

# Asbury First NEWS SHEET

OCTOBER 2023

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

585-271-1050

## Dream On

It's time to dream again as a congregation! Join us as we celebrate what God has accomplished through us and begin to dream together again about who God is calling us to be in the years ahead. Look below for the different ways to share YOUR dreams for Asbury First.

### 1. Share a dream on our Dream Boards around campus.

There will be a large board in the Gathering Center as well as a board in the Education Wing and at the Community Outreach Center with clouds, pens, and pushpins or tape to add your dream.

### 2. Share a dream on our Online Dream Board.

Visit [asburyfirst.org/dream-on](http://asburyfirst.org/dream-on) to add a note with your dreams for Asbury First from anywhere around the world!

### 3. Call the church office to add your dreams!

Call us at 585-271-1050 x100 and we will take down your dreams and add them to the dream board.



## Special Guests: Labor Religion Coalition & Kairos Center

Wednesday, October 4, 6-7 pm, 1040 Sanctuary and Livestream

We are privileged to have leaders from the Labor Religion Coalition of New York State and The Kairos Center for Religions, Rights, and Social Justice visiting Rochester this October! Our visitors will include The Rev. West McNeill, The Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis, and Dr. Charon Hribar. Following our weekly church community meal, they will be leading a presentation about faith-based advocacy and grassroots anti-poverty work that is open to all. This is a unique opportunity to learn alongside experienced faith-based organizers. All are welcome and encouraged to attend! Contact Pat Dupont at [pdupont@asburyfirst.org](mailto:pdupont@asburyfirst.org) for more information.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION



## 2024 Pledge Drive

Your gift brings our dreams for Asbury First to life. Make your pledge to the 2024 Annual Budget today. With your help, we can *Do More Good* each and every day.



Pledge Now!

- [asburyfirst.org/pledge-online](http://asburyfirst.org/pledge-online)
- Scan the QR code to the left
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2024 ANNUAL  
BUDGET  
PLEDGE DRIVE

## Asbury First Book Read: *Your Children Are Very Greatly in Danger*

Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25, 6–7 pm, 1040 Sanctuary  
and Zoom ([zoom.us/j/6174865464](https://zoom.us/j/6174865464) PW Disciple)

Many of us had the opportunity to read and discuss *400 Souls* together last year. Following that read, there was a clear call to continue these conversations with a focus on Rochester. With that in mind, we hope you will join us during the month of October as we read through *Your Children Are Very Greatly in Danger* by Justin Murphy. This book highlights the history and realities of our segregated school systems, and offers some ideas and suggestions about how we might advocate for change.

All are encouraged to read along with us, and to join in our public discussions on Wednesdays from 6–7 pm. On October 4, we will be joined by representatives from the Kairos Center for Religions, Rights & Social Justice and the NYS Poor People's Campaign, who will help set the stage on a national level for some of the disparities and challenges that we will encounter as we read through Murphy's book. Please contact Mike Mullin with questions or for more information at [mmullin@asburyfirst.org](mailto:mmullin@asburyfirst.org).

Participants are encouraged to read the following before each gathering:

- October 4 — The Introduction
- October 11 — Chapters 1-3
- October 18 — Chapters 4-6
- October 19 — Chapters 7-8 and the Conclusion



## The Sound of Music Drive-in

Saturday, October 14, 7 pm, Asbury First parking lot

The “parking lot” is live with the sound of music. Come and see the Asbury Community Theater production of *The Sound of Music*. This event is free and will have fresh popcorn for all. If you got a chance to see it live last spring great! Come and watch it again. If you didn't get to see in, here is your chance. Come and sing along to some of the most iconic tunes.



## Stephen and Emily Cady to Walk the Runway for Center for Youth's Fashion Week 2023

Saturday, October 14, 8 pm, Dome Arena

On Saturday, October 14, our very own Stephen and Emily Cady will be walking the runway as one of the Rochester couples featured in this year's Fashion Week in support of the Center for Youth. In its thirteenth year, this event brings awareness and financial support to The Center for Youth's homeless programs, so no child or youth in our community is faced with an uncertain, unstable or unsafe place to live. Doors open at 6:30 and the event begins at 8 pm at the Dome Arena (2695 E Henrietta Rd Henrietta, NY 14467). Tickets are available through the Center for Youth website ([centerforyouth.net](https://centerforyouth.net)).



