



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 a.m. in the Sanctuary

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

OPEN DOOR WORSHIP
5:00 p.m. in the Wesley Center

Senior Pastor
Eric S. Yeakel

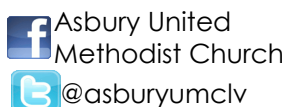
SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

During our 9:30 Worship Service and 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

I would like to thank all of the volunteers that made the Asbury Easter Egg Hunt a great success last Saturday. We had over 150 children and their families participate in the egg hunt and enjoy a delicious breakfast. It was a wonderful time of fellowship!! A special thanks to Pam Unrath, Director of Children's Ministries, for her outstanding leadership with this event.

It is my hope that everyone has had a great journey through Lent and you have been able to grow in the knowledge of God with your head, love of God with your heart and service to God with your hands during these past six weeks. But we need to remember that Easter is not the end of your spiritual journey. Easter is not the end of Jesus' story and it should not slow down our spiritual journey either.

If you are looking to continue to grow in your spiritual journey I want to invite you to attend "Journey 101: Serving God." The Journey 101 courses are designed to create environments where people experience growth and support as they engage in the Discipleship Journey. "Serving God" is Part 3 in this Journey 101 series of Bible Study courses. In this study we explore what it means to serve God as we put our faith into action. (Please note: It is NOT necessary to have taken Part 1 or Part 2 of the series to participate in this class.). The six-week study begins on Wednesday, April 6, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 217. Please join us!

Happy Easter! See you in worship!
Pastor Eric

Dear Asbury Family Member ~ We need you!

If you are able to give monthly one, two, three or four hours occasionally on a Sunday morning, please consider becoming a volunteer for one of the following worship volunteer positions

Ushers – Contact: Cyndi Frank frankcj@ptd.net

Acolytes – Contact: Cheryl Barraco cbarraco@ptd.net

Lay Readers – read scripture at one of three services.

Contact: Jan Sutermeister jaed0505@ptd.net

Multi-Media – create and/or project slides for worship.

Contact: Jessi Ellis jlellis2009@gmail.com

Communion Stewards – prepare elements for one of three services.

Contact: Cindy Brown crybrown@gmail.com

Communion Servers – serve elements at one of three services.

Contact: Sara Brown sbrown@asburylv.org

Sound & Light – Contact: Paul Hoffman paulhoffman.55@gmail.com



Fellowship Hall is now the Worship Center!

The renovations to Fellowship Hall are complete! This newly-renovated space will now be called the Worship Center. This name change reflects the new focus for the renovated space – to provide an additional, modern worship space for adults, youth, and children.

- † Join us for the first Open Door Worship Service in the Worship Center on Sunday, 4/3, at 5:00 p.m.
- † Children's Sunday School will celebrate their first Sunday in the Worship Center on Sunday, 4/10, at 9:30 a.m.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this happen!



UMW MARCH COLLECTION: This month the UMW is collecting supplies to assemble Hygiene Kits for Church World Service (CWS) to deliver domestically and internationally when needed. If you can help, we need individually-wrapped bars of soap, individually-packaged toothbrushes, nail clippers, wide-toothed combs, and washcloths. The collection box is located on the lower level near the elevator. Kits will be assembled at the UMW Spring Luncheon on Sunday, 4/17, in the Wesley Center. The UMW will be purchasing towels to complete the kits. Contact Debi Olphin for more information or to make a monetary donation. Thank you!

SCHOLARSHIPS: 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 2016-2017 school year is 4/15. Details are available at: www.asburym.org/scholarships

PLAYERS NEEDED TO JOIN THE ASBURY SOFTBALL TEAM.

If you are interested and/or need more information, please contact Jeff White (610-530-2188 or jeffery.white@verizon.net).

