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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



Friends, it is another amazing season of ministry here at Asbury UMC. Just look through the pages of this edition of the Asburian to see all the ministries that we are engaged in here in Salisbury. You are making a difference in the lives of people in this area and beyond. You are being the hands and feet of Christ.

As we enter the fourth quarter of 2022, It is finally seeming like we have turned a corner and things are getting back to normal as the pandemic recedes into the background. I want to encourage you to find one new thing in this season of new ministries. We need to get moving now that things are opening up. We need to continue to offer the love of Christ to the world around us and to one another.

At the same time, we need to find the quiet space within ourselves where God will meet us and journey with us. Kristen spoke of labyrinths in the month of September as one way to find our quiet center. There are so many others. Prayer and meditation are at the core of every faith tradition, and we need these times to help us process the business and activity going on all around us. The inner life needs to be cultivated in the same way we practice to get better at an activity or sport. We need the inner life to go deeper. We need service in the world to make a difference.

Finding balance between these poles is one way to frame the relationship between contemplation and action, but I would argue that it creates an illusion that if we just divide our time in half between the two, then we can find some central spot for the fulcrum of our lives that is balanced and even. This is really an unsustainable concept, unless we have complete control over all of our time. The demands of our everyday lives point us toward what I consider a much better concept, which I am borrowing from music, we need action and contemplation to be in harmony. Not even or equal, but supporting one another as needed and creating a movement of the melody that is whole, sustainable, and complete. When we are in harmony, the fullness of life is abundant and real. Jesus needed action and contemplation, but in measures that kept his ministry, teaching, and life all in harmony. We are invited to do the same. We are invited to compose our lives in a way that harmony is the key. The balance of teeter-totter is easily upset when the storms of life start raging. But, some dissonance in the music often makes the composition richer and enhances the harmonies. We weather things better when we are in harmony. We live our lives more fully when they are in harmony.

So be a harmony so rich and wonderful that world can't help but join in. . . .

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tom



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



*Blessing
of the
Animals*

Blessings available for your fur babies! We will be offering a "Blessing of the Animals" on Sunday, October 9 at 5:30pm on the patio in front of the church. You can bring your pet or a picture of your pet. Friendly and willing animals can also receive an anointing. Please be sure to keep your pets safe and contained as we are very close to Camden Ave. Kristen will be taking pictures and can send them to you via email if you like. Woof! Meow! Ribbit! Squeak! Hum (llama)!

MUSIC MINISTRY

Dr. Michael Stefanek, *Director of Music Ministries*



Dear Church Family,

We are off to a wonderful start this fall season. Our Praise Band, Kid's music ensembles, and the Chancel Choir are back in session busy preparing music for worship. We have some exciting new things happening in our music program.

The chancel choir is trying something brand new. We have added a wonderful collaborative pianist named Pat Davis. She has a wealth of music experience to share with us. She plays the piano for choir anthems and will occasionally work with soloists. This will greatly enhance our choral program by having a separate director and accompanist. We welcome her as part of our music ministry at Asbury.

The Chancel Choir continues to welcome new members to join us. We meet on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM and sing at our 11:00 AM worship services and special services such as Lessons & Carols. If you or someone you know might be interested in joining, please contact me. We embrace all skill levels. Shorter time commitments during the season are also welcomed as many people have overwhelming lives.

Our Praise Band continues to invite singers and guitar players for the CAYR service. They meet on Tuesday evenings for practice.

We have been given the amazing opportunity to host the Maryland State Boy Choir in concert at Asbury on Saturday, November 19 at 7:30 PM as part of their Eastern Shore tour! Please mark your calendars to attend and watch for more details coming soon!

Looking further ahead I'm also thrilled to share that we will be collaborating with Bethesda United Methodist Church for Lessons & Carols this year at Asbury on Sunday, December 18 at 7:00 PM. Their choir will join our choir and we will have lots of special music that evening including our annual tradition of woodwinds.

Wishing you a wonderful Autumn season, and thank you for your continued support of our music ministry program.

