



THE VINE

JUNE 10, 2012

faith in action... imagine your life changed.

Our Vision Statement

In all aspects of our lives, we will strive to be disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

PASSIONATE WORSHIP

SUNDAY SERVICES

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
8:00 AM in the Sanctuary

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
9:30 AM in the Sanctuary

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
11:00 AM in the Sanctuary

OPEN DOOR WORSHIP
11:00 AM in the Wesley Center

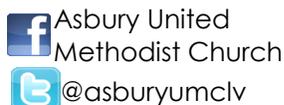
Teaching Pastors
Mark Moore and Eric Yeakel

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

During our 9:30 Sunday School time, we have separate infants/one-year olds, and two year old childcare classes. During our 11:00 Services, we have childcare available for infants through PreK.

OFFICE HOURS

8 AM to 4 PM, M—F
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"Behold, I make all things new." (Rev 21:5)

God is constantly in the business of making all things new! God offers new opportunities every day. (I know I need new beginnings!) Every spring we see new life come forth from the cold and grey of winter. Beautiful new songs are written, new ideas are developed and new ministries are launched. We keep the best of the old even as we lean into the new God opens to us.

Welcome to this first edition of *The Vine* – a publication that will help us communicate in a more effective, timelier manner. This will be a weekly publication, available in both printed and electronic versions, keeping you informed of events that affect the community here at Asbury. We hope you will pick one up at church or print one off at home and post it on your refrigerator, place it on your bedside table or put it where you will see it every day and remember to participate in those events that will benefit you or your loved ones, and to say a prayer for those events that will help other members of our community.

Thanks again for our Communications Task Force that developed *The Vine*. If you have any suggestions, ideas or thoughts as to how we can improve, please send them to info@asburylv.org. Our goal is to serve you and help you develop as a disciple of Christ, that God may use you to truly transform the world!

Pastor Mark

Grace and peace to you from your Asbury Church Council!

It is such an exciting time to be a part of this small piece of the Kingdom of God we call Asbury. As you know, our new smaller Church Council that has been meeting for about a year now was tasked with long-term visioning for Asbury—dreaming, praying, brainstorming and listening to discern what God wants us to be. The result has been our Vision and Mission Statements related to our five Practices which you've learned about in our recent sermon series. All this strategic planning is great but what is really speaking to me is our tag line:

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Church Council's next step to put our *faith in action* is the establishment of five measurable goals, each of which relate to and support our Vision and Mission. You'll learn about these in detail over the next few months. The amazing thing to me is that even before these goals have been finalized and communicated, I've seen many examples of Asbury (you!) putting *faith in action*. When you became aware that kids needed help going to camp (Intentional Faith Development), you responded immediately with Extravagant Generosity and provided camperships for these kids. When we heard of a need for improved communication at Asbury a group of volunteers came together and in a few short months *The Vine* came into existence with format/layout supporting our five practices. The Radical Hospitality practiced by Kidz Klub is bringing new families to Asbury. I can't wait to see how our lives will be changed as we continue to put our *faith in action!*

Dick McCreight, Chair

Asbury is forming a Marketing Team under the leadership and guidance of Cristina Lenner. We'll be looking into an overall marketing plan, public relations, publicity, community relations, community outreach and more. If you are interested in being a part of this Marketing Initiative please join us for our first meeting on Tuesday, 6/12, in the Aldersgate Room from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Please contact Cristina Lenner (lennerc@yahoo.com) if you'd like more information.

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Congregational Life & Care

PEP (People Enjoying People) CLUB will meet at 11:30 AM on 6/15 for their last get-together until September. The program will be presented by "Glenn Miller, the One Man Band." Hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Those with last names A-L are asked to bring desserts, and those with last names M-Z should bring salads to share. All senior adults are welcome.

A FAREWELL SERVICE for District Superintendent Bron Yocum will be held at 4:00 PM today, 6/10, at Wesley UMC in Bethlehem. The service will include some of her favorite hymns, as well as her last sermon to us as our D.S. Following the service there will be refreshments and a time to wish Rev. Yocum and her family well. Wesley is located at 2540 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

PRAYER AND SHARE TOGETHER consists of two Christian support groups for Lehigh Valley women: one for women with loved ones who are struggling with emotional issues such as depression, anxiety, bipolar; and another for those who are afflicted themselves. Next meetings for both groups: Tuesday 6/12, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in Room 208. Call Linda (610-395-8756) for information.

