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Editor: Lydia Childs



One of my favorite things about Spring is the return of baseball. Baseball is a game unlike many others. No clock. No turnovers. No hurry. (I wish no designated hitter, but I continue to route for the American League and the Orioles. I must be a glutton for punishment.) My kids can't stand watching it or listening to it, but every game reminds me of watching or listening to the Milwaukee Brewers play after dinner during the summer with my grandfather. Those were special times. And in April, everyone has a shot at the pennant, including the O's.

My good friend, Jim Melson, also reminded me that Baseball passed an important milestone last month. On April 15, every player wore number 42 in honor of the 75th anniversary of Jackie Robinson integrating the major leagues. It is well known that he was the first Black player in the modern era of the major league and that talented Black players had been forced to play in the Negro Leagues for decades. Yet just as important as when Jackie Robinson integrated the major leagues is how he did it. His amazing athletic ability was coupled with an equally amazing commitment to nonviolence in response to the constant barrage of racist abuse aimed at him in cities around the country. As with any of us, such nonviolence does not come naturally. It takes both personal intention and community support. For Jackie Robinson, that intention and support were nurtured by Branch Rickey who was the general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Before signing him to a major league contract, Branch Rickey confronted Jackie Robinson with a variety of racist scenarios he was bound to face from baseball fans, players, and management. Although there was no way to prevent these racist attacks, Jackie Robinson could not retaliate. Otherwise it would provide an excuse to perpetuate negative stereotypes about "angry and violent" Black men that would likely set back integrating the major league for years to come.

Branch Rickey's signing and support of Jackie Robinson were not just about acquiring the talent of a great baseball player. From the time that he went to Ohio Wesleyan College in the early 20th century, Branch Rickey developed a passion for racial justice. He witnessed the racist mistreatment of a Black teammate on the college's baseball team and acted in support of his teammate. Jackie Robinson's commitment to racial justice began before his major league career and continued throughout his life. After retiring from an historic baseball career, he was active in the modern civil rights movement. He became one of the most sought after speakers of that era.

Let's model the way of Christ as Jackie Robinson and Branch Rickey did. Let's support and care for one another in the midst of the struggles around us.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tom



Dear Church Family,



We have so much to celebrate in music ministry. We had an amazing production of Godspell spread over three shows right before Palm Sunday. It was such a wonderful experience for everybody involved. A big congrats and many thanks to all that helped make this event so successful. I especially enjoyed working closely with acting director Mark Tyler, who has a reflection to share.

“In mid-January, I was sitting in the sanctuary alone asking myself the question, can we really organize a performance of Godspell for Asbury this year or is this just too much? After all, Michael and I were working very hard trying to recruit stage talent, we had to locate light and sound equipment, and there were going to be many hours of rehearsals to hold as we continued to recover from the Omicron wave of the pandemic. How were we going to do it?

With God, however, all things are possible. We were blessed with a diverse group of very talented vocalists and actors (several from within our church), very talented instrumentalists for the band, and an outpouring of support on all other aspects of the production-costumes/props, choreography, lighting, sound, etc. Although I am very pleased with the final product, which I hope you experienced and found to be a moving worship experience, what always touches me the most in directing a production like this is the lesson that God demonstrates to me each time—that through faith, we can always trust He will help us build up that which He wants for us. With Godspell, I believe our church can be pleased with the good work of all those directly involved. A special thanks to everyone on the production team (you know who you are)! But the loudest praise must be to God for the great things he has done here. As the song from the show says, “we can build, a beautiful city, yes we can, yes we can!”-Mark Tyler

Our Palm Sunday services were filled with moving music, and it was such a delight having kids share their talents in worship via singing and/or ringing. Easter Sunday was so moving. All of the services were meaningful and filled with joy as we celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus. It was extra special having a full brass ensemble with timpani at our Festive service to help lead worship with the Chancel Choir and Revelation Ringers. It was fun having the congregation join in singing the “Hallelujah Chorus” as the final hymn.

On Sunday, May 22 the Salisbury Children’s Choir under the direction of Alice Wigfield will be singing for us in worship at the Festive service. This highly skilled choir has a broad range of repertoire and will be sharing some sacred music with us in a variety of styles. The Salisbury children’s choir is regionally known and has upcoming spring concerts. For more information, please visit their website: salisburychildrenschoir.com.

On Pentecost Sunday, June 5, our Woodwinds ensemble will be returning to enhance worship through music with us at the 10:00AM service!! Another blessing to celebrate!

