



Pine Echoes



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Independence Day Week

- July 4 Fourth of July parade and Cookout, 1:00 pm
- July 6 Prayer Walk 9 a.m. Starts from the Circle
Petting Zoo , 3-6 pm
- July 7 Squeezebox Stompers in the Tabernacle, 7:30 pm
- July 8 Chaplain Bruce's Bible Study 6 pm at Jesse Lee House.



July 4th Parade 2022

A Berry Delightful Festival

This year's Strawberry Festival was a smashing success, with a line stretching out the door as nearly 60 eager attendees waited to get "the works." Everyone devoured the strawberry shortcake like it was going out of style, and were as happy as berries in a bowl of cream. A few neighbors, who shall remain nameless, (you know who you are) even managed to go up for seconds. The new round tables fostered an atmosphere of love, fellowship, and pure joy as old friends chit-chatted while new friendships blossomed over sweet treats and

conversation. It was a true celebration of community and the simple pleasures that bring us together. The Ladies Aid Committee outdid themselves, turning the Dining Hall into a strawberry wonderland dishing out homemade shortcake, fresh strawberries, scoops of vanilla ice cream, and dollops of whipped cream, proving once again that when women come together, they can turn strawberries into magic.



Ladies Aid Strawberry Festival 2024



Pool Open! July 4th 2-6

Please review the 2024 Season Rate Changes and rules. in last week's Pine Echoes. Reminder: Children 9 and under must be supervised by an adult even if they have passed the test. Children over 9 must be with an adult unless they have passed the swimming test.
Monday-Saturday 1:00 -5:00
Sunday 12:30 - 3:30



From the Chaplain

The first weekend in July is a time when many folks return to their summer cottages. I look forward to seeing you at our various gatherings.

Tuesday Night Bible Study: The first session will take place on Monday, July 8th at 6pm. The study will return to Tuesday nights at 7pm for the rest of the summer on July 16th. The study is designed as a drop in study which means each week is a stand-alone study. The topic of each week will explore the various aspects of our faith journey. The study takes place in Jesse Lee.

Wednesday Mornings: "Share and Prayer" from 6:30am until 7am. Everyone is welcome to join in this time of sharing in scripture reflection and prayer. Our first gathering will be July 10th in the Coffee Shop. We provide the coffee.

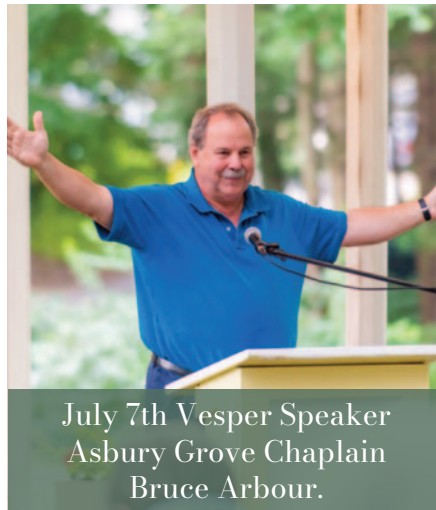
Sunday Vespers: This is a long standing tradition at Asbury Grove. Vesper Prayer service is a time of offering praise and glory to God through music, reflection, prayer, and sharing in the Word (by guest Preachers). We gather at the Vesper Circle on dry days and on rainy (wet) days we gather in the Chapel. As a pastor I find our vesper services to be a Spiritually renewing opportunity that occurs outside our home weekly worship. Hope to see you there Sunday at 4pm. Bring a friend.

Summer Challenge: Did you know that all worship services, bible studies, and fellowships are open to the community and people outside our Asbury Grove Community. John Wesley, the founder of Methodist, stated "The world is our Parish." Bringing Christ to the world is our mission at Asbury Grove. Whether you reach out to your neighbor that you might have never been to Vespers, Contemporary Service, or bible study, or someone from outside the grove, invite them to come along with you. Our theme this summer is the Lord's commandment, "Love one another."

July 13 - Live Music in the Tabernacle

The Squeezebox Stompers return to the Tabernacle on Saturday, July 13th at 7:30 PM! Everyone is welcome, and donations are appreciated but not required. The band has always brought dancing in the aisles and feet stomping everywhere.

The Squeezebox Stompers are a Boston area Americana Roots band, performing Cajun, Zydeco, Blues, Folk, and original music. Their instrumentation includes accordion, keyboards, fiddle, saxophone, harmonica, penny whistle, guitar, bass, and drums. They guarantee a rockin' good time at any event.



July 7th Vesper Speaker
Asbury Grove Chaplain
Bruce Arbour.

