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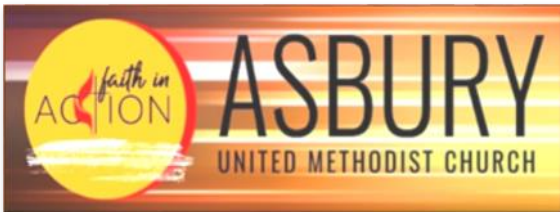
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From the desk of

PASTOR TOM PASMORE

As we prepare to begin a new season of ministry this autumn, I am excited to share some words of wisdom from my very good friend, Pastor Wendy Butterworth. She has the gift of encouragement, and I think we all need some of that this year.

The end of summer is coming up. Pretty soon the traffic will slow, the crowds will thin, and the weather will cool down. All typical of the end of the season. And yet, everything remains different. Ray Bradbury said, "Time is so strange, and life is twice as strange." I think, without even knowing it, that he may have been talking about this unprecedented period we find ourselves living in at the moment. The pandemic may be over, but things will never go back to normal. We find ourselves in a much different and more difficult time. But, the harder things get, the more we can count on God. God is bigger than the combined issues of all humanity. And yet, the Lord knows every hurt, pain, and fear we have as individuals.

To help us through, we pray and read our Bible. We fast, do our devotions, worship, and participate in all of our spiritual disciplines. We lean into the arms of God and let His peace and grace flow over us. It is only through Him that we can keep moving forward. We do that because we have faith in our Savior. We have confidence in the Holy Spirit who lives within us and provides the strength, wisdom, and guidance we need to keep moving forward. It is all available as long as we remember and trust that God is there for us.

In times of trial, we need to reaffirm our faith every time we begin to doubt. We need to lean into the spiritual practices that bring us peace and comfort. There will be opportunities for us to go deeper in our faith as we begin this next season of ministry here at Asbury. I hope that you will join us in many of these opportunities because our heavenly Father always loves us. We need to trust Him with our unconditional faith. We need to be the disciples that Jesus calls us to be, and trust that Jesus can always do a new thing in us.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Tom

STAFF SPOTLIGHT - SHERI BURCHARD

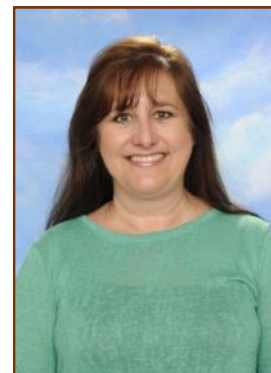
My name is Sheri Burchard, and I am the finance assistant and special events manager at Asbury. I started working part-time at Asbury in 2013, then moved to full-time in 2021.

I am married to Shaun, and we have two daughters, BreAnna, 31, and Hannah, 22. Shaun is a regional director for a hospitality management company in Ocean City. BreAnna is an elementary school teacher in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Hannah graduated from the University of Maryland in May.

We are originally from Michigan. I worked for General Motors for twelve years: first in Rüsselsheim, Germany, where I ran the planning department, and then in Detroit, where I worked in planning and logistics for the high-profile and race car vehicles division.

We relocated here in 2010, and I took some time off to raise Hannah and get her acclimated to her new home and school. We were very fortunate to find Asbury when we were looking for a new church home! Pam Ollinger got Hannah involved in the Krazy Kidz choir and bell choir. Cindy Christensen made sure that Hannah was happy in her Kingdom City Sunday School class. Hannah received a Christian education, guidance, and support from many Asburians over the years.

Our family has flourished here- Shaun and Hannah are very active in the ASP ministry, and I am involved with Angel Tree, Circle Joanna, and the Blanket ministry. We have made many friends, and we are so happy that Asbury is our faith family.



