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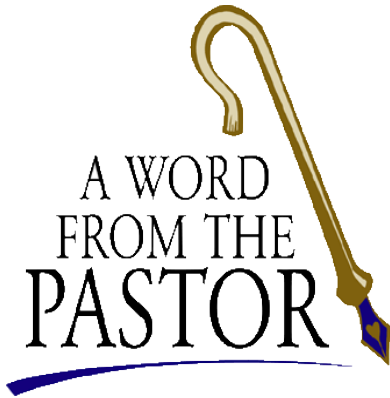
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Editor: *Lydia Childs*



I am excited about what God is doing here at Asbury, as we enter into the summer season of slower schedules and more relaxed ministry. At the same time, we are gearing up for the start of Catalyst Initiative at Asbury.

Our congregation and Asbury UMC in New Castle, Delaware, were the only two congregations in the Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference to be selected to take part in this program. We join 14 congregations the Baltimore Washington Annual Conference who are also Catalyst congregations.

We will be embarking on a 12-month congregational cohort process of discovery, exploration, and renewal starting this month. We hope to initiate a Spirit-led vision and understanding of our community; ignite faith into action, and invigorate people to pursue God's call for our lives and community. Throughout this year we will learn to cultivate discipleship more deeply and intentionally, to discern and experiment, to build better relationships with one another and those in our community, to evaluate and design ministry for the most meaningful impact, to identify and leverage assets and to create alignment and systems that sustain ministry into the future. As a result we will increase our skills, confidence, and resilience, so that more transformed lives transform lives. We will do this all together as a congregation of the United Methodist Church, called by God.

What can you do? We are asking you to:

- Pray for our team who will be intensively engaged in the initiative, over these next year, especially at 7:00 every day!
- Learn about the results of **our Readiness 360 and the Catalyst Initiative on Monday, June 13, at 5:00pm** with our Catalyst Synergist (coach), Rev. Brian Brown. There will be a covered dish dinner followed by a presentation. You will meet the Catalyst team and learn more about the program and where we are as a congregation.
- Say "yes" when asked to participate in surveys or other activities our team will be asked to complete as a part of the initiative.

This is an amazing season here at Asbury UMC and we are grateful that you are a part of it. I'm really looking forward to what God is going to do with all of us.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Tom*

## 2024 GENERAL CONFERENCE RESOURCES

As preparations are being made for the 2024 General Conference, leaders in the Peninsula-Delaware Conference are offering various resources for our congregations.

Among the resources available on the Peninsula-Delaware Conference website is the webinar, "Stay or Go: Real Talk for United Methodists Exploring Their Future".

The link to these resources is: <http://www.pen-del.org/resources-for-united-methodists-discerning-our-future>**Resources for United Methodists discerning our future**. The link only works in the weekly email blast.

If you are interested in the future of the United Methodist Church, these resources provide helpful information to understand where we go from here. Please take a look at them and feel free to ask Pastor Tom any questions you may have.



Dear Church Family,

We had a wonderful Children & Youth end of year concert on May 3. The program featured Little Mozarts, Cherub Choir, Kingdom Kids Singers, Kingdom Kids Ringers, and Revelation Ringers. Our directors include MaryBeth Gicking, Heather Harman, Danielle Comeau, and Carol Walston. A big thanks to all of our outstanding directors & volunteers that shepherd our young people while creating lasting memories. After the concert there was a time for food and fellowship enjoyed by all.

On May 22, the Salisbury Children's Choir under the direction of Alice Wigfield shared their gift of music with us in worship at the 11 am Festive service. It was a joy and privilege to have them as guests. Their meaningful selections combined with beautiful singing, enriched those in worship.

Over the summer we will have special music provided at our worship services by solos, duets, instrumental groups etc. I always welcome people to share their gift of music with us. If you know of anybody interested, please have them contact me at [michael@asburyweb.org](mailto:michael@asburyweb.org).

On June 5 our Woodwinds ensemble, directed by Alan Selser, will be playing at our 10 am worship service. This is the first time having them play "live" in worship for a while, so it will be an exciting Sunday.

Please stay tuned for another "piano bar for Jesus." We will be scheduling one later this summer.

Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you in worship!

**Dr. Michael Stefanek**  
*Director of Music Ministries*

## AFGHAN FAMILY PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE

Asbury is working with Community Partners - Afghan Placement Assistance Program (APA) to sponsor an Afghan family. We are getting housing, and all that goes with it, ready for our family's relocation to Salisbury. Please be praying about how you can help, and return the care that Afghans showed our military and civilians. We have not asked for financial contributions, but we will when a family is actually assigned.



