



# The Asbury Update

## May 2015

Asbury Memorial  
United Methodist Church  
Rev. Billy Hester

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Asbury Memorial invites all children grades K-6 to Move, Act, Care, Follow, and Share at *G-FORCE: GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION* Vacation Bible School. The children will experience serving God and others with active love! The fun begins May 31st and ends June 5th from 6-9pm.

The adventure includes energetic music, interactive Bible fun, super science projects, cool crafts, great games and supper every night!! All for only \$15 per child! To be part of the excitement at *G-FORCE ADVENTURE PARK*, go to Asbury's website (<http://asburymemorial.org>) and click on the link for Vacation Bible school. For more information or questions, e-mail Cheri Hester at [cbhester@gmail.com](mailto:cbhester@gmail.com).

### Honoring Graduates

We will recognize our high school & college graduates during the service on Sunday, May 17th. **We don't want to omit anyone.** If you know someone achieving this milestone, please contact Claudette at the church.

### New Member Classes this Month!

If you're looking for a church home, we would love to have you with us at Asbury. We have New Member Orientation Classes three times a year...and one of those times is this month! Rev. Hester will be leading classes after the worship services on May 24th and 31st. Lunch is provided by our Hospitality Team. **The class is invited to join the church on June 7th during the worship service.** If you'd like to participate, contact office manager, Claudette DeLong, (233-4351) or Rev. Billy Hester at [bghester3@comcast.net](mailto:bghester3@comcast.net).

### "BIG COFFEE HOUR" May 3rd

**Please join your Asbury Family after the service for food and fellowship on Sunday, May 3rd for our BIG COFFEE Hour. If you are able, please bring food to share with others. You can drop your food items off in the kitchen when you arrive on Sunday. Thanks!**

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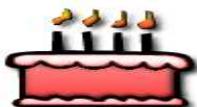
# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Having a Birthday? Let us know when! Call the office at 233-4351 or e-mail us at church@asbury memorial.org.

## May

- 1st Joseph Edwards
- 2nd Mike Flatt  
Zaida Hester  
Tommy Schafer, Jr.
- 3rd Jack Lewis
- 4th Jennifer Prow  
Carolyn Stuber
- 5th Don Amerson  
Andy Becker
- 6th Mary Alice Garvin
- 8th Shelly Corcellus
- 9th Caleb DeLorme  
Bill Kelso  
Emma Varland
- 11th Kim Jones
- 12th Mike Skinner
- 14th Larry Hines
- 16th Jenniee Brannen  
Luke White
- 17th Joan Byrd  
Kathy Cosentino  
Dylan Linthicum  
Sara Linthicum  
Shirley Sessions
- 18th Kristan O'Leary**
- 19th Elizabeth Newkirk

- 20th Brian Clyatt  
Marcie Palmer
- 21st Angie Amerson  
Melanie Raulerson  
Peter Smith
- 22nd June Joyner  
Jack Wagner
- 23rd Patty Paul
- 24th Mo Dixon  
Geoff Harrison
- 25th Tony Beasley  
Nicole Gale-Evans  
May Johnson  
Roberta Smith  
Sydney Veitinger
- 26th Helen Downing  
Dallas Sasser  
Tommy Spain  
Carey Tucker  
Megan Youngblood
- 27th Eric Anderson  
Christopher Ciccod-  
cola  
Julie Tucker
- 28th Phil Hunter
- 29th Sandy Golden
- 30th Teresa Wilkes  
Gail Graham  
Sarah Jones



- 05/01—Kelly & Kim Limehouse**
- 05/03—Doug & Pam Rodenbeck**
- 05/04—Bill & Jamie Kelso**
- 05/06—Rich & Rebecca Burkhart**
- 05/11—Pat & Mary Prokop**
- 05/13—Nancy & Thomas Lee Parker**
- 05/15—Jeff & Bonnie Kaar**
- 05/15—John & Wendy Mason**
- 05/21—Chris & Barbara Gooby**
- 05/21—Mike & Allison Wilemon**
- 05/25—Joe & Janet Steffen**
- 05/28—Jake & Trina Dunn**
- 05/30—Danny & Barbara Beam**
- 05/31—Spencer & Carla Luke**



### Congratulations!

*Pam Parker Kress became a great grandmother Sunday, April 19th. Her granddaughter, Samantha gave birth to a girl, Lilly Anne at 4:14 a.m. Pam was in England to share the joy!*

*Tommy Spain became a grandfather...again! Remington Thomas Spain was born April 23rd in Louisiana.*

# T G I Y T i m e s

## **THANK GOD IT'S YOUTH**



Since May is such a busy time of year for students with final exams and end of the school year parties and events, the youth will not meet during the month of May.

