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Tell Me Your Story!

On May 16th we held a memorial service for our beloved church member, David Humphrey. I already miss his bright smile and the warm conversations we used to share after Sunday worship. David knew I loved hiking, and he would often show me satellite images of how many miles his grandson had walked each week on his journey from the Mexican border to the Canadian border.

While preparing for the service, I had the opportunity to hear stories about David from his family. I thought I knew him fairly well—but as I listened, I realized I had only known a small part of his life. I didn't know he had a pilot's license for small aircraft, or that he was deeply fascinated by the vastness of the sky and universe, and the intricate measurements attached to them. His favorite Bible verses—more than 50 of them shared by his family—mostly focused on the dimensions of the temple and the scale of God's holy city, passages that are rarely quoted. Through these stories, I came to know David more deeply than I ever had before.

To truly know someone is to know the story of their life. In church, we often try to be kind and maintain a warm atmosphere—but relationships that are only pleasant on the surface rarely grow into true community. Psychologist Scott Peck calls this a "pseudo-community." He suggests that avoiding conflict prevents us from becoming authentic communities. But in my pastoral experience, I've found another powerful path toward deeper community: the sharing of stories.

When we share our stories and listen deeply to others, our lives begin to weave together. In those moments, the church becomes more than just a place of worship—it becomes a living space where our stories flow, connect, and take root. God's story, my story, and our shared stories begin to shape us into a more honest, loving, and faithful community. Story-sharing opens the door to community with gentleness, guiding us toward deeper trust and connection.

Beginning June 17 through July 8, we will launch a weekly gathering called *Tell Us Your Story (TUYS)*, held every Tuesday at 10 a.m. It will be a time for reflecting on your life, sharing your story, and getting to know others more deeply. If you'd like to participate, please speak with Pastor Yohan or sign up using the registration form available in the narthex.

I warmly invite you to join us for this meaningful time of connection, reflection, and growth.

Peace,

Rev. Yohan Go

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1	Thomas Hanke
5	Ruth John
7	Mark Weigner
9	Marlow Whitham
10	Dick White
10	Edith French
11	Eva Marie McGovern
12	Timmy Anderson
13	Allison Keene
16	William Das
16	Phil Rowell
17	Sophia Capasso
20	Susan Capasso
20	Sharon Gammino
21	Adam Dorsey
21	Bethany Muhlebach
22	Ryan Heller
24	Aubrey Heller
24	Shirley Keene
25	Matthew Bradbury
26	Sarah Jones
26	Violet LaCroix
26	Christopher Moore
27	Chul ho (Chris) Cha
29	Tim Webb

~June Upcoming Events~

1	**Worship Service**	**9:30 am**
3	**Pastor's Office Hours**	**9:30 am -12 pm**
4	**Pastor's Office Hours**	**9:30 am -12 pm**
	Choir Practice	**7:00 am - 9:00 am**
8	**Education Sunday Service**	**9:30 am**
10	**Pastor's Office Hours**	**9:30 am -12 pm**
11	**Pastor's Office Hours**	**9:30 am -12 pm**
	Choir Practice	**7:00-9pm**
14	**Gaspee Day Parade**	**10:00 am - 1 pm**
15	**Father's Day Worship Service**	**9:30 am**
17	**Pastor's Office Hours**	**9:30 am -12 pm**
18	**Pastor's Office Hours**	**9:30 am -12 pm**
22	**Worship Service**	**9:30 am**
24	**Pastor's Office Hours**	**9:30 am -12 pm**
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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

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.

- **Wednesdays:** 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

Asbury's Nursery School has restarted!

The time nursery school starts is at 9:30 am.

We have six members who have volunteered to staff the program on a rotating basis and we thank them for their willingness to extend Asbury's hospitality in a different venue.

Happy 95th Birthday, Asbury Church!
March 25, 1930

In 1930, Rev Francis Henry Spear was called out of retirement to assess if a church would be feasible in a newly created residential area called Gaspee Plateau. Rev Spear was deeply impressed by his findings and received a warm welcome for a Methodist Episcopal Church. He took charge of organizing this church. By March 25, 1930, thirty-four people had expressed a desire to join the new church. They met at the Morrill's house on Osceola Ave. As more people wished to join Asbury, various members opened their homes for Sunday worship.

By June 25, 1932, enough money, $40,000, had been pledged or raised to have the groundbreaking ceremony. The laying of the cornerstone occurred September 11, 1932. The first service was held February 5, 1933, in the social hall. Church membership was 138, church school had 103 members. It took nine years to raise the necessary $3600 to finish the sanctuary. The dedication service took place on May 26, 1940. And the Asbury Church building was finally completed in 1947 when the second floor was completed, now known as the Spear Room!

How about planning for Asbury's 100th Birthday Celebration??? The Centennial is only 5 years away!

Dear Friends,

Our coffee hour has returned and it has been fun gathering and catching up with each other after church. We still want to keep this simple and ask that you consider taking a week to volunteer to set up coffee hour. As of now we have every week but June 1st filled.

Also I would like to hand this sign-up sheet over to someone else. It would bean producing and promoting a sign -up sheet every 6 months...not including July & August. If you want to make it something different than what has been established, that would be wonderful. Supplies except the milk & creamer are paid for by the church.