FINANCE

Janice Ilczuk, Director of Finance & Building

The Finance Committee is inviting you to help us Close the Gap on our projected deficit this year. As many of you already heard in worship on August 27, we are looking for a one time gift from everyone in the congregation to help us narrow this shortfall. The original budget that was passed for this year included a \$40,000 draw on the reserves to keep it balanced, and so far, pledged giving in 2023 is down over \$10,000 from 2022. With the gifts that we have already received, we still have a \$35,000 gap that we are trying to overcome. We rely on your generosity to help us take the message of the Gospel to the community and the world, and we are counting on you to help us with an extra gift to end the summer. Thank you for being an important part of the Asbury Church family.



| Income & Expense Comparison | 2023 January - July Actual | 2023 January - July Budget | 2023 Annual Budget |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Pledge/Unpledged Contributions | \$381,787 | \$388,000 | \$655,000 |
| Plate Contributions | \$24,075 | \$9,500 | \$25,000 |
| Special Contributions | \$5,242 | \$5,300 | \$12,800 |
| Endowment | \$27,705 | \$27,705 | \$27,705 |
| Rentals | \$22,263 | \$18,725 | \$32,825 |
| Interest-checking/mma/cd | \$6,847 | \$6,653 | \$14,040 |
| Gain/loss on stock | (\$32) | (\$250) | (\$500) |
| Operating Reserve | \$0 | \$0 | \$39,630 |
| Total Income | \$467,886 | \$455,633 | \$806,500 |
| Property Expenses | \$65,540 | \$69,882 | \$111,522 |
| Ministry Expenses | \$178,319 | \$185,890 | \$316,473 |
| Administrative Expenses | \$81,513 | \$82,836 | \$142,038 |
| Apportionments | \$59,272 | \$59,272 | \$97,272 |
| Employee Benefits | \$79,641 | \$81,190 | \$139,195 |
| Total Expenses | \$464,285 | \$479,070 | \$806,500 |
| Net | \$3,601 | (\$23,437) | \$0 |

A SPECIAL THANKS FROM JANICE



Thank you all for celebrating my 20 years at Asbury! The luncheon was lovely and it is evident how much thought went into planning it. The cards, gifts, sign and conversations with everyone touched my heart in ways that words cannot convey. It is a reminder of how many precious friendships I have made over the years. Through these 20 years, I have learned how grateful and blessed I am to be part of a team with such loyal, caring people. Thank you, thank you again! (Now for another 20...?? Ha- ha)

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





SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES START SEPTEMBER 10



EMA
8:00AM
SANCTUARY

CAYR
8:45AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

FESTIVE
11:00AM
SANCTUARY



Want to watch our Sunday Services online? Go to our YouTube channel, and pick the service you want to watch! Current Sunday services are usually available by 8:00 pm, and all previous services are always available.



September 4



Falls begins
September 23



September 10

NEW SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING

New Safe Sanctuaries Training Dates:

September 17 and 24, 10:00 - 11:00 am - in the Scout Room, upstairs in the educational wing

Anyone 18 years or older helping with VBS, Sunday School, ASP or anything else involving youth, children or vulnerable adults needs to be Safe Sanctuary trained.

The pneumatic device is "3, 2, 1" -

- Every 3 years we do a background check
- Every 2 years you need to take the class
- Every year you need to sign the covenant

Class should only take 45 minutes - 1 hour.

You do not need to register for class - just stop by!



ASBURY SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE

Carlton Bradshaw, *Chair, BOD, ASP*

Attention all high school students and parents: If you are interested in making lifelong friends, earning up to 150 service hours, experiencing the joy of helping others and having fun in the process, then ASP might be for you! The overwhelming majority of youth who participate in the program and go on the trip have such a great experience that they come back the following year. Come check it out, and bring your friends, even if they do not attend Asbury.

Our first interest / organizational meeting will be **Sunday, September 24 from 1-3 pm in Fellowship Hall**. All youth in grades 9-12, their parents, alumni and adults interested in participating in the mission this year should plan to attend this meeting. We will talk about the work that we do throughout the year here in our own community, as well as the trip in June, what to expect and what will be required throughout the year.

