Lent Sermon Series

This lent we will journey together to meet God again in Jesus. In our sermon series, Hello, “My name is...” we will explore the “I am” statements Jesus makes in the Gospel of John. Jesus introduces himself again to us through these six images, offering them as meditations for us to draw deeper into understanding who God is.

**February 22:** The Good Shepherd (John 10:11-21): In this parable we see the strange and compelling power of Jesus' love. The word that is often translated as "good" can also be translated as "beautiful." Jesus is the beautiful shepherd. This doesn't mean that Jesus had the looks to win beauty pageants, but that his work as shepherd is strangely attractive to us. Jesus says that he is the shepherd who will not abandon the sheep when danger comes. When things get tough, others might run away but Jesus says that he will stay by our side and be with us. He will not only die for us, but he will die with us. What greater love is there than this?

**March 1:** The Bread of Life (John 6:26-35): This passage comes the day after Jesus has fed the crowd with fish and bread. The crowds come looking for him again to get fed once more. And Jesus rebukes them for seeing the sign of that meal but not understanding what it points to. They have missed the whole point of the miracle. The sign in the bread and fish does not point to Jesus as the best free cafeteria around. Instead, it points us towards understanding Jesus as the one who satisfied the deep needs of our souls. How often are we like those crowds, getting caught up in other things and missing the big picture?

**March 8:** The Word Made Flesh (John 1:1-18): We hear John retelling the story of creation and claiming that the
Last week, driving to church in a dense fog, there were times when I could not see the road or cars ahead of me. The fog was so thick, it was pretty dicey at times! The only way to navigate was to keep track of the white line along the right side of the road. Focusing on that allowed me to stay safe, and continue the journey towards church.

This experience prompted me to ponder how we need guidance and security, not just on foggy days, but in everyday moments. We all have times when we wonder where we should go, how to get there, and what to depend on for guidance. And especially when we face loss, transition or grief, we often feel we are trapped in a fog.

In recent months, we lost loved church members through death. We waved good bye to families who re-located to new homes, away from Livermore. And we currently have two loved members under Hospice Care, Ruth Vince and Marci Whittier.

All these changes, transitions, and losses keep us searching for a way to navigate through our grief. Please know you have a caring community, including pastors and Stephen Ministers, who are here to walk alongside you as we adjust to changes in our community.

We are not meant to grieve alone. Feeling loss or grief or sadness does not mean there’s anything wrong with you, it’s simply a time when we search for that white line along the side of the road of life. Feel free to be in touch with Pastor Chelsea or me or call us at the church office, 925-447-1950, or call Sharmyn Crawford, who matches folks with Stephen Ministers. A conversation and a prayer, or two or three or four conversations and prayers, can help.

For me this year, the "white line" guiding me through the transitions and losses in the community are the Psalms. I've been reading one, or a portion of one, each day. The Psalms explore the full range of human emotions, and turn our attention to God, our refuge and shield. I liked Psalm 30 so much, that I copied it on a piece of paper and carry it with me. Here are some excerpts to carry with you:

I exalt you, O Lord, for you pulled me up
And you did not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, I cried out to you, and you healed me...
To you, O Lord, I called out and to the Lord I made my supplication.
What is the profit in my blood going down to the pit?
Does dust praise you?
Does it tell of your faithfulness?
Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me
Lord, be my helper.

Blessings on our journey together,
Pastor Kim
Lent Sermon Series (cont’d)

Creation begins in darkness and God’s first act is to create light. In the Exodus, God leads the Israelites through the wilderness to the Promised Land as a pillar of fire shining in the darkness of the night around them. As people who tend to rely primarily on sight, it is no wonder that the imagery of light and darkness speaks powerfully to us. Light feels safe and comfortable, we can see who we are, the world around us, and where we are going in the light. The darkness can feel strange and frightening, it is full of the unknown for in the darkness we cannot see clearly. Jesus describes himself as the light of the world, the light that shines in the darkness. As the world looks different in the light of day, so everything, including ourselves, looks different in the light of Christ.

