



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

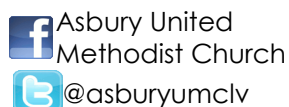
SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

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.

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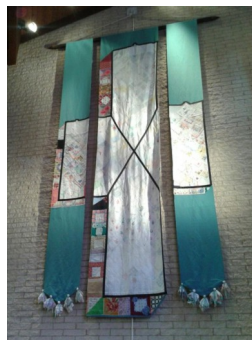
PASTOR'S COLUMN

Did you know that the official observance of Mother's Day in America began in a Methodist Church? On May 10, 1908, three years after her mother's death, Anna Jarvis held a memorial ceremony to honor her mother and all mothers at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia. Her mother had taught Sunday School in that church for 20 years. Anna then embarked upon a campaign to make "Mother's Day" a recognized holiday. She spent a significant amount of time writing to leaders in business, churches, and politics to promote the commemoration of this day. Because of her persistent efforts, Mother's Day was finally proclaimed a national holiday in 1914.

Don't forget to pick up your baby bottles beginning this Sunday in the Sanctuary and the Open Door Service. You can take the bottles home, fill them with spare change, and return them on Father's Day 6/21. All the money goes to CareNet of the Lehigh Valley, an agency that provides pregnancy support services, resources and life skills education to women, men and youth right here in the Lehigh Valley.

Next week is the conclusion of our sermon series "Modern Family" and we will look at the impact our actions have on future generations. When it comes to family, actions speak louder than words - they echo into the next generation. Your children and grandchildren may forget what you say, but they'll never forget what you do. You won't want to miss the conclusion of our series.

See you in worship!
Pastor Eric



THE HANDKERCHIEF BANNER

This striking cruciform image was quilted from antique handkerchiefs donated in memory of mothers, grandmothers, aunts, cousins, nieces, and fondly-remembered friends. Women of Asbury collected these handkerchiefs over two years ~ about 300 of them~ from 40 contributors and from the folks who do the sorting at the Asbury Bazaar. They came with stories about wedding days and World War II days. Some are stained with tears, others with blood and tobacco.

The handkerchiefs are made of fine linen, silk and cottons. There are bouquets of every imaginable flower, screen prints for every season, hearts, cats, clocks and fish. The hankies are trimmed with tatting, embroidery, crochet and lace. There is amazing cut-work and applique, some are even delicately hand-drawn. The patterns, textures, colors and trims were collected and coordinated by Debra Goodwin and the women of the Quilter's Circle. These 26 generous women contributed over 200 hours of their time for 3 months to hand sew each handkerchief into place using only gold thread. What a tremendous gift of time and talent!

RADICAL HOSPITALITY / CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CARE

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, 5/12, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. in Room 210. For more information, contact Linda (610-395-8756).

THE ASBURY CONNECTION COMMITTEE will meet on Wednesday, 5/13, at 7:30 PM in Room 108. We will begin planning for the next year for our Young Adult Members (post high school to 25 years old). Consider joining this committee if you have a child you would like to keep connected with Asbury as they venture into the next stage of their lives. We also support each other as we transition as well. For more information contact Dot Hess (610-391-9212).

PEP (People Enjoying People) CLUB will gather in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM on Friday, 5/15. A program entitled "Gate Keepers" will be presented by Amy Angelo. All interested adults are invited to attend.

ASBURY MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP EVENT: Tour the America on Wheels Museum in Allentown with lunch following at Billy's Downtown Diner. Tour cost is \$7.00; lunch is Dutch Treat. Date is Friday, 5/22; meet in lower church parking lot at 10:30 AM to carpool. Contact Bill Barrett (barrw4745@yahoo.com) or Dave Torrey (dctorrey@yahoo.com) for more information.

SUSANNA CIRCLE will meet at 7:00 PM on Monday, 5/11, at Judy Ehninger's home, 2620 Gracie Lane, Macungie. Jan Kuhns will talk about her long-time involvement with the stamp mission program and tell us who benefits from it and how funds are used. All women are welcome!

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, 5/12, at 7:30 PM in the Aldersgate Room, and will conclude its study of Adam Hamilton's book, Making Sense of the Bible. Dave Griebel will lead discussion on Chapters 27-32 - "Wrestling with Issues of Sexuality and Relationships." All women are invited. For more information, please contact Judy Whitby (jmwhitby@aol.com) or Brenda Baxter (brendabaxter14@gmail.com).

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE will meet on Thursday, 5/14, at 9:30 AM in the Aldersgate Room on the lower level of Asbury Church. Ruth Sevart will give a talk about "The Stress in Our Lives." Jane Candy will lead the devotions. All women are welcome.

DURING THE MONTH OF MAY the UMW will be collecting items for the Allentown Sacred Heart Outreach Community Programs, which benefit Daybreak, Conference of Churches Homeless, New Bethany Church Allentown, Catholic Charities, Warming Center and Emergency requests due to fire, illness or loss of job. Contact Debi Olphin (610-261-2709) with any questions. Collection boxes will be placed by the elevators with listed items.

