

THE ASBURY TRUMPETER



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A Church That Prays and Proclaims the Gospel

A new year has dawned. I pray that God's grace will be abundant in your homes, your work, and in every step of your journey in the year ahead.

As one year comes to a close, I often find myself reflecting on the direction of our ministry and asking what theme God is inviting us to embrace. We have heard the news for some time now, but the reality is stark: churches today are struggling. Membership and giving are declining, and the younger generation is drifting away from the faith. Many of us sense a growing uncertainty—as though we are walking through *uncharted territory*, a landscape we have never known before. In a season when the old methods no longer work, it is not easy to find clear answers on how to move forward.

Explorers tell us that when traveling a marked path, a map is essential. But when entering territory no one has charted before, a map can quickly become useless. What we need then is not a map, but a compass—something that points us true North. If the direction is clear, the path can be made as we walk.

Especially when the way forward feels unfamiliar, we must return to the basics—to check our spiritual compass. That is why, for 2026, we have discerned our direction as “A Church That Prays and Proclaims the Gospel” (Matthew 28:19–20).

Consider the early church. They had no detailed roadmaps, no polished growth strategies, and no grand plans to build a global institution. They simply held fast to the Lord's promise and gathered together in prayer. In that prayer, they were filled with the Holy Spirit. And that Spirit moved them outward—into the world—to proclaim that Jesus is the Christ. That was the beginning of the Christian movement and remains the starting point of every true renewal.

If you ask, “*So what exactly are we going to do?*” I must answer honestly: I do not yet know. I do not have a completed map to lay out before you. But what we do have is a sure and trustworthy compass—one that points us toward the Lord. As long as we hold fast to the compass of prayer and do not lose our direction, God will open new paths for our church to walk.

In 2026, I look forward to walking this new path together with you.

Peace,

Yohan Go



4	Maryann Williams
6	Derek LaCroix
8	August Carl Whitham
10	Lisa Arnold
	Judy Rogers
11	Gina Kim
14	Christina Mills Gifford
16	Patrick Rowe
17	Donna Dias
20	Cynthia Norton
22	Sara Capasso
	Dianne Pratt
	Hanna Noh
23	Jessica Whitney
24	Steve Capasso
	Audra Drury
	Doug Pierson

~Upcoming Events~

4	Worship Service	9:30 am
6	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30 am -12 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
7	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30 am -12 pm
	Women's Book Group	9:30 am
11	Worship Service	9:30 am
13	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30 am -12 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
14	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30 am -12 pm
	Women's Book Group	9:30 am
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20	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30 am -12 pm
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21	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30 am- 12pm
	Women's Book Group	9:30 am
25	Worship Service	9:30 am
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	Women's Book Group	

Bob Spelman Memorial Service

John Michael Spelman grew up at Asbury, and since 2017 has been the Executive Director at Camp Aldersgate. Bob Spelman was John Michael's father.

The Memorial Service for Bob Spelman will be on January 8th at 10:00 AM, at the East Greenwich United Methodist Church.



Thank you to the Women's Prayer Group for all of your prayers for me throughout this past year. Without your encouraging words I don't know how I would have gotten through this difficult time in my life. I want you ladies to know how important you are to me. Thank you, Lori Brierly

**The deadline for the February Newsletter is
Sunday, January 25, 2026**
Thank you!



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

<https://www.asburyumcri.org>



Happy January!

Just a reminder to Church Council Members:

Beginning January 28, 2026, the monthly meeting has been moved to the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Please start marking your calendars.

Thanks Jan

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

Dick and Maria are looking for a caregiver to help with bathing and cleaning up, getting dressed and etc.. Dick is 80 years old and Maria is 92 years old. If you are available to help these people out please reach out to Dick at 401-781-0213



To our Asbury Family

Thank you very much for the Christmas gifts!

From: Rev. Yohan, Lori, Hanna, and Gary

Recipe Corner



French Pork Pies, By Karen Hocking

As found in Feast of Goodness Cookbook

10 T. butter
4 lg. onions chopped
3/4 lb. ground pork
3/4 lb. ground beef
Salt & Pepper to taste
1 c. bread crumbs (may add more if desired)
3/4 tsp. cinnamon
3/4 tsp. ground cloves

Melt butter and cook onions until transparent. Add 1 cup cold water and remove from heat. Break up meat with a fork and add to onions. Cook until meat changes color. Boil 10 minutes. Add bread crumbs, cinnamon and cloves. Cook until liquid is absorbed. Place in uncooked pie shells. Top with crusts. Bake at 400 degrees until golden brown for approximately 35 minutes.



Fudge Meltaways, by Dorothy Andrews

As found in Feast of Goodness Cookbook

1/2 c. butter or margarine
1 square unsweetened chocolate
1/4 c. sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
1 egg beaten
2 c. graham cracker crumbs
1 c. coconut
1/2 c. nuts, chopped
1/4 c. margarine
1 T. milk
2 c. confectioners' sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
1 1/2 squares chocolate, melted

Melt 1/2 cup of butter and 1 square of chocolate in saucepan. Blend sugar, vanilla, egg, crumbs, coconut and nuts into chocolate mixture. Mix well and press into an ungreased 11 x 7 x 9 inch pan. Refrigerate. Mix 1/4 cup of butter, milk, confectioners' sugar and vanilla. Spread over crumb mixture. Chill. Melt 1 1/2 or 2 squares of chocolate and spread evenly over chilled filling. Chill again. Cut into small squares before completely firm.





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

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
401-781-1136 (Rev. Ron Provencal)

Asbury UMC
143 Ann Mary Brown Dr
Warwick, RI 02888
www.asburyumcri.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
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**



~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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