March 29: The True Vine (John 15:1-8): Jesus paints an image of himself as a vine and his followers as branches. He calls us to abide in him and promises that he will abide in us and we will bear fruit. On Palm Sunday we are reminded of how easy it is to shout Jesus’ praises but not abide in him. We are reminded of how easy it is to turn from celebrating Jesus to screaming for his death. How do we abide in Jesus when doing so get tough?

Points to Ponder

Thom Rainer, in his on-line column, wonders why visitors do not often return to a church. Here’s what he found:

I did a Twitter poll to ask these first-time guests why they chose not to return to a particular church. While some of the responses were anticipated, I admit being a bit surprised with some of them.

Though my poll is not scientific, it is nevertheless fascinating. Here are the top ten responses in order of frequency.

1. Having a stand up and greet one another time in the worship service. This response was my greatest surprise for two reasons. First, I was surprised how much guests are really uncomfortable during this time. Second, I was really surprised that it was the most frequent response.

2. Unfriendly church members. This response was anticipated, but the surprise was the number of respondents who included non-genuine friendliness in their answers. In other words, the guests perceived some of the church members were faking it.

3. Unsafe and unclean children’s area. This response generated the greatest emotional reactions. If your church does not give a high priority to children, don’t expect young families to attend.

4. No place to get information. If your church does not have a clear and obvious place to get information, you probably have lowered the chances of a return visit by half. There should also be someone to greet and assist guests at that information center as well.

5. Bad church website. Most of the church guests went to the church website before they attended a worship service. Even if they attended the service after visiting a bad website, they attended with a prejudicial perspective. The two indispensable items guests want on a website are address and times of service. It’s just that basic.

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Youth Happenings

Youth Happenings for February 2015

- **February 1:** No Youth Group (Enjoy the Super Bowl!)
- **February 8:** Youth Group 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- **February 15:** Youth Group 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- **February 20-21:** 30-Hour Famine Friday, 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Saturday
- **February 22:** No Youth Group, deadline to register for SSP

30-Hour Famine Lock-In

**February 20-21, 2015**

Every day an estimated 8,000 children die from hunger-related causes around the world. The injustice and tragedy of hunger can seem like such an insurmountable struggle, what can we possibly do to help? Well, together we can help! It only takes $425 to help feed and care for an entire year a child struggling with hunger. Together we can make an impact in even one child’s life, we have the chance to offer God’s love and justice, how awesome is that!

This February 20-21 we can make a difference by doing the 30-Hour Famine. The 30-Hour Famine is just what it sounds like and more! We will fast together for 30 hours as we stand in solidarity and compassion with those facing hunger. We will have fun and meaningful spiritual time together as we live into God’s call to feed the hungry. And we will fundraise together with the goal of raising at least $425 so that as a youth group we can help at least one child facing hunger this year. Together we can make a difference!

Sierra Service Project Registration

**Summer 2015**

What are your plans for the summer? Do you want to spend a week making wonderful friendships, having fun, making a difference, and serving God? If so, Sierra Service Project is the place for you! All current 8th-12th graders are invited to spend the week of June 28-July 4 this summer serving others in Smith River, CA. It is a wonderful opportunity to grow and serve, and as many who have participated in the past have said, it is truly a transformational experience! Registration along with a $150 deposit is due February 22. Please contact Chelsea if you have any questions.

Thank You from Tri-Valley Haven

Tri Valley Haven thanks us for our gift of $1,435.00 in December. This amount came from gifts given through our Alternative Gift Catalogue.

