



The Asbury Update

July 2011

Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
Rev. Billy Hester

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Wednesday, July 27th Encounter Singing Group From Alton, Illinois In Concert at Asbury



Encounter Youth choir has been in existence for 30 years. They are a inter-denomination community youth group. There are about 100 high school youth in this years choir .



Gospel Sing

AND

Watermelon Cuttin'!

Dress casually and comfortably for church on Sunday, July 31st, because we're having a good old-fashioned Gospel Sing! Following the service, we'll cool down with watermelon in the courtyard!



TGIY Times



Thank God It's Youth

Wednesday, 6th - Be at the church at 6 pm.
Going to Beth Ballance's—will return at 9:30 pm

Friday, 8th - Possible Lock-in...More info to come

Wednesday, 13th - Be at church at 6:30 pm
Going to Jacob's father's house—will return at 9:30 pm

JULY 18th—22nd - BigStuf

Wednesday, 27th - Hosting Youth Choir from Illinois
We'll eat at the church, watch their concert & party with them afterwards.

If you have any questions or need any information about our youth program, please contact
Debbie Wright by email: debbie203@comcast.net

Children's Church Leaders

July 2011

Grades K—3rd

Tom & Betsy Davis

Subs: Ellie Covington & Cheri Hester

Grades 4th—6th

July 3rd:

Candace Jenkins & Deb Stewart

July 10th:

Billie Ward

July 17th:

KT Aull & Andrea Harrelson

July 24th:

Debbie Eason & Betsy Woodward

July 31st:

Arts & Music in Sanctuary

Subs: Debbie Anderson, Carter Campbell

Nursery Volunteers

July 3rd

Jenifer Hall & Marie Parker

July 10th

Dawn Bosche' and Phil & Kate Devlin

July 17th

Meg Lego & Linda Ostrow

July 24th

Lindsey & Whitney Braddock

July 31st

Amy Povie & Kate Strain

God Bless You,
Jenifer Hall & Marie Parker
Nursery coordinators

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

WHEN SHADOWS FALL

✠ We extend our love and sympathy to our dear **Nell Hagins and family in the death of Nell's sister, Julia Lewis.**

MEMORIALS

Gifts have been given to the
“Celebrate the Joy” Fund
in memory of:

- ◆ Thomas Nease by Dorothy and W. M. Joyner
- ◆ Thomas Nease by Doyle Foxx and Roger Walton



Piano & Voice Recital

Jack Wagner will present his senior recital on Sunday, July 10 at 1 pm in the sanctuary. Jack is a piano student of **Mary Alice Garvin and you'll be surprised what he's learned in just three years. Jack has studied** voice with Paul Fisher for four years and graduated from Savannah Arts Academy majoring in choral music.

I hope you will join the Wagner family to hear Jack perform and be our guest for refreshments afterwards.

Janet Wagner



Members

Annette Anderson, Eric Anderson Family, Fred Beasley, Bolinger-Muendel Family, Jean Butcher, Gail Byrd, Abigail Carter-Walter, Anita Clay, Stephanie Clegg, Dina Consentino, Kathy Consentino, Jeff Follett, Edna Girard, Sandy Golden, Gay Gwinner, Nell Hagins, Chase Harrison, Zaida Hester, Dewey Hooper, Judith Kessler, Elizabeth Lariscy, Justin Linthicum, Vicki Manibusan, Janet Mayne, Stephanie Mojica, Linda Ostrow, Marie Parker, Jo Poston, Barbara Rogers, Mike Skinner, Caroline Smith, Mina Smith, Amy Stewart, Cabell Stewart, Jean Stewart, Pat Stewart, Lindsey Walden, Janelle Waters, Dot Whitlock, Joyce Wickstrom, Diane Williamson.

