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Hello AUGUST

May this month be filled with many blessings

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From the desk of

PASTOR TOM PASMORE

I pray that you all are blessed in this season of retreat. As we continue in our summer of focusing on the Fruits of the Spirit, I hope that you can take a step away and remember what is truly important to you and your relationship with God and others. We all need a break at times to allow this process to happen and summer is great time for God to do a new thing in each of us.

As we prepare for another program year here at Asbury. I feel that God has called me to focus on two critical aspects of our shared ministry together, discipleship and outreach. I'm not exactly sure what this will involve yet. I am still discerning much of the details. However, I will be looking for opportunities for engagement in the congregation and community, as well as offering the complete first course of Disciple Bible Study. This 34-week survey of the entire Bible is the most comprehensive study of the Scriptures that I have ever been a part of and is a great way to dive deeper into the text. Please let me know if you are interested.

In addition, we will be focusing on clarifying our vision for the future. Where do we want to go? What are the ministries that we need to start? What are the ministries that we need to stop? Where is God calling us out in faith? These are questions that we need to answer with God's help as we take our next faithful step on the road with Christ.

I look forward to this journey with you.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tom

STAFF PARISH COMMITTEE

Sharon Dashiell, Chair

Hello Congregation.....Staff Parish Relations Committee is excited to introduce our Staff at Asbury to all of you from a different perspective. You know what an amazing job they do for Asbury but we would like to share what they like to do or are involved with when they aren't working. Stay tuned and each month they will share that with all of you in this "spotlight" section. We will spotlight a different staff member alphabetically starting in September and go through the year until June.

The Altar Guild



Nancy Farley, *Chair*
Lou Elin Sheller

MUSIC MINISTRY

Dr. Michael Stefanek, *Director of Music Ministries*



A big thanks to all that made our summer worship extra meaningful through music including the praise band and various vocalists who shared their gifts of music. We have made some wonderful plans for our upcoming season of music and worship. We are also trying a new schedule for our children and youth music program, which commences on Tuesday, September 12. More information can be found on our webpage: asburyweb.org/music. We will also be communicating with our families and sharing more details as we get closer. Our chancel choir will be

resuming rehearsals on Thursday, September 7 at 7:00 PM in the choir room. I'm looking forward to a wonderful season ahead!

Please mark your calendars for special music events this coming fall/winter:

Sunday, October 22

The American Spiritual Ensemble will be singing with us in worship at the 11:00 AM service. There will also an educational opportunity for children/youth that will be offered by a member of that ensemble that morning as well. More details will be coming on that.

Saturday, December 2 at 4:00 PM

The Capitol Ringers based in Delaware, under the direction of Kevin Chamberlain, will be performing a concert featuring handbells at Asbury in the sanctuary. Admission is Free. There will be a Free-Will offering taken.

Sunday, December 10 at 7:00 PM

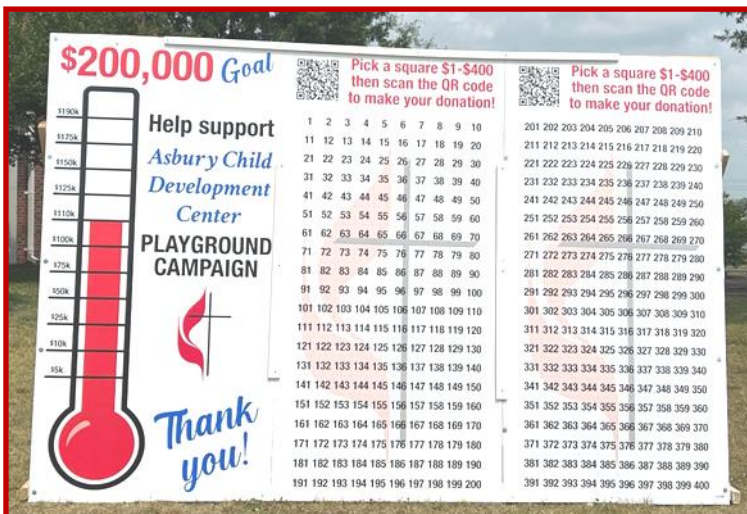
Annual Lessons & Carols by Candlelight Service

Dr. Michael Stefanek

Director of Music Ministries

ASBURY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Casey Taylor, *Director of ACDC*



The ACDC playground is **CLOSED**, and will remain closed for several weeks while the new playground is installed.