A handwritten note from Ann King, Executive Director: “Asbury, Asbury, Asbury! You folks are absolutely amazing. We could not ask for a better community partner and I suspect that this is true for most local non-profits. Thank you, Thank you! Your vision, combined with your financial support and sweat equity is a great treasure for the Tri-Valley.”
Update from Group Exploring Reconciling Process at Asbury

A group of church members met with Reverend John Oda in January to learn more about what it means to be a reconciling congregation, welcoming all. We will keep all informed as to where we might go from here. Please feel free to speak with Bill Groth or Larry Wiley if you have questions, concerns, or insights.

Sign-ups Available for Mission Trip to New York

Two years after Superstorm Sandy, thousands of homes still need repair. We are forming a mission team to go help. On April 25 we will go to New York, returning May 2, to assist with the recovery. We will be assigned to work at one of three recovery areas – Staten Island, Brooklyn or Long Island. We will be staying at a Methodist church. The cost is $300 plus airfare, for a total of about $700 to $900. Consider joining us. These missions are a great way to live your faith and are quite rewarding. For more information or to pickup a registration packet, stop by the Serve Others With Love Table after worship or contact Steve Elliott.

February Mission and Outreach Opportunities

As your time and interest permits, consider the following opportunities to live your faith serving others. Stop by the Serve Others With Love Table during the Fellowship Hour after worship for more information or to signup.

1. Sign-ups are now available for our mission trip to New York to assist with recovery from Superstorm Sandy. We depart on April 25 and return May 2. For more details, see Steve Elliott.

2. Wednesday, February 4 – Asbury UMC staffs two shifts at Open Heart Kitchen, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Contact Bill Groth to sign-up or for more information.

3. During February, Asbury is collecting boy/teen sized t-shirts, shorts and pants for our Haiti Mission. All donations must be received by Sunday, February 22. See the outreach announcement about this effort.

4. Saturday, February 28 – Workday at Alameda County Food Bank, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Sign up at the Serve Others With Love Table or by contacting John Van Scyoc.

Join Us For a Workday at the Food Bank

A team from Asbury will going to work at the Alameda County Community Food Bank on Saturday, February 28, 9:00 a.m. to noon. We will screen, sort, bag, box or shelve food at the Food Bank warehouse near the Oakland Airport. Volunteers, ten years of age or older, are welcome. We can take a maximum of ten people. For more information or to sign up, stop by the Serve Others With Love Table after worship or contact John Van Scyoc.
Serving Others With Love (cont’d)

Haiti Program News

We are pleased to report that our Haiti efforts, known as the Thomas Food Project, are going well. We are now operating at six schools. Each school has four to ten computers, clean water filtration and storage and solar generated power. We periodically provide ongoing teacher training, new software and additional classroom teaching aids. Two schools have an ongoing lunch program, feeding about 400 students per week.

In addition to our core program, we have provided the following in the past year:

- Facility construction and upgrades at two schools
- Solar powered street lights at two schools
- Community outreach: clean water, adult literacy classes and computer basics classes
- Water filtration systems to other Haiti sites, like orphanages and mission groups.

Our near term priorities include:

- Adding sponsorship of at least one additional school in 2015
- Expanding the lunch program to one additional school
- Introducing low cost clean water filtration to nearby communities
- Partnering with other non-profit organizations to extend our reach
- Expanding our community education classes at each current school
- Increasing the capacity of our solar generation at schools that need more power

We welcome your prayers and encouragement, your financial support and direct involvement in our work both here in the USA and in Haiti. For more information, contact Steve Elliott.

Donate to Haiti Mission Efforts

Our next mission to Haiti leaves in late February. Consistent with our overall emphasis there, we will be working on providing school computers, clean water and solar power. Our school lunch program is now feeding 400 students each day.

We are so appreciative of the longstanding support at our church of this work. For February, we have two priorities.

First, our school lunch program has struggled of late with consistent funding and can use a better base of support. Each lunch only costs 35 cents per student per day.

- $7 buys a month of lunches for one student
- $40 covers six months of lunches for one student
- $70 pays for a whole school year of lunches
- $250 to $400 affords lunches for a whole school for a week

During February we are looking for donations to help. Thanks for your consideration. Just designate your donation to the Haiti Mission.

