

THE ASBURY TRUMPETER



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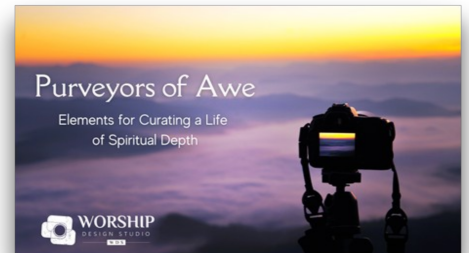
Purveyors of Awe

Lent begins on March 5, marked by Ash Wednesday—a sacred season of reflection on Christ's love and suffering, as well as a time of repentance and turning back to God. But repentance is not merely about wrestling with guilt; rather, it is about having our vision restored. Sin clouds our eyes, but God's love washes away the haze, allowing us to see the world anew through the eyes of faith.

This year's Lenten theme is "Purveyors of Awe." A pastor once wrote: *"One of the most precious things capitalism has taken from us is the ability to be awed. Those who can pause to admire the beauty of a single wildflower, who can quietly observe the wind, sunlight, sunset, clouds, moon, and stars—these people can, to some degree, free themselves from the slavery of desire."* (Rev. Ki-seok Kim)

Blinded by greed and desire, we often reduce everything—even our fellow human beings—to mere economic value. The more we measure the world in numbers, the more we lose our ability to marvel.

This Lent, let us reclaim the gift of awe. Let us slow down, pay attention, and rediscover the wonder of all that God has given us. Each Sunday, we will provide a small sand hourglass and Visio Divina resources to help us pause daily and see the world through the eyes of faith. We also invite you to join our Lenten book study and special worship services, making space to encounter God's hand still at work in our lives.



Lenten Worship & Study Opportunities

- Ash Wednesday Worship Service – March 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Asbury UMC
- Six-Week Lenten Book Study – *The Message of Jesus* by Adam Hamilton
 - Tuesday Group – Meets in the Pastor's Office, beginning March 11 at 10:00 a.m.
 - Wednesday Group – Meets in the Library, beginning March 12 at 9:30 a.m.
- Holy Week Services
 - Palm Sunday – April 13
 - Maundy Thursday – April 17
 - Good Friday – April 18
 - Easter Sunday – April 20

May this Lenten season be one of deep joy and transformation—a time when every moment becomes an opportunity for awe.

Peace,

Pastor Yohan Go



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

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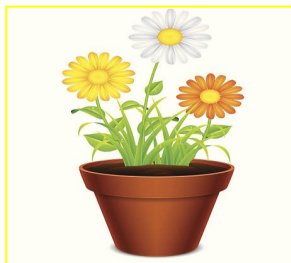
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- 3 Linna Buono
- 4 Jim Pratt
- 6 Sue Gibbs
Cary Weigner
- 7 Dixon Disu
Tiffany Lucini
- 8 Olivia Disu
David Dorsey
- 9 Cheryl Anderson
Bob Cameron
- 10 Brooke Arnold
- 12 Christian James Iavarone
- 17 Colleen Cone
- 18 Tyler Perry
- 22 LaDonna Pratt
- 24 Beth Bradbury
Sarah Gibbs
Carolyn Whitney
- 26 Jan Jones

~Upcoming Events~

- 2 Worship Service 9:30 am
- 4 Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
- 5 Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
Women's Book Study 9:30 am
- Ash Wednesday Joint Service at Asbury 7:00 pm**
- 9 Worship Service 9:30 am
- 11 Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
- 12 Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
Women's Book Study 9:30 am
Choir Practice 7:00-9pm
- 16 Worship Service 9:30 am
- 18 Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
- 19 Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
Women's Book Study 9:30 am
Choir Practice 7:00 pm - 9pm
- 23 Worship Service 9:30 am
- 25 Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
- 26 Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
Women's Book Study 9:30 am
Choir Practice 7:00 pm - 9pm
- 30 Worship Service 9:30 am





EASTER FLOWERS

Orders are being taken for Easter Flowers.

The flowers this year will be assorted spring plants.

The cost is \$12.00 per plant and checks are to be made out to "Asbury United Methodist Church" and clearly marked Chancel Guild.

The deadline for requests is April 6th, even if you are mailing.

