



**Asbury UMC**  
LEHIGH VALLEY

**AUGUST 12, 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

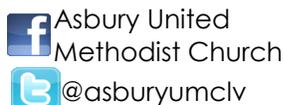
Teaching Pastors  
Mark Moore and Eric Yeakel

### 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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### MY COLORS WILL BE CLEAR

**An interesting writing someone recently sent me . . .**

I am part of the fellowship of the unashamed. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I'm a disciple of Jesus. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away or be still.

My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, my future is secure. I'm finished and done with low living. With sight walking, with small planning, with smooth knees, with colorless dreams, with tamed visions, with mundane talking, with chintzy giving, and dwarfed goals.

I no longer need prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded. I now live by presence, learn by faith, walk by patience, live by prayer, and labor by the power of the Holy Spirit.

My face is set. My gait is fast, my goal is heaven. My road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions few, my Guide reliable, my mission clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded, or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of adversity, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity.

I won't give up or let up until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, and preached up the cause of Christ. I am a disciple of Jesus. And when He comes for His own, He will have no problem recognizing me - for my colors will be clear!

Good words.

*Pastor Mark*

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS has traditionally been held each year at churches around the world as a community outreach. It is a program used to teach children about Jesus and his love for us. Over the years, the formats for VBS have changed, but the message of salvation has remained the same.

Plans for our VBS began in early 2012. Working together with two Lutheran congregations in the area, we chose curriculum, set dates for creating our decorations and props, and started recruiting. Countless hours of preparation were served by staff and volunteers in carrying out our mission.

During the week of July 30—August 3, we had 182 children and almost 80 volunteers experiencing the Word of God. The children experienced God's love through storytelling, crafts, games, music, and snack rotations. We had a fun-filled Family Night with over 300 people in attendance. Our closing program on Friday was filled with happy children's voices singing praises to God.

Our Mission Project was collecting school supplies for the Ramos Elementary School in Allentown. We are still collecting supplies until the end of August. You can place your donations in the big box outside the Sanctuary.

Thank you to all staff, volunteers, and the congregation for your help and prayers! Contact Linda Arleth (larleth@asburylv.org) for information about Children's Ministry and how you can make a difference in the life of a child.

# RADICAL HOSPITALITY

## Congregational Life & Care

### HEALING SERVICE

Throughout the Bible there are many stories about healing. Jesus instructed his disciples to go forward and do likewise. Even they were skeptical in the beginning. Was that just something that happened back there in the Biblical Times?

I can say to you "yes, it is happening today." I have seen it in hospital rooms and operating rooms and in homes. As a nurse, I have seen people who have recovered from an illness when the only answer had to be "Divine Intervention." It has happened right here at Asbury.

On Sunday, August 26, at all services, you will have an opportunity to either sit in your seat and receive a general prayer of healing, or you may come to the altar for laying on of hands and anointing of oil and prayer. Remember, Jesus said "where there are two or three gathered together, I am there also." He is in that sanctuary every Sunday, waiting for you to ask that one question that can change your life.

You may have a lot of questions regarding a "Healing Service." On Sunday, August 19, there will be two opportunities for you to learn more about healing services. So that everyone has an opportunity to attend church and attend a class, there will be a class held at 9:30 AM and 11 AM in room 217. Come and learn—there are many aspects to healing.

*Shirley Offutt*



### BLOOD DRIVE

Plan now to donate "the gift of life" on Sunday, September 23rd in Fellowship Hall. Details to follow.

## 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. 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 Jack Ihm who passed away last week.

### For those who need your special help

Lord, we ask that your healing presence be with the Fulltons' granddaughter, Maynara, who will soon be moved to a residential home to continue her recovery. We ask healing for Janet. We lift up Baby Charlotte for your healing touch. We ask that you comfort and heal Ben G. We ask you to be with all the volunteers at Gress Mountain Ranch.

*How great is the joy I have in my life in the Lord! Philippians 4:10*

### For our congregation

We ask for your continued guidance as we seek to do your will, Lord.

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

O God of all, guide our political leaders to make the best choices for the good of all the people. We ask that you provide a peaceful solution to the crisis in Syria.

### With thanksgiving for our joys

Thank you for the guiding strength and comforting presence of grandparents. Thank you for the struggles which make us examine our lives and our relationship with You. Thank you for blessings here and on their way.

### For our children

Lord, help us to love every child as you do.

### For the missions we support

Lord, this week we lift up for your blessing, Teen Haven, youth ministries to Lancaster and Philadelphia. Our prayer is for their "Sponsor a Camper—Change a Life" campaign to achieve their goal of raising \$130,000 for underprivileged campers in the greater Philadelphia region.



**We are running very low on these basic necessities!**

- **Men's Socks - NEW**
- **Men's Underwear - NEW (Boxers or Briefs)**
- **Men's White Undershirts - NEW**
- **Men's Jeans - NEW or Gently Used**
- **Men's Belts - NEW or Gently Used (Brown or Black, Various Sizes from 32"- 46")**

**Items can be dropped off at the Allentown Rescue Mission, 355 Hamilton St, Allentown, PA 18105, Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM. If you have a large load that needs to be picked up, please call us at 610-740-5500, ext 45. Thank you!**

## 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, 8/14, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in Room 208. Philip Yancey's DVD "Forgiveness: Extending Grace When You've Been Wronged" will be shown and discussed. Call Linda Curry Bartholomew (610-395-8756) for information.

*Amen!*

## INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

### CHILDREN



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

Childcare for Infants/Ones in Room 214 and Two's-PreK in Room 223. All children PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are welcome to attend Sunday School in Room 219.

