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Fathers are wonderful people

Too little understood,
And we do not sing their **praises**

As often as we should...

But **FATHERS** are just wonderful

In a million different ways,
And they merit loving **compliments**

And accolade of praise,

For the only reason Dad aspires

To **fortune** and success

Is to make the family proud of him

And to bring them **HAPPINESS...**

And like our Heavenly Father,

He's a **guardian** and a guide,

Someone that we can count on

To be **always** on our side.

Happy Fathers Day JUNE 18

From the desk of
PASTOR TOM PASMORE

As we prepare for our yearly ASP adventure in June and subsequent VBS adventure in July, I just wanted to share a story of God at work in the world. This story comes from the VBS program of a previous church that I served, Hope UMC in Dover.

During VBS at Hope in 2007, Sarah and another volunteer ran the recreation part of the program, where they and the kids would play games in the parking lot behind the church. To keep the kids safe we had put up orange traffic cones to mark off the boundary of the play area, and Sarah had a strict rule for the kids to stay inside of these boundaries. Sarah and her helper took great pains to insure the kids understood how important this rule was. They repeated it several times. Later that first night when one of the teachers, as part of her lesson, asked the kids what God had instructed Abraham to do in Genesis, instead of answering moving from Ur of the Chaldeans to the Promised Land, the three year old in questions, Lily, quickly blurted out, "Don't go past the orange cones!!" It still makes me laugh to think about it.

After some reflection, however, I asked myself, what would have happened if Abraham had decided not to listen and stayed inside "the orange cones?" What if he hadn't extended himself and reached out as God had asked him to? One of the things that I am in constant danger of is blocking off my own very comfortable space with big "orange cones" and not seeking to reach out to people who do not have Jesus in their lives. It's so much easier to NOT extend one's self. But Jesus is pretty clear about the commandment to spread the Gospel to the entire world. Loving your neighbor as yourself is the ultimate form of extending your boundaries because it forces you to walk "a mile in their shoes." You begin to see life from a point of view besides your own and this can be very uncomfortable at times. ASP has this kind of effect on the youth and adults that participate in the mission trip. We all need to think about the "orange cones" in our lives and which ones we need to heed and which ones we need to move.

God is going to use us this summer to teach kids about Jesus through VBS, and that God is going to use us this summer to make homes warmer, safer, and drier in Appalachia. We are going to move some cones and draw the circle even wider. Don't you want to be a part of it??

Blessings and Peace to you all and Happy Summer,

Pastor Tom



MUSIC MINISTRY

Dr. Michael Stefanek, *Director of Music Ministries*



We had a wonderful end of year concert and dinner for our children's music ministry on May 9. Heather Harman led a special presentation honoring the ministry of Danielle Comeau. Danielle has directed the Kingdom Kids Ringers, accompanied Kingdom Kids Singers, subbed for me, played piano for various special music events, and so many other wonderful things. Danielle and her family will be moving to CT. She will be greatly missed and we wish her the very best in this next chapter of life. I'm so thankful for all that she has done for Asbury's music program.

We are now in our summer worship mode. Praise Band will be leading the majority of the garden worship services, but there will be some Sundays with me at the piano joined by singers. We will also have special music at our 10:00 AM Sanctuary services throughout the summer. If you or someone you know would like an opportunity to sing or play an instrument during one of our summer worship services, please contact me (michael@asburyweb.org).

The Salisbury Children's Choir presented their spring concert at Asbury on May 21. It was a very uplifting program filled with diverse repertoire. Asbury's organ was featured at the end of the program with a joyous piece for organ & choir. The week of July 31-August 4, the SBY children's choir will be having a summer music camp at Asbury. The full day camp will feature choral singing, bell ringing, boom whackers, opportunities to learn about the pipe organ, music theory, time for recreation, fellowship, and more. The week will finish with a program sharing music the kids have learned. If you have a

child that would like to participate please contact me for more information.