We have some exciting events and experiences planned for this year, including service opportunities for the poor in our community, pancake breakfasts and our first ever car wash and silent auction fundraisers. Details on these opportunities will be shared at the September 24 meeting. *Pancake breakfast dates for your calendar are:*

·November 12 ·December 10 ·January 14 ·February 11 ·March 10 ·April 14

Work Skills / Safety Training sessions are scheduled for:

·October 21 ·March 23 ·April 20 ·May 4

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

Carlton Bradshaw

SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD



Connie Boccia, *Chair*
Norma Dobrowolski
Robin Evans
Sara Lewis



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Heather Harman, *Director of Children and Care Ministries*

Sunday
SCHOOL
KICKOFF



Fall Kickoff Sunday!

September 10th is Fall Kickoff which will mark the return of Sunday School! Sunday School will take place from 10:00-10:45AM most Sundays September-April. On ASP Pancake Breakfast Days, there will be no Sunday School so that families can attend the Pancake Breakfast. Several times throughout the year we will have special family event days where families will attend Sunday School together, and we are very

excited to try something new! We hope you will be too! A schedule will be provided so that you will know what is happening each month.

***Preschool 3's and 4's meet in the Nursery**

***K-2nd Grade meets upstairs in Rm. #221**

***3rd-5th Grade meets upstairs in Rm. #225**

Children's Choirs!

Melody Makers (3's and 4's), Cherub Choir (K-2nd) and Kingdom Kids Singers (3rd-5th) will begin meeting on **Tuesday, October 3**. (Ms. Heather is expecting her first grandchild in mid-September and will be away for a while when he arrives, so choirs are starting a bit later than usual.) Kingdom Kids Singers will be directed this year by Ms. Brooke (hooray!), and her schedule is a bit different than ours. Please contact us with any questions and to sign up! All children are invited to participate in Asbury's choirs!



***Melody Makers: 4:30-5:00 in the Fox Room**

***Cherub Choir: 5:00-5:30 in the Mackey Room**

***Kingdom Singers: 5:35-6:05 in the Mackey Room**



Trunk or Treat: October 29, 6:30-8:00PM

Asbury's annual Trunk or Treat will be held in the rear parking lot on Sunday, October 29th, from 6:30-8:00PM. The more cars we have the more fun this event is, so please contact Heather to sign up! heather@asburyweb.org

ASBURY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Casey Taylor, *Director of ACDC*

We are super thrilled here at Asbury Child Development Center to continue yet another school year!! The renovation of 2 classrooms, outdoor memorial area and playground are completed and we can't wait to show them off to the parents and students.

All of our classrooms are decorated perfectly and we have new activities and learning tools. The teachers are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their new students. The school year is packed with many wonderful activities and events!

Please join us on Saturday, September 23 from 11:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. for the dedication of the New Playground and Memorial Area.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Brooke Christensen, Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Drum Circle

We had an awesome summer of drumming in the garden. Be sure to check in to see if we have any drop in dates throughout the year and look for next summer's schedule!



Youth News

September Happenings

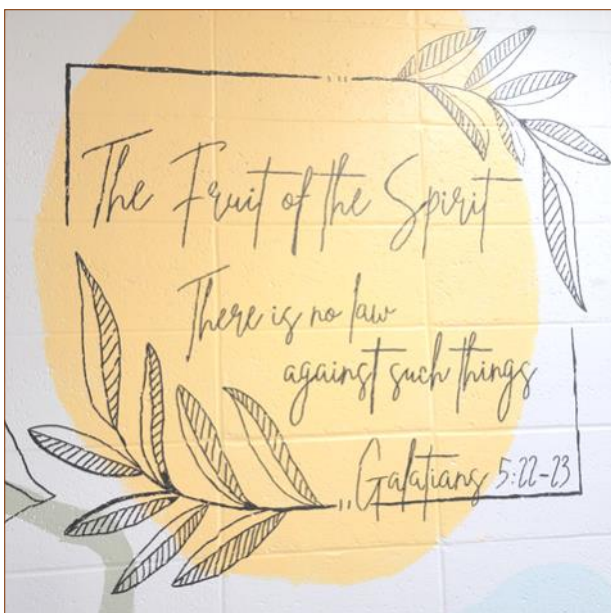
We are getting back into the school year schedule around here. Check your Youth Update emails for the most up to date information.

