ASBURY TRUMPETER

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Make a joyful noise to the Lord with psalms!

WRITTEN BY REV. YOHAN GO

On August 13, I traveled to New Jersey to officiate the wedding ceremony of a member from Zion Church. I had to leave Providence around 10:30 a.m., right after the worship service. It was the most anxious drive to New Jersey as I had to cross the George Washington Bridge, notorious for heavy traffic, which made me worry about arriving late for the wedding. Without stopping, I drove anxiously for about 5 hours. Fortunately, I arrived safely at the wedding venue, conducted the wedding ceremony, and participated in my first wedding reception.

The newlywed groom and bride danced, exchanging affectionate glances and smiles, which touched my heart. Following the bride and groom's dance, the bride danced with her father, and then the groom danced with his mother. Due to the loud music, I couldn't hear the words exchanged between the father and daughter, and the mother and son, but I sensed their loving words for their children through their expressions, glances, and smiles. It was truly a remarkable wedding scene for me.

Afterward, the wedding guests, including children, danced together to lively music, sharing in the joy of the marriage. Even though I'm not the best dancer, if Juhee were there, I would have asked her to dance with me. The wedding venue was filled with excitement and joy in the air.

While driving back to Rhode Island after the wedding, I suddenly felt that the wedding ceremony and prayers might have been a bit weightier compared to the atmosphere of the wedding reception. If all worship moments, including the wedding service, are instances of drawing close to and experiencing our beloved God, then worship should be a joyful and uplifting moment, just like a wedding reception. Reflecting on this, I wonder if I led the worship at Asbury too somber and quiet, instead of making it uplifting. Now, I am working on changing our worship order. "There's a saying, 'Worship is not something to endure, but something to enjoy.'" I hope that we can open our hearts, listen to the gentle voice of God whispering within us during the worship service, and create a worship experience that is lively, joyful, and full of spirit. A place where we can rejoice together and even dance. Yes, we can work on this together!

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SAVE THE DATE



Sunday School begins again!
Join us in welcoming back our children to Asbury UMC's
Sunday School. Refreshments will be served after worship.





ASBURY CHRISTMAS VILLAGE BAZAAR

Saturday, November 4, 2023

Swedish breads, jewelry, gift baskets, handcrafted items and much more!



BREAD BAKING

The bread baking dates for this years bazaar on November 4th. are: October 25-28(Wednesday thru Saturday). Sign-up sheets will be available in the coffee room mid September.





For anyone thinking about helping with the bread making process this fall, we'll be back in the Asbury kitchen on October 25-28 (Wednesday through Saturday). The bazaar takes place on November 4th., so we bake one full week before to give us time to recuperate and tie up any loose ends the week of the actual event.

The sign up sheets will be in the coffee room mid September, with all the times and details necessary.

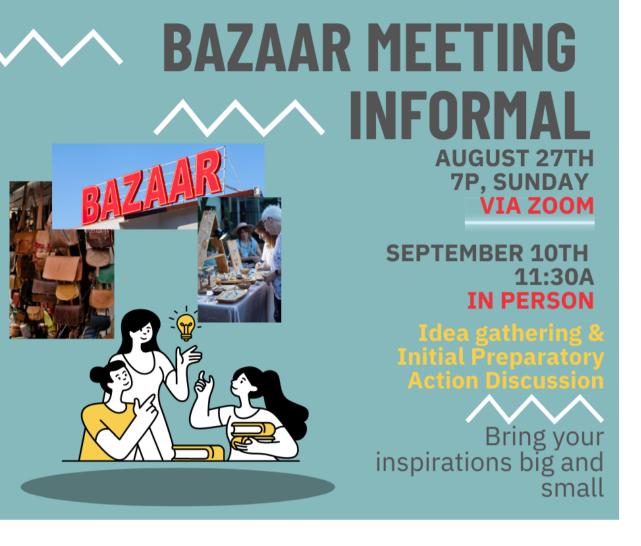
Believe me, I know that it's not as easy as it used to be for ANY OF US, but if you're able to help out in any way, both the church and I will appreciate your effort. With God's help, I'll look forward to seein. you there.

BARBARA BISHOP





TEXT OF CALL 401-787-7518





Are you excited?

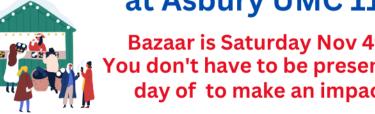


Christmas Village Bazaar Meeting

All are invited! No commitments expected Come and listen, learn or give ideas

> September 10th at Asbury UMC 11a

Bazaar is Saturday Nov 4th You don't have to be present on day of to make an impact





4 THE CHANCEL GUILD

Hello Everyone!

And Happy Fall from your Chancel Guild!

Thank you to Warren Cole for providing the altar flowers each Sunday during the summer! The beautiful flowers were from his garden....imagine! So he grew, cut, arranged, and brought them to church every summer Sunday for all of us to enjoy! We so appreciate your generosity!

And thanks goes to Jan (and Harry) Jonés for planting and tending to the window box, the geraniums under Asbury's sign, and the beautiful planter on the front steps. They also put Easter lily bulbs around the church. Warren was the substitute waterer!!

I'm happy and thankful to report that Daves Market has not raised their prices for the Sunday altar arrangements! Cost is still \$28.00! We have one open Sunday, October 29th, if any of you wish to remember or honor a loved one.