We are in the process of making plans for the 2023-2024 music season. I can't wait to share the exciting music events and learning opportunities that we will be offering. Please stay tuned!

Have a wonderful summer!

Dr. Michael Stefanek
Director of Music Ministries



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ALTAR GUILD



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FINANCE

Janice Ilczuk, Director of Finance & Building

Summertime is nearly upon us once again. This can be such a wonderfully refreshing time for us as we go our separate ways for various vacations, cookouts, family reunions and the list goes on. Without a doubt, we all need breaks from our daily routines and we pray that each of you are able to enjoy some down time over the summer. We would like to gently remind you that if you are able to take a break and need to miss some services here at Asbury, the work of our ministry continues throughout the summer months. Often this is a time of “ramping” up for ministries taking place in the fall and winter months ahead.

As you review the finance chart, you will see we ended April with a net of \$23,823. We did experience a loss of \$4,851 for the month. While it is only 4 months into the year, our Finance Committee is always crunching numbers to see where we can save expenses in order that we can maximize funds supporting our ministries. We agree it is more exciting to pay for a ministry expense than the electric or gas bill – but utilities have to be paid in order for us to worship and enjoy our ministries in the building. This is why continued giving is so important –even though many of us are away over the next few months, the utilities/expenses continue each month. In order to help us not to have to play “catch up” with our budget in the fall please pray about your donations as you plan for your summer down time.

A reminder of ways for your giving to continue even when you are not physically at the church:

- Online giving – visit our website- asburyweb.org- there is a Give button on the right corner of the main page. You can donate using a debit/credit card or through PayPal. You can set up one- time or recurring gifts.
- 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).
- Mail- you can send your donations off to us before you leave for vacation.

We continue to appreciate both your financial and prayerful support!

2023	Jan- April Actual	Jan- Dec Budget
Pledge Contributions	\$208,126	\$590,000
Unpledged Giving	\$30,248	\$65,000
Plate Contributions	\$16,360	\$25,000
Special Contributions	\$5,192	\$12,800
Endowment	\$27,705	\$27,705
Rentals	\$15,469	\$32,825
Interest-checking/mma/cd	\$42	\$14,040
Gain/loss on stock	\$0	(\$500)
Operating Reserve	\$0	\$39,630
Total Income	\$303,142	\$806,500
Property Expenses	\$48,571	\$111,522
Ministry Expenses	\$101,810	\$316,473
Administrative Expenses	\$47,400	\$142,038
Apportionments	\$36,472	\$97,272
Employee Benefits	\$45,066	\$139,195
Total Expenses	\$279,319	\$806,500
Net	\$23,823	\$0
		Monthly loss/gain
January	\$33,427	\$0
February	\$38,928	\$5,501
March	\$28,674	(\$10,254)
April	\$23,823	(\$4,851)



CATALYST INITIATIVE



Over the past year Asbury has been a part of the Catalyst Initiative with the Peninsula-Delaware and Baltimore-Washington Annual Conferences. The program is designed to help churches listen deeply to the needs of the community and then find ways to build ministries and community partnerships to meet those needs.

Asbury's team of George Whitehead, Dave Harris, Amy Cropper, Mary Beth Gicking, and Pastor Tom met with community leaders, worked through the program, and were even able to design an experiment that we ran on Friday, May 5, at the Mental Health Awareness Downtown Family Night sponsored by the Wicomico County Public Schools, Wicomico Partnership (Local Management Board), and the City of Salisbury.

We learned that we have a long way to go in terms of mental health awareness here on the Eastern Shore, but also learned that parents know where they can go for mental health services, but had no idea where to go to obtain mental health services for their children. This is a conversation that we need to continue.

Now that we are done with the classroom part of the Catalyst work that we feel called to, it's time to invite the entire church to help us build awareness about mental health in our community and in our families. On August 6, the focus of our time in worship will be mental health. When we get into the fall, with the help of the Leadership Team, we will be having a family dinner to raise awareness around mental health and various service here in Wicomico County to help with mental health.