- Our first **Youth Group** event will be **Friday, September 8** at the Pasmore house from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- The first day of **Sunday School** is **September 10**
- The first day of **Revelation Ringers and Singers** rehearsal is **Tuesday, September 12**

- **Acolyte Training** for all Middle School students is **Sunday, September 17** during Sunday School
- **Safe Sanctuary Training** is being offered on **September 17 and 24** at 10:00am
- **Crucifer Training** for all High School students is **Sunday, October 1** during Sunday School

High School Sunday School Room

The new mural in the High School Sunday School room turned out beautifully!! Here is a peek of the kids working on it, you'll have to come up to see the results!



Needs

Our Youth program is in need of a couple more **Sunday School teachers**. Second adults would also be great but we really need a couple of adults who are interested in teaching. We have a great curriculum with all sorts of ideas and resources, and I am always here to help so you would not be out on your own. Please search your hearts and let brooke@asburyweb.org know if you can help.



A Reminder Note to all Asbury Women:

If you would like to make new friends, strengthen your faith, learn more about what it means to be embraced by Asbury, have fun.... then join one of our 4 circle groups. In fact, we have some UWIF ladies that belong to more than one circle! You won't be sorry. Contact Connie Boccia, Membership Chair at 410-603-0253 or email: pboccia@comcast.net

Circle News:

Joanna Circle – Carol Bisker

Joanna will meet on Monday, September 11th at 10 am at the home of Carol Bisker. We will work on our cards for the church.

Eve Circle – Amy Cropper

Eve meets on Wednesday, September 20th at 7:15 pm in the Mackey Room with Kristin West hosting.

Deborah Circle

Deborah Circle resumed meeting in August and will continue to meet the last Tuesday of each month, 6:30-8pm at the church. We welcome any women to join us Sept. 26th. Contact Maggie Fulkrod for more information: mulkrod1@verizon.net – Maggie Fulkrod

Dorcas Circle – Susan Cropper

Dorcas Circle will resume our monthly meetings beginning Tuesday, September 12th at 10:00 AM in the Fox Room at Asbury. We look forward to seeing everyone and hope to have new friends join our circle. So, bring a friend!

Asbury's UWIF Fall Dinner:

All Asbury women are invited to our annual UWIF fall dinner on Wednesday, September 27th at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner is provided by Asbury's circle groups. Please plan to attend and bring a friend. We are hoping to increase our circle membership this year. We welcome any woman interested in fellowship and mission work that help women and children in need. Plus, it is a great way to make new friends!

UWIF groups from other churches are invited as well. This dinner has become an Asbury tradition that women from other churches look forward to. Please plan to attend the dinner so you can extend a warm welcome to our guests.

Our guest speaker is Krista Riggin, who is a guidance counselor from James M. Bennett High School. She will be speaking on the mental health crisis of the youth in our community.

If you have questions and/or plan to attend the dinner, please call or text Connie Boccia at 410-603-0253 or email: pboccia@comcast.net, no later than Wednesday, September 20th. If you are already a member of a circle group, you will RSVP to your circle leader.

ALL WOMEN WELCOME!