During May, we will send out a schedule

**for the youth's summer activities. If you have any** questions or need any information about our youth program, please contact Youth Director, Laura Angell, by email: [lauraangell64@gmail.com](mailto:lauraangell64@gmail.com).

### Children's Church Leaders

#### Grades K-3rd

Tom & Betsy Davis

Subs: Ellie Covington & Ashley Bolfik-Stroud

#### Grades 4th-6th

May 3rd:

Candace Jenkins & Michael Edwards

May 10th:

Kate Strain & Suzanne Becker

May 17th:

KT Aull & Andrea Harrelson

May 24th:

Danny Adams & Kelly Limehouse

May 31st:

To Be Announced

### Nursery Volunteers

May 3

Rebecca Burkhart, Kate Brown

May 10

Mary Ann Donahue, Mary Ellen Campbell

May 17

Ellie Covington, Margaret Clay

May 24

Cindy Beauchamp, Elizabeth Newkirk

May 31

Ashley Bolfik-Stroud

*Nursery services are provided for preschool children for the programs and services on Sundays and Wednesdays.*

*We are always looking for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer in our nursery, please call the church office.*

*The Living Cross on Easter  
An Asbury Family Tradition*



# Thank You

Dear Asbury Family,

I am writing to you as I give thanks for the ongoing support and love I have received from members of Asbury during my recent physical challenge.

It has been two months since I was admitted for emergency respiratory distress. After a long 20 days in the hospital and 4 weeks of home health care, I am beginning to feel stronger and more myself. Having a chronic health condition is a defining moment of how one interacts with others and **their environment. It tries the patience and challenges one's "faith" as well** as that of others who love and care about you.

I am blessed by the strong ongoing support from our Pastor, Billy. Through his actions he inspires each person to give their best to each other. In this very busy society people came forth and showed tenderness and protection on a deep level of caring through community. The finest example of a life in Christ was extended to me at a most difficult time through fellowship and church.

Thank you all for being present to my needs and sharing in my recovery. I believe I am coming back stronger, better and healthier in all ways, willing to give back to others what I received. I still have some restrictions and home health care for another month but I am making progress each day. I am grateful to those persons who have stood by me and continue to do so.  
Sincerely,



**You are invited to the Prokop's Open Garden on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th, or the following Saturday, May 30th to enjoy hundreds of day lilies, Asiatics/Oriental, gloriosas, and hostas as well as dahlias, irises and roses. Come any time between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

Light refreshments will be served. If you need the address and/or directions, email Mary at [marykprokop@gmail.com](mailto:marykprokop@gmail.com).

## Congratulations and Good Luck!!!!

**Asburian Ernie Lee, who was selected "Teacher of the Year" for the Savannah-Chatham County Schools, has now been selected as a finalist for "State Teacher of the Year." Ernie is one of ten finalists from around the state who is competing at the next level. He recently went to Atlanta for an interview and to give a speech. Ernie will produce a 20 to 25 minute video of himself teaching to submit at the end of the month.**

**Congratulations to Ernie for a job well done & for the recognition he deserves!**



## EDA Savannah

Are you struggling with an eating disorder? Do you know somebody who might be battling anorexia or bulimia?

There is help! Asbury has a support group for individuals who struggle with anorexia, bulimia and/or binge eating disorder.

Eating Disorders Anonymous meets on Monday nights from 7:30-8:30 in the choir room. It's an open group and everyone is welcome. People with eating disorders and friends and family members of people with eating disorders are welcome to attend the meetings. It is a confidential group and everything shared in the group remains in the group.

However, this is not a diet group for people looking to lose weight.

Questions, please contact Ruthie Deffley at 912-312-0079 or [rdurandeffley@gmail.com](mailto:rdurandeffley@gmail.com)

There is hope – YOU CAN RECOVER! But no one can recover alone.

