

THE ASBURY TRUMPETER



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Happy New Year!

During the week, I gracefully lowered the curtain on the 2023 calendar and adorned the wall with a fresh calendar. As I took down the old calendar, I flipped through it, page by page, in reverse order. Tenderly flipping through the old calendar, contemplating its twelve pages, a pang of regret crept in at the thought of casting it away, recognizing that the odyssey of the past year was encapsulated within those sheets. Perhaps it was the twinge of remorse stemming from the awareness of not fully embracing the moments of 2023.

Each day was painted with a colorful mosaic of joys, sorrows, gratitude, pain, peace, and challenges. There were beautiful moments as well as scenes painted with slightly darker shades, but I could conclude the year with gratitude because God was present in every moment. Whether it was a beautiful picture or a painting with darker hues, I can be thankful for all those moments because God was with us.

At the same time, God has bestowed upon us the grace of another year, an opportunity to immerse ourselves in the tapestry of 2024. We do not know what will happen in the year 2024, but the reason we can welcome the new year with anticipation is that the God who has been with us in the past year will continue to be with us in the coming year. Let's set aside regrets from the past year and fears about the future and offer a prayer of thanksgiving as we open up to the new year. May God continue to bless our spiritual journey of 2024 and help us to draw another beautiful mosaic picture through our serving and loving.

Peace,
Yohan Go

A Big Thank You
From
The Bazaar Jewelry Table

Due to your generous donations of fine and costume jewelry to our church, we made over \$2,000 dollars this year for our Bazaar. What we make truly depends on what you give us.

We collect jewelry all year long. So please think of our church when you are looking for a new home for jewelry you know longer wish to keep. Perhaps you have friends or co-workers for family members who would like to donate. We accept all types of jewelry.

Tax deductible receipts are available from our church office upon request.

For questions or pick-up please contact Joyce Moore (401-737-6311) or call our Church Office (401-467-5122).

Special thanks to all of you who donated jewelry and all of the people who worked very hard with preparing, pricing, and displaying your jewelry.

With sincere appreciation and God's Blessings to all for your New Year!

Joyce Moore



***Thank you everyone at the church for the gifts.
MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone!!***

Gary Hallam

Sexton

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

Thank you all so much for the gifts and for taking the time out of your busy schedule to think of me. I appreciate all of you! Wishing everyone a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Lori Brierly

Office Administrator

Thank you to Andrea Dunn for all of the hard work that you do for Asbury throughout the year. You truly are appreciated!

Love,

Your Asbury Family



**The deadline for the February Newsletter
is Thursday, January 25, 2024.**

Thank you!



No kidding

Whatever our age, God calls us to model holy living for others.



Directions: Match the animal young with its parent. Then write the letter answers in order below to complete 1 Timothy 4:12, NIV.



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| 1. ___ bear | 9. ___ monkey | A. fry | I. hatchling |
| 2. ___ frog | 10. ___ platypus | B. fawn | K. foal |
| 3. ___ owl | 11. ___ alligator | C. gosling | L. owlet |
| 4. ___ horse | 12. ___ giraffe | D. cub | M. puggle |
| 5. ___ kangaroo | 13. ___ goose | E. kid | N. joey |
| 6. ___ deer | 14. ___ swan | F. cygnet | O. polliwog |
| 7. ___ goat | 15. ___ dog | G. infant | P. puppy |
| 8. ___ fish | | H. calf | |

“_on't let any_ne _oo_ down o_ you _ecaus_
 you _re youn_, but set an exa_ple for the bel_evers
 in speec_, in _onduct, in love, in _aith and in _urity.”

1 TIMOTHY 4:12, NIV

ANSWER D,O,L,K,N,B,E,A,G,M,I,H,C,F,P

Help us grow

Electronic Giving is a convenient, consistent way to help our church grow.

Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. It's easy! You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an uninterrupted basis.

Get started today!

Please visit our website and click on the giving link.

