



**Asbury Church**  
a United Methodist  
Community

**JULY 9, 2015**

# THE VINE

*faith in action... imagine your life changed.*

## 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

### SUMMER SCHEDULE

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP  
9:00 AM in the Sanctuary

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

OPEN DOOR WORSHIP  
10:45 AM in the Wesley Center

SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:00 AM

Senior Pastor  
Eric S. Yeakel

### SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

During our 9:00 Sunday School time, we have childcare for infants through three year olds. During our 10:30/10:45 Services, we have childcare available for infants through PreK.

### OFFICE HOURS

8 AM to 4 PM, M—F  
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## PASTOR'S COLUMN

As I have said on many occasions, we exist as a church to make Disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world. As leaders in the church we are called to use all of our available resources in the most efficient way to make this happen. After much prayerful consideration we are preparing to move the Open Door Service from 10:45 a.m. Sunday mornings in the Wesley Center to 5:00 p.m. Sunday evenings in the Fellowship Hall. The thoughts behind this move include:

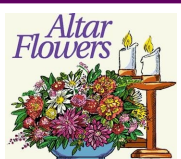
- Having two services occurring simultaneously is not an ideal model as I am running from one service to another and I am not able to worship together with you at each service in its entirety.
- Many families today have activities and work-related commitments on Sunday mornings and wish to have an alternate worship time.
- The volunteers at the Open Door service have to set up and tear down the worship area each week which requires a significant time commitment.

We will be working on a plan to renovate Fellowship Hall to accommodate this new service time but, until that project is complete, Open Door will remain at 10:45 a.m. Sunday mornings in the Wesley Center. We will keep you up-to-date on the progress of this project and will provide more details regarding a start date for this new service time in the coming weeks.

Just as we have many fellowship opportunities on Sunday mornings, our plan is to have the same on Sunday evenings, such as: a light meal to be served after the service, several adult Bible studies, youth fellowship, and children's fellowship (some of these opportunities already exist on Sunday evenings and some are in the planning stages).

I believe this move will help us create new followers of Christ and give existing Asbury members more opportunities for worship. I ask that you pray for those who are planning and organizing this new service time, new fellowship opportunities, and the renovation project, and to please be supportive of this new endeavor so that we may continue with our mission of bringing people to Christ. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns I will be available the next two Sundays after the Open Door service to speak with you.

See you in worship!  
*Pastor Eric*



There are opportunities for you to sponsor the altar flowers over the next few months. Open dates are August 30, September 20 and September 27. Please consider signing up for one of these dates and contact Susan Berry (610-737-0356 or [b33su3@gmail.com](mailto:b33su3@gmail.com)) for details. Cost for the two arrangements is \$45.00.

Volunteers are also needed to deliver the altar flowers to those who are hospitalized, in rehab or home-bound. Please contact Laurie Wallace Theisen ([ltheisen@sburlyv.org](mailto:ltheisen@sburlyv.org) or 610-398-2577) for more information or to volunteer.





## United Methodist Women July Collection

During the Month of July, the United Methodist Women (UMW) will be collecting school supplies for the Freedom School in Allentown and their "Back to School Bash" held in August to meet the needs of the poorest inner city residents of Allentown. Collection boxes are located by the elevator on both levels for your school supply donations. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please contact Debi Olphin (610-261-270 or [debra.olphin@gmail.com](mailto:debra.olphin@gmail.com)).

**ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP** supply snacks for the Vacation Bible School Teachers Hospitality Room from Monday 7/27 through Friday 7/31? A poster board for sign-ups has been placed in the Community Room. Suggested donations include baked or purchased breads, fruit or fruit trays, bottled water, small yogurts, iced tea in gallon containers, cheese cubes & crackers, chips & dip or 2 liter sodas. Please volunteer to help us treat our VBS teachers to a special break during their busy mornings.

**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, 7/14, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. in Room 210. For more information, contact Linda (610-395-8756).



