



Asbury United Methodist Church

Asbury eTrails

May 2020

Editor's note: This is a reprinting from an email sent on April 23.

Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham extended her "Stay at Home" order until May 15. This requires that we remain home except for essential or emergency travel. In the days ahead, our governor will advise us of a gradual, phased-in plan to reopen our state's economy.

It is important that we all anticipate that our church will not be reopening any time soon. I will continue to advocate that we, in all respects, abide by our governor's orders. These are meant to protect public health and safety and lessen the tremendous pressures already being placed upon our health care providers because of COVID-19. As you know, certain people are more susceptible to the worst effects of the Coronavirus, including the elderly. We have many in our church who are vulnerable in this regard, and I know you stand with me in insisting that neither they, nor anyone who uses the Asbury campus, be put at risk.

It is very likely that, for the safety of our members and friends, we will be using electronic means to worship and meet throughout the month of May. Over the next several weeks, however, our leadership and I will be carefully, and joyfully, planning for the day when Asbury UMC can reopen. This will involve development of protocols to protect the health and well-being of all persons using our property and facilities, and which continue to abide by directives of our governor and the New Mexico Department of Health. While our use of Asbury UMC will undoubtedly be in new and different ways, you can be assured that when we do reopen, the health and safety of all on our church property will be ensured.

In the meantime, please recognize that opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth abound! I strongly encourage each and every class, small group, and persons who gather for ministry to MEET! This is possible by using our church's GotoMeeting subscription. It is easy to download the GotoMeeting app on your personal computer and then schedule a gathering of your group with Ivory. In this simple way, you can each see one another, converse, and even engage in mutual activities such as Bible study, stitching and quilting, Sunday school, and anything else our Lord calls you to do.

While we will not again experience church as we have known it for quite some time, we can nonetheless experience true church, ministry, and Christian fellowship in new and wonderful ways. Please trust in and follow our Lord, for it is He who continues to guide us, albeit on a new path. And if you have any questions about anything, or simply want to visit about anything, please don't hesitate to contact me. I remain your faithful servant

In and With Christ!

Rev. Joe Whitley

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Worship With Us! Facebook Live

Traditional services
Sunday mornings 10:00 a.m.

Contemporary service:
Sunday mornings 11:00 a.m.

Asbury - a Great Family Church and a Great Church Family!

UMW May News



Friends: As the coronavirus continues to disrupt our lives, please remember to pray for each other. Please make a point to call at least one old or new friend each day, and remember that the UMW is here to help you through this uncertain time. Please reach out to each other and your neighbor. And especially remember those of us who don't have a computer to keep in touch. Be Faith, Hope, and Love in Action. From the Executive Committee.

May's Unit Meeting: Our monthly Unit meeting scheduled for May is cancelled. Our next Unit meeting will be held on Sunday, August 9.

Circles in May: Circles in May are cancelled.

Special Remembrances: Please lift Irma Caskey & Ena Soflin and their families up in prayer. We will greatly miss them.

Member Birthdays in May: Happy birthday to Erin Padilla on the 9th, Betty Halverson on the 16th, and Sharon Fish on the 19th. Happy Birthday ladies!

Please pray for each other & Asbury United Methodist church.

Send updates to marjoriebahr@gmail.com or call me at [\(505\) 332-8456](tel:5053328456).

LIBRARY NEWS

"It cannot be that the people should grow in grace unless they give themselves to reading. A reading people will always be a knowing people."—John Wesley

Unfortunately, the Asbury Library is currently closed. We anxiously await the time when we can all get back to work and you can get back to reading books from the library. There is never a fine for an overdue book so don't worry that you can't return the ones you have read.

CHURCH LIBRARY

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



For participants in the UMW Reading Program: the end of May is the time to turn in your reading lists so the annual report can be made. If you have finished reading a book by the end of May but can't return the book to the library, email the details to librarian@asburyabq.org and I will add it to the report.

While you can't physically visit the library at this time, you can search our online catalog and make a list of things you'll read as soon as it is possible. Search from your home computer, or your smart phone on the Asbury web site Library Page or go directly to www.asburyabq.org/AsburySearch.htm. Use the search function of your browser to find any combination of words, numbers or letters in any column. Books currently on the UMW Reading Program have UMW in the Subject column and are found on the wooden cart in the library. As always, you may contact us by e-mail at librarian@asburyabq.org with any questions, suggestions, requests or to place a hold on a book.

General Conference Update

The United Methodist General Conference will not meet in 2020 as originally planned. Organizers are working toward setting a date in 2021.

Masks

The conference office will be collecting homemade masks 10-noon on Fridays in May or by mail. Call Hap Escue 453-2800



Applications for Emily Sannebeck Scholarship Due

Asbury United Methodist Church is accepting applications for the Emily Sannebeck Scholarship. The scholarship is for \$2500 for the 2020 - 2021 school year. Applicants should be enrolled or applying for enrollment in a seminary, technical or vocational school, or a college. Preference shall be given to single women, but any needy student may apply. The scholarship fund was established in memory of Emily Sannebeck who was an active member of the Methodist Church for many years. She cared deeply for the development of Christian values and the opportunities for women to advance their careers. This year will be the 22nd year of awarding the scholarship.



Emily Sannebeck

Deadline for applications is May 15, 2020. Applicants will be notified of the award selection in June. For an application, please contact email church@asburyabq.org

CALLING ALL ASBURY CRAFTERS!

The 38th annual Asbury Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2020. This event is sponsored by the Asbury United Methodist Women. In 2019 there were six crafters from Asbury who participated.



If you would like information about the bazaar or to receive an application, call Frances Wright at 857-9575. Applications are sent out about July 4, and last year all spaces were filled within 4-5 days. Asbury members are permitted to receive their applications early to make sure they get a space in the bazaar.

Things Are Still Happening at Asbury –[ONLINE](#)

A Cup with Joe

Mondays 7:30 a.m.
Please join Rev. Joe for conversation and fellowship.
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/927289165> or

+1 (669) 224-3412
Access Code:
927-289-165

Women's Bible Study

Mondays 10 a.m.
Sharon and Savannah host a Bible study & social time.
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/237433813> or

: +1 (669) 224-3412
Access Code:
237-433-813

Sunday School with Rev. Joe

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

See emails for meeting link.

Continue learning about the book of Mark.

Nehemiah Bible Study

Fridays at noon with Lynn Southard. Contact Ivory for the meeting link.

There is much that we can learn from Nehemiah in the book of the Old Testament that bears his name.

Revised Lectionary Readings

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May 3, 2020	May 10, 2020	May 17, 2020	May 24, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Easter	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Seventh Sunday of Easter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-10 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 John 7:1-11

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