



# The Asbury Update

## February 2010

Asbury Memorial  
United Methodist Church  
Rev. Billy Hester

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### A Word From Billy....about Lent

We just put up the wrapping paper and ribbons, and now it's already time to get ready for another church season, the season of Lent. I must confess that at one time, this would have been a "downer" for me...I mean, what can top Christmas?

But as I have gotten older, I have come to appreciate the meaning of Lent and benefit from its power.

This period of reflection has become one of my favorite seasons. I hope you will benefit from it also and will take advantage of the events, programs, and worship services at Asbury this Lent. It all begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. We will offer two

services, 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m. I look forward to walking the Lenten journey with you. Blessing and Peace!.....Billy



## L E N T

The Journey Begins with...  
Ash Wednesday Services  
12 Noon & 7:00 PM  
February 17th



## C o n f i r m a t i o n C l a s s e s

for 6th Graders and Above



Rev. Hester will be leading Confirmation Classes for children and youth in the 6th grade and above. The classes will be held on Sundays starting February

21st and will conclude with the youth being confirmed during the worship service on Palm Sunday, March 28th. The classes will also include a Saturday day-trip to Epworth By-The-Sea on St. Simon's Island. If your youngster will be participating or if you have questions, please call Rev. Billy Hester or email him at [bghester3@comcast.net](mailto:bghester3@comcast.net).



## "I Do" ...Again

Renewal of Vows Ceremony

Billy and Cheri Hester will be leading a Renewal of Wedding Vows Ceremony for married couples on Sunday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m. The event will be held outside at the City Market by the gazebo.



## Wesley Love Walk Saturday February 13th

Support Asburian  
Virginia Holliday

The Wesley Community Center is a United Methodist Agency that has served the poor in our city for many years.

**It's main fund raiser is** the annual Love Walk.

Our Virginia Holliday has walked in it for 17 years. She will be glad to take your money!!!

When you see her approach you with her clipboard, get your wallet out! Anyone interested in walking with Virginia, meet her at Forsyth Park on February 13th at 10 a.m.

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## ***TGIY Times***



### ***Thank God It's Youth***



**Wednesday, 3rd—TGIY - 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, 10th—TGIY - 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.**

*Special Valentines Program*

**Wednesday, 17th —TGIY - 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, 24th—TGIY - 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.**

If you have any question or need any information about our youth program, please contact

Debbie Wright by email: [debbie203@comcast.net](mailto:debbie203@comcast.net) Thanks for your support!

### *Sunday Programs for Children, Youth, and Adults*

#### **10 O'clock Hour**

Adults & Youth - will meet in the Social Hall for the Living the Questions Study.

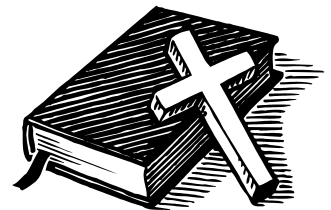
Children - will gather for Creative Kids in Room 12 on the 2nd Floor.

**Did you know that the early Christians worshiped in homes...and that the service leaders were often women? Why did things change? Why were women no longer allowed to lead services?**

This was one of the areas of discussion in last Wednesday's 7 O'clock Study that Rev. Hester is leading about the first 2000 years of Christianity. Although it is helpful to attend all the classes, each session is independent of the others...so feel free to attend any of the sessions. **Hope you will join us on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. for a study of the 1st Two Thousand Years of Christianity.**

### *Adult Bible Study Announcement*

We are offering a new Disciple Bible Study Class on the book of Psalms. Classes are being offered on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. beginning March 7th in the church Social Hall. The class will be 10 weeks long. The facilitator will be Danny Beam.



To sign up or for more information about the class please contact the church office at 912.233.4351 or email [asburymumc@yahoo.com](mailto:asburymumc@yahoo.com)

