



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

KEEPING
IN TOUCH

I would like to introduce (or re-introduce) you to a vital part of Asbury's congregational care: The Keep in Touch (KIT) Ministry Team. The KIT team consists of 20 members who perform a variety of functions in carrying out the mission of the team, which is to provide spiritual care for ill or homebound Asbury members, in order to be a living reminder of God's love and to help them stay connected with their church community.

There are currently five team members who visit in area hospitals and rehabilitation facilities on a rotating basis on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. Most of the team members make monthly visits to Asbury members and friends who reside at ten different retirement communities in the Lehigh Valley as well as to approximately ten homebound members. Some KIT folk make regular phone calls to persons who cannot receive a visit. One member sends beautiful cards to people on special occasions in their lives. KIT also delivers special cards made for the homebound by the children's Sunday School classes at Thanksgiving and Easter.

Under the very capable leadership of chairperson Judy Whitby, the KIT team meets monthly to review their visits and to receive further training and feedback from me and others. If you feel led to join us, or just check us out at our next meeting, please talk to me or Judy. But, even more importantly, if you know of a family member or anyone else in need who could use some spiritual support and companionship, **please tell us!** The KIT team relies on your help in referring persons in need to the team's care!

Pastor Glenn

Adult Inquirers Classes



Two formats are being offered for those interested in learning more about Asbury or joining the church:

- 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).

A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Bishop Peggy Johnson has appointed Eric Yeakel to serve as our Pastor, officially starting on July 1, 2014. This is an interim appointment, which means we are sure he will be with us at least through June 30, 2015. This interim appointment will be reviewed by the Bishop and her Cabinet in a year, along with SPRC and Eric himself, to see if a longer appointment is in everyone's best interests. SPRC is grateful that the Bishop has responded to the many requests from SPRC and church members to allow Pastor Eric to guide us through this time of healing and reconciliation. May God continue to bless Pastor Eric in his ministry and Asbury Church as we move forward to advance God's mission in our church and community.

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, 2/11, at 6:30 PM in the Parlor/Community Room for a "Soup and Salad" night. Those attending are asked to provide either a dessert or salad - soup will be provided. After dinner, Cyndi Frank will lead discussion on Chapter 5 of *The Journey*, entitled "Truth-Telling and the Confrontation of the Other." For more information, contact Brenda Baxter (brendabaxter14@gmail.com) or Judy Whitby (jmwhitby@aol.com).

DORCAS/MARTHA CIRCLE will meet on Thursday, 2/13, at 9:15 AM in the Parlor/Community Room. The 2014 UMW Pledge Service will be held. Doris Farrar will speak about a "Healthy You, Tips For the New Year." She plans to bring fellow tap dancing friends along to the meeting. Helen Noneman will lead the devotions. Alice Huey and Lee Ellenberger will be hostesses. This month the Circle will collect warm socks for Linkage, a center-city agency for the homeless. All women are welcome.

SUSANNA CIRCLE is collecting used cell phones for Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley. Turning Point provides service within Lehigh and Northampton Counties for victims of domestic violence. There is a box on the lower level of the church, near the elevator, for used cell phones. For further information, contact Louise Schreffler (seschref@rcn.com or 610-398-3657).

THE ASBURY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN are pleased to be able to offer the Clara D. Koch Student Scholarships for college again this year. This is the 24th year that scholarships have been made possible by the hard work and generosity of Asbury members and friends at the annual UMW Bazaar. Printed 2014 applications are available in the church office or via email from Linda McCreight at lindamcc@ptd.net. Application deadline is April 15, 2014. Please return completed applications to the UMW mailbox in the church workroom.

UMW COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 8, 2014 ~ 9:00 AM in the Wesley Center
Meditation by the Rev. Don Quayle ~ Special Music
Mission Project: Donations for the Salem UMC Food Pantry
All women are invited to attend

ASBURY CONNECTION MEETING RESCHEDULED: Due to a weather-related cancellation, the Asbury Connection will meet **on Wednesday, 2/12**, at 7:30 PM in Room 108. For additional information, please contact Dot Hess (610-391-9212 or hessdp@ptd.net).

