



The Asbury Update

July 2008

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church
Rev. Billy Hester

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DISCIPLE

BECOMING DISCIPLES
THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

DISCIPLE is a program of small group Bible study aimed at developing strong Christian leaders. In the fellowship of eight to fourteen people, participants commit to read the Old and New Testaments over a nine month period. Each member of the group agrees to study the assigned readings and commentaries for 30 minutes daily, and to attend the two and a half hour group session once a week.

Last year in August the first DISCIPLE group in the history of Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church began its study under the leadership of Janet Wagner. This group completed the course in May and members were recognized before the entire congregation on May 18.

Two new DISCIPLE groups are now forming. One group will meet on Wednesday mornings and will be led by Helen Downing. Another group will meet on Sunday evenings and will be led by David and Pat Alley. Both groups will hold their orientation sessions during the week of August 17. Please contact the church office at asbury-mumc@yahoo.com or Janet Wagner. 🎵

Worship

*Sundays 11:15
a.m.*

July 6th

**The Gospel
According to You**

July 13th

**Gospel Sing
& Ice Cream Social**

July 20th

Soulistic Health

July 27th

Two Or Three

**Parts of the Asbury
worship services can
be viewed and heard
on our web site.**

Adult 10 O'clock Study News!

Most of our programs at Asbury take a break in July and then regroup in August to plan for the fall. This includes all adult and children's classes.

Thanks to Steve Johnson and Ernie Lee, the Adult 10 O'clock Hour has been very powerful as we've studied Henri Nouwen's book on Spiritual Direction. This study recently concluded. While some folks are ready for the scheduled break, others would like to continue meeting.

So, for this interim time, any adults who are here and interested are welcome to join us at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall as we find practical way to practice the Presence of God together in community.

Margaret Clay will be facilitating this time from June 29 through July 27.

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MEMORIALS

Gifts have been given to the "Celebrate the Joy" Fund in memory of Chris Wilburn by:

Carol Klein

Kevin and Tara Redd

Jackie and Larry Fall

Colin and Jackie Stewart

Maurice and Gay Gwinner

J. D. and Jackie Smith

David Grice and John Naylor

Al and Pat Andres

Linda and George Byrd

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Jeanne Buttimer

William Tinkler

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Lynn and Wayne Mathis

Carmel and Philip Hearn

Jim and Sybil Dudley

Mary Alice Garvin

P. L. Carter

Yates and Sandra Johnson

Ted Larrison

Debra and Mike Skinner

The Asbury Memorial Choir

John Daniel, Jr.

A gift has been given to the "Celebrate the Joy" Fund by Roger and DiAnne Amerson in memory of Tristan Linthicum.

A gift has been given to the "Celebrate the Joy" Fund by Martha Hicks Ellzey in memory of Tristan Linthicum.

A gift has been given to the G-Force by Karl and Judy Graham in memory of James "Allen" Driggers, Joe Driggers' brother.

A gift has been given to the "Celebrate the Joy" Fund by Gene Carpenter in memory of Emmeline Cooper.

A gift has been given to the "Celebrate the Joy" Fund by John Naylor and David Grice in memory of Reine Arrington.

A gift has been given to the "Celebrate the Joy" Fund by Jim and Sybil Dudley in memory of Cindy Hanks' father, Al Hitt.



WHEN SHADOWS FALL

We extend our love and sympathy to Brooks and Kym McCarty and family in the death of Brooks' father, Brenton McCarty.

We extend our love and sympathy to Cynthia, Jonathan, Justin, Sara, Dylan and Chris Linthicum and family in the tragic death of our beloved Tristan Linthicum.

We extend our love and sympathy to Tracy and Lindsey Walden and family in the death of Tracy's father, Joe Clifford Abernathy.

We extend our love and sympathy to Susan, Geoff, Colin, Chloe and Chase Harrison and family in the death of Susan's father, Winston Oliver.

We extend our love and sympathy to Todd Nolan and Robbie Lemmons and family in the death of Todd's aunt, Helen Calhoun.