All checks and orders should go to

Becky Arnold

80 Massasoit Drive

Warwick, RI 02888

(H)781-2111 ~ (C)935-5906 ~ rsarnoldrn@gmail.com

2025 Easter Flower Order

Name: _____ Tel# _____

Address _____

Email: _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

By (As you wish to be listed) _____

No. of plants: _____

Check enclosed payable to Asbury or cash: _____

Want Plant _____ Do not want Plant _____



UNEXPECTED GENEROSITY

On Tuesday, Feb. 4, I was shopping at Big Lots in Warwick for our food drive. I met this lady who was spraying all different kinds of sprays in the air to make a choice. I made a joke and said wow, this row smells good. She in turn told me she was stocking up since Big Lots was going out of business. She looked in my basket and said that I must be also stocking up. I said no, but I was purchasing things for our food drive for Holliman and Norwood Elementary schools for the month of February. We chatted for a few minutes and then I proceeded to the next row. Another lady came up behind me and told me she overheard the conversation regarding the food drive. She asked for more information. Her daughter in law happens to teach at Norwood school in the fourth grade. She then asked if she gave me some money would I make purchases on her behalf. I of course said yes... She said she trusted me to make the proper purchases. I asked her name so I could at least send a thank you note and she declined and asked to be anonymous but she told me her daughter in law's name, Christine Ray. She then went into her billfold and handed me some money. When I got home I looked to see how much she gave so I could plan. I saw a 5 and then realized it was \$50.00! I immediately had tears in my eyes as I was just overwhelmed that another person would do such a thing. Blessings of joy that someone would be so generous.

By Linda Cameron





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.

A special thank you to our church sexton Gary Hallam and Carl Bishop who were instrumental in painting the room and to the scouts of Troop 1 Gaspee who helped with purging and cleanup.

Diane Newman-Goins

Christian Education Chair

Fundraising Committee Happenings:

Asbury and their supporters successfully raised enough money to buy new child AED pads at our winter golf event. A great time for a great cause.

Our next big event will be the Women's Tea Party and silent auction in May. If you're interested in helping at this event please reach out to Andrea 401-207-8017. Interest meeting and critique of last year's event via Zoom March 2nd, 7pm. Link will be sent. The following in-person meeting at Asbury tentatively scheduled March 16th after church.

From Warren Cole

Lori and I would like to express our heartfelt feeling of love and joy to the whole congregation for coming out on such that cold Sunday to sing us Christmas Carols. We felt it so deeply and we are extremely grateful for all of your love and joy that you have brought into our lives that day and every day and it shall always be remembered. We love you too...

Warren & Lori

Asbury friends!

Please take a moment to sign up for coffee hour! We have volunteers through mid March. If everyone takes a turn, this is not a chore but a pleasure. All supplies are provided, except milk or creamer. Most of the time Carl Bishop prepares the coffee, your biggest task is to plug in the coffee pot and teapots, set up and clean up. The sign up sheet is in the coffee room.

From Asbury's Staff

Thank you everyone for the staff Christmas gifts.
It was greatly appreciated!!

Sincerely,

Pastor Yohan Go, Gary Hallam, Hanna Noh, Samantha Dorsey, and Lori Brierly

Help Asbury Grow !!

Please visit our website and click on the giving link.

<https://www.asburyumcri.org/>

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**The deadline for the April Newsletter
is Thursday, March 25, 2025**

Thank you!



For those of you who don't know Johnell and Cynthia well, let me share a bit!!

They are full of the Holy Spirit

They Have inspired us for years

Their faith is strong

They spread blessings wherever they go

Active Methodists wherever they have lived, they motivated Asbury members through prayer and persuasion! Men's group was formed. United Methodist Women was reenergized. Walk to Emmaus was encouraged. They led Bible studies, sang in the choir, served on committees, chaired the Bazaar, worked on fund-raisers, trained acolytes, supported missions, etc – all while praying that God's will be done.

Lifelong friendships have been formed...and for those of us blessed, we are "better" Christians, doing the Lord's work.

To honor our friends and to say a huge thank you with a small gift, we wanted something significant to Asbury. In 1980 Asbury celebrated it's 50th Anniversary with celebration, mission projects, etc. A beautiful ornament featuring the Rose Window was created. And so with love in our hearts and BIG thanks for all the blessings you have brought to us, we present one of these historical ornaments to you. Our prayers and love and friendship always go with you as you return "home".

Now... Asbury's 100th Anniversary will be in 2030, just five years from now. Maybe you both would return to celebrate this milestone??? God bless you always!

What the UMC believes about Immigrants and Migrants

Our Social Principles: Migrants, Immigrants and Refugees

By Laura Buchanan

"We affirm the dignity, worth, and rights of migrants, immigrants, and refugees, including displaced and stateless people. In so doing, we acknowledge that they world today is facing and unprecedented crisis related to the displacement of vast numbers of people due to such factors as ongoing wars and other hostilities, foreign interventions, widespread famine and hunger, global warming and climate change, and the failure of nation-states to adequately protect and care for their people.

We recognize that displaced people are particularly vulnerable as their in-between status often provides them with few protections and benefits, leaving them open to exploitation, violence and abuse. We urge United Methodists to welcome migrants, refugees and immigrants into their congregations and to commit themselves to providing concrete support...

We oppose all laws and policies that attempt to criminalize, dehumanize, or punish displaced individuals and families based on their status as migrants, immigrants, or refugees. Additionally, we decry attempts to detain displaced people and hold them in inhumane and unsanitary conditions. We challenge policies that call for the separation of families, especially parents and minor children. "

-The United Methodist Book of Discipline 2024/2024 (163)





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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