### Worship Schedule in August

**August 3:** Holy Communion will be served, and we’ll hear stories of transforming experiences that speak to God’s Presence, right here with us.

**August 10:** Pastor James from Haiti will join us in worship and provide an update on the projects this church has sponsored in Haiti. Your generosity and commitment has transformed lives, and the stories you hear will transform your own faith journey. Pastor Kim will lead worship.

**August 17:** Our youth will lead worship, and share stories from their summer mission trip to Stockton.

**August 24 and 31:** Pastor Chelsea is preaching!

### Coming Attractions

**August 3**—Name one spiritually transformative moment you personally experienced in the last year. In telling our stories of faith, we all grow in faith. Kim will be looking for folks to share their stories, and hopes you will be a part of this worship service!
As we move into the last month of summer, it’s time to get our minds ready for the new school year. So here’s a word puzzle for you to solve. The theme is Thankfulness, and the words you are searching for are: caring, faith, giving, joy, kind, love, loyal, peace, praise, pray, sharing, thankful, trust. (After you have found all the words, arrange the left over letters in the correct order to form the mystery answer.)

Let me know how you do on this, and keep learning about your faith by joining in on worship this month.

**Celebrate Community**

**Ladies’ Night Out**
**Tuesday August 19, 6:30 p.m.**
Ladies of Asbury, let’s get together for an evening out at a local restaurant. This month, we’ll be going to The Casbah (www.casbahexotic.com), next to the Vine Theater. The restaurant is located at 1770 First Street. Please RSVP with Nancy Grover at home if you plan to come, so we can tell them how many to expect.

**Christian Response to Gun Violence**
**September 28, 7:00 p.m.**
Lynnewood United Methodist Church in Pleasanton hosts Rev. Sandie Richards, from the Board of Church and Society, on September 28, 7:00 p.m. Her topic is, “The Christian Response to Gun Violence.” The lecture is free, and open to the public. What a wonderful opportunity to explore a complex topic from a faith-based perspective.

**Grief Journey Support Groups**

**Wednesdays, August 6-September 24, 7-8:30 p.m.**
Mondays, October 27-December 15, 7-8:30 p.m.
You do not have to face your grief alone. Hope Hospice offers grief support groups where you have the opportunity to join others who have a similar experience to yours. The trained facilitators provide a safe place to share your thoughts and feelings, to learn about the grief process, and to discover effective coping strategies. These eight-week sessions provide a way to explore grief, discover hope, and find meaning.

There is no fee for these groups. Call 925-829-8770 for more information.
What a Blessed Welcome!

What a blessed experience this first month at Asbury has been. With kind words, cards, flowers, office pranks, and overwhelming love, Nick and I have been welcomed into this community.

Words cannot express the power of welcome. The power of being made to feel at home. The power of being accepted.

It is truly a gift to receive such hospitality and love. And it is a gift to see that same loving welcome bestowed on others.

From the welcoming of the homeless and hungry on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to the welcoming of children for a week of VBS, this is a church that knows how to welcome. This is a church that knows how to be the open arms of God’s grace and love.

A welcome is a powerful and transformative gift to receive.

I am reminded of Boaz welcoming the homeless and hungry Ruth to his fields, of Jesus welcoming the tax collector Levi into his band of disciples, of Peter welcoming the Roman centurion Cornelius into that early group of the followers of the Risen Christ.

Welcomes transform. They offer the chance to be seen for who we really are, not as other or stranger but as a beloved child of God, formed in the image of God. They offer us a chance to be reminded of how God views us. They offer us a chance to experience and live in God’s grace. What a gift.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for the gracious welcome you have offered to Nick and me. We look forward to experiencing and living in God’s grace together with this community.

Pastor Chelsea

Serve on East Bay Extension Society

United Methodists in the East Bay are finding new vision and power for the ministry to which we are called. In the Methodist Church, the East Bay Extension Society is “extending” the United Methodist Church by supporting new ministries and finding new ways to be church in our area.

Each church is to select a nominee with a heart for new ministry and a willingness to commit to monthly meetings and committee work. These are not meetings to waste people’s time! We gather to strategize, plan, and move forward in the development of new ministries. Exciting stuff!

