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From the desk of

PASTOR TOM PASMORE

What does it mean to be a disciple?

I have been wrestling with that question for a very long time. When I became a leader in the church 20 years ago, I thought I understood the answer to that question. When I completed seminary 15 years ago, I KNEW that I knew the answer to that question. As I study the United Methodist Church today, I'm not so sure that I know as much as I thought I did.

I used to think that a disciple was someone who went to church every Sunday and read the Bible frequently. While I acknowledge both of those things are important for us to continue to grow, I have begun to think that discipleship must be bigger than what can I do for my church. I think the better question is, what can I do to love God and neighbor better? Loving one another, and God first and foremost, is something that I can give my life to.

Loving God means that we are not only in the Word, but also living into the practices that Kristen has highlighted for us over the past few years. Prayer, study, fasting, *lectio divina*, meditation, silence, and so many others are what helps us connect to mystery that is God. These practices help us to reflect on where our pain is and where we could do better. Without them we are like a ship without a keel. We can turn the rudder as much as we want, but we are ultimately at the mercy of the winds of change and the gales of popular opinion. There is nothing deep enough in us to prevent us from heading off course.

Loving neighbor means living into acts of service and justice. We meet the needs of others as best we can in the moment. We feed the hungry. We give drink to the thirsty. We clothe the naked. We listen to the broken hearted. We love the outcast. We give healing to the wounded and diseased. We love everyone. This is how we connect with people and get to know others and build a relationship with them. It takes time and effort and persistence. It takes sacrifice. It takes lots and lots of love. Then we need to help by working to improve the world through working for justice. We need to cry out where injustice exists and seek to alter systems that do not help but hurt. We live into the three general rules. Do no harm. Do all the good you can. Stay in love with God.

This is what I now think discipleship means, and I pray that we can all live into it.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tom

NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD

Jean Laws, Chair
Nancy Farley
Carolyn Connors
Lou Elin Sheller
Klaudia Thompson



MUSIC MINISTRY

Dr. Michael Stefanek, *Director of Music Ministries*

Dear Church Family,

Things are going well in our music ministry program. Our children and youth groups are in full operation this fall sharing their talent in our worship services. The Praise Band continues to lead music at our 8:45 AM contemporary worship services. They continue to invite musicians, especially with guitar and keyboard backgrounds, to join their group.

Our Chancel Choir is experiencing unprecedented times due to retirement, relocation, and the pandemic. We are in a new era and trying new things as we move into the future. I'm very proud of those that are continuing to sing with us and they are doing an amazing job! Our collaborative pianist, Pat Davis, has brought a lot of energy and new ideas with her that has been inspiring for our choral program. We are blessed to have her share her talent with us at the piano every week. We welcome all people regardless of where you are in your faith journey to be a part of our choir family. The choir's repertoire is diverse, engaging, and meaningful. Our rehearsals consist of serious moments of music preparation and some down time for fellowship. We welcome a variety of ages and music backgrounds. If you know of anybody that would enjoy being a part of our choir family at Asbury, please encourage them to contact me for further information.

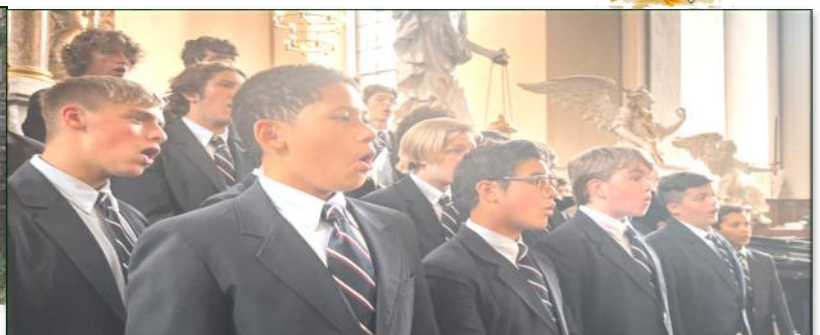
One of the wonderful things about our music ministry at Asbury is the diversity of programming for worship and community events. I'm thrilled to invite you to attend a concert featuring The Maryland State Boychoir on Saturday, November 19 at 7:30 PM. Tickets are not required. There will be a free will donation.