All Best,

Dr. Michael Stefanek
Director of Music Ministries





I shared this article a year ago, but I just love the analogy. It describes three types of givers that I thought was interesting and a little amusing.

It stated that there are three kinds of givers - the flint, the sponge, and the honeycomb. To get anything out of a flint, you must hammer it - and then, you get only chips and sparks. To get water out of a sponge, you must squeeze it - and the more pressure you use, the more you will get. But the honeycomb just overflows with its own sweetness.

Well, let me say that we are blessed with a congregation of “honeycomb” givers here at Asbury, and for that, we are thankful. God has been so good to us, and while we could never “pay Him back” for what He's done, we can certainly respond in love and obedience regarding giving. A huge “thank you” to all for such faithful giving.

In recent bulletin notes and Asburian, we challenged you with a goal of helping to fund the budgets of the Special Lent Offering (\$700) and Special Easter Offering (\$4,200). We received \$741 for our Lent Offering and so far \$3,170 towards our Easter Offering. You can still give towards the Easter Offering to help make the budget! The Easter envelopes are still in the pews and backs of the chairs. Please pray about giving an amount over your regular giving for Easter. If you do not have an envelope, please just mark “Easter” on the memo line of your check. If giving by cash please make sure to use the Easter envelope.

Other giving for the first quarter including through the operating budget: UMCOR Sunday \$745, UMCOR Ukraine \$1725, Lazarus Fund - \$693, Salisbury Urban Ministries - \$2,000, Habitat-\$700, UM Missionaries- \$625 and the list could go on and on. Powerful illustrations of our Asbury “honeycombers”!

Income/Expenses	Jan-March 2022 Actual	Jan-March 2022 Budget
Pledge Contributions	\$206,514	\$215,000
Plate Contributions	\$3,553	\$3,000
Special Contributions	\$741	\$700
Endowment	\$12,786	\$12,786
Rentals	\$12,972	\$11,625
Interest-checking/mma/cd	\$27	\$15
Gain/loss on stock	(\$28)	(\$50)
Total Income	\$236,564	\$243,076
Property Expenses	\$35,742	\$39,159
Ministry Expenses	\$73,053	\$76,905
Administrative Expenses	\$34,280	\$34,622
Apportionments	\$27,960	\$27,960
Employee Benefits	\$35,505	\$35,930
Total Expenses	\$206,541	\$214,576
Net	\$30,023	\$28,500

If you have any questions concerning any of the finances, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Janice Ilczuk
Director of Finance & Building

BUILDING RENOVATIONS

The Trustees have been working hard to continue the upgrades to our facilities. 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. This hallway will be closed for asbestos removal for approximately two weeks, and then will be under construction for several more weeks. After ACDC closes for the summer, the asbestos remediation will move to that area. 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 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. Any questions, ask Janice or Pastor Tom.



EVENING BIBLY STUDY WITH PASTOR TOM PASMORE

Please join Pastor Tom as he explores *Faithful & Inclusive: The Bible, Sexuality and the United Methodist Church*, a video series developed by Rev. Rob Fuquay, the senior pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, one of the largest United Methodist congregations in the country.

Rev. Fuquay creates a safe space to navigate through this thorny issue, relying on the biblical-interpretation approach of Methodism's founder, John Wesley. Each video session also features the faith journeys of members of the LGBTQ community and their families.

The sessions cover these subjects:

- 1: How United Methodists Interpret Scripture
- 2: Old Testament Passages
- 3: The Influence of Culture on How We Read the Bible
- 4: New Testament Passages
- 5: The Jesus Ethic: What Did Christ Say?



This five-session study will be held at Asbury at 7:00 pm on Thursday nights, beginning on Thursday, April 21st, and concluding on May 19th. Pastor Tom will facilitate the discussions so that the participants can engage in respectful conversations focused on scripture, tradition, personal experiences, and reason - the basis of our Wesleyan understanding of faith. There is space at the table for a variety of perspectives. You are welcome to join us.



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

ASBURY ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild would like to thank all those who purchased Easter lilies and helped create the beautiful setting in our Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall on Easter Sunday. The women of the Altar Guild work diligently throughout the year to care for and decorate the Sanctuary and assist those leading our worship services. If you see a member, please thank her!

Special Thanks to Asbury Altar Guild Members...

