The Asbury Update
May 2010

Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
Rev. Billy Hester

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Honoring Loved Ones with Sacred Music

About a year ago, one of our Asburians was sitting in the balcony during a packed worship service. When it came time to sing a hymn, he was not able to turn to the song because there were not enough hymnals for everyone. A woman saw the man's predicament and offered him her hymnal. He was touched by her generosity. Her act of kindness, however, took a more profound meaning when he opened the hymnal and saw that it had been dedicated to the memory of his mother. You can imagine how he felt as he worshiped God in song.

Our Church Council and the Asbury Theatre believe it's important to have enough hymnals so everyone can participate. One hundred and fifty hymnals were recently purchased by the Church Council and seventy-five by the Theatre. The purchase of these hymnals was not in our 2010 budget. We hope many Asburians will consider dedicating one of these new hymnals in honor or in memory of a Loved One. For only $20, a bookplate with their Loved One's name will be placed in the front of the hymnal. If you would like to participate, please complete the insert-form that's inside the Newsletter and return it to the church. By the way, whoever it was that shared their hymnal with the man...good job! You probably didn't know that you helped him have a Wow Moment! Keep up the good work!

Make Someone Happy

A Special Performance by the one and only Bob Fennell

Sunday, May 16 - 7:30 PM at Asbury Memorial

Bob will be performing as a sponsor of the "Brain Aneurism Foundation". Admission fee is $25 in cash or check, payable to "Bob Fennell". Profits from this fund-raising event will be donated to the Brain Aneurism Foundation. A reception in the Social hall will follow the performance.

Nursery-care will also be available.. Hope to see you Sunday night, May 16th!

Special Sundays in May

May 2 - Holy Communion & New Members Join

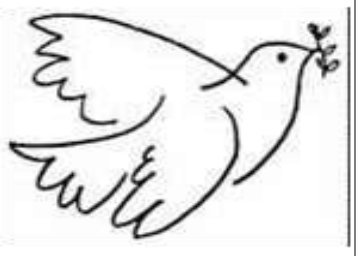
(Bring vittles for our Big First Sunday Coffee Hour)

May 9 - **Mother's Day**

May 16 - Senior Sunday (Honoring our HS Graduates)

May 23 - Pentecost Sunday (the Birthday of the Church)

May 30 - Music & Arts Sunday!



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TGIY Times

Thank God It's Youth

Wednesday, 5th—TGIY - *7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m*

Wednesday, 12th—TGIY - *7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.*

Wednesday, 19th —TGIY - *7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.*

Wednesday, 26th—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

Thanks for your support!

Debbie Wright, Youth Minister

This year's high school graduates will be recognized during the service on May 16th!

Children's Church Leaders

May 2010

Grades K—3rd

Tom & Betsy Davis

Subs: Ellie Covington & Cheri Hester

Grades 4th—6th

May 2nd—Kim Smith and Debbie Anderson

May 9th—Margaret Clay and Joel Varland

May 16th—KT Aull and Andrea Harrelson

May23rd—Debbie Eason and Fred Beasley

May 30th - Music & Arts Sunday

pickin' and jam notice

Hi Asbury Members,

We are looking for anyone who would be interested in attending our first Pickin' Jam gathering. If you play a guitar, mandolin, banjo, harmonica, fiddle or bass, or any string instrument, bring your instrument and come join us. It will be lots of fun and lots of good old fashion music and singing, especially the old gospel music. It will also be a covered dish supper.

Pickin' Jam Gathering / Covered Dish Supper

When: Saturday May 1, 2010

Where: 1217 Washington Ave
Linda and Kat's Home

Time: 5:00 pm until ??

Parking on side streets please.

Music and words to some songs will be provided.

RSVP: 354-7589 or 398-5153

Nursery News

Thanks to everyone who helped on Easter Sunday with our little ones. Together they found over 150 eggs and had a wonderful time doing so! A special thanks to Sara Linthicum for organizing the event.

Thanks,

Jenifer Hall and Marie Parker

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

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WHEN SHADOWS FALL

- *We extend our love and sympathy to Janet Dixon and family in the death of Merritt Dixon*
- *We extend our love and sympathy to Ernie Lee, Tanya Lee and their family in the death of their mother, Ruth Ellen Lee*
- *We extend our love and sympathy to Butch Wright and family in the death of Butch's mother, Mozelle Wright*
- *We extend our love and sympathy to Miriam McCord, Debra Youles and family in the death of Miriam's grandmother, Norma Alexander*
- *We extend our love and sympathy to Karen Thomas, Jodi & Rachel Laird and family in the death of Karen's mother, Jodi's grandmother*

