Celebrate at a Haitian Festival!

Sunday, February 24, 2-4:00 p.m.
SRVUMC, 902 Danville Blvd., Alamo


- Hear from the latest UMVIM team who are installing the computers at Thomas
- Check out a water purifier
- Learn about the solar power for lights, computers and water purifiers
- Taste Haitian foods and drink Haitian coffee
- Write a letter to someone who can become your Haitian pen pal
- Shop for Haitian wares
- Try your hand at sewing a dress, shorts or a tote bag
- View professional video, Defy Gravity, to see what happened January 12, 2010, and the Cal-Nevada Conference response to the devastation
- Skype with staff at Thomas and Hinche School/Food Projects
- See pictures and videos of the people, the schools, the UMVIM projects throughout the afternoon
Kim’s Korner

So, did you make any New Year’s resolutions this year? Just checking. Did any of them have to do with maintaining healthy habits, or growing spiritually? Just wondering. This Lent, we will focus on our capacity to grow spiritually, and live healthy lives. Taking care of our souls, and our bodies, are two ways we can honor God and cherish the gift of life.

You are invited to participate in these activities.

**Lenten Devotional:** Pick up your copy starting on February 10, after worship. Our daily readings and reflections from the Gospel of Mark, will be the basis for our small groups, sermons, and individual journeys.

**Small Groups:** will meet regularly to explore our daily readings, and provide companionship on our Journey to Jerusalem. Sign up after worship, starting February 3, after worship.

**The Journey to Jerusalem:** There are 7,422.88 miles between Livermore and the city of Jerusalem. And part of our Lenten journey this year will be to walk the miles from here to Jerusalem. Here’s how it works:

- Every mile you walk or run will contribute towards our 7,422.88 mile journey to Jerusalem.
- Our goal is to deepen our faith, and practice getting regular exercise as we care for our bodies.
- IF you walk or run with others and spend some time talking about your faith, you can add a mile to your total. We’ll have oodles of conversation-starters in the Lenten Devotional that you can pick up on February 10 at church.
- IF you walk with someone not currently a part of the Asbury community, and you talk some about your respective faith journeys, you can add two miles to your total. We will offer plenty of intriguing conversation starters in the Lenten Devotional, available at church starting February 10.

The goal is for us to walk the 7,422.88 miles to Jerusalem. If everyone walks a bit, we will get there by Easter. Another goal is to practice sharing our faith, in a genuine and meaningful way.

If walking or running is not possible for you, you can still earn miles by getting together with folks and sharing your faith stories. For each conversation, you can add a mile to your total.

You can add your miles to a book in the Fellowship Hall, or on-line. We have a link on the Asbury website with more information: [www.asburylive.org](http://www.asburylive.org).

Our Journey to Jerusalem begins in the Chapel on Wednesday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m. Join us for our Ash Wednesday worship service.

Blessings on the journey,

Pastor Kim

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**Murder Most Fouled-Up**

**Asbury Players present:**

**MURDER MOST FOULED-UP**

**March 2, 3, 8 and 9**

Mark your calendar now to see the hilarious new comedy from Asbury Players Community Theater. MURDER MOST FOULED-UP by Nikki Harmon is the madcap story of a greedy family, a confused household staff and some impatient ghosts who only have 24 hours to find the treasure hidden by the diabolical Edwin Randolph. Will everyone live (and die) happily ever after?

Find out at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore on March 2, 3, 8 and 9. Friday and Saturday performances at 8:00 p.m. The Sunday matinee is at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are $10 at the door or online at AsburyLivePresents.com.

Contact Barbara David through the website for more information.
Livermore Community Blood Drive

February 15, 1-7:00 p.m.

In December, the Livermore Community Blood Drive celebrated their 10 year anniversary and held its 61st blood drive, which was started in December 2002.

Thank you to those who came out to donate blood, have a piece of pizza and cake!

You have helped us collect over 3000 units of blood so far (3139 units to be precise)!

The next blood drive will be on Friday, February 15 from 1-7:00 p.m. Please sign up at redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code of ASBURY925.

You can also call Tom Petty at home for any questions or he can sign you up directly.
Celebrate Community

Retiree/Senior Luncheon
Thursday February 7
Join us for a delicious lunch and great fellowship on the first Thursday of the month. This coming event featured wonderful southern cuisine - including fried chicken, pecan pie, biscuits and gravy. Our luncheon starts at noon in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is only $5. Reservations can be made during Coffee Fellowship on Sundays and by calling the church office (447-1950). Friends and neighbors are welcome to join you so please offer invitations to them.