**Here are things we need:** Adult bicycles, nightstand, dresser, desk & chair, area rugs, curtains, lamps, clocks, shower curtain & bath rugs, patio or porch furniture. All items should be clean and in good condition, something you are willing to use yourself. We will also supply paper products, cleaning supplies and toiletries. Our partners from the Delmarva Muslim Community will be assisting us to stock the house with appropriate staples and food.

**Here are ways you'll be able to help:** Volunteers to: drive the family to appointments; move furniture and set up the house; organize clothing; show the family where they can get vital services in Salisbury; organize a contact list and picture book of volunteers, etc. Translators will be available.

When we get more information about the family, we'll have more specific items and needs.

Please contact Charles Emery at [charlescemeryms@gmail.com](mailto:charlescemeryms@gmail.com) or 443-899-9950, or Laurie Miller at 410-430-1076 .



The Summer months are here and many of our families are looking forward to their vacations as they pack up and head to various areas of the country. There are also those of us who tend to just enjoy being “homebodies”. While vacations/staycations are enjoyed by so many of our church family, and rightfully so, the ministries of the church, as well as church expenses, continue to move forward. We ask that you remain faithful and consistent in your giving as the summer months can be a bit challenging for churches during this time.

**Update on our Lent/Easter offerings.** We challenged you with a goal of helping to fund the budgets of the Special Offerings for Lent (\$700) and Easter (\$4,200). Well, everyone stepped forward and we have received \$841 for our Lent Offering and \$4,245 for our Easter Offering -- just making the Easter budget! You are an amazing congregation! This extra giving is over and above your regular giving and other special offerings that you donate each week. We are thankful for your continued support and generosity!

As you review the finance chart, you can see we ended April with a net of \$35,909. Giving for the first 4 months has been consistent and, at this time, our expenses are \$10,000 under what we had budgeted through April. This helped give us our net at the end of the month. As mentioned before, most church expenses continue as usual through the summer even though many ministries take a break during this time. Please continue to lift the church’s finances up in prayer along with your giving.

II Corinthians 9:7 in the Amplified Version says this; “Let each one give [thoughtfully and with purpose] just as he has decided in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver [and delights in the one whose heart is in his gift].”

Income/Expenses	Jan-April 2022 Actual	Jan-April 2022 Budget	2022 Annual Budget
Pledge Contributions	\$264,733	\$265,000	\$670,000
Plate Contributions	\$6,250	\$4,500	\$20,000
Special Contributions	\$5,011	\$4,900	\$11,400
Endowment	\$12,786	\$12,786	\$12,786
Rentals	\$14,689	\$13,125	\$32,325
Interest-checking/mma/cd	\$4,297	\$4,260	\$4,501
Gain/loss on stock	(\$28)	(\$50)	(\$500)
Total Income	\$307,738	\$304,521	\$750,512
Property Expenses	\$45,030	\$47,544	\$110,124
Ministry Expenses	\$100,215	\$106,020	\$315,457
Administrative Expenses	\$45,211	\$46,522	\$138,782
Apportionments	\$35,210	\$35,210	\$93,210
Employee Benefits	\$46,162	\$47,125	\$141,920
Total Expenses	\$271,829	\$282,421	\$799,493
Net	\$35,909	\$22,100	(\$48,981)

Have a blessed summer!

**Janice Ilczuk**  
*Director of Finance & Building*

**SAFE SANCTUARIES**

**Safe Sanctuaries Class**

*The last Safe Sanctuary class will be Sunday, June 12 at 10:00 am*

The class will be an hour or less. The new “1-2-3” policy requires volunteers to:

- 1 - sign an annual covenant
- 2 - take an in-person class every 2 years
- 3 - get a background check every 3 years

If you are an adult volunteer, or a young adult leader in training, you will need to take this training to participate in Asbury ministries. Safe Sanctuaries is a required program by the UMC to help the church protect children, youth and vulnerable adults, as well as the volunteers. Call Sheri in the church office if you have any questions.

## THANK YOU, SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!

It has been a wonderful year of growing together in Sunday School. I have watched in amazement each week as our dedicated Sunday School teachers brought the Bible to life for the kids. Please help me thank our wonderful team of teachers:

**PreK-1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** *Suzy Creel, Kelly Taylor, Jessie O'Shield, Sara Szczurko, and Ellie Hillman*

**2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** *Kristin West, Mark Tyler, Deb Sauder, Brooke Madruga, Pawel Szczurko, and Garrett Magaha*

We would LOVE to have you join the team! It is fun and REWARDING! I invite you to prayerfully consider joining Brooke and I for a teacher workshop on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Can you imagine anything more wonderful than helping a child know Jesus?