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

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Dear Asbury Church Choir Members and Music Enthusiasts

We are excited to bring you the latest news and updates from our beloved Asbury Church Choir! Our dedicated choir has been working tirelessly since February to share the gift of song, and we were thrilled to reunite and glorify God again during last week's worship service. Here's what's happening in the choir this month:



Weekly Choir Practice:

Please remember that our choir practices are held every Wednesday from 7-9 PM and Sunday morning from 8-9 AM at Asbury Church. We encourage all members to attend regularly and punctually, as your commitment contributes to beautiful harmonies and an inspiring worship experience.



Welcoming New Members:

We feel incredibly blessed to welcome new members into our choir family. If you or someone you know has a passion for music and wishes to serve the Lord through song, please join us during our practice hours or contact our music director to learn more. New members of all ages and skill levels are always welcome!



Asbury Music Director:

As the Asbury Music Director, I am honored and privileged to guide our choir in fostering an uplifting and spiritual atmosphere for our congregation. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I am always here to provide guidance and support.



Prayer Requests and Support:

As we continue to cultivate and nurture our choir community, we encourage everyone to keep each other in their prayers. If you have any prayer requests or need support, please feel free to share them with us. We are here for you, and together, we can uplift one another.

Thank you for your dedication to the Asbury Church Choir. May the Lord continue to bless our ministry and guide us in our mission to spread His love through music.

Sincerely,

Hanna Noh
Music Director, Asbury UMC
857-231-0567





January 2024						
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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28	29	30	31			

January

- 4 Maryann Williams
- 6 Derek LaCroix
- 8 August Carl Whitham
- 10 Lisa Arnold
Judy Rogers
- 14 Christine Mills
- 16 Patrick Rowe
- 17 Donna Dias
- 20 Cynthia Norton
- 22 Sara Capasso
Dianne Pratt
Hanna Noh
- 23 Jessica Whitney
- 24 Steve Capasso
Audra Drury
- 26 Marge Brindle

~Upcoming Events~

- 1 New Year's Day
- 2 Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
- 3 Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
Choir Practice 7:00 pm - 9pm
- 7 Worship Service 9:30 am
- 9 Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
- 10 Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
Choir Practice 7:00 pm - 9pm
- 14 Worship Service 9:30 am
- 16 Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
- 17 Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
Choir Practice 7:00 pm - 9pm
- 21 Worship Service 9:30 am
- 23 Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
- 24 Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
Choir Practice 7:00 pm - 9pm
- 28 Worship Service 9:30 am
- 30 Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
- 31 Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
Choir Practice 7:00 pm - 9pm



RECIPE CORNER



Caramel Popcorn, by Lou Ann Collier

- 2 sticks butter
- 2c brown sugar
- ½ c. corn syrup
- 1 tsp. salt

Melt butter and add rest of ingredients. Heat to boiling and cook unstirred for 5 minutes on medium heat. Remove from heat and add 1 teaspoon vanilla and 1 teaspoon of baking soda. Beat by hand. Have ready 2 cake pans buttered and filled with unsalted popcorn. Pour other mixture over and mix well. In a warm oven bake for 15 minutes at 225 degrees. Remove and stir. Return to oven. Do this process for 1 hour.



Cranberry Chutney, by Marge Norris

- 4 c. raw Cranberries
- 1c. seedless raisins
- 1c. dried currants
- 2/3 c. brown sugar
- ½ c. crystallized ginger, finely chopped
- 1 c. slivered almonds or chopped walnuts

Combine 2 cups of water, 1 cup sugar, ½ cup cider vinegar, 1 medium finely chopped onion, 1 large clove minced garlic, 1/8 tsp allspice, 1 tbsp. cinnamon, 1 tsp salt, 1/8 tsp pepper, Bring to a boil and simmer uncovered for 5 minutes. Stir in cranberries and remaining ingredients except nuts. Cook 10 minutes longer. Stir in nuts. Cool and refrigerate or freeze. Makes 4 jars. Delicious with beef or chicken.



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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