ACMC President's Message

Dear Asbury Grove Community
As we enter our 165 season, I would like to welcome our newest members as well as those who have been here for a lifetime. I feel so blessed to be here and thankful for each of you and your contributions to our community. As we kick off the official season this 4th of July week, I hope each one will be able to enjoy our many activities and Worship opportunities. I Pray that as we live in community together, we will watch out for each other and seek opportunities to make new friends and help each other as we see the need. May our God continue to bless each of us and Asbury Grove as we seek to live for Him.

Sincerely
Stephen Farley
President, Asbury Camp
Meeting Corporation



The Squeezebox Stompers

Worship News

Prayer Walk

The Prayer Walk is back this year, offering an opportunity to walk around the Grove and pray together for our residents and activities on this Holy Ground. Join us on Saturday, July 6th, at 9 am. Meet in the Circle by the pump to walk with Pastor Rob Parady and pray for our community. We'll conclude at the Coffee Shop for breakfast and fellowship. Don't miss this chance to start our summer season with prayer and connection.



Join Us for Weekly Showings of "The Chosen"

We are thrilled to announce a special viewing series of *The Chosen*, a captivating historical drama that portrays the life of Jesus Christ and the calling of his initial disciples. Originally released in 2017, this series offers a deeply moving and authentic depiction of Jesus' ministry, capturing the hearts of viewers around the world. Each episode will be followed by a discussion, allowing for a deeper exploration of the themes presented.

Beginning on Thursday, July 11th, at 7pm, Worship Committee will host the showings in Jesse Lee Hall. We will be presenting one season per week on the following dates:

July 11th - Season 1: The first season introduces Jesus and the calling of His initial disciples, highlighting their backgrounds and initial interactions with Him. It sets the foundation for understanding Jesus' early ministry and the diverse group of individuals He chose to follow Him.

July 18th - Season 2: This season delves deeper into Jesus' ministry, showcasing His growing following and the increasing challenges He faces. It explores the personal struggles and growth of the disciples as they witness more of Jesus' miracles and teachings.

July 25th - Season 3: Focusing on the broader impact of Jesus' work, this season portrays the expansion of His ministry to new regions and the varied reactions from different communities. It also delves into the heightened tensions with religious leaders and the Roman authorities.

August 1st - Season 4: The latest season brings more intense challenges and profound moments as Jesus' mission moves closer to its climax. The disciples are tested in their faith and commitment, and the groundwork is laid for the pivotal events to come.

Each evening promises a few hours of immersive viewing, complete with ice water available for refreshment. We welcome everyone to join us, and if you'd like to bring a snack to share, it would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please feel free to text or call Joyce at (508) 246-8083. We look forward to seeing you there for this enriching experience!

All are welcome—come and be part of this wonderful community event!



Chapel Preservation Fund Update and Matching Gift Challenge

The Chapel Preservation Fund has raised more than \$63,000 through generous gifts and pledges over the last year to construct new foundation for our 1884 chapel.

Recently, the Ways and Means Committee, which is overseeing the fundraising, received good news related to the Fund. “An anonymous donor is willing to pledge up to \$10,000 for matching gifts of \$250 or more,” said Chapel Preservation Fund Chair Scott Maddern recently.

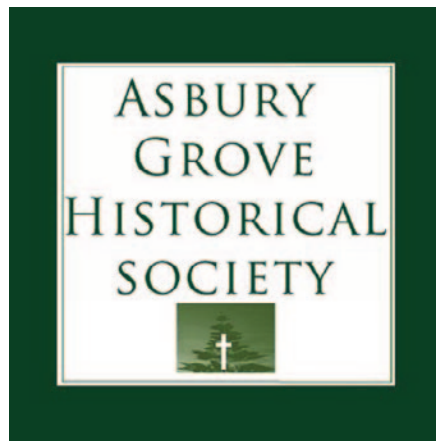
In addition, the Ways and Means Committee is designating \$3,000 of the Grove’s Coffee Shop proceeds to the Chapel’s matching gift challenge.

If you want to make a contribution of \$250 or more to the Chapel Preservation Fund matching gift, please donate online or via check payable to “ACMC Chapel Preservation Fund” and note “Maddern” in the memo line.

Support the Johnson House Youth Program Collage Project

The Johnson House Youth Program is excited to start a new craft project - creating a beautiful collage. Our young artists will be working on the project on July 16 and they need your help. They’re seeking donations of 4x6 or 6x6 picture frames and jewelry, keys, nuts, screws, washers... anything that will fit into these frame sizes and will add unique touches to their masterpiece. Your contributions will help inspire and support our talented youth; so go into the back of those closets, open those old tool and jewelry boxes and dig up some hidden treasures.