If you would like to make a contribution to the music fund at Asbury to help support special music events such as the MD State Boychoir Concert, that would be greatly appreciated. Checks can be made out to Asbury with "music fund" in the memo line or you can inform Janice Ilczuk, Director of Finance, of your donation intentions. I'm extremely grateful for the continued support of our music ministries at Asbury!



All Best,

Dr. Michael Stefanek, *Director of Music Ministries*





These past months have been a tremendous challenge in so many ways for individuals, families, churches, and of course, our nation and world.

While we, as a church, have seen challenges along the way, we are happy to report and remind us all that God is faithful! He has proven Himself over and over again through the faithful, consistent giving of people just like you!

We realize, of course, there are many whose finances have not been the same. Some have been unable to give like they regularly do. We are praying that God will “open the floodgates of Heaven” in a powerful way very soon.

We love this scripture, which is the ONLY one in the Bible, where God tells us to “test Him”: Malachi 3:10 (NIV):

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”

Several items to point out on the finance chart:

- The month of September had a net gain of \$7,346, reducing our year-to-date deficit from (\$14,423) to (\$7,077).
- Pledged/unpledged giving appears to be on the path to the 2022 budget.
- Plate contributions have already exceeded this year’s budget –this will help to 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 \$5,000, 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.

	January- September Actual	January- December 2022 Budget
Pledged/unpledged Giving	\$493,224	\$670,000
Plate Contributions	\$20,215	\$20,000
Special Contributions	\$5,736	\$11,400
Endowment	\$12,786	\$12,786
Rentals	\$33,580	\$32,325
Interest-checking/mma/cd	\$4,573	\$4,501
Gain/loss on stock	(\$30)	(\$500)
Total Income	\$570,084	\$750,512
Property Expenses	\$77,620	\$110,124
Ministry Expenses	\$222,657	\$315,457
Administrative Expenses	\$102,785	\$138,782
Apportionments	\$71,460	\$93,210
Employee Benefits	\$102,639	\$141,920
Total Expenses	\$577,161	\$799,493
Net	(\$7,077)	(\$48,981)
January Net	\$50,828	
January - February Net	\$43,403	
January -March Net	\$30,023	
January -April Net	\$35,909	
January - May Net	\$15,147	
January - June Net	(\$4,524)	
January - July Net	(\$10,447)	
January - August Net	(\$14,423)	
January - September Net	(\$7,077)	

How can you help your church in finishing 2022 financially? Pray over and continue your faithful, generous giving. Your donations support the ins and outs of doing ministry here at Asbury. We appreciate each of you!

Please continue to pray that we will be faithful stewards of what God has placed into the hands of Asbury.

Janice Ilczuk
Director of Finance & Building

2023 GIVING CAMPAIGN: THE PRIVILEGE OF GIVING



2 Corinthians 8:1-5 (Good News Translation)

1 Our friends, we want you to know what God's grace has accomplished in the churches in Macedonia. 2 They have been severely tested by the troubles they went through; but their joy was so great that they were extremely generous in their giving, even though they are very poor. 3 I can assure you that they gave as much as they could, and even more than they could. Of their own free will 4 they begged us and pleaded for the privilege of having a part in helping God's people in Judea. 5 It was more than we could have hoped for! First they gave themselves to the Lord; and then, by God's will they gave themselves to us as well.

We look at giving as a chore or requirement or even a burden.