Upcoming Events

Journey 101: Serving God ~ Begins 4/6

Asbury will be offering a small group Bible Study called "Journey 101: Serving God," which is Part 3 in the Journey 101 Series of Bible Study courses. In this study we explore what it means to serve God as we put our faith into action. (Please note: It is NOT necessary to have taken Part 1 or 2 of this series to participate in Part 3.) This class will meet Wednesday evenings for 6 weeks from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 217 beginning Wednesday, 4/6. For more information, or to register for the class, please email info@asburylv.org

Congregational Chats ~ 4/10 & 4/13

The membership of Church Council would like to share some of the exciting things happening at Asbury. Please join them at a Congregational Chat on Sunday, 4/10, at 12:00 noon and 6:30 PM, and Wednesday, 4/13, at 6:15 p.m. in the newly-renovated Worship Center (formerly known as Fellowship Hall)

The Art of Giving ~ 4/22

An art and gift basket auction to benefit the Ecumenical Soup Kitchen of the Lehigh Conference of Churches will be held on Friday, 4/22, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum. \$35 entry fee includes small plates, beverages, live music, and a silent auction. Contact Sue Hight (610-435-5054) for more information or to reserve your spot.

Asbury Work Day ~ 4/30

Saturday, 4/30, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
For the Beauty of Our Church! Rain or Shine! Let's come together to show our pride in the church we all love. Please bring work gloves, rakes, shovels, weeding tools, hand or hedge trimmers, loping shears and a fun spirit! For more information, call Sandy Silvonek (610-653-5303).



PRAYERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

For those who are sick or in the hospital

Lord, we ask your mercy and healing for all those currently hospitalized, recently discharged or in rehab, especially Vera Knabb, Nora Rice, Jonathan Scherer, Robert Lenz, and Charles Samph. We ask you to have mercy on all those in pain 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 who need your special help: Connie Miller for swift recovery from surgery. Greg & Karen Mitton ask healing from health issues for their dad, Dick Stewart. Greg & Mary Novak ask God's healing for their neighbor, Bill, who was taken to the hospital and is in ICU. Jim Fullton asks travel mercies for Sarah and James. Terrie Daugherty lifts up her friend, Patricia, who will undergo surgery, needs a transplant and is grieving the death of her sister. We lift up Sue as she starts chemotherapy.

For those who mourn

Lord, we ask comfort for all who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially Ruth Severt and family as Ruth's sister, Beverly passed away last Saturday. We also ask comfort for Debbie Lynch and family as Debbie's father has recently passed on. Reassure them of your unending mercy and eternal love.

May the light of the Risen Christ radiate in you and in everyone so that the world is transformed and reconciled by love to God.

For our congregation

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! We ask that you inspire our congregation to manifest your constant love in every situation.

For the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, we struggle to let go and let you show us the way through our troubles. Help us let go. We lift up those countries where hope starves. We ask for your intervention. Guide us to elect the best leaders for these times.

With thanksgiving for our joys

The Funt family shares a joy that Thomas has become engaged to Kelly Holder and an April 2017 wedding is planned. Barry Olphin shares the joy of answered prayers that his mother recently received news that she is in "complete recovery" from cancer. We give you thanks, Lord, for the precious gift of your son, Jesus, who died for each one of us, but is risen today!

For our children

Lord, make us more like our children who look at every moment as an opportunity for joy.

For the missions we support

Our prayer today is for Ruth Tulay who overcame great difficulties in her life to graduate from United Methodist University in Monrovia, Liberia. We pray with thanksgiving for Asbury scholarships which helped Ruth compete her degree.

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).

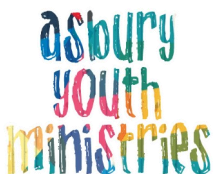
Child care is available each week at the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service for infants and one-year-olds in Room 214 and for two-year-olds in Room 223. Child care is also provided during the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Room 223.

This Sunday, 3/27, all Children's Sunday School Classes will celebrate Easter as we study the hope and promise of the Resurrection. All children in Kindergarten through Grade 5 should report to the Wesley Center for our Large Group Opening.

Children's Ministries will be wrapping up our Lenten mission project "Bee More Like Jesus" this week. Our children, with the support of the congregation, have been doing a terrific job to raise funds for Heifer International. If you are interested in hearing more about this project and the positive impact it has upon the lives of those in need, please contact Pam Unrath in the church office.

A very special thank you to all of the volunteers who made this year's Easter Egg Hunt such a huge success! The offering of your time and energy in serving the children and their families that attended this year's event was appreciated and an absolute blessing! Thank you!!!