Family & Friends

Eddie Adams, Maria Adgee, Pete Ashland, Stephen Austin and Tara Gilmore, Brian Beck, Rev. Grover Bell, Doris Brackette, Emily Brennan, Kelly Brown, Ronald Bryant, Brian Cail, Missy Calhoun, Alex Cann, Nancy Collier, Jackie Costello, Brenda Covington, Schaefer Dean, Jimmy Dillon, Amy Egan, Jim Ernsberger, Monique and Ryan Esteves, Bob Fennell, Caleb Flagg, Rick Gilbert, Robert Greene, Shirley Grover, Elizabeth Hall, Joan Harper, Jerry Hill, Dave Hogg, Archie Iodice, McKenzie Jenkins, Ricky Knight, Lou Koel, Lisa Lopinski-Tyler, Scott McCoy, Phyllis McQuaid, Kathy New, Freddy Ogunkoya, Tiffany O'Quinn, Melissa Pittman, Joe Porterfield, Marilyn Sasser, Virlyn Sheppard, Dell Shore, Harry Shuman Family, Melissa Smith, Stella Smith, Sylvia Spann, Liam Steffen, Hazel Stubbs, Juan Thompson, Roy Thornquist, Jim Wamboldt, Frederick Walter, Susan Waters, Heather Widman, Ruth Wilson, Maya Zafari



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.

July

1st: Jamie Dowling
Jackie Stewart

2nd: Mallory Lawson
Jonathan Linthicum
Jeff Tucker

3rd: Tara Redd

4th: Hank Albee
Hannah Foster
Steve Johnson
Shane Wright

5th: Daniel DuBois
Cynthia Herold
Will Telljohann

6th: Joe Brannen
John Hendrix
Cooper McCord
Katelyn McCord
Lindsey Walden

7th: Carolyn Bennett
Cale Hall
John Hester
Eric Johnson

8th: Molly Hester
Suzie Williams

9th: Tracy Browning
Janet Redmond

10th: Mike Dayoub

11th: Salynda Carter-Walter
Curtis Jenkins
Bay Luke

12th: Anne Malone

July

Birthdays cont'd

13th: David Alley
Michele Brannen
BILLY HESTER

15th: Tina Austing
Rick Gore

16th: Aidyn DuBois
David Grice

17th: Al Andres

18th: Richard Reeve
Ryan Richards

20th: Ann Anderson

21st: William Dick
Pat Stewart
Joyce Wickstrom

22nd: Olivia Albee
Fred Beasley
Russell Jones

23rd: Bob Fennell
Cathie Jorgensen

24th: Glendora Baldwin
Andrea Harrelson

25th: Susan McCaskill
Pat McIntosh

26th: Blair German
John Giles
Ian Perry
Lucy Perry

27th: Marie Parker

29th: Rachel Green
Bridgette Kincade

30th: Randy Rodriguez

A Special Note...

Dear Asbury Family,

We want to thank everyone so very much for all the cards, flowers, food and prayers offered in sympathy for the death of Helen Murray, our beloved mother, grandmother and mother-in-law. We appreciate all your kindness, generosity and friendship at such a sad time.

*Ann and Bill Anderson
Emily Anderson Mathis*

Message from Vicki Manibusan

Dear Asbury,

For the past eight months I have felt **the power of God's love through the "power of Asbury"**. I have felt the hand of God working through you all in my life. The showers of blessings and love that have come via visits, phone calls, cards, gifts, meals and prayer have shown me what a loving and gracious community we have the privilege of sharing—The Asbury Community. The power of your prayers and miracles that have resulted have made such a positive difference throughout my treatment. Thank you all for your support and love. I ask for your continued prayer throughout the remainder of my treatment and know that I will be praying for you, too, as you continue to **share the message of God's love through Asbury**.

Thank you from Danny Adams

Thank you for all the calls, visits, thoughts and prayers. My love goes out to all of you and I will hold the people at Asbury in my prayers.

Thank you,
Danny

Hymnal Dedication

Would you like to dedicate a hymnal as a way to honor or memorialize a loved one, a friend or a group? Pick up a form in the narthex or office, complete the information and either drop it in the offering plate or mail to the church office. The cost is only \$20.

Chair Name Plate

One of the ways we are helping fund the renovation of the sanctuary is by giving people the opportunity to place a very tasteful name-plate on 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.

Here are two examples of nameplates for the chairs:

Elizabeth Lariscy
A Southern Lady
By R. Ward Lariscy

In Loving Memory
of
Dix Elliott



Congratulations to Emily Anderson and Daniel Mathis who were married Saturday, June 11th! Emily was Asbury's first Summer Youth Intern and is the daughter of members, Ann and Bill Anderson



Congratulations to Danny and Barbara Beam in the birth of the first grandson, John Ashley Beam. John was born June 3rd weighing 7 lbs. and 11 oz. John's proud parents are Joshua and Ashley Beam.

