The Asbury Trumpeter

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"Blessed are the peacemakers…"

In recent months, the United States has been shaken by relentless political violence. In June, Democratic legislator Melissa Hortman and her husband were shot and killed in their home. Just a few weeks ago, conservative activist Charlie Kirk was assassinated while giving a speech, and the aftershocks continue to unsettle American society.

What makes this moment especially tragic is the absence of leaders who can bring a polarized nation together. Instead of seeking to heal divisions, many political figures seem consumed with attacking their opponents, stoking vengeance and hatred, and shoring up their own base.

In such a climate, we must remember our calling as Christians: we are called to be peacemakers. Too often, Christians confuse their faith with their ideology, forgetting that no political system can ever fully contain the Christian faith. The danger comes when we sanctify our politics with the authority of faith—for when that happens, people can end up doing terrible things in the name of God. When we remember that God and the Christian faith are always greater than any ideology, we begin to see the limits of our own perspective and open ourselves to those who see differently.

Jesus said, *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God"* (Matthew 5:9). True peace begins with refusing to cause harm. It means turning away from every form of violence and oppression, and choosing instead, in our daily lives, to sow peace wherever we can. The poet Park Nohae captures this call beautifully:

Sharing Peace *(by Park Nohae)*

To share peace

is to refuse the little violences of daily life.
It is to look within myself

as honestly as I look at the world around me.

It is to stand firmly in reality,

yet keep a quiet garden of peace in the heart.
Not striving to outdo others,

but honoring the different callings we each carry.

It is to seek not only to be a better worker,

but to grow as a better human being—more kind, more generous, more respectful.

It is to live in a world at war

without letting war live inside me.
To hold a gentle smile

even in the shadow of guns and bombs.

It is to answer violence with nonviolence,

to resist oppression without hatred.
Not waging war against war,

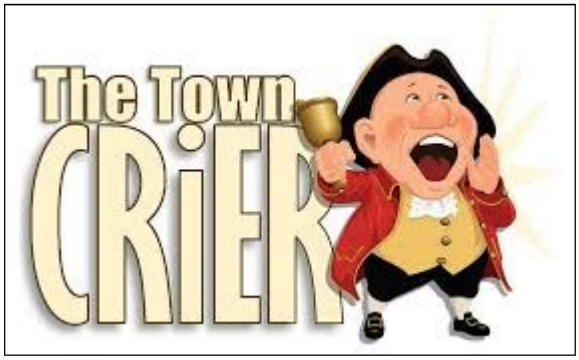
but sowing the warm seeds of peace,

watered with our tears.

May the peace of the Lord fill this earth and our lives.

Peace,

Rev. Yohan Go



To my Asburian Family,

We will hold Pledge Sunday on October 26th. Please prayerfully think about what Asbury U.M.C. means to you and give generously from your heart.

David Dorsey, Treasurer

P.S. More previews to come!

CHANCEL GUILD NEWS

Greetings from your Chancel Guild!
We hope your summer was beautiful and filled with plants and flowers!

We are ready for Fall! The Altar flower schedule has been updated and is in place. Many of you have standing orders which have been honored. We will be honoring our Veterans, will be part of World Communion Sunday, will remember our loved ones who have passed, will observe the liturgical calendar such as Advent, etc. The holidays approach in a couple of months and you'll be seeing information about ordering poinsettias.

Unfortunately the cost of the altar flowers has gone up, reflecting the wholesale price increase of flowers and supplies. Dave's Floral is still our provider. Starting August 31, altar flowers will be $38.00. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Blessings to you all,
Becky Arnold
401-935-5906

OCTOBER birthdays

5	Becky Arnold
6	Joan White
7	Zack Seymour
9	Karsen Drury
9	Graham Drury
9	Carrie Moore
9	Brianna Taylor
11	Carrie White-Toomey
14	John E. Quirk Sr.
15	Elizabeth Hanke
16	Nicholas Okerholm
16	Cameron Webb
17	Frank Rose
18	Amanda Wylly
20	Diane Kelley
31	Betty Ann Carter
31	Kerri Dorsey

~Upcoming Events~

1	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30 am - 12 pm
5	Worship Service	9:30 am
7	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30 am -12 pm
	Pastor's Book Group	10:00 am
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
8	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30 am -12 pm
	Women's Book Group	9:30am
12	Worship Service	9:30 am
14	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30 am -12 pm
	Pastor's Book Group	10:00 am
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
15	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30 am -12 pm
	Women's Book Group	9:30 am
19	Worship Service	9:30 am
21	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30 am -12 pm
	Pastor's Book Group	10:00 am
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
22	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30 am -12 pm
	Women's Book Group	9:30 am
26	Worship Service	9:30 am
28	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30 am -12 pm
	Pastor's Book Group	10:00 am
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
29	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30 am - 12 pm
	Women's Book Group	9:30am

The deadline for the November Newsletter is Saturday, October 25, 2025

Thank you!

