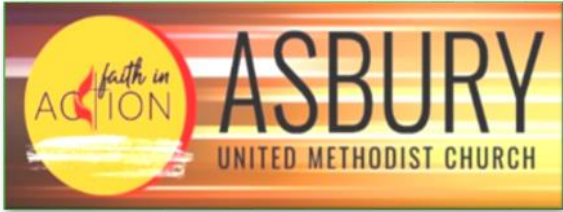




**NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER** May 4



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THINKING OF YOU ON MOTHER'S DAY,  
AND SAYING A *special* PRAYER—

THAT GOD,

WHO KNOWS HOW DEAR YOU ARE,  
WILL KEEP YOU IN HIS CARE.

THAT HE WILL *bless* YOUR DAILY LIFE  
WITH JOYS OF EVERY KIND—

WITH PERFECT HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

AND *peace* OF  
HEART AND MIND.

May 14

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*From the desk of*  
**PASTOR TOM PASMORE**

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It's been a very difficult spring at times. Stories on the news, like the shootings in the school in Nashville and the birthday party in Alabama, have rocked my little world with the realities of violent death that never seem to leave the headlines anymore. I know that we are not safe in the ways that we used to think we were. But just as I start to despair over a world that seems to be descending into anarchy and uncontrolled chaos, I think about the chaos that existed within the Biblical account of Jesus' life. Jesus was acutely aware that evil existed and often used thieves and robbers in his stories and parables. Jesus knew that safety and security were fleeting and transient things, as evidenced by the transformation of the crowds of people in Jerusalem during his last visit there. It only took one week for them to go from adoration to condemnation – from the triumphal entrance to a cross on a hill on Good Friday.

Father Richard Rohr reframes the paradox of Good Friday in this way. “Today the primary human problem is both revealed and resolved. It is indeed a ‘good’ Friday. What is revealed is our human inclination to kill others, in any multitude of ways, instead of dying to ourselves—to our own illusions, pretenses, narcissism, and self-defeating behaviors. Jesus dies ‘for’ us not in the sense of ‘a substitute for us’ but ‘in solidarity with’ the suffering of all humanity since the beginning of time! The first is merely a heavenly transaction of sorts; the second is a transformation of our very soul and the trajectory of history.”

The message for hope for us is one that meets us at our lowest points. Beyond the transactional sacrifice that Christ made when he laid down his life, is the transformational reality that comes from the love and grace of God poured out at Calvary. If you are finding yourself in a place that is beyond awful—a place that feels like the valley of the shadow of death—then know that Jesus understands. He has been there too. And friends, we are all struggling right now. When a 30 year old former Marine retreats to a closet in his house every night with a fifth of vodka and his 9mm handgun, Jesus is there. When the economic systems of our day force working people out of their homes, and out of their cars, and onto the street, Jesus is there. When children are slaughtered in their schools—a place where they are supposed to be safe—Jesus is there. When dementia robs your mom of her ability to even know who you are, Jesus is there.

Jesus shows us that the Kingdom is built not upon the promise that we would never be hurt, diseased, or oppressed, but that in the midst of the worst that this world could throw at us, that the way of peace, the way of non-violence, the way of shalom is the way into the kingdom. Especially because it will cost us everything too, including our very lives.

In it with you and Jesus,

**Pastor Tom**



## MUSIC MINISTRY

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



Holy Week seemed extra special this year. It started with a triumphant Palm Sunday featuring our children's music ensembles, followed by a unique Maundy Thursday service led by the Praise Band in Fellowship Hall, AND concluded with a nice collaborative Good Friday service at Bethesda UMC, bringing Asbury, Bethesda, and Trinity congregations together.

We had a wonderful Easter celebration on April 9. A big thanks to all our musicians, singers, and those who made the worship services so celebratory that day.

As we look ahead, our children and youth are preparing for two more worship services and will conclude the season with an end of year concert program on May 9 at 5:30 PM. Our summer worship schedule commences on Sunday, May 28 with an 8:45 AM garden service and 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary service. I am in the process of scheduling special music for the summer. If you or anybody you know might be interested in music ministry opportunities over the summer, please contact me at [michael@asburyweb.org](mailto:michael@asburyweb.org).