Congratulations to Barbara Plank on the birth of her great grandson, Robert Kyler Williams. Kyler was born June 5th weighing 4 lbs. and 13 oz.

2011 Budget Offering

May 29th—\$3,095.00

June 5th - \$9,807.05

June 12th - \$5,591.20

June 19th - \$4,613.00

June 26th - TBA

Weekly Budget Needed

\$7,788.46

Budget Needed to Date

\$194,711.50

Received to Date

\$195,148.59

Balance of the Operating Fund as of June 20th, 2011

\$114,342.19

Celebrate the Joy Campaign

Total Collected in campaign
\$1,291,526.10

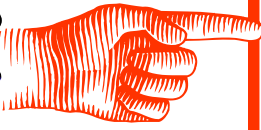
Total Pledges Collected in campaign
\$898,953.69

Total Pledges Outstanding
\$123,948.84

Loan Balance
\$325,000.00

If you use the Yellow "Celebrate the Joy" envelope, please place your name and envelope number on the front. If you combine your contributions, please designate the funds on the memo line of your check. The Celebrate the Joy Campaign is not the same as Building Fund or Trustees.

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10 O'clock Hour Programs

Take a Siesta for July & August

Our 10 O'clock Hour programs will be taking a summer break during the months of July and August. Facilitators will be making plans for new, upcoming studies. Classes will resume in September.

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Women's Shekhinah Spiral Hiatus

For the months of July and August, Shekhinah Spiral will not be meeting. 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. 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.



Choir Respite

The Choir will not have Wednesday night rehearsals during the month of July. Rehearsals resume Wednesday, August 3rd.

Here We Grow Again!

Please welcome our newest members, who are joining on May 29th:

Kerrin Conklin

May Conner

Mary Ann Donahue

Blair German

Joe Richards

Neal Saye

Tithes and Offerings During the Summer

We all need to take breaks from our routine in order to recharge and refresh....to feel renewed. Many of us will even get to go out of town during the summer. Our church, however, never takes a break. It is always available as a house of God...an oasis in our community. In order for Asbury to stay available, we need to pay our bills. So please remember your tithes and offerings during the summer months. We are also still paying for the loan for the renovated sanctuary. So any contributions are appreciated! Thank you, and may you have a wonderful summer!

Letter to the Editor

The Savannah Morning News
June 1, 2011



Asbury Memorial came to school's rescue

The students and faculty at Charles Ellis Montessori Academy would like to thank the great people at Asbury Memorial United Methodist church for offering their beautiful sanctuary as a venue for our recent musical production of "The Story of Language."

A number of factors, including the need to cut costs of the annual production, required us to find a new, cost-effective venue. Rev. Billy Hester and his congregation came to the rescue and welcomed more than 150 students, teachers and parent volunteers to Asbury Memorial to rehearse and perform two shows over two days.

In a time when the public schools are expected to increase achievement with fewer resources, the kindness shown by Asbury Memorial is a perfect example of the Savannah community pulling together for the benefit of the children.

TRENT KISSINGER
Charles Ellis Montessori Academy
Savannah

Home Energy Audit Training Class

Saturday, July 9th Georgia Interfaith Power & Light will be providing a "Home Energy Audit Training Class" to be hosted by First African Baptist Church. This class will guide participants in lowering utility bills, making homes more energy efficient and using fewer resources. The event is free, but participants must make reservations on line at <http://bit.ly/savannahHEAT>.



IMPORTANT

We Need to Help Our Children...

and We Need You!

We want to use this summer to organize and strengthen our Children's Programs at Asbury. Two main areas we'll be focusing on are the programs for our elementary age children during the 10 O'clock Hour on Sundays and the G-Force Program on Wednesday nights. Helpers and teachers are needed. Rev. Hester says, "I often talk with adults who had horrible experiences in Sunday School as a child. They were taught things that turned them off of religion or were taught things they've had to work through as adults. We need to do better for our children. We want our best leaders working with our children so they can develop a healthy and strong spiritual foundation. I hope many Asburians will consider working with the children's programs at Asbury. I look forward to working with adults who want to make a major impact now and in the future."

