

# the ASBURIAN

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## TRUTH

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. *John 8:32*

## HEAVEN

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. *1 Corinthians 2:9*

## ARMOR OF GOD

Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. *Ephesians 6:11*

## NEIGHBORS

Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. *Romans 15:2*

## KINDNESS

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. *Ephesians 4:32*

## FORGIVENESS

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:19*

## ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

For Christ also suffered\* for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the spirit. *1 Peter 3:18*

## LOVE

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

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*From the desk of*

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**PASTOR TOM PASMORE**

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I don't know about you, but I think that our world is really struggling right now. As I sit down to write today, the Holy Land is essentially at war. The Russians continue to blast away in Ukraine. The political gridlock at a national level is spilling over into local government. It's all a lot to keep track of. I encourage you to be in prayer about all that is happening in our world.

My friend Jim Melson recently wrote about the issues in the Holy Land:

*For almost two weeks, news about violence and death in Israel-Palestine has dominated daily media reports. One of the most horrific stories was about an explosion at the Al-Alhi Hospital in Gaza that reportedly killed hundreds of civilians who had gathered at the hospital seeking protection from Israeli air strikes. At this point, the Israeli and Palestinian combatants are blaming each other for the explosion. While there will be investigations into the cause of the explosion, the deaths of hundreds of innocent people reveal the horror of war that continues throughout Gaza and Israel. With the violence escalating daily, it is hard to have any sense of hope for the people in that part of our world.*

*Yet in the midst of these daily horrors, I came across something that gives me cause to hope. I was reading an online newsletter that mentioned an organization called Roots and included a link to their website. Their mission is "Fostering a grassroots movement of understanding, nonviolence, and transformation among Israelis and Palestinians." Their story goes back to 2014 when relationships began between a group of Israelis and Palestinians on the West Bank. They summarize their work as follows:*

*We are a unique network of local Palestinians and Israelis who have come to see each other as the partners we both need to make changes to end our conflict. Based on a mutual recognition of each People's connection to the Land, we are developing understanding and solidarity despite our ideological differences. Roots is a place where local people can take responsibility. Our work is aimed at challenging the assumptions our communities hold about each other, building trust and creating a new discourse around the conflict in our respective societies. This is a grassroots and local model for making change — from the bottom up.*

*In the face of the recent horrific violence in Israel-Palestine, it is easy to despair and dismiss a group like Roots as too small and insignificant to make a real difference. However, the power of God through people committed to mutual understanding and nonviolence should not be underestimated. There is always a path forward in the darkness if we are brave enough to take it. May God help us do just that.*

Yours in Christ,

**Pastor Tom**



**SPRC - PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH**

***Sharing Our Thanks:***

October was officially "Pastor Appreciation Month" but SPRC feels it is more appropriate that we celebrate our own Pastor Tom during November – the month of Thanksgiving. As a committee we have shared our appreciation and our feelings of being blessed by having Pastor Pasmore as our prayerful leader. We trust in him to offer guidance as we deal with any challenges and as we plan for the future here at Asbury. We invite everyone in the congregation to share your appreciation for him with him during this month of giving thanks for the many blessings we all have personally and as a church family.

## 2022 - 2023 ALL SAINTS

John Alder

Denny Bloodsworth

Ann Burns

Mary Carey

Harry Cooper



Richard Cropper

Sue Hager

Todd Hershey

Donald Johnson

Fred Moutrie



James Noel

Vern Phillips

Aaron Pulhamus

Charles Silvia

Susan Stockslager

Jeff "Scott" Turner



*They left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come. Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. **Bless the memories of your saints, God.** May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.*

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



On Sunday, November 5, 2023, Asbury Church celebrates All Saints Sunday, where we remember and honor those who have died in the past year. We will acknowledge your loved one on this Sunday, and we want to offer you our love and support at this time. Our celebration of those who have passed is held in all of our Sunday morning services: Early Morning Asbury, a traditional worship at 8:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary; CAYR worship at 8:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall (a casual service); and our Festive Traditional Worship at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

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

### Saturday, December 2 at 4:00 PM

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

### Sunday, December 10 at 7:00 PM

- Annual Lessons & Carols by Candlelight Service. Music will be led by choir, organ, and woodwinds.