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 Dr. 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 manning the registration desk for an early shift (4:45 – 8:00 pm) and the evening shift (7:45 – 11:00 pm). 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: handsandheartshelter.org



We are sending out a heartfelt thank you for your continued generosity. It is through your steady and extra giving that we are able to continue to carry out mission work both in the church and community. Though we are maintaining a year-to-date deficit, we are seeing improvements in the numbers. Please continue to pray for the mission and operating budget as we enter the final quarter of 2022. If you have any questions concerning the budget numbers please do not hesitate to contact me.

Janice Ilczuk
Director of Finance & Building

	January- August Actual	January- December 2022 Budget
Pledged/unpledged Giving	\$436,578	\$670,000
Plate Contributions	\$15,486	\$20,000
Special Contributions	\$5,736	\$11,400
Endowment	\$12,786	\$12,786
Rentals	\$24,876	\$32,325
Interest-checking/mma/cd	\$4,562	\$4,501
Gain/loss on stock	(\$28)	(\$500)
Total Income	\$499,996	\$750,512
Property Expenses	\$69,917	\$110,124
Ministry Expenses	\$196,668	\$315,457
Administrative Expenses	\$91,953	\$138,782
Apportionments	\$64,210	\$93,210
Employee Benefits	\$91,671	\$141,920
Total Expenses	\$514,419	\$799,493
Net	(\$14,423)	(\$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)	



2022 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. On Sunday, November 13, Asbury can rejoice in the privilege of giving too. Join us for this very special day of worship!!

So, why AREN'T you a member of the Finance Committee?



The Finance Committee has often struggled to identify new members. During one recent year, several potential candidates were identified, but absolutely no one agreed to serve. To this day, the committee continues to operate with several empty positions.

What accounts for this resistance to serve? I am now in my sixth year of committee **FINANCE** membership, the first three years, the usual term, as a regular member, and the **COMMITTEE** subsequent time as an ex officio member in my role as assistant treasurer. When I was initially approached as a potential committee member, I had several reservations. I was worried about time commitment. Having only recently retired and enjoying that freedom, I didn't want to be tied to another schedule, or to possible additional time-consuming requirements. I was worried that committee membership would require personal appeals to others for money (probably everyone's greatest reservation). Although I had some degree of financial sophistication as a result of personal and professional experiences, I was worried that my financial background and knowledge would be inadequate for the responsibilities of Finance Committee membership.

As it turned out, none of these concerns was justified. Time commitment is limited. We meet once a month, usually for about 90 minutes, and there are rarely, if ever, requirements for additional time. Members can now attend meetings by ZOOM, and some do. All of the members have busy lives, and we recognize and accept that members may be unable to attend every meeting. During my committee membership, I have never been asked personally to contact another individual with a request for a donation. Our financial campaigns have ordinarily been structured in such a way that such person-to-person solicitations are unnecessary. Although financial sophistication is welcomed, it is not really necessary, and very few of our members have been accountants, bankers, business people, and the like. Most of the "heavy lifting" of bookkeeping, reporting, and budget development is accomplished by church staff, so that the attribute required of committee members is a concern for the welfare and activities of the church, as reflected by financial decisions.

Following my initial reservations about committee membership, I will honestly say that I have enjoyed the experience. I even look forward to committee meetings, and this follows a lifetime of loathing almost all meetings of any kind. Membership has offered a much deeper appreciation of the variety of programs that Asbury supports, as well as the problems that we face. So, if you want to know what's going on, this is a good place to find out. A regret about attending a church as large and diverse as Asbury is that I don't know each of you as well as I would like. Committee membership has helped with that—people that I didn't know or barely knew have become friends as a result of our service together.

If you're asked to become a Finance Committee member, please agree. Even better, if you want to volunteer, please call Janice Ilczuk in the church office. This is God's work and His church needs you.

Jim Martin

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

ASBURY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Casey Taylor, *Director of ACDC*



Our school year is in full swing! Our hallways, newly renovated over the summer, are alive with little voices, footsteps and wonderful art work on the walls. We are so grateful to the parents and students for adjusting so well to our routines.