Alice Wigfield, Artistic Director of the Salisbury Children's Choir, wants everybody to know how grateful she is for our hospitality in letting them be here on Monday nights. She said that Pastor Tom and the staff have been great to work with. The choir really has been enjoying the facilities and all we have to offer. They are making plans to sing at upcoming worship services, and are preparing for their spring concert, which will be held at Asbury on Sunday, May 21 at 4:00 PM. They are also planning a summer choir camp which will incorporate singing, bell ringing, music theory lessons, voice lessons, among other fun things. The week long camp will culminate with a special music program. More information will be shared when available.

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



## Altar Guild





## FINANCE

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



The finance chart this month compares the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of last year to this year. Overall, you can see we have very similar bottom line numbers. Our pledge contributions are down compared to last year. There may be several reasons for this: giving is not always done in similar patterns year to year, and our total pledges committed are down approximately 10%. Our Endowment Income is up \$15,000. In the Trustees Endowment Fund are a couple of accounts that benefit the operating budget. A few years ago, the church was blessed by a significant donation to this Endowment Fund which explains the increase. This will continue to benefit the budget year after year. This was the intent of the donor- to help provide for the church operating budget.

It is with a great sense of appreciation to let you know that the total amount received in the Easter offering was \$3,447.92! While there is no amount of money any of us can give that will ever “pay back” what the Lord did for us on the cross of Calvary, we know that giving in this manner will enable us to continue to reach out to our community and world.

Does God “need” our money? Well, when you consider that God owns the cattle on a thousand hills, which in essence means he owns it all and as a matter of fact has created everything containing any value... well... you get the point. God is not a “needy” God, however, we need to learn to be givers! When we give, we become just a bit more like the Father who “gave” His only begotten Son.

	January - March	January - March	
	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2023 vs 2022 Difference
Pledge Contributions	\$189,616	\$168,875	(\$20,741)
Unpledged Giving	\$16,898	\$18,144	\$1,246
Plate Contributions	\$3,553	\$9,880	\$6,327
Special Contributions	\$741	\$1,174	\$433
Endowment	\$12,786	\$27,705	\$14,919
Rentals	\$12,972	\$13,545	\$573
Interest-checking/mma/cd	\$27	\$30	\$4
Gain/loss on stock	(\$28)	\$0	\$28
Total Income	\$236,564	\$239,353	\$2,789
Property Expenses	\$35,742	\$38,672	\$2,930
Ministry Expenses	\$73,053	\$73,826	\$772
Administrative Expenses	\$34,280	\$35,436	\$1,155
Apportionments	\$27,960	\$28,872	\$912
Employee Benefits	\$35,505	\$33,874	(\$1,631)
Total Expenses	\$206,541	\$210,679	\$4,138
Net	\$30,023	\$28,674	(\$1,349)





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.



**RETRACTION (OR CORRECTION OR PLEASE NOTE:)**

Easter Lilies given in memory of **Werner Gruber** by *Carolyn Gruber*.  
Easter Lilies given in honor of **My Sister in Law, Sally Blizzard** by *Diane Blizzard*.



# Happy Mother's Day

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue." PROVERBS 31:25-26



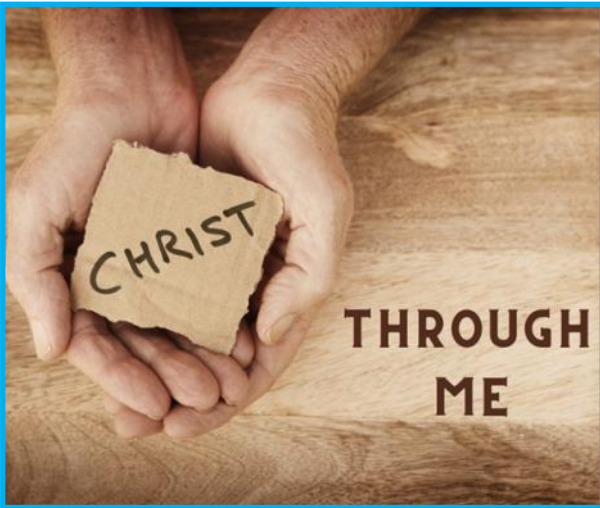


## ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND MEMBERSHIP

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

Dear faith family,

This month, we are exploring the Incarnational Stream of the Church—sacramental living. In our tradition, we have two sacraments—baptism and communion—tangible means of invisible grace. When we speak about “The Incarnation” we are talking about Jesus coming to earth and taking on human form, or being “embodied.” So, the Incarnational Tradition is one of making present and visible the realm of the invisible Spirit. There are two prongs: to experience God as not only present in everyday life, but active, and to cooperate with the Spirit so that others can experience Christ through us. Richard Foster says it this way: “We are to be the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, making the reality of God visible and manifest everywhere we go and in everything we do.”