The Catalyst Initiative may be over, but there is much ministry to do, and we would love your help. Contact Pastor Tom (tom@asburyweb.org) or any of the Catalyst team if you would like more information.



The Trustees continue the hard work of upgrading our facilities. This year's summer projects include more renovations, removing asbestos in the building, and upgrading flooring/ceiling/lighting. After ACDC closes for the summer, we will start the asbestos removal in classrooms #124 & #126. We will start this project on June 13. This renovation should not cause much disruption in the day to day operations, as it will be confined to that area in the Education Wing.

Starting July 17, we will begin the major upgrade to ceilings, lights and flooring of the Administrative hallways on the first floor. We will be closing this hallway, which includes access to the staff offices, Library, Fox Room and Mackey Room. This hallway will be closed for asbestos removal for approximately two weeks, and then will be under construction for several more weeks-similar to last year's renovation of the Memorial/Disciple Garden hallway. We want to make sure that you are aware that there will be disruptions to the summer activities here at Asbury. We can't wait for this project to be done so that we can see these upgrades in place.

We will provide further information as it gets closer as to which doors/areas will be closed at certain times for both of these projects. Any questions, ask Janice or Pastor Tom.

2023 *class of* 2023

C O N G R A T S !



Name: Hannah Grace Burchard
Graduating from: University of Maryland - College Park, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Plans for next year: Exploring career options in Agriculture Education with the University of Maryland or the US Department of Agriculture
Favorite Asbury Memory: All the years working with the ASP ministry!



Name: Allie Donovan
Graduating from: Holly Grove Christian School.
Plans for next year: Study marketing at Salisbury University with a minor in music.
Favorite Asbury Memory: Hero Central Vacation Bible School because I liked the superhero theme and all the VBS activities and the soundtrack



Name: Riley Forrestal
Graduating from: Wi Hi
Plans for next year: Study at Clark University
Favorite Asbury Memory: Getting to do the Easter egg hunts in Kingdom City then getting to fill the eggs during high school

2023 *class of*

C O N G R A T S !



Name: Josh Harman
Graduating from: University of Maryland - College Park
Plans for next year: Exploring opportunities to work with the National Weather Service and NOAA
Favorite Asbury Memory: Fall Festival



Name: Dr. Megan Lynn Harman
Graduating from: Eastern Virginia Medical School
Plans for next year: Family Medicine Residency at University of Michigan
Favorite Asbury Memory: Silent Night by candlelight on Christmas Eve

Name: Joseph Hayden
Graduating from: Salisbury University
Plans for next year: Continuing in the process towards hopefully becoming an elder in the United Methodist Church
Favorite Wesley Foundation Memory: I'd say my favorite memory was when we first got the new room and went out to advertise with free hot chocolate! It was really nice to have gifts to give



Name: Jackson Love
Graduating from: Wi Hi
Plans for next year: Will be working full time for Lifetime Masonry here in Salisbury
Favorite Asbury Memory: Listening to the bluegrass band during an ASP trip.

ASBURY SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE

Carlton Bradshaw, *Chair, BOD, ASP*



Where were you 50 years ago? For many of us, we may have not been alive that long, but for 50 years Asbury has been journeying to Appalachia to make homes warmer, safer, and drier. For 50 years youth have been reaching out with love and compassion for people in very different circumstances than their own. For 50 years, this ministry of relationships, with a side of construction, has been going strong here in this place. What an amazing time to be part of something that blesses our teams and those we serve.

This year your ASP team is traveling to Sullivan County, Tennessee, and staying at Celebration Church which is right off of Interstate 81 in Blountville, TN. Sullivan is Tennessee's second-oldest county; it was established in 1779 when the area was still part of North Carolina. It incorporates both the city of Kingsport and the city of Bristol, and has a population of about 160,000. We look forward to working again this year in heart of the ASP service area.