The month of October brings to our school several fun activities. We will participate in Fire Safety Week and have a visit from the Salisbury Fire Department. We love learning about fire safety, but especially seeing the firefighters and their big truck. Our 3's, 4's and

Kindergarten classes will be heading to the pumpkin patch for some fall fun. This is a preschool highlight, as they get to pick out their own pumpkin in the patch!

We will again be hosting our Family Fun Night on October 17 at 6:30pm. ACDC families will get to enjoy a puppet show, by Asbury's Puppet Ministry, and the teachers will be scooping up sundaes. The students and families enjoy seeing their teachers back at school in the evening, so this is always a fun night.

Our Asbury teachers and staff have been working so hard to make sure each student is adjusting and successful in their learning environment. We have much to do this school year, to ensure that each child leaves in May a better version of their little selves, with plenty of growth, learning and smiles.

Red Roost Fundraiser to Benefit Asbury's New Playground

Get your friends and family together and head to The Red Roost for a night out!
Purchase \$20 coupons for all-you-can-eat crab specials for ONLY \$10.

It's easy, delicious and MUCH APPRECIATED!

Please see flyer which will be available in both Welcome Centers.
If you have any questions please contact Casey Taylor @ 410-742-7058

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Heather Harman, *Director of Children and Care Ministries*

Cereal Box Domino Challenge!

Sunday School is asking for donations of regular sized unopened boxes of cereal. We have set our goal at 1000 boxes! Please bring them in by November 18th, either during office hours (M-F 8:30-4:30) or on Sundays. There are collection boxes in the Welcome Centers. On Sunday, November 20th, we will set up a huge 'cereal box domino run' through the education hallways and knock them down during Sunday School! Afterward, all cereal will be donated to local food banks.



Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 30th, from 6:30-8:00 PM. Come on out in your best costume to collect goodies from decorated trunks! Please note that there will not be a Puppets for Christ show before the event this year. Trunk or Treat only! If you would like to register your vehicle to pass out treats, email Heather at heather@asburyweb.org

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, October 14 from 7:00-9:00 pm**. Dress up in a fun costume and play Grog with us! Want to know more? Ask Brooke!

Service Days

This month our service day will be helping out with the Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, October 29.

Rainbow Allyance

Our September Rainbow Allyance meeting will be on Monday, October 10 from 6:00-7:00 pm 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!

Book Club

This summer we started a book club! This time we are reading *A Tale of Highly Unusual Magic* by Lisa Papademetriou. We will be meeting Tuesday, October 25 at 4:30 pm in the Youth Room to discuss.

Wednesday Walks

We have decided to try a change! Our Wednesday Walks are now a Wednesday homework hour in the Youth Room at the same time, 4:00-5:00 pm.

Youth Sunday

October 30th is Youth Sunday at the 8:45 am CAYR service! If you are a youth who hasn't signed up yet, get on it!! Otherwise please be sure to check out the service and show our youth your support.

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, 2023.



Upcoming Events

Sundays starting at 12:15 pm
Our weekly Bible Study with snacks!

Wednesday, October 19 starting at 6:00 pm
It's our Wesley Wednesday. This month we are playing D&D.

--Brooke

Celebrating
YEARS
50

Your Asbury Service Project mission team is up and running for our 50th year! In June, we hope to travel to Appalachia to help make homes warmer, safer, and drier for people living in poverty in our nation's coal belt. In the meantime, there is much to be done here at home.

This year marks a significant expansion of Asbury Service Project here at home! If you have ever wanted to help with a construction service project, but are unable to go on the trip to Appalachia in June, read on...

We have several building projects scheduled, notably wheelchair ramps with Chesapeake Housing Mission and improvements at the Salisbury Zoo, that are open to anyone age 13 or older who would like to come out and help. No experience or tools necessary; we will train and equip you. So far this ASP Community ministry has constructed two wheelchair ramps: One for Mary, who suffers from a degenerative neurological disorder, and another for Nicholas, a 12-year-old battling muscular dystrophy. Our first Salisbury Zoo workday is scheduled for Saturday, October 8, which will involve constructing winter habitats for owls and other birds, and potentially improvements to the education building, depending on the number of volunteers. Anyone interested in participating in these local building service opportunities can contact Dave Harris at (443)235-2241 or Carton Bradshaw at (443) 235-2661.