## WHEN SHADOWS FALL

- ✠ We extend our love and sympathy to the family of Phil and Suzanne Devlin on the death of Phil's father John R. Devlin, Sr.
- ✠ We extend our love and sympathy to the family of Mike and Debra Skinner on the death of Mike's mother Mabelene Skinner.
- ✠ We extend our love and sympathy to the family of Cindy and Phil Hunter on the death of Cindy's mother Betty Galloway.
- ✠ We extend our love and sympathy to the family of Melinda LaRoe and Evan Walker on the death of Melinda's husband and Evan's step-father Jeff LaRoe.
- ✠ We extend our love and sympathy to the family of Tim Guyer on the death of Tim's father Richard Guyer.
- ✠ We extend our love and sympathy to the family of James "Jaimme" Dowling on the death of his grandmother Primrose Dowling.
- ✠ We extend our love and sympathy to the Nelson family on the death of former Asbury member Karen Nelson.
- ✠ We extend our love and sympathy to the family of Dot Wallace on the death of Dot's sister Helen Smith.
- ✠ We extend our love and sympathy to the family of Claudia and David Seyle on the death of Claudia's mother Carol Crawford.
- ✠ We extend our love and sympathy to Dodie Gay and her family in the death of Dodie's father, Benjamin Earl Gay.



### Prayer List

#### Members

Annette Anderson, Beth Ballance, Denice Beasley, Cindy Bolinger, Lindsey Braddock, Thurman Butcher, Suzanne Cooler, Vicki Cronk, Mickey Dodge, Lauri Dworzak, Debbie Eason, Marjorie Edenfield, Edna Girard, Judy Graham, Gay Gwinner, Nell Hagins, Chase Harrison, Roy Hill, Mary Hinely, Elizabeth Jackson, Dale Karacostas, Judith Kessler, Elizabeth Lariscy, Justin Linthicum, Janet Mayne, Pam Miller, Marie Parker, Jo Poston, Mary Prokop, Cabell Stewart, Jean Stewart, Joyce Wickstrom, Harold Wiley, Diane Williamson, Evans Wright

## MEMORIALS

A gift has been given to the **"Celebrate the Joy"** fund in memory of the following:

- ♦ Chris Wilburn by Charles and Angelle Reichert
- ♦ Don Ballance by Debra and Gary Adams
- ♦ Francis Brannen:  
The Massillion Area Credit Union  
David and Shirley Smith  
Cynthia Herold and Harold Wiley  
Lois S. Rockwell  
Arthur and Nancy McAuley  
Susan and John Getty
- ♦ Mabelene Skinner (Mike Skinner's mother) by  
Evans and Debbie Wright  
Pat and Mary Prokop
- ♦ Billy Anderson (Bill Anderson's father) by Evans  
and Debbie Wright
- ♦ John Devlin (Phil Devlin's father) by Evans and  
Debbie Wright
- ♦ Jeff LaRoe (Evan Walker's step-father) by Evans  
and Debbie Wright
- ♦ Edna Jewett by Joan J. Crane

A gift has been given to the Organ Fund  
in memory of the following:

- ♦ Virginia Daniel by Joan Hester Byrd
- ♦ Bobbye Moelich by Joan Hester Byrd
- ♦ Virginia Daniel by Phil & Bettye Hunter
- ♦ Bobbye Moelich by Phil & Bettye Hunter

### Family & Friends of Members

Steve Amerson, Pat Annel, Donna Baldwin, Emily Brennan, Brian Cail, Frankie Carpenter, Emma Carroll, Rhonda Clyatt, Nancy Collier, Pat Conner, Fred Cook, Rose Crosby, Joanie Cronk, Schaefer Dean, Lajuan Dewitt, Marion Edwards, Monique & Ryan Esteves, Carolyn Everley, Juanita Fredrick, Barbara Freeman, Nita Gay, Rick Gilbert, John Gnann, Saraminah Grimm, Richard Guyer, Jim Herold, Jerry Hill, Dave Hogg, Monica Hull-Shea, Archie Iodice, Mary Kessler, Ruth Ellen Lee, Grace Lewicki, Monroe Mathis, John McIntosh, Phillis McQuaid, Freddy Ogunkoya, Tiffany O'Quinn, Jimmy Page, Melissa Pittman, Joe Porterfield, Al Riley, Harry Skinner, Liam Steffen, Dan Strickland, Myra Seals, Frances Tanner, Paulette Thompson-Clinton, Susan Waters, Heather Widman, Buddy Wilkes, Valerie Zamora, Maya Zafari

## February BIRTHDAYS!

1st– Debra Gundrum  
2nd– JoAnna Anderson  
3rd– Nanci Hartland  
4th– Ken Carter  
Sarah McNew  
5th– Kirsten Acker  
Iris Dayoub  
Imogen Oliver  
Becca Terrett  
Jeofry Wages  
7th– Barbara Rogers  
Harold Wiley  
Gwyneth Yarbrough  
8th– Sam Cooper  
9th– Paul Bailey  
Ben Cooper  
Chelsea Harrison  
Preston Jenkins  
Suzanne Wages  
10th– Devin Andres  
Bob Carlyle  
Laurie Fahey  
Linda Martin  
11th– Hannah Braddock  
12th– Danny Beam  
13th– Wendell Hester  
Wesley Hester  
Judith Jones  
Gregg Stephens  
14th– Phoebe Alley  
15th– Kate Devlin  
Tonya Hillis  
16th– Cindy Hanks  
17th– Libby Upchurch  
18th– Lexi Campbell  
Solon Carter  
Sherry Woo



## Happy Birthday

Having a Birthday?