I sincerely want to thank you my Asbury friends for their cards, prayers and concerns during my recent hospitalization. I especially enjoyed the visits of Margie Bell of the KIT Committee, and Rev. Dr. Asquith. Your thoughtfulness meant so much to me. How wonderful it is to belong to such a wonderful church family.

Carol Pavone



Thank you so very much to all of the members of Asbury who volunteered to help make the 3rd Annual Parkland Community Resource Fair such a success! The agencies which attended were thrilled with all of the help they received with setting up, tearing down, and the refreshments offered during the fair. A special thanks also to Larry Hein and the custodial staff! It's people like all of you who make me truly thankful to be a member of Asbury!

Susan Lee

PRAYERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Lord, wherever I am, you are there too. You are my comforter and my strength, my redeemer and my savior. You are always near me and I am so grateful.

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 Lois Hofschild, Carol O'Neill and June Ellen Claydon. We ask you to have mercy on all in pain, both physical and mental, and grant them your peace.

For those who mourn

We ask comfort for all who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially Rich Hoffert and family as they mourn the passing of his mother, Lena Mae Hoffert. We also lift up Adele Bush and family for comfort on the death of her niece, Anita. 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 Terrie Daugherty for healing from minor surgery. We ask peace and comfort for Betsy Metzger who is very confused. We join with David & Margie Bell to ask for a speedy recovery from surgery for David's sister, Charlotte. Michelle Heisler asks healing and comfort for her mom, Pat, battling incurable cancer, and her dad, Donald, now dealing with heart problems. We lift up Steven Branson Allen for a strong mind and body as he is in Army boot camp at Fort Sill, OK. We ask healing for Frank Godiska's dad, Joseph, hospitalized with a blood clot in his leg, and ask strength for Frank's mom, Toni.

For our congregation

Lord, we need you every moment, as we consider how to react to those around us in a way that is pleasing to you and in line with Christ's teachings of love, mercy and forgiveness.

For our children

We continue to lift up the children of Nepal for your mercy and care, Lord. We thank you for the opportunity to celebrate our children's graduations.

For the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, you are ready to help. All we need to do is ask and wait. Bring peace to the people of Baltimore. Help us to treat everyone with respect and encouragement.

With thanksgiving for our joys

We celebrate the following joys: The joy that Lauren Begany's future sister-in-law and husband had a beautiful baby girl, Ceeden Elizabeth. Jim & Nancy Miltenberger are thankful to be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this week. With Sandy Josephson we give joyous praise for all the college students graduating this week, and ask for success in the next chapter of their lives. As Connie Miller was watching the birds recently she was reminded of Bonnie Reeve. We all thank you, Lord, for Bonnie's gift of life to our church family. LaVerne & Joan Potter give thanks that Joan has been declared "cancer-free" following her recent surgery.

For the missions we support

Our prayer this week is for the Zimmerman family who continue to provide medical services to those in need in Nepal. Three years ago we distributed a small amount of supplies to the Kathmandu Hospital – now hundreds are migrating to that hospital from nearby rural areas to get care. We pray that Mark & Deidre find the support they need to be successful in their jobs.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT



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

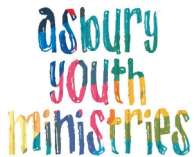
Staffed Child Care is available each week for infants through 2 year-olds in Room 223 during Sunday School.



This Sunday, Children's Classes will finish a two-week study of Adam & Eve and "The First Sin." Classes will dive into scripture through storytelling, art, games and drama in order to explore a lesson in self-control. If you are interested in volunteering/assisting in one of our Sunday School Classes, please contact Pam Unrath.

Kids' Club will take place on Friday, 5/15, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. This month our theme is "Basketball Bash." We will enjoy dinner together, along with basketball activities, snack and a short discussion on the importance of teamwork.

Vacation Bible School is on its way! Volunteers are such an integral part of this week-long experience for our children. Please consider joining us for a work night on Wednesday, 5/20, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. During this time, we will create/paint decorations and begin meeting team members for areas such as snack, art & science, games, storytelling, music and more. If you are unable to make that evening but would like to offer your time and gifts, please contact Pam Unrath. This process is just beginning and we would love to have you join us!



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

HIGH SCHOOLERS: REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for the West Virginia Work Week mission trip! This week of service in the name of Jesus is July 12-18. Sign up now at www.asburyym.org/wv.

CHURCH WORK DAY is this Saturday (5/11) from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Come help make Asbury more attractive as we do our part to make our church inviting through cleaning up the grounds outside!