## Rainbow Sunday

*Sunday, October 15*

The rainbow has long been a sign of God's promise of love and our need for hope. In that spirit, you are invited to wear rainbow to worship on Sunday October 15 as we celebrate and show support for members of the LGBTQ community in honor of national Coming Out Day. We will be joined by a guest preacher, the Rev. Jess Winderweedle, who will help us celebrate God's good gift of love in all of its prismatic beauty!

*About our Guest Preacher*

The Rev. Jess Winderweedle (she/her) is an elder in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and she is currently pursuing a PhD in Practical Theology (Homiletics) at Princeton Theological Seminary. Jess's research interests center on the experiences of LGBTQ+ preachers in Mainline Protestant traditions. Jess grew up in Oklahoma, but she has called the East Coast home now for over 16 years. Before returning to school, Jess served as lead pastor at Kingston UMC where she also founded The Feed Truck, a mobile campus and community outreach ministry.



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## LGBTQ+ Advocacy Meeting

*3rd Sunday of the Month, Beginning October 15, 9:45 am, 1040 Youth Room (lower level)*

Asbury First's LGBTQ+ Advocacy Group will be holding its first meeting of the season on Sunday, October 15 in the Youth Room (in the lower level of the church), as our church community celebrates National Coming Out Day. Anyone affiliated with LGBTQ+ community and allies are welcome to attend. We will be setting our agenda for the year, planning for events, outreach, and educational opportunities in our community. Youth and adults are welcome! For more information, please contact Deb Bullock-Smith at 585-271-1050 x117 or at [dbullocksmith@asburyfirst.org](mailto:dbullocksmith@asburyfirst.org).



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## Important Staffing News

It is with a heavy heart and profound gratitude for her contributions that I announce that Sarah Brubaker, our Director of Communications, will be leaving Asbury First on October 15. Sarah joined the Asbury First family in 2019 and has not only brought our communications to a new level, but was one of the primary reasons we were able to stay connected during the pandemic. For that, and so many other things, we will be eternally grateful. Sarah and her family will be relocating where her husband, Jeff, has accepted a teaching position at a local college. Please join me in thanking Sarah for her service to Asbury First and all of the ways that she has helped us do more good during her time here.

Given the importance of the Director of Communications role, we will be looking to fill this position as quickly as possible. We ask for your patience and grace in advance as we navigate this transition. After October 15 and until further notice, please direct all communications needs/inquiries to [communication@asburyfirst.org](mailto:communication@asburyfirst.org).

If you know someone who might be interested in the Director of Communications position, please encourage them to check out the position at [asburyfirst.org/jobs](https://asburyfirst.org/jobs).

Grace and Peace, Stephen





## Asbury Orchestra Returns, Join us!

**Sundays in October, 9:30 am, Wesley Hall**

The Asbury Orchestra will begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 24 at 9:30 am in Wesley Hall. We will work to prepare to play for the Sunday, October 29 service. This ensemble is for all ages, and for everyone who plays or has played a band or orchestra instrument for at least two to three years. Parents, do you have an instrument under the bed gathering dust? Pull it out and join your child in making music together. Let Laurie Kennedy know that you are coming or send an email for more information at [cellokennedy@frontiernet.net](mailto:cellokennedy@frontiernet.net).



## Older Adult Luncheon

**Monday, October 16, 11 am Worship in the Sanctuary  
12 pm Lunch and Fellowship in the Gathering Center**

The Older Adult Council is holding a Fall Harvest Gathering. We will begin with worship in the Sanctuary at 11 am, followed by lunch and lots of fellowship in the Gathering Space at about 11:45 am.

Please come and join your friends in fellowship! We would like to know if you will or will not be attending and if you need transportation.



## Asbury First Mini-Golf Outing!

**Saturday, October 21, Champions Mini Golf in Macedon  
Tee times start at 9 am, \$11 per adult, \$9 per under-15**

Our youth will be hosting our first-ever Asbury First Mini-Golf Outing, with all proceeds to support our youth missions. Just like the full-size golf outings, we will have mini-games and prizes for the best golfers and teams — and we will even be giving away a free mini-car to those who can get a hole-in-one on a particular hole. The costs to play are \$11 for adults and \$9 for kids 15 and under. The costs to play are \$11 for adults, and \$9 for kids 15 and under. Tee times are available for purchase in the Welcome Hall after the service on Sunday, or by contacting the church office during the week. Questions? Contact Mike Mullin at [mmullin@asburyfirst.org](mailto:mmullin@asburyfirst.org).