Second, we are looking to take new clothes for boys in February. We have delivered hundreds of dresses for school age girls and teens over the past year. These were provided by the Hands for Haiti group at San Ramon Valley UMC. However, we have never provided much in the way of new clothes for boys. We would like to take as many new or almost new t-shirts, shorts and pants for young boys and teens this trip.

Just leave your donation in our collection boxes in the sanctuary or church office by no later than February 22. The team leaves on February 24.

For more information on our Haiti efforts, contact Steve Elliott.
Fertile GroundWorks Update

2014 has been a wonderful year for Fertile GroundWorks and the Garden of Grace. It has been a time of intense activity serving those in need by growing more food than we’ve ever grown before (over 7 tons of organically grown produce).

We have also increased the tech of our Sustainable School Garden Program. In January we purchased a great used Kubota tractor which will help us with existing work and provides the "horse power" to grow much more food.

We start this new year very grateful for our partnership with the Asbury UMC Community as together we "provide a fish" to those in need and "teach many more how to fish".
The Finance Committee would like to offer this summary of the past year’s spending, hoping that it will give people an overview of how Asbury has used the money it received in 2014.

First some explanation is in order. We distinguish between money that a donor gives to Asbury for a specific purpose, and money that is given "with no strings attached". The former is called restricted funds and can only be used for the purpose that the donor has designated. Examples include the various special offerings, UMCOR and retirement of the debt on the Fellowship Hall. Funds that Asbury receives which do not have a specific purpose (for example, loose plate offering, most pledged income and corporate matching funds) is termed General Funds and goes to pay the various line items in our general budget.

With this distinction, the money Asbury received in 2014 can be divided as follows:

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The total of the General Funds received in 2014 is $584,620.27, with an additional $194,654 given in Restricted Funds for specific purposes.

In the above chart, the money we budgeted in General Funds for UM church support is more typically called apportionments, and is sent to the greater Methodist church to pay for Asbury’s share of the district and conference expenses, as well as some of the mission work of the larger church.

The General Funds budget for mission amount includes $15,000 that Church Council approved to help start a laundry ministry here at Asbury. The restricted mission amount includes Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas and all the special offerings throughout the year. It also includes money for UMCOR, VIM as well as local efforts like the backpack project and Open Heart Kitchen.

In the program area, most of the restricted funds went to pay for the new A/V equipment that now enhances our worship services.

The Utilities/maintenance area is a large expense, but includes such big items as utilities ($30,765), insurance ($16,567), janitorial and pest control services ($14,329), the office copy machine ($10,275), and computer system and IT support ($23,627) which this past year included an upgrade of our internet connection.

The Fellowship Hall debt retirement has been progressing at a steady rate, and we are on track to pay off the complete debt by this summer.

Finally, although the unspent money is less than 5% of the total funds received, it was unusually high in 2014. This resulted primarily through savings in the pastors' and others' salaries. The unspent money will be kept separate from the 2015 expenses, and the Church Council will be considering various one-time projects (e.g. parking lot lighting and/or security improvements) for which it may be used.

Although brief, we hope this review is helpful. If anyone has questions or would like more detailed information, please feel free to contact Dave Braun (Finance chair), Dick Crawford (Treasurer) or Roger Everett (bookkeeper).
Celebrate Community

Ladies’ Night Out
Tuesday February 3, 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 First Street Alehouse (www.firststreetalehouse.com), in Livermore. The restaurant is located at 2106 First Street. If you plan to attend, please RSVP with Nancy Grover so they can tell them how many to expect.

Senior/Retiree Luncheon
Thursday February 5, 12:00 p.m.
If you’re a senior or a retiree, please come join us in the Fellowship Hall to have a delicious lunch and enjoy some fellowship. Cost is $5 per person.