## Br eema

**Saturday, May 2nd - 10 a.m. Till Noon**

**The Asbury Breema class welcomes you in the pursuit of finding balance and peace of mind. The group normally meets on the first Saturday of the month. The focus this year continues to be on the activity of the body with the support of one of the Nine Principles of Harmonious Living. For May we will focus on *Gentleness/Firmness*.**

**There are no special skills required and there is no charge for the class. A donation jar is available for expenses such as instruction sheets, etc.**

**The class meets in the Social Hall. Bring socks and a yoga mat (if you have one).**

**Call Tricia Richardson with questions.....658-5592.**

## Study Groups & Fellowship Groups

Asbury offers a wide variety of study and fellowship groups.

### Monday Lunchtime Group

#### **January Adventure Series**

***On Monday's at 1 p.m., facilitator Pam Parker Kress***

The Lunchtime Group is continuing with the series on January Adventure. January Adventure is a yearly event at Epworth by the Sea which features workshops with emergent Christian theologians. We will study Marcus Borg: What I wish every American Christian knew. This was his theme at January Adventure 2014 and is the basis for his book, *Convictions*. Many of us have been saddened by his death in January following a diagnosis of cancer. He has helped me to read the bible with new insight and understanding. Bring lunch if you like at 1:00 p.m. and we will start promptly at 1:30.

For further details email Pam Parker Kress: [paminsavannah@gmail.com](mailto:paminsavannah@gmail.com) or phone 912 236 0982.

### Reconciling Ministries Network

Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) is a growing movement of United Methodist individuals, congregations, campus ministries, and other groups working for the full participation of all people in The United Methodist Church.

Please join RMN in our sanctuary on Sunday, May 3rd, at 1:15 p.m.

Follow all their news on Facebook @ Asbury Memorial Reconciling!



### Shekhinah Spiral - Women of Asbury

Shekhinah means "the feminine face of God." This women's group at Asbury meets once a month after the worship service for a potluck lunch and a time for learning and sharing. The group will meet on Sunday, May 17th.

### Men's Group on Thursday Nights

Asbury has a study, sharing & support group for men that meet every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. and goes to 8:30 p.m. All men are welcome. The group meets on the 2nd floor of the Education Building.

For more information, email Dwight Campbell at [dcampbell58@gmail.com](mailto:dcampbell58@gmail.com).

### "Our Time"

### A Fellowship Group for Parents with Young Children

Our Time's last meeting before break for the summer will be May 15th at 6pm in the Social Hall. We hope parents with small children will join us for a small group discussion on a devotional and shared potluck meal. We will also be seeking input for a new meeting time that works better for our parents. All options are on the table! If you can't make the group but would like to offer feedback, please email Ruthie at [rdurandeffley@gmail.com](mailto:rdurandeffley@gmail.com). Our Time will resume in September.

As always childcare will be provided in the nursery. For questions, please contact Ruthie at 912-312-0079 or Nick at 912-312-3555

Are you 8-16 years old (or do you know someone who is?)

Do you want to be in a national music video?

Then follow the instructions on the flyer below and register to be a part of this fun event! Please note, even though all are welcome to join, you *must* register for this event to participate!

Hope to see you there! Please email Cheri Hester ([cbhester@gmail.com](mailto:cbhester@gmail.com)) with any questions.