## Town Hall

**Sunday, October 22, 12 pm, Sanctuary and Live Stream**

The Governing Board will be hosting another open town hall to share updates on various aspects of our life together and to answer your questions. *If you have specific questions, please call the church office at 585-271-1050 or email us at [governance@asburyfirst.org](mailto:governance@asburyfirst.org).*

For more information about the Governing Board or the recent committee activity, visit [asburyfirst.org/governance](http://asburyfirst.org/governance).



## Guide Dog Etiquette

You may have noticed the presence of a guide dog in our spaces in recent weeks — we are very pleased to welcome persons with visual impairments who desire to join us. Here are some important and helpful guidelines for Guide Dog Etiquette which will help us all manage together. Thank you for all the ways you help make Asbury First a welcoming and supportive community!

### Guide Dog Etiquette

- Please do not pet or talk to a guide dog, even if it looks like it is at rest. The dog should never be distracted from its job of guiding a person. It is ok, however, to ask someone to meet their guide. Many people enjoy introducing their dogs if the time is right.
- Avoid making eye contact with a guide dog.
- Do not offer a guide dog food or other distracting treats.
- Please don't touch or steer a guide dog's harness. If you sense that assistance is needed, please ask whether you can offer your arm for guidance.
- Refrain from calling out directions to a person with a guide dog or intentionally obstructing their path. The person and dog have been trained to navigate the environment safely and independently.



## The M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence Training

*Tuesday, October 24, 6–8 p.m. 1040 Gathering Center*

Representatives of the Gandhi Institute will lead a training that is open to all around best practices and skills when working with people experiencing trauma and/or crisis. This is a great opportunity to grow in our ability to offer care to our neighbors whom we encounter in the Community Outreach Center and beyond. Please visit [asburyfirst.org/news](https://asburyfirst.org/news) to register to attend. Contact Pat Dupont at [pdupont@asburyfirst.org](mailto:pdupont@asburyfirst.org).



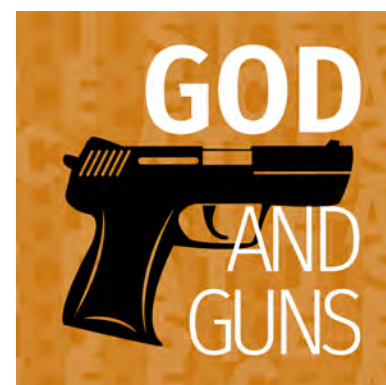
M.K. Gandhi Institute  
for Nonviolence

## God and Guns

*Wednesdays and Sundays in November, Fellowship Hall and Zoom ([zoom.us/j/8347173468](https://zoom.us/j/8347173468) PW 200)*

- *Wednesdays, November 1, 8, and 15, 6–7 pm*
- *Sundays, November 5, 12, and 19 from 9:45–10:45 am*

In 2014, the General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church published the Bible study, “Kingdom Dreams, Violent Realities: Reflections on gun violence from Micah 4:1-4.” In 2016, this document was revised and updated. As we know too well in 2023, the violent realities are often much more prevalent than our kingdom dreams. All are invited to join us in this three-week study on gun violence and Micah 4 as we interpret it once again based on our present context. This class will be offered in-person and online both on Wednesday evenings and on Sunday mornings. For more information, please contact Mike Mullin at [mmullin@asburyfirst.org](mailto:mmullin@asburyfirst.org).



## Dining In For Outreach Returns!

**Saturday, November 4, 5 pm Appetizers in the Gathering Center, 6 pm Host Dinners**

This November sees the return of the tradition of Dining In For Outreach, which is the biggest annual fundraiser that supports the Community Outreach Center (COC). Members of our congregation and community gather together for hors d'oeuvres before attending smaller dinner parties hosted in private homes. Dinner party attendees are asked to make contributions to the work of the COC. A dinner party is also held in the Community Outreach Center itself which is open to anyone who wishes to attend without expectation of a contribution.

For further information or to volunteer, please contact Erica Coburn or Tim Mahan at [outreach@asburyfirst.org](mailto:outreach@asburyfirst.org), or sign up in person on Sunday mornings. Be sure to save the date – Saturday, November 4! All are welcome at the table!



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## Fall Campus Clean Up

**Saturday, November 11, 9 am–1 pm, Meet at 1040 Main Entrance**

Please join us for our annual Fall Campus Cleanup. We'll meet at the Main Entrance of the Church (parking lot entrance). Please bring rakes, tarps – and anything else you find makes this task interesting, enjoyable, and fulfilling. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and snacks will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Young, our Director of Property Care at [lyoung@asburyfirst.org](mailto:lyoung@asburyfirst.org).