**Dr. Michael Stefanek**

*Director of Music Ministries*

## NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD



Nancy Farley, *Chair*  
Carolyn Connors  
Norma Dobrowolski  
Suzanne Press



## FINANCE

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

“Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the Lord with a whole heart, and King David also rejoiced greatly” *1 Chronicles 29:9.*

As we rapidly approach the end of another year, we are praying and seeking the Lord’s hand over our finances.

Financial highlights:

- We have received \$30,170 in Close the Gap contributions- amazing! We had projected to end September with a \$32,000 deficit but because of your generosity the deficit was reduced to \$2,000.
- We are analyzing our pledged/unpledged giving to see how close we will meet the estimated budget of \$655,000-currently at \$478,000.
- Plate contributions of \$32,000 have already exceeded this year’s budget of \$25,000–this will help make up deficits in any other income areas.
- Soon, we will be receiving special offerings for Thanksgiving and Christmas, with budgets of \$1,500 and \$6,000, respectively - please help us meet these goals.
- Expenses are in line with budget, and we are encouraged that we will come in under budget in most areas, barring any unexpected expenses.
- We have blessed many ministries so far with your donations-just to list a few; Salisbury Urban Ministries - \$6,000, Lazarus Fund-\$1900, Camp Pecometh- \$1000, Habitat-\$700, World Communion Sunday-\$530, UMCOR Sunday-\$500, Feeding Ministries- \$750

How can you help your church in finishing 2023 financially? Pray over and continue your faithful, generous giving. Your donations are how we do ministry.

Please pray that we are faithful for what God has placed into the hands of Asbury.

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

Income & Expense Comparison	January - September Actual	January - September Budget	Annual Budget
Pledge/Unpledged Contributions	\$478,293	\$495,000	\$655,000
Plate Contributions	\$31,932	\$13,500	\$25,000
Special Contributions	\$5,392	\$5,300	\$12,800
Endowment	\$27,705	\$27,705	\$27,705
Rentals	\$36,309	\$28,225	\$32,825
Interest-checking/mma/cd	\$7,649	\$6,670	\$14,040
Gain/loss on stock	(\$55)	(\$250)	(\$500)
Operating Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$39,630
Total Income	\$587,225	\$576,150	\$806,500
Property Expenses	\$79,115	\$84,547	\$111,522
Ministry Expenses	\$228,211	\$238,601	\$316,473
Administrative Expenses	\$104,626	\$106,312	\$142,038
Apportionments	\$74,472	\$74,472	\$97,272
Employee Benefits	\$102,793	\$104,470	\$139,195
Total Expenses	\$589,217	\$608,402	\$806,500
Net	(\$1,992)	(\$32,252)	\$0



## 2024 BUDGET

The Finance Committee is in the midst of preparing the 2024 budget for the church's operating income and expenses. We understand that God knows our needs, yet it is still important for us to do our part in being obedient and prepare for the future.

You can help the Finance Committee prepare a realistic budget by completing a pledge commitment in November for next year. As we say every year – each pledge does make a difference! Individual pledge cards are kept confidential in the Finance Office – only the total amount of all pledges are shared with the Finance Committee. Have you considered your 2024 giving by electronic funds transfer (EFT)? It is very easy to sign up-just complete the back of your pledge card and we will do all the processing. Giving by EFT lessens the worry if you have cash/checks with you when you come to worship. It also maintains consistent giving and avoids the need to “catch up” on your giving when you are away.

**Janice Ilczuk**

*Director of Finance & Building*



At Asbury, we believe in the power of unity, compassion, and the extraordinary impact that a community can make when we come together for a common purpose. Our *Together We Rise* 2024 generosity campaign represents our commitment to serving others, lifting each other up, and creating lasting positive change within our church, our community, and beyond.

This month we will spend two Sundays talking about the faithfulness of God when we are faithful in return. God is capable of anything, and God can do so much more through us when we commit to our giving. Please be in prayer about your giving for the next year, and we will see where God calls us to go in 2024. With God *Together We Rise!*

## ASBURY SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE

**Dale Cropper**, *Ministry Leader*

It's already been a busy fall season for the Asbury ASP team! We had our kickoff meeting on September 24 with several new faces in attendance. Very exciting!!!

Our local mission service began on October 1 when we served dinner at Christian Shelter. Following this, on October 8 we had our first Car Wash fundraiser! It was a huge success! We were non-stop for over 3½ hours!!! Thank you, Asbury, for all of your support on this new fundraiser! In fact, we are planning on having another one on May 19...just in time for the pollen!

