

THE ASBURY TRUMPETER



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A Happy Church in Jesus

"Last weekend, Zion KUMC hosted a spiritual revival meeting for two days. The guest preacher began his sermon with a question: 'Are you happy because of Jesus?' One of his church members always comes to the early morning prayer meeting and cries out all the time while praying. So, he asked what she desperately prayed about. She was praying for her unbelieving husband and asked the pastor to meet him. He met her husband and told him how desperately his wife prayed for him, inviting him to come to the church. However, her husband replied that he didn't want to go to the church because she didn't seem happy at all, even though she goes to the church and believes in Jesus. People can discern whether we are happy or not. He reminded us that we, as Christians, can and should be happy because of Jesus, who loves us no matter what. Many people have made the best and happiest life out of their abject life situations because of Christ's love. We can be happy because of, in, and with Jesus, who is the only true source for a happy life."

"When the church is declining, out of desperation, we tend to seek practical ways to draw people back to the church. However, what we first need is Jesus Christ, and we should be a happy church. If we are truly happy because of Jesus and Asbury UMC, people around us will see the glow of happiness and may want to know what's going on in our church. I pray that we are a happy church in Jesus."

"To be happy in Jesus, we first need to return to him. We call this 'turning,' a repentance. This year, the Lenten season begins on February 14th, much earlier than the previous year. Starting with Ash Wednesday, we will be more intentional about our spiritual life and strive for spiritual growth. Asbury UMC is preparing special worship services, book studies, and Lenten spiritual practices that will help us to know and understand Christ's love for us deeply, leading us to a happy life.

Ash Wednesday worship on February 14 at 7:00 p.m.

The Lenten book study: "The Third Day: Living the Resurrection" by Tom Berlin and Mark A. Miler.

Tuesday Group: Starting from February 27th at 10 a.m. in the pastor's office.

Wednesday Group: Starting from February 21st at 10 a.m. in the library.

The Gospel Reading Challenge

These means of grace will help us experience Christ's love and lead us to a happy life. I invite you to join our meaningful Lenten journey to be a happy church!

Peace,

Yohan



Dear Asbury Church Choir Members and Music Enthusiasts

We are excited to bring you the latest news and updates from our beloved Asbury Church Choir! Our dedicated choir has been working tirelessly since February to share the gift of song, and we were thrilled to reunite and glorify God again during last week's worship service. Here's what's happening in the choir this month:



Weekly Choir Practice:

Please remember that our choir practices are held every Wednesday from 7-9 PM and Sunday morning from 8-9 AM at Asbury Church. We encourage all members to attend regularly and punctually, as your commitment contributes to beautiful harmonies and an inspiring worship experience.



Welcoming New Members:

We feel incredibly blessed to welcome new members into our choir family. If you or someone you know has a passion for music and wishes to serve the Lord through song, please join us during our practice hours or contact our music director to learn more. New members of all ages and skill levels are always welcome!



Asbury Music Director:

As the Asbury Music Director, I am honored and privileged to guide our choir in fostering an uplifting and spiritual atmosphere for our congregation. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I am always here to provide guidance and support.



Prayer Requests and Support:

As we continue to cultivate and nurture our choir community, we encourage everyone to keep each other in their prayers. If you have any prayer requests or need support, please feel free to share them with us. We are here for you, and together, we can uplift one another.

Thank you for your dedication to the Asbury Church Choir. May the Lord continue to bless our ministry and guide us in our mission to spread His love through music.

Sincerely,

Hanna Noh
Music Director, Asbury UMC
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FEBRUARY 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	1	2

Holidays and Observances: 14: Valentine's Day, 19: Presidents' Day

February

- 3 Carolyn Lamothe
- 5 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
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~

- 4 Worship Service 9:30 am
- 5 Chancel Guild Meeting 7:00 pm
- 6 Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
- 7 Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
Women's Book Study 9:30 am
Choir Practice 7:00 pm – 9 pm
- 11 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
Women's Book Study 9:30 am
Ash Wednesday Joint Service with Zion 7:00 pm
- 18 Worship Service 9:30 am
- 20 Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
Church Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 21 Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 am -12 pm
Women's Book Study 9:30 am
Choir Practice 7:00 pm - 9pm
- 25 Worship Service 9:30 am
- 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
Choir Practice 7:00 pm - 9pm



**The deadline for the March Newsletter is
Thursday, February 25, 2024.**

Thank you!



THANK YOU!!!

...To the members of Chancel Guild, plus chancel men and chancel kids, for your beautiful decorating for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany! May I just say, if you ever need a bow made or a gift box wrapped I know just the gal named Debbie!!

...To the men for setting up the angels and adding the outdoor lights to the shrubs, and the ornaments to the trees. It looked beautiful!

..To the Worship Committee and Pastor Yohan for the theme "The Gift of Presence", or Presents! And to the kids who unwrapped the ornaments, you were great!

..To you all for your ongoing support to enhance the beauty of our beautiful church. Each Sunday there is a flower arrangement, and every Easter, Memorial Day, and Christmas appropriate plants add to those special days.

..to the choir and Hanna, Carlos, Warren, Alice and Ned for such beautiful music, especially the Christmas Eve Cantata.

..To those unnamed, yet who helped in some way.

Happy Blessed New Year to All!!!

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.

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RECIPE CORNER



Spinach Dip by Lou Ann Collier

- 1 pkg. Mrs. Grass vegetable soup mix**
- 1 c. sour cream**
- 1 c. mayonnaise**
- 1 pkg. frozen spinach, well drained**
- Bit of onion if desired**

Combine above ingredients. Best if prepared 24 hours before serving. Serve with Sissell bread (rye or marble mix). Pepperidge Farms snack sticks and/or fresh vegetables.



Cheese Ball by Debbie Lang

- 1 10oz pkg. Original Ranch salad dressing (Hidden Valley milk recipe)**
- ½ c. milk**
- 8 oz. shredded cheddar cheese**
- 6 oz. cream cheese, room temp.**
- 5 oz. sliced almonds**

Mix the double strength salad dressing with milk. Add cream cheese and beat well with electric mixer. Add cheddar cheese and blend with a spoon. Cover and freeze for 30 minutes. Take out of freezer and shape into a ball. Roll in toasted almonds. Serve with your favorite crackers.



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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