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## Women of the Well

- **Tuesday, December 5, 7–8 pm, 1040 Fellowship Hall**
- **Tuesday, March 19, 7–8 pm, 1040 Fellowship Hall**

The Women of the Well are coming back to share a creative, prayerful offering with story, music and dance. The December session taps into women's experience today, connecting it with the friendships of some of our earliest ancestors in faith. In March, they will present a program about the four nuns who were killed in El Salvador in the 1980s. You won't want to miss out on these moving and spiritual programs. For more information, please contact Deb Bullock-Smith at [dbullocksmith@asburyfirst.org](mailto:dbullocksmith@asburyfirst.org) or by calling 585-271-1050.



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## 1050 Driveway Change

Along with the driveway sealing and re-painting of the lines in our parking lot and driveways, the driveway next to 1050 now has 2-way access (like the 1010 driveway), and the parallel parking there has been eliminated. Please be careful as you use this driveway (in either direction) while everyone gets accustomed to this change.





## CONTINUING CLASSES, GROUPS, AND EVENTS

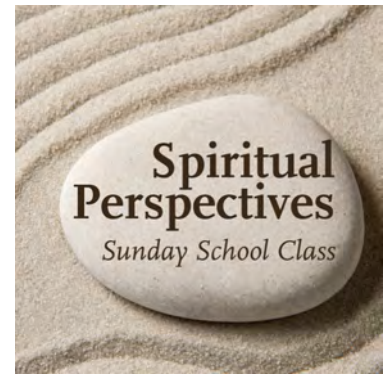
### Spiritual Perspectives Class

**Sundays, Beginning October 1, 9–10:15 am, 1050 Teak Room**

On Sunday, October 1, you are invited to join a new Sunday School class. We will meet in the Teak Room in the 1050 church office building from 9–10:15 am with a format focusing on weekly conversation about connections. Each week a different person will present a brief devotion, and through dialogue about the topic, we will discover the places we connect through sharing ideas and experiences.

While we recognize that there is always room for grace, and that life happens, we hope that you will commit to a three-month period of attending this class. This ensures some continuity and builds community and trust, and helps us get to know each other a little better.

If you have any questions, please contact the Rev. Kathy Thiel at 585-271-1050 x106, or [kthiel@asburyfirst.org](mailto:kthiel@asburyfirst.org).



### As The Spirit Moves Us

**Sundays, 9:45–10:45 am, Room LL03 and Zoom ([zoom.us/j/6174865464](https://zoom.us/j/6174865464) PW Disciple)**

As The Spirit Moves is a class founded on forming a welcoming community to study Biblical events through scripture as well as Christian-based literature. All are welcome, and every voice is heard as we become better together.

On Sunday, September 10, our class began by exploring the resurrection of Christ Jesus and the ways we can live a life leading us to resurrection. From there we will let the Spirit move us to continue to follow The Way. For more information about this class, please contact Mike Mullin at [mmullin@asburyfirst.org](mailto:mmullin@asburyfirst.org) or at 585-271-1050 x105.



### Adult Sunday School Class

**Sundays, 9:45–10:45 am, 1040 Fellowship Hall and Zoom ([zoom.us/j/8347173468](https://zoom.us/j/8347173468) PW 200)**

We will have faithful discussions covering myriad topics, and would love to have your voice be a part of our community! For more information about this class, please contact Mike Mullin at [mmullin@asburyfirst.org](mailto:mmullin@asburyfirst.org) or at 585-271-1050 x105.

Class Topics (for up-to-date information, please visit [asburyfirst.org/events](http://asburyfirst.org/events)):

- **October 8** — A presentation on Communications at Asbury First led by Sarah Brubaker.
- **October 15** —SEEKING THE FACE OF GOD — How do you see God? Where do you find the face of Jesus? And in turn, how does God see you? Does Jesus behold you? Come join us on October 15 in Fellowship Hall to seek the face of God in our world and in each other. Please feel free to bring an item that reminds you of God or helps you to enter into prayer. Or simply bring yourself...let's discuss how we are made in the sacred image of Jesus. Music, prayer and discussion. All are invited!!!!  
*Facilitated by Colleen Schantz.*
- **October 22** —Tithing and Stewardship — A conversation on the history and biblical foundations of tithes and giving led by Mike Mullin.
- **October 29** —Theater and Theology — If you enjoy the varied theater productions at Asbury First, then you will enjoy hearing from Director Larry Dugan on why these types of programs are beneficial not just for our community, but also for our faith.
- **November 5–19** — God and Guns — This three-week Bible Study on “Kingdom Dreams Violent Realities: Reflections on Gun violence from Micah 4:1-4” was produced by The United Methodist Church in 2014 and was revised and updated in 2016. Our conversations will take this foundation and update it once again to our context today in Rochester. These classes will be led by members of our Asbury First community.