Our fall ramp build, in partnership with Chesapeake Housing Mission, was on October 21 in Westover for Mr. Johnson. We are looking forward to 3 more ramp builds in the spring.

We are looking into an ASP Local event this fall but don't have a date set in stone yet...so be on the lookout for an announcement in the bulletin and email blast. This is for any member of the congregation who would like to be more involved with missions on a local level.

It's almost time for our pancake breakfasts to start back! Our first pancake breakfast of the season is scheduled for November 12, so come hungry for good food and fellowship to help support our primary fundraiser for our annual mission trip to Appalachia. As usual, pancakes (plain, blueberry, & chocolate chip), sausage, egg casserole and fruit cups will be available.

We are still accepting signups for this year's ASP mission. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact me.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me at 410-430-3164.

**Dale Cropper**



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

Dear faith family,

It's a month of focusing on gratitude! The November "Alphabet of Gratitude" devotional was in the October 29 bulletin, but will also be available in the Welcome Centers. The devotional contains a scripture verse, quote, and reflection/journal prompt for all 26 letters of the alphabet. Intentionally count your blessings this month and give thanks to God!



Your co-worker in Christ,

Kristen Wall-Love,

Director of Adult Spiritual  
Formation & Membership

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



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT - BROOKE CHRISTENSEN

My name is Brooke Christensen and I am the Director of Youth and Family ministries as well as the Executive Director of the Wesley Foundation at Salisbury University. November 2023 marks my third year of working here but I was born into life at Asbury. I am a third generation Asburian, if you look around you'll see snippets of my family all over from the many engraved plaques and signs my maternal grandfather made to the Christensen garden dedicated to my paternal grandparents. My Aunt Nancy and Uncle Mike's wedding was even the first event to be held in the "new" sanctuary here on Camden Avenue!

As a youth at Asbury I was heavily involved in the handbell and ASP programs. In fact, I was a part of the first youth handbell choir with Sharon Birch! In high school I also took it upon myself to bring music time back to Sunday School and directed the Cherub choir with Amy Jones. As a young adult I also directed one of the bell choirs. After college I travelled around to different ministry settings trying out new things until I moved to Easton where I took on a second job as the youth director at St. Mark's to help pay for seminary. While in that position I was still active with handbells and sang in the Praise Band. I created an ASP experience for the students here at home and then took them on their first Appalachian trip the next year. As the Director of Visiting Angels I sat on several boards such as the Mid Shore Nursing Assistant Advisory Council and started Drum Circles with Visiting Angels, a service that went to memory care facilities and senior centers offering a drum circle program.

My parents, Buzz and Cindy, have been around the church a time or two. You may remember my dad from his time in the Praise Band or my mom as the Building Manager turned Children and Youth Director. I have a sister and a brother who are both married and live in town. My brother has two sweet baby boys, Braxton and Koda. Koda is pretty new so we don't know each other yet but I talk about Braxton alot...

I do SO many things for fun! First, I'm a crafter and I love to knit, crochet, quilt, paint, whatever strikes my fancy. This year I joined the Eastern Shore Ukulele Society which I have really enjoyed and I have become a little obsessed with my boyfriend's Peloton. I do have a habit of monetizing my hobbies which sometimes makes them less fun but I'm working on enjoying my hobbies for the pure sake of enjoyment.

I connect with God best through interaction with nature and exploring questions that I was sometimes told were "dangerous" as a youth. Wrestling can be simply frustrating or it can open up a new understanding of an infinite being I had put in a box. A podcast that gives me a lot to think about is, *The Bible for Normal People*.



## ASBURY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

*Casey Taylor, Director of ACDC*

ACDC had several events and activities that went on throughout October. All the students learned about fire safety and got to see a real fire engine. Our 3's, 4's and kindergarten classes went to the pumpkin patch at Wright's Farm. We also had school pictures taken in October. ACDC held a Family Fun Night on October 23rd. Families were able to come out and enjoy a puppet show hosted by our church puppet ministry and ice cream sundaes served by their teachers.

Our kindergarten play about the scarecrow and the pumpkin patch was quite a success and the students really did a fantastic job under the direction of their teacher, Danna Abbott. The kindergarten truly demonstrated wonderful performance skills and all were delighted with the show. They enjoyed a pizza lunch with their families after the show.