<sup>1</sup> How do we train for this? There are various ways, but one way is by participating in our monthly spiritual practice “Christ Through Me.” The italicized portion below contains some ideas that we were offered at The Renovare Institute (adapted from Jan Johnson) in thinking about the Incarnational Stream:

*A central question [is]: How would Jesus live **my** life today if he were me? <sup>2</sup> So if I have a website, I ask, How would Jesus design and operate my website if he lived my life? If I run a drycleaning business I ask, How would Jesus run my business if he were me? If I clean bathrooms at an airport, I ask, How would Jesus do this work and treat others if he were me?*

*This invites you to transfer your life situations and wonder how Jesus would live your life:*

- *in your living space: as a roommate or spouse or parent;*
- *on your job: how Jesus would design a class, organize workers, deal with clients who forget appointments;*
- *in your church: as a fellow leader, as someone who may serve those who frustrate you;*
- *in your neighborhood: why might it be a good thing to live next door to Jesus? How might Jesus be a neighbor to the guy on the other side of the wall of your condo? the next yard?*
- *while serving on a team with others in ministry?  
as a driver on the road? Or seated next to someone on a plane?*

### **Exercise:**

1. *Each day, look over what you’re going to be doing, who you’re going to be interacting with, and what you’re going to be planning. What settings and meetings will you be in? What possible delays and annoyances might you experience? (This might be the evening before or that morning or whenever it fits into the rhythm of your day.)*
2. *Prayerfully ask Jesus, How would you live my life today if you were me? Don’t try to be too holy or heroic in this. Think of the heart of Christ: loving God, loving others. It’s OK to be tentative: What would it look like to do this? How might Jesus speak the truth in love or go the extra mile? If nothing comes to you during that time of prayerful reflection, let it simmer and see what comes to you during the day.*

<sup>1</sup>Richard Foster, *Streams of Living Water*, 251.

<sup>2</sup>Dallas Willard, *The Divine Conspiracy*, paraphrased, 283.

3. Try to be gently conscious throughout the day that you are allowing Christ to do things through you.

4. Thank Jesus each day for guiding you carefully, shielding you through mishaps but also walking through some with you. Reflect on Jesus' life, perhaps read through the Gospel of Luke, notice what you admire about Jesus' life. Then tell him.

Join the discussion about the Incarnational Stream of the Church on Thursday May 11th at 7pm in the library. All are welcome to attend. If you have the book, read the chapter on the Incarnational Tradition. If you don't have the book, come anyway! Please let Kristen know you are coming.



On the journey with you,

*Kristen Wall-Love*

Director of Spiritual Formation & Membership

kristen@asburyweb.org



## MEMBERSHIP EVENT!



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



### 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](mailto:kristen@asburyweb.org)





## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Heather Harman, *Director of Children and Care Ministries*



The Easter Egg Hunt in the Garden was a lot of fun, with kids and youth getting to search for 1200 eggs! We are grateful for all of the generous donations of candy and goodies, and also for Ms. Brooke and her middle and high school classes who filled and hid the eggs! Alleluia!



Did you know that there's more to kids' choirs here at Asbury than just singing and ringing? We meet every Tuesday to learn songs to share in worship services, but we share SO much more than music in our time together! Choir is a safe, fun place for the kids to be themselves and feel like family. We play musical games, build friendships, and pray together. At the beginning of Lent we learned about the liturgical church seasons and how Lent is a time of solemn reflection to remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. It is a time to 'put away the alleluias'. We each colored an 'Alleluia' and placed them into a box which was hidden away until Easter. The Tuesday after Easter we enjoyed a fun scavenger hunt through the church to find our hidden Alleluias and we shouted a big ALLELUIA! The kids will sing and ring at the 8:45 CAYR service on May 7, and then end the choir season with the annual concert and dinner on May 9. We are thankful for the love and support for the Children's Choir programs here at Asbury. Do you have a child who would like to try a choir? Let Heather know! All are welcome here!



### Hero Hotline VBS July 9-12, 2023!

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



## ASBURY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Casey Taylor, *Director of ACDC*



The school year has truly flown by here at Asbury Child Development Center! We have grown in so many ways since September. Our students have truly flourished over the course of these nine months and we are so proud of their accomplishments. The dedicated teachers and staff have worked tremendously hard to create the environment to allow this growth.