But what if we looked at giving as a privilege?? Paul tells the church in Corinth that the Macedonian church, which was poor in comparison, begged for the privilege of being part of fundraising effort to support the church in Jerusalem. Do we desire an opportunity to be part of something bigger than ourselves? God has given us the breath of life, saved us from a life of sin, and called us to help build the Kingdom. Out of gratitude and thanksgiving, we have the privilege of being able to first give ourselves to God, and then being able to give to the mission of Christ in our world to make disciples and make a difference. You should be receiving your 2023 pledge card very shortly, if it hasn't already arrived. On Sunday, November 13, Asbury can rejoice in the privilege of giving too. Join us for this very special day of worship as we dream about next year. Our 2023 pledge cards will be received beginning on Sunday, November 20.

2021 - 2022 ALL SAINTS'

Norman Anderson

Addie Benson

Naomi Berry

Joan Causey

Tom Clark

Shirley Cropper

Tom Crum

Chris Dashiell

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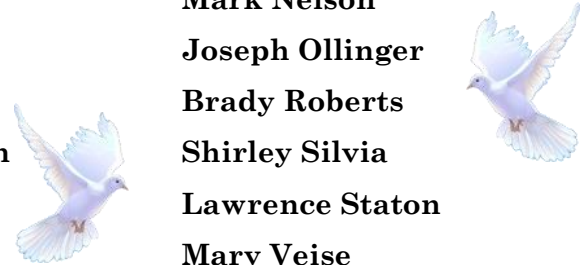
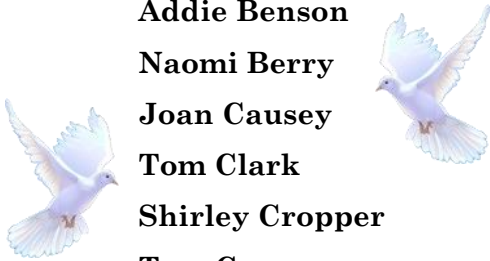
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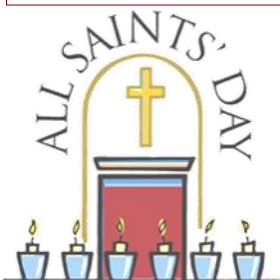
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Mary Veise



*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 6, 2022, 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.

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 Truck. Our 3's, 4's and Kindergarten classes went to a Pumpkin Patch and had school pictures taken. ACDC held a Family Fun Night on October 17st. Families were able to come out and enjoy a puppet show hosted by Asbury United Methodist Church's Puppets for Christ and made ice cream sundaes.

Our Kindergarten play 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.

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Heather Harman, *Director of Children and Care Ministries*



Third Grade Bible Presentation

Bibles were presented to Asbury's 3rd Graders in October. We thank the Holloway family for continuing this wonderful tradition!



CEREAL BOX DOMINO RUN CHALLENGE



We are collecting regular-sized (not jumbo or family size) *unopened* boxes of cereal now through November 18th. You can bring boxes of cereal to church on Sundays, or drop them off during office hours. Watch for those BOGO sales on cereal! The more we collect, the more fun it will be for the kids! On Sunday, 11/20, we will create a giant Cereal Box Domino run through the church. All cereal will then be donated to local food pantries to help feed needy families in the area.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Brooke Christensen, *Director of Youth & Family Ministries*

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

Youth Group

Our next social gathering will be **Friday, November 4 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** We are having another Friendsgiving event! Sign up to bring something good and we'll provide the turkey— you KNOW it was amazing last year. Along with good food we will be having games and maybe a service project. We are joining forces with Bethesda again, but I am not sure which location we will be using yet. Please be sure to check my weekly emails and the Asbury Youth Facebook page for updates.

Service Days

This month we will be writing cards and letters to people in our congregation and the community to share a little joy and kindness.

Rainbow Allyance

Our November Rainbow Allyance meeting will be on **Monday, November 7 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** in the Youth Room by Fellowship Hall. This is a youth led group that anyone who is curious about LGBTQ+ issues and their connection with our faith is welcome to attend.

Sunday School

We could use more teachers! If you feel a tiny tug to walk alongside our youth and be a part of discussing how we can all grow into our calling to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world, then I would love to talk to you!