Priscilla Basehart

Sharon Dashiell

Jean Laws

Marilyn Batie

Norma Dobrowolski

Sara Lewis

Connie Boccia

Robin Evans

Brenda Martin

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Altar
Guild

Sara Lewis, Chair

Klaudia Thompson

Connie Boccia

Norma Dobrowolski



Dear Friends,

Altar Flowers

Easter and Spring are a time of Rebirth. We are asking you to consider helping us to re-establish our wonderful tradition of flowers for the altar. Whether it be for the Sanctuary, or a simple few flowers consistent with the theme of the CAYR service, all are welcome. Prior to our closing over the past two years, members placed the flowers in the vases to remember and honor loved ones, and for special anniversaries and events. Not only did it have meaning for them, but also in a subtle way made members aware of what was on their minds. It is just another way of strengthening our community. We are in the process of setting up a new system to make this easiest for old and new members. The dates and time you prefer can be selected and reserved. Barbara Whitehead has agreed to help us restore this tradition. If you are interested donating a vase, please contact the church office or email Lydia@asburyweb.org.

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” 61 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 28 & 29. The students participated in different activities, enjoyed a sno-cone and had a lot of fun with their classmates.

We would like to thank all of our ACDC families for the continuous support each and every family provides to our school. We could not be who we are without supportive, dedicated parents and families.

We would like to announce that our school still has plenty of openings for our 2022-2023 school year. We have openings in our 3’s T/TH classes and our 2’s T/TH classes. Please feel free to call our school office at 410-742-7058 to set up a tour to come and see our wonderful school! Thank you all!

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Heather Harman, *Director of Children’s Ministry*

Kids’ Sunday School!

Our Sunday School year is drawing to a close with just a few weeks left! Be sure to send in those ASP donations so we can meet the \$500 challenge. On May 1st we will be building birdhouses to send with the ASP team to give to the families they help on their trip. The last day of Sunday School is May 15th, and we will present the ASP team with our (hopefully!) \$500 donation and the birdhouses that morning.



***Please note that there is *No Sunday School* on Mother’s Day, May 8th.

Kids’ Choirs

On Palm Sunday, the Kids’ Choirs filled the Sanctuary with beautiful music to praise God!

**Cherub Choir pictured*

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Brooke Christensen, *Youth Director*



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

First Friday Youth Group

April's "First Friday" event was on a Thursday again. We went to see the For King and Country concert at the Civic center and it was awesome!! The concert was wonderful, the company was wonderful, and the dinner before the show was equally wonderful. The youth were also inspired to sponsor a 12 year old girl named Jeni through Compassion International. Jeni is from Bangladesh and enjoys art, singing, group games and spending time with friends. She has 3 siblings and helps out the family with gardening/farming and household chores. If you're interested in joining us as we support Jeni you are certainly welcome to!

Confirmation

Confirmation Sunday is May 22nd. Our Love Buckets look amazing! Thank you church for showering our youth with love and letting them know you are here for them as they take this next step in their faith journey. The cut-off date for love bucket items is May 15th if you are still looking to participate.

This year the confirmands got to participate in a Passover Seder meal led by Jodi Meyers and the whole Tyler family. The event was so meaningful and a lot of the students came away with a stronger realization of Christianity's roots in the Jewish tradition. There is meaning in what we do. I know I came away with a renewed appreciation.





WESLEY FOUNDATION

What is the Wesley Foundation?

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

So what are we up to?

Bible Study

12:00 Sundays in the new Youth/Young Adult room by Fellowship Hall. We have snacks! And discussion! And Bibles!



Wesley Wednesday

In April we had a D&D Night hosted by Donny Pasmore. We didn't complete the quest, but we defeated a monster and solved a riddle, and also had pleasant conversations with guards and statues. We were basically the most cooperative and pleasant party ever. We'll definitely be doing this again!

In May we will be having an Open House Relaxation event. The third Wednesday is in the middle of finals week so we will have yard games, comfy furniture and the Humane Society will be coming with pups to pet! Spread the news to all the young adults in your life.

Wednesday, May 18 from 11:00am-3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall parking lot.

Help Us Spread Some Cheer

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

–Brooke

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND MEMBERSHIP



Dear faith family,

May's spiritual practice is the elimination of hurry. Before you roll your eyes and mutter, "yeah right," I encourage you to keep reading (pretty please?). I have gathered excerpts of wisdom from my friends at Renovare that have really helped me, so I pray you will consider participating in May's practice—and it takes A LOT of practice. That's ok. Be of good courage and read on!

