

Asbury First NEWS SHEET

JUNE 2022

You're invited! Join us for upcoming worship, fellowship, and fun.

Summer Worship

Warmer days are here again. Join us for worship this summer starting Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend! We will return to outdoor worship at 9 am (excluding Sunday, August 7), and will continue the 11 am service in-person and livestreamed.

Summer Worship Services May 29–September 4:

- 9 am — In-Person Outdoor (excluding August 7)
- 11 am — In-Person and Livestream

**SUMMER
— WORSHIP**

MAY 29 – SEPTEMBER 4

Senior Minister to take Renewal Leave this Summer

On behalf of the Governance Board, we are pleased to share that the Rev. Dr. Stephen Cady has been afforded the opportunity to take a renewal leave from May 28th to September 6th, 2022. This leave can be understood as a brief sabbatical from ministry at Asbury First. Visit asburyfirst.org/news to see the full announcement that went out to the congregation on May 11. With a rested and renewed Senior Minister, we look forward to the Fall and believe the best is yet to come for Asbury First.



Blood Drive in June!

Saturday, June 4, 8:30 am–1 pm, Gathering Center

Asbury First's next blood drive will be held on Saturday, June 4, from 8:30 am to 1 pm. If you can help with a life-saving donation, please call 1-800-733-2767, or go to www.RedCrossBlood.org for an appointment. There continues to be a high demand for blood, with a dangerously low supply. Your donation could really make a difference!



DO GOOD THINGS



Pentecost: Stories of the Holy Spirit

Sunday, June 5

Pentecost marks the end of the Easter season and is a day that inspires and encourages us to follow the Holy Spirit into the world — to go out and be the Church! At Asbury First this year we will have opportunities to renew our commitment to Christ, to hear testimony from our congregation, and to celebrate all that the Spirit is doing in us and in our community.

- **9 am Worship** — Water: Renewing Baptismal Vows
- **11 am Worship** — Fire: Celebrating Outreach Ministry
- **Outreach Ministry Fair** — Learning about our outreach ministry
(before & after the 11 am service in the Gathering Center)



Summer Worship Music Opportunities

The onset of the summer worship schedule brings with it some different opportunities for our worship music. Starting on May 29, the outdoor service will again feature singing led by guitar. If you or someone you know plays guitar and has experience leading singing, we would love to include you in our rotation of music leaders for the outdoor service; we hope to have two guitarists each week throughout the summer.

Summer Choir will make its long-awaited return in 2022! Anyone who is interested in participating can simply show up at 10 am in Wesley Hall, learn an anthem and some service music, and sing at the 11 service. Summer Choir will be held from May 29 through June 26 (with the exception of Youth Sunday, June 12), and July 31 through August 28.

If you are interested in these summer music opportunities, or if you have questions, please contact Carl Johengen at cjohengen@asburyfirst.org.



Columbarium Information Session

Wednesday, June 8, 5-6 pm, Gathering Center

Sunday, June 12, 12:15 pm, Fellowship Hall — A light lunch will be served — please RSVP

Asbury First is a place of worship, community and celebration of life from baptism to confirmation, marriage and memorial services. Members of the congregation have expressed an interest in having a columbarium at Asbury First for many years. If you are interested in knowing more about how Asbury First can be your final resting place, please join us for one (or both) of the information sessions listed above.

If you have questions or would like more information, please call the Church Office at 585-271-1050 or email columbarium@asburyfirst.org.



New Horizon Band Concert

Thursday, June 9, 7-8 pm, Front Lawn

Join us for free live music from the New Horizon Band on Asbury First's front lawn. The New Horizon Red Band is a community outreach ensemble which performs at schools and senior facilities throughout the year. The school gigs serve to introduce and educate kids about music and instruments. The senior center gigs are just fun. We are excited to host this wonderful band on our campus. For more information, visit www.rocnewhorizons.org.



Churchwide Carnival and Talent Show June 12!

Sunday, June 12, After 11 am Service

What better way to kick off the Summer than with hot dogs, a bouncy house, and a talent show! The churchwide carnival is free to all and will be held immediately following the 11 am service on June 12, Youth Sunday. If you'd like to be a part of the talent show, contact Paula Dugan at pdugan@asburyfirst.org.



NOTA Farmers Market — Opening Night

Monday, June 13, 4-7 pm, Granger Lawn

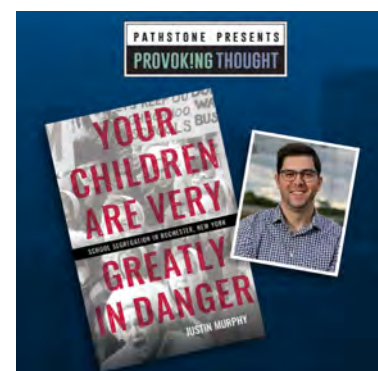
The warmer weather is getting us excited for the new NOTA Farmers Market season! We can't wait for Opening Night. Stop by Granger Lawn on Monday, June 13 for our 2nd season! We have even more vendors this year and can't wait for everyone to see all the amazing things they have ready for this year.



Pathstone Presents: Provok!ng Thought

Thursday, June 16, 2:45-5 pm, Grace Road Church, Rochester, NY
Register online at pathstonepresents.org/register

The PathStone Foundation is partnering with the Greater Rochester Association of REALTORS to host Justin Murphy's presentation about his book *Your Children are Very Greatly in Danger*. Join us on Thursday, June 16 at Grace Road Church for this critical presentation and panel discussion. To register for the event and for more information visit pathstonepresents.org. Questions? Please email events@pathstone.org.



