



**Asbury UMC**  
LEHIGH VALLEY



*faith in action... imagine your life changed.*

**JULY 8, 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  
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### Journey 101

Our mission at Asbury UMC is to make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. In order to accomplish that mission we need to be able to help people see how the Bible and the Christian faith can change their lives, and how they in turn could change the world. For over 90 years Asbury has been building a community where people are becoming disciples of Jesus Christ. In the Wesleyan tradition a disciple of Jesus Christ knows God by becoming theologically informed, loves God and is experiencing spiritual transformation, and serves God by using his or her hands to serve others and share Christ. Growing as a disciple of Christ is a life-long journey. As followers of Christ we are all on a journey to know, love, and serve God. However, sometimes that journey can be difficult and confusing.

Therefore we are going to be offering three 6-week studies called Journey 101 which will help people gain a better understanding of their discipleship journey. The first 6 weeks is the "Knowing God" study and we will look at how disciples grow to know God more deeply. The next study "Loving God" will look at how our lives could be transformed if we loved God with the fullness of our hearts. The final study "Serving God" will look at how Disciples of Christ should be serving in the world. You can take one of these studies, or all three, in the order you choose. Sign up information for Journey 101 will be available beginning in August. I would encourage you to prayerfully discern if God is leading you to deepen your faith through these short term studies

*Pastor Eric*

### Worship Ministry Committee

The main focus of Worship Ministry is to work with the pastor to create a meaningful worship experience that is harmonious and flowing. Additionally, the committee recruits and guides laity to participate in worship. The committee includes the committee chair, committee members who are responsible for eleven worship areas, and one or more members-at-large. Though not a member of the committee, the pastor regularly attends meetings and advises the group. The volunteer worship areas are Worship Coordinator (oversees the worship service), Lay Readers (read the scripture at one or more services), Multi-media Volunteers (create and project the slides for worship at 9:30 and 11:00 AM, Sound and Light Operators (coordinate the lights and microphones), Communion Stewards (prepare the elements for communion), Communion Servers (assist in serving the elements), Acolytes (perform various Worship duties), Moments with Children Team (provide lessons for the children during Worship), Ushers (assist worshipers in the Sanctuary), Flower Coordinators (organize and schedule flowers for worship services) and Altar Guild (dresses the altar throughout the year). The committee generally meets in the Aldersgate Room at 7:00 PM the first Tuesday of the month. For more information or to join the team, please contact Pastor Mark.

If you would like to sponsor the Altar Flowers for Sunday, July 22, please contact Nancy Chestnutt (610-432-1486) or the church office. Cost is \$45.00 for the two arrangements. Sponsors may elect to take the arrangements after the 11:00 service or designate them for delivery to a shut-in.

# RADICAL HOSPITALITY & EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

## Congregational Life & Care

### USHERING SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

A head usher is needed on a permanent basis for the fourth Sunday of each month for the 11:00 AM service. This is an important way to serve Asbury and our congregation, and has the bonus of no preparation prior to the fourth Sunday service. If your schedule is tight, this is the perfect service opportunity for you - less than two hours each month. Training will be provided by Cyndi Frank and Ed Keller. Please contact Cyndi Frank ([frankcj@ptd.net](mailto:frankcj@ptd.net), 610-799-6079) or Ed Keller ([ekkeller@ptd.net](mailto:ekkeller@ptd.net), 610-366-9591) for further information.

### VBS TEACHERS' HOSPITALITY ROOM

Are you able to help supply snacks for the Vacation Bible School Teachers' Hospitality Room? Dates for VBS this year are Monday, July 30 through Friday, August 3. A poster board for sign-ups has been placed in the Community Room. Suggested donations include baked or purchased breads or cookies, fruit or fruit trays, bottled water, small yogurts, iced tea in gallon containers, cheese cubes & crackers, chips & dip or 2 liter sodas. Please stop by and volunteer to help us treat our VBS teachers to a special break during their busy mornings.

