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JULY 15, 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

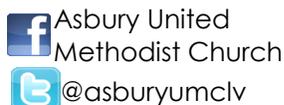
Teaching Pastors
Mark Moore and Eric Yeakel

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

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Living and Loving the Questions

Most of us have persistent, deep questions about life that seem unanswerable. Why does God allow disasters or human evil to take so many lives? Why does he or she have to suffer like that? Why can't I overcome this illness, or find the occupation that I want, or achieve peace in my significant relationships? These are questions that nag us concerning the meaning of life. They are questions that affect our relationship with God, because it seems that God is not answering our prayers, or giving us any kind of answer.

Recently I began reading one of pastoral theologian Henri Nouwen's last books, published by close colleagues after his death, entitled Spiritual Direction: Wisdom for the Long Walk of Faith. He starts with the affirmation that inner spiritual peace comes from living and loving the big questions about life's meaning. Instead of running to and fro attending seminars, reading self-help books, and seeking "answers" from others, Nouwen says that our real answers come from communing with God who dwells within us.

Living the questions requires trust that God is present and at work within us. Loving the questions means practicing patience toward all that is unsolved in our heart, with the faith that God is going to lead us in the right path and, ultimately, toward answers. Sometimes the answers bring deeper questions, but with a regular prayer and devotional life, we can live life in trust that God's providence will provide the right direction.

Pastor Glenn

United Methodist Women (UMW)

UMW is a community of women committed to mission. Our purpose is to help others in need, especially women, children and youth - locally, nationally and globally - to gain spiritual growth; and to experience rich Christian fellowship and friendship.

We currently have 8 Circles that meet on various days & times during the month, and we encourage the formation of additional circles in order to fit the needs of our members. We also gather as a large group several times a year for spiritual nurturing and fellowship.

Our main fundraiser is the Holiday Bazaar which will be held on 11/3. The money raised will be used to provide scholarships to college students, help feed hungry children, send books & clothing to Liberia and so much more! We are always looking for volunteers for the Bazaar, so please prayerfully consider helping out this year. If you are interested please contact Marsha Johnston, Bazaar Coordinator.

UMW is pleased to announce that we have reached our goal of raising \$14,554 needed to reupholster the Sanctuary pews, which is scheduled for the week of 9/10. We would like to thank everyone who donated to this project.

Please visit Asbury's website www.asburylv.org and click on United Methodist Women, found under Ministries, for a calendar of upcoming events and the names of our Executive Board Members and Circle Leaders. If you are not already a member, we would love for you to join our "community."

To help insure the safety of our children and youth, and to protect everyone who uses our facility, we have installed a system of security cameras both inside and outside the building. Two cameras monitor the parking lot and three cameras cover the Wesley, Memorial Garden and PreSchool entrances. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office or any member of the Board of Trustees.



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, 610-799-6079) or Ed Keller (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.

JAMS & JELLIES

If you are making jams or jellies for the UMW Bazaar, glass jars are available for you in the Wesley Center kitchen. Help yourself!

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. Please stop by the Community Room between 9:30 and 10:30 Sunday to say hello and learn more about this fascinating family and their mission.

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 Elaine G., Doug S., Bill S and Jack I. 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, especially the Burfiend family as Kris' father passed away last week.

For those who need your special help

We ask your healing, Lord, for Bill H. now recovering from his gall bladder surgery which had more complications than expected. Lord, we ask you to strengthen and give courage to a woman leaving an abusive relationship and starting life as a single parent to four young children. We lift up Oliver for your healing touch after a bad car accident. We ask your all powerful healing for all people who struggle with addictions and their families. We ask successful radiation treatment for Bill M. Dear Lord, we ask healing for Tammy's friends fighting breast cancer, Nicole, Jane, Wendy and Anne. 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.

CAMPING IS FOR ALL OF US!!!

It was the Tuesday night before Ultimate Camp at Innabah, which was to be led by Carlen Blackstone, and a male counselor was still needed. Carlen contacted at least 10 people from Asbury and other places and got a variety of reasons why they couldn't do it. On Thursday night in the quiet of her heart she prayed, "Lord, I did my best. If you want me to have a male counselor, you'll have to provide it."

When Carlen stopped by her old house on Friday night to pick up the rent check from the Pastor of a Latino church in Allentown, she asked if any of his kids wanted to go to camp. He told her to ask because they were meeting right then. She told them about Gretna Glen's Camp Rock and Games, Sports, and Gaga Galore Camp. Immediately one of the youth, Kenny, said, "I just turned 18 so I'm too old." Carlen replied, "You're 18? What about being a counselor next week?"

To make a long story short, he finished his paperwork on-line by the next morning, got his parents to drive him to a place he'd never been, and cooked s'mores, climbed high ropes, slept in a cabin, held a frog, made mountain pies, played gaga, etc. for the first time in his life while sharing incredible Christian testimony with the campers.

Christian Camp is not just about doing fun things and learning new skills, but about witnessing God at work in incredible ways. The summer isn't over and all camps still have scholarship money available just for the asking. 6 of the youth from the Latino church are going to Camp ROCK this week. The United Methodist camping program is for US. If every child, youth, or adult at Asbury would participate in some way as a counselor, camper, or contributor, imagine how much more God could do!

For our children

We ask your continued blessing on all children, Lord.

For our congregation

We ask you to be with the Campbell family as they travel west by camper for a month. Remind us every moment, Lord, that you are in charge and we must listen for your voice everyday. We ask you to bless all who are traveling this summer.