Please Help Asbury Grow !!

Please visit our website and click on the giving link.

https://www.asburyumcri.org

Bread Baking 2025'

Hello everyone! We're getting close to bread baking time of year again, but this year brings a whole new excitement. With the generous donations of a few people, we were able to replace our 2 antique wall ovens, and replace the 2 gas oven thermostats as well . With these changes, our baking time should be a lot more predictable and less stressful.

We also received the gift of a large chest freezer, which will eliminate the transfer of bread to a freezer outside of the church building. With all that said, I will still need as many people as are able to help with the four days of baking. The Bazaar will take place on November 8th. , which means the baking is one full week before, October 29-30-31 and November 1st.

Some workers are needed at 8:30 to mix the bread, and then additional people at 9:30-10:00 to braid after it's raised. Don't forget to pack a lunch because that's next, followed by the baking.

Working as a team is fun, so if you are able to help at all, we'll benefit as friends and as a church community. The signup sheets will be in the coffee room later September, I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

Barbara Bishop

Reminder

To all Chancel Guild members that our next meeting will be Monday, October 6th at 7:00 pm via zoom. The link will be sent out the week before. Please make every effort to participate.

PILL BOTTLE MISSION

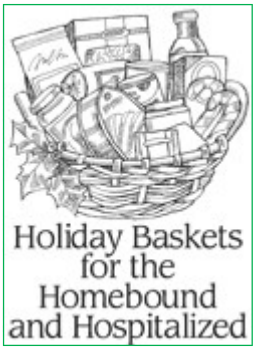
Our church has been sending empty pill bottles to a larger mission outreach for quite some time now. The postage has been paid in a variety of ways. If you are able to help with the postage, it costs approximately $35 per month to send these boxes. Please speak to Joan White regarding this mission project.

Joan's home number: 401-738-6202

Cell number is 401-499-1280

TO HELP THE CHRISTMAS VILLAGE BAZAAR BE A SUCCESS!

1. Spread the word! Tell your friends and family
2. Donate jewelry, high quality items and toys
3. Make a craft, gift basket, baked good or two
4. Hang up flyers
5. (Big need, Are you sociable?) Make calls to our Members to let them know the date and see if they want to help/donate
6. Help with pricing and cleaning donated items
7. Sign up to greet our customers for day of
8. Help take stuff out of storage (or put it back)
9. Use summer fruits to make a pie now - don't bake yet
10. Be an elevator operator for the day! (will train)



SAVE THE DATE!

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR IS ON

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH !!

9 AM - 2:30 PM

BAZAAR CONTACT LIST FOR QUESTIONS, DROP-OFF AND HELP

Bazaar Leader: Andrea Dunn 401-207-8017
Asbury Café: Evelyn Jacobson 401-996-4607 Like to make soups, sandwiches, food donations or help with serving?
Bake Shop: Barbara Bishop 401-787-7518; all types of world-famous bread! Want to bake bread or donate?
Basket Boutique: Diane Goins dianeng94@aol.com or church office and Trish Disu; All types of gift baskets; donations or made themed baskets
Christmas Memories: Kerri Dorsey, 401-595-5792 Samantha Dorsey; Gently used or new Christmas items and decorations
Jewelry Box: Joyce Moore 401-737-6311; All types of jewelry
Myrtle's Place/Made with Love: Joan White 401-499-1280 & Linda Cameron Handmade gifts, decorations - sewn, knitted, crocheted items
Treasured Memories: Deb 401-742-7480 & Frank Rose; Antiques or "Like New" items with value, or gift items including well preserved purses
Toys: Deb Rose; Looking for clean new or like new toys for a children's table
Truly Scrumptious: Deb Bush 401-781-8702 and Donna Rowe 401-599-9688; Homemade pies, cakes, candy, preserves, snacks, and cookies
ADDITIONAL HELP NEEDED
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Decorations Deb Bush and someone to help with moving boxes and hanging
Set-up and Clean-up: need help with moving boxes from office to sanctuary; someone who can navigate stairs; someone to set up coffee for the volunteers or help hang signs or clean donated items
Dishwashing/Cafe Clean-up: Contact Evelyn Jacobson: after 1p help; before 1p - clear off tables of patrons
Greeters: Sign up for 2 hour shifts starting at 8:40a - 2:30p
Elevator Operators: we'll train! just need someone to press a button and close a gate
Cashiers may be needed based on each table
Collection Stewards Dianne Pratt, Linda Ruscio
Signs: Help needed, talk to Carl Bishop Jr.
Social Media/Marketing: Help with any aspect of posting, creating and sharing or ads/flyers

PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND SHARE ABOUT THIS FABULOUSLY FUN EVENT NOVEMBER 8TH!

