



Asbury Church
a United Methodist
Community

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

WORSHIP

8:00 AM in the Sanctuary

WORSHIP

9:30 AM in the Sanctuary

OPEN DOOR WORSHIP

10:45 AM in the Wesley Center

WORSHIP

11:00 AM in the Sanctuary

Pastor
Eric S. Yeakel

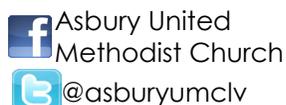
SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

During our 9:30 Sunday School time, we have childcare for infants through three year olds. During our 11:00 Service, we have childcare available for infants through PreK.

OFFICE HOURS

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FROM THE
DIRECTOR OF
CONGREGATIONAL CARE

As most of you know, after the announcement of Pastor Mark's leave last October, I was invited to "come out of retirement" and return to Asbury as Interim Director of Pastoral Care, a position I had held for three years from 2009 to 2012. I was glad to accept this invitation and return to a congregation and to people that have been very dear to me. It felt like "coming home" as the Keep in Touch Ministry Team and the Chancel Choir welcomed me back with open arms!

I am happy to announce that, beginning this month, Asbury has dropped the "interim" from the title and expanded my position to a regular 15-hour-per-week position designated as Director of Congregational Care. In this position I will be in ministry at Asbury primarily on Wednesdays and Fridays of each week. On those days I will visit members in hospitals, retirement communities, rehabilitation centers, and homes as needed. Along with a member of the Keep in Touch team, I will be serving communion to the homebound. I will be available to see any members desiring short-term pastoral counseling at the church. I will advise and supervise the work of the Keep in Touch Team and will be providing training opportunities and classes for the church and congregational care volunteers as needed.

It is exciting to be back in ministry and mission with you at Asbury! Please do not hesitate to contact me with any ideas, needs, joys, or concerns that you have for our journey together!

Pastor Glenn



Schedulers / Coordinators are needed in the following areas:

- ◆ Sunday Morning Greeters
- ◆ Communion Assistants
- ◆ Altar Flower Sponsorships

For details on what the jobs entail or to volunteer, please contact Laurie Wallace Theisen (610-398-2577 or ltheisen@asburylv.org).



Nursery
Supervisor
Needed

Asbury is currently seeking compassionate, energetic individuals to provide child care in the two-year-old classroom during the 9:30 AM worship service on Sunday mornings. This individual should have availability from 9:15 to 10:45 AM each Sunday and be willing to obtain Child Abuse and Criminal background checks. This is a paid position. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Pam Unrath in the church office (610-398-2577 or punrath@asburylv.org).

RADICAL HOSPITALITY



THE 2014 INDOOR MINIATURE GOLF EVENT IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2014.

Last Sunday, Asbury members started signing up to play indoor miniature golf. The sooner you sign up the better the chance of getting the tee time you want. Golf day is Saturday, February 8th. Sign up in the Community Room (aka the Parlor) between the worship services on Sunday mornings. Tee times are spaced 5 minutes apart. The kitchen will be open for lunch. If you plan correctly, you can play a round of golf and have lunch too.

PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, 1/21, at 6:30 PM in the Aldersgate Room. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. Please contact Pam Grossman (610-398-8066 or pm.grossmann@gmail.com) or Dale Begany (610-216-9517 or dbegany@hotmail.com) if you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to participate in the group.

CARING IN A NUTSHELL (Grief Support Lunch) will be held from 12:30 to 2:00 PM on Monday, 1/27, in the Aldersgate Room. This is an open group, so if you know someone who might benefit from a time of sharing and support, please invite them to come. Contact Doris Farrar (610-395-2749) to let her know how many will be attending.



Mark your calendars for the 6th Annual Asbury Chili Cook-off on March 15, 2014, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. You'll have the opportunity to taste and vote for your favorite chili from 40 to 50 pro and amateur chefs. Proceeds will go for the purchase of a motorcycle for District Lay Leader James Wymon in Lofa County Liberia to assist him in his ministry to schools, churches, pastors and students in the county.



Adult Inquirers Classes, for those interested in learning more about Asbury or joining the church, will be held in 2 different formats this winter.

- A one-day session on Saturday, February 22, from 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM, lunch & childcare provided (Snow date – March 15)
- Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 AM on February 23, March 2, March 9 & March 16, plus lunch with Pastor Eric on one of those dates

If you have any questions, or are interested in attending either of these sessions, please contact Laurie Wallace Theisen, in the church office (610-398-2577 or ltheisen@asburylv.org).