We extend our love and sympathy to Edgar and Anne Smith and family in the death of Edgar's mother and our beloved Elderberry, Carolyn Smith.

We extend our love and sympathy to Joe Driggers and Kenny Hill and family in the death of Joe's brother, Allen Driggers.

We extend our love and sympathy to Rachel Porter and her family in the death of Rachel's son, Eric Montford.

We extend our love and sympathy to Jean Stewart and family in the death of Jean's brother, William (Bill) Fritts.



Prayer List

Members

Annette Anderson, Francis Brannen, Bob Carlyle, Stephanie Clegg, Corine Cave, Wendy Ciccodicola, Mickey Dodge, Marjorie Edenfield, Jeff Follett, Colleen Forehand, Gay Gwinner, Edna Girard, Judy Graham, Nell Hagins, Roy Hill, Mary Hinely, Joe Hunnicutt, Judith Kessler, Elizabeth Lariscy, Linda Luke, Janet

Family & Friends of Members

Bob Andres, Gary Bebusk, Elsie Boschen, Barbara Bower, Alex Cann, Mary Cann, Anne Marie Chandler, R. Justin Chandler, Dan Coe, Rose Crosby, Quintina Davis, Jean Ferraro, Lois Flanagan, Francis Fordham, Margaret Gammon, James Garvin, Richard Grice, Jerry Hill, Chase Hillis, Wil-lilou Hooper, Marion Humphrey, Denice Hurt, Archie Iodice, Annette H. Jenkins, Daniel Jenkins, Matt Jenkins, Bill Kellard, Lawrence Manker, Jr., Scott McCoy, Maurice Miller, Helen Murray, David Pamplona, Justin Pernell & Family, Joan Poppell, Tim Powers, David Pugh, Lee Riggs, Barbara



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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 2008 Flower Chart in the narthex and sign up. The cost is \$35. 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 Tonya Hillis, Administrative Secretary or Claudette DeLong, Program 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.

Historian and Theologian, Marcus Borg

Dr. Marcus Borg will be speaking this January along with author, Diana Butler Bass at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simon's Island. This event will fill up quickly. We've talked about organizing a group to attend, but have decided that it would be best if everyone takes care of their own reservations since there are two different sessions.

Session I: Friday evening, January 16, through Sunday noon, January 18.

Session II: Monday evening, January 19, through Wednesday noon, January 21.

The cost is \$109 for the program (no room or board) and is refundable up to Jan. 15.

To register & for all the info & details, go to:

www.januaryadventure.org

Thank You

On behalf of myself, my mother, and the entire Wilburn family, I would like to thank the congregation of Asbury for their support during the difficult time of my father's death. Your prayers, condolences, cards, flowers, and gifts of food have been so helpful in getting us all through the grieving process. My Dad loved Asbury and he was obviously much loved in return. Also, a special thanks to Billy Hester, Ray Ellis and the choir for making his memorial service so meaningful. It was a beautiful service and he would have loved it. More thanks to Billy for doing the graveside service in Greenwood, SC, and for his lovely solo of "How Great Thou Art." I know that my Dad will always have a special place at Asbury Memorial.

Jennie

Some of you wanted Jennie's current address:

Ms. Jennie Wilburn
Brown College
9 Sunset Boulevard,
Houston, TX 77005
jennie.wilburn@rice.edu

