

# THE ASBURY TRUMPETER



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**March 2026**

## The One Who Makes a Way

On February 23, we received a tremendous amount of snow. I heard that Warwick, where our church is located, got as much as 38.2 inches. On Monday evening, when the snowfall finally began to lighten, I bundled up and went outside to clear the snow. I tried to start the snowblower I had brought from the church the day before, but it would not start no matter what I did. When I looked more closely, I noticed fuel leaking from the hose connected to the primer pump. In the end, I could only shovel a small area in front of the front door and had to go back inside.

On Tuesday morning, I looked out and saw a driver who had ignored the driving ban. The person tried to push through the deep snow, but the car got stuck and could not move. Eventually, the driver gave up, left the car behind, and walked home.

Watching that scene, I found myself thinking about all the people who had worked through the night clearing roads and making a way. It reminded me how easily we travel roads without thinking about the sweat and labor that made them possible. I felt deeply grateful.

It is not easy to make a path through 30 inches of snow. How much harder, then, to open the way of life between God and us when that way is blocked by the weight of sin? And yet, in Christ, God came to us and opened that way with sacrificial love.

That is part of what Lent is about. Lent is a season to remember the depth of Christ's love again. Before it is a season of trying harder, it is a season of returning—of looking honestly at the blocked places in our hearts, and through repentance and spiritual practice, allowing God to clear and reorder the way between God and us.

At the same time, we are also called to be way makers. A neighbor who knows we do not have a snowblower always clears the snow in front of our house when a big storm comes. Other neighbors clear snow for those who cannot shovel because of health concerns. In moments like these, the cleared paths in the snow seem to reveal something more: a hidden path of love being made between people.

When I think about it, evangelism is like that too. Evangelism is not just speaking; it is making a way—sharing the love we have received and opening a path toward one another.

On February 28 and March 1, Rev. Kwan Kim led our evangelism seminar and revival services. I pray this time helps us renew both the calling and the joy of being way makers. As we make small paths of love through prayer and service, I trust that the Lord will make through our lives a deeper and greater way of salvation.

**From Pastor Yohan Go**



## Submission for Evey Hallam - State of RI Essay Contest

### In Honor of Dr. MLK, JR .

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.” - Martin Luther King Jr. A quote that made everyone in the United States rethink the rules that were set long, long ago. A quote that made people start to question the rules of humanity, what was right and wrong, and the way people live. A quote too powerful to have just one meaning; instead it has infinite. Although this important quote was stated before I was even alive, it still has an everlasting effect on me, and the society. Even if you don't think you are, most people out there are thinking about this quote every single day. People think about this quote on a daily basis, almost like it is their guidelines. Guidelines to living a healthy life, doing the right thing, and most importantly, being kind.

To be honest, I had heard of this quote before, but I had never really thought about it this deeply before deciding to write this essay. But now that I have really thought about what this quote means to me, I find it really heartfelt and relatable. But most of all, I know this quote is true. When I was younger, I used to get bullied. It was kindergarten, so I didn't know how to really handle it, (granted it was only about the monkey bars), it was still bullying. Bullying still happens. I see it everyday in the hallway, in the lunchroom, wherever, but that's not my point. My point is how whether it's a lot of teasing or physical harm, it all means the same thing. That you are doing it to bring yourself up, because something is wrong, but time after time, it doesn't work. It only makes things worse, now you have someone else feeling the same horrible way you do, just because you thought it would bring you happiness. But, if you were feeling extra generous one day, and you decided to help someone with their homework, that would be a good choice. You'd probably help them a lot, and then they'd become joyful too. Love can drive out stress and sadness, but stress and sadness cannot drive out itself.

Not only do I find this quote very meaningful, but I think the world does too. Just think about it; we've lost so many beautiful people from hate and tragic incidents, it's depressing. People just like us try to put themselves up by bringing other people down. This quote proves that that's not the right thing to do. You have to be grateful and show gratitude to what you have, because you never know when it can all just disappear. You can't show hate, and then be surprised when you get nothing in return. If you show love, well that's a different story. Love triumphs over hate any day, month, year, forever. So, never trust hate to do anything more than love. Never even trust hate to really do anything except create negativity. Always pick love for everything; love your friends and family, and learn to forgive them when mistakes are made. Respect your neighbors and community, because that's what everyone deserves, including you! And finally, treat others, even those that are much different than you, the way you want to be treated, because in the end those differences don't even matter. These words from Martin Luther King Jr, challenged the nation to rethink its beliefs about justice and humanity. A single quote became powerful enough to make people question what is right, wrong and how they choose to live. So remember, always choose love.



**THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
NEW HOPE EPISCOPAL AREA

**Thomas J. Bickerton**  
RESIDENT BISHOP

Yohan Go  
Asbury United Methodist Church  
143 Ann Mary Brown Dr  
Warwick, RI 02888

February 4, 2026

Dear Administrative Council Chair Janet Jones and Pastor Yohan Go,

*"Just as you excel in everything ... see also that you excel in the grace of giving."  
2 Corinthians 8:7*

In our recent cabinet meeting, we have reviewed the giving of each of our local churches for the last year and noted that your church paid 100% of your Conference Mission Share last year. As your bishop, I'm especially proud of the commitment you have to each other and the way in which you demonstrate that commitment through your payment of your Mission Shares. I am writing today to thank you for that commitment. It has not gone unnoticed and, I know, is a result of some intentional hard work on your part.

Our United Methodist Book of Discipline clearly states that paying your Connectional Apportionments is every local church's "first benevolent responsibility." Your faithfulness in giving to our Mission Share apportionment, demonstrates that you are a partner in ministry with the New England Annual Conference and the broader connection of The United Methodist Church. I'm proud to write and acknowledge your faithfulness to the ongoing mission and ministry of the church that God has called us to as faithful disciples.