Please just contact me,

Becky Arnold....401-935-5906

The chancel guild Fall and Christmas meeting is Monday, October 16, 7PM. Please mark your calendars.

Thank you to all of you who support the Guild in many ways! From the members of Chancel, to the donors of arrangements and plants, and to all those in between who creatively enhance our worship, we appreciate you all!!



Jayson Williams

Kevin Sheppard

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- **Steve Goins**
- **17 Christine Campbell**
- 23 **Art Williams**
- 24 William McGovern
- 26 **Bob Spelman**
- 27 Paul Mancini
- 30 Jennifer Baskin Arnold

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- **Chris Harrell**
 - **Warren Cole**
 - **Justin Okerholm**
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 - **Trish Disu**
- 30 **Carol Pace**



Beloved Seacoast District- Join me in extending a warm welcome to our new regional administrator, Mr. Gregg Jensen. His first day was yesterday, August 15, 2023.

You can reach Mr. Jensen at scdistrict@neumc.org or [978]-682-7676 x 290.

Did you know that there is church conference forms training tonight, Wednesday, August 16 at 7:00pm and Saturday, August 19 at 9:00am? If you are a pastor or church leader/officer please make sure to register. Click on the link below for more information and access to the registration link.

https://www.neumc.org/eventdetail/17511410? month=8&year=2023&day=1&display=m

Is your church leadership list up to date? Kindly double check. This is the list that is being used to provide access to these forms and the people's portal.

Have a blessed day!

Grace & peace, Wanda

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BASKET BOUTIQUE SEEKS DONATIONS

When you're getting back into your end-of-summer routine, "fall cleaning" or organizing for back-to-school, please keep the Asbury UMC Bazaar's "Basket Boutique" in mind. Small, unused items as well as baskets and containers (medium preferred) are in high demand.

It is hard to determine what will be popular gift baskets any given year. However, "hostess" type gifts, Christmas themes, cooking and sweet treats are generally popular. Try to keep your costs down by utilizing the various dollar stores in our area as the gift baskets sometimes get marked down at the end of the bazaar.

You don't have to wrap your gift basket in cellophane, just place in a bag with a note detailing the items or total value to assist with pricing.

Donations may be brought in on Sundays and given to us, or left upstairs in the last room in the church office building any other day. Call Diane (941-6055) with any questions.

We need baskets – mostly medium sized as well as paper packing that comes in shipping boxes. Please no peanuts or Styrofoam of any kind.



Thanks so much

For your continued generosity!

Diane Newman-Goins
Tricia Smith-Disu

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Recipe Time



Berry Mandarin Tossed Salad from Jan Jones

Dressing:

½ cup sugar

2 Tbl cider vinegar

2 Tbl honey

1/4 tsp lemon juice

½ tsp paprika

½ tsp ground mustard

½ tsp grated onion

¼ tsp celery seed

dash of salt

1/3 c vegetable oil

Salad

8 cups salad greens

111 oz can of mandarin oranges

4 bacon strips

2 cup strawberries

1 medium sweet onion

1/3 cup slivered almonds

Directions:

- 1. Combine first 9 dressing ingredients in a bowl, microwave uncovered for 1 ½-2 minutes, stir until sugar is dissolved, then whisk in oil.
- 2. Drain mandarin oranges, slice strawberries and onion, crumble crisp bacon strips. Combine with salad greens and almonds.
- 3. Drizzle with dressing and toss gently.

Blueberry Crisp

from Pat Sue Spear and inspired by Poplar Island blueberries Blueberry Crisp from Pat Sue Spear and inspired by Poplar Island blueberries

4 cups blueberries
3/8 cup sugar
Additional 3 Tbl sugar
7/8 cup all-purpose flour
3 Tbl packed brown sugar
½ tsp ground cinnamon
¼ tsp salt
¾ stick of butter
Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°.
- 2. Combine 1 cup blueberries and 3/8 cup sugar in large saucepan, cook over low heat, stirring frequently.
- 3. When berries release their juices (about 6 mins) mix in remaining 3 cups of berries. Transfer to a square glass baking dish.
- 4. Mix flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, salt and remaining 3 Tbl sugar in a large bowl to blend.
- 5. Gradually add cooled melted butter, mixing with a fork until moist clumps form, then sprinkle over berries.
- 6. Bake unitl topping is crisp and golden and filling is bubbling, about 45 minutes.
- 7. Cool slightly, serve plain or with whipped cream.







Asbury UMC's Church Council is proud to support another Eagle Scout Service Project!

My name is Trevor DiPanni. I am currently I'm working towards Eagle in my troop. (Troop 1 Gaspee). My project plan is similar to the free library in front of the church where people can leave or take books for free. My goal is to set up a stand like that outside the church that is double-sided, one side would be for canned goods for those in need where people would be able to easily donate or take food whenever they need to without the hassle of having to go far to donate or having to go through the whole process to give food or receive it. The other side would be a donation area for old family games and board games where families who don't need them anymore can leave them so that another family might be able to enjoy a game they have never heard of or can't afford so that they can enjoy some quality timer and fun as a family.

If you are wondering about maintenance, the responsibility will fall entirely on the troop - I will have two members of the troop go out every meeting which is once a week on Wednesdays and make sure all the canned food is fresh and untainted so that there is no potential danger to the people who may need the food.

My timeline for completing this project would be about 1-2 months.

