

THE ASBURY TRUMPETER



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A Church That Bears Holy Wounds

We are journeying through the season of Easter. I pray that the joy and power of the resurrection fill your lives each day. Of course, just because Easter Sunday has passed, it doesn't mean our personal struggles or the world's troubles have disappeared. In the face of ongoing hardship, we may find ourselves wondering: *Did Jesus truly rise from the dead?*

In such moments, we are invited to remember Thomas. When the disciples told Thomas they had seen the risen Lord, he could not believe it. Then Jesus came to him, inviting Thomas to touch the very wounds of the cross. *"Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my hand into his side, I will not believe,"* Thomas said (John 20:25). Thomas did not ask for a shining, flawless Christ, but for the marks of suffering. And it was through those wounds that he came to believe. The risen Christ still bearing scars is a profound comfort for us.

There is often an unspoken expectation that those in the church should be morally upright and socially respected. As a result, we sometimes hide our wounds, even from one another. But when we pretend to be fine, the power of the resurrection has little room to work. It is when we face our wounds honestly — and allow Christ's healing to shine through — that resurrection power moves in us. Our scars, touched by grace, become signs of hope.

The church, too, is called to be a community that bears holy wounds. One philosopher reflecting on Thomas's story said, *"The evidence the church must show the world is this: the scars of suffering for the sake of truth, the wounds from standing with the brokenhearted, the marks of sacrifices made for the life of others."* A healthy church is not perfect but carries scars born of love.

During this Easter season, may we follow the risen Christ, bearing holy wounds that witness to grace, sacrifice, and new life. And as a church marked by love, may we step forward — serving those in need, standing with the brokenhearted, and living courageously as signs of God's healing in the world. May Asbury be a place where the marks of Christ's love shine brightly for all to see.

Peace,
Rev. Yohan Go



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May

1	Diane Newman-Goins
2	Linda Lucini
4	Benjamin McGovern
6	Penny Rowan
8	Lee Arnold
8	Ginny Peterson
10	Brian McGovern
10	Greg Rowe
11	Deb Drury
12	Marian Styles-McClintock
13	Danielle Lucini
15	David Humphrey
19	Lisa Keene
20	Chuck Main
22	Nancy Rowell
23	Nancy Alexander
24	Karoline Reese Heller
24	Dylan Christopher Heller
24	James Mason Heller
26	Deb Rose
28	Cindy Ford
28	Kurt Hanke

~May Upcoming Events~

3	Asbury UMC Women's Tea Party 1:00 pm-3:30pm
4	Worship Service 9:30 am
6	Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
7	Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
7	Women's Book Study 9:30 am
11	Mother's Day Worship Service 9:30 am
13	Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
14	Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
14	Women's Book Study 9:30 am
14	Choir Practice 7:00-9pm
18	Worship Service 9:30 am
20	Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
21	Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
21	Women's Book Study 9:30 am
22	Choir Practice 7:00 pm - 9pm
25	Worship Service 9:30 am
26	Memorial Day Holiday
27	Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
28	Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
	Women's Book Study 9:30 am

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



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

857-231-0567



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.



Mothers Day is May 11, 2025

Shirley Keene and Debbie Bush of the Chancel Guild will be collecting names of the special woman in your lives. Each name costs \$1.00 and will be printed in the bulletin. Please mark anyone who is deceased with an asterisk *. The deadline to submit names is May 4 th.

Contact:

Shirley - email - nemok2003@gmail.com

Cell: 401-419-8628

Debbie - email - debralbush@gmail.com

Cell: 401-486-3180

Happy 95th Birthday, Asbury Church!

March 25, 1930

In 1930, Rev Francis Henry Spear was called out of retirement to assess if a church would be feasible in a newly created residential area called Gaspee Plateau. Rev Spear was deeply impressed by his findings and received a warm welcome for a Methodist Episcopal Church. He took charge of organizing this church. By March 25, 1930, thirty-four people had expressed a desire to join the new church. They met at the Morrill's house on Osceola Ave. As more people wished to join Asbury, various members opened their homes for Sunday worship. By June 25, 1932, enough money, \$40,000, had been pledged or raised to have the groundbreaking ceremony. The laying of the cornerstone occurred September 11, 1932. The first service was held February 5, 1933, in the social hall. Church membership was 138, church school had 103 members. It took nine years to raise the necessary \$3600 to finish the sanctuary. The dedication service took place on May 26, 1940. And the Asbury Church building was finally completed in 1947 when the second floor was completed, now known as the Spear Room!