Youth Sunday

October 30th was Youth Sunday at the CAYR service. We were blessed with a message from Phebe Burke and lots of participation in all other areas. I am so proud of the way our youth and congregation continues to step up.

Youth Rally

This year the annual Youth Rally in Ocean City was canceled again so we have decided to have our own retreat but we need to know what sort of numbers to expect. Please let Brooke know if you are interested! The dates would be the same as the regular Youth Rally dates, January 6-8.

Scripture Doodles

We had a request from a youth for a Bible journaling class so we're giving it a go! Kristen, Heather and I are collaborating on this event to make it intergenerational on **Saturday, November 19 from 10 a.m. - 12:00 noon** in the Mackey Room.

Please check our socials and emails for more information!



Ronald and his mother Carolyn share a home in rural Dorchester County. Diabetes has recently cost Ronald his leg, and with it his ability to enter and exit the house without assistance. That changed for Ronald on October 22, when your ASP team, in partnership with Chesapeake Housing Mission, built a much needed wheelchair ramp for Ronald.



Now in our 50th year, your ASP ministry is expanding to provide opportunities for those of you who would like to serve locally, and not go on a weeklong mission trip to participate. So far this expanded Asbury Service Project ministry has built three wheelchair ramps and participated in two workdays at the Zoo, improving animal habitats and the education building. Adults and youth aged 13 or older are welcome to be a part of this exciting and rewarding ministry. We are currently in the process of outfitting a tool trailer generously donated by Buchanan Subaru, with the help of grants from Dewalt and Exelon.



Pancake breakfasts are back! Our first pancake breakfast of the season is scheduled for November 13, so come hungry for good food and fellowship to help support our primary fundraiser for our annual mission trip to Appalachia. As usual, pancakes, sausage, egg casserole and fruit cups will be available. This year, in honor of our 50th year in ministry, chocolate chips will be added to the usual plain and blueberry pancake options for all breakfasts!

We are still accepting signups for this years' 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 410-896-2776.

Carlton Bradshaw



ASBURIANS, THE PRAISE BAND AT THE CAYR SERVICE NEEDS YOU!



If you love to sing and/or can play an instrument, please prayerfully consider joining our worship team. Our group usually leads worship with contemporary songs, but we are not limited to that. Being able to read music is not required for vocalists, just a desire to help lead our worship service.

We practice weekly on Tuesday evenings, 7-8:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

If interested, please contact Laura Hurley at praiseband@asburyweb.org or 410-603-3240.

CHURCH & SOCIETY



Everyone is cordially invited to attend a series of talks this fall on issues and programs affecting our community (sponsored by the committee on Church & Society). We offer a light lunch, presentations from guest speakers, and engaging conversation to follow. Hope to see you there!

Lunch & Learn

Sunday 12:15 pm – 1:45 pm
Mackey Room

NOV. 6: Rev. Joshua James, Pastor, The Restoration Project (meets Sunday mornings in our Fellowship Hall beginning this fall)

<https://restoresby.org/> . TRP is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship church and their beliefs are explained on their web site: <https://restoresby.org/what-we-believe/>

DEC. 4: Debbie Donaway, Executive Director, Salisbury Urban Ministries

<https://www.sbyurbanministries.org/>. SUM is a United Methodist program supported by seven covenant churches, including Asbury.

All meetings to be held in the Mackey Room following the 11 a.m. Festive 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 feel free to come even if you have not RSVP'd!) 410-749-2131.

