

THE ASBURY TRUMPETER



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My beloved Asbury family!

As we enter the month of April, we are reminded of the beauty of springtime and the many blessings that come with this season. We are grateful for the new growth and renewal that surrounds us, and we are reminded of the hope that is available to us through Jesus Christ.

Easter is quickly approaching, and we invite you to join us for our Easter Sunday service on April 9th at 9:30 a.m. We will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the hope that Christ brings to our lives. Last year, we shared Easter chickens (Scrubbers) bearing an egg. We will not have Easter chickens this year (sorry!), but we will still share the hope and joy of the resurrection with one another. "Christ has risen!" This is enough for us. Of course, Easter is not the end of our Christian story. Just as we have been on a Lenten journey, we will continue our Easter journey to Pentecost. In fact, our Christian life is an ongoing journey with and to God. The purpose of a journey is not just the destination but also the experiences, growth, and learning that occur along the way. While reaching the destination may be the ultimate goal, the journey itself can also be a valuable and transformative experience. One of the most exciting aspects of a journey is the unknown. The unknown can be both thrilling and intimidating, but it can also lead to unexpected opportunities, discoveries, and experiences. Like an Easter egg hunt, we can seek and discover hidden treasures in our spiritual journey. So, attend and think about "What is God doing in your life journey?" and courageously follow God's calling. God will continue to walk with us on this journey of life.

Pastor Yohan Go



A Message from your Financial Secretary

Hi Everyone:

I wanted to address a few more questions that I have received from church members:

Do special holiday collections such as Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter stay in our church or do they get sent to the conference? All special holiday collections go into our general budget; they do not go to the Conference. However, there are sometimes special conference collections such as UMCOR collections.

Why do we have to pay our Mission Apportionments to the Conference if we can't afford it? It is very important that we keep up with our quarterly Mission Apportionments. For the past five years we have received Mission Shares Relief in the amount of approximately \$15,000 a year. In order for us to receive this relief and apply for future relief, we must be current on our payments. Also, churches that do not pay their apportionments in full can jeopardize the pensions of all the pastors who have served their church.

As always, if you ever have a question about our Church finances, please call me at 808-6829. If I don't know the answer, I'll try to get an answer for you.

Deb Rose, Financial Secretary



Calling All Music Lovers!

Our beloved Asbury choir is looking for dedicated new members to share in the joy of praising through singing and fill the church with beautiful music once again. After a long break due to the pandemic, we are excited to welcome new and returning members to our team.

Our choir loves to sing and wants to use our talents to glorify God, we also love to laugh and have fun while we're doing it. As a member of our choir, you'll have the opportunity to sing uplifting and inspiring songs that will not only touch hearts, but elevate spirits as well. Imagine being part of a group of dedicated individuals who share your passion for music and your faith!

Joining our choir is easy! We will start rehearsing every Sunday morning from 8-9am beginning on February 5th at the church. We welcome singers of all skill levels. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just starting out, we want you to be a part of our charming and fabulous team. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be a part of something truly magical.

Hanna Noh

Music Director, Asbury UMC

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- 4 Nicole Minor Jones
- 5 Stanley French
- 7 Samantha Dorsey
Greg Jacobson
- 8 Ryan Arnold
Donna Rowe
- 9 Linda Ruscio
- 10 Don Biron
- 11 Scarlett Williams
- 14 Paul Anderson
- 15 Andrew Hallam
Rev. Elisabeth Smith
- 16 Trevor Weigner
- 17 Carl Bishop Jr.
- 20 Kim Curry
Maryanne Donohue
- 21 Johnell Norton
Nicholas Travassos
- 22 Marilyn Blanche
- 23 Alexandra Francis
Rebecca Sanderson
Chad Whitney
Lincoln LaCroix
- 24 Celeste Leal
- 25 Kelly Francis
- 26 Andy Curry
April Parker
- 28 Thomas Williams
- 29 MacKenzie Francis
- 30 Stephen Gilman
Sharon Kelley

~ *Upcoming Events* ~

Saturday, April 1	April Fools Day	All Day
Sunday, April 2	Palm Sunday Worship	9:30am
Monday, April 3	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30am-12:00pm
Tuesday, April 4	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30am-12:00pm
Wednesday, April 5	Women's Book Study	9:30am
Maundy Thursday-6th	Joint Service at Zion KUMC	6:00pm
Friday, April 7	Good Friday Worship	7:00pm
Saturday, April 8	Decorate for Easter	9:00am
Sunday, April 9	Easter Sunday Worship	9:30am
Monday, April 10	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30am-12:00pm
Tuesday, April 11	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30am-12:00pm
Wednesday, April 12	Women's Book Study	9:30am
Sunday, April 16	Worship	9:30am
Monday, April 17	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30am-12:00pm
Tuesday, April 18	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30am-12:00pm
	Finance Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday, April 19	Women's Book Study	9:30am
Sunday, April 23	Worship	9:30
Monday, April 24	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30am-12:00pm
Tuesday, April 25	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30am-12:00pm
	Church Council Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday, April 26	Women's Book Study	9:30am
Sunday, April 30	Worship	9:30am





A Note from the Asbury UMC Scholarship Committee

For a number of years the people of Asbury have had the pleasure of presenting scholarships to young people from our church who were planning to continue their education beyond high school. This year is no different.