### PRAYER AND SHARE TOGETHER

Asbury regularly hosts 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 7/10, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 208. Philip Yancey's DVD on "Forgiveness: What's So Amazing About Grace?" will be shown and discussed. Call Linda Curry Bartholomew (610-395-8756) for information.

## Prayers of Our Congregation

*May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. I Corinthians 1:3*

### 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 Bill S. 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 friends and family of Fred who Asbury helped on last year's W.VA trip and who recently passed away. Lord, we also ask your comfort for the Gustafson family who lost their son, Nick, and all other families who lost loved ones in the tragic New Tripoli car accident.

### For those who need your special help

We ask continued healing for 22 year old Caitlin as she recovers from complications due to blood clots. We ask healing for Don, now recovering from pneumonia.

### For our children

Help us to ensure that every child has a chance to enjoy the beauty and freedom of your great outdoors this season.

## ***A SPECIAL REQUEST FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED FOR WV WORK TRIP***

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
- Single serving applesauce or pudding  
(non-refrigerated)

- Individually wrapped snacks

- 12 pks of Coke products

Desserts such as:

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

Breakfast items such as:

- Bagels, muffins, Danish, Pop Tarts (funky flavors)
- Granola, protein or fruit bars, cinnamon buns
- Cereal:

In order that we can plan for shopping needs, please contact Dot Hess (610-391-9212 or [hessdp@ptd.net](mailto: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*

### For our congregation

Come into our lives, Lord, and into our hearts. We ask safe travel for Sonya J. as she goes to Germany. We ask you to be with the Campbell family who are starting a month long adventure across the country.

### For the world, its people and its leaders

We ask that you bring peace to Syria. And we ask that you release Mali from the grip of Al Qaeda.

### With thanksgiving for our joys

We praise you for a safe and fun week of camp for Boy Scout Troop 12. We praise you for providing work opportunities for those in need. Bonnie R. is thankful to have seen a red breasted grosbeak at her bird feeder.

### For the missions we support

Let us pray for Aspires and its mentorship of students who are at risk of not graduating from high school. Please bless these relationships that are formed to help youth graduate and become productive citizens.

*Amen!*

## INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

## RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

### Children



#### **Sunday Morning Summer Faith & Fun Alive - 9:30 AM**

Childcare for infants/ones in Room 214; Childcare for Two's-PreK in Room 223; Grades K-5 in Room 219.

#### **Summer Kidz Klub**

Sign up now outside WC or in the Community Room for July 11, 18 & 25. Dinner & fun summer activities for kids PreK-5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Volunteers needed!

#### **VBS – July 30, 31 & August 1, 2, & 3 – “Operation Overboard”**

All children ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are welcome to join us. Bring your friends! Registration forms are available online, at the Welcome Centers, and in the church office. Register NOW!

#### **Fall Faith & Fun Alive**

Love kids and Jesus? We need you! Teachers/aides needed for 3 yr./PreK/K grouping, and Grades 1, 2, & 3. No experience necessary – training, curriculum and lots of support provided!

**View our Children's Ministry Blog on the Asbury website!  
Contact Linda Arleth in the church office to volunteer!**

### Youth



This week (7/8): Game Night! 6:30 PM—8:00 PM. We'll be playing some active games and some paper/word games. Have a game you want to share with the group? Bring directions along and teach it to us!

Next week (7/15): Pool Party at the Howorths' (2362 Cross Creek Rd., Macungie), 6:30 PM—8 PM. Come in your bathing suit and bring a towel!

Congregation: Don't forget we're still looking for food donations for West Virginia! Visit the West Virginia page on [www.asburylv.org](http://www.asburylv.org) or contact Aaron Forney at [aforney@asburylv.org](mailto:aforney@asburylv.org) with questions. Also, keep praying for the trip!

Finally, last Friday we got word that Fred, for whom we built the house in West Virginia last year, passed away. Please keep his girlfriend Jo in prayer as she begins a new phase of life.