First, if you are an extremely task oriented person (or type A personality), you will resist this ALL DAY LONG (Pay attention to that and lean into it). This first excerpt is from Carolyn Arends, whose words I found so helpful as I scoffed at this concept years ago. Maybe you have similar questions to Arends who asked "[What about those] delivering a toddler to preschool? "What about firefighters?" "Do you want an emergency room physician who refuses to hurry?" She succinctly shares that it is possible to work efficiently and even quickly without hurrying:

Working fast means going as quickly as you can without cutting corners or sacrificing either the quality of the project or the well-being of the people involved.

Hurrying means the opposite — rushing the process, sacrificing quality, and often using people like tools or commodities.

Working fast means operating at the upper limits of your capabilities and capacities.

Hurrying is an attempt to exceed those limits or sustain the illusion they don't exist. It is a fear-driven, futile effort to outrun the normal passage of time — and it leaves the hurrier unable to attend to the present.

I concede that in my own life, as hurry intensifies, mistakes increase. Not to mention tension headaches.

So on further reflection I guess I'd rather not have a hurried firefighter or physician. And I don't want to be the sort of parent, spouse, friend or colleague who is in too much of a rush to be available and truly present.

Here is an excerpt from *Soul Keeping* where John Ortberg writes about interviewing Dallas Willard:

...What do I need to do, I asked him, to be spiritually healthy?

Long pause.

"You must ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life," he said at last.

Another long pause.

"Okay, I've written that one down," I told him, a little impatiently. "That's a good one. Now what else is there?" I had many things to do, and this was a long-distance call, so I was anxious to cram as many units of spiritual wisdom into the least amount of time possible.

Another long pause.

"There is nothing else," he said. "You must ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life."

¹ <https://renovare.org/articles/a-hurry-free-life>.

² John Ortberg, *Soul Keeping: Caring for the Most Important Part of You*, 20.

Here is an excerpt from Chris Hall's perspective:

Richard Foster writes, "Our Adversary the devil majors in three things: noise, hurry, and crowds. If he can keep us engaged in 'muchness' and 'manyness,' he will rest satisfied."

In any case, in such a hectic, fragmented, unruly environment, we ourselves also become deeply, discouragingly fragmented... Our ancient brothers and sisters suggest that we can succeed only by finding "space" that is calm enough, settled enough, free enough from distractions and competing voices, that we can once again discern the quiet, insistent voice of God calling us into his wonderful, breathtaking mystery.

What kind of "space" are we talking about? It may be an open field or a starry sky. Or it may simply be any free, unrestricted, unhurried setting that can nurture health and growth and life. It includes "interior space," that is, spaciousness in our emotional and inner life, where we so frequently need freedom from the demands and urges and anxieties that seem to fill us...

That last one is uber important—interior space free from hurry. From personal experience, I deeply understand what it is like to be "not hurrying" on the outside and having a hairy canary on the inside because my "interior space" was far from unhurried, filled with presumptions, anxiety, overfunctioning, pride, and impatience. One of the remedies, as it were, for facilitating practice of unhurried interior space is silence and solitude—time with God. And, of course, practice, practice, practice—remember we are training up in the spiritual life, strengthening our spiritual muscles! That doesn't happen on demand. It's a journey.

One more excerpt to encourage you, because this is hard (and heart) work:

[Instead of] 'Four easy steps to spiritual growth' [a more accurate slogan would be] 'How to become more like Jesus in 70 challenging years.' ... One of Renovare's past presidents, Chris Hall, is fond of saying (quoting one of his mentors James Houston), "Spiritual formation is the slowest of all human movements." It's not a message that sells. But it's the truth. God is much more patient than we are. As a general rule He works incrementally – a shift in perspective here, a small breakthrough there, slowly enlarging our capacity to see and receive what He has for us.

So, I challenge you to join me in taking this on in the month of May. Set aside some time to pray and plan times when you will practice eliminating hurry from your life. Start with one day or even half of a day. Notice how it feels—no judgment, just notice. Jot some of your feelings and thoughts down and keep practicing. I will share the thing that helped me the most: leave earlier—add 10- 15 minutes more time than you think you will need. You may come to find, like I did, that hurry is a habit that is sucking a lot of the joy from our lives unnecessarily.

Let me know if you want to participate by checking "monthly spiritual practice" on your connection card and I will check in with you during the month. **kristen@asburyweb.org**



On the journey with you,

Kristen Wall-Love

Director of Spiritual Formation & Membership

kristen@asburyweb.org

³ <https://renovare.org/articles/catching-our-breath>.