## CONTINUING CLASSES, GROUPS, AND EVENTS

### Youth Musical: Godspell

**Rehearsals: Sundays at 2 pm, Wednesdays at 6 pm, Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall**

Our Youth Musical this Fall will be *Godspell*! Rehearsals are under way (*please check the church calendar for up-to-date schedule*) with show dates of November 10–12, 2023. After the incredible success of *The Sound of Music*, we cannot wait to put together another incredible musical experience. For more information, please contact Larry Dugan at [ldugan@asburyfirst.org](mailto:ldugan@asburyfirst.org) or by calling the church office at 585-271-1050.

*Godspell* is a musical composed by Stephen Schwartz with book by John-Michael Tebelak. The show is structured as a series of parables, primarily based on the Gospel of Matthew, interspersed with music mostly set to lyrics from traditional hymns, with the passion of Christ appearing briefly near the end.



### Lectio Divina

**Tuesdays, 8:30–9 am, Zoom ([zoom.us/j/8347173468](https://zoom.us/j/8347173468) PW 200)**

Lectio Divina is a contemplative practice on reading scripture. A passage of scripture is read, then there is silent meditation, then the passage is read again, then more silence, and then discussion. The silence is an opportunity to reflect upon what you experienced in the scripture. This half hour opens and closes with prayer. All are welcome. For more information please contact Rev. Kathy Thiel at [kthiel@asburyfirst.org](mailto:kthiel@asburyfirst.org) or at 585-271-1050 x106.



### Tuesday Women's Fellowship

**Tuesdays, 9:30–10:30 am, Zoom ([zoom.us/j/8347173468](https://zoom.us/j/8347173468) PW 200)**

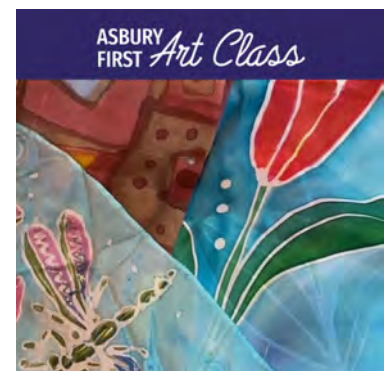
Looking for a way to stay connected to your Asbury First friends during the week? Want to meet new Asbury First friends? All women, all ages, are welcome to join the Tuesday Women's Fellowship via Zoom, 9:30–10:30 am each week. Bring your coffee or tea, and perhaps a treat, zoom in and enjoy an hour of devotion, sharing, and connection. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Elizabeth Church, coordinator, at [emchurch418@gmail.com](mailto:emchurch418@gmail.com). Hope to see you soon!



### Asbury Art Class — Silk Painting

**Tuesdays, 12:30–3 pm, 1040 Room 205**

The Asbury Art Class will begin a new project starting on September 5. We are going to paint on silk scarves. This means the scarves will be stretched on frames and painted with your design. All materials — stretcher frames, silk scarves, paints, brushes, and designs will be provided. Cost will be assessed after class size is determined. Please email Linda Clemow at [soulsourcestudio1@gmail.com](mailto:soulsourcestudio1@gmail.com) for more information and to register.





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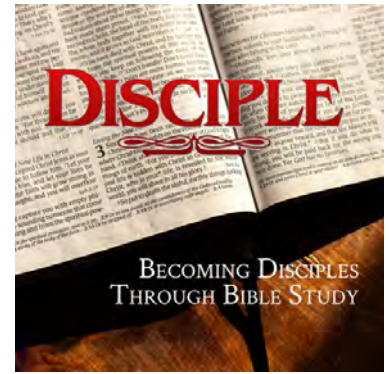
### Disciple III Bible Studies

**Tuesdays, 2-3:30 pm, Zoom ([zoom.us/j/6174865464](https://zoom.us/j/6174865464) PW Disciple)**

**Fridays, 9:30-10:30 am, Zoom ([zoom.us/j/6174865464](https://zoom.us/j/6174865464) PW Disciple)**

The Disciple Bible Study series encourages participants to read portions of the Bible everyday, and offers a study guide to help focus our thoughts and questions. We gather together in community to share, reflect, and learn from one another on the readings from the week. This fall, we have two Disciple Bible Study groups that will both be meeting on Zoom.

