRIL 15

Good Friday, the Friday before Easter, is the Christian holy day to commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus and His death at Calvary. It is also known as Holy Friday, Great Friday, Great and Holy Friday, and Black Friday.



EASTER ~ APRIL 17

Easter is one of the principal holidays, or feasts, of Christianity. It marks the Resurrection of Jesus three days after his death by crucifixion. For many Christian churches, Easter is the joyful end to the Lenten season of fasting and penitence.

EASTER MONDAY ~ APRIL 18

*It has religious significance, because it is **the day after Christians believe the Messiah returned to earth**. Jesus is believed to have stayed for 40 days, appearing to believers and giving ministry. He healed the sick and proved to doubters that he was the Son of God.*



ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL DAY ~ APRIL 27

*Administrative Professionals Day **recognizes and celebrates the work of secretaries, administrative assistants and other office professionals for their contributions to the workplace**. Administrative Professionals Day is always observed on the Wednesday of Administrative Professionals Week.*



HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY ~ APRIL 28

International Holocaust Remembrance Day is a day established by the United Nations for the purpose of commemorating and remembering the victims of the Holocaust.

NEW CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY



The first weekend for Asbury's photo directory appointments is here! Sittings are free and include one complimentary 8x10 photo (additional copies and sizes available for an added fee).

The second and final weekend of appointments will take place April 21-23, 2022:

- Thursday, April 21 (1pm – 7:30pm)
- Friday, April 22 (1pm – 7:30pm)
- Saturday, April 23 (10am – 4:30pm)

1. If you would like to reserve a time for your photo session, there are two ways:

2. You can schedule your appointment online. Go to www.ucdir.com and click on the link for Photography Appointment Scheduling (on the right side of the screen). On the next screen, enter the code for Asbury UMC, which is **MD185**, and the password, which is **PHOTOS**. You will then see all the dates and times that are available, and you can take your pick. Just follow the on-screen prompts. Or;

Paper signup sheets will be available in the Welcome Center by the Narthex.

Web signups will be routinely locked out every week for 48 hours, from midnight Friday to midnight Sunday, to avoid potential conflicts with in-person reservations. If you have questions or trouble scheduling, please call Sheri at the church office or email sheri@asburyweb.org.



We hope to see you in the new church family directory, because *our community is always better when you are a part of it.*

PHOTO DIRECTORY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!



Volunteers are needed to meet and greet people who are arriving to get their pictures taken for the new photo directory. We need friendly faces to help our folks get settled and comfortable until they are called by the photographer. Each shift is 2-3 hours long and we need 2 people per shift.



Currently, we need:

1 volunteer for Friday, April 22, 1-4 pm

1 volunteer for Friday, April 22, 4-7:30pm

1 volunteer for Saturday, April 23, 10:30am-4 pm

If you would like to help, please call Sheri at the church office.

CHURCH & SOCIETY LUNCH N' LEARN MEETING



All are invited to attend a series of talks this spring on pressing social issues of our day. All meetings will be on Sundays, 12:15 - 1:45 pm in the Mackey room.



APRIL 3: The Opioid Crisis in Maryland

Dr. Kerry Forrestal, Emergency Medicine specialist

APRIL 24: Churches and the Environment

*Matthew Heim, One Water Partnership Program Director
Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake*

A light lunch will be served prior to a talk and conversation with our guest speakers. Voluntary donations only.

Please RSVP to Lydia in the church office for purposes of room setup and lunch planning - but feel free to come even if you have not RSVP'd!

SAVE THE DATE



**“Care for the Cause”
Fundraising Event
Trinity UMC Family Life Center
Sunday, May 22, 2022, 3 PM
Music & Entertainment**



Fundraiser Supporting Salisbury Urban Ministries

- Lazarus Food Pantry
- Lazarus Prescription Assistance
- Men's Welcome Center
- God's Kitchen
- Kid's Café, After-School Program

Hosted By

Asbury, Bethesda,
Christ, Grace, St. Andrews, Trinity
and Wesley Temple
United Methodist Churches

Make Checks Payable to:

Salisbury Urban Ministries, non-profit 501c3
www.sbyurbanministries.org
410-749-1563



UMW NEWS



The UMW of Asbury United Methodist Church is so fortunate to have 4 active circles that promote fellowship, spiritual growth, and actively support church missions. They are a wonderful way to get to know the women of Asbury and become involved in church activities. You are more than welcome to “try out” **Deborah** or **Dorcas** in order to find one that interests you and is the perfect “fit;” the other two circles are full at this time. Monthly meetings and other information for all circles are announced in the *Asburian*. A brief description of each group, the contact person for each circle and the days, times, and places each circle meets follow:

Deborah – Maggie Fulkrod

Our circle is an informal and welcoming one. We want to grow spiritually and serve our community in mission, together. We have recently "rebooted" after COVID and are still in the deciding stage about how we would like to move forward. We will be participating in a spiritual formation book study and choosing a mission focus in the near future. Our meeting time is the last Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at the church. If you are looking for a group of women to grow, serve, laugh, cry, and pray with, you are welcome at Deborah Circle. Please contact Maggie Fulkrod if you have any questions or would like more information (mfulkrod1@verizon.net or 410-937-8104).

Dorcas – Susan Cropper

This circle has a diverse group of women who have varied interests and ages, but who are very active in the life of the church and in local and worldwide missions. Dorcas meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM from September to May at 10am at a member's home or at the church in the Mackey Room. The meeting begins with a devotion, followed by a program, UMW Board meeting update and church needs and activities. The meeting concludes with social time. We try to increase our spiritual growth and be of service to the church and our community. Please contact Susan Cropper, 410-548-1718 or susancropper@icloud.com for more information.