Our “EGG’D” fundraiser was a BIG success!!! We “EGG’D” 56 houses with the help of ACDC board members, ACDC staff and National Honor Society students from WiHi. Everyone had a blast and can’t wait to do it again next year. Thank you to everyone that supported the fundraiser, which raised funds for our playground renovation.

ACDC’s annual field day was held on April 27 & 28. The students participated in different activities, enjoyed a sno-cone and had a lot of fun with their classmates.

We are excited to announce that our playground renovations will start in mid-June. Thank you to everyone who has made this project possible. We could not have done this without your support!!!



*Congratulations!*



**NAN RICHERSON**  
**BEAVER RUN ELEMENTARY**  
**FINALIST**  
**2023-2024**  
**WICOMICO TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

**TARA MARTENS**  
**WEST SALISBURY ELEMENTARY**  
**MATH INTERVENTION TEACHER**  
**WAS NAMED THE**  
**2023-2024**  
**WICOMICO TEACHER OF THE YEAR**



## YOUTH MINISTRY

Brooke Christensen, *Director of Youth & Family Ministries*



### Youth Group

Our April Youth Group was a Talent Show hosted by Bethesda UMC. We had a great time enjoying everyone's gifts and ended the night with the Macarena.

May's Youth Group is our last one for the school year. We are hosting an Olympic Games! We'd love to see you there Friday, May 5, 6:00-8:00 in Fellowship Hall.

### Confirmation

There is still a little time left to encourage our confirmands with notes, candy, and little fun things. If you would like to participate please get items to Brooke by May 8th.

**Ben Harris**

**Ben West**

**Paden Creel**

**Shannon Tayman**

**Olivia Szczurko**

**Nathan Madruga**

**Nick Cropper**



### Important Dates Coming Up

Sunday, May 7: Last day of Sunday School for Children and Youth

Sunday, May 14: Senior Recognition Sunday at the 11:00 service

Sunday, May 21: Confirmation Sunday





## YOUTH MINISTRY

Brooke Christensen, *Director of Youth & Family Ministries*



In April we had a few get-togethers with service projects encouraging our local law enforcement and cleaning trash, and then our Dungeons and Dragons Wesley Wednesday night.

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

--Brooke

The Wesley Foundation is raising money to keep our organization going as we seek to give young adults a place of their own and help the community along the way.

**Thursday, May 11** you can help us meet our goal by treating yourself to some Sweet Frog fro-yo and showing the cashier this flyer!



## CIRCLE NEWS

**Joanna Circle – Carol Bisker (Meets @10:00 AM on the second Monday of the month)** Joanna will meet on Monday, May 8 at 10 am at the home of Carol Bisker to make Father's Day cards.

**Eve Circle – Amy Cropper (Meets @7:15 PM on the third Wednesday of the month)** Eve Circle will meet May 17 at 7:15 at Flora Glasgow's house.

**Dorcas Circle – Susan Cropper (Meets @10:00 AM on the second Tuesday of the month)** Dorcas will meet at the home of Susan Cropper, 415 Midland Terrace, on May 9th at 10:00 am for brunch to conclude our meetings for this year. We will begin meetings again on September 12 at 10 am in the Fox Room. Please call Susan at 410-548-1718 if you plan to attend.

**Deborah Circle – Maggie Fulkrod (Meets @6:30 PM on the last Tuesday of the month)** Deborah Circle continues to meet at 6:30pm on the last Tuesday of the month (May 30). We continue our book study of *Finding Peace in an Anxious World*. All women are welcome. Contact Maggie Fulkrod: mfulkrod1@verizon.net or 410.937.8104.

## SPRING FUNDRAISER

UWIF is having a Spring Fundraiser, and thanks to our very own Sydney Cropper (daughter of Dale and Amy Cropper, granddaughter of Bill Cropper) for her beautiful original artwork, we will be selling:

- note cards - 5 for \$10
- car magnets - \$5
- refrigerator magnets - \$3

***Sales will take place at the Welcome Centers on two consecutive Sundays, April 30th and May 7th, after the 8:00 am service, after the 8:45 am service and before and after the 11:00 am service.***

## CALLING ALL ASBURIANS!

UWIF requests your help in collecting arts/craft items to help support the Epoch Dream Center during their summer program. Epoch is a free after-school and summer program serving under-resourced children in Hebron and the surrounding area. This program helps local children in the areas of academics, character development, behavior and emotional well-being. Our church has helped them in the past, and UWIF would like to continue providing them with support as we feel this is such a wonderful and worthwhile program. Arts and craft items they have 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...be creative!

