

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.

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FAITH SHARING

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus clearly identifies his mission as coming to “seek out and to save the lost” (Luke 19:10). Seeking out the lost was so important to Jesus that it drove him to the cross so that he could die for our sins. If reaching people who were lost was so important to Jesus, what does that mean for us as his followers? Like Jesus, we are called to seek out the lost; those who don’t know Jesus. We are called to get out of the holy huddle and spend time with people that don’t know Jesus. There are people in our neighborhoods, schools, places of work, families and our children’s sports teams that do not know Christ or have strayed from Christ.

Many Christians understand that we need to share our faith, but they feel uncomfortable discussing spiritual issues with non-Christians or nominal Christians. In order to help us grow in the area of faith sharing, Pastor Mark and I will be preaching a four-week series of messages on this topic. This series will be based upon Pastor Bill Hybels’ book, “Just Walk Across the Room.” The book is designed to give us simple steps in pointing people to faith in Christ. In addition to the four sermons, we will also be offering small group studies on this book. Small group sign-ups will begin Sunday August 26th. I would encourage you to be part of worship and a small group for this exciting series.

Pastor Eric

JEWELS OF HOPE



Diana Coke provides this update regarding the Jewels of Hope chapter at Prestbury Methodist Church in South Africa. Jewels of Hope teaches children (mostly AIDS orphans) to make and sell jewelry to provide income for their families’ basic needs.

We usually bring the Jewels of Hope children to our church for a day's outing each school holiday, but this time we did something different. On Thursday we went to meet the new group at Cramond United Church, on the edge of Albert Falls Dam just outside Pietermaritzburg. I took a wrong turn and we had a long detour to get on to the right road. But after that it was great all the way. The children immediately played some energetic games under Liz’s guidance, which broke the ice. They then watched the movie “Madagascar” which they all seemed to enjoy. Movies don’t happen very often in their lives. The Cramond ladies had prepared a delicious lunch of chicken, salad and rolls, so everyone was very well fed. Liz then played a game of bingo with them, which I’m sure was new to all of them, but which they seemed to enjoy.

It’s wonderful to have another JoH group so close to us, and we hope that we will get together often in the future. It is also expanding our children’s boundaries, as none of them had ever been to that side of Pietermaritzburg, or so close to a large dam before.

We continue to be grateful to all who support this project in various ways - buying jewelry and telling others about it; as well as donating funds to help with the extras we feel are important (like holiday outings).

Please continue your amazing support.

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Congregational Life & Care



Choir Rehearsal

CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS

We are excited to begin the 2012-2013 Chancel Choir year and would love to welcome you as a member of our choral family! Are you a new member of Asbury Church, looking for a small group which would offer an opportunity to meet other members of the congregation and have fun and fellowship at the same time? We

can promise those things and beautiful music! Are you a former choir member—come on back! Have you recently retired and now have time for fun activities? We can guarantee you a fun time! Our first rehearsal of the new church year is Thursday, September 6th at 7:30 PM. We are scheduled to sing on September 9th (Kick Off Sunday) at 8 AM; September 16th at 11 AM; and September 30th at 8 AM. We have a number of special events planned for our musical year and would love to have you join us. You are welcome to contact our director, Ken Schneider @610-845-0708 or kenmar@windstream.net or Robin Fitch @610-391-0198 or fitch5@rcn.com for further information. Our schedule will be posted on Asbury's website, www.asburylv.org, and on the bulletin board outside the choir room.



Pew Cleaning

Starting the week of September 10th, help will be needed to clean the pews. Plan on working any day or evening (except Tuesday). Bring your gloves, bucket, rag and "elbow grease." Contact Faye Vibbert (610-398-0516) for additional information.

Effective immediately: All notices to be posted on the walls or doors of Asbury Church are to be secured with blue painter's tape—not scotch tape or masking tape.

Prayers of Our Congregation

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



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 Susan J and Doris G. 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.

For those who need your special help

Lord, we ask you to be with Nana who is having heart surgery that she might recover quickly. We ask you to surround Trever W. and family with comfort and calm as he has a medical procedure. We lift up Louann's sister, Jane as she awaits test results.

For our congregation

Lord, help us remember that each one of us is an important part of the body of Christ.



United Methodist Women

District Ingathering

Asbury UMW is again participating in our District Ingathering to be held in September.

Any of the following items would be appreciated:

- diapers (cloth and disposable)
- underwear (infant, children and adult)
- baby clothes (especially infants)
- mittens, hats, socks, sweaters
- nightwear

Items should be new, preferably with tags attached. Please place your donations in the container on the lower level. Money donations are also appreciated. All donations benefit our local Salem Thrift Shop in Allentown. Any questions, please contact Connie Malick (610-797-0960).

HEALING SERVICE CLASS

On August 19th, you will have an opportunity to learn about a Christian Healing Service. The class will be held at 9:30 AM and 11:00 A M in room 217. This will give everyone a chance to go to church and attend a class. This class is led by Shirley Offutt, a member of the Parish Nurses. The Healing Service will be on August 26 at ALL services.

Jesus went about healing and instructed his disciples to do likewise.

For the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, you are in all things, all people, all countries, all leaders. Help us to recognize and encourage your peace, beauty, graceful power and love in all things and people.