For the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, give discernment to world leaders that they might realize freedom and opportunity for their people.

With thanksgiving for our joys

We thank you for opportunities and blessings here and on their way. We thank you for healing and strength. Thank you for the love and support of family and friends.

For the missions we support

Let us pray for Priority One and its ministry to introduce Christ into the lives of men, challenging them to make Him the foundation of all the priorities in their life.

Amen!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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
- 9:30 a.m. Meet the Missionary- Parlor
- 11:15 a.m. WV Trip Gather/Lunch- FH
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Open Door Community Worship- WC
- 12:15 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

Monday, July 16

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 10:30 a.m. Pastoral Care Staff- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12- FH/106
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee- Aldersgate

Tuesday, July 17

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff- Aldersgate
- 6:15 p.m. Asbury Softball Game- Velodrome East
- 7:00 p.m. AIM- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Committee- Aldersgate
- 7:30 p.m. O. A. - 204
- 7:30 p.m. Asbury Softball Game- Velodrome East

Wednesday, July 18

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 12:00 p.m. Asbury Clergy Lunch- Aldersgate
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 5:00 p.m. Karate- Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Kidz Klub- WC
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Harmony- FH
- 7:00 p.m. SPRC- Aldersgate

Thursday, July 19

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba Toning- FH
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON (Serenity in the Valley)- 108

Friday, July 20 & Saturday, July 21

Nothing Scheduled

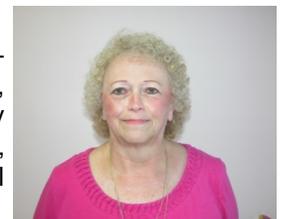
Sunday, July 22

- 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
- 2:00 p.m. Private Event- FH
- 6:00 p.m. Summer Bible Study- Grove/Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Summer Program- YL

CAROL PETERS

**Servant
of the
Week**

In addition to spending many Sunday mornings staffing the Welcome Center, Carol also replenishes the pew racks every week, and serves as an Usher and a substitute Contributions Data Entry volunteer. She is on the Hospitality team, Worship team, UMW, Pictorial Directory team and volunteers to help at numerous special events during the year. Thanks, Carol!



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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

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

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.

Special Note to Parents for July 15: At the 11:00 Sanctuary and Open Door Worship, the message is on "Homosexuality". Members of our childcare staff are available to watch your children, infants through 5th grade, during the service if you would so desire. Feel free to drop them off in Room 223 anytime during the service. For the Open Door service, Linda Arleth will be available after the children's message to take children K-5th grade up to Room 223. Parents will need to pick them up afterwards. Parents with children Infant-PreK need to drop off their own children as this age group needs to be signed in.

Summer Kidz Klub

Sign up now outside WC or in the Community Room for July 18 & 25.

Dinner & fun summer activities for kids PreK-5th Grade. Volunteers needed!

VBS – July 30, 31 & August 1, 2, & 3 – "Operation Overboard"

All children ages 4 through 5th 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!

Youth



We are in West Virginia from 7/15-7/21. Thanks for your continued support of the trip and keep it in prayer! For updates on the trip, visit asburyym.org!

For those not going to West Virginia, there is a pool party on Sunday, 7/15, at the Howorths' (2362 Cross Creek Rd., Macungie), 6:30 PM—8 PM. Come in your bathing suit and bring a towel!

Mark your calendars for our *Night on the Move* lock-in, Friday 8/10 through Saturday, 8/11!

Adults

A note from Nathan Snyder, an Asbury member serving in mission in Ocean City this summer.

Dear Friends:

I have some very exciting news to share with all of you. In the past two weeks I have had some incredibly memorable times. I have continued to learn and grow in my faith while letting God control every aspect of my life. We have been here for exactly one month now, every day on project has been a new and unique learning experience. We have all been taught multiple ways to share our faith, how to share our testimony, and so much knowledge on how to be closer to God and live to serve Him as well as everyone we come across. Trying to describe how much I have grown during project is comparable to trying to describe what I learned during high school. I know I learned a ton but at this point the magnitude of it still has not sunk in.

As of tomorrow morning all of the staff members will have left OCMD for good and all of us students will be running the project alone. Wednesday night I was informed that I was chosen to be the leader of the outreach/evangelism team for the rest of our project. I was shocked and honored to be given the leadership position for my ministry team. All the praise belongs to God for giving me such good role models to follow throughout my life, and especially his perfect son Jesus. Thank you again to everyone who has been praying our project and God's work here this summer.

*With thanks and love,
Nathan Snyder*

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.



This message comes from Asbury Mission Partners, Kevin & Kathy Bruce, who work with the native Awa people in Rio Verde Ecuador. They share this story of a life saved during the June Medical Caravan.

Teresa came from the other side of the Lita River, with her small son who was sick with pneumonia and barely breathing. Those who were doing the reception area saw how sick the little boy was and moved them into the front of the line. Dr. Tim was worried the little guy would breathe his last right there on his examining table. He worked quickly to put an IV in him and give him antibiotics. Then Kevin quickly drove Teresa and little Benin and one of the nurses down to Lita to the small health clinic. Everyone breathed a sigh of relief when we heard that Benin was still breathing when he arrived in Lita, after an hour of driving on the rough road. Later he was taken to the hospital in Ibarra and spent several days in the children's ward in the social hospital there. This week Teresa was able to bring him home again.

We thank the Lord for the opportunity to shed His Light here in Rio Verde, and we pray for that Light to spread into the many Awa communities in the mountains around us.

*in HIS grip,
Kevin & Kathy Bruce*