How about planning for Asbury's 100th Birthday Celebration??? The Centennial is only 5 years away!



ASBURY UMC **WOMEN'S**

Tea PARTY & SILENT AUCTION

Saturday May 3rd 1-3:30p

\$25 Admission Price Includes:
High Quality Teas & Scones from Trinity Confections

A Variety of Light "Tea Time" Fare

An Opportunity to Win Prizes Including Best Derby Day Hat Prize!

Exclusive Access to Bid in Our Silent Auction

Special Gift for the first 20 to register!

Register on Eventbrite by 4/23/2025

No Eventbrite fees!
Or See Diane/Andrea at Church



Dear Friends,

Our coffee hour has returned and it has been fun gathering and catching up with each other after church. We still want to keep this simple and ask that you consider taking a week to volunteer to set up coffee hour. As of now we have every week but June 1st filled.

Also I would like to hand this sign-up sheet over to someone else. It would be producing and promoting a sign-up sheet every 6 months...not including July & August. If you want to make it something different than what has been established, that would be wonderful. Supplies except the milk & creamer are paid for by the church.

This is a good way to become involved on a small scale, getting to put names and faces together. If you are curious about this opportunity, see me or call me at 401-486-5449. See you in church! Jan Jones

The deadline for the June Newsletter is

Sunday , May 25, 2025

Thank you!



Volunteer with



Food For The Soul



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP YOUR
COMMUNITY AND LOVE TO COOK?

NO? WELL MAYBE YOU LIKE TO ORGANIZE OR
SEND MOTIVATIONAL NOTES.

Helping at Food for the Soul may be just what
you are looking for!

Help with grocery shopping, making soup, packaging,
delivering or handing out food

Contact Jill Rowe or Asbury UMC via email,
phone or Facebook

Soups made at Asbury with packaging and delivery from:
Lakewood Baptist Church
255 Atlantic Ave
Warwick, RI 02888

Please Help Asbury Grow !!

Please visit our website and click on the giving link.

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

<https://www.asburyumcni.org/giving>



**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.lakewoodbaptist.org
401.744.1700 (Rev. Ben Provençal)

Asbury UMC
145 New Mary Street Dr
Warwick, RI 02888
www.asburyumcni.org
401.827.8112 (Rev. Dr. Nelson Co)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day
Saints Providence Young Adult Branch
23 Broad Street, Providence
www.churchofjesuschrist.org
Branch leaders: Matt and Alyssa 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

Gaspee Days Arts & Crafts Festival Schedule

Saturday, May 24th 10am - 5pm

Sunday, May 25th 10am - 5pm

Monday, May 26th 10am - 4:30pm



**May will be the last Food for the Soul
event until the fall. We will start the
program again in October.**



Aldersgate Camp & Retreat Center

🎉🎊 Rally Day is Almost Here! 🎉🎊
Hey campers! It's time to kick off the fun at Rally Day! 🎈🌲 Come explore camp, check out awesome activities, meet our super fun staff, and reunite with old friends (or make some new ones)!

🍔 Yummy food? Check!

🎯 Games & activities? You bet!

🚶 Camp tours? Absolutely!

📅 Date: Saturday May 31st

🕒 Time: 1 - 4 pm

📍 Location: Camp Aldersgate, 1043 Snake Hill Road, North Scituate, RI 02857
Bring your family, bring your friends, and get ready for an adventure! We can't wait to see YOU! 🥳🌟
[#RallyDay](#) [#CampFun](#) [#CountdownToSummer](#)

Call for Achievements

Education Sunday is June 8th during our worship service. If you have anyone you would like recognized for academic or other achievements including honors, distinctions or awards, please email the name(s) and a BRIEF description to Lori at as-buryumcri@gmail.com no later than **Tuesday, May 29th**. The honorees and their achievements will be listed in an insert in the Education Sunday bulletin.