MEMORIALS

A gift has been given to the "Celebrate the Joy" Fund in memory of Merritt W. Dixon, II by
Sylvester A. Kemp
David Grice and John Naylor
Steve and Janet Wagner
Roger and DiAnne Amerson
Don and Judy Amerson
Andra Bowers

A gift has been given to the "Celebrate the Joy" Fund in memory of Mozelle Wright, Butch Wright's mother by
The Asbury Choir
Steve and Janet Wagner
David Grice and John Naylor

A gift has been given to the "Celebrate the Joy" Fund in memory of Ruth Ellen Lee, mother of Ernie Lee and Tanya Lee, by,
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A gift has been given to the "Celebrate the Joy" Fund in memory of Francis Brannen by Michael and Glenda Brannen

Prayer List

Members

Annette Anderson, Lindsey Braddock, Joan Byrd, Dina Consentino, Vicki Cronk, Marjorie Edenfield, Edna Girard, Gay Gwinner, Nell Hagins, Chase Harrison, Mary Hinely, Elizabeth Jackson, Judith Kessler, Elizabeth Lariscy, Justin Linthicum, Janet Mayne, Marie Parker, Jo Poston, Cabell Stewart, Jean Stewart, Dot Whitlock, Joyce Wickstrom, Harold Wiley, Diane Williamson

Family & Friends of Members

Eddie Adams, Pat Annel, Tara Gilmore Austin, Donna Baldwin, Chris Best, Florence Bowman, Emily Brennan, Phyllis Bruce, Nancy Collier, Joanie Cronk, Rose Crosby, Schaefer Dean, Lajuan Dewitt, Marion Edwards, Monique and Ryan Esteves, Carolyn Everley, Jerry Everley, Bob Fennell, Juanita Fredrick, Nita Gay, Rick Gilbert, John Gnann, Saraminah Grimm, Joan Harper, Leo Harrison, Jim & Sarah Haynes, Jim Herold, Jerry Hill, Dave Hogg, Archie Iodice, Grace Lewicki, Cindy McGuire, John McIntosh, Phyllis McQuaid, Freddy Ogunkoya, Tiffany O'Quinn, Jimmy Page, Melissa Pittman, Joe Porterfield, Bill & Carmie Rehor, Al Riley, Myra Seals, Liam Steffen, Dan Strickland, Frances Tanner, Paulette Thompson-Clinton, Susan Waters, Heather Widman, Buddy Wilkes, Ruth Wilson, Maya Zafari, Valerie Zamora

HONORARIUMS

A gift has been given to the "Cabell Steward" Fund by M. D. Roos

A gift has been given to the "General" Fund in honor of Ronald Butler by Keisha Fisher

MayBIRTHDAYS!

1st– Joseph Edwards
2nd– Mike Flatt
Beth Harn
Zaida Hester
Ellen Lynes
Tommy Schafer
4th– Catherine Chalikian
Lisa Cooper
Anna Hendrix
Carolyn Stuber
5th– Donald Amerson
6th– Robin McCormick
Alan Power
Michael Terry
7th– Roger Smith
8th– Dean Burnette
Taylor Wheatley
9th– Caleb DeLorme
Bill Kelso
Molly Mayne
Emma Varland
11th– Chris Barefield
Kim Jones
12th– Mike Skinner
14th– Larry Hines
15th– Alexis Remson
16th– Kyra DeLong
Luke White
17th– Joan Byrd
Kathy Consentino
Dylan Linthicum
Sara Linthiucm
Shirley Sessions
18th– Janet Mayne
Kristan O'Leary
19th– Joe Driggers
20th– Brian Clyatt
Grace Morgan
Elyce Wages

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.

MAY BIRTHDAYS! Continued

21st– Angie Amerson
Peter Smith
22nd– June Joyner
Shelley Smith
Jack Wagner
23rd– Patty Paul
24th– Rebecca Carroll
Mo Dixon
Geoff Harrison
Frank Williams
25th– Tony Beasley
Celeste Collins
Nicole Evans
Denise Hann
May Johnson
Todd Mauldin
Roberta Smith
Sydney Veitinger
26th– Helen Downing
Dallas Sasser
Carey Tucker
Megan Youngblood
27th– Eric Anderson
Christopher Ciccodicola
28th– Phil Hunter
Brooks McCarty
29th– Sandra Golden
Tina Hamilton
Tina Smith
30th– Teresa Wilkes
31st– Sarah Jones

A Flowery Thank You

I want to thank the church and the flower committee for so much love and thoughtfulness. I received beautiful flowers after my sister's death, on my birthday, and an Easter Lily. They have all meant so much to me. Thank you.
My love, and may God bless us all,
Dot Wallace

Congratulations, Carolyn!

Asburian, Carolyn Bowden graduates this year from Savannah State University with a Bachelors in Political Science/Public Administration. She graduated with honors, and had the highest GPA in her department.