Thank you so very much for your hard work and faithfulness. It is greatly appreciated.

God is faithful! Faithful is also what God is asking us to be. In the book of II Corinthians, Paul recounts the extreme faithfulness of the church in Macedonia even in the midst of what Paul described as a severe ordeal in the midst of extreme poverty. They were faithful and joyful as they gave themselves to God and to one another. When they did, they gave beyond what the Bible says was their ability to give at all.

God changed the world through them. As we are faithful, I believe God will once again change the world, . . . through us!

Thank you once again for your faithfulness in paying your Mission Shares 100%. I deeply appreciate it.

The Journey continues, . . .

Peace & Joy,

Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton, Resident Bishop - New Hope Episcopal Area  
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**~Upcoming Events~**

- 1** **Worship Service** **9:30 am**
- 3** **Pastor's Office Hours** **9:30 am -12 pm**  
**Choir Practice** **7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**
- 4** **Pastor's Office Hours** **9:30 am -12 pm**  
**Women's Book Group** **9:30 am**
- 8** **Worship Service** **9:30 am**
- 10** **Pastor's Office Hours** **9:30 am -12 pm**  
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- 15** **Worship Service** **9:30 am**
- 17** **Pastor's Office Hours** **9:30 am -12 pm**  
**Choir Practice** **7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**
- 18** **Pastor's Office Hours** **9:30 am- 12pm**  
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- 22** **Worship Service** **9:30 am**
- 24** **Pastor's Office Hours** **9:30 am- 12 pm**  
**Choir Practice** **7:00 pm -9:00 pm**
- 25** **Pastor's Office Hours** **9:30 am- 12pm**  
**Women's Book Group** **9:30 am**
- 29** **Palm Sunday Worship Service** **9:30 am**
- 31** **Pastor's Office Hours** **9:30 am - 12 pm**

**The deadline for the April newsletter is Saturday,  
March 25, 2026**

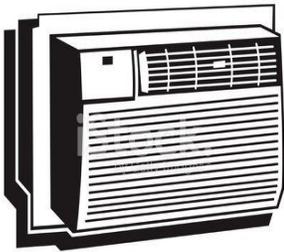
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**Please Help Asbury Grow !!**



**Please visit our website and click  
on the giving link.**

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



**Can anyone use an air conditioner? Edie French has  
an 8000 BTU air conditioner that she would like to  
donate to someone in the congregation. You will  
need to pick up the air conditioner from Edie.**

**Please feel free to call or email Lori in the church  
office.**

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## 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 March 20th,  
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](mailto:rsarnoldrn@gmail.com)

### 2026 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 \_\_\_\_\_



Calling all Asbury golf enthusiasts: April 11, Saturday is a great day for a fundraiser and a golf outing...Indoors! That snow is gonna last which means less time to brush up on our skills before the good weather!

Topgolf's event last year brought in a lot of fun, food and \$1000+!

We're looking for a few good men (and women) to be ambassadors for this year's event. We're stepping up our game by including a certified golf coach to help participants looking for custom help. Plus, there's a buffet and tournament prizes.

Ambassadors would assist with securing donations for a silent auction at the tournament/buffet event. We'll need all to get the word out about the event. Minimal help the day of (so you can play too!) .

More details to follow to those who email or call me with interest.

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**Hungry?** Need a **FREE** meal to get by?  
**We want to help!**

## Food for the Soul

**3 Churches Working Together  
To Feed Your Soul!**

Lakewood Baptist Church  
255 Atlantic Avenue  
Warwick, RI 02888  
[www.lakewoodbaptistri.com](http://www.lakewoodbaptistri.com)  
401-781-1136 (Rev. Ron Provencal)

Asbury UMC  
143 Ann Mary Brown Dr  
Warwick, RI 02888  
[www.asburyumc.org](http://www.asburyumc.org)  
401-467-5122 (Rev. Dr. Yohan Go)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day  
Saints Providence Young Adult Branch  
33 Broad Street, Providence  
[www.churchofjesuschrist.org](http://www.churchofjesuschrist.org)  
Branch leaders: Matt and Alysa Smith

"Share with the Lord's people who are in need.  
Practice hospitality." Romans 12:13

**Every 3rd Saturday 10:30a-12:30p**

**October - May**

**Monthly grab and go meal site located at:**

**Lakewood Baptist Church  
255 Atlantic Ave  
Warwick, RI 02888**





THE ASBURY UMC CHARITY

# GOLF

## Tournament

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**TELL YOUR FRIENDS!**

**TICKET SALES START SOON!**

**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK**



*No experience necessary*

**Top Golf Cranston**

**Saturday, April 11, 2026**

**10A-1P**

- Full Breakfast with beverage
- Pro Golf coaching
- Exclusive bidding in our Silent Auction
- Tournament prizes
- Room for Spectators!

**\* Proceeds will Help Families of Fallen & Disabled Heroes along with Asbury UMC & its missions**

Entry Fee:

**Prizes & Awards:**

- **1st Place**
- **Beat the Pro**
- **Special Awards –**
  1. Best Dressed
  2. Longest Drive
  3. Spirit of Charity (most tickets purchased / people brought)

- **\$80 per player** includes bfast
- **Buy a Bay Discount!**  
**\$450 per Team of 6 (\$30 off!)**
- **Spectator Tickets include**
- **Full Breakfast w/ Silent**
- **Auction bidding eligibility**  
**\$40 (LIMITED QTY)**



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**401-207-8017 Andrea**

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want to  
advertise at  
this event?  
Contact  
Andrea**





**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



### **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