Prayers of Our Congregation

*May the Prince of Peace reign over all the world,
in every heart, throughout the new year.*

For those who are sick or in the hospital

Lord, we ask your mercy and healing for all those currently hospitalized or recently discharged, including Shirley H., Mayte B., Susan J., William P., William G., Ethan Y., Dorothy I., Douglas S., and Dorothy B. We ask you to have mercy on all those in pain, both physical and mental and grant them your peace.

For those who need your special help

Lord, we affirm that your power is infinite and that you love us all like a devoted parent. Gratefully acknowledging your love and mercy toward us, we lift up these people for your care: Jeff H.'s father, Jake, that he leave the hospital; Emmy J.'s sister, Amy, who flies from Chicago to Milan, Italy to study abroad for 6 months; All those searching for a job; All those struggling with depression; All students now beginning a new semester.

For those who mourn

Lord, we ask comfort for all who mourn the loss of loved ones. Reassure them of your unending mercy and eternal love.

For our children

Thank you, Lord, for the blessing of children in our lives. Be with them as they grow, reassuring them always of your love.

For our congregation

Lord, we ask that you inspire us to have more compassion for those around us who are suffering. We ask for your healing touch on all who still don't know the peace of Christ.

For the world, its people and its leaders

We acknowledge your power over all the world. We praise your holy name. We ask humbly that you put the idea of peace, justice and abundance for all into the hearts and minds of those who govern.

With thanksgiving for our joys

Lord, every day is a blessing from you that is so precious. We thank you for every moment.

For the missions we support

Our mission prayer this week is for Meals on Wheels. Lord, we ask your blessing on this program whose vision is to end senior hunger and whose mission is to provide national leadership to end senior hunger. Senior hunger in America is a monumental problem. The latest research reveals 8.8 million seniors in the United States face the threat of hunger. Several Asbury members volunteer their time to deliver these critical meals to shut-in seniors.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN

Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- ☺ This week, Children's Sunday School will begin studying the New Testament story of the Good Samaritan. and learn about being considerate of and helpful toward all of God's people.
- ☺ Children in Kindergarten through 5th Grades will gather in Fellowship Hall for their Large Group Opening.



Vacation Bible School

- ☺ In the midst of this cold, bizarre winter weather, let's think SUMMER!! This year Asbury's Vacation Bible School will take place August 4th-8th. There will be more information to follow in the coming weeks. Please mark your calendars ~ we would love to see you there!

Contact Pam Unrath in the church office (610-398-2577 or punrath@asburylv.org) for information on all Children's Ministry activities and opportunities.



asbury youth ministries



In Youth Group this week (Sunday, 6:30 to 8:30 PM, Youth Lounge), we go back to the Bible Basics: Why is the Bible structured the way it is, and why does it have those particular things in it?

The first Confirmation Classes begin this Sunday, 1/19/14, and continue through 4/13/14 during the Sunday School hour, 9:30 to 10:30 AM, in Room 108. Information on this year's class has been mailed to all 8th Graders and students who have never been confirmed. You can also visit www.asburyym.org for information on Confirmation.

Your favorite teams may not be in it, but come out to our Super Bowl Party on Sunday, 2/2, from 6:00 PM until the end of the game, in the Youth Lounge. Feel free to leave early if necessary – we know it's a school night.

If you have any question about a youth event being cancelled due to weather, please check Facebook (The Youth of Asbury), Twitter (@asburyyouthmin), and the youth website (www.asburyym.org) before venturing out. We value safety and do not want to put anyone at risk.

Contact Aaron in the church office (aforney@asburylv.org or 610-398-2577) for information on all Youth Ministry activities and opportunities.



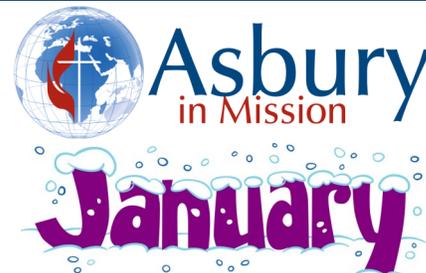
The **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** (10:00 AM in Room 108) has resumed, but will not meet on the first Wednesday of each month due to the Rev. Dr. Glenn Asquith's commitment to our Keep in Touch ministry. There will be NO evening Bible study. For more information, call the church office at 610-398-2577.

The **Sunday Evening Bible Study, Dig Deep**, will be studying Spiritual Disciplines such as guidance and listening, servanthood, scripture study, meditation and more. We meet every other Sunday, starting on Sunday, 1/26, at 7:00 PM in Room 106. For more information, please contact Cindy Brown (cjbrown@gmail.com or 610-799-3634) or Linda Woolbaugh (woolbaughs@ptd.net or 610-398-9370).