Be sure to join us in either of the worship services on July 16, where our work teams will share their ASP experiences. You will hear accounts of work performed and relationships built with love and grace. Our special guest preacher will be Rev. Walter Crouch who has been President & CEO of Appalachia Service Project for 12 years.

To celebrate 50 years of the Asbury Service Project ministry, we are throwing a party and we want YOU to be there! **Sunday, July 16, 2023 11:30am-1:30pm** We are hoping to collect pictures to be put on display and we want to make sure we represent as many eras as we can! If you have pre-digital age pictures, please put your name on the back and bring them to the church for Brooke Christensen to hold on to. If you have digital pictures there will be information released soon on where to send them.

For more information about how you can support the Asbury Service Project, contact Carlton Bradshaw (cwbradshaw67@gmail.com) or Pastor Tom (tom@asburyweb.org).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Heather Harman, *Director of Children and Care Ministries*

Vacation Bible School July 9th-12th!



We are just a little over a month away from our 2023 Vacation Bible School and it's time to start getting EXCITED!!

This year's theme is Hero Hotline. It is based on Romans 14:18: "So let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up." This verse reminds us that God calls us to be part of a community--working to bring peace to the world is something we are called to do TOGETHER!

Are you willing to be a hero and come together with other volunteers to help make VBS the best experience possible for the kids? We still need help, especially with decorating, which is one of the things the kids love best...being transported into the theme. Do you have an eye for bringing a scene to life? Do you have some creativity, time and energy to share? Heather and Brooke would LOVE to hear from you!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL



MAKE IT OR BREAK IT: A SERIES FROM GENESIS ON CREATION & 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 from 10-11:00 a.m. on the last Sunday of each month (6/25, 7/30, 8/27)

10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. upstairs in Room #221

for a fun lesson and a chance to catch up with your Sunday School pals! Ages 3 and up!

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 excited to announce our playground renovation will begin in June!!! With that being said, the playground will be closed from June 12th until completion sometime in August. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. We can't wait to show off the new playground in August.

ACDC will be celebrating our 60th Anniversary in September. Please join us on September 23rd from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for this special occasion. We will be having a dedication/ceremony of our new playground/memorial area, Puppet Show by the Asbury Puppet Ministry, and outdoor activities.

We are currently enrolling for our 2023-2024 school year. If you would like to gather some more information about our wonderful school, please call 410.742.7058 or email Casey Taylor at casey@asburyweb.org.



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

Dear faith family,

June is the final month in our 6-month series of discussion and spiritual practices revolving around Richard Foster's book *Streams of Living Water*. This book explores the six streams or traditions of the Church—all of which are needed. So far we have spent time in the following streams: holiness, social justice, charismatic, evangelical, incarnational, and for our final tradition, we will embrace the contemplative stream.

A way to think of the contemplative stream is a “prayer-filled life of loving attention to God.” In all things. Everyday things. Our comings and goings, our interactions with others, nature, work, rest, play—all of it. Last year there was a book study on Roger Owens' book *The Way of Prayerful Living: Everyday Contemplative*. Owens states that “To live contemplatively means simply to approach [everyday] life with openness (acceptance of or receptiveness to change or new ideas), availability (the state of being otherwise unoccupied), and responsiveness (the quality of reacting quickly and positively) to God...” I commend this book to you! It is an excellent unpacking of this tradition. In fact, he uses this acronym (OAR) as a method to “move us closer to God.” I will give you the highlights here:



According to the author, seven main characteristics are found in the contemplative life (not exhaustive):

Posture: inner readiness and posture: What might a posture be in the spiritual life that “gets us into a place where something can be done [to us]”? (Foster). The next rest of the book considers characteristics of allowing ourselves to cultivate such a posture.

