

THE ASBURY TRUMPETER



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Ordinary Days are Extraordinary Blessings

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As many of you know, Juhee and I tested positive for COVID-19 last week. Juhee first went to urgent care because she wasn't feeling well, and the test there turned out positive. The next day, my home test result also indicated that I had contracted the virus.

During the first few days of my illness, I experienced a fever, body aches, and chills. I lost my appetite and energy, and spent most of the day lying in bed. It was during this time that I came to understand just how much of a blessing it is simply to not be sick. Just the ordinary day-to-day experiences of not feeling unwell is an extraordinary blessing from God.

As I gradually recovered, I was excited to once again be able to enjoy delicious food. However, my taste and smell had not yet fully returned and I found that even the most savory dishes tasted bland. I realized that being able to taste and smell our food is also a blessing from God that we often take for granted.

In fact, many of the things we take for granted in our daily lives are actually crucial blessings from God. The air we breathe, the soil beneath our feet, and the water we drink are all examples of God's extraordinary blessings that fill our ordinary lives.

As we begin the month of February, I encourage all of us to take a moment to appreciate and enjoy these ordinary blessings in our lives. Let us remember to thank God for the things we often take for granted, and to love and cherish our ordinary days.

May God bless us all,

Rev. Yohan Go





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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3	Carolyn Lamothe
5	Rich Alexander James Keene Allen Lucini
6	Danika Hallam Michael Whitney
10	James Rison
12	Linda Quinn
16	Jane Gilman Andrea Dunn
17	Nancy Kennedy
19	Nathan Bradbury
19	David Keene
22	Linda Cameron Lee Williams
24	Harry Jones
25	Buddy Ford Benjamin Sunoskie
26	Erin Rose
27	Laura Quist
28	Mary Drury

~ Upcoming Events ~

1	Women's Book Study	9:30am
5	Worship	9:30am
6	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30am-12:00pm
7	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30am-12:00pm
8	Women's Book Study	9:30am
12	Worship	9:30am
13	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30am-12:00pm
	Chancel Guild Meeting	7:00pm
14	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30am-12:00pm
15	Women's Book Study	9:30am
19	Worship	9:30am
20	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30am-12:00pm
21	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30am-12:00pm
	Finance Meeting	7:00pm
22	Women's Book Study	9:30am
26	Worship	9:30am
27	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30am-12:00pm
28	Pastor's Office Hours	9:30am-12:00pm
	Church Council Meeting	7:00pm



World War II vet wants birthday cards from all 50 states

January 27, 2023 3:28 pm Contents from ABC 6



The Cranston Public Library shared this photo of Don Mellor.

CRANSTON, R.I. (WLNE) — World War II veteran Don Mellor is turning 102 years old! Don worked from the age of 10 until 100, when he was driving a book van for the Cranston Public Library.

He served aboard the U.S.S. Hopewell in 1943, a Fletcher-class destroyer.

Don said he likes to keep active by visiting local schools to share his experiences in the war, the Navy and the “Greatest Generation.”

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Recipe Corner



**Tina Bishop's
Sole in Herb Butter Sauce**

- ¼ c. Land O' Lakes sweet cream butter
- ¼ c. white wine or apple juice
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tsp. rosemary leaves
- 1 tsp. oregano leaves
- ½ tsp. garlic powder
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 1 (1-lb) pkg. frozen sole or perch fillets thawed and drained

In 12-inch heavy skillet melt butter over medium-low heat. Add wine, bay leaves, rosemary, oregano, garlic powder, salt and pepper: stir to combine. Place fillets in butter-wine sauce. Cover and cook over low heat 10-15 minutes or until fish is tender and flakes with a fork. Remove fish fillets to warm platter. Increase heat to high. Bring sauce to a boil. Cook until slightly thickened and bubbly. Remove bay leaves and serve sauce spooned over fish fillets.