The Sanctuary will be open for a **Time of Prayer** from 7:00 to 8:30 PM on Wednesday, 1/22. Start the new year with time in prayer. Please remember to keep Asbury in your prayers during this time of transition.



RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE



CHANGE-FOR-CHANGE

is designated for "Bridging the Gap," a program of the Sacred Heart Hospital Parish Nursing/Community Outreach Department. The goal of the program is to assist in making its clients as independent as possible by providing assistance with various healthcare issues. Please place your contributions in the containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Wesley Center

Volunteers Are Needed for Mission Breakfasts



Many of us have enjoyed the mission breakfasts over the last several years; they are great opportunities for fellowship, food, and fun. In addition, over 24 worthwhile mission projects have been funded. We want to thank you all for your support.

What you may not understand is the number of man-hours that go into organizing a breakfast. Menus must be planned, food purchased, cheesy potatoes, apple crisps, and French Toast casseroles must be assembled on Saturday night. Fellowship Hall must be set up and torn down. Food must be cooked and served, and then everything must be cleaned up. We estimate that, to operate efficiently, we have at least 35 volunteer slots to fill for each breakfast. (That's over 75 man-hours.)

Currently we have about six regulars and a handful of volunteers for each breakfast to feed the over 200 people who attend each time we have a breakfast. For these events to continue on a regular basis, we need more volunteers.

Please help us continue this wonderful Asbury tradition and mission outreach by signing up on the Asbury website or contacting Karl Kramer (karl.kramer@pqcorp.com or 610-395-5245).

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 19 / Baptism

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:15 a.m. God's Rainbow- 200
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class- 108
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages
- 10:45 a.m. Open Door Community Worship- WC
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School Class- YL
- 12:00 p.m. Graeffe Baptism Reception- FH
- 12:15 p.m. Music Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 106/108
- 2:00 p.m. AFC Basketball- WC
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Basketball- WC
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group- YL/FH/108

Monday, January 20

Office Closed & Building will open at 5:00 pm

- 5:00 p.m. AFC Basketball- WC
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts- 108
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Jr. Troop 670- 103A
- 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Guys Group- YL
- 6:30 p.m. Country Crossing HOA Meeting- Parlor
- 6:45 p.m. Brownie Troop 61025- 104
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12- FH/106
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers- 206
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 21

- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 5:15 p.m. Daisy Troop 654- 219
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. AIM- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:30 p.m. OA- 204

Wednesday, January 22

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study- 108
- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - 108

Wednesday, January 22 (Continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Gress Mountain Ranch Board- Aldersgate
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts- FH
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers- 108
- 6:30 p.m. Rainbow Singers- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Let's Read Together- 208
- 7:00 p.m. LV Wheelmen- Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Time of Prayer- Sanctuary
- 7:10 p.m. Youth Choir- 106
- 8:00 p.m. Apostle Ringers- 206
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102

Thursday, January 23

- 5:45 p.m. Bethany Zumba- FH
- 6:00 p.m. Open Door Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Growth Project Board- 217
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON- 108
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir- 102

Friday, January 24

- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open)- 108

Saturday, January 25

- 9:00 a.m. Tools for Ministry- FH

Sunday, January 26 / UMW Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. UMW Sunday- Welcome Center
- 9:15 a.m. God's Rainbow- 200
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class- 108
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages
- 10:45 a.m. Open Door Community Worship- WC
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. LV Autism Kick-Off Event- FH
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 106/108
- 2:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12 Pinewood Derby- WC
- 6:00 p.m. Church Council- 217
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group- YL/FH/108
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep- 106

Drew Dolan

Drew is a senior at Northeastern University. After November's UMW Bazaar, he picked up some of the unsold clothing and donated it to the weekly Homeless Outreach of the church he attends, Mosaic Boston. The clothes are given out to the people in Copley Square who are staying on the streets this winter. Drew says, "With the large amount of clothing, we've been able to set up a little street-side store where people can go through the selections and browse for what fits them. The opportunities that this clothing has offered go beyond just satisfying physical needs, though. We've been able to develop new and deeper relationships with those who come to us, and are able to pray with, encourage and support them in their quest for housing and rescue from any addictions or misfortune." Thanks, Drew!



Servant
of the
Week

EMERGENCY HELP AVAILABLE

In the event of an emergency (such as a power outage), Asbury has taken steps to become a shelter for members of the congregation. We have shower and kitchen facilities, camp pads and internet connections. The church answering service will be prepared to help with any information you may require and will arrange to have someone meet you at the church.

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