⁴ <https://renovare.org/articles/learning-to-trust-the-slow-work-of-god>

ASBURY SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE



Our annual mission trip to Appalachia is fast approaching, and we now know where we will be serving this year. Clay County, WV, the home of the Golden Delicious apple, will be our home away from home during the week of June 20. This will be the first time our group has served there; the ASP organization first served Clay in 2018 and has not returned until this year.

There is still work to be done here at home before our trip. Having completed three ramp builds this program year, we have one more, scheduled for May 7. We continue to be blessed through our partnership with Chesapeake Housing Mission that allows us to train for Appalachia by constructing wheelchair ramps for local, needy families.

Throughout the program year, we prepare and serve dinners at the Christian Shelter one Sunday each month. Our final Sunday dinner for the Spring will be on May 1, and so there will be opportunities the first Sundays in June – September for other groups to take provide a dinner for the guests of the Shelter. In years past, these dinners have been provided by Sunday School classes, study groups, etc. Contact Charles Emery (443-877-7750) or me for more information if your group is interested.

Thank you, Asbury, for your continued support of this longstanding ministry!

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

Carlton Bradshaw
Chair, BOD

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE



- ◆ Begins Sunday, May 29
- ◆ 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 remain open every Sunday.



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK - MAY 1-7

Teacher Appreciation Week is celebrated in the first full week of May, from May 1 through May 8 in 2022, and is when teachers get the extra credit they deserve. The big day is Teacher Appreciation Day on May 5, but teachers are just so great that they get a whole week to savor our appreciation.



MOTHER'S DAY - SUNDAY, MAY 8

Mother's Day is observed the second Sunday in May. It is a time to honor mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers for their contribution to family and society.

ARMED FORCE DAY (US) - MAY 21

*The purpose of Armed Forces Day is to honor the men and women who serve in each branch of the U.S. military. Armed Forces Day falls on the **third Saturday in May** each year.*



VICTORIA DAY - MONDAY, MAY 23

*The British queen was born on May 24, 1819. She was a **reigning monarch** (Queen) for 63 years, seven months and two days.*

Victoria Day was declared a Canadian holiday by the government in 1845.

MEMORIAL DAY - MONDAY, MAY 30

*Memorial Day **commemorates all men and women who have died in U.S. military service.** It's not to be confused with Veterans Day, which celebrates the service of U.S. military veterans, or with Armed Forces Day, which honors men and women currently in service. Memorial Day began a few years after the Civil War, in 1868.*



PUPPETS FOR CHRIST SPAGHETTI DINNER IS BACK!

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

Entertainment will begin at 6:00pm with dinner following. Ticket sales will begin on Sunday, April 24, May 1 and 8 at each service, which gives you 3 Sundays to buy your tickets! Ticket prices are \$10/adult, \$5/children (4-12) and children 3 and under are FREE. The ticket sale deadline will be May 8th. Tickets will not be sold after this date. **No Exceptions! There will be NO sales at the door!** Also, reservations for parties of 6 or more can be made when you buy your tickets.



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

10TH ANNUAL "NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER" MAY 5



The "National Day of Prayer" starts with a breakfast at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center at 7:00am with speaker Thann Bennett, Author of *My Fame* and *In Search of the King*. Tickets are \$20/per person, \$160/table of 8, and \$150/table of 6 (optional) are available at the Country House, by calling Ted Evans at (410) 430-4189 or by mail (send check payable to Salisbury Area Prayer Breakfast Committee c/o Magi Fund, P.O. Box 521 Salisbury, MD 21803).

THE 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF SALISBURY CATHEDRAL MAY 25, 26 & 27, 2022

The Sister Cities Association of Salisbury/Wicomico County is pleased to mark the amazing 800th anniversary of Salisbury Cathedral in our sister city in the UK with music, entertainment and activities.

Most events will take place at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in downtown Salisbury and the public is invited. All events are free.