SUSANNA CIRCLE will meet at 6:30 PM on Monday, 6/11, at the Edge of the Woods Native Plant Nursery, 2415 PA Route 100, Orefield (located 1/2 mile North of Applewood on the right). We will have a light supper and tour their demonstration gardens, including birds, butterflies, and wildlife they support. Cost for the evening is \$10--\$6 for the tour and \$4 for the supper. All women are welcome!

CRAFTERS: On Tuesday, 6/12, the craft group will meet at 9:30 AM for a trip to Hobby Lobby, followed by lunch. Please meet at the lower entrance and bring your craft ideas!

DORCAS/MARTHA CIRCLE will have a luncheon meeting on Thursday, 6/14. The Circle will meet in the lower level parking lot at 11:30 AM to carpool to The Willows. Please call Donna Nuss (610-395-3479) today, 6/10, if you did not sign up at the May meeting and wish to attend. All women are welcome. In June the Circle will be collecting family-size toiletries such as shampoo, toothpaste and etc. for Pathways. Also, they will continue to collect hotel-size toiletries for Daybreak.



Welcome
Our New
Members

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Prayers of Our Congregation

For those who are sick or in the hospital

Lord, we ask your mercy and healing for all those currently hospitalized or recently discharged, especially, Elaine G. & Elizabeth F. Give them the strength and will to recover so they may continue your work in the world. Jesus, we ask you to have mercy on all those in pain, both physical and mental and grant them your peace.

For those who mourn

Lord, we ask your mercy and comfort for the families of all those who have passed from our lives into your arms, especially the family of Harry Heist.

For those who need your special help

Lord, we ask mercy for Louann's sister, Mary Ellen, as she faces further tests this week to see if her cancer has metastasized. We ask healing for Joan as she recovers from knee replacement surgery. We lift up the Doe family. We ask your comfort for the family of Anthony Stranzl, who would have celebrated his 21st birthday on June 9. Be with Maynara, who is hospitalized. Lord, we ask your merciful healing for Marlaina, a 33 year old diagnosed with lymphoma.

For our congregation

Help us to love each other as you love us. Bless the Cookson Hills Mission Team in Oklahoma this week..

For the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, we ask that the spirit of the Prince of Peace descend wherever it is needed in this suffering world.

With thanksgiving for our joys

Thank you for the life of Will who turns 25.

For our children

We give you thanks for the lives of our children and for the blessing that all children are.

For the missions we support

Let us pray for the leaders and orphan children who make jewelry so that they can pay for their schooling and living expenses. Thank you for this wonderful mission that brings hope and a sense of accomplishment to children who have been orphaned by AIDS.

*By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.*

Philippians 4:6

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Children

WELCOME TO OUR KIDS MIN SECTION!

Check out "The Vine" each week, and our Children's Min blog under the CM section of our website for upcoming info!

Lots of summer activities planned!

VBS registration now under way. VBS "Operation Overboard" July 30, 31 & Aug 1-3. Registration forms are available online, at the Welcome Center, in the Community Room, and in the church office. Volunteers still needed! Contact Linda in the church office.

Kidz Klub – June 15 – for ages PreK 4 – 5th grade. Join us in the Grove for dinner, sports, and decorating "God's Garden". Sign up outside the WC, in the Community Room, or email Linda at larleth@asburylv.org.

Faith & Fun Alive – Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM check out our summer age groupings from 7/1-9/2. Children infants/ones will be with our childcare staff in room 214. Ages 2-PreK 4's will be with our childcare staff in room 223. Ages K - 5th grade will be in room 219. **We need 2 volunteers each Sunday to teach our oldest group.** User-friendly, fun curriculum provided and training if needed! Contact Linda in the church office to volunteer!

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit". Matthew 28:19

Youth

The school year is wrapping up! Last week we were blessed to welcome 20 students into the Church at our Service of Confirmation. A few weeks ago we celebrated with our seniors as they prepare to begin the next phase of their lives. We give thanks to God for all He has provided us with and the memories we were blessed with from this year.

This week, 6/10, is the final Sunday School class of the 2011-2012 school year.

Next week, 6/17, is the final SNL/JHE of the 2011-2012 school year.

Lots of great events are coming up this summer and the calendar will be in next week's edition of *The Vine*.

Sr. Highers—don't forget that West Virginia Work Week applications have to be submitted by June 17. Complete one today at www.asburyym.org!

Adults

THE MINISTRY OF PRESENCE is offered to Asbury members who are in hospitals or who are confined to their homes or retirement communities. The Keep in Touch Committee regularly visits these members to provide spiritual care and to help them stay connected with their Asbury family. Committee members also visit relatives of members who have recently relocated to this area and are no longer connected to their local church community. If you know of someone needing regular visits, please contact Rev. Glenn Asquith (484-547-1803 or gasquith@asburylv.org) or Judy Whitby (610-432-1848 or jmwhitby@aol.com).