*Blessings and prayers for a refreshing and renewing Summer!*

**Heather Harman**



## MEMORIAL HALLWAY RENOVATIONS



- Starting on May 31, we are beginning a major upgrade to ceilings, lights and flooring of the hallways on the first floor.
- We will be closing the Memorial Hallway that runs down the side of the Sanctuary, and houses the Sacristy, the Bell Room, the Soul Café, and the Disciple Garden Memorial Tree.
- Doors/entries that will be unavailable during the asbestos removal of Memorial Hallway-handicap, Disciples' Garden, Education Wing interior, doors near the maintenance office that lead to Fellowship Hall hallway, and all interior Sanctuary doors that lead into this hallway.
- This hallway will be closed for asbestos removal for approximately two weeks, and then will be under construction for several more weeks-replacing the lights, ceiling, flooring, and painting.
- As with any renovations, there are usually issues that come up that were not expected. We are trying to stay on a tight timeframe and appreciate your patience.
- While the Memorial Hallway is closed for asbestos removal – to access the office areas and education wing please enter through the south glass doors.
- From the Sanctuary to access restrooms you will need to use the “back hallway” on the side of the Sanctuary with the windows to use the Fellowship Hall restrooms.
- Once the asbestos is removed, the hallway will reopen so we can access those areas – it will look like a construction zone as the ceiling, lights, flooring is replaced, so please be careful in those areas.
- On approximately June 13, we are hoping to start the asbestos removal on the first floor of the education wing. During this removal there will not be any access to this wing at all – including the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. This should take approximately two weeks and then will be open again during the remaining construction.

This is a big project that will significantly improve our existing facilities. We want to make sure that you are aware that there will be disruptions to the summer activities here at Asbury. We are excited for this project to be done so that we can see these upgrades in place. Any questions, please contact Janice or Pastor Tom.

**\*\*\*Please refer to the drawing on page 6 for closures and access availability.**



## ASBURY SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE



Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. -John 15:4

This excerpt from Jesus' extended "vine" metaphor provides the inspiration for this year's ASP theme, "Rooted in Love". Later in that same chapter, Jesus explains the roots of the Holy Vine: "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."

And so your ASP team heads to Clay County, West Virginia on a mission to love our neighbors as Jesus has loved us. This love looks dirty and sweaty, and is physically exhausting. This love sacrifices a week of home, summer vacation, cell phones, and social media. And this love bears fruit in our lives in abundance far beyond our own efforts.

Be sure to join us in either of the worship services on July 10, where our work teams will share their ASP experiences. You will hear accounts of work performed and relationships with God's children who we never knew prior to the week, who are now connected to our souls.

Thank you, Asbury for your prayers and financial support of this ministry. You have cultivated the soil in which we are rooted.

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

**Carlton Bradshaw**

## ASBURY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

*Casey Taylor, Director of ACDC*



We have had a truly wonderful school year here at Asbury Child Development Center!

Our summer program is currently running and the students are really having a wonderful time enjoying all of the exciting activities and hands on fun!

We are currently enrolling for our 2022-2023 school year and have openings in our 2's and 3's Tuesday/Thursday classes and 4's programs. If you would like to gather some more information about our wonderful school, please call Casey Taylor at 410.742.7058 or [casey@asburyweb.org](mailto:casey@asburyweb.org).

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

*Heather Harman, Director of Children's Ministry*

### **Discovery on Adventure Island VBS is coming!**



If you thought Knights of North Castle was fun...just WAIT until you see Discovery on Adventure Island! You can pack away your snowsuits and winter boots and pull out the flip flops and bug spray, because this July we are taking our adventurers on a journey through a lush tropical paradise! Will we find all of the Infinity Lanterns hidden by Professor Luminari? If we do, we can let our light shine and point the way to Jesus for all to see!

Discovery on Adventure Island VBS is for kids ages PreK through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, and will take place on FOUR nights, July 10-13, from 5:45-8:00 PM. As you all know, we will need LOTS of helpers to bring this incredibly fun adventure to life for the kids! We need adult and youth volunteers in the following areas: Decorating, Sound, Snacks, Music, Drama, Games, Science, and Class Leaders

Registration for kids will open up in early June, once we have our team in place. Contact Heather or Brooke to let us know how you would like to help bring the adventure to life for the kids! [heather@asburyweb.org](mailto:heather@asburyweb.org), [brooke@asburyweb.org](mailto:brooke@asburyweb.org)

## YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Brooke Christensen, *Youth Director*

### **Youth News**

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](mailto:brooke@asburyweb.org)

### **First Friday Youth Group**

May's First Friday Youth Group event was a Dinosaur Luau themed giant birthday party! We had classic party games like "pin the tiny arms on the T-Rex" and drop the clothespin in the milk jug. We also had a pinata, a hula relay race, and we attempted to make ice cream by playing kick the can but it didn't quite work out as planned. Of course there was cake, and back up ice cream... We had a great time and the decorations were fantastic.