### Adults

#### **Meet the Missionaries**

Sunday, July 15 marks an opportunity for the Asbury congregation to meet a missionary family from Kenya. The Kavari's are residents of Kenya who are currently serving in Mission to Nepal. The family consists of Dr. Joel, Agnes, Gracie (16), and Francis (13). Dr. Joel is focused on the AIDS epidemic in Nepal and has tremendous insight on future impact of the Third World AIDS epidemic on rest of the world.

They are visiting Baltimore for the month of July as they continue to connect to churches and medical facilities about their mission. Dan and Lisa Crowley are hosting the family for the weekend. Please stop by the Community Room between 9:30 and 10:30 next Sunday to say hello and learn more about this fascinating family and their mission.

### 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.



#### **Asbury's Youth Music Ministry Outreach (YMMO)**

You might remember blue-shirted youth performing the Chicken Dance, or you may better recall the wonderful smells of chicken dinners. But, what happened to that YMMO group? The Youth Music Ministry Outreach has been rehearsing weekly for one to two hours and also completed two, six hour camps. All of their hard work has finally come to fruition. This past Sunday, July 1, they rang the National Anthem at the Iron Pigs game. From Tuesday, July 10, through Friday, July 13, our youth will ring twelve performances, mostly for kids who might not otherwise be exposed to handbell music. Our kids will not only ring for kids, but also take the time to teach them about ringing and give them hands-on time with some hand chimes. YMMO will also share their talents and their love of Christ with residents of Phoebe Home, Luther Crest and the Center for Vision Loss. The youth will also share a hands-on experience with the kids of Asbury's Kidz Klub on July 11, and present a full concert for our entire Asbury family on July 12 at 7:00 PM. This concert will be fun for adults and children of all ages. Come out and be a collector of our Kindness Coins! As our youth travel throughout the week, please hold them in prayer for safe travels, and that the children they meet not only hear the music, but feel the love of God.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## 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

## Monday, July 9

- 9:15 a.m. Bethany Zumba- WC
- 10:00 a.m. YMMO- 206
- 10:30 a.m. Pastoral Care Staff- Aldersgate
- 5:30 p.m. Bethany Zumba- WC
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12- FH/106

## Tuesday, July 10

- 7:00 a.m. YMMO- YL/206/offsite
- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 9:30 a.m. Craft Day- 106
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff- Aldersgate
- 6:00 p.m. Bethany Zumba- WC
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Share Together- 208/210
- 7:30 p.m. O. A. - 204

## Wednesday, July 11

- 7:00 a.m. YMMO- YL/206/offsite
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 9:15 a.m. Bethany Zumba- WC
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 3:00 p.m. Parkland Press Sales Meeting- Aldersgate
- 5:00 p.m. Karate- Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Kidz Klub- WC

## Wednesday, July 11 (cont.)

- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Harmony- FH
- 9:00 p.m. YMMO Lock-In- YL/104/106

## Thursday, July 12

- 7:00 a.m. YMMO- YL/206/offsite
- 9:00 a.m. Zumba Toning- FH
- 6:15 p.m. Asbury Softball Game- Velodrome East
- 6:30 p.m. LV Walk Now for Autism- 217
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON (Serenity in the Valley)- 108
- 7:00 p.m. YMMO Concert- Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Asbury Softball Game- Velodrome East

## Friday, July 13

- 7:00 a.m. YMMO- YL/206/offsite
- 9:15 a.m. Bethany Zumba- FH

## Saturday, July 14

- 9:00 a.m. Bethany Zumba- FH
- 3:00 p.m. PPMC Event- FH

## Sunday, July 15

### *West Virginia Mission Trip Departure*

- 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
- 12:30 p.m. Congregational Chat- Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. Bridal Shower- Parlor
- 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- Offsite



**TOUGH TOPICS**  
Sermon Series

**Church & State**  
July 1

**Income Inequality**  
July 29

**The Death Penalty**  
July 8

**Warren & Hell**  
August 5

**Homosexuality**  
July 15

**Euthanasia**  
August 12

**Abortion**  
July 22

**Politics**  
August 19

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