



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

HERITAGE WORSHIP
8:00 AM in the Sanctuary

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
9:30 AM in the Sanctuary

OPEN DOOR WORSHIP
10:45 AM in the Wesley Center

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
11:00 AM in the Sanctuary

Pastor
Eric S. Yeakel

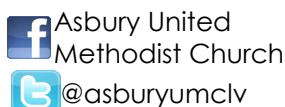
SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

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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THE VINE

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MARCH 12, 2015

From the Pastor



I want to congratulate The Rev. Dr. Glenn Asquith, Asbury's Director of Congregational Care, on receiving the 14th Annual Helen Flanders Dunbar Award for Significant Contributions to Clinical Pastoral Training. Glenn will be receiving the award on March 15th in Chicago during the 2015 Conference of the College of Pastoral Supervision & Psychotherapy. After receiving the award, Pastor Glenn will give the keynote address on "Anton T. Boisen: A Vision for All Ages." Anton T. Boisen was the founder of Clinical Pastoral Education and has been the subject of much of Pastor Glenn's research and writing for the past 40 years, including his book, *Vision from a Little Known Country: A Boisen Reader*, which was originally published in 1992 and is being re-published in 2015.

Pastor Glenn was one of my professors at Moravian Theological Seminary where he taught for 31 years. He has had a tremendous impact on my ministry as well as hundreds of seminarians who attended Moravian. For those of you who are not familiar with Pastor Glenn's background, he has published a wide variety of pastoral care and counseling-related book chapters, journal articles, and books, including *Family Passages* (Broadman Press, 1990) and, most recently, *The Concise Dictionary of Pastoral Care and Counseling* (Abingdon Press, 2010). Pastor Glenn is ordained in the American Baptist church although we consider him a United Methodist at heart. Please join me in congratulating Pastor Glenn on another outstanding accomplishment.

See you in worship!!

Pastor Eric



CELEBRATE AND HONOR UMCOR'S 75 YEARS OF MINISTRY!

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) turns 75 this year. What started as a relief effort to help a war ravaged China in 1940 has grown and transformed into a well known, highly respected, global humanitarian and relief organization of The United Methodist Church. As Christians, we believe that all persons are created in the image of God and have the right to a full and abundant life. Through the work of UMCOR, lives are being transformed and communities strengthened.

How does a small organization with a small budget accomplish this? Because YOU are UMCOR! When you respond to a neighbor in need, you are UMCOR. When you join a mission team to help rebuild a community, you are UMCOR. When you sit and listen to a person overwhelmed by circumstances, you are UMCOR.

Whether it is boots on the ground clean-up work, administrative assistance or coordination of resources, one thing is clear: We are UMCOR! We engage in shared ministry with ecumenical partners. We work with secular agencies. We work with governments. As a church, we reach out to offer a Christian presence and resilient hope during times of disaster. Visit UMCOR's Website for more information about UMCOR within our conference, across our nation and around the world.

During this Jubilee year (75), find ways to engage in mission and ministry projects that reflect the goals and ideals of UMCOR, especially in UMCOR-related work areas. When we look, we find opportunities to serve throughout the conference region and throughout the world. **The best way to celebrate UMCOR is to be UMCOR.**

RADICAL HOSPITALITY / CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CARE

Order forms for Easter Plants are now available on the website and at the Welcome Desks. Deadline for orders is 3/22.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: Guidelines and applications for the Dilcher, Clarke, International Studies and UMW Scholarships are available in the church office and on the Asbury website. Application deadline for the 2015-2016 school year is 4/15.

PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, 3/17, 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) for more information.

PEP (People Enjoying People) CLUB will gather in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM on Friday, 3/20. A program will be presented by Jesse the Mentalist. All interested adults are invited to attend.



ASBURY CONNECTION COMMITTEE will meet on Wednesday, 3/25, at 7:30 PM in Room 108 to assemble Care Packages for our college students. This is a fun time for fellowship among the parents of our young adult members. For more information contact Dot Hess (610-391-9212).

THE SALEM FOOD PANTRY currently has an abundance of plastic grocery bags and does not need any more at the present time. The Food Pantry Ministry Team thanks you for helping, and will likely need more in the future.



SUNDAY, 3/22, FROM 8:30 AM TO 1:30 PM
SIGN UP IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM ON 3/15
TO GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE



Dear Friends,

Many thanks to Pastor Eric, the UMW volunteers and everyone who contributed to Virginia Short's Memorial Service. Everyone did a great job!

Sincerely,
Bill & Ginny (Short) Geist

Yamah Wymon is our most recent graduate from the Nursing School at United Methodist University in Ganta, Liberia. She sent us this letter of thanks. Remember Yamah in your prayers as she works to improve healthcare in Liberia.

I greet the Asbury United Methodist Church's family in the name of our lord Jesus Christ.

It gives me the greatest pleasure to [thank] all my supporting partners of the Asbury UMC /USA for the past years of study in nursing at the United Methodist University in Ganta City, Nimba County.