Collection boxes will be located in the Welcome Center by the Sanctuary and in Fellowship Hall from May 7-June 11. UWIF would like to thank everyone in advance for helping in this endeavor!!!!





# **Women's Retreat 2023**

**May 26-29 (Memorial Day Weekend)**

## **The Cup of our Life: a guide to spiritual growth**

**All women are invited to a prayerful & reflective time apart at The Riverview Retreat Center @ Camp Pecometh.**

**3 nights & 8 meals (Fri. dinner - Mon. bfast):**

**Double Occupancy: 350.00/Single Occupancy: 525.00**

**Email Kristen to RSVP: [kristen@asburyweb.org](mailto:kristen@asburyweb.org)  
Make checks payable to Asbury with  
"Women's Retreat" in the memo line.**

**\*Deadline: May 8**

## ASBURY SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE

Carlton Bradshaw, *Chair, BOD, ASP*



A ministry of Asbury United Methodist Church  
Salisbury, Maryland

It is that time of year; all of the ASP pancake breakfast fundraisers are done, there is only one more ASP / Chesapeake Housing Mission wheelchair ramp project scheduled, and we now know where we will be serving in Appalachia for this, our 50<sup>th</sup> year. This year, our ASP Center will be Celebration Church in Blountville, TN, from which we will serve Sullivan, Washington, and Carter Counties in northeastern Tennessee.

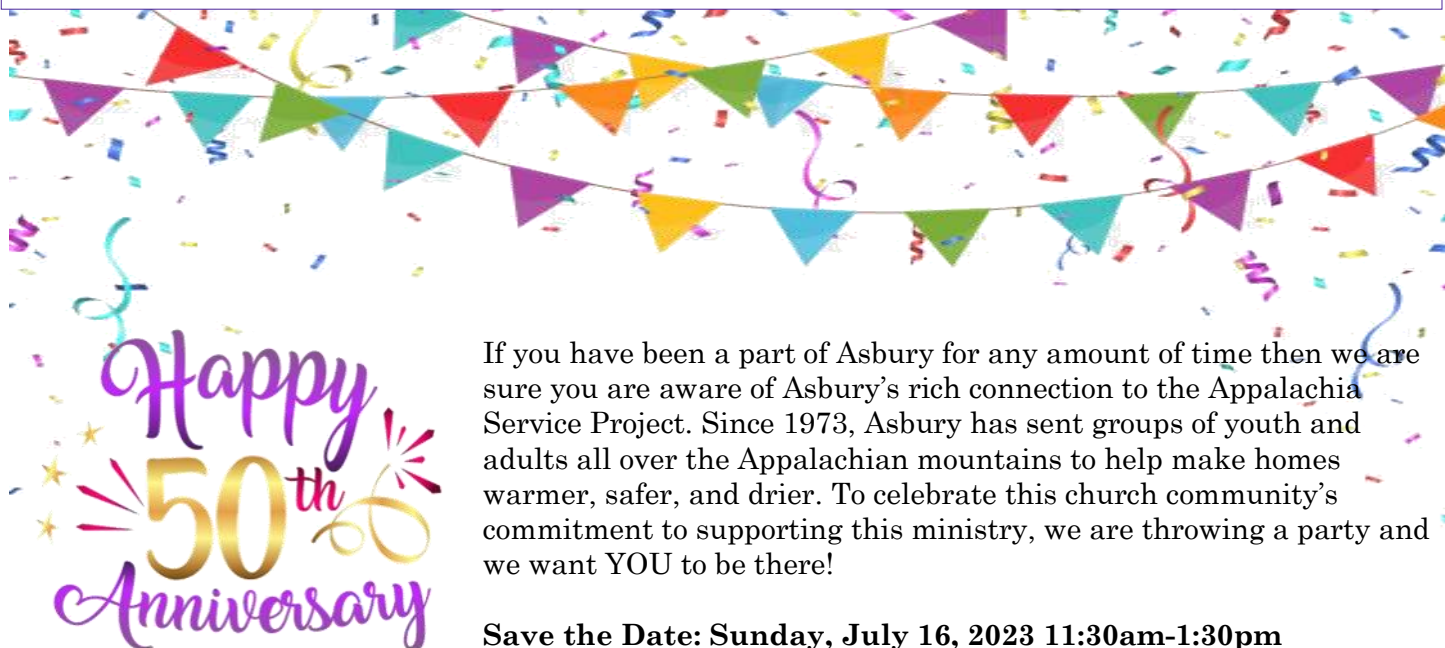
Neither this year's mission, nor the 49 that have come before would have been possible without the tremendous support of you, the congregation of Asbury. Your prayers, encouragement and financial support have sustained and grown this ministry over the past 50 years, and I can't wait to see what God and Asbury has in store for the future! Mark your calendars for a very special 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration to be held on Sunday, July 16. Plan to join us for a time of celebrating 50 years of ministry to the people of Appalachia and our local communities, as we look forward to continued growth and expansion of this awesome ministry.