Concert, Dance and Chocolate Extravaganza
February 16
Asbury Live Presents is hosting the local band, Bacchus Brothers, who are well-known for their cover work of great pop music from the early days of rock and roll, and original compositions.
They bring their high energy musical talents to Asbury on Saturday, February 16 at 7:30 p.m. The concert includes a lot of dance music so come ready to boogie!
There will be a feast of chocolate goodies as part of the price of admission, along with free beverages. The cost is only $15 in advance ($18 at the door). Treat your sweetheart (or someone you hope will be) to a concert, a trip or two around the dance floor, and some delicious treats. Seating is limited.

The Long Goodbye
February 12 and 26, 2013
"The Long Goodbye" is a support and information gathering group for caregivers, family and friends of persons dealing with dementia of any kind. We meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel. There is no cost or reservation needed.

Living Life Fully

Staying Close to What is Sacred
Women's Retreat
March 15-17, 2013
We each live with a yearning to belong, to be understood, to be part of a community where we are encouraged, appreciated and loved. At our women's retreat, we'll explore this yearning. Our Bible story, the story of how friends Mary and Elizabeth supported each other, understood each other, and accepted each other, will offer us practical guidance. Like Mary and Elizabeth, we need a supportive and genuine community in order to bring to life God's Presence in our lives. Sign ups for the women's retreat will start in February, after worship. Join us for a time of fellowship, growth in faith, and relaxation. Cost for the weekend is $150. We will be at the Westminster Retreat Center in Alamo. Sign up after worship in February, or in the church office.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service—Chapel
Wednesday February 13, 7:00 p.m.
We begin our Lenten journey with prayer, music, reflection, and the imposition of ashes.

Prayer Focus
Each month, we join together to pray for our Children and Youth Ministries.
In February, our prayer focus is our seniors, who will graduate from high school in 2013. Let us surround them with prayers as they make decisions about what happens after high school.
Our graduating high school seniors: Dylan Spooner, Chloe Molvik, Mackinna Hart, Makalya Gully.
Trustees Report

Trustees Narrative Report for 2012

The Board of Trustees is pleased to report a very successful year for Asbury and its facilities.

At the end of last year, we added a new telephone system and more recently upgraded our office computer system including a new server. Thanks to Tom Petty for coordinating these projects.

Thanks to two generous donations, we completed a 29KW solar energy system which became operational in late April. After the California Solar Initiative rebate, our cost to Solar City was just under $98K. The system is operating well and saves us money during peak time when energy costs us as much as $0.34 per kwh.

The old wooden south doors to the Chapel building were replaced with very attractive glass doors. The offensive front door to the office building is being replaced. New bulletin boards for the Fellowship Hall were fabricated and installed. Thanks to George Wilson for handling these projects.

Other projects include a new east side bike rack which was an Eagle Scout project. Roofing on the youth and upper elementary buildings was replaced. A new shed was constructed in the Garden of Grace complex. Three large trees including the large eucalyptus we shared with the Grants were removed and a fourth was nicely pruned.

We also initiated contracts for annual window cleaning for the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall as well as semi-monthly insect spraying.

Two separate workdays in the spring completed many site projects. We are grateful to our many volunteers who keep our grounds and facilities looking attractive.

As the year draws to a close the landscaping committee is moving forward with a major upgrade to the memory garden north of the Chapel, the play yard adjacent to the nursery was refurbished along with the addition of an attractive play structure and an Eagle Scout project to refurbish our front sign is being planned. We were finally able to sell the Allen electronic organ and speakers that had languished unused in the Chapel for many years.

We wish to acknowledge a $5000 gift to Asbury’s music fund from Sylvia Moon’s estate that was received in October. Hopefully others will consider including Asbury in their estate planning.

The facilities at Asbury continue to be used by groups outside of the congregation including Open Heart Kitchen, Boy and Girl Scouts, Little League baseball, Alcoholics Anonymous, Daughters of the American Revolution, election polling place, music recitals, concerts, itinerant church mission groups and a wintertime warming center for the homeless.

Roger Everett, President of Trustees

Finance Update

The table below shows that our giving for December was above the average monthly amount needed and would have been nearly equal to the December expenses, if we hadn’t had the bill of about $15,000 for Hazard Insurance that we paid then. For the entire year, expenses exceeded income by nearly $10,500.

About half of the overrun in expenses was due to replacing a 6+ year old (unrepairable and likely to fail) computer server that ran the network for the entire campus, and buying two computers for staff who didn’t have computers. Finance recommended, and the Church Council approved this expenditure as prudent to prevent Asbury from losing all of its computer capabilities for up to a few weeks.