**STAR IN A  
NATIONAL KIDS MUSIC VIDEO  
FOR VBS**

*on Tybee Island, GA!*

**SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2015**

**3:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

**17<sup>th</sup> STREET (BY THE PIER), TYBEE ISLAND**

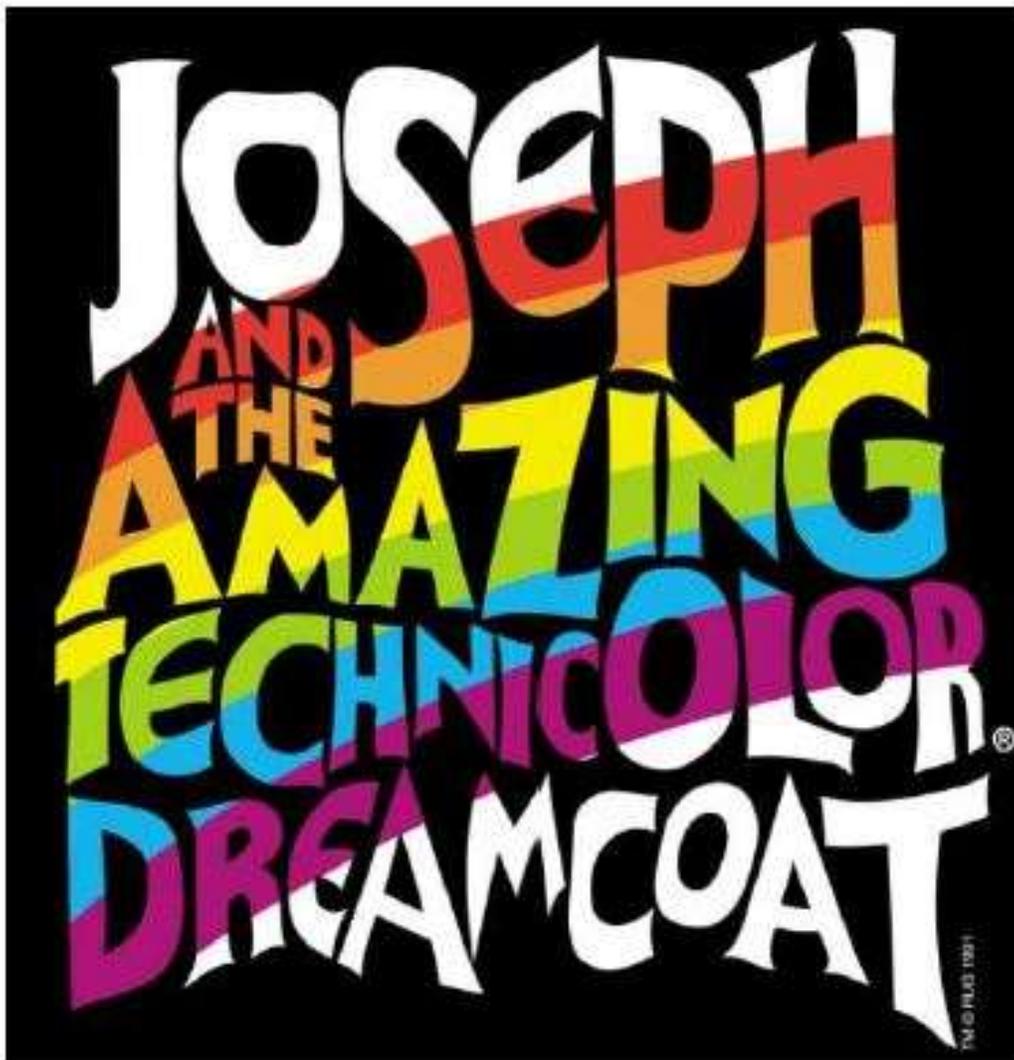
Seeking energetic kids ages 8–16 to star as extras in a “Rock Concert” Live Music Video on the beach!

Partnering with a National Publishing Company, this production is the finale of a music video series for Vacation Bible School, distributed to thousands of churches across the country!

Hang out with your friends for a fun afternoon working with a professional video crew and “flash mob” style choreography. Get your name on the credits of a national music video... all while basking in the Georgia sunshine!

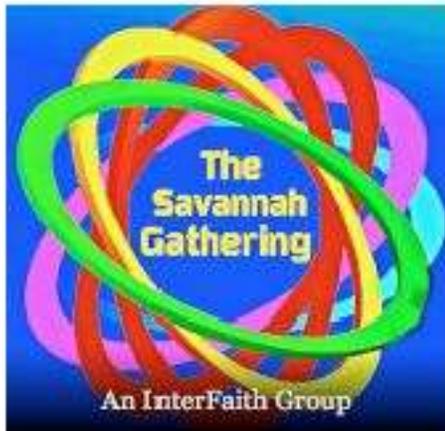
**FOR MORE INFO & REGISTRATION:**  
[castingkai@gmail.com](mailto:castingkai@gmail.com)