Longing: this involves teasing out our longing for God from other longings, because we often confuse them and try to satisfy our souls with things that only God can quench in us. Take notice of your life— Note places of dissatisfaction and frustration, of wanting more, of restlessness. Places where hope and joy are beginning to bloom..." "Noticing a longing for God might require hitting the pause button on the breathless need to satisfy every urge or escape every unsatisfying inner experience. We must take time to be with these urges and wants before they will take the time to tell us what they are really about...."

Attention: God always has our full attention. When is the last time you gave your full attention to God? Others?

Patience: Willingness vs willfulness. ~ “If I were to live a life open and responsive to God, I would need to learn to face reality as it is rather than as I want it to be. That would mean approaching my life with patience—the patience required to live not in control. “When we attend well to our lives...when we slow to a pace that allows us to notice the particulars of our lives, and we can only attend to God in our spiritual practice if we refuse the temptation to hurry.”

Playfulness: "God simply enjoys us for who we are, not what we can do for God. Rediscovering prayer and life as a kind of play can help us enter--and enjoy--this liberating truth."

Vulnerability: "...there is a risk in opening our lives to this God who transforms us. Transforming sometimes means seeing things about ourselves we didn't want to see and changing in ways we never

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¹ Richard Foster.

would have imagined.” Owens claims there are 3 prominent defense strategies against the world’s attempt to change us and love’s painful consequences: religiosity, (doing the right things), expertise (knowing the right things), and success in all the right things. Which one(s) do you find yourself in the most? “These strategies protect the true authentic self that fears it is not resilient enough to withstand the wounding world and actions of the people whose acceptance it so desires.”

Nonjudgment: “...we judge, compare, and condemn.” “Again and again, Jesus, by his words and his deeds -erased the dividing lines of judgment set up by religion and culture and welcomed the judged into fellowship with himself and, through himself, with God... Each person we encounter is a word from the Lord,...but our habits of judgment pull the blinds down on our windows of perception...we have prevented ourselves from seeing them as a revelation of divine love. Note: Approaching life with a posture of nonjudgment doesn't mean accepting evil when we see it. Injustice of all kinds need to be called out: systemic racism, economic equality, environmental degradation, and others.



I will be sharing more wisdom from this book in the emails during the month—sign up on your connection card for the spiritual practice of the month—which is “loving attention toward God.” When I attended the Renovare Institute, this is one of the ways we were invited to practice swimming in the contemplative stream: *Go to a quiet spot and reflect on how satisfied you are with your life, with how you are spending your time, and with where it seems to be headed. Ask yourself if your life seems hurried and out of control. Then consider whether your days contain enough margins—sufficient buffers of time for rest, play and reflection. Ask God to show you where to find more space for enjoying a conversational relationship with the*

Trinity and with other people. In other words, take some quiet time with God and conduct an inventory of your life, relationships, and soul.



Join us in chatting about the contemplative tradition on Thursday June 15th at 7pm in the library. It’s ok if you haven’t read the *Streams of Living Water* book—come and join in. All are welcome! You can RSVP on your connection card—easy peasy!

The spiritual practice for July (and August) is **RETREAT**. Many times, summer schedules are a bit more flexible, so it is a good time to go on retreat. I am challenging you to **begin making plans right now and set aside some time this summer to go on a retreat**. If you want help, I am here for you. Email me (kristen@asburyweb.org) or mark “summer spiritual practice” on your connection card Sunday mornings.



On the journey with you,

Kristen Wall-Love

Director of Spiritual Formation & Membership

YOUTH MINISTRY

Brooke Christensen, *Director of Youth & Family Ministries*



Youth Group

Our May Olympic games were a great success, we will take a break over the summer and return in September.

Over the Summer

We may be taking a break from Youth Group and Sunday School but there is still plenty going on for our youth over the summer:

June 13th at 4:30 our **Book Club** will be meeting to discuss our latest book, *Within These Wicked Walls*. We will also have the special treat of being joined by the author Lauren Blackwood!

Drum Circle: All ages are welcome to join us in the garden for a drum circle on selected Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00 this summer. 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!