If you feel God is leading you to work with the children of Asbury or if you want to learn more about this opportunity, please email Rev. Billy Hester at bghester3@comcast.net. He will soon be organizing a planning session.

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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 2011 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.

Congratulations Asbury Graduates

High School Graduates

Landon Canady

Effingham County High School
Attending Middle Georgia College
Major: Avionics

Nicole Evans

Savannah Arts Academy
Attending Georgia Southern University
Major: Biology—Pre Med

Eva Ciccodicola

Solebury—New Hope, PA
Attending Boston University
Major: Physics

Jack Wagner

Savannah Arts Academy
Attending Georgia Southern University
Major: Engineering

College Graduates

Jackie Dean

Georgia State University
BA in Criminal Justice

Kim Jorgensen

Northeastern University in Boston
Master's in Political Science and
International Affairs

Kelsey Foster

University of Georgia
Sociology
Family and Child Development

Cyndi Linthicum

South University
BS in Legal Studies

Alex Hearn

Armstrong Atlantic State University
BA in Theatre
with a concentration in Theatre Management

Claudia Wagner

Georgia College
Early Childhood Education

Tuscaloosa Tornadoes

The Spring of 2011 will long be remembered for devastating tornadoes in the Midwest, particularly Joplin, MO and Tuscaloosa, AL. Both cities were hit by F5 tornadoes in April and May. You may not know it, but Asbury Memorial has a very close tie to Tuscaloosa; Asbury member Jeri Zemke lives there. She moved there a few years ago to get her doctorate degree at the University of Alabama and she now works there as Assistant Professor/Clinical Coordinator for the Athletic Training Education Program.

Jeri is a very good friend of Barri Marshall and Susan Ambrose, also members of Asbury. Jeri's house got hit during the April 15th tornado. A tree came through the roof of her house. She has had it patched up since then. When the F5 tornado hit downtown Tuscaloosa on April 27th, Barri text Jeri to be sure she was all right. Hours (and a lot of worry) later, Jeri text back to say she was fine. She called later that night and I could hear it in her voice how terrible this twister really was. The TV news could not convey the tragedy that I heard in Jeri's voice on the phone.

Susan and I immediately began to consider what could we do to help the people of Tuscaloosa who lost everything? Susan is the Assistant Principal at Windsor Forest High School. She got some of the student clubs to sponsor the Tuscaloosa Tornado Relief. For every kind of canned good, detergent, baby wipes, diapers, etc that the students donated, they were allowed a "dress-down" Friday at school in May. What a success! Over 600 students donated to the cause! Also, Barri collected donations from her work, Stage Front Presentation Systems, members of Asbury congregation, and Asbury members, Michael and Linda Edwards.

We decided that we would deliver the goods Memorial Day Weekend. The Asbury van was packed from floor to roof! Susan and I were so proud to represent the kind hearts of Asbury and the Savannah community. When we delivered the donations to Tuscaloosa Emergency Services, with Jeri's help, they kept asking us where we are from and thanked us about a thousand times. They were also curious about the Asbury clown!

Susan and I were not exactly sure what we were going to see when we arrived in Tuscaloosa, but when we reached the downtown area, our mouths dropped open wide. The devastation was palpable. It is truly difficult to describe what actually happened and the horrible path of destruction that took lives, property and perhaps spirit from some, but the people of Tuscaloosa still have the strength to muster up their courage to rebuild and move on.

Susan and I want to thank everyone who donated to Tuscaloosa Tornado Relief. We really believe we helped a lot of people with the donations. I want to thank Jeri Zemki and Misha Greer for having us in their home and for letting us know that their city needed some help. If it weren't for that phone call from Jeri that night, we never would have had the experiences of

the wonders of God working through those that gave. We wouldn't have felt the perseverance of the human race of those who lost everything, but will come back even stronger.

Again, there are no words to describe what we felt as we drove the 6 miles and more of sheer devastation, so we are sharing some pictures to see the authority of mother nature and the power of the human spirit.

