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**AUGUST 26, 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

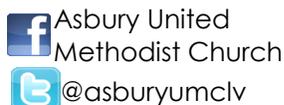
Teaching Pastors  
Mark Moore and Eric Yeakel

### 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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### CARING FOR CAREGIVERS

According to a 2009 estimate by AARP, more than 42 million Americans perform some form of consistent care for older or impaired adult relatives or friends. This care can range from paying bills or driving Mom to doctor appointments, to more hands-on care such as bathing, or medical tasks such as the care of open wounds. Since this estimate is three years old, we can be sure that it has increased significantly, and will continue to increase, as "baby boomers" age.

In my work at Asbury, I have encountered more and more middle-aged and older adults who are caring for someone in need — in their own home, at a nursing home, or in a retirement community. Caregiving is physically and emotionally hard, and I am always concerned to see whether caregivers are taking care of themselves. Sometimes our own needs get a lower priority when we're caring for someone else, but that then puts both the caregiver AND the person needing care in jeopardy.

In response to this growing need, we are beginning a six-week support group for caregivers on Monday, September 10, at 2:00 PM. We will meet at the **Luther Crest Retirement Community** in the ground floor Wellness/Conference Room near the Chaplain's office. (Just ask at the reception desk for directions.) In the meantime, if you would like to see more good resources for caregiving, check out the Caregiving Resource Center on the AARP website at <http://www.aarp.org/homeofamily/caregiving/>. I hope to see you on September 10 at Luther Crest!

*Pastor Glenn*

### SERVICE OF HEALING

This Sunday, 8/26, will be Asbury's third Healing Service. You will have the opportunity to kneel at the altar and receive anointing and laying on of hands during prayer for your need.

Jesus, in his ministry, did healing more than anything else. He gave us the Lord's Prayer and it says "thy will be done on earth as in Heaven." Heaven contains no sickness, therefore healing is the way to bring heaven to earth.

God is still healing people as in Bible Times. He does it in His own way and His own time. May the love of the Father, Son, the Asbury Staff and members of the congregation surround us as the Spirit moves among us.

### 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. Thanks for your cooperation!

**FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2012**  
**8:00 AM - 12:00 PM @ ASBURY**

**Recycle your old unwanted, broken, outdated electronics, phones, computers, TVs and appliances for free!**  
Check [www.asburylv.org](http://www.asburylv.org) for complete list.



# RADICAL HOSPITALITY & EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

## Congregational Life & Care

### 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! Our first rehearsal of the new church year is Thursday, 9/6, at 7:30 PM. We are scheduled to sing on 9/9 (Kick Off Sunday) at 8:00 AM; 9/16 at 11:00 AM; and 9/30 at 8:00 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, and on the bulletin board outside the choir room.

**Starting the week of 9/10, 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.**



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).

Thank you for your wonderful support of this program.



**Donations!**

**Thank you to all the generous folks who donated to the Teachers' Hospitality Room during Vacation Bible School. All the teachers shared their gratitude for the delicious snacks and moments of quiet away from the busy VBS mornings. Please know that all the donations were greatly appreciated.**

## Prayers of Our Congregation

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

### 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 Snyder family as they mourn the loss of Beth's father. We also ask comfort for the Gosnia family who lost both parents to a drunk driving accident.

### For those who need your special help

Lord, put righteous work into the hands of those who suffer from joblessness and idleness. We ask healing for Connie who has complications from diabetes. We ask protection for Bonnie's son, Robert and friends as they travel by motorcycle to NYC. We ask traveling mercies for Terrie D's family as they go to Maine to celebrate Aunt Alice's 80th. Lord, please send healing and comfort for Victoria and her parents as she fights a brain infection, and Michael's mom who has cancer. Be with Garrett as he leaves for a year to study abroad in Europe. We ask for healing for Beth S. as she faces serious health concerns. Walk with Christopher P. as he leaves for a semester abroad in Europe. We ask healing and comfort for Liz P.'s mother, Frances, recovering from an erratic heartbeat and breathing problems. We ask good mental health for Carol. We lift up Glenn for salvation as he was given 4 months to live. We lift up Steven's concerns about work and employment issues. 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 as he has a medical procedure. We lift up Louann's sister, Jane as she awaits test results.

### 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 Bob K., Doris G. and Susan J. Give them the strength and will to recover so they may continue your work in the world.

### For our congregation

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

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

You hold the whole world in your hands, Lord. Please rock us gently and remind us of your mercy and love.

### With thanksgiving for our joys

Thank you to all who prayed for sister-in-law, Jackie. Her open heart surgery was a success. We continue to lift her up for recovery. Thank you, Gracious God, that the Fulltons' granddaughter, Maynara, was able to move from the hospital to a residential treatment facility. And thank you, Lord, that Will has secured another job and James has sold his house and had an offer accepted on a new one.

### For our children

Lord, help us to let go of our children so they may grow as individuals, confident of your love.

### For the missions we support

This week's mission prayer is for Pocono Plateau in Cresco, PA. Our prayer is that all the campers, both youth and adult, were touched by God this past summer and will keep Him with them throughout the upcoming school year.



## 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-5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend Sunday School in Room 219.

#### Fall Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- Needed – Teacher aides for 1st – 3rd Grades. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Linda Arleth (larleth@asburylv.org).
- **New Formats for classes: Starting 9/9**, 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. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> will remain as individual class groupings. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Arleth (larleth@asburylv.org).
- Teacher Meetings – 3's/PreK/K Group is **Wednesday, 8/29**, at 6 :00 PM in the Aldersgate Room; 1st-3rd Grades & TMT meeting is **Wednesday, 9/12**, at 6:15 PM in the Parlor; and 4th-5th Grade Group is **Thursday, 8/30**, at 7:00 PM in Room 108.