June 6

June 20

Every Tuesday in August

July 18th the youth are responsible for providing lunch to the Joseph House.

In August the High School Sunday School room will get a fresh paint job.

COOKIE DECORATING COOK-OUT



MAY OLMPIC GAMES



Thank you to all who participated in our Sweet Frog fundraiser, unfortunately, we did not come close to meeting our goal but we are grateful to everyone who showed up and enjoyed some fro-yo.

After many setbacks and much frustration we have successfully submitted our application to be a Registered Student Organization with Salisbury University! Thanks to Donny Pasmore for getting it done! If we are approved that means we will get to advertise our programs on campus, reserve rooms, and participate in Club events to raise awareness of our group.

--Brooke

SAFE SANCTUARIES

We have new Safe Sanctuaries classes scheduled!

Anyone 18 years or older helping with VBS, Sunday School, ASP or anything else involving youth, children or vulnerable adults needs to be Safe Sanctuary trained.

The mnemonic device is "3, 2, 1" -
Every 3 years we do a background check
Every 2 years you need to take the class
Every year you need to sign the covenant
Two more class dates remain:

Sunday, June 11, 2023 - 9:00 am in the Mackey Room
Saturday, July 8, 2023 - 10:00 am in the Mackey Room

Classes should only take 45 minutes - 1 hour.

You do not need to register for class - just stop by!



CIRCLE NEWS

Joanna Circle – Carol Bisker

(Meets @10:00 AM on the second Monday of the month)
Joanna will meet for lunch. No meeting and then off for the summer!

E+ve Circle – Amy Cropper

(Meets @7:15 PM on the third Wednesday of the month)
Eve Circle will have a family picnic/pool party at Ashlee Plotts parents' house on July 30 at 3:00.

Dorcas Circle – Susan Cropper

(Meets @10:00 AM on the second Tuesday of the month)
Dorcas had a lovely brunch at Susan Cropper's home on May 9th at 10:00. We had a short meeting and then

shared celebrations, concerns, and prayers for our circle members and Asbury families before we had a delicious brunch prepared by Susan. Our meetings will resume in the fall.

Deborah Circle – Maggie Fulkrod

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

Due to vacation schedules, Deborah Circle will meet June 13th at 6:30pm at the church to continue discussing our book: *Finding Peace in an Anxious World*. All women are welcome to join (in person or zoom!). We will be taking a break in July and hopefully meeting in August--more info to come. Contact Maggie Fulkrod, mfulkrod1@comcast.net.



CALLING ALL ASBURIANS!

EPOCH - Calling all Asburians!

Please help UWIF collect arts & craft items to help support the Epoch Dream Center summer program. Epoch is a free after-school and summer program serving under-resourced children in Hebron and the surrounding area with academics, character development, behavior and emotional well-being. Our church helped them last year, and UWIF would like to continue providing support. Arts & crafts items requested are watercolor paint sets and books, paint by number kits, latch hook and weaving loom kits... just to name a few. The ideas are endless, so be creative! Collection boxes will be located in the Welcome Center by the Sanctuary and in Fellowship Hall until June 11.

Thank you for helping us in this endeavor!

CHAIR YOGA

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



STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Sharon Dashiell, *Chair*

On May 9, Staff Parish Relations Committee celebrated our amazing Asbury staff at a luncheon given in their honor. As a committee we have adopted a new policy to honor milestone years of service to our church in increments of 5 years. We were pleased to catch up, and honored Dr. Michael Stefanek for 7 years; Rev. Kristen Wall-Love for 6 years; Sheri Burchard for 10 years and Heather Harman for 10 years of service. Janice Ilczuk has been with Asbury for 20 years, and we will be sharing our appreciation for her service with a special celebration luncheon on August 13. Further information will be forthcoming. Also, beginning with the September Asburian we will be "Spotlighting" a staff member and sharing information about them with the congregation. In the meantime, each time you see a member of our dedicated staff at Asbury, please share your appreciation for all they do.