### **Sunday School Teacher Workshop!**

Brooke and Heather are so excited to offer a Sunday School Teacher Workshop this summer. Saturday, August 27, 10:00am-2:00pm

*\*lunch will be served\**

This workshop is for both those who identify themselves as "teachers" and those who identify as "second adults." Our Sunday School time is so precious and we could all use some tools to make it the best we can. This workshop is designed for caring adults who would like to learn new tools AND caring adults who are able to pass on their wisdom to others.

Kindly RSVP to Brooke or Heather for the first session by Monday, June 6 and for the second session by Monday, August 22 - we need at least 5 people to sign up in order to have the event so please do!

### **Middle School Sunday School Room Refresh**

You know that large blank wall in the back of the Middle School Sunday School room? Well we have an idea and we need your help to bring it to life this summer!

We will need two work days for this project. **Tuesday, July 19** and **Thursday, July 21st**.

Contact Brooke for times if you are interested in participating.



## WESLEY FOUNDATION

### **What is the Wesley Foundation?**

We are **aspiring** to be an anti-racist and LGBTQ+ affirming space for the church curious, church questioning and church loving young adult (18-26). 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?**

We are planning a summer event in July so if you don't get my email updates and would like to be in the know contact Brooke! [brooke@asburyweb.org](mailto:brooke@asburyweb.org)

–Brooke





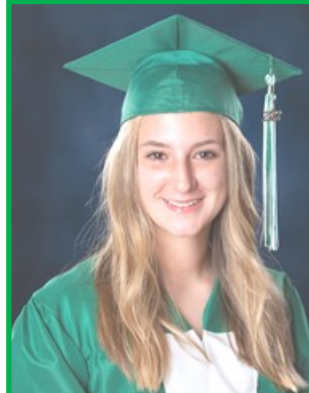
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**Class of 2022**




**Katie Anderson**  
*Salisbury University*



**Nathan Canada**  
*Salisbury University*



**Megan Cropper**  
*Parkside HS*



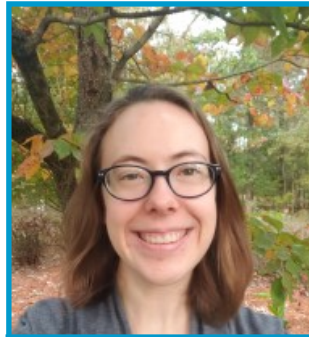
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**Lilli Gordon**  
*Bennett HS*



**Zoie Hatton**  
*Delmar HS*



**Olivia Imirie**  
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*Salisbury University*



**Victoria Olinde**  
*Salisbury University*



**Donny Pasmore**  
*Sussex Tech*

CLASS OF  
  
 CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



## 2022 HYDE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In 1997, Paul S. Hyde endowed a very generous scholarship as a memorial to his mother, Carrie E. Hyde. Paul was an educator with a long career in Wicomico County schools, and a strong belief in public education. He served as a Sunday School teacher at Asbury for over 30 years.

Per Paul Hyde's specifications, the Hyde Memorial Scholarship is to be given to one or two graduates of a public high school in Wicomico County, who are members of Asbury United Methodist Church, and who are active in the church Sunday School and other church related activities. These recipients must also exhibit a better-than-average academic record in high school, and have been accepted into a 2 or 4 year college or university. The value of the scholarship for this year is just over \$50,000.

We are happy to announce that the recipients of the 2022 Hyde Scholarship are Megan and Sydney Cropper.

Megan and Sydney are the daughters of Dale and Amy Cropper. They have been regular participants in Asbury's Sunday School since preschool. Both girls serve as crucifers for worship services and have participated in many of Asbury's ministries over the years, including: Puppets for Christ, Music, ASP, Christmas Craft Workshop, and VBS, to name a few.

Beyond Asbury's walls, Megan is a Rambassador at Parkside. She is a member of several honor societies, and serves as the Historian for the Spanish National Honor Society. She participates in marching and symphonic band, where she is the clarinet section leader. She is also a dedicated athlete, dancer and singer.

In the words of one of her references "Megan is a talented, dedicated, intelligent, well-rounded student, athlete, and community member, but what I appreciate most about her is her big heart, her passion for serving others, her competitive spirit, her love of the arts, and her eagerness to learn."

Sydney also attends Parkside, where she excels academically and is a Rambassador. She serves as class Councilman for her graduating class, and as the Front Ensemble Section leader for the Marching band, where she plays timpani. Sydney also plays lacrosse, dances and sings, and is a talented entrepreneur who recently started her own small business selling beautiful cards, stickers, gift tags, and other products.

