Serving Others With Love

Haiti Update Presentation

We are now well into a new phase of work in Haiti - investing in the future of the people there, not just reconstruction. Our work now includes introduction of computers, installation of clean water and solar power and other improvements. Come learn about what Asbury is doing to help with this effort. On **Sunday, April 21**, we will have displays setup during the coffee hour that describe our work. In addition, at 10:30 a.m., Steve Elliott at will make a short 15-20 minute presentation in the Sanctuary about the new programs. Mark your calendars and come join us!

Habitat for Humanity - Concord Rehab

**April 6, 13, & 27**

This will be a fun, rewarding Habitat Project! We are joining with the other UMC churches in our Circuit to complete the rehab of a Habitat owned property in Concord. It is a condo that needs a "touch up" like we have done for other Habitat homes. Our first workday will be Saturday, April 6. We will also work April 13 and 27. Join us for one or two of these dates as your time permits.

All skill levels welcome. We will likely car pool from Asbury each Saturday. For more information or to register, contact Steve Elliott or stop by the sign up table in the Fellowship Hall during coffee hour.
Kim’s Korner

Charles Darwin concluded, "It's not the strongest of the species that survives, or the most intelligent; it is the one most capable of change."

Darwin was observing animals. I'm thinking of the churches. We, too, have to be capable of change in order to survive. Change might not be our favorite thing, yet it has been our constant companion. Think of music in church. New hymnbooks, new styles of singing, different instruments for music. Music is always changing in church.

When organs were first introduced into worship services, there was great debate and controversy. Imagine that! Back to Darwin's quote. The species that survive are capable of change. Let's be clear. Animal species that changed, and survived, did not become a whole new beast. They maintained their basic identity and purpose. They did, however, learn new ways to be in the world.

And that's the invitation for us as a faith community. Are we capable of change, of surviving? Yes! In this season of Resurrection Living, I'm grateful for all the new life and change we see around us at Asbury.

I'm grateful for Tina Morris and all the folks who work with her as we seek to be a community that welcomes all people, and invites newcomers to participate in meaningful ways. I'm grateful to Sara Schaff, Yosh Nakajima, Dave Gamble, and Tina Morris who are experimenting with an alternative worship service, offered the last Sunday of the month. I am grateful for our Growing in Faith Team, who are preparing to begin a small group ministry at Asbury.

I'm grateful for Mitchie McCammon for all the ways she is improving our campus as our facility manager. And here's to Tom Petty, who is continually updating our website, which will soon include a way to make donations online.

We are a resurrection people, who believe that goodness cannot die. The Goodness of God is continually coming to life in new ways, and the signs are all around us. Each time I see you, I'm aware of God's Goodness in the world, and am grateful.

Thanks be to God, for the truth of Resurrection.

Kim

Spring Cleanup

Have you noticed the new screens on the Sunday school windows, the bright new arrows painted in the parking lot, pruned hedges and fewer weeds? How about the shiny door handles, clean pews, fewer cobwebs, and shiny Fellowship hall garbage cans? A big thank you to all who came out to help on two Saturdays for the Spring campus clean up. About 45 people helped on each Saturday and a delicious hot dog lunch was served to all who came. If you missed the opportunity to come out and help, keep watching for future dates.

Our Two Cents

Here are just a couple of quick updates from the Finance Committee.

Free Money – In 2012 Asbury earned over $2600 in “free money” through the congregation members involved in the scrip programs at Lucky and Safeway Supermarkets. The scrip money is used within the church to help fund projects not accounted for in the general budget. If you are a frequent Lucky or Safeway shopper (or both) and are not yet involved in the scrip program at Asbury, please contact Jean Braun for the Lucky scrip program, or LaNor Smith for Safeway, and they will help you get signed up. Every little bit helps!

United Methodist Federal Credit Union – Did you know it even existed? It’s actually been around for 65 years. If you are interested in finding out more about the United Methodist Federal Credit Union, log on to their website at www.umfcu.org.
Meet the Pastors

April 28, 10:30 a.m.

Join Pastors Kim and Chuck following Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room (Chapel Building) for a chance to get acquainted, learn more about Asbury, its history, programs, mission, and to have your questions answered.

Pick up coffee and a bagel during Coffee Fellowship and then come to the building just north of the Fellowship Hall.

Whether you wish to join Asbury as a member, or just want to know more about the church, its pastors, and ministries, this would be a great place to start.

Childcare will be provided in the Nursery if needed.

Alzheimer’s and Dementia Care Support Group

April 9 & 23, 11:00 a.m.

Known as “The Long Goodbye”, Asbury offers a small group opportunity for caregivers and those wishing to know more about issues surrounding dementia.

On the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, the small group meets in the Fireside Room. There are discussions about resources, finding balance as a caregiver, and sharing personal insights.