Thank you!

Diane Newman-Goins

Christian Education





Memorial Day Plants

On Memorial Day Sunday, May 25th, the altar will be decorated

With assorted geraniums. If you wish to order,

Please speak to Becky Arnold 781-2111 or 935-5906

Or complete the form below.

The cost is \$13.00 for 2 plants and checks are to be

made out to "Asbury United Methodist Church"

and clearly marked Chancel Guild.

***The deadline for requests is May 15,
2025***

All checks and orders should go to

Becky Arnold

80 Massasoit Drive

Warwick, RI 02888

~ rsarnoldrn@gmail.com~

Plant 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: _____

MORNING GLORY MUFFINS

By Judy Anderson

From Asbury's Feast of Goodness Cookbook



2 ¼ c. flour

1 ¼ c. sugar

1 T. cinnamon

2 tsp. salt

2 c. carrots, grated

1 apple, shredded

2 tsp. baking soda

½ c. each: shredded coconut, raisins,

pecans or walnuts

1 8 oz can crushed pineapple, drained

3 eggs

1 c. vegetable oil

1 tsp. vanilla extract

Heat oven to 350 degrees; grease or line 18 standard muffin tins. Sift the flour, sugar, cinnamon, baking soda and salt into a large bowl and stir in the carrots, apple, coconut, raisins, nuts and pineapple. In a separate bowl whisk the eggs together with the oil and vanilla. Pour this mixture into the bowl with the dry ingredients; blend well. Spoon batter into muffin cups almost to the top. Bake approximately 35 minutes or until wooden pick inserted into the center comes out clean. Cool in pan for 10 minutes. Dump on wire rack to complete cooling. Store in an airtight container. Allow to "ripen" for 24 hours. May be frozen.



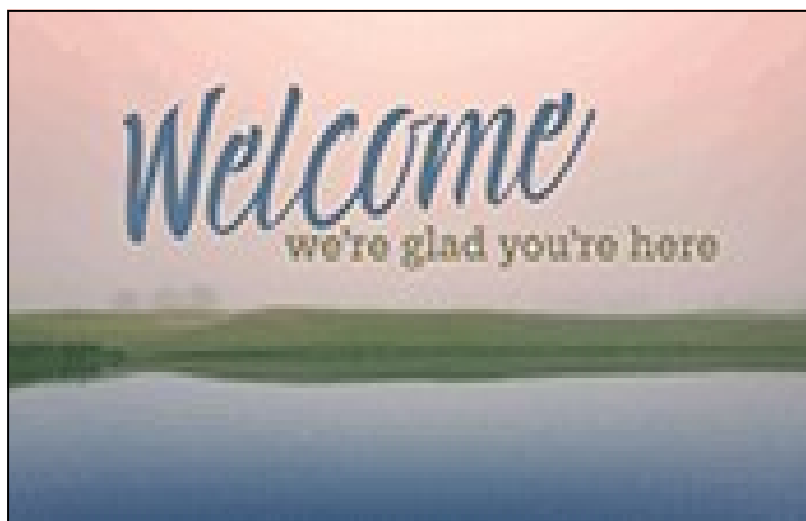
Gaspee Days Parade

Saturday, June 14, 2025

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Since 1965, the Gaspee Days Committee has continued its efforts to preserve, promote, and share Rhode Island's revolutionary history with the community – and there's no better way to do that than by celebrating over 50 years of the Gaspee Days Parade. Combining colonial groups from all over with our modern and vibrant community, this is truly a show not to miss! Each year, friends and neighbors crowd along a two-mile stretch of Narragansett Parkway anxiously awaiting the march of the parade. Be it the fife and drums corps, the fire trucks, or the Shriners in their miniature cars, everyone has a favorite to look forward to!

Asbury will be offering our parking lot for parade parking again this year. For a small donation you can park at Asbury and walk to the parade route. More information to follow.



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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