UPDATE ON AFGHAN RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM

Resettlement of our new friends from Afghanistan is going very well. The dad, Azim, is working at SU. Mom, Tahmina, and her brother, Hamid, are enrolled in English classes at SU. Son, Waheed and his sister, Asenet, are both enrolled at Pinehurst Elementary School and also doing very well in our local soccer league. Farhan, the 2 ½ year old, is at home picking up English very quickly. We have four needs:

1. We need to build a roster of people* that our Transportation Coordinator can call for local transportation. Please contact Debbie Sauder, 240-285-7210 or dgsauder@yahoo.com to sign up.
2. We could use more Walmart gift cards. Please drop off to Janice at the church office.
3. Include the Afghan family in family gatherings, trips* to the zoo, park, or beach or other recreational activities. Spread our community's love to them.
4. Cell phones. Please contact Robin Holloway, rholloway@yahoo.com; 410-749-0577 h; 410-726-1400

*** Safe Sanctuary training/Registration is required.**

We need a car: Azim is working on obtaining a Maryland driver's license and they'll need a car when he accomplishes that goal. Perhaps someone has their elderly aunt's car that is no longer being used. A vehicle donation to Asbury Church would be a real blessing.



THE MAGI FUND

The Magi Fund presents "The Wonder of Christmas" featuring The National Christian Choir with pianist Michael Faircloth and the Salisbury Children's Choir on Saturday, November 12 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 or all Bonnie Luna at 410-749-1633.

ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Rev. Kristen Wall-Love, *Director*



Dear faith family,

November's spiritual practice has to do with God's Word and keeping the main thing the main thing. When I preached last month, I promised we would be spending some time with Jesus in the gospels (namely the gospel of John for now) in the forms of Bible Study—Thursday nights with Pastor Tom, and training to be in the scripture more in our everyday life.

So, we're going to call this practice "hanging out with Jesus in John's gospel." Not a short or catchy title, but accurate! The twist to this is that we're going to LISTEN to the scripture in place of silently reading. Most folks were not literate in antiquity and the scripture was meant to be heard as it was proclaimed. Something different happens in our brains when we hear something as opposed to reading it silently. Then there is the proclamation part!

As you listen, notice what Jesus does, how he responds to people and situations, especially those who are hostile toward him. Also notice what Jesus doesn't do as he interacts with all kinds of folks and circumstances. The point is to spend time with Jesus, get to know him, and deepen your relationship with him. Journal about what you notice and ask questions.

There are several ways you can carry out this practice. The easiest way is to read scripture aloud instead of silently to yourself. Another option is to record yourself reading aloud and then listen to it. A third way is to use an app or website that reads the scripture to you. I recommend the Dwell app, although there is a cost to this, you can choose the translation and voice, and music background (or none). There are other audio Bible apps available for free. If you would like something simpler, you can go to biblegateway.com and listen to audio Bible readings from there. Do a google search and see what will work for your practice. If you would like simple recordings emailed to you each week, I am recording the gospel of John by chapter, so let me know if you would like access to this option.

I encourage you to commit to listening to these chapters in John in whatever way is doable for you. The schedule at right is simply a suggestion. Do what you can, not what you can't. (Don't forget that Thanksgiving is in there!)

Here is the listening plan:

Nov. Week 1: Chapters 1-3

Nov. Week 2: Chapters 4-8

Nov. Week 3: Chapters 9-13

Nov. Week 4: Chapters 14-17

Nov. Week 5: Chapters 18-21

If you would like a check in, let me know by email or by marking the box about the spiritual practice of the month on the back of your connection card Sunday mornings. If you would like my recording of the scriptures for that week, please make a separate note about that.

Be blessed in your listening and hanging out with Jesus!



Your co-worker in Christ,

Kristen Wall-Love

Director of Adult Spiritual Formation & Membership

kristen@asburyweb.org

PUPPETS FOR CHRIST ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER



Please come out to support Puppets for Christ's annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Friday, December 2nd. This year's show will be entitled "Star of Wonder". Entertainment will begin at 6:00pm with dinner following. Ticket sales will begin on Sunday, November 13 and 20 at each service, which only gives you 2 Sundays to buy your tickets in person, but you may purchase tickets through November 27th. Ticket prices are \$10/adult, \$5/children (4-12) and children 3 and under are FREE. The ticket sale deadline will be November 27th! Tickets

will not be sold after this date. **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? We hope to see you there!