We look forward to the upcoming holidays and all of the festive events and activities that will be ongoing here at ACDC. We will be sure to keep everyone in the loop about our happenings. 😊

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Brooke Christensen, *Director of Youth & Family Ministries*



Pictures above: *The Youth Group had a blast getting lost at the Adkins Market corn maze last month.*



Pictures Below: *The Wesley Foundation bowling the night away at the Visiting Angels "Strikeout Alzheimer's" event supporting the Walk to End Alzheimer's.*





*Have you had a Kristen Wall-Love pie before?  
If so, then you know to JUMP on this fundraiser!*

# THANKSGIVING PIE FUNDRAISER

To benefit the Youthworks  
Middle School Mission Trip

Order by Nov. 15

Questions? Bob Love: 740.919.9164

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WELCOME  
CENTERS**

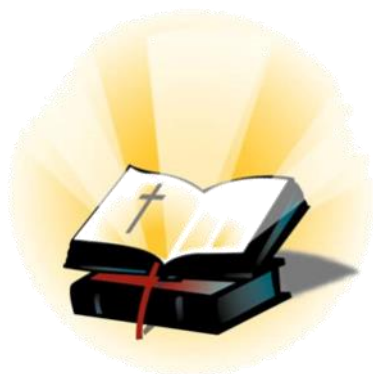


**PICK UP TUES. NOV. 21 (READY TO BAKE)  
WED. NOV 22 (BAKED)**



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## BIBLE 101



The Bible 101 class is studying the Book of PSALMS the next 12 weeks. Our guides are various translations of the Holy Bible and The LIFE CHANGE study series published by NAVPRESS. The class wants to deepen our understanding of prayer by looking at the prayers of our spiritual ancestors.

The prayers of the Psalmists have deep emotion, and we learn that God already knows our hopes and desires. Everyone is invited to join our class on Sunday mornings at 10 am to learn more about prayer in the Book of PSALMS.

### OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS

Come one, come ALL to the adult Sunday School class that meets in the Mackey Room at 9:45 a.m. Open Hearts, Open Minds welcomes everyone to participate in exploring the beliefs and values that underpin our lives and move us to “bring heaven to earth” as the hands and feet of Christ. Explore the foundations of Methodism, the Wesleyan way of being, and Advent to the Incarnation. At the beginning Dr. Ray Thompson will do a 2 session series on early Methodism and Asbury. We will be using Rueben Job’s **Three Simple Rules** to ascertain how to put Wesley’s call into action. These rules are “Do No Harm, Do Good,” and “Stay in Love with God.” There will be 2 sessions on Saving Jesus: Jesus’ Program The Kingdom of God, and finally a study entitled **From Heaven to Earth: Advent to Incarnation** by Rev. Will Willamon. The class uses DVDs from renowned theologians with time for lively discussions around questions and application of what and how we are called to the building of community through Christian discipleship.

Date	Topic
11/5	Saving Jesus: <b>Jesus’s Program the Kingdom of God</b>
11/12	Saving Jesus: <b>Jesus’s Program the Kingdom of God</b>
11/19	Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation, <b>Meanwhile</b>
11/26	Open Chat
12/3	Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation, <b>Surprised</b>
12/10	Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation, <b>Light</b>
12/17	Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation, <b>Rejoice</b>

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Hospitality: Pew/Chair Care** - We are looking for a volunteer(s) to care for the pews and/or chairs. Once a week, this servant would tend to the seats by making sure there are functional writing utensils, proper envelopes/papers, and that the area is clean and organized for worship on Sunday. This person could take on the pews in the Sanctuary and the chairs in the Fellowship Hall, or select one of these spaces on which to focus. Are you sensing a nudge? Please contact Lydia in the office if you are interested in serving in this way. Thank you!

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

**Greeters needed! Sign up today!** -We need greeters to offer a warm welcome at all of the various church entrances on Sunday morning. If you are interested in greeting during our morning services, please contact Doris Webster at [dorisw1@hotmail.com](mailto:dorisw1@hotmail.com) for the CAYR Service or contact Emily Saulsbury: [egsaulsbury@comcast.net](mailto:egsaulsbury@comcast.net) or 410-430-8251 for the EMA & Festive Services.