You will notice that Casey had a large fundraising sign installed next to the playground. The total cost for the new playground will be approximately **\$200,000**. Casey has applied for and received **\$13,000** in grants, and we have raised **\$100,000**, but that leaves us **\$87,000** short of our goal.

If you would like to help to help us meet our fundraising goal, you can scan the QR code board to make a donation of any amount via Venmo. Thank you!

FINANCE

Janice Ilczuk, *Director of Finance & Building*

GIVING IS AN ACT OF WORSHIP

Why is your giving important?

Giving is an act of worship and service to God that brings glory to his name. As Methodists, we are called to give tithes – tithes of our time, tithes of our talents, and tithes of our finances. Tithing, simply put, is an obligation. In 2 Corinthians 8, the chapter talks about the desire to give, the eager willingness to give, *according to your means*. 2 Corinthians 8:14-15: “*At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality, as it is written: ‘The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little.’*”

Where does the money go that I donate to the church when I make an unrestricted gift?

It goes to support the needs of our church – our faith community – locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally. We have buildings, grounds, and equipment that we care for. We have professional staff who help lead our walk with God in worship, in music, in programs, and other service that we need to care for. We worship together “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them (Matthew 18:20).” We have local ministries (youth, Scouts, Care, SUM, Habitat, Wesley Foundation, Camp Pecometh, food, UM Missionaries). We support the District, the Pen-Del conference and the General Conference, and their mission work, with our apportionments.

Why should I make a regular gift? Why should I make a pledge and what does that mean anyway? Will everyone in the church know what my specific pledge is?

Giving is part of our faith, our walk with God. When the church Finance Committee is working on the budget, knowing ahead of time what our pledged income is going to be makes the work of setting the annual budget that much simpler and easier. Think of making a pledge of a financial gift to the church is something *you will try to do*, not a burden. In Matthew 6, the gospel says “...so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”

If you are already giving – **THANK YOU!** If you want to make a gift, we have numerous ways to give – **Pledging** - only the church staff who need to know will know what your specific pledge is. You can give through **the collection plate**. You can give **online** - visit our website - asburyweb.org - there is a **Give button** on the right corner of the main page where you can donate using a debit/credit card or through PayPal and you can set up one-time or recurring gifts. You can **send it in the mail** if you are on vacation. You can set up **electronic giving** - setting up automatic withdrawals from your account that are sent directly to the church account. This is simple to set up and relieves stress/worry from making sure your contributions are kept up to date. It's a one-time set up and done! Please contact Janice in the Finance Office to set up - (janice@asburyweb.org).

As of June 30, 2023, we have received \$362,800 in pledge giving, plate giving, special giving, and unpledged giving – our estimated budget for this income through June was \$356,800 and our annual budget for these same giving accounts is \$692,800. Our **total Income and Expense operating budget** for 2023 is \$806,500 – 86% is to come from our gifts. So, we need \$13,323 each week or \$57,733 each month in contribution income. Although we currently have a budget surplus, **due to some early payments of pledges for the year**, we anticipate a budget deficient of **\$39,630** at the end of the year. We forecast the deficient to begin in the third quarter of this year and want the congregation to be fully informed of the current financial condition of Asbury. We welcome anyone to the finance committee meeting at any time for questions or concerns. We meet on the second Thursday of most every month.

We will be launching our **Close the Gap** campaign – this year's budget calls for us to use \$39,630 from savings to fund the anticipated deficit, that we can use if we need to, but we are praying and trying not to deplete this amount from our savings. We are thankful and blessed by your financial support this year. If you are able, please consider a gift to help us close or eliminate this potential shortfall in budget.

Yours in Christ,
Steve Fulkrod
Finance Committee Member

ASBURY SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE

Carlton Bradshaw, *Chair, BOD, ASP*

Your ASP team returned to Appalachia for the 50th time this year! 31 youth and adults traveled to Sullivan County, TN for a week of making homes warmer, safer and drier for poverty-stricken families. On our way out and back, we stayed at the Newbern (VA) Methodist Church, our hosts for this journey since the very beginning. As usual, our Newbern partners in ministry treated us to the finest hospitality imaginable.

From our center at the Celebration Church in Eastern Tennessee, we went out in five work crews, serving three different families across the county (two homes had double crews). All three homes were made warmer with the installation of HUG systems; house wrap, covered with foam board insulation, and finally covered with vinyl siding. Additionally, one home also got interior upgrades, including fiberglass insulation and new wallboard.