TIFFANIE ZULLO LYON ORDAINED IN THE UMC



Louisiana Annual Conference Bishop Delores J. Williamston and Rev. Tiffanie Z. Lyon, MDiv, BCC, ordained deacon in the LA UMC

Tiffanie, 56, was baptized, confirmed and married at Asbury UMC. The daughter of Betti Zullo and the late Lenny Zullo, she was raised in this beloved church. Growing up in Salisbury, she participated in Asbury's children's choir, hand bell choir, acolyte program, Sunday school, Appalachia Service Project, and much more. A 1985 graduate of Parkside High School, she went on to earn her BS in Social Work/Sociology from Frostburg University (then, Frostburg State College). Tiffanie and her family have lived in the greater New Orleans area since 2006.

Rev. Lyon answered the call to ministry mid-life and she gives thanks to God for wooing her to ministry-as-a-vocation at the age of 42. She earned an MBA (1997) from UMASS Amherst and ventured into a myriad of sales and marketing jobs, but something was missing, says Lyon. She thought self-employment as a professional speaker/sales trainer was the answer and even published a book, *"Sales is NOT a Dirty Word (2009)."* Self-employment sustained her for a while, but God had a different plan for her; she answered the call-to-ministry in 2011. A devout United Methodist and being active in church most her life, she went to the UMC Licensing school in January 2012. The UMC has a great program to enter ministry later in life!

Tiffanie was appointed as associate pastor at First UMC in Slidell, LA which she held for 8 years as a bi-vocational licensed local pastor (2012-2020). At the same time, she worked full-time for a non-profit helping people with disabilities obtain and maintain employment. In 2016 she began seminary at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, CO (hybrid on-line and in person). For four years, Tiffanie maintained her P/T pastoral role, F/T secular job and F/T seminary-- By the grace of God! Tiffanie earned her Master of Divinity in 2020.



Currently, Rev. Tiffanie Z. Lyon, MBA, MDiv, BCC is the Palliative Care Chaplain at Ochsner Medical Center in New Orleans.

Her calling to chaplaincy and especially palliative and end-of-life care came while in seminary taking her first unit of clinical pastoral education (CPE). This was life changing. Since 2019, hospital chaplaincy is her passion, caring for patients and families during the sacred time of serious illness or dying. Tiffanie holds a Palliative Care Chaplaincy Certificate and as of this spring 2023, she is a Board-Certified Chaplain (BCC), the most advanced chaplaincy status. She gives God all the glory for her journey and thanks her mom, Betti Zullo, for anchoring her in church, Asbury UMC, from a young age.

Tiffanie and Paul, her husband of 31 years, live in Slidell, LA and they have one son, Zachary, 24, who lives/works in Ruston, LA.

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

Our newest
Asburians!



Aaron and Alyssa Gracely (and Henry, of course!) attend the CAYR worship service:

Aaron and Alyssa moved from Charleston SC two years ago. Aaron is from Charleston and Alyssa is from Chicago. They have a son named Henry and a Bernadoodle named Wrigley. They now reside in Nanticoke.



Olivia Imirie attends the Come As You aRe (CAYR) worship service: Hello, church! I am so glad to officially be a part of the Asbury community. I started attending when I moved here for graduate school in August 2020. I've been involved in the UMC since I was a kid, so I'm grateful to have found another UMC to call home.

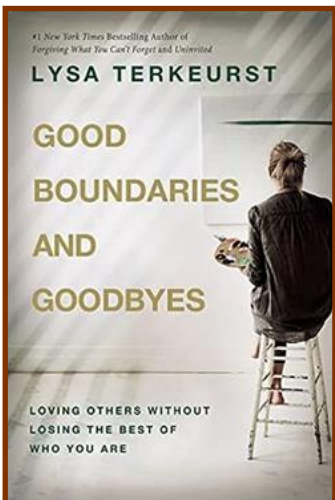
Since coming here, I've graduated from Salisbury University with my Master's degree, and I'll be starting my new job at Wor-Wic Community College as an English instructor. I'm excited (and nervous) for this new opportunity, but one of the best parts about it is I get to stay with all of you.