### RAMOS PLAYGROUND PAINTING

Join us from 7:30 to 10:30 AM on 7/20, 7/21, 7/23 and 7/25 to paint the old playground equipment at the Ramos School. To sign up, visit [www.tinyurl.com/paint-the-playground](http://www.tinyurl.com/paint-the-playground) or email [dickmcc@ptd.net](mailto:dickmcc@ptd.net). Thanks for helping us provide a place for Ramos kids to play.

**THE RAMOS SCHOOL** needs more adult volunteers for the 2015-2016 school year. Now is a great time to take care of getting the necessary clearances. Please contact Jeanne Muthard ([muthardj@allentownsd.org](mailto:muthardj@allentownsd.org) or 610-509-5464) for more information or to volunteer.



For 22 years, a calling has been laid on the hearts of the youth of Asbury and some very skilled and servant-hearted adults to minister to the residents of Barbour County, West Virginia.

Our trip gets underway this Sunday, 7/12, and continues through Saturday, 7/18. We have generated a **Devotional and Prayer Guide** for the week for you to follow along, because this is a trip that can only happen with God's Spirit working through us and through the prayers of the Asbury community. Please visit [www.asburyym.org/wv](http://www.asburyym.org/wv) to access the devotional, and check back all week for trip updates! Also, we still need financial support to make this trip happen. To see how you can help or make a donation, please visit [www.asburyym.org/wvdonations](http://www.asburyym.org/wvdonations).

## PRAYERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

*Protect me, O Lord. My boat is so small, and your sea is so big.*

Breton fisherman's prayer

### For those who are sick or in the hospital

Lord, we ask your mercy and healing for all those hospitalized, recently discharged, or in rehab, especially Connie Glasser, Dick Black, Elizabeth Haraschak, Vera Barnes, Don Engle & Charles Samph. 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: Safe travel and God-inspired encounters for Carlen & Mei-Ling Blackstone as they embark on a 6 week cross-country trip. Traveling mercies for Will Fullton; Tom Hafer, suffering from bile duct cancer; Josie, an 11 year old girl who had a heart transplant 2 years ago which is now failing; Jane Fox, sister of Louann Cline, for healing from extensive surgery.

### For those who mourn

Lord, we ask comfort for all who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially the family of Lester Siegfried, who passed away on 6/28. Reassure them of your unending mercy and eternal love.

### For our children

We ask that you grant us wisdom to be good examples for our children.

### For our congregation

Guide us, O Lord, in the way we should go.

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

We ask for justice for the oppressed and victory for the righteous. We ask peace in the hearts of those who would wage senseless violence. We ask wisdom for those who would lead.

### With thanksgiving for our joys

We celebrate the following joys: Susan Lee celebrated a birthday on July 5th; A fresh harvest of green beans from the garden; The sight of a fox in the woods and a hummingbird at the purple coneflowers; Good health and hope for the future.

### For the missions we support

Lord, we ask for your continued blessings on all those at the Sixth Street Shelter. Residents of this shelter learn how to solve their own problems. They actively work toward long-term housing, employment, and educational goals. In addition to case management and referrals, they offer a variety of supportive programs, including parenting classes, a computer lab, financial education, life skills development, GED preparation, tutoring, and reading. The Sixth Street Shelter has been serving families with children experiencing homelessness for nearly 30 years. It is the hope of the shelter that folks could live in a world where these services were not needed. Until then, with God's help, the shelter will continue to offer a safe and supportive environment.

**And all God's children said, "Amen!"**

## INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT



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

**Staffed Child Care** is available each week for Infants through Age 2 in Room 223.

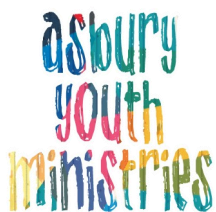
**This Sunday, 7/12**, all children Age 3 through Grade 5 will gather in Fellowship Hall for Sunday School during the 9:00 AM worship hour. This week we will continue our "Summer Road Trip." The theme this week is "Play Outside" as we look at how each of us can go out and serve the Lord.



**Kids' Club will be held on Wednesday, 7/15, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.** All children Age 4 through Grade 5 (during 2014-2015 school year) are invited to join us for a fun-filled evening of dinner, fellowship, games and more! This month our theme is "Fun with Water." Please come share the evening with us and remember to bring a towel!

