



The Asbury Update

August 2009

Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
Rev. Billy Hester

Volume 14 Number 8
August 1, 2009

On the Corner

I hope you've been having a wonderful summer—filled with great adventures and moments of rest and renewal. Our family just returned from New York City and we had a blast! Last Sunday, I shared with the congregation some of our experiences with people like Angela Lansbury and Carmine the Chauffeur. I didn't get a chance to tell you about "the shooting" we were involved in. That'll probably be part of this week's sermon. (*That's what we call "a teaser"*)

So much is happening in our members' lives and in the life of the church. The renovation of the sanctuary continues to be the main focus. Mark Albee says that half the job is complete, so everything seems to be on schedule. In the mean time, we will be continuing to juggle programs and schedules due to space. We usually have a set format of starting up programs at certain times of the year...especially in September...but because of the renovation and limited space, we may have to be extremely FLEXIBLE until its completion in November. In the mean time, read your newsletter and watch for emails and announcements about special events and programs. Ray Ellis says that the choir will be starting back with rehearsals on Wednesday, August 19th...All are invited to participate. We'll soon be scheduling a movie night and a pool party in August. We'll also be reviewing our upcoming educational programs to see what adjustments we'll need to make due to the limited space. So keep a look out for emails and announcements.

Hope to see you soon on the corner. Blessings & Peace!

Billy

Thank You, Amy & Linda

We have been greatly blessed by the ministry of Amy Povie and Linda Edwards, who have teamed up to give great leadership and organization with our nursery. They are now moving to other areas of ministry at Asbury, and we thank them for all they have done to advance our ministry to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. We welcome our new nursery leaders: Jenifer Hall, Marie Parker, and Lorelle and Salynda Carter-Walter. We are also thankful for our paid nursery staff: Sara Linthicum, Renee Williams, Krista Oglesby, and Sara Jones. And, of course, thank you to all of our volunteer nursery workers. Thank you for taking care of our children!

A Message from Amy & Linda:

After 5 years of service in the Asbury Nursery, we feel lead to explore other service opportunities in the church. We have enjoyed meeting new people, teaching young children, and working with volunteers while in this leadership position.

With our own children no longer participating in the nursery, and because we want to support our older children in sanctuary and worship service activities, we feel ready to serve in other volunteer opportunities within the church.

We are excited about the new nursery leadership! Beginning in September and with the start of a new church year, Linda and I will be passing the leadership baton to Jenifer Hall, Marie Parker, and Lorelle and Salynda Carter-Walter. We know the new leadership team will do a great job coordinating the nursery program. We are grateful for having had this service opportunity while our children attended the nursery!

Sincerely,

Amy Povie and Linda Edwards

TGIY Times



Thank God It's Youth

Wednesday, 5th —TGIY - Forsyth Park

Meet at the church at 6 p.m. We will return at 9 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.

Be watching your e-mails for other events for the month of August!

Debbie Wright, Youth Minister

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

Please contact Debbie Wright by email: debbie203@comcast.net



Nursery Care for the 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Services

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

Little Lambs' will resume in September

WE WANT YOU... to join us for **Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church's 100th Anniversary Jubilee!** The event will take place on Saturday, September 26 on the church grounds from 11am until 4pm. You'll experience the fun of 1909 with games, cake walks, entertainment, great food, arts & crafts and more! The celebration is free fun for all, but you'll have plenty of chances to make donations to the renovation of the sanctuary! If you are an Artsy, Craftsy sort of person, please consider joining us as an exhibitor! If you are donating the proceeds from your arts/crafts sales to the church there is no fee, otherwise Asbury members booth fee will only be a \$25 donation and non-members a \$40 donation! Arts & Crafts inquiries can be sent directly to Kenny Hill:

Kenny@RiverStreetSavannah.com. For more information on the jubilee, volunteer opportunities or ways to help, please contact the church office and they'll get you to the right person! *Tell one, tell all and come join the fun!*

BREAD MAKERS

For a number of years Judy Graham has been our official bread maker for Holy Communion. We thank Judy for lovingly preparing the bread for us for so long. She has recently passed the bread making to Bev Blank, who we thank for preparing the meal for us. However, we would like to form a Communion Bread team so the responsibility doesn't fall on one person's shoulders. We would like to get more people involved. Hopefully, we will have enough people interested so we can have a rotating schedule. If you would like to be a bread maker, please contact Rev. Marilyn Leigh at revleigh@comcast.net or 484-2172.