As a special treat for our 50th trip to Appalachia, we visited ASP headquarters in Johnson City, TN. There we made some personal connections with folks that we have corresponded with for years and had not met. We also were given a tour of ASP's warehouse, which supplies tools and equipment for all ASP centers.



As recognition for our 50th anniversary, Appalachia Service Project President & CEO, Rev Dr. Walter Crouch visited with us at the center and presented us with a 50th year plaque. This presentation was repeated on July 16 at Asbury, as part of our 50th anniversary celebration.

Mark your calendar - our interest / organizational meeting for the coming year will be **Sunday, September 24 from 1-3 pm in Fellowship Hall**. All youth in grades 9-12, their parents, alumni and adults interested in participating in the mission this year should plan to attend this meeting. We will talk about the work that we do throughout the year here in our own community, as well as the trip in June, what to expect and what will be required throughout the year.

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

Carlton Bradshaw

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Heather Harman, *Director of Children and Care Ministries*



We had a wonderful time at Hero Hotline VBS! Over 70 kids joined us for 4 nights of faith and fun! We couldn't do VBS without our huge team of volunteers...thank you for answering the call!

God's heroes follow Jesus, work together, help others, and show grace!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Brooke Christensen, Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Youth News

Drum Circle: All ages are welcome to join us in the garden for a drum circle every Tuesday in August from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. This is a fun, low stakes, low stress time to play some percussion together. If you've never been to one before I encourage you to check it out! You never know!



August Happenings

We will be having a few gatherings in August. Check your Youth Update emails for the most up to date information. For now here is a little taste of what we have coming up

- There will be a lunch for all new and existing **Middle Schoolers** to spend time together on **August 1**.
- We will host our second annual **Sunday School Teacher workshop on August 13**
- There will be a lunch for new and existing **High Schoolers** to spend time together on **August 14**.
- The **High School Sunday School room** will be getting a face lift on **August 14-15**.
- The **Book Club** will meet on **August 15**.

ASP Fundraiser Night

Some of you might know that I (Brooke) sing and play ukulele at Cactus Taverna occasionally. I have a performance scheduled for **Friday, August 25** and I want to invite you all out because all my tips will be going to **Appalachia Service Project**. Enjoy some Surf and Turf and put some bread in my jar from **6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**



We have exciting news!!! After lots of hard work and setbacks, the Wesley Foundation has been officially approved as a Registered Student Organization with Salisbury University. This means we can advertise on campus, reserve rooms, and participate in club events.

--Brooke

ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Rev. Kristen Wall-Love, *Director of Spiritual Formation and Membership*

Dear Faith Family,

As summer wanes, I wanted to take this opportunity to write about women's retreat at Pecometh's Riverview Retreat Center. We met over Memorial Day weekend, which some of the ladies weren't too sure about to begin with, but by the end of their time were solid supporters (and it didn't hurt that the holiday traffic was going the opposite way that we were going in our travels to and from Centreville!). Meeting over the holiday weekend gave those who work an extra day that they did not need to take off, not to mention an extra day gave us 2 full days without travel to really settle into our retreat. When on retreat, the amount of non-travel days makes a difference, as we experienced. Having an extra day did increase the cost a bit, and this coming year we are hoping to offset some of the expense for those who need it.

**CURIOUS ABOUT WOMEN'S RETREAT?
TALK TO ANY OF THESE LADIES** ↓



Back Row, L-R: Ruth Campbell, Laura Crum, Heather Harman, Kristen Wall-Love, Doris Webster, Maggie Fulkrod. Front Row, L-R: Olivia Imirie, Kelly Rothenhoeffer, Suzy Creel, Susan Peacock

One way we hope to accomplish this is to invite members and friends of Asbury to **“Sponsor a Sister.”** If you would like to gift a half (175.00) or a full scholarship (350.00) to a woman who needs it, then you will receive the recipient's name and be invited to be in prayer for her while she is at women's retreat. She will be invited to pray for you on the weekend as well—this helps to build connection, gratitude, and grace in our congregation. If you prefer to remain anonymous, you will still receive the name of the participant and be invited to pray for her. If your scholarship is not needed for the upcoming women's retreat, the funds will be held, designated for that purpose, for future women's retreats. On the memo line of your check, please write “sponsorship WR.”