I am joyously informing you that the graduation that was cancelled in February 2014 is now scheduled for April 26, 2015 at the above University campus in Monrovia. It will be a joy to me and a day to remember the Asbury UMC's family for what they have done in my life. I will forever remember you all as long as I live.

Your Sponsored Student,
Yamah Wymon
United Methodist University

PRAYERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

"Lord, I rejoice that nothing can come between me and your love..."
Corrie Ten Boom

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 Donna Nuss, Betsy Metzger, Lynn Pancoast, Carol O'Neill, Shirley Hewitt and Bob Barnes. 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 concerns to you. Jennifer Gast asks strength and healing for her nephew, Chris Beyer and her friend, Rev. Kathryn Foster, both undergoing treatment for forms of lymphoma. We lift up Carole, from Stroudsburg, during and after her surgery for cancer; Heal Frank Godiska's Aunt Betty, who took a fall. Help Kim find a job and uplift Tamara who is suffering from depression. Lord, we ask your comfort and healing for those with heartbreaks we cannot see.

For our children

Strengthen those who teach and those who heal our children. Give them every blessing and protect them from harm.

For those who mourn

Lord, we ask comfort for all who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially the family of Dr. Hugh O'Donnell, whose mother passed away at the age of 106. Reassure them of your unending mercy and eternal love.

For our congregation

Lord, by the example of Jesus, we lift each other up, assist the helpless, and hope to become better followers of Christ, our Lord.

For the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, we ask that your pervading sense of calm and peace descend like a blanket upon the Middle East. Heal hearts torn by war. Send your diplomats to the Ukraine, Syria, Russia, Libya, Yemen, Israel and Palestine so that your children may live in peace.

With thanksgiving for our joys

We celebrate the following joys: The joy that warmer temperatures are here! The joy of freedom. The joy of shared laughter. The great joy of healing. The joy of Miss Judy's birthday. The joy of Sadie Godiska's 9th birthday. The blessing of volunteers who packed 18 barrels for Liberia.

For the missions we support

We pray today for Kevin & Kathy Bruce, our mission partners in Ecuador who bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the indigenous Awa (pronounced ah wah) people. Kevin & Kathy are returning to Ecuador in March after being on furlough in the US for several months. We thank God that Kevin & Kathy were able to visit Asbury and share the stories of God's work among the Awa. We pray for their safe travel to Ecuador and a joyful reunion with believers in their mountain-top community.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT



Contact Pam Unrath, Director of Children's Ministries, for information on all Children's Ministries activities & opportunities (punrath@asburyiv.org or 610-398-2577).

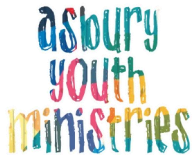
Staffed child care is available each week for infants through 2 year-olds in Room 223 during Sunday School.

This Sunday, Children's Sunday School will finish a two-week study of "A Banquet with Simon" as we look at Jesus' love and forgiveness towards all people

Friday, 3/20, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, Kids' Club will "Spring into March Madness" with basketball fun. All children Age 4 through 5th Grade are invited to join us to learn basic basketball drills and skills, as well as discuss and practice "teamwork." Sign-up sheets are located outside the Wesley Center or upstairs in the Community Room. Parents are welcome to join us as volunteers.



Asbury's Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast is planned for Saturday, 3/28, starting at 10:00 AM. We are currently seeking volunteers to donate plastic eggs, join us on 3/25 to fill eggs or help the morning of the hunt. There are volunteer flyers available in the Community Room, outside the Wesley Center, in Fellowship Hall before Sunday School or from Pam Unrath.



Contact Aaron Forney, Director of Youth Ministries, for information on all Youth Ministries activities & opportunities (aforney@asburyiv.org or 610-398-2577).

Our next Potluck Dinner - for both students and families - is scheduled for Sunday, 3/15. Join us for this time of fellowship and bring a food item to share (although if you're not able to, it doesn't matter - join us anyway). We'll be in Fellowship Hall from 6:00 to 6:30 PM.



POTLUCK DINNER

Be sure to attend Sunday School (9:30 AM - 10:30 AM, Middle School in Room 106, High School in the Youth Lounge) and Youth Group (6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, Youth Lounge)! Also, this Sunday there will be a bonus session of Sunday School from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM if you're unable to make the regular Sunday School time!

Our Impact Retreat has been cancelled, but we have a great opportunity for High Schoolers that same weekend! Come out for a lock-in just for you, featuring food, video games, Gaga, dodgeball, open gym time, Capture the Crayon, and more! We'll meet at Asbury at 7:00 PM on Friday, 3/27. Pickup will be at 9:00 AM on Saturday, 3/28.

Sign up for our weekly email to stay up-to-date with the latest news and events, including the Sunday School and Youth Group topics for each week! Visit www.asburyym.org/update to sign up now.