Please drop off donations at Susan Normand’s home at 24 Lee Park (across from the Tabernacle) or at the Johnson House (across from Jesse Lee) before July 15. Thank you for your generosity and support!



Save the Date

The AG Historical Society’s ice cream social and program on “Fun and Games at Asbury Grove” are scheduled for Saturday, July 20th in the dining hall. The ice cream social begins at 6:30 pm with ice cream and all the toppings for only \$3 per person. All proceeds will be designated to the ongoing Chapel Preservation Fund.

Cottage Plaques

Perhaps you have noticed these small plaques on cottages denoting the original owner and date of construction. If you are invested, please contact Nancy Loux jgloux@verizon.net or call/text Nancy at 215-767-3277. If information is available for your cottage, (unfortunately not all cottages are traceable) The cost is \$65.00 please allow four weeks for delivery.



Independence Day at Asbury Grove: A Timeless Tradition

Preserving Traditions: Today, Asbury Grove remains committed to preserving its rich historical and cultural heritage. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Grove maintains its original architecture and continues its traditional celebrations, ensuring that its history is cherished by future generations.

The Modern-Day Celebration: The Fourth of July at Asbury Grove is a blend of observance and community gathering. The day starts with a parade, featuring costumed children and adults, decorated bikes, and golf carts. Participants march around the pump and head to the ball field where prizes are awarded. Traditional games like races and egg tosses follow, along with a communal cookout. The pool opens at 2pm and closes at 6pm, providing a refreshing end to the festivities.

Community Spirit and Faith: The celebrations at Asbury Grove are not just about commemorating national independence but also reinforcing the values of faith, family, and community. The events foster a sense of belonging and continuity, reflecting the Grove's Methodist roots and communal spirit. Youth are invited to join together at the Johnson Youth Center to take part in the Youth Chapel Float.

Join the Festivities: This year, the festivities promise to be as vibrant as ever. Meet at the center pump at 1:00 PM on July 4th to join the parade, enjoy games, and the grand picnic at the park. Bring food to grill and side dishes, and feel free to share with others.

The 4th of July at Asbury Grove is more than just a celebration; it's a living tradition that connects the past with the present, creating lasting memories for all who participate. Join us in keeping this beloved tradition alive and experience the joy and community spirit that defines Asbury Grove.

Ice Cream, Pony Rides & Petting Zoo? What do they have in common?

This year, the ice cream shop at Asbury Grove is being run by two dedicated individuals, Susan Henderson and Jody Wetson, both of whom have deep ties to the community.

Susan Henderson was born into the vibrant life of Asbury Grove in 1956. Her parents were sent to the community in 1953 by the Bishop with the intention of closing it down due to its declining state. However, they fell in love with Asbury Grove and decided to revitalize it instead, even fundraising to build an Olympic-sized pool to attract young people. Susan grew up immersed in the community, attending weekly services, dinners, and various activities, including Camp Asbury, where she was the youngest member and a passionate participant. She later attended Franklin Pierce College and Massachusetts College of Art, eventually marrying Chuck in the Vesper Circle 40 years ago. They raised their two sons, Jordan and Jesse, in Asbury Grove, with both boys being baptized at Vespers. Susan has contributed significantly to the community by teaching Sunday School for 13 years, serving as the "Nature Leader" at Camp Asbury, and organizing synchronized swimming for the Aquacade for four years.



Jody Wetson, née Cochrane, also has deep roots in Asbury Grove. She grew up in the community, living in the home that is now occupied by Scott Roy. Jody is the youngest of five children and faced early challenges with the loss of her mother at a young age. Her father did his best to raise the children, but it was a struggle. Despite these hardships, Jody developed a strong love for Asbury Grove. She later rented a home on Hamlin Ave while raising her own children, continuing to foster her connection with the community.

The ice cream shop, open on Tuesday evenings, serves as a wonderful gathering spot for neighbors to chat and connect. Proceeds from the shop fund various activities around Asbury Grove. This year, the funds will help support the Pony Rides and Petting Zoo event on July 6th, set up on the lawn in front of the ice cream shop, behind Vesper Circle, and in front of the Johnson Youth Center.

Face of Tomorrow - Youth Outreach

Youth Chapel: Drop-in program for youth ages 8-13.

July 1-August 23, 10AM-12PM at the Johnson Youth Center. Parents must complete a registration form for each child. NO CHAPEL ON JULY 4.

July 4th Parade

Children of any age who want to march in the parade can come to the Johnson Youth Center at 12:45 in red, white and blue attire

Teen Nights

Teen Night is every WEDNESDAY night 7-9PM in the Johnson Center beginning July 17.