If you are unable to contribute a half or full scholarship, any amount is welcome and appreciated! We will pool together donations to offer assistance to offset other participants' costs. All donations will go toward the cost of attending the women's retreat. This will be a year-round and ongoing enterprise to ensure that more women can attend this event. (Women's retreat also makes a great gift idea for the women in your life!) So women—let me know what you need. Donors: Thank you for your generosity!

Another way we hope to make it easier to attend the women's retreat is to offer a payment plan. Beginning in August, the payment is only 35.00 per month (double occupancy) or 53.00 per month (single occupancy) up through May (the next women's retreat is May 24-27, 2024—Mark your calendars now!). On the memo of your check, please write “women's retreat.”

¹ These costs cover a double occupancy hotel style room for 3 nights with 8 delicious meals, hours of spiritual formation sessions, reflection time, fellowship, and time with God.

Here is a glimpse into our last women's retreat to help orient you to what happens there: women began arriving Friday later afternoon and we had a leisurely and delicious dinner together, followed by an introduction session—where we got to know each other better, as well as what our time together would look like. This year, the sessions were based on Joyce Rupp's book *The Cup of Our Life*, which is a devotional book based around, you guessed it, a cup/mug. So the women were invited to bring a favorite cup/mug to the retreat and through these devotions, we interacted with our cups the entire weekend, ending our time with communion from these same cups. Our devotional time included a devotion with our cup, stretching our bodies, individual journaling time, small group chat and large group debrief. We had worship in the morning, at noon, and last thing at night. Saturday afternoon, free time included the pool, although it was a bit chilly that day! Speaking of free time, there was plenty of that built into the itinerary so that participants did not feel overwhelmed or rushed. There were wonderful, inspiring conversations, tears of release, powerful prayer and worship, and plenty of laughter....and food—so good!



Questions? kristen@asburyweb.org

THE SPIRITUAL PRACTICE FOR THIS MONTH



The spiritual practice for August is RETREAT. I am challenging you to set aside some time this summer to go on a retreat. And, if this summer is not possible, **this is your invitation to plan a retreat for some time in the foreseeable future.** If you want help, I am here for you. Email me (kristen@asburyweb.org) or call the church office.

Summer blessings,

Kristen Wall Love

Director of Spiritual Formation & Membership

Save The Date

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GOOD
BOUNDARIES
AND
GOODBYES

LOVING OTHERS WITHOUT
LOSING THE BEST OF
WHO YOU ARE

Mondays at 7pm
Beginning Sept. 18, 2024



The UWIF of Asbury United Methodist Church is 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. We welcome you to “try out” one or more of the circles to find one that interests you and is the perfect “fit”. 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: mfulkrod1@verizon.net; 410-937-8104

Deborah Circle is an informal and welcoming group. We desire to grow and serve our community in mission, together. We engage in a spiritual formation book study where we take our time to read and discuss how to apply the material to our lives, our church, and our community.

Our meeting time is the last Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at the church. If you are looking for a group of women to grow, serve, laugh, and pray with, you are welcome at the Deborah Circle. Please contact Maggie Fulkrod if you have any questions or would like more information.

Dorcas – Susan Cropper: susancropper@icloud.com; 410-845-8874

This circle has a diverse group of women who have varied interests and ages, but 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 a member’s home or at the church in Fox Room.** The meeting begins with a devotion, followed by a program, UWIF 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 our church and our community. Please contact Susan Cropper for more information.

Eve Circle – Amy Cropper: puppetboss@comcast.net; 410-548-2210

This circle is looking for women who are eager to be part of a strong and vital organization, 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 mid-30s to late-50s, many of whom have school age children. **Eve 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 at a local restaurant or in a member’s home. Contact Amy Cropper for additional information.

Joanna Circle – Carol Bisker: carol.bisker@comcast.net; 410-749-3563

This circle is an eclectic group of ladies who offer emotional and spiritual support to each other. They have thought provoking discussion and offer prayer support for many. Their main focus is making cards to support the various care concerns of our church members and to make blankets provided by our blanket ministry. **Joanna meets at 10:00 AM on the second Monday of each month, September through June.**

PUPPETS FOR CHRIST

Amy Cropper, Director



Our Puppet Team Wants YOU!