If you know someone who could use the support, or is seeking information around issues of Alzheimer’s and other kinds of dementia, please let them know about this group. For further information contact Pastor Chuck at 925-447-1950 ext. 101.

Charitable Giving: How to make a difference by giving back

April 4, After the Senior Luncheon

Would you like to use your time, talents and treasures to make a profound impact on the organizations you care about most?

Charitable Giving: How to make a difference by giving back is an educational workshop that can help you gain a better understanding of the:

- Roles values play in giving decisions
- Importance of a giving strategy
- Financial tools that can enhance your giving

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

Ladies’ Night Out

Monday, April 15, 6:30 p.m.

Strings Italian Café is open again, so let’s get together for the ladies of Asbury to get together and enjoy a nice dinner together. RSVP to Nancy Grover or Joanne Petty.

Spaghetti Bingo Night!

Saturday, April 13, 6:00 p.m.

The Fellowship Team will be preparing a delicious spaghetti dinner at the cost of only $5 per person. Dinner will be followed by Bingo with prizes for the winners. This will be fun for all ages!

Senior Luncheon

April 4, 12:00 p.m.

Seniors and Retirees are invited to join us for the monthly luncheon on Thursday, April 4 at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Lunch will be homemade pizza made by our youth pastor, Yosh Nakajima. This month, the luncheon is being sponsored by Thrivent Financial and is free. Following the luncheon, there will be a workshop by Bob Pierson from Thrivent Financial on charitable giving.

Sign up after worship in the Fellowship Hall.
Hospitality

Thanks to everyone who posted a yard sign inviting others to worship with us on Easter Sunday. If you haven’t already, please return those yard signs to Tina so we may use them again next year.

We have had several visitors stop by the Information Table to chat, pick up a gift and meet new people. Please will you consider serving as a host for this table? It only takes a friendly smile and a welcoming attitude. Let Tina know if you are interested in this ministry.

Special thanks to Rebecca Kohlmoos for the design work on the yard signs and the candy wrappers.

Special thanks to Patti Paiso and Brianna Prine for making the lovely “comfort baskets” found in all the ladies rooms on Sundays.

We have a few spots available for Parking Lot Greeters. These folks simply welcome our church family and visitors to worship as they approach the church-in the parking lot. Our goal is to have everyone greeted in a friendly manner three times before worship begins.

It is an honor to be part of friendly congregation who welcomes everyone to Asbury.

Peace and Joy,
Tina

Missions Update

One of the ongoing responsibilities of the Missions and Outreach Committee is the selection of the recipient for each of the three large special offerings during the year – Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas – sometimes known as “ETC”.

These offerings provide an important opportunity for Asbury to serve others with love via our financial contributions. Last year’s offering results are provided below.

2012 Special Offerings

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This year, as has been the case for the last few years, the Easter offering is designated for the Youth Missions fund, which will support their Sierra Service Project trip this Summer. The result of the last three years of Easter offerings is indicated below.

Easter Offerings for Youth Mission Fund

- 2010: $3502
- 2011: $3607
- 2012: $3805

Thank you for your continued support of these activities.

An Invitation To Listen

Sunday, April 14, 4-5:30 p.m.

In conjunction with the National Day of Silence you are invited to hear gay and lesbian panelists share their experiences and stories about being out in the community.

Giving voice to who we are is sacred work for all of us, and our society often makes it difficult for gay and lesbian people to speak out about who they are. For that reason, the National Day of Silence was established in 1996 and has been observed in high schools and communities annually ever since. This year, Lynnewood United Methodist Church has been asked by church member, Tristan, to participate. He, along with several other panelists, will be sharing with our church his story as an out gay youth.

This event, titled "An Invitation To Listen" will be held on Sunday April 14 from 4-5:30 p.m. at Lynnewood and is open to everyone who has an interest in hearing life stories one might not otherwise hear. Please join us.

Lynnewood UMC
4444 Black Avenue
Pleasanton, CA
Youth Ministry

I'm inviting myself over for dinner. I have had great conversations with some of you over dinner, but I would still love to schedule the rest of your families! Please let me know when I can go and visit your families!

Snack Supper—We are looking for families to sponsor a light dinner for youth group on Sunday nights. If you have not yet done this, please consider helping out in this way.

Pancake Breakfast, April 14—This is a fun fundraiser for SSP. Buy your tickets from our youth who are going. Tickets are $4/person or $15 to feed your whole family!

SF Community Service Day, April 27—This is a mirror event of our day in SF in the fall. Come join us as we spend the day at an old UMC church in the Haight Ashbury district of SF. We will be meeting in Pleasanton, taking BART and working with other youth groups. Middle and high school youth are invited!