2008 Budget Offering

May 25 - \$5,097.18

June 1- \$8,139.00

June 8- \$6,659.00

June 15- \$5,150.00

June 22- TBA

June 29- TBA

Weekly Budget Needed

\$7,252.00

Budget Needed to Date

\$174,048.00

Received to Date

\$162,130.00

Balance of the Operating Fund

as of June 15, 2008

\$65,838.61

"Celebrate the Joy!" Fund (Renovation) as of May 31, 2008

\$310,778.48

Worship Attendance

June 1- 283

June 8- 290

June 15- 297

June 22- 314

June 29- 257

July



Happy Birthday



- 1st- Dustin Dowling
Cristina Sires
Jackie Stewart
- 2nd- Jonathan Linthicum
Jeff Tucker
- 3rd- Tara Redd
- 4th- Hank Albee
Steve Johnson
Shane Wright
- 5th- Cynthia Herold
- 6th- Joe Brannen
John Hendrix
Lindsey Walden
- 7th- John Hester
Eric Johnson
- 8th- Molly Hester
Suzie Williams
- 9th- Tracy Browning
Janet Redmond
- 10th- Michael Dayoub
- 11th- Curtis Jenkins
Bay Luke
- 12th- Robert Bernard
Sara Jane Fogarty
Anne Malone
- 13th- David Alley
Michele Brannen
Billy Hester
- 14th- Ericka Chamlee
- 15th- Tina Austing
Joshua Jacobson
- 16th- David Grice
Amy Smith

Having a Birthday?

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

- 17th- Al Andres
Jan Lynes
- 18th- Richard Reeve
Joe Richards
- 19th- Elisabeth Edge
- 20th- Ann Anderson
- 21st- Joyce Wickstrom
- 22nd- Olivia Albee
Casey Grier
Russell Jones
- 23rd- Cathie Jorgensen
Billy Sires
- 26th- John Giles
- 27th- Marie Parker
- 28th- Sarah Sires
- 29th- Rachel Green
- 30th- Randy Rodriguez

With Special Thanks

Thanks to Phil & Suzanne Devlin for cleaning & painting the Children's Church Room for the 3rd-6th graders..& G-Force Room. It looks incredible!

Thanks to Sarah Linthicum, Renee Williams, and Amy Povie for the special cleaning of the nursery. We appreciate all the love and care they give our "little ones" at Asbury.

Thanks to everyone who came to VBS work days & volunteered during VBS.

Thanks to Kathryn Murph for golfing in the fund raiser for the Coe Family.

From the Youth

Thank you to all that supported our Boston Butt Fund Raiser for our summer Youth Trip.

With Love And Appreciation

I would like to express my appreciation for all of the calls, cards, visits and love expressed to me. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Love, Elizabeth Lariscy



Food Pantry Helping Those in Need

You are always welcome to bring canned goods or paper goods to help those in need of food. Please place the items on the shelves across from the nametag board. We then deliver the items to the Wesley Community Centers or give it to those who come by the church for food.

Nursery News

Nursery Coverage 10 o'clock Hour

The Asbury nursery will offer coverage on Sunday mornings during the 10 o'clock hour for parents and care givers interested in attending Adult Bible Study, Adult Sunday School, Chancel Choir or other programs.

Little Lambs Sunday School

The **Little Lambs** class will take a break for the summer months. We will resume classes every Sunday at 10am in the nursery pre-school room beginning with the new church year in September. Please consider giving your 3 or 4-year-old child the opportunity to learn more about God's love through music, drama, crafts, and storytelling. All are welcome!

Creative Kids

Our Creative Kids bless us each week at Asbury. They will be taking a break in July and August.



Children's Church

Leaders in July

Grades K—3rd

Tom & Betsy Davis

Subs: Ellie Covington & Mary Ann Kohne

Grades 4th—6th

July 6th— Kim Smith

July 13th— Cathie Jorgenson & Debra Skinner

July 20th - Phil & Suzanne Devlin

July 27th— Debbie Wright

Congratulations

Madeling Kelso and her 5th grade team members from Marshpoint Elementary competed in the International Odyssey of the Mind competition in Maryland.

Her team came in 4th place! There were over 60 national/international teams in her division. Way to go Madeline & Odyssey of the Mind Team!

Rev. Grady & Brenda Mills. Grady and Brenda were honored at the UMC South Carolina Annual Conference as Grady retired. We look forward to their presence and service with us at Asbury.

Congratulations to past Asbury member, Landon Westbrook Gann and husband Anand in the birth of their son, Harrison Westbrook Gann. He was born Monday June 16th. At 8 pounds 1 ounce and 21 inches long. Congrats also to Harrison's aunt and Asbury member, Anne Allen Westbrook.