**Helpers For Special Mailings and Project** - The Church Office is in need of a couple more people to help with special mailings and projects like the Asburian, bulk mailings to the congregation, etc. Helpers are called a week prior to the mailing date (if time allows) and usually no more than twice a month. Most projects are 2 hours or less and in the morning at 9 a.m. It is a time of fellowship and catching up, while completing the task at hand with just a few simple instructions. If you are interested in being added to volunteer mailing call list, please contact the Church Office or email Lydia at [Lydia@asburyweb.org](mailto:Lydia@asburyweb.org)



# November events calendar



FALL BACK

- **Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 5, 2023, at 2:00 A.M.** On Saturday night, clocks are set back one hour (i.e., gaining one hour) to “fall back.”

*Note: Since the time changes at 2:00 A.M., we generally change our clocks before bed on Saturday.*

Veterans Day is a time for us to pay our respects to those who have served. For one day, we stand united in respect for you, our veterans.

This holiday started as a day to reflect upon the heroism of those who died in our country's service and was originally called [Armistice Day](#). It fell on Nov. 11 because that is the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. However, in 1954, the holiday was changed to "Veterans Day" in order to account for all veterans in [all wars](#).



NOVEMBER 11



Thanksgiving is a national holiday in the **United States** and is always celebrated on the **fourth Thursday in November**. In 2023, it will be observed on Thursday, November 23.

Thanksgiving has been held on the fourth Thursday in November since 1941, which means that the actual date of the holiday shifts each year. The earliest date that Thanksgiving can occur on is November 23; the latest, November 28.





Asbury is fortunate to have 4 very active Circle groups: Deborah, Dorcas, Eve and Joanna. Currently, Joanna is at capacity, but the other 3 Circles invite the women of Asbury to join! What do we do? Each Circle has its own personality and meeting time, but we all gather together for fellowship in the love and work of Jesus Christ. We invite you to try a Circle meeting - or more than one, so you can find the right fit! It is a great way to really feel a part of the church as you make new friends, strengthen your faith, help with missions, and just have fun!

**Joanna Circle – Carol Bisker**

Joanna will meet on Monday, November 13 at 10 am at the home of Carol Bisker. We will collect our World thank offering and start working on our Christmas cards for the church.

**Eve Circle – Amy Cropper**

Eve meets on Wednesday, November 15 at 7:15 pm at Brooke Madruga’s house. Ashlee Plotts is hosting with her.

**Deborah Circle - Maggie Fulkod**

Deborah Circle will be meeting Tuesday, October 31 at 6:30 pm at the church. We are beginning our new book study *Pushout: The Criminalization of black girls in schools*. All women are welcome to come enjoy fellowship and spiritual formation. Contact Maggie Fulkrod: [mfulkrod1@verizon.net](mailto:mfulkrod1@verizon.net)

**Dorcas Circle – Susan Cropper**

Dorcas Circle will meet Tuesday, November 14 at 10:00 am in the Fox Room at Asbury. We continue to read and discuss Joyce Meyer’s book, *110 Ways to Simplify Your Life*.

**Interested in joining a circle group? - Contact Connie Boccia, Membership Chair at 410-603-0253 or email: [pboccia@comcast.net](mailto:pboccia@comcast.net).**

**LUNCH & LEARN - SPEAKER RUTH CAMPBELL**



Asbury member Ruth Campbell will be our guest speaker on Sunday, November 5, as she addresses the topic: “Prison Ministry from a Deaconess in Healthcare.” Ruth is a Physician Assistant who has worked in Corrections since 1987. She has served in the healthcare department at Eastern Correctional Institute in Westover for 8 years. Her duties involve treating acute injuries and providing chronic care for the incarcerated persons at ECI. As a deaconess and a PA, she strives to integrate spirituality into her role as a healthcare provider. She will discuss ways that churches can engage in prison ministry, and how mass incarceration affects our communities. Join us for a light lunch at 12:15 pm in the Mackey Room. The programs usually run from 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm. RSVP’s are appreciated: please contact Lydia in the church office at 410-749-2131. ***Everyone is welcome!***

***Lunch & Learn programs are sponsored by the Church & Society committee.***

**SARWARI FAMILY**

Our friends from Afghanistan, Azim, Tahmina (mom & dad), son Wahed (age 12), daughter Asenat (age 10), and son Farhan (age 3) have settled into their new home in the Shenandoah Valley. At their first PTA meeting Azim was told that Asenat and Wahed were the two brightest kids in the school! He was proud!