With thanksgiving for our joys

Lord, all we have is from you. Accept our thanks and praise, guiding us in ways we may show our appreciation for daily blessings.

For our children

Lord, fill our children with a sense of promise as they head back to colleges and schools.

For the missions we support

This week's mission prayer is for Youth for Christ Lehigh Valley. Our prayer is that they continue to acquire volunteers to work with the youth of the Lehigh Valley and connect them into the local churches of the area.

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 Kindergarten-5th grade are welcome to attend Sunday School in room 219.

Fall Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- We would love for you to join us in sharing your faith journey with our children! We still need teacher aides for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd grades. Please contact Linda for information in the church office at larleth@asburylv.org or 610-398-2577.
- **New Formats for classes- Starting September 9**, we will be changing our groupings for classes. Childcare will be provided in rooms 214 and 223. We will change to a rotational format for our 3's, PreK, and Kindergarten ages. They will be grouped together for their gathering time, followed by rotation stations for their activities. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will remain as individual class groupings. 4th and 5th grades will be entering a Large group/Small group format, meeting together for their Large group time, then going into small groups for their Bible Life Application activities. We have been in the process over the last couple years of slowly changing our formats so that all children will be learning according to their abilities and learning styles. Any questions, please contact Linda.

YOUTH



We had a great time at Night on the Move! We started at Bounce U, had food at the Trivet Diner, had a scavenger hunt, and played games through the night. Not much sleep, but lots of fun!

There are no activities this weekend (8/17 – 8/19).

Next Sunday, 8/26, is Youth Lounge cleanup weekend. We will be re-painting the entryway (if you're a youth group alumnus and your name is up there, don't worry – we've taken a lot of pictures to document it!) and cleaning up the lounge itself (possibly even doing some painting there). It will definitely be some work, but it will be plenty of fun while we do it. We'll work from 3 PM – 8 PM, but feel free to come late or leave early if necessary. If we get done sooner than expected, we'll wrap up before 8 and let parents know to pick up as necessary.

Thanks! *Aaron*

ADULTS

ASBURY CONNECTION is a ministry for young adults from post-high School into their early 20's. Whether you are joining the military, working, or heading off to college, Asbury Connection would like to maintain a connection of Christian fellowship through love and prayer. God loves you, and through Asbury Connection we hope to be a reminder that your Asbury family loves and supports you too.

How Does It Work? We support young adults and keep them connected to Asbury by sending inspirational messages through electronic media, care packages to those living away from home, and occasional snail mail greeting cards. Our hope is to provide spiritual support and encouragement to young adults in their Christian walk and witness.

Please sign up to be included in this ministry. Send us an e-mail with your name, post high school status (college, work, military), post-high school address, and preferred e-mail address. Also include your birthday, your parents' names and parents' preferred e-mail address.

We encourage the parents of these young adults to join us for monthly meetings typically on a Wednesday night, September thru May. We gain support and experience tips from each other. Co-chairs: Dot Hess hessdp@ptd.net and Diana White white1125@rcn.com.

Our contact information for sign-up is AsburyConnection@yahoo.com. You can also sign up by going to Asbury's website and click on Ministries>for Young Adults>Asbury Connection.

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

Asbury In Mission (AIM) Mission



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.

ASBURY ENDOWMENT FUND



Do you know that over 50% of all people at the time of their death do not have a will or living trust! "Later" can be too late. Don't delay having your will drawn.

Make sure your estate plans are in place so that your wishes will be carried out to benefit your family. Gifts you plan for the Asbury Endowment Fund through your will can help your church continue to minister and serve.

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank, we would like to thank you for the donation of 16 bags of food and \$70 in financial donations. Because of your caring and giving, we are able to feed those less fortunate in our community. We are currently serving between 200 and 250 families per week. Again, thank you for your donation.

Sincerely,
AAEFB



WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Monday, August 20

- 9:00 a.m. PlayDays Teacher Meeting- Parlor
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Kidz Klub Planning- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee- Aldersgate

Tuesday, August 21

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff- Aldersgate
- 2:00 p.m. CROP Ride Meeting- 106
- 7:00 p.m. AIM- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Committee- Aldersgate
- 7:30 p.m. O. A. - 204

Wednesday, August 22

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 10:00 a.m. LV Organ Guild Meeting- Aldersgate
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 5:00 p.m. Karate- WC

Wednesday, August 22 (continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Karate- WC
- 6:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat Planning Meeting- 217
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Harmony- FH

Thursday, August 23

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba Toning- FH
- 9:00 a.m. PlayDays Set-up- 213/214/216/223
- 12:00 p.m. Software Review- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON (Serenity in the Valley)- 108

Friday, August 24

- 9:00 a.m. PlayDays Set-up- 213/214/216/223

Saturday, August 25

Nothing Scheduled

Sunday, August 26

- 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
- 12:00 p.m. Pot Luck Lunch for Welcome Center Volunteers- Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 106/108
- 3:00 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL
- 7:00 p.m. Swim Officials Board Meeting- Aldersgate

FLOYD & BARBARA HYMAN



Floyd is in the office every week as the head Contributions Data Recorder, and Barbara enters worship attendance once a month. They both coordinate Asbury's Bridge group, serve as ushers and communion stewards, and are members of the Henritzy Sunday School class.



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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