Bazaar Jewelry Needed

We are collecting jewelry for our annual Bazaar. We always appreciate all the items you give to us to sell for our church.

Now is a good time to look through your jewelry and pass on items you no longer use. It helps us to have the jewelry ahead of time so that it can be sorted and priced.

A good number of people come to see our jewelry, so please help if you can. We welcome all types of jewelry - fine, vintage, costume, antique - old or new.

Tax exempt donation receipts are available from our church office upon request. The date for the Bazaar will be announced at a later date.

For Questions or Pickup, Please call Joyce Moore at 401-737-6311 or our Church Office 401-467-5122.

Basket Boutique Seeks Donations for Our Annual Christmas Village Bazaar

The Basket Boutique could really use some items to help fill up our popular gift baskets. Please do not feel the need to put together an entire basket, but the following items would be extremely helpful donations:

Cookies, crackers, cocoa (small)

Christmas ornaments

Christmas decorations (small)

Candy, chocolates (small)

Small kitchen gadgets/items

Winter and solid color paper napkins

Candles (jars, votives)

Candleholders

Kitchen towels, potholders

Nuts, jellies, jams

Children's games, cards, puzzles

Small and medium baskets

All items should be new, but if an item is in excellent condition such as ornaments, decorations we can use it.

Also, some may wish to give a monetary donation and I will purchase items needed.

Please leave your items upstairs in the last room before the bathroom in the church office building by Saturday, October 4th.

Thanks so much for your continued generosity!

Diane Newman-Goins

401-941-6055

Tricia Smith-Disu

401-837-0555

Dear Asbury Church Choir Members and Music Enthusiasts,

Weekly Choir Practice: A Sacred Time for Harmony and Growth
Each week, we come together not just to rehearse music but to create something extraordinary—a sound that glorifies God and uplifts our congregation. These moments of preparation are essential to our ministry, and your presence is invaluable.

- **Tuesdays:** 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- **Sundays:** 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Your dedication forms the foundation of our worship services. Let us commit to attending regularly and punctually, striving for excellence as we prepare to lead others in meaningful worship.

Welcoming New Voices: An Invitation to Serve Through Song
It is a privilege to welcome new members into our choir family. If you or someone you know feels called to serve the Lord through music, we invite you to join us. Whether you are a seasoned singer or new to the choir experience, your voice has a place here. Come to a practice session or contact me directly to learn more about this wonderful opportunity. Together, we will inspire hearts and glorify God through the gift of music.

Your Music Director: Leading with Faith, Passion, and Purpose
As your Music Director, I am honored to lead our choir in creating music that reflects God's love and grace. My role is not just to guide you musically but also to support you spiritually and personally. If you have questions, concerns, or ideas, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Together, we are building a music ministry that honors God and inspires our congregation.

Prayers and Support: United in Faith and Purpose
As we continue to grow as a choir and a community, I ask for your prayers. Please pray that our choir will glorify God, support our pastor's ministry, and bring grace to our congregation. If you have any prayer requests or need support, please feel free to share them with me or a fellow choir member. We are more than a choir; we are a family, united by our faith and purpose, supporting one another in love and grace.

Gratitude for Your Commitment and Faithfulness
Thank you for your unwavering commitment to the Asbury Church Choir. Every note we sing and every harmony we create is a testament to God's glory. Through our music, we have the privilege of transforming lives, uplifting spirits, and spreading His love. Let us continue to make a joyful noise unto the Lord and inspire others with the power of our ministry. May God bless and guide us as we faithfully serve Him through music.

With gratitude, blessings, and love,
Hanna Noh
Music Director, Asbury UMC
857-231-0567

~By Tim & Cami Webb~

Top Ten Things You Can Do On Our Website

Look at all the useful information update weekly on **AsburyUMCRI.org!** Check it out!

1) Check for worship schedule, COVID and weather status
2) Refer to each Sunday's bulletin and announcements (back to 2020)
3) Read historical sermon transcripts (back to 2019)
4) Refer to monthly newsletters (back to 2019)
5) Click to access our secure online financial giving site (set up one-time or recurring pledges/gifts, see your online giving history)
6) See information about major events at the Church
7) Find free food resources in the area when in need
8) See our Pastor's biography
9) Look at our gallery of pictures (work in progress- send Tim W. or the office pictures you'd like added)
10) Contact the Pastor or Staff via secure message

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