

# THE ASBURY TRUMPETER



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## **Peacemakers Are Those Who Are Willing To Disturb A False Peace**

As the war with Iran continues, countless people are losing their homes, and lives of immeasurable worth are being cut short. The effects of war do not stop at the battlefield. They ripple outward, raising gas prices, increasing the cost of living, and making daily life even harder for many families.

But perhaps even more troubling is this: those who wage war often try to justify violence by using the name of God. Recently, Pope Leo XIV called for an end to the war and declared, "God does not bless any conflict." In response, President Trump criticized the pope and posted a social media image that many saw as depicting himself in a Christ-like way. After widespread criticism, the image was removed. Soon after, another image appeared showing President Trump with Jesus.

At the same time, when the pope or other Christian leaders speak against war and plead for peace, they are often told to "stay out of politics." Yet political leaders themselves freely use religious language to frame war as a struggle of good against evil, as though God were endorsing their violence. That is not faithfulness. That is the misuse of God's name.

The United States was founded with a commitment to the separation of church and state. Many people misunderstand that phrase to mean that people of faith should never speak about public issues. But that is not what it means. At its heart, the First Amendment exists to keep the government from establishing religion, controlling religion, or using religion for its own purposes. It protects freedom of conscience and freedom of faith. Seen in that light, the real threat to the separation of church and state does not come from clergy or people of faith speaking for justice and peace. It comes from those in power who wrap their political ambitions in the language of God.

If we are to seek true peace, then sometimes we must be willing to disturb a false peace. There is a kind of peace that looks calm on the surface but hides injustice, violence, and oppression underneath. As followers of Christ, we must learn to say a clear and faithful "no" when unjust war is dressed up as the will of God.

These are difficult days to live faithfully. That is why we must be careful not to let our hearts be captured by fear, propaganda, or religious manipulation. Instead, we are called to fix our eyes on Christ, the Prince of Peace, and to follow the way of truth, courage, and compassion.

May God make us instruments of true peace.

- Pastor Yohan Go -



- 1 Diane Newman–Goins
- 2 Linda Lucini
- 4 Benjamin McGovern
- 6 Penny Rowan
- 8 Lee Arnold  
Ginny Peterson
- 10 Brian McGovern  
Greg Rowe
- 11 Deb Drury
- 12 Marian Styles–McClintock
- 13 Danielle Lucini
- 19 Lisa Keene
- 20 Chuck Main
- 22 Nancy Rowell
- 23 Nancy Alexander
- 24 Karoline Reese Heller  
Dylan Christopher Heller  
James Mason Heller
- 26 Deb Rose
- 28 Cindy Ford  
Kurt Hanke

**~Upcoming Events~**

- 3** **Worship Service** **9:30 am**
- 5** **Pastor’s Office Hours** **9:30 am -12 pm**  
**Choir Practice** **7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**
- 6** **Pastor’s Office Hours** **9:30 am -12 pm**  
**Women’s Book Group** **9:30 am**
- 10** **Worship Service** **9:30 am**
- 12** **Pastor’s Office Hours** **9:30 am -12 pm**  
**Choir Practice** **7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**
- 13** **Pastor’s Office Hours** **9:30 am -12 pm**  
**Women’s Book Group** **9:30 am**
- 17** **Worship Service** **9:30 am**
- 20** **Pastor’s Office Hours** **9:30 am– 12 pm**  
**Choir Practice** **7:00 pm –9:00 pm**
- 21** **Pastor’s Office Hours** **9:30 am– 12pm**  
**Women’s Book Group** **9:30 am**
- 24** **Worship Service** **9:30 am**
- 25** **Memorial Day— Office Closed**
- 26** **Pastor’s Office Hours** **9:30 am - 12 pm**  
**Choir Practice** **7:00 pm– 9pm**
- 27** **Pastor’s Office Hours** **9:30 am - 12 pm**



# Women's Tea Party & Silent Auction

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026  
1pm - 3:30pm

ASBURY UMC  
143 ANN MARY BROWN DR  
WARWICK, RI



Register by April 29<sup>th</sup> to join  
us for a fun-filled event with  
lite fare, high quality tea  
and prizes!

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*\$25 PER PERSON  
OR HOST A  
TABLE FOR A  
FREE GIFT!*





## Memorial Day Plants

*On Memorial Day Sunday, May 25, 2026 the altar will be decorated with assorted geraniums. If you wish to order,*

*Please speak to Becky Arnold*

*Or complete the form below.*

*The cost is \$13.00 for 2 plants and checks are to be*

*made out to "Asbury United Methodist Church"*

*and clearly marked Chancel Guild.*

***The deadline for requests is May 13, 2026***

All checks and orders should go to

Becky Arnold

## Plant Order

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

By (As you wish to be listed) \_\_\_\_\_

No. of plants: \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed payable to Asbury or cash: \_\_\_\_\_

Want Plants \_\_\_\_\_ Do not want Plants \_\_\_\_\_



Join us at a  
**Farewell Potluck Dinner  
honoring Pastors Yohan & Juhee**

**Asbury UMC Social Hall  
Sunday, June 14th from 5-7pm**

**RSVP Diane Newman-Goins and Debra Rose by June 7th**

**Farewell Dinner**

**Sunday, June 14 th from 5-7pm**

**Asbury United Methodist Church**

**143 Ann Mary Brown Dr**

**Warwick, RI, 02888**

**Please contact Debbie Rose for potluck dinner details**

**☑ Please consider some known food allergies - gluten, egg**

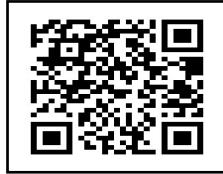
**☑ Vegetarian options are encouraged**

**Please see Diane Newman-Goins for gift donation**

The deadline for the June newsletter is Monday,  
May 25, 2026  
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 sending empty pill bottles to a larger mission outreach for quite some time now. The postage has been paid in a variety of ways. If you are able to help with the postage, it costs approximately \$35 per month to send these boxes. Please speak to Joan White regarding this mission project.

**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](http://www.lakewoodbaptistri.com)  
401-781-1136 (Rev. Ron Provencal)

Asbury UMC  
143 Ann Mary Brown Dr  
Warwick, RI 02888  
[www.asburyumcri.org](http://www.asburyumcri.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](http://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**



**Food for the Soul**

May 16th is the last monthly grab and go meal until October.





**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:** 8:00 AM – 9:00 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  
857-231-0567



### **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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