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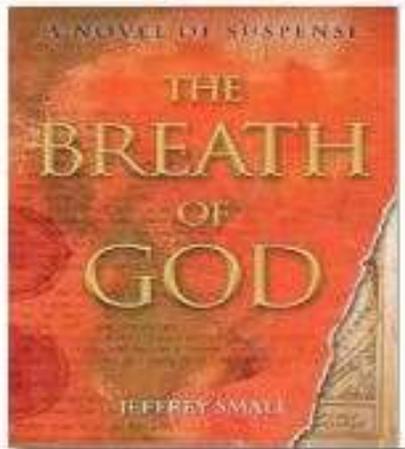
**Presented by:**  
**Cookeville First UMC**  
**Youth Choir**  
**Cookeville, TN**

**Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM**  
**Asbury Memorial UMC**  
**1008 East Henry**  
**Savannah, GA**



# The Savannah Gathering

**Spring 2015 EVENT - May 7, 2015 - 6pm**



**Best-selling author  
and IPPY Awards  
Gold Medal Winner**

**Jeffrey Small**



Jeffrey Small

- *Why do we have so many religions?*
- *What can we learn from this knowledge?*
- *Why do we need interfaith dialogue?*
- *What are the key teachings from Judaism, Islam, Christianity, Hinduism, and Buddhism?*

***"When East Meets West:  
What Can Judaism,  
Christianity, Islam, Hinduism,  
and Buddhism Learn  
from Each Other?"***

Unitarian Universalist  
Church  
311 East Harris St.  
Savannah, GA 31401

**NO**  
*Pre-registration  
required*

**OPEN** to the  
*public!*

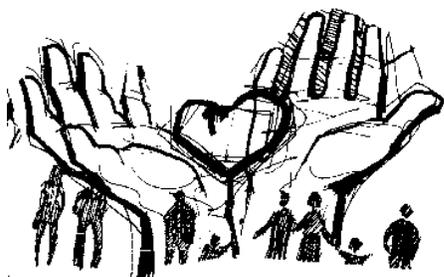
More info:  
[savannahgathering.net](http://savannahgathering.net)



Scan QR Code for quick  
website access.

## WHEN SHADOWS FALL

- † We extend our love and sympathy to Mina Smith in the death of her sister-in-law, Kathryn Smith.
- † We extend our love and sympathy to Judith Kessler and Roberta Smith in the death of Judith's niece, Claudia Kessler Faller.
- † We extend our love and sympathy to Chris and Candace Jenkins and Curtis and Shirley Jenkins in the death of Chris' and Curtis' father, Homer Jenkins.
- † We extend our love and sympathy to Kathleen and Dallas Sasser in the death of Kathleen's husband and Dallas' grandfather, Eddie Sasser.
- † We extend our love and sympathy to Marie Parker, Jenifer and Parker Hall and family in the death of Marie's father, Roy Ridgeway.
- † We extend our love and sympathy to Beulah Nettles and our Asbury family in the death of Dot Wallace.
- † We extend our love and sympathy to Debbie Williamson, Jackie Fall and Susan Cornett and their families in the death of their aunt, Ouida Marlene Riggs.



## PRAYER REQUESTS



### Members

Hank Albee, Catherine Argyros, Jenniee Brannen, Jean Butcher, Thurman Butcher, Carter Campbell, Anita Clay, Mary Cronk, Keira Davenport, Gretchen Dodd, Mary Ann Donahue, Helen Downing, Carter Drake, Gay Gwinner, Maurice Gwinner, Cale Hall, Chase Harrison, May Johnson, Judith Kessler, Elizabeth Lariscy, Cookie Leadbetter, Frances Monson, Pat Moore, Beulah Nettles, Bob Osborn, Marie Parker, Susan Powell, Melanie Raulerson, Neal Saye, Barbara Schafer, Mina Smith, Cabell Stewart, Jean Stewart, Pat Stewart, Dot Wallace, Kenn Waters, Diane Williamson

### Wildberries

Russ Boekenheide, Betty Cooper, Jeff Davy, Deb Gibson, Lillian Lindsay, Becky Martin, Tim Rockwell, Liam Steffen

### Family & Friends

Frances Bowman, Brenda Covington, Betsy Cowperthwaite, Rickey Edwards, Doug Ellis, Lisa Groover, Robert Hicks, Butch Hirsch, Archie Iodice, Mark Kelso, Jeanie Knight, Baby Mia, Scott Moncrief, Rosie Newman, Janet Oliver, Morgan Page, Janice Roberson-Bowman, Lee Robinson, Roger of Peacock's Florist, Cheryl Simmons, Kathy Smith, Murray Stanley, Cherlene Tilson, Melina Jade Wren

Below is the promo-card for Asbury's Bill Levitt's photographic exhibit on Thursday, May 21st at the Andaz at 5:30 p.m.