I've really enjoyed helping with different ministries here at Asbury like VBS, youth group, and Sunday school. Going to the Women's Retreat, Bible studies, and helping with the Sawari family has also helped me to make good friends. I'm looking forward to more ministry and friendships as I grow in faith with all of you.

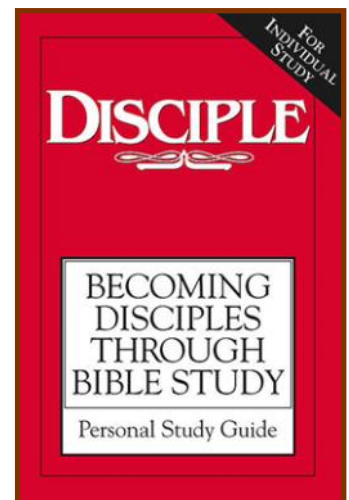
Thank you for welcoming me, and if we don't already know each other, I hope to connect with you soon!

Miranda Surrett (not pictured) is an S.U. student who attends the Festive worship service.

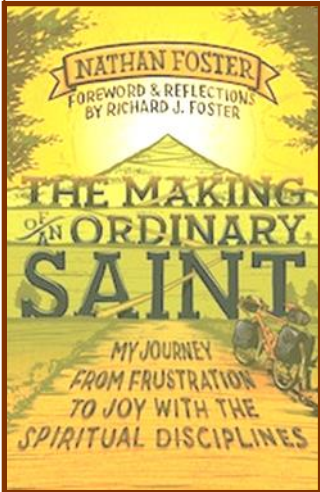
The spiritual practice for September is study.



We may not think of study outside of a formal classroom, but study is an essential and classic spiritual discipline. You can commit to this discipline by signing up for one or both opportunities to practice: Kristen is facilitating a 6 week Bible study on Lysa TerKeurst's book *Good Boundaries and Goodbyes: Loving Others Without Losing Yourself* (Mondays 7-8:30pm) and Pastor Tom is facilitating a 34 week study on *Disciple 1: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study* (Mondays 5:30-7pm). RSVP to the respective party today!



An excerpt from:



Study is the process whereby our minds take on an order conforming to the order of whatever we concentrate upon. Garbage in, garbage out; or conversely, beauty in, beauty out. It really is as simple as that. This is why the wise old apostle Paul urged us to set our minds on “whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable.”¹

What makes study a Christian spiritual discipline is the content of our study as well as the spirit by which we engage in our study.

The content of our study consists in all those things that lead to the glory of God. ... [The main foci of our study as Christians are scripture and nature.] The spirit in which we engage in our study is an overall spirit of humility. We come with open hands and open heart. We become subject to the subject matter. We come as student, not teacher. We come as wholehearted learners. ... Without this pervasive spirit of humility, study will only produce arrogance in us. A haughty spirit undermines humility of heart. Arrogance and a teachable spirit are mutually exclusive.

There are four well-recognized steps in study. The first is repetition. Repetition regularly channels our minds in a specific direction, thus ingraining habits of thought. Ingrained habits of thought can be formed by repetition alone, thus changing behavior, even if we do not understand what is being repeated.

The second step in study is concentration. Concentration centers our minds. It clears away the clutter of a thousand stimuli and forces us to focus on one thing only. This focus allows us to be truly present where we are.

Comprehension is the third step in the discipline of study. All of us have had the experience of reading something over and over and then, all of a sudden, we understand what it means. This “eureka” experience of understanding catapults us to a new level of growth and freedom. It brings insight and discernment.

The final step in study is reflection. While comprehension defines what we are studying, reflection defines the significance of what we are studying. Reflection allows us to see things from God’s perspective.

Study produces joy. Like any novice, we will find it hard work in the beginning. But as our proficiency grows, so will our joy. Study is a discipline ordained by God for the training of the mind in “righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”²

Foster, Nathan. *The Making of an Ordinary Saint: My Journey from Frustration to Joy with the Spiritual Disciplines*. Baker Publishing Group.