### YOUTH



- ☺ This Sunday (8/26) is our final summer event, Youth Lounge clean up. We will be painting the entryway to the Youth Lounge and doing some other clean-up in the Youth Lounge itself. Come with clothes that can be messy when you leave!! We'll be there from 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM, but if you need to come late or leave early, feel free to drop in and pop out.
- ☺ Our fall schedule will start on 9/9, with Sunday School (9:30 AM – 10:30 AM) and Youth Group (6:30 PM – 8:00 PM).
- ☺ If you're going to be in 6th Grade this year, bring a parent and come to Room 108 at 6:00 PM on 9/9 to get a chance to meet Youth Group leaders and learn what Asbury Youth Ministries is all about. After the introductions and overview, 6th Graders will get a chance to go and check out the Youth Lounge before other students arrive while parents can stick around for a Q&A with Aaron.
- ☺ We already have 4 trips scheduled for the school year, and some of them are coming up soon! Visit [www.asburyym.org](http://www.asburyym.org) now to sign up for the Adventure Retreat at Pocono Plateau, the High School Fall Retreat to Casowasco Retreat Center in Moravia, NY, and the Middle School Retreat to the Alive Conference in Ocean City, MD!!

## RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

### Asbury In Mission (AIM)



## August

**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.

### Mission Partner

### **La Trinidad UMC**

Members of La Trinidad UMC attended camp at Gretna Glenn for a week in July in part due to the support of Asbury members. The mostly inner city youth enjoyed activities such as swimming, boating, archery, sports, crafts, fishing and exploring nature. The camp was meaningful for camper, Lucila Dalia, because "I was able to grow closer to God in a youth friendly atmosphere." Camp counselor, Julian Dalia, witnessed the youth grow in their faith. He states, "They had a great time enjoying outdoor activities, sports, and making new friends. Most importantly, they grew closer to the Lord through Bible studies and worship workshops." His younger daughter Micaela exclaimed, "Camp was really, really fun and I'd like to come back next year." A big thank you from La Trinidad to all of the Asbury members who supported the mission brunch last year. La Trinidad youth are looking forward to returning to Asbury once again to serve a mission brunch in the coming year. Asbury and La Trinidad have been working together to send kids to camp for several years and we look forward to continuing this tradition.

*This article was written by Asbury member Jeannie Muthard in conjunction with members of La Trinidad UMC Julian, Lucila, and Micaela Dalia.*

### ADULTS



**ASBURY CONNECTION**, a ministry for young adults from Post High School into early 20s, encourages connection with your Asbury family and continuation of your spiritual journey. Check us out on Asbury's website under *Ministries for Young Adults*, then sign up at [connectme@asburyconnection.org](mailto:connectme@asburyconnection.org) or [AsburyConnection@yahoo.com](mailto:AsburyConnection@yahoo.com). Volunteers ~ we are having a committee meeting on Wednesday, 9/5, at 7:30 PM in Room 108.

**THE ARMADA**, Asbury's young adult group, is taking a trip to see the Dead Sea Scrolls which are currently at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. The date is Sunday, 9/23. We are shooting for a mid-afternoon entrance time. With the entrance price, we also have access to the rest of the Franklin Institute so we can hang out there before and/or after the exhibit if we want. Please contact Jamie Peter for more information.

**THE BEREIA GROUP** will be looking at "Faith in Action" in Hebrews and Acts this fall. We meet in Room 208 at 9:30 AM on Sundays, starting 9/9. Try us for a small group study this fall. All are welcome!

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## 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
- 1:30 p.m. Summer Harmony (rain location)- WC
- 3:00 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL
- 7:00 p.m. Swim Officials Board Meeting- Aldersgate

## Monday, August 27

- 9:00 a.m. PlayDays Set-up- 213/214/216/223
- 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. Board of Trustees- Aldersgate

## Tuesday, August 28

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 9:00 a.m. PlayDays Set-up- 213/214/216/223
- 9:30 a.m. Craft Day- 106
- 11:00 a.m. Staff- Aldersgate/Courtyard
- 1:00 p.m. Software Review- Aldersgate
- 7:30 p.m. O. A. - 204

## Wednesday, August 29

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108

## Wednesday, August 29 (continued)

- 5:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday School Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- FH

## Thursday, August 30

- 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. Sunday School Meeting- Aldersgate

## Friday, August 31

*Nothing Scheduled*

## Saturday, September 1

*Nothing Scheduled*

## Sunday, September 2 / Communion

- 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. Private Party- FH
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 106/108

## Monday, September 3 / Labor Day

*Office & Building Closed*



## SHIRLEY OFFUTT

Shirley is an active member of the Parish Nurse & Health Ministry, and can often be found refilling first aid kits around the church. She started the Addiction Awareness and Recovery Team, has planned the healing service, and organizes the PEP club with her husband Manly.



Asbury's Annual All-Church Retreat will begin at 7:00 PM on Friday, 10/5, and run through 2:00 PM on Sunday, 10/7. It will be held at Camp Innabah outside of Pottstown, PA. All members and friends of Asbury are encouraged to attend. The discounted cost for the weekend is \$100 for adults, \$75 for youth ages 13-18, \$50 for children ages 3-12, and \$25 for children ages 0-2. Please contact either pastor if financial assistance is

needed. The cost will be prorated for participants who attend part of the event only. The retreat will include family-style meals and lodging, small group discussions, crafts, games, worship, and great fellowship. Those who have attended in the past can attest to how wonderful it is to participate in an inter-generational experience for an entire weekend. You'll return relaxed, refreshed, and renewed!

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