In the words of one of her references: "Matthew 5:16 says 'In the same way let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven.' Sydney certainly lets her light shine brightly and does so with a joyful spirit. Her faith is evident in all that she does."



**Sydney**



Both girls will attend James Madison University. Megan will be majoring in exercise science and minoring in pre-occupational therapy. Sydney will be majoring in communication sciences and disorders on the speech therapy path.

*Congratulations!*

## ASBURY QUILTER'S MISSION GROUP



Our quilting group began in 2007 in a Sunday School room on the 2nd floor of the education wing. Since we began, we have made over 1,000 quilts for families that are served by our ASP mission team, Habitat for Humanity, Coastal Hospice patients and special projects in our church and our community. You can see some of our quilts hanging on our walls in the Welcome Center.

Unfortunately, Covid closed our door, but our quilters kept sewing at home, and have made all the quilts needed for this summer's ASP trip and for several Habitat families. The quilting room will remain closed until September while Asbury completes renovation projects this summer.

As the need for quilts continue, our on hand supply grows smaller. We are in need of some "at home" quilters. I have prepared kits, which include all of the precut quilt pieces and the directions for throw size quilts, youth quilts and baby quilts. If you are interested in making one of these quilt tops, please contact me and I will make arrangements to get a kit for you.

Emily Saulsbury - [egsaulsbury@comcast.net](mailto:egsaulsbury@comcast.net) or 410-430-8251

*Thank you for helping us to keep this wonderful mission active!*

## SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE



- ◆ Garden Worship Service at 8:45am
- ◆ Festive Worship Service in the Sanctuary at 10:00am

**\*\*\* There will be no Sunday School as of Sunday, May 22 until the fall. The Nursey will be closed the month of June.**

## 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 June 3 thru September 2, 2022.\*\*\*

*The church office will be closed Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence day.*



Come join Wesley Temple's "Our Time of Prayer" hosted by Rev. Genevieve Brown every 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month from 9:00am until 9:45am by conference call.

**Conference Number: 605-562-8400**  
**Access Code: 792-4210**

*Oh, come let us cry out and give praise to the Rock of our salvation*

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Dear faith family,

I wrote the journal entry below in September 2021. I am sharing it here to introduce this summer's spiritual practice (for June, July, and August), which is RETREAT.

As I sit here attempting to observe silence and solitude in (suburban) nature, my senses are overwhelmed with non-silence. Weed eaters, leaf blowers, lawn mowers, oh my. Dogs barking, a motorcycle, the marching band at a nearby high school, people talking a few yards over, an airplane. Where can one go to have absolute silence and solitude these days? Apparently not in my backyard. I try to console myself with the fact that the yards are not that big so the obnoxious sounds will only last a few minutes. It's a good and true theory, however there are many yards and when one intrusive noise ends, another takes its place. And another. And another. Even my sense of smell is assaulted by the smell of burning something—probably garbage. Sigh.

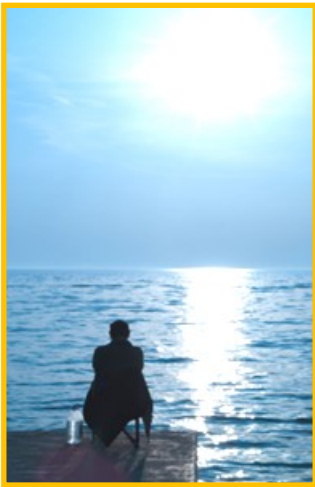
There is another noise, though. One that is natural and soothing—the sound of cicadas in the trees all along the back perimeter of our yard. The cicada's sound comes in waves—at times it is a low chorus—almost like white noise. Then their song suddenly begins to swell and it actually threatens to entirely drown out all the yardwork sounds that surround me. In fact, it almost seems like the cicadas are competing with the human made noise and are trying to overcome it. And they are succeeding! It's like they are inviting me—like God is inviting me—to pay attention—not to be distracted by all of the synthetic noise that irritates me, but to the beautiful sounds of nature—the insects, the birds, the wind rustling through the trees.



This is a fabulous illustration in reflecting on how much I focus on God versus the distractions and frustrations of the world. As much as I would like to at times, I cannot permanently separate myself from the world and its distractions. What I CAN do is limit my exposure to them day in and day out, control the things I can, let go of the things I can't, and go on retreat regularly. By "retreat" I mean a place where these everyday distractions are absent or at least greatly minimized. A change of scenery is a very helpful way to reset and refresh. Along with that is a break from our usual routine, stresses, distractions, and demands. Of course, this requires time, which requires planning. Depending on individual circumstances, this will be harder for some than others. Some have small children with no local family to assist, some are single parents, some have mobility issues that limit where they can navigate, and of course there is always the issue of money. Some just don't have the luxury of shelling out any extra money for an overnight or weekend trip at a retreat center. And, ironically, those who struggle financially, are working hard, sometimes in multiple jobs, need rest and retreat the most but cannot afford it on multiple levels.

