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Like a Seed-Bearing New Life

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The high sky and cool morning breeze remind me of the changing seasons. The trees, once cloaked in thick greenery, are gradually donning their red attire in preparation for autumn's arrival. The sesame leaves that grew in the backyard over the summer have now blossomed into flowers, and within them, tiny seeds are maturing. As I face the season of bearing fruit, I can't help but feel a sense of reflection on the fruits I've produced in the past year. Autumn is the season of bearing fruit, but it's also the season of sowing seeds. While people intentionally sow seeds on sunny spring days, trees and plants generally sow seeds in the fall. Trees absorb and condense within themselves the weight of every ray of sunshine, the blessings of rain from heaven, and even the scars left by storms over the course of a year. With all of these experiences, they nurture and bring forth new life. And when their own life is at its fullest, trees boldly cast their fruit onto the ground. Then, the small seeds endure the harshness of winter's cold. When spring arrives, they shed their old selves and sprout new life. This is the natural flow of life.

Our lives are no different. There are seasons in life, and no one lives only one season. When life is full in the autumn, one should remember that winter is coming. In the depth of winter, someone may discover that within them lies an invincible summer. Like the changing seasons spring, summer, autumn, and winter joining hands in a dance—our lives also keep changing through moments of sprouting, growing, bearing fruit, sowing seeds, and waiting for new life. When we believe that the history of life continues even after our time on Earth, we can dedicate our time, resources, existence, and strength to sow seeds for the next generation. The seeds we sow will sprout new shoots of life. When the church becomes smaller and weaker, people may worry about whether "the church will close when we're gone." What we should do, however, is not fear and lament death but believe in the words of our Lord: "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (John 12:24). We should offer ourselves as a single grain of wheat in faith, and God will multiply what we have planted.

One way to sow seeds for the future is to share our gifts with the church and others. We will have Commitment Sunday on October 29. Imagine what your gift can bring for the future of the church and the next generation. Please prayerfully consider your support for Asbury in the coming year and, with faith, plant your seeds! As we offer ourselves and the seeds of our lives through faith, the God of life and abundance will surely make them bear fruit thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold!

Sincerely, Rev. Yohan Go BREAD BAKING

The bread baking dates for this years bazaar on November 4th. are: October 25-28(Wednesday thru Saturday). Sign-up sheets will be available in the coffee room mid September.





For anyone thinking about helping with the bread making process this fall, we'll be back in the Asbury kitchen on October 25-28 (Wednesday through Saturday). The bazaar takes place on November 4th., so we bake one full week before, to give us time to recuperate and tie up any loose ends the week of the actual event. The sign up sheets will be in the coffee room mid September, with all the times and details necessary. Believe me, I know that it's not as easy as it used to be for ANY OF US, but if you're able to help out in any way, both the church and I will appreciate your effort With God's help, I'll look forward to se you there.

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Save the Date

Next bazaar meeting is Oct 8th after church service. If you have a table count or any other needs please bring info with you.

Pledge Sunday has a tentative date set for Oct. 29th.



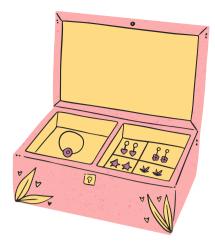


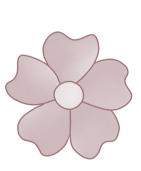


ASBURY CHRISTMAS VILLAGE BAZAAR

Saturday, November 4, 2023

Swedish breads, jewelry, gift baskets, handcrafted items and much more!







Jewelry for our Bazaar

Our November 4th Bazaar is fast approaching. Because it takes time to sort and price our jewelry, we truly welcome any donations given to us ahead of time. Our jewelry table is enjoyed by our members as well as our community; so, all your donations, of all types of jewelry, are appreciated by many.

Tax deductible receipts are available from the church office upon request. If you would like to help with jewelry call Joyce. For questions or pick up call Joyce Moore at 401-737-6311 or the church office at 401-467-5122.







4 THE CHANCEL GUILD

Hello Everyone!

Happy Fall from your Chancel Guild! I'm happy and thankful to report that Daves Market has not raised their prices for the Sunday altar arrangements! Cost is still \$28.00! We have one open Sunday, October 29th, if any of you wish to remember or honor a loved one. **Please just contact me**,

Becky Arnold....401-935-5906

The chancel guild Fall and Christmas meeting is Monday, October 16, 7PM. Please mark your calendars.

Thank you to all of you who support the Guild in many ways! From the members of Chancel, to the donors of arrangements and plants, and to all those in between who creatively enhance our worship, we appreciate you all!!