**REMEMBER TO DRESS
COOL FOR SUMMER
SUNDAYS!**

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN YOU WERE A KID...

and those long, hot car trips with your parents in the summer...before air conditioning?
“Are we there yet?” “When can we stop?” “It’s too long!”

Well, it’s just like that with our Asbury finances today. *Financially, we are really feeling the heat!* “Are we there yet?” No, kids, we are behind and need to get caught up. “When can we stop?” Well, as soon as we all get caught up...and ahead...with our pledges, I’ll stop. “It’s too long!” Yes, a financial commitment to God’s church and work seems very long sometimes. But--the ride is so very worth it! Please remember to get current with your general fund and renovation pledges this month! A friendly summer reminder from your Stewardship Chair-mom.

COFFEE HOUR AFTER CHURCH ON JULY 6TH.

Join us for this time of food and fellowship with your church family. If you are able, bring food to share with others.

Shehkinah Spiral

Shehkinah Spiral will be taking a break during the months of July and August. The ladies discussion group will resume in September.

TGIY Times

Thank God It's Youth

Wednesday, July 2nd —TGIY

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

We will meet at the church and travel to the beach for our program

Wednesday, July 9th—TGIY

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Friday, July 11th—TGIY

We will travel to Hilton Head to play Putt-Putt
(more info to come)

Wednesday, July 16th—TGIY

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday—Wednesday 19th—23rd

BIG STUF PANAMA CITY

BEACH CAMP

Wednesday, July 30th—TGIY

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Movie Night at Asbury!

Enjoy the classics with your church family!

That's right...plan to spend Sunday watching great movies with fellow Asburians. The shows will be in the Social Hall and start at 7 p.m.. We've selected some outstanding "Movie Classics". This may be your first time watching these films, or it may be your chance to rekindle fond memories. We will have access to the ice machine, so bring your snacks, and settle in for a great evening with family and friends as we enjoy some of the classics. It all starts Sunday, July 20th!

Asbury's "2008 Classic Movie Series"

July 20th- ----- Apollo 13 (Retro, Suspense, Tom Hanks, Gary Sinsie)

July 27th- ----- -- The Sound of Music (A musical with Julie Andrews)

August 3rd- ----- -Casa Blanca (Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman)

August 10th- ----- -Oklahoma (1999 revival with Hugh Jackman)

Author and Asburian, Pat Andres, Writings in New Book

Church member, Pat Andres, is part of the Savannah Writers Group. The SWG has a new book that's just come out entitled, **Savannah Writes**. The anthology includes some of Pat's wonderful stories.

Also, don't forget about Rev. Jan Durham's book, **Fastened to the Marsh** (A Savannah Saga). Jan just came back from the North Georgia Annual Conference where her novel sold like hotcakes. And be sure to get a copy of Alex Cann's wonderful book of poetry titled, **Looking Down the Stairwell**. Congratulations to all of these Asbury authors.

To get a copy of these three books, contact Pat, Jan, or Alex...or call the church office, and we'll help you get a copy.

HONORARIUMS

A gift has been given to the Hester Education Fund in appreciation of Billy Hester for his generosity and sensitivity in giving time and support that knows no bounds by Jennie and Judy Wilburn.

A gift has been given to the "Celebrate the Joy" Fund by Jennie and Judy Wilburn in gratitude to the Asbury Congregation for your outpouring of sympathy, gifts of food, and personal expressions of support; to the choir, Ray, Ellis, Mike Cunningham and Danny Beam for the beautiful music; to Pat Prokop for recording the service of Celebration of Life of Chris Wilburn; and to Billy Hester for leading both the memorial service in Savannah and the graveside service in Greenwood, SC.

A gift has been given to the "Celebrate the Joy" Fund by Barbara Rogers in honor of Kathy Hodges.

A gift has been given to the "Celebrate the Joy" Fund in honor of Al Andres' birthday by Pat Andres, and Erik and April Andres.