It is a pleasure to announce that our Debt for the Fellowship Hall is down to $288,325 at the end of December.

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Thank you to all who generously contributed to the Christmas Offering. A total of $5849 was collected to help support the Pastor’s Fund and the Shower Ministry.

Thank you to all who have made a financial pledge for 2013 (and it’s still not too late if you haven’t yet!). A special thanks to those who moved pledge dollars from Debt Retirement to the General Fund so that we could cover the church salaries and expenses for the upcoming year.
Please enjoy some silence as you pause on this page.
Youth Ministry

Yosh’s Reflection on the Scripture for 1/13/2013

I had the opportunity to teach middle school Sunday school this past Sunday, which means that I didn't get the joy of hearing pastor Chuck's sermon, but here is my take on the scripture which I shared with our middle school students on Sunday.

At the point in time of the scripture, the disciples were Jesus' hallelujah squad. Jesus would perform a miracle and the disciples would yell "hallelujah", point at Jesus and say, "I'm with him!"

Can you imagine how they must have felt that day when Jesus took them aside and said, "It's your turn now."? I can imagine them saying, "Jesus, we're totally OK with the way things are! Why don't you keep performing the miracles? People like that!".

Upon realization that Jesus wasn't going to change his mind, they probably started coming up with all kinds of excuses. "Jesus, I need to go grab my walking stick!", "Jesus, let me go get my good shirt!", or "Jesus, I need to go pack my iPod!"

Jesus wouldn't have it though, seeing that they were just excuses to stall. The disciples must have felt pretty crummy at this point and may even have demanded, "Jesus! What can we bring!? You're not letting us bring ANYTHING!"

"Find a partner. Peter, you go with John, Simon, you go with Andrew.".

The message in this scripture isn't that Jesus wanted them to go without anything, it's that Jesus wanted them to go out in in pairs. Jesus is calling all of us into ministry but never calling us to do it alone. The great thing about our community of faith is that there is always someone who will say, "That's a crazy idea, let me join you!".

Oftentimes, we over-prepare ourselves to do the work of a God who wants us to just be out there with God's children.

If there are those among us that are thinking about doing ministry with our young people, let us be partners in this ministry! You are not alone!

Yosh

Serve Others with Love

Giving of your Time at the Holidays

Hurricane Isaac Mission Trip

One of the opportunities for us to live our faith is through mission work, reaching out to others in need. We are pleased to announce that we are forming a team to assist with the recovery from Hurricane Isaac that happened late 2012.

This trip will be April 6-13, 2013. We will be stationed in LaPlace, Louisiana (near New Orleans). We will be staying at the Volunteer Center of the New Wine Christian Fellowship. The Center provides a kitchen, sleeping accommodations and bath facilities.

The work will involve repairing damaged homes. There is work for anyone. All levels of skill are welcome. Each volunteer pays their own way. The estimated cost is $600 to $700 per person, including air travel.

We will complete our registrations by March 6, 2013. Contact Steve Elliott or Roger Everett at home for more information or to sign up.
Children’s Ministry

The happiest people don’t have the best of everything. They make the best of everything.

Greetings, friends. The kids at Asbury donated $164.60 during November and December Sunday School offerings. This special giving project was designated to go to the American Red Cross to assist victims of Hurricane Sandy. Thank you for helping teach the kids that every action can make a difference to those in need. We are, once again, designating our offerings to Fertile Ground works.

If you weren’t here on December 30, you missed out on a very special event. Rich and Laura Whipple and their extended family joined us for worship and the dedication of the Megan Whipple Memorial Play Area. If you haven’t seen it, check out the new play structure and beautiful updates to the toddler play area.

We are excited to offer Children/Family Worship the last Sunday of each month from January through May. We will stick to the same routine wherein kids go to “big church” with their parents until after Children’s Moments. This creates the least amount of change for others.

Kids will then be taken straight to the Chapel where we will move the sign in/out sheets. Sara Schaff is leading this new worship service that is designed to help parents enjoy worship with their kids and to help kids understand some of the practices of a typical United Methodist worship service.

While everyone (parent or not) is welcome to attend this service each month, please know that if you choose not to attend, we have supervision and guidance by loving adults and teens. Your child will get to participate and be safe. We hope parents will want to check out this option, but it is certainly not a requirement for Moms or Dads.

Please, if you miss it, ask your kids about it, and let us know what you think. Your feedback is important as we plan for September onward. Our goal is to make sure our kids know they are loved and begin to understand the love of Jesus and the grace of God.

