



**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 Worship 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.

### OFFICE HOURS

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## PASTOR'S COLUMN

I want to thank everyone who volunteered during Holy Week, and those who served in multiple services, to welcome and minister to all who worshiped with us on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. We ended up having over 1,300 people attend the Holy Week services.

The excitement of Easter continues as we kick off a new phase of worship for Asbury's Open Door service on Sunday April 3. After 6½ years of worship in the Wesley Center we are moving to the newly-renovated Fellowship Hall, now called the Worship Center. Pastor Mindy McKonly asked me to take a lead role in developing this service back in 2009, while I was the Associate Pastor, and it has been such a wonderful experience to see people worship and praise God in this service. I can't wait to see how God continues to transform hearts and lives through this powerful service. I hope everyone will prayerfully consider who you can invite to our Open Door Service in our new worship space.

Thanks must be given to Jim Flynn for all his diligent work in preparing the new worship space. He has spent many hours focusing on the lighting and multi-media aspects of this space. Jim has been an integral part of the Open Door service for the past six years.

I am looking forward to sharing with all of you the exciting ministries happening at Asbury at one of the next Congregational Chats. The Chats will take place on Sunday, April 10 at noon and 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, April 13 at 6:15 p.m.

*See you in worship!*  
*Pastor Eric*

### 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!**

### 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)



## RADICAL HOSPITALITY / CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CARE



Join us on Sunday, 4/17 for the UMW's  
2nd Annual Spring Luncheon/Workshop.

Come be the "Hands of God!" The event runs from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The projects we will be working on are: putting together hygiene kits for Church World Services and making decorations for Cedarbrook Nursing Home. We are collecting monetary donations for purchasing hygiene kit items. Tickets for the luncheon will be on sale in the Community Room/Parlor between Sunday services on 4/3 and 4/10. A \$5.00 donation includes a light lunch with beverages and dessert. For more information, please contact Wendy Wright ([wendywright000@aol.com](mailto:wendywright000@aol.com)).

**UMW APRIL COLLECTION:** Did you know that there are 700 homeless children in the Allentown School District? 30 of them between the ages of 12-17 years old are living in the woods behind the Allentown State Hospital. Some are pregnant & some have babies. (This is not a Drug Community, the streets are safer there than their own homes.) The UMW would like to help these teens by collecting diapers, baby wipes, lip balm, formula, clean baby clothes, shoes and blankets. If you can help, there is a collection box by the UMW bulletin board on the lower level near the elevator. Donations will be given to the Caring Closet in St. John's ECC Church on N. Jerome Street, Allentown. Contact Debi Olphin for any inquires or to make cash donations for supplies. Thank you for your continued support!



Covenant Relationship Service

Ken Benson & Carol Pavone  
will be united in a  
Covenant Relationship Service  
in Asbury's Sanctuary at 1:00 p.m.  
on Saturday, April 9, 2016.  
All Asbury members and friends  
are invited to join them  
for the ceremony.

## UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS

**SUSANNA CIRCLE** will meet AT 7:00 P.M. on Monday, 4/11, in the Asbury Community Room/Parlor. Don & Susan Jennings will entertain us with traditional folk music of the British Isles, Ireland, and Appalachia using dulcimers and other instruments. Come and enjoy the fellowship and music. All women are welcome.

**PRISCILLA CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, 4/12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Aldersgate Room. Ann Lee will lead discussion on Chapter 6, "Whom Can We Trust," from the book, *Psalms* by J. Clinton McCann, Jr. All women are invited. For additional information, contact Judy Whitby ([jmwhitby@aol.com](mailto:jmwhitby@aol.com)) or Brenda Baxter ([brendabaxter14@gmail.com](mailto:brendabaxter14@gmail.com)).

**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE** will meet on Thursday, 4/14, at 9:30 a.m. in the Aldersgate Room. Louann Cline will lead the devotions. All women are welcome.

**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. This class will meet for six Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 217, beginning 4/6. For more information, or to register, please email [info@asburylv.org](mailto:info@asburylv.org).

**ASBURY WORK DAY** is scheduled for Saturday, 4/30, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, 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 June Samph. We ask you to have mercy on all those in pain.

### 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. Debi Olphin asks help for these recipients of Care Closet at St. John's ECC in Allentown: Jessica, Shante/Marie, Amy, Jessie, & Erica.; they are young women and mothers facing a variety of challenges as they try to turn their lives around. Sarah Fullton lifts up her nephew, Conner, who is recovering from a severe brain trauma. Emmy John asks special care for her sister and brother-in-law, Karin & Dustin, expecting a baby in September. Faith Reese asks for healing for Jeff and his family as he battles cancer and also for Emily who has a brain tumor. Laurie & Paul Theisen ask healing for a long-time friend, John, who had extensive heart surgery.

### For our congregation

Lord, we acknowledge that our blessings and talents are gifts from you, to be used in your service.