The best two gifts I received when I was pastoring a church was a several day retreat at a convent and parishioners who lent me a week of their timeshare where I got to choose from the available locations (I chose Virginia Beach!). Retreats can happen in a variety of ways—they don't necessarily need to cost a lot. Maybe a friend has a beach house you can stay in for a few days or a friend has an extra room. It can be a full day, an overnight, a weekend, or longer. I suggest at least overnight.

If you have means and know someone who is burned out (or on their way) struggling with life, pray about offering them a retreat somewhere—maybe it will be in the form of a financial gift or perhaps you can offer to house, pet, or kid sit while they are gone. Alternatively, organize a team of friends to each take a turn to give a gift that allows that person to go on retreat. Besides the planning, preparations, and financial considerations, one of the biggest obstacles to taking a retreat is that we think we can't leave "all this." We think everything will fall apart without us. This is not to say that we do not have extremely important things to do in our jobs, home, church, and community. And, it is quite possible that some things won't get done or done the way we would do them, but we need to let that go for our own mental and spiritual well-being. Even God took a break from working after 6 days. Are we more indispensable than God? The world will keep spinning in our absence, and not only will it be extremely beneficial to us emotionally, spiritually, and physically, but it will also benefit those around us in how we interact with them, how our perspective has been adjusted from time away, how we have more energy to be authentically compassionate. (\*Please note I am not talking about family vacations here—they are typically exhausting. Retreat is preferably a solo endeavor, so no one else is demanding anything of you and you can simply be.)



I enjoy and highly recommend silent retreats. Pecometh offers two each year in February and July. Although you may not be inclined to go on a silent retreat, remember that whatever the location, a retreat is for renewal and time away from the regularly scheduled program TO BE WITH GOD. Don't take your distractions somewhere else and call it a retreat.

As I wrap this up, the landscaping noise has ceased in my neighborhood, at least temporarily. All I can hear is the sweet sound of my friends, the cicadas. The marching band cuts through here and there, but I am content to focus on the serene sounds of nature, here, where God has placed me for such a time as this. And I am always looking forward to my next retreat to be reminded and reoriented to God in a different and special kind of way that only retreat can provide. Like the cicadas, God is all around us. God can be seen, heard, and felt, if we pay close attention and don't get sucked into the distractions, noise, and frustrations of the world. Difficult, but not impossible.



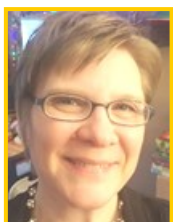
It is because I go on retreat regularly that I was able, even in the midst of my frustrations, (eventually), to see God working. I was able to come around to a perspective that centered God and not myself. I am challenging you to begin making plans right now and set aside some time this summer to go on a retreat (women's retreat in August counts!). If you want help, I am here for you in May, June, and August (see more about July below!). Email me (kristen@asburyweb.org) or mark "summer spiritual practice" on your connection card Sunday mornings. For some time now, I have felt the Spirit urging me to step away from the rigors of everyday life to be more focused on my relationship with God and to set aside a block of time for discernment. On July 5, I will be embarking on a spiritual pilgrimage consisting of 17 days, approximately 1500 miles and 25 hours of driving time. I am staying at 5 monasteries in 4 states as shown in the graphic above. The entire trip is centered around the Abbey of Gethsemani, the place contemplative writer Thomas Merton called home for 17 years until his death in 1968.



A monastery, abbey, or convent is a campus of sorts where monks or nuns live and worship, devoting their time and life to God. Monasteries are usually self-contained so that the inhabitants can be somewhat isolated from the world and can more fully focus on God. As a ministry of hospitality, most monasteries welcome guests for quiet time with God for varying lengths of time. Some places provide meals, some do not. Some places have a set fee per night and some are donation only (so that finances are not a barrier). Monasteries typically offer very simple guest quarters for visitors to keep the focus on God.

I will be away July 4-30 but will see you in worship on July 31. Please pray that I can hear God clearly in this time away on retreat. I look forward to sharing about my adventures and can't wait to discover all that God has in store!