WHEN SHADOWS FALL

- ✠ *We extend our love and sympathy to Shirley Johnson and family in the death of her husband, Dexter Johnson.*
- ✠ *We extend our love and sympathy to Chris & Kate Strain and family in the death of Chris's grandfather, Charles Willard.*
- ✠ *We extend our love and sympathy to Nell Hagins and family in the death of Nell's sister-in-law, Mary Steven Shearouse.*
- ✠ *We extend our love and sympathy to Nell Hagins and family in the death of Nell's sister, Mildred Shearouse Mullis.*

MEMORIALS

A gift has been given to the "Asbury Organ Fund" by Mary Sue Harrison in memory of her brother, George Morel.

HONORARIUMS

A gift has been given to the "Celebrate the Joy" Fund in honor of Barbara and Danny Beam's marriage by Tanja Fitzgerald.

A gift has been given to the "Hester Education Fund" in honor and thanksgiving of Billy Hester's 20th anniversary of his ordination and 50th birthday celebration by Janet and Merritt Dixon

Janice Gantt Butterfly Fund

A gift has been given to the Butterfly Fund in honor of Chase Harrison by an anonymous giver.

Monthly Mission Focus

Alzheimer's Association

of Savannah

Contact: Jenny House at (800) 272-3900 or
Jenny.House@alz.org



Prayer List

Members

Annette Anderson, Lexi Bolinger, Alice Bouknight, Francis Brannen, Ericka Chamblee, Suzanne Cooler, Vicki Cronk, Marjorie Edenfield, John Giles, Edna Girard, Gay Gwinner, Nell Hagins, Chase Harrison, Mary Hinely, Elizabeth Jackson, Judy Jones, Judith Kessler, Elizabeth Lariscy, Justin Linthicum, Linda Luke, Janet Mayne, Marie Parker, Barbara Rogers, Cabell Stewart, Brad and Amy Stewart,, Jean Stewart, Joyce Wickstrom, Harold Wiley, Diane Williamson

Family & Friends of Members

Steve Amerson, Donna Baldwin, Kathryn Burkett, Emma Carroll and her family, Rhonda Clyatt, Rose Crosby, Schaefer Dean, Barbara Decker, Helen Fine, Betty Galloway, Rick Gilbert, Jerry Hill, Rev. Bill Hust, Archie Iodice, Mary Kessler, Ruth Ellen Lee, Grace Neises, Hugh Oakley, Joe Porterfield, Brenda Prah, Mar "Ma" Roubal, Harry Skinner, Eddie Solomons, Dan Strickland, Myra Seals, Susan Waters, Blanche Watson

Fund for Cabell Stewart

Infant Cabell Stewart and his parents, Brad and Amy Stewart, are still in the hospital in Atlanta awaiting a heart transplant. A fund has been set up for Cabell at Bank of America. Donations are tax deductible. Checks can be sent directly to Bank of America or can be sent to the church and we will forward them to the bank. Please note on your donation "J Cabell Stewart Heart Medical" Fund.

Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
1008 East Henry Street
Savannah, GA 31401-7128
INT.ID 206896
Office 233-4351 Fax 233-5026
www.asburymemorial.org

Non Profit Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Permit #133
Savannah, GA

Return Service Requested



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 2009 Flower Chart in the narthex and sign up. The cost is \$40. 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 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.

Lake Junaluska Fall Choir Weekend

GREAT news!! We have 20 people signed up and paid to attend the fall choir weekend at Lake Junaluska , so we are OFFICIALLY GOING, THE HOUSE IS RENTED! Yaaaah!

You do not have to be a choir member to join in on the Lake Junaluska choir weekend. The dates are October 23-25th. To reserve your spot all we will need is a payment of \$160 per person by August 31st. For registration the following information is needed:

- a. Name you wish us to use for registration for each person going. This will be the name printed on your Junaluska-provided name tag for the event.
- b. Address, including zip code
- c. Home tel #
- d. Cell

For persons who have already submitted their \$100 we will need the balance due of \$60. Please make check payable to Asbury Memorial UMC and put " Lake Junaluska " on the memo line. We need this payment by **AUGUST 31ST**. You can give it to Ray Ellis, Beth Balance, or to Claudette in the church office.

Once we get everyone on board who wants to go we'll put up room sheets for you to sign up - probably late Sept/early Oct. For those of you who have not gone before, the main themes for the weekend are: FUN and FLEXIBILITY! But the main thing is FUN!!

Thanks for signing up...you will really enjoy the beautiful mountain retreat that is Lake Junaluska AND the superlative company!