Puppets for Christ, Asbury's own puppet team, is looking for new members who are eager and willing to have a good time. As a student in middle or high school, here is your opportunity to be involved in a very exciting ministry. The great thing about being in this ministry is that the puppeteer is hidden by a curtain and the only thing the audience sees is the puppet. For those of you who may have stage fright, this is the perfect ministry for you! We also welcome those who love to be in the spotlight because there are many opportunities to be in front of the stage as well.

To give you a little history behind our ministry, we began in 1999 with 4 puppeteers and 12 puppets. We now have 10 puppeteers and well over 200 puppets! Each year, the puppet team has strengthened their skills making every production bigger and better. Some of the puppetry techniques we use include black light and shadow puppetry. We also use a green shadow screen for some shows and love to incorporate interesting puppets to our songs. Our group also sponsors spaghetti dinner and ice cream sundae fundraisers to raise money to help us continue to grow.

We practice every Monday night from 6:30-7:45PM and also perform the Children's Sermon once a month from September to May in each service. Other than our weekly practice on Mondays and presenting the Children's Sermon once a month, we perform various large productions in the fall and the spring. *Puppets for Christ* perform not only at Asbury, but performs for other churches and gatherings on the lower eastern shore.

Now that I've given you this information, you are invited to a special Puppeteer Orientation meeting on Monday, August 28th at 7:00 pm in . Anyone who is interested must attend this meeting with at least one parent. During the meeting, any questions you may have will be answered. There is a contract that must be signed by both the puppeteer and parent regarding the commitment that we expect to be made to be a part of Puppets for Christ. The most important of these commitments is each puppeteer's attendance at every practice and performance. A lot of work goes into a production and everyone needs to be at each practice to make the show the best it can be!

The Puppets for Christ leaders request that if interested, please contact Amy Cropper at 410-726-2847 or email puppetboss@comcast.net and let her know if you will be attending the orientation meeting. If you are interested in joining, but unable to be at the meeting, you must let Amy know by September 4th. It is very important that anyone interested be signed up and ready to start with practice on Monday, September 11th from 6:30-7:45 in Fellowship Hall. The puppet leaders hope to see you there! We would love for you to join us!

Peace in Christ,

Amy Cropper

Puppets for Christ, Director

BIBLE 101



Bible 101 is busy preparing for the September classes that will begin on the Sunday after Labor Day.

The summer has been spent separating the left-over books from previous classes.

The Class studies two or three books each year, as well as studies based on the seasons of Advent and Lent. These sessions are discussion based and not based on a lectionary.

There are 63 books in the HOLY BIBLE that we use and we may be half way through!!

Bible 101 Class has been studying the Bible together for 14 years. Come and join us for our lively discussions!!

OPPORTUNITY SHOP

Schedule & Request



Donations:

Monday 8:30 - 12:00 pm

Thursday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Or call the church for an appointment!

Sales:

Thursday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

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!

What really sells best in the shop are household items!

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. ***Thank you for supporting this important ministry!***

158 W. Market Street, Salisbury, MD

Check us out on Facebook.

AFGHAN FAMILY UPDATE

As our Afghan family has relocated to Strasburg, Virginia in the Shenandoah Valley, near the home of the Army gentleman with whom Azim worked for many years during the U.S. engagement in his home country. They are very grateful for the support and love received during their stay in Salisbury, and it was a hard decision to relocate. However, Azim was offered a job with considerable opportunity for advancement, as well as a substantial pay increase, and he felt that he could best provide for his extended family by accepting this offer. We will miss them, but celebrate their independence and progress toward a new and safe life in the United States.

SALISBURY URBAN MINISTRIES
Kid's Café School Clothing and Supplies Project 2023



The Kid's Café School Clothing Project is a way for the Kid's Café program to provide school clothes and supplies for the children in our program. At Salisbury Urban Ministries, we like to focus on the basic needs of our children. Monetary donations will help purchase school clothing and supplies throughout the year. For example, a donation of \$5 to \$10 helps to buy school supplies, \$15 a backpack, \$20 a shirt or pants, and \$30 helps to buy a winter coat.

Donations for this project will be accepted through **August 13th**. Please make your check out to Asbury UMC, with "SUM Project School Clothes" on the memo line.

For questions, please contact Salisbury Urban Ministries at 410-749-1563 or **sbyurbanministries@gmail.com**. Thank you for your continued support of the children God has called us to serve.