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



**Fundraiser Supporting
Salisbury Urban Ministries**

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



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

Make Checks Payable to:

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

Snack Donations Needed

We would appreciate donations of individually wrapped snacks for our upcoming fundraising event, **Care for the Cause, May 22, 3:00pm at** Trinity UMC, Family Life Center

Individually wrapped snacks such as:

- Cookies, crackers
- Chips, pretzels
- Candy bars

Please drop off your items no later than Monday, May 16 to: Salisbury Urban Ministries, 326 Barclay St. **Questions: Call Salisbury Urban Ministries: 410-749-1563**

SUM Job Opening: Kid’s Café Assistant Coordinator

Assistant Coordinator position with possible promotion to position of Coordinator. Prefer AA degree with coursework in elementary education or childhood development. Or two years of practical experience in place of AA degree. Maryland licensed driver with a clean driving record. Must be at least 21 years old (auto insurance requirement). Proficient with Microsoft Office. Able to lift 25lbs. Complete a background check. Part-time, approximately 16 hours per week. Summer: Monday-Thursday, 12:00-4:00 pm, occasional Fridays. Fall: Monday-Thursday, 2:30-6:30pm. Paid holidays and vacation after one year. Email resume to: sbyurbanministries@gmail.com or fax resume to: 410-749-956.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

Deborah Circle – *Maggie Fulkrod*

Deborah Circle meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the church. Next meeting will be April 26th. All women are welcome! Contact Maggie Fulkrod mfulkrod1@verizon.net

Dorcas Circle – *Susan Cropper*

Dorcas will meet on May 10th at Asbury in the Mackey Room. We will be discussing Joyce Meyer's book, "Seven Things That Steal Your Joy". This will be our last meeting before our summer break. Hope to see you all there. Any questions, please contact Susan Cropper at 410-548-1718.

Eve Circle – *Amy Cropper*

Eve circle is meeting on Wednesday, May 11th at 7:15 at Shelly Marshall's house.

Joanna Circle – *Carol Bisker*

Circle Joanna will meet on Monday, May 9th at 10 AM at the home of Carol Bisker. We will be making Father's Day cards.



UMW Mans Godspell Concessions

UMW did the concessions for the wonderful performance of Godspell on April 8th and 9th. Brooke Madruga and Ashlee Plotts of UMW organized, solicited donations, and executed the selling of the concession snacks. Kudos to their tireless efforts!

Concessions were a hit with people snacking on M&Ms and Lemonade the most. 250+ snacks were sold in the course of the shows! Utz donated 800+ bags of chips and Pepsi donated water and the Lemonade. It was a success!!!

UMW District Spring Event

UMW conference will be held at Trinity Church Pavilion on Saturday, April 30th from 9:00 to 11:00. All women are invited. No registration required – so drop in and learn what great things are happening with UWIF.

Faith Based Partnership

UMW will be partnering with Bennett High School. We will be meeting this spring to develop ways that we can provide support for their staff and students.

UMW HAS A NEW NAME - UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWIF)



United Methodist Women is now *United Women in Faith!* The move is part of a refreshing of the organization that includes a new logo and an array of new and improved programs to nurture current members and welcome new women to join to put their love in action on behalf of women, children, and youth.

The organization announced the new operating name in the March-April edition of **response**, its bimonthly magazine for members.

The new programs are fruits of research conducted over the past five years with more than 24,000 United Methodists and women of other Christian traditions participating in the surveys, focus groups and interviews. This input informed the prayerful discernment of staff and elected leaders.

The changes are designed to address the different needs and life stages of current members and new women and expand options for membership and engagement. The new name also aims to welcome current members whose local churches may choose to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church as well as women of other faith traditions who want to join.

For more information, go online to the following website:

*United Methodist Women Is Now United Women in Faith | United Women in Faith
(uwfaith.org)*

“OUR TIME OF PRAYER” WITH REV. GENEVIEVE BROWN



Come join Wesley Temples “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



Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 30 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 3 thru September 2, 2022.

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.

The shop has resumed normal operating hours:

Donations

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

Shopping

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

158 W. Market Street, Salisbury, MD

Check us out on Facebook.

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

Salisbury Urban Ministries Donations needed for:

Lazarus Food Pantry: Cereal Bars, Cereal

Kid's Café: Youth White T-Shirts (Size Large), Variety of Snack Cakes, Sunscreen (SPF 50 or higher)

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

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

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY MEETINGS			
Date	Day	Time	Meeting
4	Wed	7:00pm	SPRC
10	Tue	5:30pm	Board of Trustees
11	Wed	7:00pm	Leadership Team
12	Thu	5:30pm	Finance Committee
24	Tue	10:00am	Altar Guild
25	Wed	7:00pm	UMW

****** 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.******



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Lillie Largey

Ronaleen Gapetz

Linda Wiles

Shirley Cropper

Jean & Vic Laws

Holly & Keith Foster

Connie Seymour

Carolyn Gruber

Shirley Silvia

George & Barbara Whitehead

Richard Culver

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Pat Sterling

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