October Birthday's

- 5 Becky Arnold
- 6 Joan White
- 9 Karsen Drury Graham Drury Carrie Moore Brianna Taylor
- 11 Carrie White-Toomey
- 15 Elizabeth Hanke
- 16 Nicholas Okerholm Cameron Webb
- 17 Frank Rose
- 20 Diane Kelley
- 21 Linda Reynolds
- 31 Betty Ann Carter Kerri Dorsey

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June 23, 2023

Asbury Methodist Church 143 Ann Mary Brown Drive Warwick, RI 02888

Dear Asbury Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of food items to benefit the Holliman Elementary School Hornets' Nest (food pantry) during the 2022-2023 school year.

At Holliman Elementary School, we are dedicated to the education, health, and well-being of our children. Aside from the day-to-day learning, one of our top priorities is ensuring that our students and families have access to adequate food and clothing. The Holliman Hornets' Nest collects needed items each year and partners with Pilgrim High School students to organize and distribute these basic necessities. We began our pantry initiative in February of 2020. This year, we were able to provide donations to 32 families on a weekly basis.

Your donation was instrumental in furthering our goal to provide outreach to members of our school community. Upon receiving the food, we stocked our pantry and expediently distributed collected food and clothing to any family in our school, regardless of income or other identified need.

Next year, we hope to continue to grow this mission by reaching out to even more families so that our children have the access to food and clothing, which will, in turn, ensure that they are able to grow and thrive. We look forward to partnering with you again next year as Holliman enters its 69th year as a public elementary school in Warwick. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

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Mark E. D'Aiello



BASKET BOUTIQUE SEEKS DONATIONS

When you're getting back into your end-of-summer routine, "fall cleaning" or organizing for back-to-school, please keep the Asbury UMC Bazaar's "Basket Boutique" in mind. Small, unused items as well as baskets and containers (medium preferred) are in high demand.

It is hard to determine what will be popular gift baskets any given year. However, "hostess" type gifts, Christmas themes, cooking and sweet treats are generally popular. Try to keep your costs down by utilizing the various dollar stores in our area as the gift baskets sometimes get marked down at the end of the bazaar.

You don't have to wrap your gift basket in cellophane, just place in a bag with a note detailing the items or total value to assist with pricing. Donations may be brought in on Sundays and given to us, or left upstairs in the last room in the church office building any other day. Call Diane (941-6055) with any questions.

We need baskets – mostly medium sized as well as paper packing that comes in shipping boxes. Please no peanuts or Styrofoam of any kind.



Thanks so much

For your continued generosity!

Diane Newman-Goins Tricia Smith-Disu

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Recipe Time





Chinese Chicken Wings By Deb Rose

20-30 chicken wings 8 oz. chicken broth ¼ c. soy sauce ¼ c. honey ½ c. granulated sugar, (1/4 c. if too sweet) 2 T. dark molasses 1 garlic clove, minced

Cut up the chicken wings and place them in a baking pan. In a saucepan, on top of the stove, mix all of the ingredients. Simmer for about 5 minutes. Then thicken the mixture with 2 tablespoons of corn starch and 1 tablespoon of water. When the entire mixture has thickened, pour the contents over the wings. You could marinate the chicken in the sauce for a while. Bake the chicken wings for about 1 hour at 350 degrees. Cook longer if desired





Apple Bread By Elizabeth Bosworth

1 c. sugar ¹/₂ c. shortening 2 eggs 1 ¹/₂ c. chopped apple 1 ¹/₂ T. milk 2 c. flour ¹/₂ tsp. salt 1 tsp. baking soda 1 tsp. vanilla Topping: 3 T. sugar 1 tsp. vanilla

Mix ingredients in order and pour into a well-greased loaf pan. Sprinkle topping over bread. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Asbury UMC's Church Council is proud to support another Eagle Scout Service Project!

My name is Trevor DiPanni. I am currently I'm working towards Eagle in my troop. (Troop 1 Gaspee). My project plan is similar to the free library in front of the church where people can leave or take books for free. My goal is to set up a stand like that outside the church that is doublesided, one side would be for canned goods for those in need where people would be able to easily donate or take food whenever they need to without the hassle of having to go far to donate or having to go through the whole process to give food or receive it. The other side would be a donation area for old family games and board games where families who don't need them anymore can leave them so that another family might be able to enjoy a game they have never heard of or can't afford so that they can enjoy some quality timer and fun as a family.

If you are wondering about maintenance, the responsibility will fall entirely on the troop - I will have two members of the troop go out every meeting which is once a week on Wednesdays and make sure all the canned food is fresh and untainted so that there is no potential danger to the people who may need the food.

My timeline for completing this project would be about 1-2 months.