For each chapter in Nathan’s book, Richard Foster writes an introductory essay — like this one from the chapter on study.

[1] Philippians 4:8

[2] Romans 14:17



On the journey with you,

Kristen Wall-Love
Director of Spiritual Formation & Membership



OPEN HEARTS OPEN MINDS



Special Presentation by Dr. Ray Thompson: September 10 ***Adult Sunday School Class - Save the Date!***

Sunday School resumes on September 10th, and the Open Hearts, Open Minds Class will be hosting historian Dr. Ray Thompson for our kickoff session. Ray, a 43 year member of Asbury, will be presenting an historical overview of the foundations of Methodism, and of Asbury church in particular, at 9:45 am in the Mackey Room. On Sunday, September 17th at 9:45 am, he will do a tour of the building to highlight different aspects of how the church building itself honors the mission of Methodism and how it facilitates ongoing Christian discipleship.

OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS **FALL SCHEDULE**

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’s 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 |
|-------|--|
| 9/10 | Asbury Church History |
| 9/17 | Asbury Church History/tour |
| 9/24 | Three Simple Rules Rule 1: Do No Harm Understanding the Rule |
| 10/1 | Three Simple Rules Rule 1: Do No Harm Practicing the Rule |
| 10/8 | Three Simple Rules Rule 2: Do Good Understanding the Rule |
| 10/15 | Three Simple Rules Rule 2: Do Good Practicing the Rule |
| 10/22 | Three Simple Rules Rule 3: Stay in Love with God Understanding the Rule |
| 10/29 | Three Simple Rules Rule 3: Stay in Love with God Practicing the Rule |
| 11/5 | Saving Jesus: Jesus’s Program the Kingdom of God |
| 11/12 | Saving Jesus: Jesus’s Program the Kingdom of God |
| 11/19 | Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation, Meanwhile |
| 11/26 | Open Chat |
| 12/3 | Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation, Surprised |
| 12/10 | Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation, Light |
| 12/17 | Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation, Rejoice |

UMC MISSIONARY



Come to Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, September 12 and help us honor two long-serving UMC missionaries to Nepal!

Asbury will host a potluck supper for Mark and Deirdre Zimmerman at 6 pm, followed by a short program which they have entitled 'A Journey Through Nepal.'

Please bring a covered dish, salad, or dessert capable of serving six. The church will provide the meat course. If possible, for planning purposes, please RSVP to Lydia in the church office at 410-749-2131 or lydia@asburyweb.org.

Having just ended their long careers in Nepal under the umbrella of the UMC Board of Global Missions, Mark and Dierdre are visiting a number of local churches that have supported them over the years, including Asbury.

Mark, an MD specializing in internal medicine, first went to Nepal in 1986. He eventually became director of Patan Hospital and later, founding director of the Nick Simons Institute, supporting government health care workers in remote locations.

Deirdre, a nutritionist and dietitian who was born and educated in Ireland, began working in Nepal in 1997 under the auspices of the Church Missionary Society of Ireland. She and Mark have two sons, Zachary and Benjamin, who are now in college in the U.S.

LUNCH & LEARN LOOKS AT SCHOOLS AND YOUTH

Everyone is invited to attend the first Lunch & Learn of the fall on Sunday, September 17. Asbury's Leadership Team chair Dave Harris will discuss the church's current Catalyst Initiative and the James M. Bennett High School partnership. For much of this year, a small team from Asbury has been focusing on Wicomico County youth and how Asbury can make a difference with regard to mental health issues that impact all of us. In addition to his considerable volunteer work at Asbury, including serving on the Catalyst Initiative, Dave is a former school principal and current Supervisor of Instructional Innovation, Accelerated Learning, and Virtual Learning for Wicomico schools.