Friday mornings will be led by Mike Mullin, and will be starting the second half of Disciple III which focuses on the Pauline Epistles. Tuesday afternoons will be led by Ruthellen Hoyle, and will be starting at the beginning of Disciple III, which focuses on the Old Testament prophets. Both groups are open to all. Please contact Mike Mullin with questions or for more information at [mmullin@asburyfirst.org](mailto:mmullin@asburyfirst.org) or at 585-271-1050 x105.



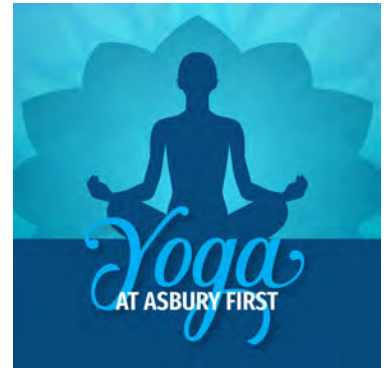
### Yoga at Asbury First

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

**Thursdays, 4 pm, Gathering Center, \$10 pay at the door**

Gentle Yoga has returned to Asbury First each Tuesday at 3 pm and now Thursday at 4 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.

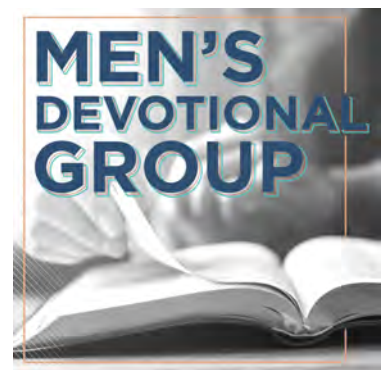
The sessions will be run by Kelly Noyes, who is certified from the Kripalu School of Yoga and Health and is registered with Yoga Alliance (RYT 200). For more information, please contact Kelly at [knoyes710@aol.com](mailto:knoyes710@aol.com).



### Men's Devotional Group

**Wednesdays, 7 am, Zoom ([zoom.us/j/8347173468](https://zoom.us/j/8347173468) PW 200)**

Men of all ages are welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings via Zoom as we discuss topics of faith, life, and more. Each week, a different member of the group leads us in a devotion for our time together. These can be instructional, reflective, conversational, etc. This is a wonderful group to make and build connections, and we hope that you will drop in to join us!



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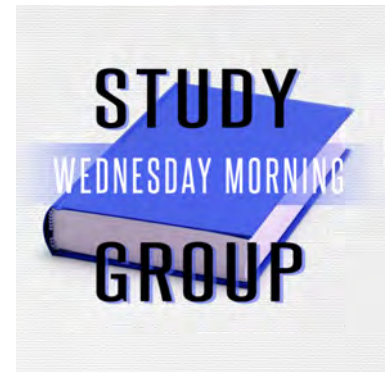
### Wednesday Morning Study Group

**Wednesdays, 10–11:30 am , 1010 Red Room and Zoom ([zoom.us/j/6174865464](https://zoom.us/j/6174865464) PW Disciple)**

All are invited to join this book discussion group as we meet in-person and on Zoom on Wednesday mornings. Some have been a part of this group for years, while others come and go depending on availability and the books that we are reading. This year, we will be reading: *A Pilgrimage to Eternity*; *Poverty, By America*; *The Gift of Years*; *The Flag, The Cross, and The Station Wagon*; and we will finish up with a few documentary films on *Discover Islam*.

Through the fall to Advent, we will read *A Pilgrimage to Eternity*. This book highlights a pilgrimage from Canterbury to Rome, and will invite us to consider our own pilgrimages of faith that we have encountered throughout our lives. We will begin our next book, *Poverty, By America*, at the start of Advent.

For more information, please contact Mike Mullin at [mmullin@asburyfirst.org](mailto:mmullin@asburyfirst.org).



### Children's Music

**Hallelujah Kids** (age 4–1st grade) meets from 5–5:30 pm, 1040 Room 201

**Wesley Singers & Ringers** (2nd–5th grades) meets from 6–7 pm, 1040 Room 201

Children's Music begins Wednesday, September 13 and we'd love to have your children join us! We offer music fundamentals, exposure to handbells, chimes, and percussion, and opportunities to sing in church and be a part of a spring musical. There is a Wednesday evening Community meal in the Gathering Center from 5:30–6 pm to help make the evening more manageable for families. For more information contact Holly Temming at [htemming@asburyfirst.org](mailto:htemming@asburyfirst.org) or (585) 271-1050 x114. We meet in the Children's Music Room 201 upstairs in the Education Wing.