WICOMICO GOES PURPLE UPDATE



Thanks to Asbury for again being one of five drop-off locations for the Wicomico Goes Purple Toiletry Drive. The picture shows you the amount of toiletries Asbury contributed. The other drop-off locations were Civic Center Box Office, Government Office Building, United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore, and Wicomico County Tourism-Welcome Center.

There were fewer donations this year. However, the majority of them came from Asbury! This year the donated items will be going to the City of Salisbury's tiny home village for the homeless on Anne Street.

Wicomico Goes Purple is a substance misuse awareness program. Its purpose is to promote conversations about substance misuse. This is the fourth year for the Wicomico Goes Purple Initiative. It is held during the month of September because that is National Recovery Month.



Upcoming Events

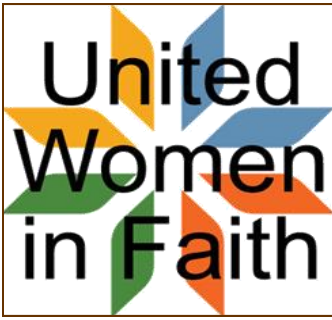
Sundays 12:15-1:15pm

Our weekly Bible Study with snacks!

Wednesday, November 16 starting at 6:00pm

It's our Wesley Wednesday. This month we are having a Game Night!

--Brooke



Joanna – Carol Bisker

Joanna Circle will meet Monday, November 14th at 10:00 at Carol Bisker's home to make Christmas cards.

Deborah Circle – Maggie Fulkrod

Deborah Circle meets the last Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8pm at the church. All women are welcome! Join us on October 25th as we share in a devotion and continue our study on fasting and simplicity, *The 7 Experiment*. Contact Maggie Fulkrod for more information at 410.937.8104

Eve Circle – Amy Cropper

Eve Circle meets in the Mackey Room on November 16th at 7:15 p.m. Star Weaver and Sara Lewis are hosting.

Dorcas Circle – Susan Cropper

Dorcas Circle meets November 8th at 10:00 a.m. in the Mackey Room.

Other UWIF News

• **Fall Dinner**

Our fall dinner on September 28th was a success! Women from the following churches joined our Asbury women: Mt. Zion, Trinity, Bethesda, and Wesley Temple. Our Circle ladies supplied the wonderful potluck dinner with added donated dishes from Mt. Zion church. Our speaker was from the 4-STEP Therapeutic Riding Academy who gave a very informative presentation about the academy's positive impact on the lives of disabled children and even some adults. It was a delightful evening of good food, interesting information, and Christian fellowship!

• **Annual Fruit Sale Fundraiser**

Just like last year, there are no forms to fill out. You will order your fruit directly on-line from the Florida Indian Website (see below) and it will be shipped to you or your recipient selection.

You can begin to order now and it continues to Thursday, December 1.

<https://shop.floridaindianrivergroves.com/ecommerce/1018083>

To open link, right click on it and scroll down to "Open Hyperlink".

The fruit makes a great gift for family and friends. Please share the link with friends, family, neighbors colleagues, etc.

Please Support Our Fruit Fundraiser! Our monies go toward supporting missions that help women and children in our community

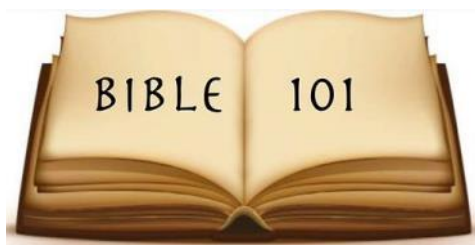
• **Proud to announce**

Ruth Campbell is completing her last course to complete her Deaconess training. Her missionary ministry focus is to the incarcerated community. She will be consecrated by the bishop in April 2023. The Deaconess and Home Missioner program is a division under United Women in Faith and inclusive in the Book of Discipline of UMC. *Kudos To Ruth!*

• **Christmas Tea**

Our UWIF Christmas Tea will be Sunday, December 11th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Our entertainment again will be SU music major students under the direction of John Wesley Wright. They will perform in the Sanctuary followed by our tea refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. It is always an uplifting performance and a fun afternoon with our UWIF women!