Day of Service, May 18—Asbury will be hosting a conference day of service for youth. This is the day before the Spring Musical, but we will have youth groups from around Northern California visiting us. There will be a youth-led worship service to close the day!

SSP, July 21-27—I have SSP packets for all of the youth who expressed interest in going. If you have not paid your deposit, please do so soon, or I will not be able to guarantee your spot. Rebecca Kohlmoos is leading efforts for a pancake breakfast fundraiser on April 14. Please stay tuned for more info.

Camps, July 7-12—Our annual conference has some exciting summer camps! I will be directing during this week of camp at Monte Toyon near Santa Cruz. There are camps for upper elementary kids (incoming grades 3-6), middle (incoming grades 7-9), and a Leader in Training program for 14-18 year olds. Please see me if you would like more information!

Yosh

Children’s Ministry

Asbury Kids had an eventful Easter complete with a lamb, Easter Eggs, a skit by the youth and some meaningful activities on Palm Sunday. Thanks to everyone who helped with any of these experiences.

Club 56 will not meet on April 7 due to LVJUSD Spring Break. We will have a service project on April 28, so please dress for yard work.

Brownie points go out this month to my friend Porter E who makes me laugh and reminds me often how much I enjoy tween humor!

Parents, we need some help with Club 56/Youth Snack Supper. Let Yosh or Tina know if you can help.

Tina Morris
Anniversaries

Preston and Nancy Carter
Larry and Kathy Chase
Herb and Judy Guidry
Dennis and Melanie Henderson
Warren and Sue King
Gregg and Helen McKee
Larry and Karena Sanford
Scott and LaNor Smith

Birthdays

Tim Arnold
Joe Baker
Patty Baker
Chloe Bennett
Ty Bothwell-Mitilitsky
Zoey Bothwell-Mitilitsky
Ed Cassidy
Tova Christensen
Lesleyann Coker
Danielle Cowgill
Christie Crozier
Christine Cummings
Eric Cummings
Cameron David
Tucker Dawes
Shelby Deis
Ann Duff
Kevin Duffus
Jill Edgar
Dave Gamble
Laura Giannotti
Clara Griffith
Bob Hoffman
Elmond Holbrook
Sarah Howell
Rhonda Item
Dean Juan
Greta Kohlmoos
Jean Lerche
Laura Linden
Peggy Loomis
Marvin Martin
Rachel Martin
Kent McCammon
Gabrielle McClung
Hal Miller
Martie Muldoon
Allen Northrop
Shirley Northrop
Corey Norton
Yuriko O'Brien
Adam Paison
Justin Pettis
Austin Piscottty

Mark Piscotty
Christina Pomykal
Amelia Schell
Russell Schwartz
LaNor Smith
Jerry Sveen
Ron Tripp
Jennifer Wakefield
Adam Walker Cleaveland
Steve Wilson
April Calendar

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, Fireside Room
• 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

• 12:00 p.m. Open Heart Kitchen, Fellowship Hall
• 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall

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
• 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

April 4, 2013 (Thursday)

• 12:00 p.m. Senior Lunch, Fellowship Hall

April 6, 2013 (Saturday)

• 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., E-cycle, Parking Lot
• 4:00 p.m. UMC Joyful Healers, Rooms 13-15

April 13, 2013 (Saturday)

• 6:00 p.m. Bingo & Spaghetti Dinner, Fellowship Hall

April 14, 2013 (Sunday)

• Pancake breakfast fundraiser for SSP

April 15, 2013 (Monday)

• 6:30 p.m. Ladies Night Out, Strings Italian Cafe

April 19, 2013 (Friday)

• 1:00 p.m. Livermore Community Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall

April 20, 2013 (Saturday)

• 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Banquet, Fellowship Hall

April 28, 2013 (Sunday)

• 10:30 a.m. Meet the Pastors, Fireside Room
Asbury United Methodist Church
4743 East Avenue
Livermore, CA 94550

Time Dated Material—Deliver Promptly

Address Service Requested

Asbury UMC Staff

Pastor
Chuck Johnstone
Pastor
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G. Allen Schell
Choir Coordinator
Jean Braun
Children’s Ministry Director
Tina Morris
Youth Director
Yosh Nakajima
Secretary
Terri Gamble
Nursery Coordinator
Susan Danan

Livermore Community Blood Drive
April 19, 1-7:00 p.m.
The Livermore community blood drive is now a monthly event, generally on the third Friday of the month. This makes it easier to get back on schedule if you’ve missed a date due to travel or other reasons. Please call Tom Petty to have your questions answered. If you’re 17 or older (16 with parental consent), and generally in good health, you may be eligible to donate blood. Sign up online at redcrossblood.org, and use ASBURY925 as the sponsor code.

www.AsburyLive.org

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, April 18.