Special Dates

July 27, 6 PM: Youth Dinner

August 2: 10AM-12PM Youth Chapel Outing to Richardson's Mini Golf/Ice Cream (Ages 8-13, Parent Drivers/Chaperones Needed)

August 23: 10AM-12PM Youth Chapel Outing to Canobie Lake Park (Ages 8-13, Parent Drivers/Chaperones Needed)

Youth Fundraiser--

Youth will be selling cold drinks and snacks outside the pool deck to raise money for a trip to Canobie Lake Park. We will begin with Mondays 2-4PM and may expand our days and hours as the summer goes on.

Any questions about Youth Programs can be directed to Beth Cook, 978-468-6006

Donation Requests

The youth program is in need of various donations to support their activities. If you can help, please consider donating the following items:

- Beads for crafts, all kinds
- Ziploc bags, all sizes
- Individually packaged snacks for Youth Chapel (chips, cookies, crackers, etc.)
- Pre-cut fruit
- Popsicles
- 4x6 or 6x6 picture frames
- Jewelry
- Keys
- Nuts, screws, washers, and other small items that will fit into these frame sizes
- Empty cans (soup/beans/tomatoes, etc. for a craft project)
- Jugs of water (gallon or larger for children to refill their water bottles)

Please leave these donations inside the front porch of The Blessing, 5 Mudge Ave. If your donation needs refrigeration, contact Beth at 978-468-6006.

Your contributions will help inspire and support our talented youth. Thank you for your generosity!



July 4, 2022 Youth Chapel

The Watchful Eye



Parents please remind your children to not go on the bathroom roof by the dining hall. It is not a safe place for children to play.

Friday Movie Night - July 5th

First movie night will be July 5th at 8pm in the dining hall. The movie will be Sandlot rated PG. Snacks will be available for \$1. Popcorn is

free while supplies last.

Pony Rides & Petting Zoo

July 6th 3-6pm come for Pony Rides and a Petting Zoo. Special Thanks to Recreation and the Ice Cream Shop for organizing and funding this opportunity.

Family Game Night

Save the Date: August 16 is Game Night in the Dining Hall at 7pm. Join the community for fun games and prizes.

Overview of July through September 2024

- Thursday, Jul. 4 1:00 pm Fourth of Jul. Parade, meet at the Pump
Cookout & Games in the Ball Field
- Saturday, Jul. 6 9:00 am Prayer Walk with Pastor Rob Parady,
Meet in the Circle by the pump
- Saturday, Jul. 6 6:30 pm Petting Zoo and Pony Rides, Outside near the Ice Cream Shop
- Thursday, Jul. 11 7:00 pm The Chosen Season 1, Jesse Lee House
- Saturday, Jul. 13 7:30 pm Squeezebox Stompers in Tabernacle
- Thursday, Jul. 18 7:00 pm The Chosen Season 2, Jesse Lee House
- Saturday, Jul. 20 6:30 pm Historical Society Event & Ice Cream Social, Dining Hall
- Thursday, Jul. 25 7:00 pm The Chosen Season 3, Jesse Lee House
- Saturday, Jul. 27 8:00 am Duathalon & Breakfast in Jessie Lee
- Saturday, Jul. 27 Bouncy House
- Saturday, Jul. 27 6:00 pm Youth Christmas in July and Dinner in the Dining Hall
- Thursday, Aug. 1 7:00 pm The Chosen Season 4, Jesse Lee House
- Sunday, Aug. 4 10:00 am Morning Worship
- Sunday, Aug. 4 7:00 pm Camp Meeting Kick Off, Mark 209 in the Tabernacle
- Monday, Aug. 5-Friday Aug. 9
 9:00 am Prayer
 10:00 am Bible Study with Ken Steigler
 6:00 pm Camp Meeting Week Supper in the Dining Hall
 7:00 pm Camp Meeting Evening Service, in the Tabernacle
- Saturday, Aug. 10 6:00 pm Lobster Bake
- Friday, Aug. 16 7:00 pm Game Night, in the Dining Hall
- Saturday, Aug. 17 6:30 pm Pie Social, in the Dining Hall
- Saturday, Aug. 24 6:00 pm Chili Cookoff, in the Dining Hall
- Saturday, Aug. 31 10:30 am Joint Cottage Owner's and Corp Meeting, in the Chapel
- Saturday, Aug. 31 7:00 pm Bon Fire and Sing Along, near the Ball Field
- Sunday, Sept. 1 7:00 pm Closing Night
- Monday, Sept. 2 12:00 pm Labor Day Cookout, in the Ball Field
- Saturday, Sept. 7 8:00 am Crock Walk
- Saturday, Sept. 7 6:00 pm Slide Show and Covered Dish Supper, in the Dining Hall
- Saturday, Oct. 5 9:00 am Corporation Budget Meeting