Many thanks and blessings,



*Kristen Wall-Love*

**Director of Spiritual Formation & Membership**

*I acknowledge that I am privileged to even consider this endeavor through paid vacation time, a flexible schedule, and supportive family, co-workers and congregation. I am grateful for this opportunity and am sad that every person is not afforded these kinds of benefits.*

WOMEN'S RETREAT AT CAMP PECOMETH



Women's Retreat at Camp Pecometh

August 19-21, 2022 Limited spaces—register today!  
(Retreats typically run Friday afternoon – Sunday lunch)

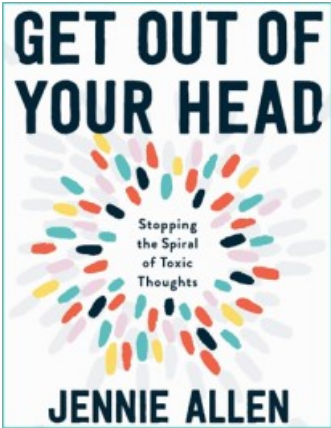


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**DEADLINE Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>** - Please write "Women's Retreat" in the memo line & make checks out to:

Asbury UMC  
1401 Camden Ave  
Salisbury MD 21801

Thank you!



## JUNE EVENTS



### FLAG DAY - JUNE 14

Flag Day, also called National Flag Day, in the United States, a **day honouring the national flag**, observed on June 14. The holiday commemorates the date in 1777 when the United States approved the design for its first national flag.

### JUNETEENTH DAY - JUNE 19

Juneteenth (short for “June Nineteenth”) marks the day when federal troops arrived in [Galveston, Texas](#) in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. The troops’ arrival came a full two and a half years after the signing of the [Emancipation Proclamation](#). Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States and is considered the longest-running African American holiday. On June 17, 2021, it officially became a federal holiday.



### FATHER'S DAY - JUNE 19

The nation’s first Father’s Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington. However, it was not until 1972—58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother’s Day official—that the day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States.

### SUMMER BEGINS - JUNE 21

The word *summer* is quite old. It’s recorded before the year 900 and comes from the Old English word for the season, *sumor*. It’s related to the Dutch *zomer*, the German *Sommer*, and the Sanskrit *samā* (which means “year”). *Summer* became an adjective around 1300, and terms like *summer camp*, *summer school*, and *summer resort* are all first recorded in the 1800s.



## JULY EVENTS



### INDEPENDENCE DAY - JULY 4

**Independence Day**, also called **Fourth of July** or **July 4th**, in the United States, the annual celebration of nationhood. It commemorates the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776.



**Join us for UWIF Summertime Kickoff!**

Please put **June 10<sup>th</sup>** on your calendars and plan to attend **Movie Night at Asbury**.

Our UWIF Board and Missions Team are planning a **Drive in Movie Night fundraiser on June 10<sup>th</sup>**. **Plan to arrive at 7:30 PM.**

The movie will be **Angels in the Outfield** to be held in the parking lot. Bring a chair or blanket. You will be directed to

park in the designated area.



We will be selling hotdogs, chips, candy, Tastekakes, and drinks to enjoy while we watch this family friendly movie on an outside screen.

It will be a fun night to "kickoff" summer – a wonderful opportunity for Asbury families to enjoy a night of fellowship and welcome the end of school and the beginning of fun and relaxing summertime activities.

Please support this event - the funds we make will support our community missions that help the women and youth of the community.

Watch for more information about an online sign-up sheet.

***We hope to see you there!***



***Joanna – Carol Bisker***

Joanna will meet on Monday, June 13th at 10:00 am to make cards. We will break for the summer and meet next, in September. Have a restful and sunny summer!

***Deborah – Maggie Fulkrod***

Deborah Circle will be meeting on June 28 at 6:30pm at the church. We will be taking July off and plan on resuming our regular 'last Tuesday of the month' gatherings on August 30. We are beginning our book study, *The 7 Experiment*, by Jen Hatmaker. All women are welcome. Contact Maggie Fulkrod for more information: mfulkrod1@verizon.net or 410.937.8104.

***Dorcas- - Susan Cropper***

Dorcas will not have meetings over the summer. Our next meeting will be September 13. Happy summer, Susan Cropper.



Asbury's United Women in Faith (UWIF) needs your help. Our summer mission project will be to provide Salisbury Urban Ministries (SUM) Kids Program with summer gear for camp and swimming at YMCA this summer.

Currently they have 9 girls and 5 boy that are elementary school age. Our UWIF is going to provide 15 drawstring bags for their gear. We are asking for donations for the following items:

- ◆ Sunblock
- ◆ Swim goggles
- ◆ Flip flops
- ◆ Beach towels
- ◆ Pool toys

There will be a box near the back entrance to the church by the handicapped door on **June 12**, if you could please drop your donations there.

***Thank you so much for your support of the kids at SUM so they can have fun this summer.***



## ALTAR FLOWERS HAVE RETURNED!

We have had wonderful feedback about restarting the altar flowers ministry, after a long COVID hiatus!

Altar flowers can be donated as a way to honor and remember loved ones, special anniversaries/events. We will note who you are honoring in the bulletin.