Thank you

A special thank you from Joan Byrd for all of the meals, cards, flowers and prayers during her time of recovery from surgery.

Thank you

Sally Nicholson, our Resource Coordinator, would like to thank all of those who have participated in one-time and ongoing volunteer activities...such as helping Phil with removal of ceiling titles and setting up/cleaning-up Coffee Hours.

"Asbury's greatest resources is its people!"

Sally

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Merritt W. Dixon, III

Walter N. Lewis
Miles and Julia Morrison
Archie and Sally Davis
Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Adler, Ii
Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Izlar
Wesleigh P. Shellman
Bebe and Dan Rose
Mrs. B. H. Rutledge Moore
Mrs. Moultrie Lee
Dale S. Morgan
Page & Jim Hungrpiller
Charles and Ann Seyle
Mrs. Page O. Mulherin
Mary Demere Raae
David N. Sovchen
J. Lane Reeves
Susan And Dale Daly
Howard and Pat Hackney
Warren Richard Lokey
Asbury's Ushers
Karl and Judy Graham
Sydney B. Oetgen
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin H. Culver
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel H. Bradley
Dr. and Mrs. Lee Young
Mr. and Mr. Allen Vance
Dr. and Mrs. Paul M. Pressly
Sonny and Cecelia Seiler
Martha Rudd
Constance B. Sharpley
Lombard and Allan Reynolds
Chatham Capital Group, Inc.
Thomas and Ann Manchester
William and Constance Burke
Marjorie and Charles Batcheller
Albert and Anita Quante
Robert and Janet Myrick, Sr.
Al and Pat Andres
John D. Carswell
Kim and Steve Johnson
Asbury's Greeters
Laura Rosenblum
Mr. and Mrs. John M. Salyer
Dr. and Mrs. William A. Miller
J C Lewis Foundation, Inc.
Julie B. Goldberg and Family
Marcia P. Rawson
Margaret and Tim Wallace
Louise and Harry Shipps
Mary H. Kelly
Dr. and Mrs. H. Clark Deriso
Joan Griffin
Jeanne Dixon Papy
Mr. and Mrs. James G. Foster, Jr.
Henry H. Minis
Mrs. Herbert J. Curry and Family
Jan Curran and Wayne Willis
Aage and Edwina Schroder, III
Anne Bass Hendrix
Bonitz of Georgia, Inc.
Ann and Henry Stevens
Asbury's Altar Guild
Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Jepson, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher F. Hammond
Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Sipple, IV
Margaret and John C. Wylly, Jr. and the whole Wylly Family
Major General and Mrs. Leory N. Suddath, Jr.

To My Asbury Church Family

"Tears heal, memories sustain, and love lives forever"

All of Merritt's and my years shared together at Asbury have been joyful, spiritual, and filled with God's love for one another. I will always be eternally grateful for the out pouring of love received ruing these past five years there and at Merritt's Memorial Service on April 11th. It will be remembered by our entire family as not on a Tribute to him and his life but to you who have given us so much caring support at this sad time.

My special thanks for your prayers and your thoughtfulness. What greater blessings than the beauty and gifts of your friendships. Thank you Billy; Cheri; Randy; Ray; Kelli; the members of the Choir; the members of the Bell Choir; Chris Beaver, Lance Wilhem and the hospitality committee; Claudette; the ladies who did the lovely flowers Jan, Wayne Debi, and Lysa; Bob Fennell, Patty, Beth, Christi, Jamie, Danny, Greg; the Flower Ministry; Phil and EVERYONE.

I know Merritt was smiling.

Faithfully and lovingly,

Janet

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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, Office Manager at 233-4351 or email to asburymumc@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.

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2010 Offering Envelopes

Your box of 2010 Offering Envelopes can be picked up at the church on Sundays. The boxes of envelopes are on a table in alphabetical order in the Social Hall.

Great Gift Giving Ideas

What do **Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day, Birthday,** any days have in common? They all offer a great opportunity to order a chair name plate to recognize someone you love and contribute to Asbury Memorial at the same time. Order forms are available in the narthex as well as found in the newsletter and bulletins.

Coming in June…

The Best VBS Ever!

Plan for your child or grandchild to participate in this summer's Vacation Bible School, Galactic Blast! It looks like it's going to be one of our best ever! It all starts Sunday evening, June 20th. The week-long event starts each evening at 6 pm with supper.

If you would like to be an Adult Volunteer for VBS, contact Cheri Hester at 695-1170 or cbhester@comcast.net.