Keep up-to-date with us online! Visit www.asburyym.org or check our Facebook page, Twitter feed, or Instagram feed. No accounts are required to access any of the social media accounts.



Have you heard of Family Promise? Family Promise is an interfaith hospitality network that provides help and support to homeless families. On Thursday, 3/19, at 6:30 PM, Claas Ehlers of Family Promise will discuss how congregations in the Parkland area are exploring networking together to provide, on a rotating basis, overnight accommodations and meals for homeless families. The meeting will be held at Temple Beth El at 1305 Springhouse Road in Allentown. Please come to this important meeting to hear about ways we can get involved. You can also learn more about Family Promise at their website www.familypromise.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
ASBURY IN MISSION INDOOR YARD SALE
SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2015!

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE



CHANGE FOR CHANGE

is designated for the Kingdom Life Family Center, which sponsors a local food bank that serves over 210 families each month. While the program supports families from all over the Lehigh Valley, it focuses mainly on families in the Parkland School District. They also sponsor a program that provides backpacks for needy children in the district. Donations from Asbury will support both programs. Please place your contributions in the containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Wesley Center.



EVERLASTING LIFE MINISTRIES will host an Easter Dinner for less fortunate inner city families on Saturday, 3/28. The meal will be served at 12:30 PM, at Bethany E. C. Church, 224 N. 6th St., Allentown. Their needs are as follows: servers, fresh or frozen hams, fresh fruit, canned corn, gravy, potato flakes, baked goods, and cash donations. If you can help with any of these requests or desire more information, please call 610-776-4009 or visit www.elmallentown.org.

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY



A huge "Thank You" to the recent donor(s) of stock to Asbury. Some of you, however, did not let us know that your most generous gifts were forthcoming.

Since electronic transfers of stock only come with a stock name and not a donor name, we do not know who you are. We'd like to give you credit for your donation, so please call the church office and speak with Suzanne to identify the stock and number of shares.

C A L E N D A R

Sunday, March 15 / UMCOR 75th Anniversary

- 8:00 a.m. Heritage Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:15 a.m. God's Rainbow - 200
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages
- 10:45 a.m. Revelation Bible Study - 217
- 10:45 a.m. Open Door Alternative Worship - WC
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School Class - YL
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God - FH/106/108
- 2:00 p.m. AFC Basketball - WC
- 2:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12 - 215
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Family Dinner - FH
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Basketball - WC
- 6:15 p.m. Disciple I - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group - 108/YL
- 6:30 p.m. Pack 12 Committee Meeting - Aldersgate

Monday, March 16

- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 6608 - 108
- 6:30 p.m. Tenebrae Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Girls - Offsite
- 6:45 p.m. Brownie Troop 61025 - 103A
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Ministry Meeting - 215
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12 - FH/106
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee - Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers - 200/202/206
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band - Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 17

- 9:00 a.m. Emmaus Garden Club - Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry - Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. UMW Board Meeting - 217
- 7:00 p.m. AIM - 106
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball - WC
- 7:30 p.m. OA - 204

Wednesday, March 18

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group - 231
- 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study - 108
- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - FH
- 5:30 p.m. Garden of Eatin' - WC
- 5:40 p.m. Faith Ringers - 206
- 6:00 p.m. Local Outreach Meeting - 217

Wednesday, March 18 (continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Sr. High Guys - YL
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters - 204
- 6:30 p.m. Launching into Bible Study - 210
- 6:30 p.m. Tenebrae Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers - 108
- 6:30 p.m. Rainbow Singers - 106
- 6:45 p.m. Sarah Circle - 215
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir - 206
- 7:10 p.m. Youth Choir - 106
- 8:00 p.m. Apostle Ringers - 206

Thursday, March 19

- 5:30 p.m. GSEP Meeting - FH
- 6:00 p.m. Daisy Troop - 104
- 6:00 p.m. Open Door Band Rehearsal - WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON - 108
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir - 102

Friday, March 20

- 9:30 a.m. P.E.P. Club - FH
- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - 108
- 6:30 p.m. Kids Club - WC/FH/104/106/108
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12 - 205/209/211/215

Saturday, March 21

- 10:00 a.m. Church of God - 106/108
- 10:00 a.m. LV Wheelmen Ride Leader Trng - 217
- 5:00 p.m. Pack 12 Blue & Gold Dinner - WC/FH

Sunday, March 22

- 8:00 a.m. Heritage Worship - Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m. Blood Drive - Lower Parking Lot
- 9:15 a.m. God's Rainbow - 200
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages
- 10:45 a.m. Revelation Bible Study - 217
- 10:45 a.m. Open Door Alternative Worship - WC
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God - FH/106/108
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Basketball - WC
- 6:15 p.m. Disciple I - 217
- 6:30 p.m. JAM - 108
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group - YL
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep - 106



Hospitality Corner

Make a point of thanking someone ~ a word of thanks goes a long way!

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