All of this is being made possible by the generosity of our community. Buchanan Subaru is donating \$50 for every car they sell in September and October toward the purchase price of a new 6X12 enclosed trailer, which will be invaluable for storing and transporting the tools necessary to do the work of this ministry. In order to start purchasing those tools, we have funds donated in memory of Steve Dashiell, and we have received a grant from Exelon.

These donations are enough to kickstart the ministry; of course, its success will ultimately depend on the support of you, our ever loving congregation. So come out to the pancake breakfasts starting in November, and let us know if you would like to learn more about how you can be a part of Asbury Service Project's next 50 years. Most of all, pray for our church that we may be ever faithful to God's call.

Carlton Bradshaw



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

Praise
B a n d



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 from 7 to 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

OCT. 2: *Rev. Greg Carlson, Hands and Hearts Ending Homelessness (formerly the Community Emergency Shelter Project)*

<https://www.facebook.com/salisburyhheh/>. Greg is pastor of the Park Seventh-Day Adventist Church, where many of us volunteered this past winter when the homeless shelter was moved there.

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 am service. A light lunch will be served prior to a talk and conversation with our guest speakers. Voluntary donations only.

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, to sign up. dgsauder@yahoo.com
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 c

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

Save-the-Date: Sunday October 16th; 1:00 we're invited to the Delmarva Muslim Community mosque, 7843 Jersey Rd, Salisbury for a luncheon and opportunity to meet and greet our new Afghan friends and our Muslim partners. This is an incredible invitation and we hope many from Asbury will be there. We have learned that our Muslim friends are wonderful hosts.

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.



ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Rev. Kristen Wall-Love, *Director*

October's Spiritual Practice is: Lament



*I consider the sermon that I preached on Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 September 18 to be a splendid introduction to our spiritual practice this month. There is an excerpt below, but if you would like to listen to the message in its entirety find that worship service on yYouTube.

The main point of spiritual practices is to deepen our relationship with God, and what better way to do that then to be completely vulnerable and honest with our Creator? Because, let's face it—God already knows. Our vulnerability and honesty doesn't give God information, but access to our hearts.

Kit Danelly says this about communal lament (which can include groups lamenting together or individuals lamenting for a nation, people, or group):

Lament is an expression of sorrow. It is grief and recognition of death and loss. To lament together is to create the space—physically and emotionally—for wailing and praying and anger, for disbelief and all the other emotions that come We need to be reminded that our cries are not too much for God. He laments with us. In fact, He wants us to come to Him in our anger, in our fear, in our loneliness, in our hurt, and in our confusion.

Lament is a prayer searching for understanding and peace in the midst of suffering or disheartening circumstances. The Old Testament psalmists and prophets wove many such prayers of lament into their writings. The Bible teaches us how to lament. Biblical laments, when they begin, sound like a complaint. The complaints turn into requests ... [then statements of trust].

In the midst of the brokenness, there is sadness that the way things are now is not as God intended or desired. As with the biblical writers, it is possible for our laments to evolve into an expression of trust ... that God is setting things right, even though it often seems so slow. It is right for our laments to turn toward a reminder that God is in control and about the business of righting all things made wrong.

For some more context, here is an excerpt from the sermon “Healing Tears” on September 18:

...Some people just aren't cryers. This includes men and women. They rarely if ever cry—it's just how they're wired. ...Lamenting often involves tears, but not always. Lamenting can look like screaming or yelling, crying out with a loud voice. Lamenting can mean releasing pent up strong emotions of anger and grief. ...Maybe a punching bag would help release some strong emotions, or breaking plates in a safe place.