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

**4th Wednesday of the Month, 3–4:30 pm, Library**

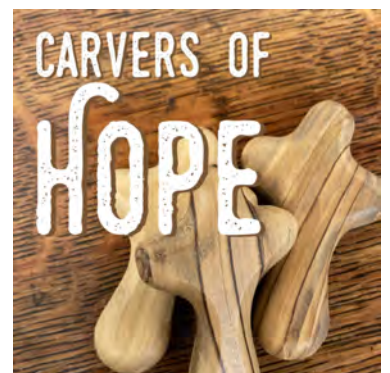
A prayer shawl is a simple shawl or a lap blanket knitted by members of our group. It is symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving God. The knitting itself is very simple and we have “experts” on hand to help you if you are a beginner. The group meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday. Clergy and 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](mailto:meredithpixley@gmail.com).



### Carvers of Hope

**4th Wednesday of the Month, 6:30–8 pm, Education Wing**

Carvers of Hope is a wood carving ministry that helps people who find themselves in the very difficult places of life. Its members carve handmade crosses as a reminder of the hope Jesus brought to us through the cross. All materials, wood, and carving tools are provided, as well as carving lessons. No prior skill is needed to carve crosses with this group. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact John Smalt at [jhsfalt@gmail.com](mailto:jhsfalt@gmail.com).





## Dining & Caring Center

Open for hot meals, and shower and hair care services. Laundry services by appointment.

### Hours:

- Breakfast served Wednesday–Friday, 7–9 am; Lunch served Sunday only, 12–1pm
- Hair Care services available the last Sunday of the month from 12–1 pm
- Shower services available Wednesday–Thursday from 7–9 am on a first-come, first-serve basis
- Laundry services available Wednesday–Thursday from 7–9 am by appointment (Appointments are made in-person the prior week and are on a first-come, first-serve basis)

## Bike Repair Ministry

- R Community Bikes will provide basic bicycle repair and tune-ups on a first-come, first-serve basis at the garage behind the COC and playground.
- **Hours:** Returns in May 2024

## Evarts UR Well Clinic

- **Hours:** Thursday evening from 6–8:30 pm
- **Appointments:** Schedule by calling the church office at 585-271-1050 or online at [bit.ly/URWell-Appointment](https://bit.ly/URWell-Appointment)

## Storehouse

- **Hours:** Monday–Thursday from 9 am–3 pm, as well as the third and fourth Saturday of the month from 9 am–12 pm.

- **Donations:** We are accepting donations in our new donation building (small brick building) located next to the COC at 1010 East Ave.

## Grocery Bag Ministry

- The GBM has transitioned fully to operating in the Community Outreach Center. Join us on Saturday, October 21 at 8 am to help us pack groceries for those in need.

## Community Garden

- The Community Garden Team is tending the garden, and their results are starting to sprout! They also have added two bee hives on the church roof to help with pollination, as well as a bird bath that also allows tired bees to stop for a drink of water.

If you are interested in volunteering in the Center you can do so by visiting [asburyfirst.org/coc](https://asburyfirst.org/coc) or by calling the Rev. Pat Dupont at (585) 271-1050 x136. For any other needs, call our full-time social worker, Robin Manley at 585-271-1050 x138.

## Coffee Talks for Outreach

**2nd Tuesday of the month, beginning Tuesday, November 14, 8–9 am, 1010 Dining & Caring Center**

The Community Outreach Center has become a building full of love, ministry, and life. We are delighted to see the daily activity and how it is becoming a place for all for those who are hungry, in need of medical care, or are in need of basic clothing and goods for daily life. To show our progress and gratitude to donors and volunteers and to spark interest in our outreach, we are starting a breakfast tour each month: Coffee Talks for Outreach. This will be a targeted, small group who will get a peek at the center and get a sense of what it's like to be a part of our community. For more information, please contact Rev. Pat Dupont at [pdupont@asburyfirst.org](mailto:pdupont@asburyfirst.org).





# NEEDED ITEMS, SERVICES, AND FUNDRAISERS

## Help Us Read Tutors Needed

School is open and we are looking for tutors for the Help Me Read program at School 17 grades K-4. New Tutor Training/Orientation is scheduled for October 10 and 17 from 10–11:30 am. If you are interested in tutoring please contact John Smalt at [jhsmalt@gmail.com](mailto:jhsmalt@gmail.com) or at 585-924-8624.