Winter is coming and they need warm clothing for all the children. If you can help, please contact Charles (443-877-7750) or Barbara Emery (302-562-5282) or [charlescemeryms@gmail.com](mailto:charlescemeryms@gmail.com)

**The Magi Fund**

The Magi Fund presents “A Christmas Concert and Veterans Day Tribute” featuring The National Christian Choir and the Orchestra of the Eastern Shore on Saturday, November 11 at 3:00 p.m. at the Emmanuel Church Auditorium. For more information, please see flyer which will be available in both Welcome Centers or visit [www.magifund.com](http://www.magifund.com) or call Bonnie Luna at 410-749-1633.

**POINSETTIA ORDER FORM**

Poinsettias will be placed in the church for the Christmas season. If you wish to sponsor\* a poinsettia in memory/honor of a loved one, please return this form to the church office with the following information and payment no later than Friday, December 8.

I would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ **Poinsettias @ \$5.00 each.**

Enclosed is my check/cash for \$ \_\_\_\_\_. The bulletin should read as follows (**please print**):

**In memory of**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**In honor of**

\_\_\_\_\_

Given by:

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\*In order to enable church members to continue the tradition of recognizing their loved ones in the bulletin, they can sponsor a faux flower that will be in the church. The money that is collected will be used for the ongoing maintenance and replacement of the flowers. *Flowers will remain in the church.*

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## ASBURY NEWS

### **Church Office Closures for Thanksgiving**

The Church office will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24. The church office will reopen Monday, November 28 at 8:30 a.m.

### **Opportunity Shop Hours:**

#### **Donations:**

- Monday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
- Thursday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Or call the church for an appointment!

#### **Sales:**

- Thursday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

The shop is in need of spring clothes, shoes, holiday decor and any kitchen or houseware items. Must be clean, functional and current. Tax receipts are available!

***What really sells best in the shop are household items!***

Please clean out your attics and closets and donate your usable items to us - lack of inventory has limited our hours and our ability to help Asbury ministries and the community with the proceeds from our sales. ***Thank you for supporting this important ministry!***

***158 W. Market Street, Salisbury, MD  
Check us out on Facebook.***

### **Salisbury Urban Ministries Donation requests for November:**

#### **Lazarus Food Pantry:**

- Soup
- Seasoning mixes

#### **Kid's Café**

- Individually packaged snacks
- Small toys, gloves and books to fill operation Christmas child shoe boxes

#### **Pat Marvel Winter Survival Project:**

- Adult hats, gloves and scarves

Donations can be dropped off at:  
Salisbury Ministries Office  
326 Barclay Street  
Or call 410-749-1563

### **SUM Information Center**

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

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## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEMORIALS

Charlie Silvia

*Richard Culver*

Harry Cooper

*Jim & Nadine Jackson*

Scott Turner

*Gayle Widdowson*

Sue Hager

*Steve & Holly Hearne*

*John & Brenda Corcoran*

### DEATHS

Sue Hager, 9/25/2023

John Alder, 10/15/2023

# November



## MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Time	Meeting
1	Wed	6:00 p.m.	SPRC
8	Wed	7:00 p.m.	Leadership Team
9	Thu	5:30 p.m.	Finance Committee
7	Tue	5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
22	Wed	6:00 p.m.	UWIF
28	Tue	10:00 a.m.	Altar Guild

\*\*\* 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.\*\*\*

## THANKSGIVING BLESSING SNACK MIX

*Here's the mix and the meaning:*

**2 cups of Bugles:** Shaped like a cornucopia, it's a symbol of our nation's abundance.

**2 cups of Pretzels:** Arms folded in prayer, a freedom sought by those who founded our country.

**1 cup of Candy Corn:** Sacrifices of the Pilgrims' first winter. Food was so scarce that settlers survived on just a few kernels of corn a day.

**1 cup of Nuts or Seeds:** Promise of a future harvest, one we will reap only if seeds are planted and tended with diligence.

**1 cup of Dried Fruits:** Harvest gifts of our bountiful land.

**1 cup of M&Ms:** Memories of those who came before us to guide us to a blessed future.

**16 - Hershey's Kiss:** The love of family and friends that sweetens our lives.



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