



**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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# THE VINE

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

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## PASTOR'S COLUMN

United Methodists from all over the world will be gathering together for the quadrennial meeting known as General Conference on May 10 – 20 in Portland, Oregon. During this conference, decisions are made about many issues concerning the church. If you are interested in knowing more about the issues facing our denomination please come to one of our information sessions. Judy Ehninger, Co-Chair of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Delegation and a member of Asbury Church, will be available at the following times to give you information and answer any concerns that you may have about this year's General Conference:

- Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 PM and 6:30 PM in the Worship Center
- Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:15 PM and 6:30 PM in the Worship Center
- Sessions are planned to last no more than 45 minutes

There is also a free online course that is available at UMC.ORG to provide basic General Conference information if you can't make one of our information sessions. Please remember to keep Judy Ehninger and the other delegates to General Conference in your prayers as they discern God's will to move the United Methodist Church forward.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Asbury please come to our next Adult Inquirers Class on May 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM. The Adult Inquirers Class provides you with information on our church and you will get to know the pastors, staff, and lay leaders of our church. I hope to see you there.

*See you in worship!*  
*Pastor Eric*

**Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wonderful works! (Psalm 105:2)**

Next Sunday, 5/1, the Jubilation Ringers, Apostle Ringers, Faith Ringers, and the Chancel Choir will participate in both the 9:30 and 11:00 services to share their gift of music. Come and worship with our choirs as they make music together and offer anthems to praise the Lord!



### HANDBELL



### CONCERT

## The Jubilation Ringers

On Sunday, 5/1, at 4:00 p.m., the Jubilation Ringers will present a Spring Concert. The concert will be held at **St. Michael Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Nativity** (aka Nativity Lutheran), 4004 West Tilghman Street. A free-will offering will be collected. Everyone is welcome! For more information, please contact [jubilationringers@gmail.com](mailto:jubilationringers@gmail.com) or Kim at 610-298-0094.

# RADICAL HOSPITALITY / CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CARE

**We have a hunch you're free for lunch,  
and we could use a bunch of volunteers!**



Since 1971, Meals on Wheels has delivered over 6.7 million meals in Lehigh County. Each day, 460 homebound seniors and adults with disabilities are provided with nutritious and delicious meals, along with a daily well-being check. 86 volunteers are needed each day, Monday through Friday, as well as individuals to do grocery shopping for clients at other times of the day. It's easy, fun and rewarding, and training is provided.

Asbury supports Meals on Wheels through AIM, and also has several delivery teams. If you would like more information or wish to volunteer as a team member or shopper, please contact Asbury member Evelyn Hart (610-433-5725) or Dawn Stillwagen, Meals on Wheels Coordinator of Volunteer Services (610-398-2563 or [dstillwagen@mealsonwheelslc.org](mailto:dstillwagen@mealsonwheelslc.org)). We promise that you will be appreciated!

**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 information or to make cash donations for supplies.

**HELP IS NEEDED WITH GRASS CUTTING THIS SUMMER**  
Volunteers will be scheduled on a rotating basis; days and times are flexible. If you are interested, please email our Head Custodian, Frank Taylor ([ftaylor@asburylv.org](mailto:ftaylor@asburylv.org)) or call the church office. Frank will then contact you to arrange a time for training.



## CHRISTIAN CAMPING

The United Methodist Camping Program is one of the things that unites us as a denomination. Through our connectional system, four camps in the Eastern PA Conference can provide awesome experiences of wholesome fun, good food, great fellowship, and Christian growth for children, youth, adults, and families. In fact, the diversity of experiences available is second to none, including sports camps, music and drama camps, adventure camps, night camps, etc. Every camp is packed full of group games, craft activities, nature discoveries, experiential Bible study, campfires, and creative outdoor worship services.

Our camping ministry is a significant extension of the local church because many attendees have experienced a call to Christian ministry at camp. There are also many opportunities to develop leadership skills by being a Camper in Leadership Training (CILT) during high school, serving on paid staff for a summer while in college, or volunteering to be a counselor for a half or full week of camp. If you can't find a way to participate in camp directly, you can contribute to a scholarship so someone else can go to camp.

Bishop Peter Weaver described our camping ministry as an "Environment of Encounter" because of the many ways that we can experience the presence of God and grow in our faith journey. If you talk to any of the following Asbury members, they can share how that has been true for them: Sarah, Elijah & Nate Kinzel; Judy Burkholder; Matthew & Steven Heisler; Israel, Lisa, Gabby & Christian Olivieri; Barb Griebel; Pam, Emily, Griffin & Jessica Unrath; Will Kratz; Mei-Ling Blackstone; Eric & Tammy Yeakel; Will & Laurel Campbell; Ariane Torres; Olivia Theisen; Chris Lenhart; Mitchell Kresge.

Please consider how you can find time this summer to experience that reality for yourself. Visit [epaumc.org/camping](http://epaumc.org/camping) for information or pick up a brochure in the Community Room or from the table next to the Welcome Desk on the lower level.