RETURNING TUTORS: Please call Ms. Linda at 585-766-8440 to schedule your start date. Thanks for your support!



## Storehouse Items Needed

The Storehouse is in need of winter jackets for our neighbors as our inventory is very low. If you have jackets/coats in your closets at home that you'd like to donate, now is the time (no wool or dry clean only). If you'd like to donate a new winter jacket, we are most in need of:

- Children's (boys and girls) sizes 5T and 6-18
- Men's ALL sizes

Bring them to the Community Outreach Center (COC) Monday–Thursday between 9 am and 3 pm or drop them off anytime in the donation building outside of the COC. Thanks in advance for your generosity!



## 2023 East Avenue Grocery Run

*Saturday, November 4, 2023*

Join the Asbury First Community Outreach Team at the Grocery Bag Run (or walk) on November 4. Your entire registration fee will benefit our Dining & Caring Center and Grocery Bag Ministry.

The Grocery Run is a charity event that has raised more than \$500,000 for Rochester area food pantries. This year, they are excited to add a 10k event to the well-loved 5k, 1-mile, virtual and Kid's Fun Run events. You can visit [www.groceryrun.org](http://www.groceryrun.org) or [asburyfirst.org/news](http://asburyfirst.org/news) to sign up or to donate to this cause.



## Donations Sought for On-Going ASL Interpretation

You may have noticed that we have begun to have an ASL—American Sign Language—interpreter with us in the Meditation Chapel during the 11 am service. This is to fulfill our value of being open to all and it has made it possible for us to worship with deaf members of our community. We would like to maintain this service moving forward and need some financial support to make it possible. If you are willing to support this ongoing ministry, please consider a special donation with the note “ASL.” Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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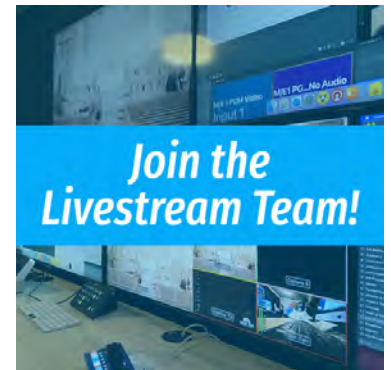
### Acolytes and Crucifers Needed

Have you ever wanted to participate in worship — but without having to speak in front of people? You may have noticed that some weeks we have an acolyte, crucifer, and Christ candle that all help to lead our procession into worship and our recession out into the world. Each of these roles help to remind us that Christ goes before us—both in this space and beyond. We would love to have each of these roles fulfilled at every service. If you would like to volunteer to be an acolyte (the ones that light the candles), the crucifer (the one that carries the cross), or to carry our Christ candle, please contact Mike Mullin at [mmullin@asburyfirst.org](mailto:mmullin@asburyfirst.org). We would love to have you join our team as we help spread and share the light of Christ!



### Join the Livestream Team!

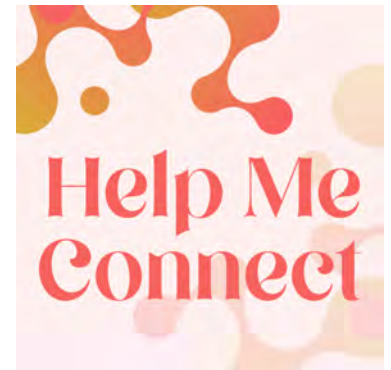
Are you interested in joining Asbury First's live streaming team? You will learn how to use our professional broadcast equipment and video production techniques. More importantly, you will support the digital ministry that helps us *Do More Good* in Rochester and around the world. Youth and adults are welcome. There will be training opportunities soon. Please contact David Berg at [bergdm@gmail.com](mailto:bergdm@gmail.com) to learn more.



### Help Me Connect

Are you interested in taking the next step in your faith journey, finding your place in the life of Asbury First, or are just in need of a deeper connection? There is a place for you!

Scan the QR code, visit [asburyfirst.org/help-me-connect](http://asburyfirst.org/help-me-connect), or call the office at 585-271-1050 to connect.



Stay up-to-date with events, links, and information with our online calendar, or call 585-271-1050.

[asburyfirst.org/events](http://asburyfirst.org/events)

**DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS: Monday, October 16**

To submit an announcement, email [communication@asburyfirst.org](mailto:communication@asburyfirst.org), call the church office at 585-271-1050, or fill out the online form at [asburyfirst.org/bulletin-announcement](http://asburyfirst.org/bulletin-announcement). If you'd like to receive regular paper communications, please call the church office at 585-271-1050.