2022-23 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



The Bible 101 class is continuing our study of the Book of Daniel until Nov. 27. We will begin the season of ADVENT that covers the four Sundays before CHRISTMAS.

Our ADVENT study will be AWAITING THE ALREADY by Magrey deVega, pastor of Hyde Park United Methodist Church in Tampa, FL.

This study will take us through all four gospels. As we “await” the word we will discover that The Gospel of MARK wants us to slow down. The Gospel of MATTHEW wants us to confront a hurting world.

The Gospel of LUKE urges us to sing about obedience, praise and silence. The Gospel of JOHN would have us see light in the darkness and become a light for others. All are invited to come and study the Scriptures with us on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. in the Fox room.



The **OHOM Sunday School** class welcomes all attenders with love, acceptance, and support. Classes are held in the Mackey Room and begin at 9:45 a.m. with joys and concerns before the study begins.

The next study is Adam Hamilton’s *John: The Gospel of Light and Love* followed by Amy Jill Levine’s Advent Study: *Light of the World: A Beginner’s Guide to Advent*. Frank Shipper will be leading a class entitled “Tikkun Olam”, which is a Hebrew philosophy meaning “repairing the world.”

Please join us Sunday mornings as we continue to listen and search for God’s guidance and explore how Asbury can continue to create and build community within our church and the Salisbury region.

DATE	TOPIC	FACILITATOR
11/6	Eternal Life	
11/13	"Tikkun Olam." Modern translation: "repairing the world."	Frank Shipper
11/20	Light of the World: Beginner’s Guide to Advent by AJL Meaning of Memory	
11/27	Thanksgiving	

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

HANDS AND HEARTS ENDING HOMELESSNESS



Fellow Asburians, its that time again when winter will be upon us and there will be a need for help with the homeless shelter (formerly CESP). Once again Hands and Hearts Ending Homelessness (HHEH) will be opening on November 12 to offer homeless men in our community a safe, warm shelter and 3 meals a day. To those of you who volunteered last year, thank you again and we hope you will do so again. The location will be the same - Community Building of Park Seventh-Day Adventist Church on John Deere Drive. Asbury has committed to 2 weeks (January 22 – February 4). Shelly Marshall is going to be our food contact person to supply breakfast, lunch, and snack items, as well as assigning those interested in providing a warm dinner.

Henry Rutledge will be reaching out to those of you interested in working the registration desk for an early shift (4:45 – 8:00 p.m.) and the evening shift (7:45 – 11:00 p.m.). HHEH has received a grant this year, and we are planning to hire a couple of men for overnight shifts, but we may still need a couple. We would also appreciate financial donations or gift cards to Walmart if that is your preference.

**Please check us out at:
salisburyhheh@gmail.com;
www.facebook.com/salisburyhheh;
Website: handsandheartsshelter.org**

STORIES FROM THE BASEMENT HELP AND OUTREACH POINT OF ENTRY, INC.

Food is key in all of our lives. Meal times are more than just a time to eat but, are often a time for families to connect or groups of people to socialize. Meals also provide a time to relax and think about the events that have past us prior to eating, or offer time to celebrate important events. Our clients are no different, although, they often come to us hungry and looking for a warm/cool place to eat in peace. In 2009 the agency began to provide coffee and cookies to the clients coming to us for services. Over the years, a volunteer felt we needed to provide a more substantial feeding program and Melody Fieo created the feeding outreach we have now. H.O.P.E., Inc. does our best to give the clients not only food but a comfortable place to enjoy some good home cooking. The kitchen staff works out of the church kitchen upstairs; sometimes coming in the day before to prep the meal. Every other Tuesday, several agencies provide an educational “Block Party” in the parking lot of the Wicomico Presbyterian Church drawing many people who are looking for assistance, education, and food. We feed between 30 and 60 people every day we are open.