Brownie points this month go out to my friend Dylan B. All the kids, most of the youth and a few adults know that Room 7 is a great place to score a red vine or other tasty snack.

The other day my friend Dylan was standing just outside the room looking in, longingly. Of course I knew what he wanted and invited him in. He, however, was such an obedient boy. He said he didn’t have permission from his Mom to come in, so he would just wait.

It must have felt like a very long wait until his Mom showed up and gave him permission. Thank goodness the red vine stash was fully stocked!

Thank you, Moms and Dads, for teaching our children well. And thank you, Dylan, for obeying your parents. This makes God happy.

Finally, Club 56ers only have one service project lined up. Surely some our seniors have a chore or two we could do for you?? If so, let me hear from you. Parents of Club 56 and youth, we have a few vacant slots for snack supper parents. Stop by room 7 to sign up and get more information.

Peace and Joy and Happy Valentine’s Day,

Tina Morris

Tina Morris

Asbury Kids
Anniversaries

Rex and Linda Beach
Chuk and Kellie Campos
Glen and Theresa Dawes
George and Ann Duff
Dean and Regina Juan
Allen and Shirley Northrop
James and Kelly Pettis
John and Jan Stevenson
Ron and Lynn Tripp

Birthdays

Patti Arnold
Helen Babington
Harry Bate
Dylan Bennett
Ashleigh Bohling
Laurie Cano
Keenan Christoff
Marci Christoff
Tanner Christoff
Anne Coll
Linda Culpepper
Christopher Danan
Barbara David
Theresa Dawes
Nancy Deis
Heather Duff
Beth Giannotti
Joe Giannotti
Keri Gibson
Andy Grant
Leslie Hammer
Betty Holdener
Pam Howell
Nickolaus Item
Delaine Jantzen
Janet Johnson
Alec Kenward
Lori Kenward
Warren King
Virgil Koon
Susan Lambaren
Kathy Lee
Lyle Lee
Brittany Lord
Maris Medeiros
Jeff Molvik
Tina Morris
Ruby Mueller
Carolyn Norton
Kelly Pettis
Kelsey Pettis
Andy Pomykal
Margaret Price
Charles Runnels

Anniversaries and Birthdays
Weekly Recurring Events

Sundays
- 9:00 a.m. Worship, Sunday School, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Butterfly Gardens is open
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Children and Youth Choirs, Rooms 6, 9, 10, and 12
- 4:30 p.m. Confirmation, Room 10
- 5:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry, Chapel
- 5:30 p.m. Club 56, Room 13
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group, Room 15
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Ringers, Rooms 11-12

Mondays
- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Advent class

Tuesdays
- 11:00 a.m. Loose Canons
- 12:00 p.m. Open Heart Kitchen, Fellowship Hall
- 3:30 p.m. Worship Service, Rosewood Gardens
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study, Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Alanon/Alateen, Rooms 13-15

Wednesdays
- 9:30 a.m. Mom’s Bible Study, Fireside Room
- 12:00 p.m. Open Heart Kitchen, Fellowship Hall
- 2:00-6:00 p.m. Yosh’s office hours, Room 15
- 7:30 p.m. Choir, Sanctuary

Thursdays
- 7:45 a.m. Men’s Bible Study, Room 11
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Band, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Rooms 11-12

Fridays
- 9:00 a.m. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall

Saturdays
- 8:00 a.m. Lawn Crew
- 9:00 a.m. AA, Rooms 11-12

February 2, 2013 (Saturday)
- 8:30 a.m. D.A.R., Chapel

February 7, 2013 (Thursday)
- 12:00 p.m. Senior/Retiree Luncheon, Fellowship Hall
- 6:45 p.m. UMW Evening Circle, Burlyne Wilson’s Home

February 8 & 22, 2013 (Friday)
- 9:00 a.m. Hiking, meet in the church parking lot

February 11 (Monday)
- 9:30 a.m. Morning Glory Circle, Fireside Room

February 12 & 26, 2013 (Tuesday)
- 11:00 a.m. The Long Goodbye, Chapel

February 13, 2013 (Wednesday)
- 9:30 a.m. UMW, Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship, Chapel

February 15, 2013 (Friday)
- 1:00 p.m. Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall

February 16, 2013 (Saturday)
- 7:30 p.m. Bacchus Brothers and Valentines Dance, Fellowship Hall

February 24, 2013 (Thursday)
- 9:30 a.m. Sewing Group, Rooms 11 & 12
Asbury United Methodist Church
4743 East Avenue
Livermore, CA 94550

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Church office hours are:
Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Closed for lunch.

The deadline for the next Asbury Articles is
Thursday, February 21, 2013.