Asbury's Children's Ministry is seeking a patient, loving individual to join our child care team! This position requires availability approximately 2 Sunday mornings each month, from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. This individual should be willing to obtain Child Abuse and Criminal background clearances and participate in the Safe Sanctuaries training. 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).



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

There is no Youth Group this week as we leave room to celebrate the Easter holiday. Have a blessed Easter! Join us next week (4/3) from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge as we talk about our time and how we can best use it to honor God in our series "Busy is the New Lazy."

Sunday School is a chance for us to dig into our faith and dissect what it means for our lives, all while we get to know each other more as we work to live as part of God's community.

- ◇ **Middle School Sunday School Topic:** Jesus gave us life so that we could live forever. Join us as we discuss Jesus' resurrection and the old being made new! Middle School Sunday School meets on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Room 106.
- ◇ **High School Sunday School Topic:** All year we're exploring topics related to loving our neighbor. Come explore new ground with us this week! High School Sunday School meets on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge.

High Schoolers: The West Virginia Work Week, when we serve a family in the name of Jesus, is July 17-23, 2016. Registration will open soon - save the date!

Keep up-to-date with us online! Sign up for our [weekly email](#) and 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.

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE



CHANGE FOR CHANGE

is designated to help send youth from La Trinidad UMC to camp this summer. Please place your contributions in the "Change For Change" containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Wesley Center.



SAVE THE DATE!

Volunteers are needed the week of July 10, 2016, to facilitate the Vacation Bible School at Cookson Hills Center in Oklahoma. Contact Cindy Brown (cjrbrown@gmail.com) for more information or to volunteer!

EXTRAVAGANT

GENEROSITY



Copies of Asbury's financial picture (as of 2/29) are available at both the upper and lower level Welcome Center desks. Updates will be issued monthly as they become available.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 27 / Easter

- 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
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class - 108
- 10:45 a.m. Revelation Bible Study - 217
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Open Door Alternative Worship - Wesley Center
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Dinner - Wesley Center



Thursday, March 31

- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 6401 - 1-6
- 6:00 p.m. Nemeth-Rentz Wedding Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Open Door Band Rehearsal - Worship Center
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON - 108
- 7:00 p.m. SPRC - Aldersgate
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - 102



Monday, March 28

- 11:00 a.m. Cooking for Daybreak - Wesley Center
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Trio - Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Board of Trustees - Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Praise Band - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers - 206

Friday, April 1

- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - Wesley Center
- 5:00 p.m. Nemeth-Rentz Wedding - Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Pack 12 Blue & Gold Set-Up - Wesley Center

Tuesday, March 29

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Science Event - Parlor
- 9:30 a.m. Disaster Response Meeting - 106/108
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting - Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. West Virginia Trip Planning Meeting - 106
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball - Wesley Center
- 7:00 p.m. OA - 108

Saturday, April 2

- 9:00 a.m. Ramos Work Day - Offsite
- 10:30 a.m. Gibson Calling Time - Parlor
- 11:30 a.m. Gibson Memorial Service - Sanctuary
- 12:30 p.m. Gibson Memorial Luncheon - Wesley Center
- 5:00 p.m. Pack 12 Blue & Gold Banquet - Wesley Center/108

Wednesday, March 30

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group - 231
- 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study - 108
- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - Wesley Center
- 5:30 p.m. Garden of Eatin' - Wesley Center
- 5:40 p.m. Faith Ringers - 206
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters - 204
- 6:30 p.m. Launching into Bible Study - 210
- 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers - 108
- 6:30 p.m. Rainbow Singers - 106
- 7:10 p.m. Youth Choir - 106
- 8:00 p.m. Apostle Ringers - 206

Sunday, April 3 / Communion

- 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
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class - 108
- 10:45 a.m. Revelation Bible Study - 217
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Open Door Alternative Worship - Worship Center
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Dinner - Wesley Center
- 6:00 p.m. Troop 12 Sea Base Meeting - 215
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Connection - 108
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group - YL
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep - 106



Be sure to join us Sunday, 4/3, at 5:00 p.m. when the Open Door Alternative Worship Service moves to the newly-renovated Fellowship Hall, now to be known as the Worship Center.



SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2016

"ETERNAL LIFE"

JOHN 19:41-42; JOHN 20:1, 11-16, 18

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