FAMILIES ON THE GROW is having a Progressive Dinner on Saturday, 2/22, starting at 4:00 PM. Each of the 3 courses will be at a different family's home- appetizers, main course and dessert. All families are invited. For more information, contact Paul Wood (610-437-1862 or paewood@rcn.com).

6TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF will be held on 3/15 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. This event typically brings 500 guests from the community through our doors! What a great opportunity to reach out and connect with our neighbors. To make this event the best it can be, we need chili chefs and (new this year) salsa chefs, as well as volunteers for the day of the event. A special request goes out for face painters to assist in the Children's Activity Room during the event. Sign up in the Community Room between services on 2/9, 2/16 or 2/23.

READY TO THINK ABOUT WARMER TEMPERATURES? Consider spending a week in Oklahoma July 20-26 partnering with Cookson Hills Center and the neighboring Cookson UM Church. Volunteers are needed to serve with loving hearts and hands – conducting VBS for children, cooking, or working on small home repair projects. Prayer partners also needed. Contact Cindy Brown (cjrbrown@gmail.com) or Jan Miller (jmill@ptd.net) for more information. Planning begins in March.

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, 2/11, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. in Rooms 208/210. For more information, contact Linda (610-395-8756.).

PEP CLUB will gather in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM on Friday, 2/21, for their social time, followed at 10:00 AM by a short business meeting. Kirk Brown will then present *John Bartram: The King's Gardener*. All interested adults are invited to attend.

Prayers of Our Congregation

*"Oh Lord, thou knowest how busy I must be this day:
if I forget thee, do not thou forget me."*

Sir Jacob Astley

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 Elizabeth R., William G. and Marie M. 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 comfort for all who mourn the loss of loved ones. Reassure them of your unending mercy and eternal love.

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: Jenna & Nicolette as they search for employment; Safety for everyone at the Olympics; Kim W.'s cousin, Tina, who was diagnosed with kidney cancer; Quick healing and pain relief for Jenni, who had a 12 hour back surgery; Safety, warmth, calm and peace for all those affected by the recent storms.

For our children

Lord, make us willing and able to care for and protect your children here and around the world.

For our congregation

Lord, we thank you for your guidance in the life of this, your church.

For the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, we ask that the Prince of Peace be present in every heart in every war torn part of the world. We ask that our elected officials truly realize that they are servants of the people.

With thanksgiving for our joys

Thank you for the joy that Ryan & Kristin H. (and big sister, Madelyn) welcomed a baby, Evelyn Elizabeth, to their family on 1/30. Thank you for the joy of perusing colorful seed catalogs and dreaming of spring! Thank you for the gifts of personal family and church family.

For the missions we support

Our mission prayer this week is for Donna Jones, who continues to minister to a congregation in center-city Philadelphia. Her ministry includes worship, job training, Bible study, GED classes, apprenticeships, and future plans for a soup kitchen. Pray the funding and volunteers become available to help in this endeavor.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT



CHILDREN



Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- ☺ This week, Children's Sunday School will complete our study of Hannah and Samuel. We will focus on honoring our word and devotion to God..
- ☺ Children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade will gather in Fellowship Hall for their Large Group Opening.

Kidz Klub

Kidz Klub will be held on Friday, 2/21, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. Our theme for February will be "Self-control." We will discuss using strength and courage to make positive choices and develop good habits. We will also make the connection between using self-control and the beginning of the Lenten season, through discussion, interactive games and gym time. Sign-up sheets are located in the Community Room, outside the Wesley Center and in Fellowship Hall at the beginning of Sunday School.

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



Youth Sunday is this [Sunday, February 9!](#) We'll be leading worship at the [9:30 AM](#) (Sanctuary) and [10:45 AM](#) (Open Door) services. Please be a part of this awesome opportunity as we examine what it means to have faith like a child! Contact Aaron Forney (aforney@asburylv.org) for more information on how you can help. Not helping? Come support the awesome youth of this church!

Registration is open for the **Impact High School Retreat!** Sign up now at www.asburyym.org! The Retreat will be held March 28-20, 2014.

We're looking forward to a great **21st West Virginia Work Week!** Please spread the word that the trip is July 13-19! We want to see lots of hands and feet acting as God's witnesses during this awesome experience!