THE JOSEPH HOUSE



Asbury's Staff packed up and delivered lunches for Joseph House. Asbury is responsible for providing lunches for the Joseph House on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Asbury families and ministries sign up for a month...Youth, Music Dept., ACDC, Adult Sunday Schools, UMIF, among others. We have a few months left this year that we could use some help. Contact Heather if your family or your ministry group would like to participate!

STAFF APPRECIATION AT BENNETT HIGH SCHOOL



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

RECONCILING COMMUNITY



How would you like to walk down Main Street? From Market Street to Baptist Street, with some fellow Asburians and a great group of folks from dozens of other organizations in our community.

Imagine a couple thousands spectators waving, clapping and cheering you. If that sounds good to you, then join us on June 24th at the second annual Salisbury Pride parade and festival.

For further details or to let us know if you plan to join us, call or text 442-359-2159 or email edtmoore0@gmail.com

AFGHAN FAMILY UPDATE

On May 21st, Asbury hosted a covered dish luncheon with our Afghan family and our friends from the Delmarva Muslim Community. Food tables were full of each family's favorite dishes including special South Asian treats, and there were plenty of desserts! It was another chance to meet the family and visit with our neighbors from the Delmarva Muslim Community. We saw pictures of beautiful scenery that are likely very different than images you've seen in the news. Azim talked about the four distinct regions of his homeland, languages, tribes, and historical/ geo-graphical significance. One moment was very moving – Azim brought his soon to be 10 year old daughter, Asenat, to the front and explained that every day he is thankful for her opportunities in the United States. He contrasted that with education and advancement the situation for his mother, who is a widow with no males at home, so she is unable to leave her home as Afghan women are not allowed out unaccompanied.

Family resettlement continues. Azim, who has full time employment in dining services at SU, is driving and took his first independent big trip "across the bridge"! Tahmina has just finished her second English class at SU. Wahed, age 12, is preparing for his transfer to JMB Middle School. Farhan turned 3 in May and had both a birthday party at home and a breakfast outing with his brother and sister to IHOP for American waffles. Asenat is doing well in third grade at Pinehurst, and was named "student of the month." Immigration legal filings are underway. Hamid, Tahmina's brother, has decided to move to California to be with other single Afghan men, as well as their brother.



ALTAR FLOWERS ARRANGEMENTS



Altar Flowers

We have had wonderful feedback about the altar flowers ministry! 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 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 traditional 3-point only 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 then make several smaller arrangements from the leftover flowers and the Visitation Team will give 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.

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

ASBURY NEWS

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

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 2 thru September 10, 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.

Opportunity Shop Schedule & Requests

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 (Christmas in July is just around the corner!) 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.

Salisbury Urban Ministries: Summer donation requests

LAZARUS FOOD PANTRY:

- Ramen noodles IN INDIVIDUAL CUPS for Anne St. Village tenants
- Canned tuna & chicken
- Peanut butter

KID'S CAFE:

- Individually packed snacks for summer camp

MEN'S WELCOME CENTER:

- Bug Spray

Please drop off your donations in/near the large pots in the hallway. If you prefer to order online, have your donations delivered to:

Salisbury Urban Ministries
326 Barclay St., Salisbury, MD 21804

Questions? Call 410-749-1563

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorials



Aaron Pulhamus
Bruce & Ellen Smith
John & Brenda Corcoran
Chip & Ruby Dashiell
Ray & Klaudia Thompson
Doris Greenleaf
Virginia Mayer



Dick Cropper
Bruce & Ellen Smith
John & Brenda Corcoran

Mary Carey
John & Carol Evans



MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Time	Meeting
6	Tue	5:30 p.m.	Finance Committee
7	Wed	6:00 p.m.	SPRC
13	Thu	5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
14	Wed	7:00 p.m.	Leadership Team



MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Time	Meeting
11	Tue	5:30 p.m.	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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