As found in Asbury UMC 's
1994 Feast of Goodness Cookbook



**Debra Rose's
Tomato and Eggplant Casserole**

- 1 onion chopped
- 1 c. pepper chopped
- 1 sm. eggplant, peeled & cubed
- 2 (1-lb.) cans tomatoes
- Salt & Pepper
- 1lb. hamburger
- ½ lb. ground pork
- 1 can sliced mushrooms

Sauté onion and peppers until light brown. Add tomatoes and eggplant. Cover and simmer 30 minutes. Meanwhile, brown meat and add to vegetables with mushrooms. When they are cooked, turn everything into a greased casserole. Cover with buttered crumbs and bake in a 350 degree oven until crumbs are brown.

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TEDDY BEAR MINISTRY

It's time to replenish our teddy bear supply. You can refresh a teddy bear, wrap it up in a clear plastic bag, add a bow and bring it to church so that we can keep our teddy bear ministry going.

Everyone loves a teddy bear. There is just something about giving or receiving one of those furry animals that says you're loved and thought about. Our bears in church are waiting to be taken and given to someone special. This can be given for a joyful occasion like a special birthday, birth of a child, anniversary or any other celebrations.

They can also be given to someone who is having a bad week or just needs to be cheered up or a person who is not feeling well, or a person who has lost a loved one, or a special pet, people who are moving to a new location as well as people in a nursing home or in the military.

Anywhere and everywhere that the teddy bear will put a smile on a person's face is where our bears belong. Our bears are all over the United States and the world.

So think of someone and feel free to share a bear. If you do take a bear and would like to bring one back please feel free to give to any member of the church and ask that they pass it on to Linda Cameron.

Enjoy that warm and fuzzy feeling that bears can give. Blessings to all who take and receive our warm and fuzzy friends.



Linda Cameron

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!

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The deadline for the February Newsletter is Thursday, February 23, 2023. Thank you!

ASBURY BAGS OF CARING

The Women’s Book Study Group will be making bags for the Homeless as our Lenten Project. These will be 1-gallon zip lock bags filled with personal items, water, and snacks. If you would like to participate, this is a list of items we could use:

Protein Bars, Travel- size Hand Sanitizer, Peanut Butter Crackers, Personal Size Kleenex, and Lip Balm.

Once these bags are assembled, they will be put on a table in the Coffee Hour Room for church members to take and distribute as they like. Frank and I keep several bags in our car, and when we see someone with a sign on a street corner or intersection, we just stop and give them one.

There will be a collection box in the Coffee Hour Room. Any questions, please call Deb Rose at 808-6829.

If this is successful, we could consider keeping it going year-round!



SAVE THE DATE

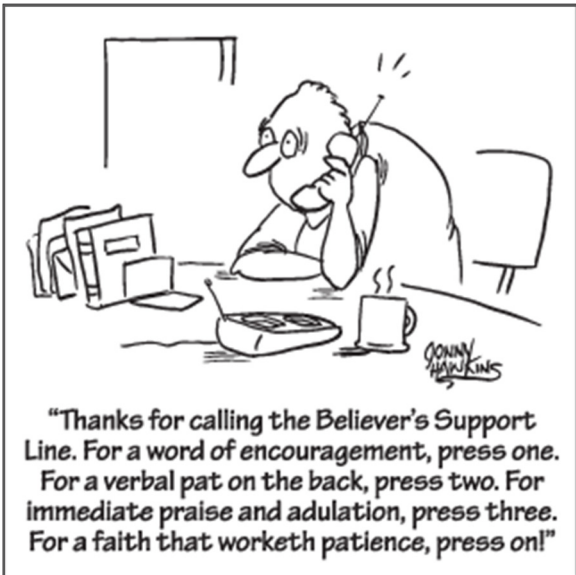
Asbury is pleased to announce that our annual yard sale date has been scheduled for Saturday, May 20th! More details about the upcoming yard sale will be available soon!

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO

It’s time to update your contact information. If there is anything that you need to change or add, please contact Lori in the office with your changes. It’s fine to write it down on a piece of paper and bring your changes to the church office, there is a mail slot for you to use or simply email to me at:

asburyumcri@gmail.com

Save the date!!
Christmas Bazaar
Asbury has set the date for our annual bazaar to Saturday, November 4th.





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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