Staff Parish Committee is seeking applications for a Director of Vesper Ringers/Handbell Program Coordinator to begin in Fall 2012. Please contact Kathy Dries (kldries@ptd.net) for more information.

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

Asbury In Mission (AIM) Mission

CHANGE FOR CHANGE this month will support our Cookson Hills Mission Team as they travel to Oklahoma this month to work with the children and youth of Cookson in a summer camp program. The primary target group of the Center's service is Native American people, most being of the Cherokee Tribe. Please place your contributions in the designated containers.

AIM YARD SALE HELPERS: If you have volunteered to help with the yard sale, please arrive at the Wesley Center to work at 9:00 AM Mon.-Fri. (on the days you volunteered) and/or Sat. morning, 7:30 AM, for the actual sale, which runs from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM. If you signed up to help clean up on Sat. after the sale, please arrive between 11:30 AM & 12:00 PM. If you still want to volunteer to help, please call Jennifer Springer (610-395-7812).

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

ASBURY ENDOWMENT FUND

Your gifts to the Asbury Endowment Fund are a testimony to your faith and the confidence you have in your church. Both lifetime gifts and testamentary gifts (those given through your will) express your feelings in a lasting and meaningful way.

ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION FUNDRAISER

will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 PM on Thursday, 6/14, at the Holiday Inn, Fogselsville. Cost is \$20.00. A Taste of the Valley's Finest is an evening of fun featuring the finest fare from restaurants, caterers and dessert chefs across the Lehigh Valley to benefit the homeless and hungry in our community! Enjoy live Motown and classic rock by The Unstoppable Hack Beats. Bid on a wide selection of valuable products and services in a silent auction. Thanks to our generous participants and sponsors: 100% of proceeds benefit the Mission. Please visit www.allentownrescuemission.org for more information.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 10 / New Members

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:15 a.m. God's Rainbow Sunday School- 200
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Open Door Community Worship- WC
- 2:00 p.m. Parkland Baccalaureate- Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Reception- WC
- 5:30 p.m. YMMO- 206
- 5:30 p.m. YMMO Family Meeting- 217
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba- Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/FH/108

Monday, June 11

- 8:00 a.m. Yard Sale Set-up- WC
- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 10:30 a.m. Pastoral Care Staff- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12- FH/106/108
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

Tuesday, June 12

- 8:00 a.m. Yard Sale Set-up- WC
- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff- Aldersgate
- 6:00 p.m. Marketing Team- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Share Together- 208/210
- 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Girls & Guys- YL/108
- 7:30 p.m. O. A. - 204

Wednesday, June 13

- 8:00 a.m. Yard Sale Set-up- WC
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open)- 108

Wednesday, June 13 (cont.)

- 3:00 p.m. Technology Task Force- Aldersgate
- 5:00 p.m. Karate- Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Harmony- FH

Thursday, June 14

- 8:00 a.m. Yard Sale Set-up- WC
- 9:00 a.m. Zumba Toning- FH
- 2:30 p.m. Parkland Press- Aldersgate
- 6:15 p.m. Asbury Softball- Scherersville 4
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Serenity in the Valley- 108
- 7:30 p.m. Asbury Softball- Scherersville 4



Friday, June 15

- 8:00 a.m. Yard Sale Set-up- WC
- 11:30 a.m. P.E.P. Club- FH
- 6:00 p.m. Kidz Klub- Grove/FH

Saturday, June 16

- 8:00 a.m. AIM Yard Sale- WC
- 6:30 p.m. YMMO- 206

Sunday, June 17 / Father's Day

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Open Door Community Worship- WC
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba- Parlor

SATURDAY ~ JUNE 16, 2012 ~ 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

Asbury In Mission Indoor Yard Sale

In the midst of spring cleaning and have some clean items in good working condition to donate to the yard sale? If so, please drop them off in the Wesley Center from Monday, 6/11 – Thursday, 6/14 anytime from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Then join us on 6/16 at the yard sale for some great bargains!

Examples of welcome yard sale donations: housewares, furniture, toys, books, working appliances and electronics, games, puzzles, and sporting goods.

**NO COMPUTERS/COMPUTER PARTS
OR USED CLOTHING, PLEASE.**

Contact Randi Paul, Jenn Springer, Wendy Huszar or Jan Kratz.
Please start saving paper & plastic grocery bags for the sale!

Great American Bake Sale to combat childhood hunger
Contact Faye Vibbert or Sandy Silvonek to volunteer.

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