Please see Pastor Kim if you are ready to serve in this way. The next meeting is Thursday, September 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Epworth UMC in Berkeley.

Sermons Are Online Now!

Starting in July, we are video recording the sermons as much as we can. If you miss a service, you can catch up online. They are being posted on Asbury’s Facebook page as well as on the website, www.asburylive.org.

Click the link at the bottom of any page that says, “Watch past sermons”, or click the “Read Other Articles” dropdown on the right of most pages, and choose “Sermons” from the list.
Fertile Groundworks Board, staff and volunteers are very grateful to the Asbury Sunday School Children for their very generous donation! We are thinking about using these funds to create a weather-proof sign welcoming visitors and volunteers to the Garden of Grace.

The Summer garden is ramping up in production and we anticipate starting the after-service produce for love offerings the second or third Sunday in August.

Volunteering in the Garden of Grace is a great way to enjoy connecting with nature and friends while growing nutritious food for those in need. It is also a place to learn how to grow some of your own food; especially nutritious greens and delicious fruits.

Second Annual Taste for Giving

We would like to invite you to an outstanding end of summer event celebrating and supporting Fertile GroundWorks. Please come enjoy complimentary wines, delicious appetizers and join in the silent and live auctions at the beautiful Crooked Vine/ Stony Ridge Winery here in Livermore.

Fertile GroundWorks’ mission is to encourage, empower and teach individuals and communities to grow healthy, nutritious food for themselves and others, including those in need.

In the last two years, Fertile GroundWorks volunteers have grown and harvested more than 25,000 pounds of produce. All of our produce has been given to Open Heart Kitchen, our community’s food pantries and our elderly neighbors.

In addition to providing healthy organic food to our community members, Fertile GroundWorks uses our gardens as hands-on teaching environments. In the first six months of 2014 more then 250 volunteers have learned about sustainable gardening while donating more than 3,000 man hours.

Fertile GroundWorks also champions and facilitates the creation of new community/institutional gardens. In the last year Fertile GroundWorks volunteers established gardens at three high schools for their Agricultural Science and Culinary Arts programs, two elementary schools for their science programs and at two churches to help them provide food for their neighbors.

Event Details
Wednesday, September 10, 2014, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Crooked Vine Winery
4948 Tesla Road

Drink fine wine, enjoy delicious treats from local restaurants and caterers, join in live and silent auctions, enter drawings for opportunities galore.

Rejoice in the sharing of nutritious organic food with our neighbors!

Support Fertile GroundWorks’ gardens and program partners:
- Asbury’s Garden of Grace
- Livermore High School
- Village High School
- Smith Elementary
- Altamont Creek Elementary
- Junction K-8 School
- LARPD’s Altamont Creek ESS

Tickets are $75.00 each or bring some friends for a table of 10 for $750.00. Sponsor a table before August 10, 2014 and save 10%.

Purchase tickets at www.fertilegroundworks.org or at the church office.
Children’s Ministry

Greetings Asbury family and friends. As of press time we have just finished VBS 2014. Thank you to the entire congregation who supported this event. It is safe to say we had close to 100% participation from the congregation when you include those who: prayed, gave financially, volunteered an hour or volunteered many hours. Many folks brought needed items or spent time with the campers. Thank you!

We had 45 campers and 47 on-site volunteers this year. 53% of the campers were kids who do not regularly attend Asbury. Please take a moment to pray that those families will consider Asbury for a church home.

Note: the kids raised $361.00 for the Livermore Backpack project. They also donated several items for the Asbury UMC shower ministry.

VBS is truly a place where we remain centered in Jesus Christ, grow in our faith through many varied activities, celebrate community-laugh/have fun/make friends and serve others with love.

Summer Sunday School continues to offer opportunities for our kids to sing, hear Bible stories and participate in games/crafts/other fun activities. Invite a friend and join us each Sunday.

Our giving project for August and September will be collecting donations for the backpack project. Asbury has made some commitments and we are still short on what we promised. Parents, if you are able, please have your child(ren) bring in some loose change for Sunday Offering. Perhaps the kids could recycle cans/plastic bottles or donate 10% of their allowance for this worthy cause. Thank you for any consideration.