DON'T FORGET: There will not be Youth Group on 5/10 as we leave space to celebrate the women who have made an impact on our lives on Mother's Day.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: As Christians, we are called to serve. On Saturday, 5/30, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, we'll be cleaning up the Union & West End Cemetery in Allentown. Tools will be supplied. Family and friends are invited - this is an all-church service opportunity! This service opportunity allows us the chance to give back to our community and hopefully build relationships with those we're working alongside!

WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT:

- ◇ Middle School Sunday School ~ Have you ever wondered if you're where God wants you to be? Maybe you already know that you're not. Our series *The Voice* continues this Sunday, as we look at the story of Elijah, who lost God's voice in the midst of the noise around him. Join us as we seek to hear God together. Middle School Sunday School meets in Room 106 on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 AM.
- ◇ High School Sunday School ~ It's Mother's Day. The Bible says to honor your mother, but do you really? High School Sunday School meets in the Youth Lounge on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 AM.
- ◇ Youth Group: ~ What does it mean to have a faith that's attractive? Our Youth Group series, *Magnetic*, continues this Sunday night! Youth Group meets in the Youth Lounge on Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

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.

Summer Camp information for Pocono Plateau, Grefna Glen, & Camp Innabah is available at the Welcome Desk by the Wesley Center and in the Community Room.

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE



CHANGE FOR CHANGE

is designated for CareNet, a national organization which provides pregnancy support services, resources and life skills to women, men and youth; Please place your contributions in the containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Wesley Center.



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!

Once again on Mother's Day, 5/10, boxes of baby bottles will be available at the doors of the Sanctuary and the Open Door Service that you may take, fill with spare change, and return on Father's Day, 6/21. All the money goes to CareNet of the LV, an agency supported by Asbury in Mission,

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

Donations of brown grocery bags and large shopping bags are needed.



Join us for this year's CROP Hunger Bike Ride. There will be three scenic routes leaving Bob Rodale Cycling & Fitness Park in Trexlertown. Registration starts at 7:00. Pre-register now (\$30.00) at www.bikereg.com, enter "CROP" for full Metric Century (62 miles) to the beautiful Hawk Valley, 40 mile to Crystal Cave or 15/25 mile route toward Bowers. Registration the day of the ride is \$35.00. Don't Ride? Can't make it? You can still donate and be a Virtual Rider!! 100% of funds raised for any CROP event goes to help end hunger locally and globally. Contact Debi Olphin (610-261-2709) with any questions.

C A L E N D A R



Sunday, May 10 / Mother's Day

- 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
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God - FH/106/108
- 2:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12 - 215
- 6:15 p.m. Disciple I - 217

Monday, May 11

- 1:00 p.m. Building Security Meeting - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 6608 - 108
- 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Men - 215
- 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Girls - Offsite
- 6:45 p.m. Brownie Troop 61025 - 103A
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12 - FH/106
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Band and Praise Team - Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 12

- 5:30 p.m. Daisy/Brownie Troop 654 - 221
- 5:45 p.m. Dancing Stars Ballet Class - FH
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball - WC
- 7:00 p.m. Prayer and Share Together - 210
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Harmony Rehearsal - Sanct./FH
- 7:30 p.m. OA - 204
- 7:30 p.m. Priscilla Circle - Aldersgate

Wednesday, May 13

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group - 231
- 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study - 108
- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - FH
- 5:40 p.m. Faith Ringers - 206
- 6:00 p.m. Local Outreach Meeting - 215
- 6:00 p.m. Sr. High Guys - YL
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters - 204

Wednesday, May 13 (continued)

- 6:30 p.m. Craft Circle Meeting - 106
- 6:30 p.m. Launching into Bible Study - 210
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 670 - 103A
- 6:30 p.m. Church Council - 217
- 7:30 p.m. Asbury Connection - 108

Thursday, May 14

- 9:30 a.m. Friendship Circle (Dorcas Martha) - Ald.
- 6:00 p.m. Daisy Troop 6401 - 104
- 7:00 p.m. Salisbury Baccalaureate - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON - 108

Friday, May 15

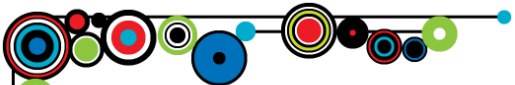
- 9:30 a.m. P.E.P. Club - FH
- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - 108
- 6:00 p.m. Kids Club - WC/FH/104/106/108
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12 - 205/209/211/215

Saturday, May 16

- 10:00 a.m. Church of God - 106/108
- 10:00 a.m. Grief Support Group - Aldersgate

Sunday, May 17

- 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
- 12:30 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God - FH/106/108
- 2:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12 - 215
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Dinner - WC
- 6:15 p.m. Disciple I - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group - YL/108
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep - 106



Hospitality Corner

The rocking chair area across from the Sanctuary is a very convenient place to sit, but remember that these chairs are reserved for families with small children. Please offer your seat to these families when necessary so they may worship more comfortably.

Our Staff

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