Let us know when! Sign up on the main bulletin board between the nurseries or call the office at 233-4351.



### February BIRTHDAYS! *continued*

19th– Anna Rose Carter  
Jeremy Upchurch  
20th– Robert Cooper  
Debra Skinner  
21st– Kelly Limehouse  
Nancy Munoz  
22nd– Jackie Dean  
Jonathan Hoag  
Tracy Maxwell  
Chris Strain  
23rd– John Maesch  
Aiden Taylor-Bickford  
24th– Sandra Carroll  
26th– Alice Bouknight  
Ernie Lee  
27th– Mary Howard  
Ray Sears  
29th– Mary Ann Donahue  
Dorothy (Dot) Wallace

### Congratulations



Congratulations to Jan & Sam  
Durham on the birth of  
their grandson

Evan Durham Nadler

Evan was born January 20th in the Atlanta  
area and weighed in at 8 pounds, 5 ounces!

### Congratulations



Congratulations to Jacques &  
Cindy Beauchamp on the birth  
of their son

Gabriel Jacque  
Beauchamp

Gabriel was born January 8th and weighed  
in at 9 pounds, 12 ounces; 21.25 inches

### Congratulations



Congratulations to  
Anne Allen Westbrook  
and Todd Baiad  
on their marriage December 31st!

## A Very Special Thank You

Dear Asbury Youth,

A close friend of mine always reminds me that God has all the right people in 'place' exactly when we need them. That was never more evident to me when I saw you there for Evan (Walker, Asbury Youth Member) at Jeff's memorial service.

You are a beautiful group of young women and men. I am so grateful for your presence yesterday and I have no doubt that you will continue to be there for one another on life's journey.

Thank you so much,  
Melinda LaRoe

## **Men's Breakfast Group**

Every first Saturday of the month the men of Asbury have a delicious breakfast together at 9:00 a.m. for a \$3 donation. We have relaxed "barbershop-like atmosphere"... telling some stories, jokes, and finding out what's going on in our lives and in the world.

After we finish, we often do some kind of service project - it may be tidying up the Social Hall, doing yard-work, or helping with some other project.

We hope you will consider joining us...we promise that "what's said at the Men's Breakfast stays at the Men's Breakfast!"

It helps to know the number of people who are coming so we know how much food to prepare. You can sign up on our web site each month. But if you forget, please don't let that stop you from coming. Bill Oakley, Michael Edwards and Pat Prokop are always willing to share their pancakes. We will meet February 6th!



## **Nursery Care for the 10 o'clock Hour and 11:15 a.m. Services**

Nursery services are provided for pre-school children on Sunday.

## **Children's Church Leaders**

### **February 2010**

#### **Grades K—3rd**

Tom & Betsy Davis

Subs: Ellie Covington & Cheri Hester

#### **Grades 4th—6th**

February 7th—Kim Smith and Debbie Anderson

February 14th—Margaret Clay and Joel Varland

February 21st—KT Aull and Andrea Harrelson

February 28th—Emily Anderson and KT Aull

## **Shekhinah Spiral**

**Our women's group, Shekhinah Spiral, will meet on Sunday, February 21st.**

**Shekhinah is a Hebrew word that means "the feminine face of God".**

Our women's group meets the third Sunday of the month. All women are invited to bring a potluck lunch to share after the worship service. In addition to our sharing, we will focus our discussion around reading from "The Book of Awakening". No need to buy the book or pre-read, we will share the reading during the meeting. The group always welcomes new participants. They would love for you to break bread with them and share in the discussion. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Hodges, the group's facilitator at [KathleenEHodges@gmail.com](mailto:KathleenEHodges@gmail.com)

## **YOGA AT ASBURY**

**Come join us for easy yoga THURSDAY NIGHTS @ 6:30 and stretch your way to that leaner, calmer, more flexible person you want to be. Class is held in the Social Hall. Price is \$8.00/class, or you can purchase an 8-class pass for \$60.00. Bring a mat & blanket.**

## **Can Recycling**

Remember to bring your cans to church for recycling. All monies received go to the "Celebrate the Joy" Campaign. When dropping off your cans, please DO NOT put them in the city's

recycling container. There are two trash cans, one of each side of the city's container for the cans to be placed in. We would like to thank Carolyn Bowden for recycling the cans for Asbury.



