



Asbury UMC
LEHIGH VALLEY

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

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A Caring Touch

As we know, part of Asbury's Vision for Ministry is to be engaged in *Risk-Taking Mission and Service*. As I noted in recent sermons, this mission and service can take place in the jungles of Nicaragua, in the summer heat at Cookson Hills, OK, or in a soup kitchen in Allentown. For the dedicated Lay Visitors of Asbury's Keep in Touch team, it takes place in hospitals and nursing homes.

Mark Schessler faithfully visits Asbury members in nursing homes, many of whom suffer from varying degrees of dementia. As you might guess, a person's dementia doesn't stop Mark from bringing the joyous news of God's love to these residents. Recently one of them told her son-in-law that "that nice man from church stopped by today." Carol Pavone also faithfully visits a woman with severe dementia at a local nursing home who has never responded to Carol in any way. As advisor to the Keep in Touch group, I keep coaching Carol (and the others) on the meaning of Ministry of Presence to those who can't respond in the usual verbal ways because of illness. This strategy finally paid off recently. When Carol placed her hands on this lady and said The Lord's Prayer for her; she looked up and acknowledged Carol for the first time in nearly two years.

I invite you to consider joining the Keep in Touch team in bringing Good News to our members in need of a caring touch and a reminder of God's love.

Pastor Glenn

Board of Trustees

The primary purpose of the church building, grounds and facilities is to enable the Vision and Ministry of the congregation. The Board of Trustees is the committee that is responsible for overseeing, maintaining and upgrading all of the church property, including the parsonage. The Trustees perform these duties within the operating budget constraints. They also execute specially funded projects to beautify the church. The Business Administrator on church staff regularly participates in the activities of the Trustees and provides budgetary accounting guidance.

Asbury's Board of Trustees meets on the fourth Monday of the month, except for the months of July and December. The committee is made up of laity who serve three year terms. The committee members are appointed to three class years, which are staggered, so that each year continuity is maintained.

Current Board of Trustees Members

Bob Reighard – Chairperson (bnbplus7@ptd.net)

Tom Gibson – Business Administrator (tgibson@asburylv.org)

Doug Frank Chuck Goodge Jim Lane Bryan Nyce Sandy Silvonek

Asbury's new publication, "The Vine" made its debut on June 10, 2012,. We'd like to thank everyone who has provided feedback on it, and have tried to address a few of the concerns expressed. Here are some things to remember:

- ◆ "The Vine" is available each Thursday on our website and as a link from the weekly Asbury Update. If you currently do not receive the e-mail update, please contact the church office and we will add you to the group e-mail list.
- ◆ Printed copies are available at the Welcome Centers. In addition to the current week's edition, copies from previous weeks are also available.
- ◆ Deadline for submissions is 8:00 am Tuesday of any given week.

The Publisher

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Congregational Life & Care

A SPECIAL REQUEST

Our high school youth and adult leaders are planning for their annual mission trip to Barbour County, West Virginia, which takes place in just a few weeks. It ALWAYS amazes us at the amount of food 40-50 hard working teens and adults can consume!

The money each person pays for this trip not only covers food, but also covers building supplies for the projects they are working on. We are on a tight budget and could use some extra help from you. Each year, our friends in the congregation very generously donate some food items which fit into our needs perfectly! We are asking again if you would be willing to help us with some donations. We would be TREMENDOUSLY GRATEFUL! Particularly, we are looking for the following:

Snack items for the work sites such as:

- Fresh fruit (navel oranges, watermelon or grapes)
- Bags of candy (please, no chocolate)
- Individual bags of chips, pretzels & cheese crackers etc.
- Single serving applesauce or pudding (non-refrigerated)
- Individually wrapped snacks such as Rice Krispy treats or fruit snacks
- 12 pks of Coke products

Desserts such as:

- Brownies, Oreos
- Ice cream toppings: syrups, sprinkles, cherries, etc.

Breakfast items such as:

- Bagels, muffins, cheese or fruit Danish, Pop Tarts (funky flavors)
- Granola bars, fruit bars, cinnamon buns
- Protein bars
- Cereal: Special K w/ red berries; Cheerios; Honey Nut Cheerios; Cinnamon Toast Crunch; Fruit Loops

In order that we can plan for shopping needs, please contact Dot Hess (610-391-9212 or hessdp@ptd.net) before shopping so we can have the right assortment of food available for the week. Leave your donation in the church workroom (label for WV Work Trip) by Wednesday July 11th. We would also welcome monetary donations to offset the cost of food.

Thanks for ALL your help and support.....The Kitchen Kweens

Prayers of Our Congregation

By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

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 Hannah and Louann's sister, Mary. 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 Jim P. and family on the passing of his mother, Isabel.

For those who need your special help

We ask for healing for Paul W. who is dealing with a recurrence of cancer. We pray with Heather that her treatment works. We ask for recovery from a serious illness for Tim. We join Terrie D. as she prays for healing for her Uncle Richard as he recovers from a fall. Lord, be with Connie F. as she recovers from surgery.

For our congregation

Lord, inspire us to be a daily inspiration to others.

For the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, we pray for lasting peace in the Middle East. We ask your guidance and blessing on the leadership of our country.

With thanksgiving for our joys

Thank you for the challenges and opportunities of every day. Thank you for the peace and joy which comes from spending time with you. Thank you for summer vacation.