Our weekly **Sunday School Classes** help to focus on what our faith is and why it's important for us – not just on a Sunday morning, but every day of our lives. Join us from 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM every Sunday. Classes are split for Grades 6 & 7 (Room 106), Grade 8 (Confirmation, Room 108), and High School (Youth Lounge).

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

For any scheduled youth event, if you have any question about the 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.

Due to the holiday weekend and scheduling issues, the February 16 Mission Breakfast has been postponed. The next breakfast will be May 18.

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE



CHANGE-FOR-CHANGE

is designated to help ship donated text books to Liberia. EJ Doe, teaching at the Methodist University there, has found some local schools willing to provide the books, but needs funds to get them there. Please place your contributions in the containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Wesley Center



Celebrity judges have been chosen for the 6th Annual Chili Cook-off on March 15th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM.



Darryl Dawkins
NBA Retired



Jaccii Farris
WFMZ



Glenn 'Glennbo' Gross,
Fat Jack's BBQ



Bill White
The Morning Call

We're also pleased to announce that our church neighbor, Jordan UCC will be teaming with us at this Cook-off along with the King's Riders (Christian motorcycle club) and the Blue Knights (law enforcement motorcycle club). Come join us for fun, food and fellowship as we support those in need in Lofa County Liberia.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 9 / Youth Sunday / Scout Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:15 a.m. God's Rainbow- 200
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration (YOUTH) - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages
- 10:45 a.m. Open Door Worship (YOUTH)- WC
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 12:15 p.m. Charge Conference- 217
- 12:15 p.m. Small Group Ministry Meeting- Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 106/108
- 2:00 p.m. AFC Basketball- WC
- 4:00 p.m. Church of God Dinner- FH
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Basketball- WC
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group- YL/FH/108
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Committee Meeting- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep- 106

Monday, February 10

- 5:00 p.m. AFC Basketball- WC
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts- 108
- 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Guys Group- YL
- 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, February 11

- 10:15 a.m. Staff Worship- Parlor
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Jr. Troop 6244- FH
- 6:30 p.m. Priscilla Circle- Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Prayer & Share Together- 208/210
- 7:30 p.m. Chili Cook-off Planning Meeting- Aldersgate
- 7:30 p.m. OA- 204

Wednesday, February 12

- 9:00 a.m. Clergy Breakfast- WC
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study- 108
- 12:00 p.m. New Vision Pioneers- Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - 108
- 2:00 p.m. Community Resource Day Meeting- FH
- 3:30 p.m. Parkland Press- Aldersgate

Wednesday, February 12 (Continued)

- 6:00 p.m. FAFA Core Team- 217
- 6:00 p.m. DS Committee Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- 205/209/210/211
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers- 108
- 6:30 p.m. Rainbow Singers- 106
- 7:10 p.m. Youth Choir- 106
- 7:30 p.m. Asbury Connection- 108
- 8:00 p.m. Apostle Ringers- 206
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102

Thursday, February 13

- 9:15 a.m. Dorcas Martha Circle- Parlor
- 9:30 a.m. Marketing Team- 217
- 5:45 p.m. Bethany Zumba- FH
- 6:00 p.m. Open Door Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON- 108
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir- 102

Friday, February 14

- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open)- 108
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- 205/209/211/215
- 7:30 p.m. Youth Coffee House- WC

Saturday, February 15

- 3:00 p.m. Pioneer Class Volleyball- WC

Sunday, February 16

- 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
- 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, February 17 / President's Day *Office & Building Closed*

Kim Wisocky

Kim helped to organize the Silent Auction and the Cookie Place for the UMW Bazaar. She is also the note taker for every Adult Inquirers Class. Director of Lay Ministries Laurie Wallace Theisen says, "I am so appreciative that Kim is able to do this for me. It is so important to share accurate information about the new members so that we can form relationships and make connections. She does a great job!" Kim is also part of the Priscilla Circle. Thanks, Kim!



**Servant
of the
Week**



**CHARGE
CONFERENCE**
Sunday, 2/9
Room 217

**Immediately following the
11:00 AM service**
All members welcome!

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