The Lunch & Learn will begin at 12:15 pm in the Mackey Room, with a light lunch provided by the Church & Society committee. A speaker presentation and Q&A session will follow. We will finish by 1:45 pm. Please RSVP to Lydia Childs in the church office at 410-749-2131.

Everyone is welcome! Please bring your questions about this important topic.



September Happenings

We are very excited about entering a new stage of ministry with the Wesley Foundation as we are now an official club at Salisbury University!

- The SU Club Fair is **September 1**
- The first day of **Bible Study** is **September 10** after the 11:00 service
- **Wednesday, September 27** we are going **bowling** as a part of Visiting Angels' Walk to End Alzheimer's fundraiser

--Brooke

ASBURY NEWS

Church Office Summer Hours

The church office will be closed Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day. ***Please be reminded that the church office will be closed Fridays until September 1, 2023.***

Church Directory Update

After a long hiatus, the 2023 church directory is being finalized and will be available soon! We will let you know when the directories arrive and are ready for pickup.

Opportunity Shop

Donations:

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

Sales:

Thursday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

The shop is in need of spring clothes, shoes, holiday decor 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 September:

Lazarus Food Pantry:

- Cereal
- Side dishes

Kid's Café

- Holiday creft kits for 13 children (ages 7-11)
- Individually packaged snacks
- Two pocket folders with 3 prongs/brads fasteners

Pat Marvel Winter Survival Project:

- Adult hats, gloves and scarves

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.

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

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIALS

Aaron Pulhamus

Bill & Carole Brence

Ann Burns

Al & Linda Prestileo

Scott Turner

Hugh & Sally Livingston

Rick & Carol Bisker

Danna Abbott

Curt & Joyce Ramsey

Frank & Nancy Hanna

Michael & Kathleen Abercrombie, Jr

Darryl & Leslie Nixon

Joanne Doyle

George & Barbara Whitehead

Henry & Dara Lee Hanna, III

Mrs. & Mrs. Wade Insley, III

BAPTISMS

Daniel Michael Hudson, 6/25/23

Olivia Elizabeth Lloyd, 8/16/23

Ethan Maxwell Jennings, 8/20/23

NEW MEMBERS

Miranda Surrett, 5/14/23

Olivia Imrie, 6/25/23

Aaron & Alyssa Gracely, 7/2/23

CONFIRMANTS, 5/21/23

Nick Cropper

Ben Harris

Nathan Madruga

Olivia Szczurko

Shannon Tayman

Ben West

DEATHS

Ann Burns, 6/16/23

Scott Turner, 7/31/23



MEETINGS SCHEDULE

| Date | Day | Time | Meeting |
|------|-----|------------|-------------------|
| 6 | Wed | 6:00 p.m. | SPRC |
| 12 | Tue | 5:30 p.m. | Board of Trustees |
| 13 | Wed | 7:00 p.m. | Leadership Team |
| 14 | Thu | 5:30 p.m. | Finance Committee |
| 26 | Tue | 10:00 a.m. | Altar Guild |
| 27 | Wed | 6:00 p.m. | UWIF -Fall Dinner |

*** Meetings are subject to change, please check with church office for verification of date, time and location. ***
 *** All meetings will be held in the Library, unless other arrangements are made.***

***Are you receiving a printed Asburian but would rather see it in color, on our website? Or would you rather not receive it? Please let us know. ***

Senior Pastor: *Rev. Dr. Tom Pasmore*
Administrative Office Manager: *Lydia Childs*
Administrative Assistant: *Sheri Burchard*
Director of Music Ministries: *Michael Stefanek*
Director of Children and Care Ministries:
Heather Harman
Director of Finance and Building: *Janice Ilczuk*
Director of Adult Spiritual Formation and
Membership: *Rev. Kristen Wall-Love*
Director of Youth & Family Ministries:
Brooke Christensen
Maintenance Worker: *Bob Love*
ACDC Director: *Casey Taylor*
ACDC Asst. Director: *Danna Abbott*



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