

THE ASBURY TRUMPETER



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A New Way of Being Church Together

October opens with World Communion Sunday, when Christians around the world gather at one table. It is a fitting moment to reflect on another table we are learning to share closer to home. Our church is now part of the new Riverside Cooperative Parish, alongside five other congregations: Barrington, Haven in East Providence, Epworth in Pawtucket, First in Warren, and Zion in Warwick.

I know that anything new in the life of a church can bring questions, even uncertainty. That is natural, since change asks us to imagine something we have not yet experienced. I recently attended a conference training on cooperative parishes and wanted to share a little of what I am learning, and why I am hopeful about this new chapter.

What is a cooperative parish? It is not primarily about merging or closing churches, and it is not one more program to squeeze into already full lives. It is a way of being the church together: sharing our gifts, supporting one another, and pursuing a common mission, while each congregation keeps its own identity, history, and ministry. The partnership also reaches beyond our six Methodist churches to churches of other traditions and to community organizations already doing good work around us. At its heart, this is about relationships: learning from one another, serving alongside one another, and partnering with our neighbors so that God's love can take root in our communities.

None of this is entirely new. The church was never meant to turn inward or stand alone. From the beginning, Jesus sent his disciples beyond themselves, and the church has been a people on mission ever since. Connection is also at the core of who we are as United Methodists. Our tradition has always understood that we can do more together than alone: the ministry of one church can strengthen another, and the gifts of one community can become a blessing to the next.

That spirit goes back to the earliest days of Methodism. John Wesley's societies and classes were linked to one another, and circuit riders traveled from one small gathering to the next, binding people together in faith and ministry. In *Calling on Fire*, Ashley Boggan and Chris Heckert point us back to several practices of early Methodism: preaching beyond church walls, forming small communities of faith, caring for our neighbors' needs, and raising up new leaders. That list sounds a great deal like what a cooperative parish hopes to be. We are not leaving behind who we have been; we are rediscovering what has been part of our Methodist DNA from the start.

Why walk this road together? A few reasons stay close to my heart. Our gifts grow when we share them; each church brings something beautiful, and together we help build God's beloved community. No one has to carry the load alone, so pastors and volunteers can serve with joy rather than exhaustion. Alongside our community partners, we can reach further, loving our neighbors, especially those on the margins, in ways no single church could.

Through small groups and shared learning, we deepen our walk with Christ and discover new leaders among us. And we are planting seeds, tending a faithful church for our children and grandchildren.

We don't yet know exactly what this will look like. It is new for all six congregations, and it is new for me, too. We are in an exploratory season, learning as we go by listening, trying things, noticing what works, and adjusting along the way. We do not need to have every answer today.

The early church did not have a five-year plan for everything God would do, either. They gathered, prayed, listened to one another, and trusted that God was present in the process. That may be a helpful posture for us, too. We can be curious. We can ask questions and name our concerns. We can celebrate what is working and speak honestly about what is difficult. And we can stay open to the possibility that God may surprise us.

As we gather around Christ's table this month, may we remember that we have never been one congregation alone. We are one body in Christ, connected to one another by grace and called to share God's love. May God guide us as we learn to walk this new road together.

With joy and hope,
Myung

*Find more resources for cooperative parish ministries of New England Conference here: <https://www.neumc.org/parishes>



Chancel Guild News



The Edwards Family to Visit Asbury!

On Sunday November 8th, we will welcome Dr Omega and Julie Edwards and their youngest daughter Francie to Asbury! This is a Homecoming of sorts for them. Julie and Omega found Asbury when Omega was working and studying at RIH, to become a Fellow in Infectious Diseases. They lived nearby and met Asbury members. Brian Wood was Pastor, and they were here 3-4 years (we think)!

They have four children, Lizzie and Evelyn are college grads, Ollie is in university, and Francie is in 9th grade studying on line and independently. For the past 20 or so years they have been missionaries in Dar es Salaam, in Tanzania, East Africa. They are here in the US for a Missionary Home Assignment.

They established "Reach Tanzania" in which the gospel message is heard in remote villages. Omega received ordination papers, Julie received certification papers. Julie is now an author in TZ.

The long awaited Reach Tanzania Medical Clinic opened February 12, 2024. This non profit clinic gives high quality medical care with Dr Omega as its Executive Director. He serves on the World Medical Council for FIBA. And he leads a national team as they bring the gospel to unreached communities throughout the city. Ask him about basketball, too! Julie mentors and supports the Tanzanian children's ministry leaders for Reach Tanzania.

Come and hear about their amazing TZ experiences. We give thanks that they wanted to return, attend the bazaar, reconnect with friends and the Woman's Book Study, and share their missionary life with us! You will not be disappointed!

Treasured Memories

We are looking for gently — used pocket-books, tote bags, and wallets. Also we will take higher-end decorations, knick knacks, kitchen items, linens, and collectibles (except for plates that hang on the wall collectibles).

Any questions, please call Deb Rose at

401-808-6829

Basket Boutique

It's almost that time of year!

We're looking for donations of baskets – mostly medium sizes for the Basket Boutique table at our annual Asbury Christmas Village Bazaar.

I'll be organizing and categorizing items in the next few weeks. Our "wish list" for basket items include new candles, Christmas ornaments, kitchen towels, trinkets and bath/body items.

Thanks for your continued support!