Lamenting can look like soulful singing or expression through music—the blues, for example. Lamenting can mean crying with the tears of our hearts. Whether we are using tissues or not, lament can take many forms.

What are you lamenting in your own life? What do you lament about your loved ones, church, community, nation, world? There are blue worksheets at the Welcome Centers on how to craft a personal lament using the lament psalms as a guide. I encourage you to write out your personal and communal laments this month.

This idea and practice may be new to you and that's ok. Please sign up to receive informational and encouraging emails throughout the month about lament. Simply check the box on the back of your connection card that says “Monthly spiritual practice.”



<https://nmphx.com/the-spiritual-discipline-of-lament/>

ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Rev. Kristen Wall-Love, *Director*

Membership News



Kristen Wall-Love

Would you like to become a member of Asbury? There is a New Member Event on Sunday October 30th following the 11:00 Festive Worship Service in the library.

Here's how it works:

At this 90-minute event, you will get to meet and introduce yourself to the ministry staff. You will have a chance to ask any questions about the packet of information you were given (well in advance) or anything at all. Kristen will go over the procedure for membership and what to expect. The time is ended with a fun, historical tour of the building.

**Please RSVP to Kristen and let her know you are coming
(kristen@asburyweb.org).



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

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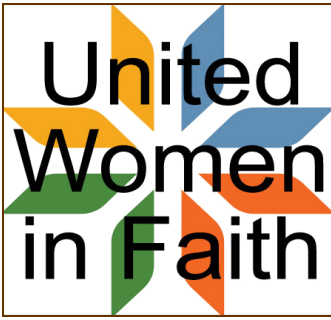
Collaboration has always been at the root of our agency's outreach and we do what is needed to meet the needs of our clients. Every other Tuesday we now have an exciting event going on in the Wicomico Presbyterian Church parking lot; showing what working together can really accomplish. The wellness van from Tidal Health is present to offer walk in medical care, screenings, and vaccinations. Then there is

Rebirth, an agency focusing on reaching the Haitian community, offering food from the Food Bank, guidance in the legal system to obtain paperwork, translation services, and the Director brings energy and enthusiasm to community outreach. He has drawn in multiple agencies to help anyone who attends the event. Six agencies were represented last week and each week a new one appears. It is so exciting! Both programs run from 10 am until 12 noon. Just as Rebirth is packing up their canopies and talking with people still drifting through, the shower trailer arrives. Beyond our Walls is a nonprofit agency that brings hot showers, toiletries, underwear, clean towels, and lots of love. Their goal is to restore hope and dignity with a hot shower and a smile.

The parking lot is chaotic and the number of clients who pass through the office or ask for a meal can be a bit overwhelming to our staff. Last Tuesday we served 54 different clients in the office and provided 68 meals to the hungry. It's such a blessing to be able to feel God's love flow from what is done here at H.O.P.E., Inc. with our partners.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Donna Clark RN, *Director*



Joanna – Carol Bisker

Joanna will meet on Monday, October 10th at 10 am at the home of Carol Bisker to start our first group of Christmas cards.

Dorcas – Susan Cropper

Dorcas will meet on Tuesday, October 11th, in the Mackey Room at Asbury at 10am. September's meeting had 7 ladies present and we enjoyed our devotion, program and catching up after our summer break. Hope to see more of you next month. Any questions about this circle, call Susan Cropper at 410-548-1718.

Eve Circle – Amy Cropper

Eve Circle meets on Wednesday, October 19th at 7:15 at Brooke Madruga's house.

Deborah Circle – Maggie Fulkrod

Circle Deborah continues their exploration of simplicity, fasting, and biblical study via Jen Hatmaker's "The 7 Experiment." We meet the last Tuesday of each month. All women are welcome. Our next meeting will be October 25th at 6:30pm in the library. Contact Maggie with questions at mfulkrod1@verison.net

UWIF Christmas Tea

Our Christmas Tea will be Sunday, December 11th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. We will be entertained in the Sanctuary by students from SU under the musical direction of John Wesley Wright. Following the performance, light refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall.



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.

Thank you for your support!



OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD



Marilyn Batie, Chair

Priscilla Basehart

Connie Boccia

Kathy McIntyre

Emily Saulsbury

2022-23 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



Bible 101 Class is starting a new study of the Book of Daniel in the Old Testament in The Holy Bible. We have discovered that Daniel and his friends were given new names by their captors in Babylon, as their names reflected their relationship with the one God Yaweh, but their new names would show a relationship with the many gods of Babylon. Daniel became Belteshazzar, Hananiah became Meshack, and Azariah became Abednego!

All Asburians are welcome to attend the class and learn more about the Book of DANIEL!

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 am with joys and concerns before the study begins. During the past year, we have been exploring a series entitled Living the Questions which has been very rich in content, thought, and discussion. We will be using September to complete this study.



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*. Additionally, Kristen Wall-Love will share with us her spiritual retreat journey last summer. 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
10/2	LTQ: Embracing Mystery	TBA
10/9	Spiritual Retreat	Kristen Wall-Love
10/16	John: The Gospel of Light and Life by Hamilton: The Word Made Flesh	TBA
10/23	Miraculous Signs of Jesus	TBA
10/30	Farewell Discourse	TBA

TROOP 421



Troop 421 has had a good summer. We went camping in August at Shad Landing, Pocomoke River St Park. Most of the scouts finished their geocaching merit badges and woodcarving merit badges too. In September we are going to Rodney to camp and do archery. We have a new scout in the troop, a transfer from Baltimore council. At our next Court of Honor, 9 scouts will be moving up in rank. We are looking forward to a great fall.

Debbie Dinkel
Scout Master



ASBURY NEWS

Save the Date

On Sunday October 16 at 1:00PM we are invited to the Delmarva Muslim Community mosque at 7843 Jersey Road, Salisbury for a luncheon to meet with the Afghan family we are sponsoring and members of the Muslim community that have assisted us in supporting them. If you are interested in coming, but prefer to join with a group of other Asbury members, we will be providing carpooling to the event. Please join us in the south parking lot, near the ACDC playground by 12:40 PM (sharp!) to join a carpool and/or our caravan to the event.

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 am - 1:00 pm 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.

Oppportunity Shop New Hours

As the summer starts to wind down, the Opp Shop has new hours:

Donations:

Monday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
Thursday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sales:

Thursday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

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:*** Dry Chicken Gravy Mix, Stuffing Mix, Deodorant, Dessert (cake mix, brownie mix, etc.)
- ◆ ***Kid's Café:*** Composition Books (not spiral bound)
- ◆ ***Men's Welcome Center:*** Spray Deodorant



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



NEW MEMBERS WELCOME:

Barbara Dixon, 9/18/2022

MEMORIAL

Audrey Hayman

*James & Bette Taylor, Jr
Bill & Carole Brence
William & Jean Smith
Dorothy Truitt
Dick & Lou Marshall
Anna Grace & Jim East
Ruth Beauchamp
Donald & Barbara Hopkins
Gayle Widdowson
George & Barbara Whitehead
Michael & Joanna Abercrombie
John & Brenda Corcoran*

Beth Hillman

*Dayle Rounds
Open Hearts Open Minds Sunday
School Class
Rick & Carol Bisker
Mary Ellen & Roy Beck
Don & Lynn Cathcart
Debra Welsh
George & Barbara Whitehead
Frank & Frankie Shipper
Greg & EJ Olinde
Sonny & Sylvia Chiofolo
Tom & Beth Hershey*

Elizabeth Hickman


Robert & Bonnie Travis

Joe Ollinger

Linda Wiles

John Christopher Dashiell

Gayle Widdowson

			
Date	Day	Time	Meeting
5	Wed	7:00 pm	SPRC
11	Tue	5:30 pm	Board of Trustees
12	Wed	7:00 pm	Leadership Team
13	Thu	5:30 pm	Finance Committee
19	Wed	7:00 pm	Nominations Committee
25	Tue	10:00 am	Altar Guild
26	Wed	7:00 pm	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 arrangements are made.***



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