Salisbury Urban Ministries Donation requests for August:

LAZARUS FOOD PANTRY:

- Spaghetti/pasta sauce
- Cereal
- Microwavable meals (not refrigerated or frozen)

KIDS CAFÉ:

- Boxes of tissues
- Pencil pouches
- Two pocket folders with 3 prongs/brads fasteners

MEN'S WELCOME CENTER:

- Bug spray



NEW - Salisbury Urban Ministries is seeking a Quarter-Time AmeriCorps member to serve in our Kid's Café program for the 2023-2024 service year. A detailed position description will be available at both Welcome Centers.

For questions on any of our programs, please contact Salisbury Urban Ministries at 410-749-1563 or **sbyurbanministries@gmail.com**

Get Involved with your Church and Community

Interested in a ministry, but not sure if it's for you? Or maybe unsure just what you're interested in? Talk to Kristen Wall-Love, our Director of Spiritual Formation & Membership.

We have lots of ministries serving lots of different interests. Let Kristen find one for you, or go to a meeting and experience it for yourself. Get involved! You'll be glad you did! Call the church office at 410-749-2131 or email Kristen at kristen@asburyweb.org



ASBURY NEWS

Church Office Summer Hours

The church office will be Open Monday - Thursday from 8:30am-4:30pm.

Please be reminded that the church office will be closed Fridays until September 1, 2023.

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.

Asbury is a Lighthouse Congregation

Lighthouse Congregations declare themselves to be solidly United Methodist and provide a safe, supportive place for people who desire to stay in the denomination after their local church has voted to disaffiliate. For more information contact Pastor Tom.

Summer Sunday School!

Make It Or Break It: A series from Genesis on Creation and Early Humanity. Whether it's with LEGO bricks, Minecraft, or Roblox, we all love to make things — and sometimes break them. In this series from the beginning of the Bible, we'll compare God's ability to make good things with our tendency to break them. Through the stories of Creation, the Fall, Cain and Abel, and the Tower of Babel, we'll see that **God makes good things, unbreaks what's been broken, AND made us different on purpose, so we should honor God with the things we make.**

Join Ms. Suzy on the last Sunday of each month (8/27), 10:00-11:00am upstairs in Room #221 for a fun lesson and a chance to catch up with your Sunday School pals! Ages 3 and up.

Church and Society

Happy Summer! The Green Team of the Church and Society Committee is seeking help in watering the pollinator gardens on the south side of the main parking lot this summer. Volunteer for 1 watering, or several, your choice. Plan on ~1 1/2 to 2 hours to move the hoses, water and replace the hoses. Great for teams of 2 or families- although you will need a teen or adult to pull the hoses- they are heavy. Kids are welcome to help water, or to wear clothes that can get wet and get watered, too!

To reserve your day anytime through the end of September, please contact Deb Sauder at dgsauder@yahoo.com. She will send you some information about finding the hoses and turning the water on. If it rains- take the day off and enjoy the rain! Luke 12:27 - *Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.*

Lay Readers

There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center desk (by the Sanctuary) for help with services. If you'd like to be a Lay Reader, please put the role you'd like to fill, the time of the service you'd like to help in, your name and phone number. If you'd prefer, you can also contact Lydia in the church office at 410-749-2131 or at Lydia@asburyweb.org.

Asburians, the Praise Band at the CAYR service needs you!

If you love to sing and/or can play an instrument please prayerfully consider joining our worship team. Our group usually leads worship with contemporary songs but we are not limited to that. Being able to read music is not required for vocalists just a desire to help lead our worship service. We practice weekly on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If interested, please contact Laura Hurley at praiseband@asburyweb.org or 410-603-3240.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



MEMORIALS

Aaron Pulhamus

William & Linda Pulhamus



MEETINGS SCHEDULE

| Date | Day | Time | Meeting |
|------|-----|-----------|-------------------|
| 2 | Wed | 6:00 p.m. | SPRC |
| 8 | Tue | 5:30 p.m. | Board of Trustees |
| 9 | Wed | 7:00 p.m. | Leadership Team |
| 10 | Thu | 5:30 p.m. | Finance Committee |
| 23 | 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.***

***Are you receiving a printed Asburian but would rather see it in color, on our website? Or would you rather not receive it? Please let us know. ***



Senior Pastor: *Rev. Dr. Tom Pasmore*
Administrative Office Manager: *Lydia Childs*
Administrative Assistant: *Sheri Burchard*
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