Diane Newman-Goins

Tricia Smith-Disu





- 5 Becky Arnold
- 6 Joan White
- 7 Zach Seymour
- 9 Karsen Drury
Graham Drury
Carrie Moore
Brianna Taylor
- 11 Carrie White-Toomey
- 14 John E. Quirk Sr.
- 15 Elizabeth Hanke
- 16 Nicholas Okerholm
Cameron Webb
- 17 Frank Rose
- 18 Amanda Wylly
- 20 Diane Kelley
- 31 Betty Ann Carter
Kerri Dorsey

~October Upcoming Events~

- 4 Worship Service 10:30 am**
- 6 Pastor's Office Hours 10:00-12:30**
Pastor's Book Study 10:00-11:00
Choir Practice 7:00-9:00 pm
- 7 Women's Book Study 9:30 am**
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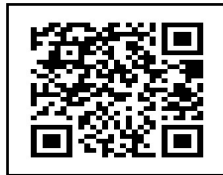


The deadline for the November newsletter is
Sunday, October 25th

Thank you!



Please Help Asbury Grow !!



Please visit our website and click on the giving link.

<https://www.asburyumcri.org>

PILL BOTTLE MISSION

Our church has been collecting and sending empty pill bottles to a larger mission outreach for at least 8 years. The postage has been paid in a variety of ways. We just had someone pledge \$100 per month so that we can continue our mission.

Thank you!

Joan White



Hello Asbury,

It's time to start thinking about our Bazaar on November 7th, and the bread baking at the end of October.

It begins on Wednesday October 28th and continues the 29th, 30th, and the 31st. Don't worry we'll finish up by 2:00, in plenty of time for Halloween. We need anyone able and willing for whatever time you're available. The oven upgrades, and the two freezers on site made the process so much easier last year. So please, mark your calendars, and watch for the sign up sheets the end of September.

Thanks again,
Barbara Bishop



Church Council Members

Dear Members,

Please note members have voted that, weather permitting, we will meet in person for October, November, and December. Also because our regular meeting dates fall on the holiday eves in November and December, the dates have been changed.

October 10/28 7pm

November 11/18 7pm

December 12/16 7pm

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS



We are still collecting aluminum tabs. Please Feel free to bring them with you to church on Sunday.

Thank you,

Linda and Bob Cameron



Bazaar Jewelry Needed

We are starting to collect jewelry for our annual Bazaar. We always appreciate all the items you give to us to sell for our church.

Summer is a nice time to look through your jewelry and pass on items you no longer use. It helps us to have the jewelry ahead of time so that it can be sorted and priced.

A good number of people come to see our jewelry, so please help if you can. We welcome all types of jewelry - fine, vintage, costume, antique - old or new.

Tax exempt donation receipts are available from our church office upon request. The date for the Bazaar will be on Saturday, November 7th.

For Questions or Pickup, Please call Beth Bradbury at 401-480-0519 or our Church Office 401-467-5122.



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

Recipe Corner



Lemon Fingers, by Virginia Peterson
As found in Feast of Goodness Cookbook

Bottom:

2 c. flour

3/4 c. butter, melted

1/2 c. powdered sugar

Top:

2 c. sugar

6 T. lemon juice

4 T. Flour

3 eggs

1tsp. Baking powder

Powdered sugar for top

Mix 2 cups flour, butter and powdered sugar and press in bottom of a 9 x 13" pan. Bake 15 minutes in 350 degree oven. Meanwhile mix together 2 cups sugar, lemon juice, 4 table-spoons flour, eggs and baking powder. Pour over crust and bake another 25 minutes in a 350 degree oven. Sprinkle with powdered sugar and cut into squares.



Pumpkin Bread, by Nancy Carter
As found in Feast of Goodness Cookbook

3 1/2 c. flour

3 c. sugar

1 c. oil

4 eggs

1 can pumpkin

1 tsp. baking powder

2 tsp baking soda

2 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. cloves

1 tsp. cinnamon

1 tsp. allspice

2/3 c. water

Combine all ingredients in one large bowl. Beat well. Pour into 2 regular or 5 small loaf pans that have been well greased. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. (if smart, put wax paper in bottom of pans).

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.lakewoodbaptistri.com
401-781-1136 (Rev. Ron Provencal)

Asbury UMC
143 Ann Mary Brown Dr
Warwick, RI 02888
www.asburyumc.org
401-467-5122 (Rev. Dr. Yohan Go)

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





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.

- **Tuesdays:** 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- **Sundays:** 9:00 AM – 10:00 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

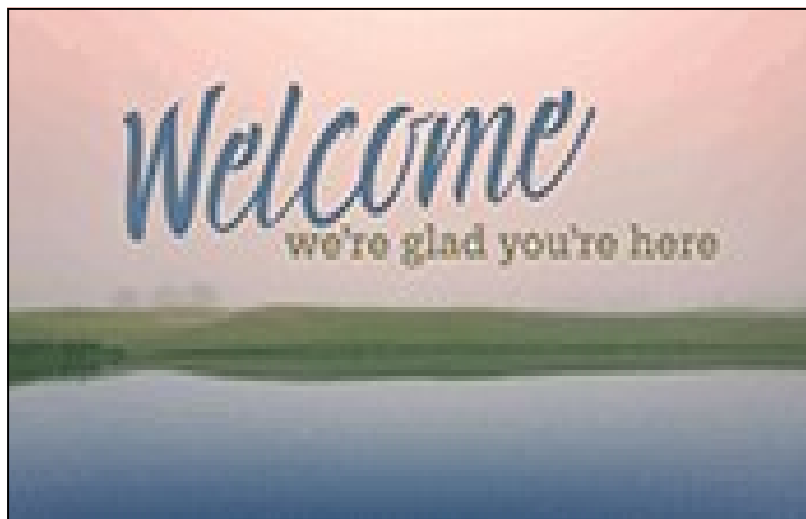
Thank you for your unwavering commitment to the Asbury Church Choir. Every note we sing and every harmony we create is a testament to God's glory. Through our music, we have the privilege of transforming lives, uplifting spirits, and spreading His love. Let us continue to make a joyful noise unto the 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

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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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