**Vacation Bible School is just over 2 weeks away (7/27 to 7/31).** Please be sure to register your child/ren to join us for this amazing week as we celebrate "God's Love in Action" through music, games, art & science, storytelling, food creation and more!

**Children's Ministries** provides wonderful opportunities to serve our awesome God. Whether you prefer sharing a little time on a Sunday morning as a teacher's assistant (no prep, no teaching required), at Kids' Club playing games, or spending a few days as a shepherd or assisting with snack station at VBS, there is an amazing opportunity waiting for you to experience faith and fun alongside our children! Please contact Pam Unrath to choose where you would like to share your gifts!



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

**This Sunday, 7/12:** Sunday School for Grades 6-12 is from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM and meets in the Youth Lounge. Summer Youth Group (also for Grades 6-12) is from 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM, and based in the Wesley Center — **Come out to be part of a very special project!** Parents, one of the components of our Summer Youth Group is to have fellowship over lunch. If you are willing to be part of making this happen, please visit [www.asburyym.org/lunch](http://www.asburyym.org/lunch) for more information and to sign up to help!



A complete, updated list of items still needed for the WV Work Trip is available on the Asbury Youth Ministries website. Monetary donations are always welcome as well, to help defray the costs of the trip.

**Keep up with our WV Trip!** Like last year, we'll have a daily devotional and prayer guide available for you to use as part of your daily time with God and to follow along with our trip. Visit [www.asburyym.org/wv](http://www.asburyym.org/wv) throughout the week of our West Virginia Work Week (July 12-18) to stay up-to-date with what's happening!

**Keep up-to-date with us online!** Sign up for our weekly email ([www.asburyym.org/update](http://www.asburyym.org/update)) and visit [www.asburyym.org](http://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.

## RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE



### CHANGE FOR CHANGE

is designated for Earthquake Relief in Nepal, where we are in connection with several mission partners. Please place your contributions in the containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Wesley Center.



Did you know that Everlasting Life Ministries feeds nearly 200 families per week and receives no government assistance to do so? Please help Asbury support this ministry during the month of July by donating non-perishable canned and boxed food items in the bin located across from the office on the lower level. Thank you for helping those in need by participating in this local outreach endeavor.

## EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

### Reminder

If you are planning to donate stock to Asbury, please call the church office and let Suzanne know your name, the name of the stock, the number of shares and the approximate trade date. This information is critical in getting the donation posted to your statement of giving.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday, July 12 / WV Mission Trip Departure

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Summer Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. "Drop-in" Choir Rehearsal - 102
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Open Door Alternative Worship - WC
- 12:30 p.m. Summer Youth Group - WC
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God - FH/106/108

## Monday, July 13

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12 - FH/106

## Tuesday, July 14

- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting - Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Prayer and Share Together - 210
- 7:30 p.m. OA - 108

## Wednesday, July 15

- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - FH
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Inquirers - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Kids Club - WC/106/108
- 7:00 p.m. SPRC - Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Harmony Rehearsal - FH

## Thursday, July 16

- 11:30 a.m. Toastmasters - 106
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON - 108

## Friday, July 17

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

## Saturday, July 18

- 9:00 a.m. GS Service Unit Bridging Event - FH
- 10:00 p.m. Church of God - 106/108

## Sunday, July 19

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Summer Sunday School
- 10:20 a.m. Revelation Bible Study - 217
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Open Door Alternative Worship - WC
- 12:30 p.m. Summer Youth Group - WC
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God - FH/106/108



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 27-31

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

\$20 per child/\$50 maximum per family

if registered by July 15

\$5 late fee per child after July 15

**REGISTER NOW!**



## Hospitality Corner

If you meet a guest who is much older or younger than you, try to introduce them to someone in their age group!

## Our Staff

Eric Yeakel, Senior Pastor

Garth Olson, Director of Worship

Glenn Asquith, Director of Congregational Care

Laurie Wallace Theisen, Director of Lay Ministries

Pam Unrath, Director of Children's Ministries

Aaron Forney, Director of Youth Ministries

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