Help the Asbury Players!
We're working hard to bring you the delightfully scary mystery, "The Game’s Afoot OR Holmes for the Holidays," and we need your help.
Do you have a small sofa, easy chair or desk in a style popular in the 1930's—especially anything Art Deco—that you could lend us for the first two weeks of March?
We'll take good care of it and feature it prominently on our set PLUS we'll give you a free ticket to the show! Bonus points if you have any Art Deco pictures or collectible -looking weapons that we can use to decorate the set.
Please contact Barbara David at if you can help.

Movie Night at Asbury
Saturday, February 28, 7:00 p.m.
Come have fun with the entire family and watch a movie. We have the sing-a-long version of “Frozen” so bring your best singing voices and enjoy the fun. We’ll serve hot dogs and popcorn to enjoy with the movie.
There is no cost, so come have a good time, and bring a friend.

Asbury Players Community Theater Presents
THE GAMES’S AFOOT OR HOLMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS
March 7-15, 2015
Don't miss this murderously funny mystery, winner of the 2012 Edgar Award for Best Play from the Mystery Writers of America by playwright Ken Ludwig, author of “Lend Me a Tenor” and “Moon Over Buffalo”.
And for an extra special evening, join us for a delicious dinner before the 8:00 p.m. performance on Saturday night, March 14, for only $7 at 7:00 p.m., courtesy of Asbury's Fellowship Team.
Grief Support Groups at Hope Hospice

These eight-week sessions provide a way to explore grief in a safe and supportive environment. Sessions include sharing, coping strategies, exploring memories and discovering hope and finding meaning.

Prior to joining Hope Hospice support groups, you will need to participate in a meeting with a Grief Support Provider to determine if their services can meet your needs. There is a fee for non-Hope Hospice clients. Please call for more information: 925-829-8770.

Grief Support Groups (two sessions)
- Wednesdays, February 4-March 25, 7-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays, May 6-June 24, 7-8:30 p.m.

Pet Loss Drop-In Group for Adults
Mondays, second and fourth Mondays, 7-8:30 p.m.

Early Stage Alzheimer’s Forum: Our Journey, Our View

Friday, February 27, 2015, 8:30 a.m.

A half-day educational forum developed by people with early stage Alzheimer’s disease, for people with early stage Alzheimer’s disease or a related disorder. Information presented will include research and treatment, staying active and inspired, brain games, and participants will have an opportunity to brainstorm common challenges as a group.

Friday, February 27, 2015
Time: 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Location: San Jose, CA

You will receive the exact location when you register.
This event is FREE. Pre-registration required by noon on Tuesday, February 24.
To register, contact Lan Trinh at 800-272-3900. Or email ltrinh@alz.org
Points to Ponder (cont’d)

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6. Poor signage. If you have been attending a church for a few weeks, you forget all about the signage. You don’t need it any more. But guests do. And they are frustrated when it’s not there.

7. Insider church language. Most of the respondents were not referring to theological language as much as language that only the members know. My favorite example was: “The WMU will meet in the CLC in the room where the GAs usually meet.”

8. Boring or bad service. My surprise was not the presence of this item. The surprise was that it was not ranked higher.

9. Members telling guests that they were in their seat or pew. Yes, this obviously still takes place in some churches.

10. Dirty facilities. Some of the comments: “Didn’t look like it had been cleaned in a week.” “No trash cans anywhere.” Restrooms were worse than a bad truck stop.” “Pews had more stains than a Tide commercial.”

Growing In Faith

Lenten Small Groups

This year during Lent, we can give up something, or add something to our lives, with the purpose of growing in faith. This year, we suggest you add a class, exploring the “I Am” sayings of Jesus. Stay tuned for sign-ups for those classes.

We’ll be using the book “The God We Can Know” by Rob Fuquay. Copies are available in the church office, or on Kindle.