If you are a high school senior with plans to continue your education after you've graduated from high school and have been an active church member, you are invited and encouraged to apply for this assistance.

We ask that you send us an essay regarding your faith life at Asbury and a brief summary of your school and church activities including any offices or honors you would like to mention.

Kindly provide that information to the Church Office **no later than Sunday, May 21, 2023.**

For those who would like to help replenish the scholarship fund, checks made out to Asbury United Methodist Church with the notation "Scholarship Fund" would be gratefully accepted.

Many thanks,

Beth Bradbury, Diane Newman-Goins, Jan Jones, Joyce Moore & Ginny Peterson



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.asburyumc.org/>

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The deadline for the May Newsletter is Wednesday, April 26, 2023. Thank you!

Asbury Bags of Caring

To date we have assembled 45 bags and 35 have been distributed to the Homeless. They seem to have been well-received. Linda and Bob Cameron gave one out and saw the person drinking the water and then later in the day, saw the person again and he was eating some of the snacks, so they felt good about that.

Frank Rose gave one to a homeless veteran who is always sitting at an intersection in a wheel chair in Cranston. Frank has had conversations with him before and found out that he is trying to get on SSI and is trying to get Section 8 Housing. His name has been lifted up during prayers and concerns.

We still need the following items:

- Travel size deodorant (can be found at Dollar Tree)
- Protein Bars
- Toothbrush and toothpaste kits (can be found at Dollar Tree)
- Tuna/Chicken Salad w/crackers (can be found at Dollar Tree)
- Chex Mix

Thank you all for your support!



SAVE THE DATE

Asbury is pleased to announce that our annual yard sale date has been scheduled for Saturday, May 20th! More details about the upcoming yard sale will be available soon!

Hungry? Need a FREE meal to get by?

Food For the Soul

A partnership of Faith

Asbury UMC & Lakewood Baptist Church

Working together to feed your soul. Monthly grab and go meal site located at:

Lakewood Baptist Church

255 Atlantic Ave

Warwick, RI 02888

Scheduled dates to pick up meals are every 3rd Saturday of the month.


Times: 10:30am—12:30pm

Date: April 15th

SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Bazaar

Asbury has set the date for our annual bazaar for Saturday, **November 4th.**




THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

A big, heartfelt Asbury THANK YOU to **Samantha Dorsey** and her boyfriend **Alex Mehta** for moving furniture and supplies and setting up a new Sunday School area in our Social Hall. This included moving a table and large wooden cabinet from the 2nd floor of the Church Office building to the social hall – quite a feat to witness!

In addition, they set up the Nursery again for the littlest visitors to Asbury UMC!

Thanks so much for your hard work and dedication!



HAPPY EASTER !

Easter Plants will be available for pickup after church Easter Sunday





Recipe Corner



**PEANUT BUTTER FUDGE
BY ESTHER LARSON**

- 3 c. Sugar**
- 1 c. light brown sugar**
- 1 c. evaporated milk**
- 1 stick of margarine**
- 1 pinch of salt**
- 1 ½ c. peanut butter**
- 1 tsp vanilla**
- 1 (7 ½- oz) jar of marshmallow fluff**

Boil first 5 ingredients to soft boil stage, 5-6 minutes on medium heat, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and stir in peanut butter, vanilla and marshmallow fluff. Pour in a 9x13-inch pan and cool. It cuts best when left in the refrigerator several hours

As found in the 1994 Asbury UMC *Feast of Goodness* cookbook

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**APPLE CAKE
BY MYRTLE BUCKLEY**

- 2 c. sugar**
- 1 c. chopped walnuts**
- 2 c. flour**
- 2 tsp. baking soda**
- 1 tsp. baking soda**
- 1 tsp. cinnamon**
- ½ tsp. salt**
- 4 c. diced apples**
- 3 eggs**
- ½ c. oil**
- 1 tsp. vanilla**

Break eggs over apples and mix with a fork. Add the dry ingredients and blend with oil and vanilla. Bake in an oblong pan at 350 degrees for 1 hour

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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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