**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 those who mourn

Lord, we ask comfort for all who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially Kathy Keller and family as her father recently passed on. We also lift up Shelli Keller as her mother passed away. Reassure them of your unending mercy and love.

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

Paul Gersbach asks guidance for our nation's leaders to show Christian attitudes and values. Lord, we ask you to send comfort and peace to all those who have suffered loss and hardship due to terrorist attacks, especially those now mourning in Pakistan and Belgium.

### With thanksgiving for our joys

Mei-Ling Blackstone shares Happy Birthday wishes to Carlen! Thank you for the joy of sharing Easter with friends and family. Thank you for the joy of being able to forgive and love.

### For our children

We lift up all the world's children for your constant blessings.

### For the missions we support

Today we pray for our long-term mission partner, Turning Point. May they continue to be a refuge for victims of domestic violence. We pray that their clients will have a sense of peace and will feel safe as they receive counseling and direction to reclaim their lives.

## 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).

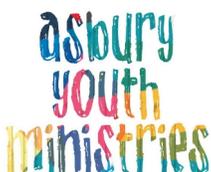
**Child care** is available each week at the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service for infants and one-year-olds in Room 214 and for two-year-olds in Room 223. Child care is also provided during the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Room 223.

**This Sunday, 4/3**, all children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade should report to the Wesley Center for our last Large Group Opening before moving to the new Worship Center next week.

**Children's Ministries** would like to thank all those who supported this year's "Bee More Like Jesus" Lenten Mission Project. Our children, with the support of their wonderful church family, have raised an amazing \$532 for Heifer International. Our appreciation goes out to all who supported this project and for helping our children learn a very important lesson in compassion and generosity. This was a tremendous opportunity for our children to work together and experience what it is like to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

**JAM (3rd through 5th Graders)** will take place on Sunday evening, 4/10, from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. in Room 210.

**Kids' Club (Age 4 through 5th Grade)** will be held on Friday, 4/15, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are available at the beginning of Sunday School or you may e-mail Pam Unrath ([punrath@asburylv.org](mailto:punrath@asburylv.org)).



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).

If you were to write everything you did on a calendar, you'd probably be amazed at everything that keeps you busy, and that's not counting all the things you have to do at home...or the prep work for those things...or the things that you want to carve personal time out for. It's crazy! Jesus tells a story about investing well. For how busy we are, do we actually use our time well? Come discuss it in our lesson "Busy is the New Lazy." Youth Group meets Sunday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge.



**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:** TBD. 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](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 Community Bike Works, which provides inner-city children living in at-risk situations with meaningful work-ethic alternatives to gangs, drugs and the streets. They use bicycles, peer role models and adult mentors to develop and nurture relationships and to engage youth; and once engaged, influence their behavior and their outlook about school and life. Please place your contributions in the "Change For Change" containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Worship 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 ([cribrown@gmail.com](mailto:cribrown@gmail.com)) for more information or to volunteer!

# YARD SALE

Start cleaning out your closets! Asbury's Annual Missions Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, 6/18, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## 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

## Monday, April 4

- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Trio - Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12 - Wesley Center/106
- 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Girls - Offsite
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Praise Band - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 61025 - 108
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers - 206

## Tuesday, April 5

- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting - Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Walk Now for Autism - 217
- 6:30 p.m. UMW Board Meeting - 106
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball - Wesley Center
- 7:00 p.m. OA - 108

## Wednesday, April 6

- 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. Journey 101: Serving God - 217

## Wednesday, April 6 (continued)

- 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers - 108
- 6:30 p.m. Rainbow Singers - 106
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting - Aldersgate
- 7:10 p.m. Youth Choir - 106
- 8:00 p.m. Apostle Ringers - 206

## Thursday, April 7

- 12:15 p.m. Security Team Meeting - Aldersgate
- 6:00 p.m. Open Door Band Rehearsal - Worship Center
- 6:00 p.m. Pack 12 Den Meetings - 210/211/215/217
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON - 108
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - 102

## Friday, April 8

- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - Wesley Center
- 6:00 p.m. Pack 12 Den Meeting - 211

## Saturday, April 9

- 9:00 a.m. AA Day of Sobriety - Wesley Center
- 10:00 a.m. NARANON Area 25 Meeting - 108
- 1:00 p.m. Pavone-Benson Ceremony - Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m. Pavone-Benson Reception - Parlor

## Sunday, April 10 / New Members

- 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
- 12:00 p.m. Congregational Chat - Worship Center
- 2:00 p.m. Pack 12 Den Meetings - 210/211/215/217
- 5:00 p.m. Open Door Alternative Worship - Worship Center
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Dinner - Wesley Center
- 6:15 p.m. JAM - 210
- 6:30 p.m. Congregational Chat - Worship Center
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group - 108/YL



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