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JULY 1, 2012

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

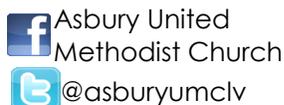
Teaching Pastors
Mark Moore and Eric Yeakel

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
1533 Springhouse Road
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Greetings in the name of Christ!

As I write this, I am at Pocono Plateau, serving about 60 middle and high school students. It is a special blessing for me – I have the opportunity to again share this week with my wife and son, who are also volunteering their time to be here. Eight students from our church are here as campers and several of the summer staff are from Asbury! This reminds me once again that Asbury has been and continues to be a place where people are called to grow in their faith and then serve others in the name of Christ. I am so grateful to be part of such a congregation!

As great as it is to celebrate the blessings of our congregation, even greater is the challenge before us. Virtually every publication I read tells me that the world is no longer interested in what the church has to say. Fewer and fewer people are participating in faith communities. Our nation seems to be more and more polarized by political, economic and social turmoil. Families are struggling to remain intact. It is easy to despair.

When you do – remember this – our God is a God of hope! We have confidence that one day all will be set right. Until that day, we keep pressing on after His calling – and celebrating His presence among us! Let us never lose hope, but keep loving in the name and power of our God who redeems us! See you Sunday!

Pastor Mark

Finance Committee

As the name describes, the Finance Committee is charged with the responsibility to oversee most of the financial aspects of Asbury. The Endowment Fund is managed separately from the regular finances of the church and is subject to its own oversight committee. The Finance Committee reports and makes recommendations to Church Council.

The day to day financial oversight of Asbury is handled primarily by our Business Administrator, Tom Gibson and the Financial Secretary, Suzanne Weida. They are assisted by the other staff members in the church office. Tom and Suzanne, in turn, interact with the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee consists of 8 members of our Congregation. We meet on a monthly basis to review the financial aspects of our church and make any decisions needed. Terms are 3 years in length and their expirations are staggered to provide continuity as members rotate off the Committee as their terms expire. While discretion is required on the financial issues of our church, members of the Finance Committee do not have access to individual giving records of the congregation.

Current Committee Members

Fulton Brown – Chairperson (brown_f@sdepa.com)

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

Andy Bringham
Judy Kemmerer

Dale Begany
Will Kratz

Ed Dougherty
Penman Neel

Gordon Sivell will step down in July due to relocation.

Community Day, previously scheduled for September 8, 2012, has been postponed. More information will be forthcoming as plans progress and a new date is selected.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Children



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

- ☺ **Sunday Morning Summer Faith & Fun Alive Starts Today ~ 9:30 AM** Childcare for Infants/Ones in Room 214; Childcare for Twos–PreK in Room 223; Grades K–5 in Room 219.
- ☺ **Summer Kidz Klub ~ July 11, 18, & 25 from 6-8 PM.** Sign up outside WC and in the Community Room.
- ☺ **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!
- ☺ **Fall Faith & Fun Alive ~** Teachers/aides are needed for 3 yr. olds, PreK/K grouping, and Grades 2, 3, and 4/5. No experience necessary, just a heart for building relationships with our children!

Contact **Linda Arleth** in the church office for information on any of the above events.

Youth

SUMMER ACTIVITIES



- ◇ This week (7/1): IronPigs game @ Coca-Cola Park, 6:35 PM. YMMO Ringers are ringing the National Anthem!!
- ◇ Next week (7/8): Game Night @ Asbury, 6:30 PM—8 PM
- ◇ We're still looking for West Virginia Work Week food donations! Visit www.asburyym.org and click on “West Virginia Work Week” to see how you can help!
- ◇ Let summer be a time of rest and relaxation from hectic school schedules, but remember we live in a full-time world and follow a full-time God. Stay strong in your walk with Him!

Visit www.asburyym.org for the full summer schedule!

Adults



SUMMER BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES SUNDAYS FROM 6:00-7:00 PM, THROUGH 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.

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

Asbury In Mission (AIM) Mission



CHANGE FOR CHANGE this month will go to the Second Harvest Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley. Second Harvest's mission is to obtain food and distribute it to people in need through area non-profits and to provide resources for education and advocacy to end hunger. 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 adults, 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 experienced during their time around the Lehigh Valley.

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

ASBURY ENDOWMENT FUND

How long has it been since you updated your will? Does it still express your wishes? Does it leave a gift to the Asbury Endowment Fund to help Asbury carry on its ministry after your death?

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Monday, July 2

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 10:30 a.m. Pastoral Care Staff- Aldersgate

Tuesday, July 3

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff- Aldersgate
- 6:15 p.m. Asbury Softball- Velodrome North
- 7:30 p.m. Asbury Softball- Velodrome North
- 7:30 p.m. O. A. - 204

Wednesday, July 4 / Independence Day

Office & Building Closed

Thursday, July 5

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba Toning- FH
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON (Serenity in the Valley)- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Journeys- 202
- 7:30 p.m. College Bible Study- YL

Friday, July 6

Nothing Scheduled

Saturday, July 7

Nothing Scheduled

Sunday, July 8 / Communion / Baptism

- 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
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 106/108
- 6:00 p.m. Summer Bible Study- Grove/Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Summer Program- FH/YL



Congregational Chat July 15 - 12:30 pm

- Mark Moore, Senior Pastor
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- Eric Yeakel, Associate Pastor
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- Glenn Asquith, Director of Pastoral Care
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- Laurie Wallace Theisen, Director of Lay Ministries
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- Linda Arleth, Director of Children's Ministries
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- Aaron Forney, Director of Youth Ministries,
Interim Band Leader for Open Door
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- Tom Gibson, Business Administrator
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- Larry Hein, Head Custodian
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Our Staff

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