2010 Budget Offering

April 4th - $10,936.90

April 11th - $7,077.50

April 18th - $55,443.82

April 25th –$9,670.25

Weekly Budget Needed

$8,346

Budget Needed to Date

$141,879.79

Received to Date

$124,174.33

Balance of the Operating Fund as of April 26, 2010

$106,742.82

"Celebrate the Joy!" Fund (Renovation) as of April 22, 2010

$26,644.33

Worship Attendance

March 28th - 344

April 4th - 505

April 11th - 280

April 18th - 317

April 25th - TBA

Welcome to the Adult Ministries of Asbury Memorial

10 o'clock Hour Small Group Discussions

Every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. we gather for fellowship, study, and exchange of ideas. Currently, we are viewing the Living the Questions DVD series followed by small group discussions. This study is an alternative to studies that give only answers and encourage us to develop our faith and spiritual life. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Johnson or Margaret Clay thru the church office.

Adult Bible Studies

We have three ongoing studies: A 36 week Discipline Bible Study and two 10 week studies of the Book of Psalms. *Keep your eyes on this space for future announcements of new groups.* If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Men's Breakfast Group

Will meet Saturday, May 1st

At 9:00 a.m.

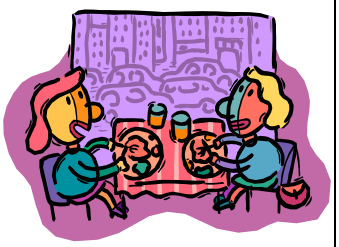
Our men's group meets the first Saturday of every month for a delicious breakfast for a $3 donation in the Social Hall. We have a "barbershop atmosphere" of sharing stories and jokes. After we finish fellowship, we often do some kind of service project for the church. You can sign up on the church's web site to help planning, yet please don't let that stop you from coming. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Oakley or Michael Edwards thru the church office.

Women's Shekhinah Spiral

Will meet Sunday, May 16th

after the worship service

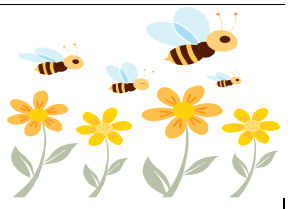
Our women's group meets the third Sunday of every month in the Social Hall. All women are invited to bring a potluck lunch to share with the group. Currently, our discussion considers "The Book of Awakening." We share the reading during the meeting. New participants are always welcomed. Please break bread with us. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Hodges at KathleenEHodges@gmail.com or thru the church office.



The Care Committee

Do you know someone that is home bound? In the hospital? Nursing home? This group provides fellowship and care to those in need. If you want to join this outreach ministry or know someone in need, contact Carol Klein or Pam Parker thru the church office.

The Busy Bees



Think about the 4th of July, Christmas, Baby Showers, Birthdays, then think Asbury Clown. This group is famous for making the "Asbury Clowns." They meet on each Monday of the week at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. Hand and machine sewers are welcomed. Donations of old sheets and fabric welcomed and received by Virginia Holliday every Sunday. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

Welcome to the Adult Ministries of Asbury Memorial

The Asbury Ambassadors

This multigenerational group meets the third Friday of every month at 11:30 a.m. for fellowship over lunch and is the proud sponsor of the Angel Food's Ministry at Asbury. All are welcomed to bring potluck dishes to add to Todd Nolan's main course. We also entertain special events or travels. If you want to join this group, contact the church office or simply come. ***This month's luncheon will be May 21st.***

Angel Food Ministries at Asbury

Asbury is proud to be a distribution site for the Angel Food Ministries. Angel Food provides nutritious, convenient, meat, frozen vegetables and fresh fruit packages at extremely reasonable prices. A copy of the menu is in the church's newsletter. Distribution is every third Saturday out of the Social Hall between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. If you would like to order food, to distribute food, or have any questions, contact Todd Nolan thru the church office or in person. Deadline for orders 05-13-10, distribution 05-22-10.

The Flower Team

Join this joyful group that rearranges flowers donated for worship and carries them to our home bound members. To join contact Grady Mills thru our church office.

Yoga at Asbury

Come join us for easy yoga every Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Stretch your way to that leaner, calmer, more flexible person you want to be. The price is $8 per class or you can purchase an eight (8)class pass for $60. Bring a mat and blanket.

Can Recycling at Asbury

Remember to bring your aluminum cans to church for recycling. All monies received go to the "Celebrate the Joy Campaign." When dropping off you cans, DO NOT put them in the city's recycling container. There are two designated trash cans, one on each side of the city's container, for your deposit.

Wednesday Night's Adult Studies & G-Force Taking a Siesta

Since the Wednesday Night Suppers have stopped until September, the Wednesday Adult Studies and G-Force for children will stop until the Fall. We will have special studies and events (like Vacation Bible School) during the summer, so keep a look-out for upcoming programs.

The Busy Bats

Like the Busy Bees, this group is dedicated to sewing Asbury Clowns only in the evenings of every second, third, and fourth Tuesday starting at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to join this group, simply come or call the church office.