For our children

We ask that single parents find the support they need to successfully raise their children.

For the missions we support

Bless the Zimmerman family as they minister to the people of Nepal to provide medical and nutritional care and prepare to return stateside for their time at home.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

Children

All children and their friends are invited to participate in our Children's Ministry programs and activities.

- ☺ **Kidz Klub** ~ 30 children and 13 volunteers had a great time last week at Kidz Klub! Story time, hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill, a campfire, and game & craft times were lots of fun! Thanks to Pam & Steve for building a new cross for The Grove. The children placed their handprints on the cross, and painted sun catchers and birdhouses to decorate "God's Garden." The kids enjoyed a time of climbing through a spider web of ropes, and swinging on the tire swing. Thanks to a great group of volunteers!
- ☺ **Summer Kidz Klub** ~ **July 11, 18, & 25 from 6-8 PM.** Sign up outside WC and in the Community Room.
- ☺ **Sunday Morning Faith & Fun Alive (July 1 to September 2) ~ 9:30 AM** Childcare for Infants/Ones in Room 214; Childcare for Twos–PreK in Room 223; Grades K–5 in Room 219. We still need 2 volunteers each for Sundays August 19, 26 & Sept 2 for our older age grouping. Curriculum & training provided!
- ☺ **VBS ~ July 30, 31 & August 1, 2 & 3 ~ "Operation Overboard."** Join us for a week of adventure going deep with God. Registration forms are available online, at the Welcome Centers, and in the church office. Register NOW!
- ☺ **Contact Linda Arleth** in the church office for information on any of the above events.

Asbury In Mission (AIM) Mission

CHANGE FOR CHANGE this month will support our Cookson Hills Mission Team which traveled to Oklahoma earlier this month to lead a summer camp program for the children and youth of Cookson. Please place your contributions in the designated containers.

Congratulations to Asbury's First Grade Sunday School Class!

They successfully raised \$120 to buy a pig from Heifer, International. These young people learned how important a pig can be to a family and a community. They shared their knowledge with other Sunday School Classes, youth and adult, and offered special duct tape bracelets decorated with pig stickers for the price of one dollar each. Thanks go out to the 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Classes as well as the Pioneer's Class for supporting this mission.



Asbury's Youth Music Ministry Outreach (YMMO)

invites you to their handbell concert on Thursday, July 12th at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.. Our youth have been practicing for months in preparation for their outreach, and wish to share the music they have learned with you, in addition to their faith and what they have experience during their time around the Lehigh Valley.

Thank you to all our bakers, buyers, and workers, both Friday night and Saturday. The Great American Bake Sale was a success! Because of you, there will be less childhood hunger in the United States. Again, thank you!

Sandy Silvonek and Faye Vibbert

Youth



Our first event of the summer is this Sunday, June 24.

We're having a picnic on the church lawn from 6:30 to 8:00 PM! Please bring a snack or beverage to share. We'll provide hot dogs and hamburgers!

Group tickets to the IronPigs game on July 1 are sold out, but you won't want to miss YMMO ringing the National Anthem, so even if you're aren't able to come with the group, come check it out!

Finally, please visit www.asburyym.org and click on the West Virginia Work Week link on the top banner to see an important message from the folks who help in the kitchen in West Virginia and see how you can help to support the trip right now.

Adults



SUMMER BIBLE STUDY STARTS SUNDAY! 6:00-7:00 PM, June 24-August 12.

Meet outside in the Grove - no pre-registration or preparation required. Topics ("New Testament Characters") are stand-alone, so participants can attend when their schedule allows. Childcare not provided, but kids can play on the playground during the study. Contact Laurie Wallace Theisen with questions.

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

ASBURY ENDOWMENT FUND

Think about the part that you want to play in your church's future. Naming the Asbury Endowment Fund as a beneficiary in your estate can assure your continued participation in the life and mission of your church far into the future.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 24 / Baptism

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Summer Bible Study- Grove/Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Summer Program- FH/YL

Monday, June 25

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 10:30 a.m. Pastoral Care Staff- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees- Aldersgate

Tuesday, June 26

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 9:30 a.m. Craft Day- 106
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff- Aldersgate
- 7:30 p.m. O. A. - 204

Wednesday, June 27

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open)- 108
- 3:00 p.m. Church Software Task Force- Aldersgate
- 5:00 p.m. Karate- WC
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- WC
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 7:00 p.m. WV Overview Meeting- 217
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Harmony- FH

Thursday, June 28

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba Toning- FH
- 6:15 p.m. Asbury Softball- Velodrome North
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON (Serenity in the Valley)- 108
- 7:30 p.m. Asbury Softball- Velodrome North
- 7:30 p.m. College Bible Study- YL

Friday, June 29

Nothing Scheduled

Saturday, June 30

Nothing Scheduled

Sunday, July 1 / Heritage Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Faith & Fun Alive (K-5th grade) -219
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Open Door Community Worship- WC
- 6:00 p.m. Summer Bible Study- Grove/Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Night at Iron Pigs



TOUGH TOPICS
Sermon Series

- Church & State July 1
- Income Inequality July 29
- The Death Penalty July 8
- Heaven & Hell August 5
- Homosexuality July 15
- Euthanasia August 12
- Abortion July 22
- Politics August 19

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