ANDAZ | salon

Please join us in welcoming photographer William Levitt. After many years of creating images in Europe, he has discovered the beauty of Savannah and calls our city home. Peeling back layer after layer of the city to reveal the hidden treasures of Savannah found outside the "Squares", his work provides a new perspective in defining what beauty is, and how it can be discovered in the most unlikely of places. From dark and mysterious to fun and serendipitous, his work will open your eyes to a whole new way of seeing.

THURSDAY, MAY 21st 2015

AT 5:30 PM

Light-Zone Studios  
Digital photographic services

ANDAZ | SAVANNAH  
GEORGIA



## Helping Betsy

Asburian, Betsy Haun, who has recently moved back to Savannah, is in need of a place to stay, preferably on the Southside. If anyone has a room available or knows of one, Betsy would be very interested in pursuing this. Betsy is also available to sit as a companion with people who need assistance. If you are interested in contacting Betsy about either of these, please contact her at [betsyhaun82@gmail.com](mailto:betsyhaun82@gmail.com).

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## HONORARIUMS

*A Gift has been given to the  
"Choir" Fund  
in honor of Frank Ramsey  
by Mickey Dodge*

### Mission Moments

As May is Mother Day month we will be collecting supplies for two important programs.

The first is multi vitamins for people in the Dominican Republic. When your diet is poor, vitamins make all the difference. CVS has sales on a regular basis, buy one and get one free. We send them to two Doctors who work with the very poor in and around Santa Domingo. If you have opened bottles we can use those too.

**The other program is for Union Mission's Homeless Woman's Program. These woman have a very hard time getting enough money to buy personal products like Tampax and Kotex . We will have baskets on the stage to receive your donations during the month of May.**

We need recruits for our rehab team that is fixing up the home of a grandmother on Duffy St that inherited five grandchildren when her daughter was killed. To date we have been able to assist the homeowner to get a new roof and have a large tree taken down by the city. A window and beams above it have been repaired by a contractor and now that the house is secured we have begun repairing the interior. Lots of painting, garden work and replacing the pathway to the home. If you can help please contact Margaret Cook Levy at 598-0558 or email her at margcook@earthlink.net.



*As often as you did it for one  
of my least brothers, you did  
it for me.*

### 2015 Budget Offering

March 29th - \$10,136.17  
April 5th - \$13,236.41  
April 12th - \$7,626.50  
April 19th - \$12,042.22  
April 26th - TBA

### 2015 Budget Need to Date

\$163,076.96

### 2015 Received to Date

\$156,240.30

### 2015 Weekly Budget Need

\$10,192.31

### ***Chair Name Plate***

As we worship on Sundays, how meaningful it is to see the name of a loved one etched into a nameplate on one of our beautiful sanctuary chairs. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one in a special way, complete an order form and turn it into the church office. Forms are available in the church narthex and the office. Please turn in a completed form to the office. The cost is \$250.00. The funds are used for the upkeep and maintenance of the sanctuary.

(Two examples of nameplates for the chairs.)

Elizabeth Lariscy  
A Southern Lady  
By R. Ward Lari-

In Loving Memory  
of  
Dix Elliott

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**Flowers in the Sanctuary**

Supplying the flower arrangements for the worship service is a wonderful way to commemorate a date that is important to you or a loved one. Please check the 2015 Flower Chart in the narthex and sign up. The cost is \$60. For more information call the church office at 233-4351.

**Special Funds**

One way to honor or to remember a loved one is with a memorial or an honorarium to some of our different funds such as the Trustee Fund, General Fund, Piano/Organ Fund, the Hester-Children Education Fund or one of our Mission Funds.

**Newsletter Information**

If you have an announcement for "The Asbury Update," please send it to the church office in writing by the 15th of each month. Contact Claudette DeLong, Office Manager at 233-4351 or email to church@asburymemorial.org  
Office hours are 9 AM to 2 PM, Monday thru Friday.

**Mission Statement:**

**Asbury Memorial is a place where all people can develop their spirituality, use their talents, and grow in faith as we seek to love, serve, and celebrate God, each other, and our community.**