Eve Circle- Amy Cropper

This circle is looking for women who are eager to be a part of a strong and vital organization and who not only want to find friendship and social interaction but also want to grow stronger in their faith with the Lord. This group participates in several missions that serve both local and worldwide populations. Members range in age from the early 30s to the early 50s, most of whom have young families. The circle meets at 7:15 pm on the third Wednesday of each month at different member's homes or at Asbury. It also has an optional social time each month either at a local restaurant or in a member's home. Amy Cropper (410-548-2210; puppetboss@comcast.net) is the contact person for this circle. Full at this time.

Joanna Circle – Carol Bisker:

This circle is an eclectic group of retired ladies who offer emotional and spiritual support to each other and who do various spiritual book studies, have thought-provoking discussions, and work on various craft projects for church-related purposes. This circle meets at 10:00 am on the second Monday of each month, September through November and January through June at the home of Carol Bisker, who is also the contact person (410-749-3563; carol.bisker@comcast.net). Full at this time.

Deborah Circle – Maggie Fulkrod

The next Deborah Circle gathering will be Tuesday, April 26th at 6:30pm in the Mackey Room. Our meeting time is the last Tuesday of each month. All women are welcome to attend. Contact Maggie Fulkrod with questions at mfulkrod1@verizon.net or 410-937-8104.

Dorcas Circle – Susan Cropper

Dorcas will meet on Tuesday, April 12th at 10 PM in the Mackey Room at Asbury. We will continue the book, “Seven Things That Steal Your Joy.” Hope to see you there and Happy Spring.

Eve Circle – Amy Cropper

Eve meets on Wednesday, April 20th at 7:15pm, location to be determined.

Joanna Circle – Carol Bisker

Joanna will meet on Monday, April 11th at 10:00am at Carol’s house to work on Mother’s Day cards.

TROOP 421 NEWS



Troop 421 has had leader elections with all new leaders being picked. We had a Court of Honor with 9 girls moving up in rank. We went to the second day of merit badge college at UMES. The troop had a camping trip to Jane's Island State Park with a joint youth leadership training with Troop 151 Asbury boy's troop. The troop also had a reforestation project where we planted oak trees on a farm in Westover with Troop 478.

Debbie Dinkel
Scoutmaster Troop 421

ASBURY NEWS

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed Friday, April 15 in observance of Good Friday.

Lenten Study

The spiritual practice for March (which will extend into April due to Lent) is **Journaling**. There is an in-person class on Saturday mornings (first class was 3/5) to assist participants in accountability and practice. You can do it on your own or join the class. Youth, men, women - journaling is for everyone!

Questions? Email or call Kristen kristen@asburyweb.org or 410-749-2131

Lenten Prayer Stations

All are welcome and encouraged to visit the 3 Lenten prayer stations located in the front of the Sanctuary. You can come during the week or before or after worship on Sundays.

Daily Prayers during Lent

We as a congregation are seeking God's vision for Asbury, and to do that we need to be in prayer together. Pastor Tom is inviting you to set an alarm for 7:00 every day (am or pm, your choice) and to take a moment to pray. If God speaks to you, please share that with Pastor Tom and with others in our Faith Family!

ASBURY NEWS

Hyde Scholarship Applications now available - deadline April 8, 2022

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 8, 2022*, and can be found on the church website.

Jeremiah 29: 11

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

The Opportunity Shop NEEDS YOU!!!

If you can help our ministry by working 9:45am - 1:00pm on Tuesdays or Thursdays, please call Sheri at the church office. If you can only work once or twice a month, that's OK. We need new volunteers and would love to have you.

The shop has resumed normal operating hours:

Donations

Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 - 10:30am and Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00am - 1:00pm.

Shopping

Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00am - 1:00pm.

158 W. Market Street, Salisbury, MD

Check us out on Facebook.

Additionally, the Opp Shop needs your stuff - clothes, shoes, housewares. Now is a good time for some spring cleaning, and the Opp Shop will be happy to rehome your old things! Please make sure everything is clean and in gently used, working condition. *Tax receipts are available.*

Salisbury Urban Ministries Donations needed for:

Lazarus Food Pantry: Cereal Bars, Snack Crackers (*Lance, Austin, etc.*), Deodorant

Kid's Café: Youth Body Wash/Lotion/Shampoo/Deodorant (*to fill Easter baskets*)

Men's Welcome Center: Men's White Crew Socks

Please place donations in or near the large pots in the hall near the sanctuary. Donations can be dropped off, or if you prefer to make an online purchase, please have your donation delivered to Salisbury Urban Ministries, 326 Barclay Street, Salisbury, MD 21804. ***Thank you for your support.***

SAVE THIS DATE!



10th Annual “National Day of Prayer” May 5

The “National Day of Prayer” starts with a breakfast at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center at 7:00am with speaker Thann Bennett, Author of *My Fame* and *In Search of the King*. Tickets are \$20/per person, \$160/table of 8, and \$150/table of 6 (optional) are available at the Country

House, by calling Ted Evans at (410) 430-4189 or by mail (send check payable to Salisbury Area Prayer Breakfast Committee c/o Magi Fund, P.O. Box 521 Salisbury, MD 21803).

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



DEATHS

Shirley Silvia, 3/14/2022
Maxine Harden, 3/22/2022



MEMORIALS



Betty Murphy
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Ralph & Mary Murray, Jr.

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Bob & Nancy Hearn
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Michael & Joanna Abercrombie



APRIL MEETINGS

Date	Day	Time	Meeting
12	Tue	5:30pm	Board of Trustees
13	Wed	7:00pm	Leadership Team
21	Thu	5:30pm	Finance Committee
26	Tue	10:00am	Altar Guild
27	Wed	7:00pm	UMW

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*** 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.***



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