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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 2010 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 the "Celebrate the Joy" (Renovation) Fund, the Piano/Organ Fund, the Hester-Children Education Fund, the Trustees Fund or the General Fund.

### **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, Church Secretary at 233-4351 or email to [asbury-mumc@yahoo.com](mailto:asbury-mumc@yahoo.com). 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.**



## GoodSearch

Thank you for using the [GoodSearch](http://www.GoodSearch.com) engine for your internet searches and online purchases. The church received \$100.30 in 2009 donations. Keep using [GoodSearch](http://www.GoodSearch.com) to benefit Asbury. If you have any question or need additional information, please call the church office. [www.GoodSearch.com](http://www.GoodSearch.com)



## Busy Bee News

**Would you like a  
St. Patrick's Clown?  
Order Now!**

**Think ahead for the Fourth of July, Fall, Christmas,  
Baby Showers and Birthdays.  
Contact any Busy Bee or call the office to order.**

### **Be A Busy Bee!**

**Hand and machine sewers welcome. We Train!  
Join us for fellowship and to help support the church**

**The Busy Bees are in need of donations of  
old sheets and fabric. Please bring your fabrics on Sunday  
and leave with Virginia Holliday.**

## DECEMBER 2009 NUMBERS FOR CELEBRATE THE JOY!

Goal: \$1,500,000  
Amt Rcvd: \$ 941,000\* \*Approximate number

% of time into campaign: 61%

% of goal reached 63%

% of pledges rcvd 56%

We have 15 months left in this campaign to raise **\$560,000**. Thank you for what you've already done and what you will do yet. This campaign will succeed because each of us is a key link in achieving our goal. Remember...How do you eat an elephant? One small bite at a time. Chomp, chomp!

## 2010 Budget Offering

January 3rd - \$9,398.65

January 10th - \$4,979.00

January 17th - \$8,148.99

January 24th - \$7,815.75

January 31st - TBA

### Weekly Budget Needed

\$8,345.87

### Budget Needed to Date

\$33,383.48

### Received to Date

\$30,342.39

### Balance of the Operating Fund

as of January 31, 2010

\$116,895.25

### **"Celebrate the Joy!" Fund**

(Renovation) as of 12-31-09

\$210,152.71

## Worship Attendance

December 20th—381

December 27th—292

January 3rd—347

January 10th—299

January 17th—308

January 24th—330

January 31st—TBA

## HONORARIUMS



*A gift has been given to the  
**"Janice Gantt Butterfly  
Fund"** in honor of the following:*

- Jan Hewitt, Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Barker, the Roger Stewart Family by Colin and Jackie Stewart
- Anonymous

*A gift has been give to the  
**"Hester Education Fund"**  
by Anne Allen Westbrook & Todd Baiad*

*A gift has been given to the **"Celebrate the Joy  
Fund"** in honor of the following:*

- Kim Malphrus and Kimberly Smith by Riverside Wealth Management, Inc.
- Phil and Suzanne Devlin by Ann T. Devlin
- Preston and Kathy Hodges by Sloan Reese
- Kathy and Preston Hodges by Kristen Acker
- Kathy and Preston Hodges by Casey Acker
- Beth Ballance by Debra and Gary Adams
- Ray Ellis by Anne Allen Westbrook & Todd Baiad

### Angel Food Ministries at Asbury

Asbury is proud to be a distribution site for the Angel Food Ministries. The responses from those who have tried it have been overwhelmingly positive. It is a great way to bridge a gap, or stretch your food budget. If you are unaware of the wonderful program, Angel Food provides nutritious, convenient, meat, frozen vegetable, and fresh fruit and vegetable packages at extremely reasonable prices. Distribution is once a month here at Asbury, on the third Saturday, between the hours of 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This opportunity is available to anyone wishing to participate. You need not be a member or attend Asbury. A copy of the February menu is enclosed in this newsletter. We encourage you to look it over or pass it on to someone else you think **may benefit from this opportunity. These may also be "gifted" if you know of someone who might benefit.**

The Asbury Ambassadors sponsor this program here at Asbury, and we would LOVE to have you join us.