Prayers for a continued safe summer for all of you. Thank you for loaning me your great kids for a little while each Sunday. They bring me great joy.

Peace and Joy,

Tina Morris

Youth Happenings

What’s happening in August?

- **August 16**: Youth Pool Party 4-7:00 p.m. at the Campos’ House
- **August 17**: Youth Mission Sunday
- **September 7**: Youth Group Kick Off! 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Vacation Bible School Fun!

Thank you to Doug Webb who took all these photos!
Anniversaries and Birthdays

Anniversaries
Kevin Boercker and Shannon Dunn
Ed and Margena Cassidy
Jim and Pat Cooper
Jim and Linda Culpepper
Ken and Beth Giannotti
Jim and Renee Haugen
Elmond and Wilma Holbrook
Bob and Janet Johnson
Coleman and Bobbie Johnson
Alec and Lori Kenward
Ken and Edie Lamb
Mike and Lorraine Magee
Joe and Janet Malski
Neil and Tina Morris
Allen and Alice Schell
Alan and Robbie Teruya
Doug and Lindy Webb
Bob and Debbie Whiteside
Larry and Beckie Wiley

Birthdays
Ella Baird
Maureen Bell
Jackie Bennett
Juanita Benson
Beth Berger
Christina Bluck
Sheryl Bluck
Jean Braun
Margaret Burke
Margena Cassidy
Edna Chance
Pat Cooper
Dick Crawford
Keri Gnecco
Sheryl Goodman
Abigail Grisham
Judy Guidry
Sepp Hammer
Dennis Henderson
Ray Hudson
Jonah Johnson
Logan LeVan
Beverly Lord
Mike Magee
Kyle McCammon

Marlys Miller
Hollis Molvik
Jonathan Molvik
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Raj Nathan
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Nick Pauliukonis
Billie Rigg
Ron Saltgaver
Dave Schlientz
Cheryl Seberger
John Stevenson
Joyce Suter
Dan Swinbank
Shella Taber
Martha Thomas
Janice Wakefield
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Bill Warren
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Drew Webber
Christina Westfall
Dixie Wood
Drew Worth
Michele Yano
August 2014 Calendar

Please visit the Asbury website calendar for the latest updates: http://www.asbrylive.org/events

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

Tuesdays
- 12:00 p.m. Open Heart Kitchen, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Alanon/Alateen, Rooms 13-15

Wednesdays
- 12:00 p.m. Open Heart Kitchen, Fellowship Hall

Thursdays
- 10:30 a.m. Women of the Spirit
- 6:00 p.m. Dine & Dawdle (last one August 7)
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Rooms 11-12

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

August 3, 2014 (Sunday)
- 5:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry, Fireside Room

August 10, 2014 (Sunday)
- 10:30 a.m. Finance, Conference Room

August 12, 2014 (Tuesday)
- 11:00 a.m. The Long Good-bye, Fireside Room

August 15, 2014 (Friday)
- 1-7:00 p.m. Livermore Community Blood Drive, FH

August 19, 2014 (Tuesday)
- 6:30 p.m. Ladies’ Night Out, The Casbah, 1770 First Street

August 17, 2014 (Sunday)
- 10:30 a.m. Trustees, Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry, Fireside Room

August 24, 2014 (Sunday)
- 10:30 a.m. Church Council, Conference Room

August 26, 2014 (Tuesday)
- 11:00 a.m. The Long Good-bye, Fireside Room
Asbury United Methodist Church
4743 East Avenue
Livermore, CA 94550

Time Dated Material—Deliver Promptly

Livermore Community Blood Drive
Friday, August 15, 1:00-7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
This blood drive will be sponsored by the Quad City Bay Bombers roller derby team! Come out to meet them, get photos and autographs. It should be a fun drive, and we need you! Please call Tom Petty at home for more info, or sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org Sponsor Code: ASBURY925.

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Church office hours are:
Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Closed for lunch.

The deadline for the next Asbury Articles is Thursday, August 21, 2014.