In the meantime, we continue to covet your prayers as we prepare for our upcoming trip to Tennessee. Thank you, Asbury, for your continued support of this longstanding ministry. Love Strong!

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

**Carlton Bradshaw**

## ASP 50TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY



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

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

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



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



The Bible 101 class is studying the Gospel of John. This study is written by Robert Kysar for The Disciple Bible Study series. The Gospel of John is different from the other 3 Gospels. Theologians stress that chapters 1-12 could be called "The Signs Book" and 12-21 could be labeled "The Glory Book". Everyone is invited to come and join us as we study the Gospel of John in the Fox room at 10:00 on Sunday mornings.



The Open Hearts, Open Minds Class has been using a series from Living the Questions called Saving Jesus Redux. Once we began the episodes, we discovered that each one had enough discussion content to separate each lesson into two parts. In the schedule below, you can get a small snapshot of the series' content. Since January, we have delved into Jesus Through the Ages, Who was Jesus, What can we know and how about Jesus, and The World into which He was Born. The lessons below examine Jesus's ministry and the incarnation.

**ON MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>**, we fast forward to the 18<sup>th</sup> century, as Professor Ray Thompson will discuss the founding of Asbury and provide a tour of the church.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ANY OF THESE SESSIONS.**

5/7	Teachings of Jesus: The Wisdom Tradition Parts 1 & 2
5/14	Teachings of Jesus: The Wisdom Tradition Part 2 + Curriculum Planning
5/21	Asbury's Foundations with Professor Ray Thompson

## ADDITION TO SANCTUARY

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



## CHURCH & SOCIETY



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

### *Lunch & Learn*

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

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

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

## JAMES M. BENNETT HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIAL

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

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

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



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

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

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



## ALTAR FLOWERS ARRANGEMENTS



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](mailto:lydia@asburyweb.org)



## ASBURY NEWS

### Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial 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.\*\*\*

### 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](mailto:kristen@asburyweb.org).

### Afghan Family Date Change

The date for the recently announced dinner with our Afghan family and the Delmarva Muslim Community (originally announced for April 23) has been changed to May 21st. **Mark your calendars!**

### 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

SUM is currently seeking to fill two Kid's Café Coordinator positions. One position is the coordinator, the other is an assistant coordinator. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Donaway, Executive Director, at 410-749-1563 or email [sbyurbanministries@gmail.com](mailto:sbyurbanministries@gmail.com). ***Thank you!!***



# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Baptism



**Levi Mathers**  
 4/16/2023  
**Vivian Jade Dow**  
 4/23/2023



## Memorials

### Aaron Pulhamus

*Debra Welsh*  
*Vicki Gray*  
*David & Marsha Pulhamus*  
*Gloria & Freeland Weeder*  
*Open Hearts Open Minds SS Class*  
*Vic & Jean Laws, III*  
*Frank & Frankie Shipper*  
*Rick & Carol Bisker*



### Richard "Dick" Cropper

*Rick & Carol Bisker*  
*Suzanne Erskine*



## MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Time	Meeting
3	Wed	6:00 p.m.	SPRC
9	Tue	5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
10	Wed	7:00 p.m.	Leadership Team
24	Wed	10:00 a.m.	UWIF
30	Tue	10:00 a.m.	Altar Guild (Off-site)

\*\*\* 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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**Director of Children and Care Ministries:**  
*Heather Harman*  
**Director of Finance and Building:** *Janice Ilczuk*  
**Director of Adult Spiritual Formation and**  
**Membership:** *Rev. Kristen Wall-Love*  
**Director of Youth & Family Ministries:**  
*Brooke Christensen*  
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