2024 Vespers Speakers

- July 7th Bruce Arbour, Cha plain Asbury Grove
- July 14th Rev. Peter Preble, Hull UMC
- July 21st Rev. Nizzy Santos Dugan, District Superintendent Commonwealth East UMC
- July 28th Pastor Dennis Gil, Hope Community Church Newburyport,
- August 11th Pastor Mat Nadworny, Great Rock Church, Middleton
- August 18th Pastor Scott Smith, Christian Renewal Church, Beverly
- August 25th Pastor Stephanie Foster, Crossing Life Church, Windham, NH
- September 1st Rev. Bruce Arbour, Chaplain Asbury Grove



July 4th In the Ball Field



Asbury Grove Library

Library News

The Library is now open on a limited schedule through the first week of July. Starting the second week of July, our hours will be:

- Tuesday & Thursday
Evenings: 6:00 – 7:30 PM
- Saturdays: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Additional times will be announced soon.

Please note, there will be no cribbage on Wednesdays as we are currently waiting to confirm an organizer for this activity.

Greetings from Grounds Committee!

In case you weren't able to make it to opening Cottage Owner's Meeting this past Saturday at the Chapel, here's a little of the news from Grounds Committee:

- 1) We have a new Facilities Manager named Bruce Gingrich who begins work at Asbury Grove on Monday, July 1st, 2024! If you see him walking or driving around the Grove, please give him a welcoming wave and a smile.
- 2) Reminder, please DO NOT ask him to take care of any projects or inform him of any problems that need to be addressed at the Grove either at your cottage or on the grounds or at any corporate building. Simply forward your concerns in writing to grounds@asburygrove.org. We will make sure all your concerns are addressed eventually.
- 3) We will feature a bio about Bruce here in the Pine Echoes in the near future so you can learn a little bit more about him, but for now, "Welcome Bruce!" He's extremely well qualified and we feel confident he will be a huge asset to the Grove
- 4) Please review the AG tree policy we sent out a few weeks ago in your email regarding removal of trees and limbs. We have already spent about 14K dollars removing dead or diseased trees and more are scheduled to be removed. 5) The pool is open after lots of help with "clean up" from several in the community! Thank you! 6) We worked on lots of projects over the winter and are still playing catch up—due to the interim without a manager earlier this spring for part of the time. Please be patient with us as we move forward with the orientation of our new Facilities Manager.

More updates will be forthcoming—hopefully weekly here in the Pine Echoes. On behalf of the entire grounds committee—Jim Coyle, Doug Greenfield, Marianne Fravel, Peter Wendling, Scott Brennan, Peter Zopes and myself—we look forward to serving Asbury Grove to the best of our abilities!

Respectfully,
Sandy Meade, Grounds Chairperson



Scott Brennan - COA President



Steve Farley - ACMC resident



2024 COA Meeting

Volunteer Opportunity

Weeding needed for several areas within our community. Many hands make light work. The sign behind the flag pole out front. The directory area at the archway entrance Across from the Dining Hall



2024 Strawberry Festival



Request for Submissions

The Pine Echoes Editor asks that all submissions for the Thursday printing be in by Monday. Please make sure to mark your calendars and get submissions in!
pineechoesnewsletter@gmail.com

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Weekly Round Up

Saturdays

- 8:30 am Coffee Shop Open with a made to order menu
- 10:00 am Library Open till 12pm
- FBD Historic Cottage Visits
- 1:00 pm Pool Open till 5pm

Sundays

- 12:30 pm Pool Open till 3:30
- 4:00 pm Vesper Services at Vesper Circle or Chapel (depending on weather)
- 4:00 pm Sunday School t Johnson Youth Center

Monday - Friday

- 10:00 am Youth Chapel at Johnson Youth Center
- 1:00 pm Pool Open till 5 pm

Mondays

- 6:00 pm Foot Races

Tuesdays

- 6:00 pm Ice Cream Shoppe
- 6:00 pm Library Open till 7:30 pm
- 7:00 pm Bible Study at Jesse Lee House (Starting July 16th)

Wednesdays

- 6:30 am "Share and Prayer" at the Coffee Shop (Starting July 10th)

Thursdays

- 10:00 am Ladies Prayer Group at 'All is Well' on Mudge Ave.
- 6:00 pm Library Open till to 7:30 pm

Friday

- 8:30 am Coffee Shop Open with coffee & Pastries
- 8:00 pm Movie Night at the Dining Hal