A Theological Response to Religious Extremism

Sunday, February 8, 7:00 p.m.
Lynnewood UMC
4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton

Karen Leslie Hernandez will speak on our response to Paris, ISIS, Boston, Al Qaeda, and xenophobia. She brings expertise from work in the multi-faith world as a writer and theologian. She welcomes questions and participation of people of all faiths. The evening is free and will include a time of refreshments.

Ash Wednesday Service

February 18, 7:00 p.m.
Lent, a time of reflection and renewal, begins on February 18 with Ash Wednesday. Join us in the Chapel from 7-7:30 p.m., as together, we begin our Lenten Journey.

Animate Young Adult Group

Starting Monday, February 16, 8:00 p.m.
Are you searching for a way to connect with God and with others? Do you want to explore your faith deeper? Are you a young adult? If so, Animate is just the thing for you! This young adult group is an open space to explore and grow, to be animated by the love of God and the love of other!

We will meet the first and the third Mondays of each month from 8-9:00 p.m. at Chelsea’s house (890 Jefferson Avenue).

Join us starting February 16 for good conversation, good people, and cupcakes!
Several years ago, when I was involved in active church consultations, I assembled data on what I called GFCs, genuinely friendly churches. I set certain parameters for GFCs; then I attempted to measure those churches guest return rates. A guest return rate is simply the percentage of guests who will return to the church for at least a second visit.

Here is the simple but profound difference I found in GFCs and all other churches: A genuinely friendly church has a guest return rate six times greater than other churches.

Did you get that? If a church meets the guidelines to be a GFC, the probability of a guest returning is six times higher than all other churches! Sadly, only about one of twenty churches meets the criteria necessary to be a GFC.

When I was an active consultant, I had 10 criteria, and the church had to meet at least eight of those criteria to be a GFC. I have since expanded the list to 14, and require churches to meet 11 of the 14 to be a GFC. Here are the 14 characteristics of genuinely friendly churches:

1. They are intentional about being friendly. Warmth and friendliness are clear values of these churches. They are articulated regularly. All organizations, including churches, naturally drift toward an inward focus unless they are otherwise intentional.

2. The leaders model warmth, humility, and friendliness. The friendliness is not contrived or phony. These leaders have prayerfully become genuinely friendly men and women.

3. The leaders are clear that genuine friendliness is more than a brief stand and greet time in a worship service. The efficacy of a stand and greet time was debated extensively on this blog. Regardless of a church’s decision in this practice, leaders in GFCs were adamant that true hospitality and friendliness extends beyond a two-minute welcome time.

4. GFCs utilize a secret guest at least twice a year. One small church of which I am aware budgets $100 a year for a secret guest. They pay the guest with a $50 gift card to come to the church and provide feedback on their experience. I call this process "looking in the mirror" because it gives the church a real opportunity to see itself as others do.

5. GFCs had a guest friendly website. The web site typically set the tone for a guest. If it did not have obvious information for a guest, such as worship times and addresses, the guest came to the church with a more negative disposition.

6. The church has clear signage. Far too many churches lack this signage. They assume that everyone knows where everything is. First-time guests know nothing about the church or its different facilities.

7. GFCs have a well-organized greeters’ ministry. They have greeters in the parking lot, greeters in the entrances, and greeters in other strategic locations inside. Many GFCs utilize newer members in this ministry.

8. These churches have clear information places. It may be something as simple as a well-marked table manned by a member of the church. The signage points clearly to the information table, booth, or kiosk.

9. GFCs have clean and neat buildings. It is amazing how much a clean facility adds to the positive mood of a guest. It is equally amazing how few churches pay attention to this issue.

10. They have a guest feedback process. To the best of their ability, GFCs follow up with guests to get feedback on their experiences. They also encourage the guests to be open and frank in the feedback.

11. The children’s area is clearly safe and sanitary. Don’t expect young parents to return if the church does not give clear attention to this matter.

12. The majority of church members in GFCs are involved in the community. They thus exude genuine friendliness in the worship services because they are regularly connecting with non-church members other days of the week.