#### Fall Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

We need you! Be a part of our team sharing Jesus and building relationships with our children. We still need teacher aides for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grades, and 3yr-K teachers/aides. Please contact Linda Arleth now for information— ([larleth@asburylv.org](mailto:larleth@asburylv.org) or 610-398-2577).

### YOUTH



We're already gearing up for the fall youth events! Look for a full schedule coming soon, but here are some key dates to write down right now:

Sunday, 9/16: Adventure Day at Pocono Plateau (leave Asbury after church, get back around 9 PM)

Friday 9/28 – Sunday, 9/30: High School Fall Retreat at Casowasco

Friday, 11/16 – Sunday, 11/18: Alive Middle School Retreat in Ocean City, MD

Sunday, 2/10: Youth Sunday (9:30 AM and 11:00 AM Open Door services)

Friday, 3/22 – Sunday, 3/24: Impact High School Retreat in Ocean City, MD

Sunday, 5/26: Graduating High School Seniors' Luncheon

If you're going into 8<sup>th</sup> grade and plan to go through confirmation to become a member of the Church, be sure to mark down the Alive Middle School retreat, because it will be part of our confirmation journey.

Help clean the Youth Lounge on August 26! We'll do some repairs and update the space to make it our own!

### ADULTS

The **ARMADA** is a group for young adults looking for Christian fellowship through Bible studies, service projects and just spending some quality time together. The "20-somethings" are known for losing touch with church life until they marry and have young children. Our group is trying to change that, hoping to "fight to bring our generation back to church." Typically, we meet every other Saturday evening for a few hours for a Bible study. We've also gone bowling, zip-lining at Pocono Plateau, mini-golfing, took in an IronPigs game and more. We're working to add more service projects to our schedule as well. Most of our members are not Asbury members. Some have made Asbury their regularly-attended church, others have joined our group because their home church does not have anything specific to their age group. The ARMADA is open to anyone who is post-high school age into their 30's. For more information contact Jamie Peter at [JamieM.Peter@gmail.com](mailto:JamieM.Peter@gmail.com)

**P.E.P. CLUB (People Enjoying People)**, a Senior Adult Fellowship at Asbury, is gearing up to start another fantastic year. Last year was filled with awesome programs and fellowship. This year is going to knock your "soxs" off. We will start on September 21 at 9:30 AM with coffee, donuts and fellowship followed by devotions and a program featuring the beautiful voice of Marian Schappell. In October we will be blessed with a report and video on a Malawi mission trip. November will be a return engagement of Glenn Miller and his "One Man Band." December brings not only our yummy luncheon, but also the Marimbas & Chimes.

We will start out the New Year with Bagpiping by James R. Ruhf. February's treat is Story Teller Kathy Long who will take us back to the Land of Hess's Department Store. March is Irish music from the Piano Man and April will bring the "All In Good Time" Barbershop Quartet. May will have the Ultimate Sound of Frank Godiska and we will end in June with our end-of-year Luncheon and Eric Kearns "Voices of Legends".

All Seniors are welcome. You do not have to be a member of Asbury, so bring your friends and neighbors.

## RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

### Asbury in Mission (AIM)



**CHANGE FOR CHANGE** this month goes to support the pensions for our retired pastors. These pastors faithfully served churches such as Asbury for many years, anticipating they would be able to enjoy a comfortable retirement. Unfortunately, adequate planning was not made by denominational officials, and there is a significant unfunded liability. Your gifts help to ensure that the pastors who served, and their surviving spouses, can retire with adequate support.

### Meals on Wheels of Lehigh County—

The Mission of Meals on Wheels is to promote the independence and well being of homebound individuals by providing nutritious meals delivered by caring volunteers. Upon learning of homebound seniors starving in their homes in Allentown, a grassroots group made up of clergy, social service agencies and concerned citizens founded Meals on Wheels of Lehigh County in 1971. The Agency is a charitable not-for-profit community service organization.

Each weekday, agency volunteers deliver nutritious meals and provide a social visit and well-being check to 350 homebound adults who are unable to cook or shop for themselves. Since 2006, volunteers from Asbury have delivered meals to clients every Thursday. Currently there are ten volunteers.

The Meals on Wheels program fulfills short-term and long-term needs. It also prevents seniors from being institutionalized prematurely and helps maintain the independence of disabled adults.

Clients pay for the program using a sliding fee scale based on income and expenses. Ninety percent of the clients need their costs subsidized. The Agency depends on community support, including support from Asbury, to raise over \$400,000 each year.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday, August 12

- 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

## Monday, August 13

- 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

## Tuesday, August 14

- 8:00 a.m. Piano Tuning- 102/204/106/Sanc/FH/108
- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 9:30 a.m. Craft Day- 106
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Share Together- 208
- 7:30 p.m. O. A. - 204

## Wednesday, August 15

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 5:00 p.m. Karate- WC
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- WC
- 6:00 p.m. Marketing Team- 217

## Wednesday, August 15 (continued)

- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 7:00 p.m. SPRC- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Church & Society- 202
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Harmony- FH

## Thursday, August 16

- 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

## Friday, August 17

- 5:00 p.m. Welsch/Holmes Wedding Rehearsal

## Saturday, August 18

- 4:00 p.m. Welsch/Holmes Wedding- Sanctuary

## Sunday, August 19/ 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
- 9:30 a.m. Healing Service Class- 217
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Open Door Community Worship- WC
- 11:00 a.m. Healing Service Class- 217
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 106/108
- 2:00 p.m. Church Council- offsite

## DOUG & CYNDI FRANK



Doug & Cyndi Frank assist in many youth activities, including being leaders on youth retreats and faithfully helping with TGIF. They have also coordinated Youth Night at the IronPigs for several years. They serve on Sunday mornings as ushers, greeters, and at the Welcome Center, and are always willing to help with special events at the church.



**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

## Our Staff

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