This is a good way to become involved on a small scale, getting to put names and faces together. If you are curious about this opportunity, see me or call me at 401-486-5449. See you in church! Jan Jones

Dear Asbury Family,

On May 8th I turned 80. I'm honored and humbled by all the birthday wishes. Some cheered me by saying that 80 isn't old if you're a tree! Others said 80 is just 23 Celsius! No matter how you expressed your best wishes please know how deeply grateful I am. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Lee Arnold

The deadline for the July Newsletter is Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Thank you!

GASPEE DAYS PARADE PARKING

Who: Asbury UMC

What: Safe off-street parking, use of bathroom. Water for Sale!

When: Saturday, June 14th 9a-1p

Where: 550 Fair St Warwick
(corner of Ann Mary Brown and Fair)
1 block from parade!

Why: Fundraiser & Service
$5 Donation kindly requested

Call Andrea 207-8017 if you want to guarantee your safe parking spot!

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I just wanted to send out a HUGE thank you to all who helped us pull off a successful Celebration of Life for Dad. Yohan's sermon was spot on. Hanna thank you so much for playing the organ nice and loud for Dad. He always liked the organ "opened up". The choir did an amazing job singing. Thank you to those who shared their memories and kind thoughts with us. Being the service was streamed, the family who could not make it, could still watch. Thank you, Carl. Dad would have thought it was pretty cool that he is on YouTube. What a nice thing to have. The luncheon set up looked beautiful. Thank you to all the ladies (and their husbands) who helped with the setup, food assistance and clean up. From the planning, program printing, set up, helping move things along, cleaning before and after, our family thanks you all. Dad would have been impressed with everything everyone did for him. God Bless you all.

The Ouillette, Humphrey and Keene families

Thank you to all who contributed and/or attended Asbury's Women's Tea Party! We cleared $3007! So many of you passed on the information and brought friends and family with you! We were even lucky enough to have our longtime member, Jane Gilman attend (and volunteer) from North Carolina! We welcomed 5 completely unrelated people as well as Evelyn Jacobson's grandbaby!

Thank you to our sponsors especially Trinity Tea and Confections but also (not inclusive): Stop n Shop, Twice Told Tales, Bagel Express, Dimitri's Pizza, Papa's Ice cream, Dave's Marketplace, The Rustic Rhode DIY craft studio, Wholefoods Market, Seasons of New England, Pawtuxet village market, Massage from Brenda Richtmeyer, Govenor Francis Inn, Sandy Lane Meat Market, Le Favorite, The Coffee grinder and The Crows Nest. Visit these places!

EXTREME GRATITUDE GOES TO THOSE WHO ACTED AS GOD'S HANDS, FEET, MINDS AND MOUTHS TO MAKE BASKETS, TEA CUPS, FAVORS & WREATHS, ACQUIRE DONATIONS, RESEARCH GAMES, PRINT/PUBLISH, CLEAN, ORGANIZE, PREPARE FOODS, SERVE AND SO MUCH MORE! My appreciation is deep! Love, Andrea

Call for Achievements

Education Sunday is June 8th during our worship service. If you have anyone you would like recognized for academic or other achievements including honors, distinctions or awards, please email the name(s) and a BRIEF description to Lori at asburyumcri@gmail.com no later than **Tuesday, June 3rd.** The honorees and their achievements will be listed in an insert in the Education Sunday bulletin.

Thank you!

Diane Newman-Goins

Christian Education

I would like to remind everyone that we have another day coming up to celebrate, June 15th Father's Day. Jill Rowe and Barbara Bishop will be collecting names of all fathers and father figures living or deceased. Please be sure to mark the deceased with an asterisk. Pass your names along at church or by text; the cost is $1.00 per name. Thank you in advance for your participation.
Jill 408-5258
Barbara 787-7518
Thank you

Gaspee Days Parade

Saturday, June 14, 2025

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Since 1965, the Gaspee Days Committee has continued its efforts to preserve, promote, and share Rhode Island's revolutionary history with the community – and there's no better way to do that than by celebrating over 50 years of the Gaspee Days Parade. Combining colonial groups from all over with our modern and vibrant community, this is truly a show not to miss! Each year, friends and neighbors crowd along a two-mile stretch of Narragansett Parkway anxiously awaiting the march of the parade. Be it the fife and drums corps, the fire trucks, or the Shriners in their miniature cars, everyone has a favorite to look forward to!

Asbury will be offering our parking lot for parade parking again this year. For a small donation of just $5 you can park at Asbury and walk to the parade route.

Cucumber Sandwich Filling by Lou Ann Collier

As found in Asbury's Feast of Goodness Cookbook

2 8 oz pkgs. Cream cheese

2 lg. cucumbers

1 med. Onion

2 T. mayonnaise, scant

Salt & Pepper

Soften cream cheese. Grate cucumber and onion. Drain well. Mix and then beat to be well mixed. Add about 1 teaspoon salt and pepper to taste. Add the mayonnaise and beat again. Refrigerate. When ready to spread remove from refrigerator to soften slightly.

Apple Cake by Myrtle Buckley

As found in Asbury's Feast of Goodness Cookbook

2 c. sugar

1 c. chopped walnuts

2 c. flour

2 tsp. baking soda

1 tsp. cinnamon

1/2 tsp. salt

4 c. diced apples

3 eggs

1/2 c. oil

1 tsp vanilla

Break eggs over apples and mix with a fork. Add the dry ingredients and blend with oil and vanilla. Bake in oblong pan at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

~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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