13. Small groups are highly intentional about reaching people beyond their own groups. Thus when these group members are in a worship service, they are already accustomed to reaching out beyond those with whom they already have relationships.

14. GFCs have new member classes that emphasize the responsibilities and expectations of church members. Members are thus more apt to look beyond their own preferences to serve others. That attitude shows up in the worship services.
Photos From Haiti
Anniversaries

Spencer and Litza Bayless
Rex and Linda Beach
Chuk and Kellie Campos
Glen and Theresa Dawes
George and Ann Duff
Dean and Regina Juan
James and Kelly Pettis
Jan and John Stevenson
Ron and Lynn Tripp
Allan and Eve Van Lehn

Birthdays

Patti Arnold
Harry Bate
Sara Bayless
Dylan Bennett
Ashleigh Bohling
Laurie Cano
Keenan Christoff
Marci Christoff
Tanner Christoff
Anne Coll
Linda Culpepper
Christopher Danan
Barbara David
Theresa Dawes
Nancy Deis
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
John Sharry
Joel Spooner
Abdul Sughayar
Laurance Suter

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Brenda Sveen
Brady Taylor
Kimberly Wakefield
Otis Walton
Kayla Webber
Laura Whipple
Kevin Wiley
Cathy Yung
February 2015 Calendar

Please visit the Asbury website calendar for the latest updates: http://www.asburylive.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
- 10:30 a.m. Children and Youth Choirs
- 10:30 a.m. Small Groups
- 10:45 a.m. Financial Peace University, Fireside Room (Starts 1/11)
- 4:30 p.m. Confirmation, Room 10
- 5:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry, Fireside Room
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group, Room 13
- 5:30 p.m. Club 45
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Ringers, Rooms 11-12

Tuesdays
- 11:00 a.m. Loose Canons
- 12:00 p.m. Open Heart Kitchen, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Alanon/Alateen, Rooms 13-15
- 7:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Wednesdays
- 9:30 a.m. Mom’s Bible Study, Fireside Room
- 12:00 p.m. Open Heart Kitchen, Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Faith Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursdays
- 7:45 a.m. Men’s Group, Fireside Room
- 10:30 a.m. Women of the Spirit
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Rooms 11-12
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Players Rehearsal, FH (Starts 1/8)

Saturdays
- 8:00 a.m. Lawn Crew
- 9:00 a.m. AA, Rooms 11-12
- 9:00 a.m. Asbury Players Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

February 3, 2015 (Tuesday)
- 6:30 p.m. Ladies’ Night Out, First Street Alehouse, 2106 First Street, Livermore

February 5, 2015 (Thursday)
- 12:00 p.m. Senior/Retiree Luncheon, FH

February 8, 2015 (Sunday)
- 10:30 a.m. Finance, Conference Room
- 10:30 a.m. SPRC, Room 10

February 10, 2015 (Tuesday)
- 11:00 a.m. The Long Good-bye, Fireside Room

February 13, 2015 (Friday)
- 1-7:00 p.m. Livermore Community Blood Drive, FH

February 15, 2015 (Sunday)
- 10:30 a.m. Trustees, Conference Room

February 17, 2015 (Tuesday)
- 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Team, Room 11/12

February 22, 2015 (Sunday)
- 10:30 a.m. Church Council, Conference Room

February 24, 2015 (Tuesday)
- 11:00 a.m. The Long Good-bye, Fireside Room
Asbury United Methodist Church
4743 East Avenue
Livermore, CA 94550

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Address Service Requested

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Choir Coordinator
Jean Braun
Secretary
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Pam Tegge

Livermore Community Blood Drive
Friday, February 13, 1:00-7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
We need you! If you’re 17 or older and in good health (or 16 with parental consent), please call Tom Petty at home for more information about donating blood, or sign up at redcrossblood.org and use sponsor Code: ASBURY925. Thank you for helping to save a life by giving blood!
Download the free app by going to http://3cu.be/blood!

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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, February 19, 2015.