KOP "All In for Afghan Allies" Run

Virtual Race, June 20–30, Register online at asburyfirst.org/news

Keeping Our Promise (KOP) invites you to participate in *All In For Afghan Allies* — a Virtual Race to support our wartime allies resettlement program. The race period will be June 20–30, 2022 to coincide with World Refugee Month. Unlike a traditional race, this virtual race takes place wherever you are and at whatever time you want to get started. Each person that registers will receive an event t-shirt. The registration cost is \$35 per participant. Registration will remain open until June 30, 2022.

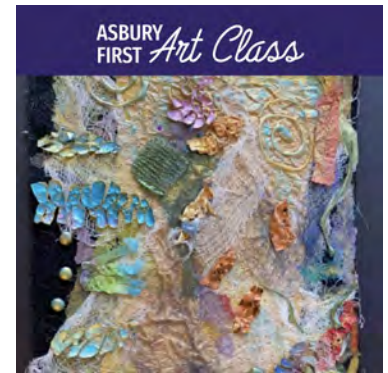


CONTINUING CLASSES, GROUPS, AND EVENTS

Asbury Art Class — Hot Textiles

Tuesdays, 12:30 pm, Room 205 — Bell Room, \$30 per person

Asbury's Art Class will be learning to make textile collages with heat tools and unusual textiles. We will be heating up textiles like Tyvek and Wonder Under as well as organzas, craft felt, and other fabrics that melt or shrink when heat is applied. There is no sewing required in this class! However, sewing for art's sake will be an option. And no experience is necessary. The class meets Tuesday afternoons from 12:30–3 pm. This class began in April, but you may join any time after that.

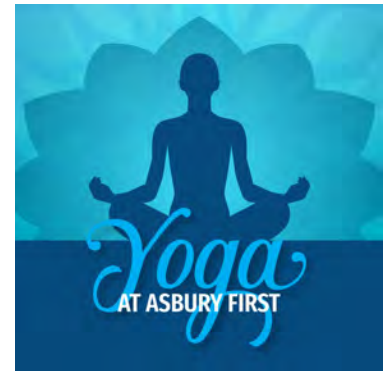


Yoga at Asbury First

Tuesdays, 3 pm, Gathering Center, \$10 pay at the door

Gentle Yoga has returned to Asbury First each Tuesday at 3 pm. Each session will be gentle in nature, beginner-friendly, and inclusive to those in need of different supports. Join us for an hour of breathing, movement, and awareness, with meditation. Please wear loose-fitting clothing that is comfortable for a wide range of movement. A limited number of yoga mats and props (blocks, straps, etc.) will be available, but you are encouraged to bring your own.

The sessions will be run by Kelly Noyes, who is certified from the Kripalu School of Yoga and Health and is registered with Yoga Alliance (RYT 200). For more information, please contact Kelly at knoyes710@aol.com.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, June 22, 3-4:30 pm, Library

A prayer shawl is a simple shawl or a lap blanket knitted by members of our group. It is symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving God. The knitting itself is very simple and we have "experts" on hand to help you if you are a beginner. The group meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday. Clergy and lay members of our church identify those who may benefit from our ministry and a shawl, and they're delivered by ministers or congregation members. Questions? Contact Meredith Pixley at meredithpixley@gmail.com.



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Four Hundred Souls Discussion

Wednesday, June 22, 5–6 pm, Zoom (zoom.us/j/85385379148)

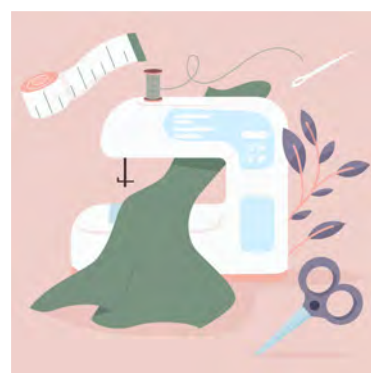
Join us for an ongoing discussion of this year's church-wide read, *Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019* on the 4th Wednesday each month from 5-6 pm. We will be meeting over Zoom to make sure as many people as would like have access to the conversation. You don't have to have read the entire book to come, and can join at any time. All are welcome!



NEEDED ITEMS, SERVICES, AND FUNDRAISERS

Continued Need: Portable Sewing Machines

Keeping Our Promise (KOP) is in need of some donated portable sewing machines that are in good working order. These will benefit the Afghan families that have come to Rochester. Please call **Rand Warner at 585-455-4840** and he will come to pickup sewing machines from your house and will deliver them to Henrietta Foster and the KOP. Your generosity is always appreciated!



Needed: Summer Clothing for the Storehouse

As warmer weather arrives, the Storehouse is currently accepting spring/summer clothing—such as shorts, pants/jeans, short-sleeved shirts, bathing suits, lightweight pajamas, lightweight jackets, sweatshirts, and sweatpants—for children men, and women. We especially need large sizes, such as 1X and greater for adults. Donations can be brought during regular hours of **Monday–Thursday from 9:30–11:45 am and from 12:30–2:45 pm.**

Thank you for your continued support of the Asbury Storehouse. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact us at asburystorehouse@asburyfirst.org or call 473-0950 or 271-1050 ext.137. Thanks for your ongoing generosity!



Stay up-to-date with events, links, and information with our online calendar.

asburyfirst.org/events

DEADLINE FOR JULY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Monday, June 20

To submit an announcement, email communication@asburyfirst.org or fill out the online form at asburyfirst.org/bulletin-announcement.