Following is our new altar flowers program:

### *In the SANCTUARY for EMA and Festive services:*

1. Up to 3 (traditional 3-point only) altar arrangements can be donated weekly - one on each side of high altar, and one on the floor in front of the low altar. The cost is currently \$55 per arrangement.
2. If there is a week where only one arrangement is donated, it will go in front of the low altar, and the white silk arrangements will be used on the high altar.
3. Kitty's will create a "seasonal mix" arrangement with colors to compliment the paraments, or to use fresh flowers they have readily available.
4. Please note that you are not able to choose a specific color palette for the high altar arrangements unless you are donating both – this ensures that the high altar arrangements match, and will look cohesive.
5. A single rose in a bud vase can be placed on the high altar. The cost is currently \$10. Limit one each week.
6. You may take your arrangement or bud vase with you AFTER the 11:00 am Festive service concludes.



### *In the Fellowship Hall for CAYR service:*

1. One floral arrangement in a vase or low container can be donated weekly to be placed on the altar.
2. Kitty's will create a "seasonal mix" arrangement with colors to compliment the altar, or to use fresh flowers they have readily available.
3. A single rose in a bud vase can be placed on the altar. The cost is currently \$10. Limit one each week.
4. You may take your arrangement or bud vase with you AFTER the 8:45 am CAYR service concludes.

- In order to get the special pricing that Kitty's extends to Asbury's members for altar arrangements, the type of flowers used in the arrangement are their choice – carnations, chrysanthemums, gladiolus, etc. Flowers that are typically more expensive, such as roses, lilies, hydrangea, etc. are NOT available at the special price.
- You will be billed directly from Kitty's.
- If you do not wish to take the flowers you donated, we are happy to use them elsewhere! We will make several smaller arrangements from the leftover flowers and the Visitation Pastor will give them to our members during home, hospital or nursing home visits. If you have glass vases that you do not use and would like to donate for this cause, please place them in the donation box CURRENTLY LOCATED IN THE ADMIN HALLWAY CUBBIES until the renovations are complete. Afterwards, the box will be located in the cubbies outside of the Sacristy.

If you are interested in donating an altar arrangement or bud vase, please contact Lydia at the church office, 410-749-2131 or [lydia@asburyweb.org](mailto:lydia@asburyweb.org)

## ALTAR GUILD

June

Priscilla Basehart, **Chair**  
Sharon Dashiell  
Robin Evans



July

Lou Elin Sheller, **Chair**  
Sara Lewis  
Emily Saulsbury  
Norma Dobrowolski

## ASBURY NEWS

### **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.

### **Summer Shop hours are:**

#### **Donations**

Monday 8:30am - 11:30am

Thursday, 10:00am - 1:00pm

#### **Shopping**

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. Summer hours last until Labor Day*

### **Salisbury Urban Ministries Donations needed for:**

***Lazarus Food Pantry:*** Cereal Bars, Baked Beans

***Kid's Café:*** Bottle of Water (for YMCA Summer Camp), Sunscreen (SPF 50 or higher)

***Men's Welcome Center:*** Bug Spray

### **Salisbury Urban Ministries - Kid's Café School Clothing Project 2022**

The Kid's Café School Clothing Project is a way for our Kid's Café program to supply school clothes and supplies for the children in our program. At Salisbury Urban Ministries, we would like to focus on the basic needs of our children.



This project is similar to the Angel Tree but this year there will not be a bulletin board or tags. Instead, you may make a monetary donation by **AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> 2022.**

The monetary donations will help purchase school clothing and supplies throughout the year.

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

### **SUM Information Center—NEW!**

SUM will now have its own information center, located at the Main Welcome Center by the Narthex. Flyers for monthly donation requests and other special project information can be found here.

*The staff here at Salisbury Urban Ministries would like to thank all the wonderful performers who showed off their talent Sunday at our Care for the Cause fundraiser. Thank you to all who volunteered, brought refreshments, donated and came out in support of SUM. We would be nothing without our volunteers! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!*



# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



## MEMORIALS



**Betty Murphy**  
*Virginia Decker*

**Mary Veise**  
*Virginia Decker*

**Maxine Harden**  
*Cathy & Roger Hyneman*  
*Virginia Decker*  
*Ronald C Holloway, Jr./R/C/ Holloway Company*  
*Barbara Grogg*



<b>**JUNE MEETINGS**</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meeting</b>
7	Wed	6:00pm	SPRC
8	Wed	7:00pm	Leadership Team
9	Thu	5:30pm	Finance Committee
14	Tue	5:30pm	Board of Trustees
<b>**JULY MEETINGS**</b>			
12	Tue	5:30pm	Board of Trustees

**\*\*\* 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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