2009 Budget Offering

June 28th - \$5,908.50

July 5th - \$10,337.00

July 12th - 8,428.08

July 19th - \$3,618.00

July 26th - TBA

Weekly Budget Needed

\$7,872

Budget Needed to Date

\$228,288.00

Received to Date

\$214,055.73

Balance of the Operating Fund

as of July 21, 2009

\$ 95,975.42

"Celebrate the Joy!" Fund

(Renovation) as of June 30, 2009

\$484,995.15

Worship Attendance

July 5th - 284

July 12th - 275

July 19th - 270

July 26th - 293

August

- 1st– Collin Richards**
- 2nd– Jamie Kelso**
 - Darcy Melton
 - Lance Wilhelm
- 4th– Dia Frazer**
 - Karen Hughes
 - Vicki Manibusan
 - Brenda Martin
- 5th– Lyn Carden**
- 6th– Chole Harrison**
 - Isabella Picone
 - Renwick Pulwarty
- 8th– Jim Dubbley.**
- 9th– Debbie Michalowski**
- 10th– Gamble Reynolds**
- 11th– Jean Smith**
- 12th– Christi Hester**
 - Peggy Larson
- 13th– Ethan Collins**
 - Janet Dixon
 - Heather Fall
 - Kathleen Sasser
- 14th– Robbie Lemmons**
 - Pam Sears
- 15th– Jeff Ostrow**
- 16th– Lindsay Brannen**
 - Mary Hinely
 - Stephanie Mojica
- 17th– Nancy Roberts**
- 18th– Carol Melton**
- 20th– Rhonda Curby**
 - Marshall Lego
 - Linda Wolfe
- 21st– Sybil Dudley**
 - Bobbie Foster



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.

August Birthday's Con't

- 22nd– Margaret Clay**
 - Mary Myers
- 23rd– Samuel Povie**
- 25th– Diane Meseroll**
 - Debbie Williamson
- 26th– Lee Mincey**
- 27th– Claudette DeLong**
 - Justin Linthicum
 - Nicole Payne
- 28th– Katelynn Maddox**
- 29th– Mary Cronk**
 - Jon Michalowski
- 30th– Deborah Hargroves**
 - Chase Harrison
 - Bill Oakley
 - Bea Yarbrough
- 31st– Carolyn Bowden**
 - Kathy Noble

Congratulations!

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Eric Johnson and Randi Lynn in their marriage. Randi and Eric (parents Steve and Kim Johnson) were married in North Georgia on Saturday, June 27th.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Bill Nicholson and Sally Hayes in their marriage. Sally and Bill (who is a member of the Trustees) were married in Augusta on Saturday, July 11th.

Graduation

Congratulations to Sarah McNew who will be graduating from Georgia Tech on August 1st with a degree in Chemical Biomolecular Engineering.

Doctor Bound

Congratulations to Russ Kirks for being accepted to the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta. Russ is a recent graduate of UGA.

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 and a blanket.

Savannah Pride Festival "Spreading the News!"

Anyone desiring to help at the Asbury booth for the Savannah Pride Festival, August 8th, please contact Joe Driggers at 596-6208 or e-mail Joe at savannahjoed@yahoo.com

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 August 1st!

Our women's group, Shekinah Spiral, will not
be meeting during the month of August.

Children's Church Leaders

August 2009

Grades K—3rd

Tom & Betsy Davis

Subs: Ellie Covington & Cheri Hester

Grades 4th—6th

August 2nd— Debbie Anderson & Kim Smith

August 9th— TBA

August 16th - Andrea Harrelson & K. T. Aull

August 23th— Emily Anderson & Deborah Hargroves

August 30th— Children will stay in the service for Music & Arts Sunday

News from the Busy Bees

If you would like to purchase a Busy Bee Clown Doll for Christmas you must order it NOW. Dolls are \$35 each unless you bring your own fabric. If you supply the fabric the cost of the doll is \$25. If you would like additional information, please see a Busy Bee after services or contact Pam Miller at 660-3365

2009 Peace Conference

Rev. Grady Mills is planning to attend the 2009 Peace Conference*
September 20-22 at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. He is looking for an interested person who is interested in sharing a room for this event.

Complete information may be found at:

[http://www.lakejunaluska.com/
events.aspx](http://www.lakejunaluska.com/events.aspx)

Contact Grady at 354-3205 if interested.

**Because there can be no peace without better understanding, respect, and cooperation among Earth's faith communities, we seek, in 2009, a deeper dialogue among persons of the three Abrahamic faiths."*

A Message from the Asbury Ambassadors

Come join us Friday, August 21st for our monthly luncheon. Items that will be discussed for possible upcoming events are a Gospel Riverboat Cruise, different tours of Savannah, a weekend in Myrtle Beach for several Christmas musicals, ways to extend our time and talents to the church or your suggestions of what the group could possibly see, do or activities the group can get involved in at church. Everyone is invited. The meat will be furnished by the church, please bring a side dish. Please call the church office to make a reservation.