If you would like to participate in, help with the program, or have any questions see Todd Nolan or call the church office.

## SECOND ANNUAL "Thank God It's Youth" Silent Auction!

Saturday evening, April 24th in the church Social Hall

**Any of you who attended last year's Silent Auction will you remember what**

a HUGE success it was raising more than \$6,000.00. This event is the largest youth event of the year to generate funds to attend CAMP BIGSTUF in July.

This year 10% of their profits will be donated to the renovation fund.

Please start saving and gathering any silent auction donations for this year's event. More information to come and as always, the youth of Asbury thank you for all of your support!





# Haiti

## Asbury Memorial responds to A CALL FOR HELP

UMCOR has made an urgent requests for Health Kits for Haiti. Members are asked to prepare these and bring them to Worship on February 7th. These must be exact or time will be wasted at UMCOR going through and making corrections. These are used to provide basic necessities to individuals and also serve as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition and cooking classes. Each health kit should contain all new items and be sealed in a 1 gallon zip-lock bag.

### Contents:

1. 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", No kitchen towels)
2. 1 washcloth
3. 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
4. 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
5. 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
6. 1 toothbrush (single brush only in original wrapper. No child-size brushes)
7. 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
8. \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste (toothpaste is purchased by UMCOR)

*You may also purchase some of these items in multi-packs (except toothbrushes) and turn them in to help make additional kits at the mission facility.*



### PACKING HELP NEEDED

We will be packing these kits and supplies on Monday, February 8th at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall at Asbury. Your help will be appreciated. If you can help with packing, please email Grady Mills @ G61743WMii@aol.com or call him at 354-3205.

### DELIVERY HELP NEEDED

**We will deliver these to Merci Mission Center, a drop off facility in Goldsboro, NC. We'll leave Tuesday February 9th at 9:00 a.m. and return Saturday the 13th. We will be remaining at the facility through Friday, February 12th to assist in any way we can to help pack kits or whatever their greatest need is at the time. They have facilities to house us and we will organize our own meals. Contact Grady Mills if you would like to participate.**

## The 2010 Flower Calendar is now in the Narthex.

**Please note: The cost for sanctuary flowers is now \$60.00**

**We thank those of you who are part of our Flower Ministry Team...**

**Thank you, arrangers and deliverers!**



# The Pirates of Penzance Coming in March!



*After a 7 year hiatus, the Asbury Memorial Theatre is back!*  
AMT will be producing a "Concert Version" of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance*. Performances will be March 5th, 6th, 12th & 13th at 8:00 p.m.,  
and March 7th & 14th at 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.

There will not be reservations as it will be open seating. Tickets are purchased at the door.

Below is information if you would like to be a patron of the Theatre...  
and information if you would like an ad of your business put in the program.

## THEATRE PATRONS: WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ASBURY ANGEL?

Without Patrons...and Lovers of the Arts...it would be very difficult to produce theatrical events.  
So we've decided to call the patrons of our Theatre, "Angels." What better name for someone who supports the Arts at a church?

The names of our "Angels" will appear in the program under the following categories:

Archangels—\$300 and above  
Guardian Angels—\$200 to \$299  
Seraphim—\$100 to \$199  
Cherubim—\$25 to \$99



Checks can be made payable to Asbury Memorial Theatre and sent to:  
Asbury Memorial UMC, 1008 East Henry Street, Savannah, GA 31401

## PLAYBILL ADVERTISEMENT INFORMATION

The playbill for the show will contain business ads. If you have a business that you'd like included in the program, please send in your camera art to [asburymemorialtheatre@gmail.com](mailto:asburymemorialtheatre@gmail.com).

If you would like for us to include your logo, it needs to be in digital format (JPEG, TIF, GIF, PNG) and must be 300 dpi resolution. All ads will be in Black and White.

If you do not yet know what you would like your ad to say, please just email your intent to have an ad as soon as possible...as we need to determine how many pages the playbill will be.

Thank you for supporting the Asbury Memorial Theatre!

The cost of the Ads are:

**1/4 Page...\$25**  
**1/2 Page...\$50**  
**Full Page...\$100**

Checks are made payable to Asbury Memorial Theatre and sent to:  
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