We have a need for volunteers who can cook. H.O.P.E., Inc. provides the supplies and servers; we just need chefs. If you would be willing to volunteer one day a month, we can offer you a very rewarding opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Philippians 4: 4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Donna Clark RN, Director



Great
are the
works
of the
Lord.

THANKSGIVING OBSERVANCE

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;

Count your gains instead of your losses.

Count your joys instead of your woes;

Count your friends instead of your foes.

Count your smiles instead of your tears;

Count your courage instead of your fears.

Count your full years instead of your lean;

Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.

Count your health instead of your wealth;

Count on God instead of yourself.



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 9.

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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November events calendar



- **Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 6, 2022, 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.

The 2022 United States elections is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. During this midterm election year, all 435 seats in the House of Representatives and 35 of the 100 seats in the Senate will be contested.

**Asbury is a polling place for voters in this district.
Tuesday, November 8
General Election*

★ YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE ★

2022
ELECTION



November 11

The theme for Veterans Day 2022 is “Honor.” Veterans are proud of their military service in defending our Nation. Honor reflects the military value and tradition of answering the call to duty. There is distinct honor in serving to protect our way of life and the Constitution of the United States of America. We encourage artists to consider Veteran history of service to our Nation and the honor we owe them for fulfilling patriotic duties.

Thanksgiving is a national holiday in the **United States** and is always celebrated on the **fourth Thursday in November**. In 2022, it will be observed on Thursday, November 24.

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 22; the latest, November 28.



ASBURY NEWS

Church Office Closures for Thanksgiving

The Church office will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25. The church office will reopen Monday, November 28 at 8:30 a.m.

Altar Flowers Have Returned!

After a long COVID hiatus, the altar flowers have returned! Would you like to donate flowers to honor or remember loved ones, or to celebrate a special anniversary or event, and have it noted in the bulletin? Our new program outline will be at the Welcome Centers, so pick up a copy to review. Call Sheri or Lydia with any questions.

Lay Readers and Communion Assistant

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 or a Communion Assistant, 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.

Greeters Needed!

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 for the CAYR Service or contact Emily Saulsbury at egsaulsbury@comcast.net or 410-430-8251 for the EMA & Festive Services.

The Opportunity Shop NEEDS YOU!!!

If you can help our ministry by working 9:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 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.

Opportunity Shop New Hours

Current hours:

Donations:

Monday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sales:

Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The shop is currently in need of fall and winter clothes, shoes, holiday and any kitchen or houseware items. Must be clean, functional and current. Tax receipts are available. Thank you for supporting this important ministry!

Salisbury Urban Ministries Donations needed for:

♦ ***Lazarus Food Pantry:***

Canned yams or sweet potatoes

Stuffing mix, Desserts (cake mix, brownie mix, etc.)

♦ ***Kid's Café:***

Hostess snack cakes

♦ ***Men's Welcome Center:***

Men's gloves

SUM Information Center

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



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



MEMORIAL

Audrey Hayman

John & Robin Holloway
Pat Sterling

Beth Hillman

Bill & Carole Brence
Nancy Rubenson
Pam Ollinger

Beth Hillman (con't)

John & Robin Holloway
Calvin & Susan Peacock
Ray & Klaudia Thompson
Joanne Doyle

Elizabeth Hickman

Don & Debra Cooper

David & Dorothy Shriver

David C. Shriver

Ken Farley

Lynn & Bobby Faulkner
Carol Sanders

Joe Ollinger

John & Robin Holloway



Psalm 107

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

Ephesians 5:20

always giving thanks to God the Father for
everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 3:17

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed,
do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

*** 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



THANKFUL GRATEFUL BLESSED

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