## 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, in rehab or recently discharged, especially Carol O'Neill, Robert Lenz, Ruth Severt and Nora Rice. We ask you to have mercy on all those in pain and grant them your peace.

### For those who mourn

Lord, we ask comfort for all who mourn the loss of loved ones. 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 these people who need your special help: Traveling mercies for Sarah Fullton as she returns home. Guidance, joy and peace for Christine, and the Holy Spirit to work now in her heart. Continued healing and comfort for Cody Snyder as he recuperates in CA.

### For our children

Help our children and all children to grow in the sure knowledge that you are always there to listen to their prayers.

**God to enfold me, God to surround me, God in my speaking,  
God in my thinking, God in my sleeping, God in my waking,  
God in my watching, God in my hoping, God in my life,  
God in my lips, God in my soul, God in my heart.**

*(Gaelic grace)*

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

We pray for the Bruce family, our mission partners in Ecuador, who were shaken, but safe from the earthquake. We ask strength, comfort and support for the people of Ecuador as they work to recover.

### For our congregation

As always, we pray for guidance in worship and in daily service. We also ask that the holy character of Christ would reign at all times and in all places surrounding the upcoming May General Conference.

### With thanksgiving for our joys

We celebrate with Shirley Offutt in honor of her birthday! We give thanks for the onset of true spring weather. Every moment we are grateful for the joy of thy presence in our lives.

### For the missions we support

Today we pray for one of our new local mission partners, Bridging the Gap, a parish nurse ministry providing financial assistance to those in need of help with medical co-pays and prescriptions.

## 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, 4/24**, all children in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade should report to The Worship Center for B.L.A.S.T. (Sunday School Gathering) at 9:30 a.m. Throughout the month of April we will be looking at the topic of "perseverance." This week we will wrap up our exploration of the Bible and its messages that offer hope to those who persevere and trust God.

**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](mailto:punrath@asburylv.org)).

**This summer, July 25–29**, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Asbury will host our annual Vacation Bible School for children Age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. This high energy, fun-filled week allows children to learn, grow and experience God's love as they participate in Music, Games, Storytelling, Art and Science workshops each day. Please consider where you may like to use your talents in making this an incredible experience! We hope that you will join us



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).

We're surrounded with temptation. Pride, lust, greed... all of these things and plenty more are quick to shove their ways into our lives. When they do and we fall prey to them, we're quick to believe that we're alone in our failures and we withdraw from God's love. We've got to understand how to deal with temptation and not let it get the better of us. Join us for the first week of our 4-week series, "How Not to Get Caught," where we'll discuss the temptations we face and how we can deal with them. **Youth Group meets Sunday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 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:** Every day you hear the word "love" thrown around: in relationships that won't last, to describe how much someone likes pizza... but we're told that God loves us eternally. What does it mean that God loves us that way? Come join the discussion! The class meets Sunday mornings, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Room 106.
- ◇ **High School Sunday School:** All year we're exploring topics related to loving our neighbor. Come explore new ground with us! The High School Sunday School meets Sunday mornings, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge.

**High Schoolers:** The project for the West Virginia Work Week, when we serve a family in the name of Jesus, has been selected! Details to come soon! The trip is July 17-23, 2016. Registration will open soon — save the date, and watch for project information to be available soon!

**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.



### Jewels of Hope

AIM will be selling "Jewels of Hope" in the Community Room (between morning services) ... just in time for Mother's Day. This jewelry is handmade by the AIDS orphans in the Phayiphini Community KwaZulu Natal, South Africa. Please stop by our table on 4/24 and 5/1 to support this mission.



### Ramos Playground Fundraiser

**Help us raise money for the Ramos Playground.** Every Tuesday in April from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. the Subway at 1313 Tilghman Street will donate an amount equal to 10% of sales to the Ramos Playground Project. Enjoy a great meal with your family and support our Ramos kids.

# 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 24

- 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
- 10:20 a.m. Fire Drill - Entire Building
- 10:45 a.m. Revelation Bible Study - 217
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:15 p.m. General Conference Info Session - Worship Ctr.
- 5:00 p.m. Open Door Alternative Worship - Worship Ctr.
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Dinner - Wesley Center
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group - 108/YL
- 6:30 p.m. General Conference Info Session - Worship Ctr.

## Monday, April 25

- 11:00 a.m. Cooking for Daybreak - Wesley Center Kitchen
- 5:45 p.m. Dancing Stars Ballet Class - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Trio - Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12 - Wesley Center/106
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 6608 - 210
- 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Men - 215
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Praise Band - 102
- 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Girls - Offsite
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees - Aldersgate

## Tuesday, April 26

- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting - Aldersgate
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 654 - 219/221
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball - Wesley Center
- 7:00 p.m. OA - 108

## Wednesday, April 27

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group - 231
- 10:00 a.m. NEJ Planning Meeting - Aldersgate
- 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 - Sanctuary

## Wednesday, April 27 (continued)

- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters - 204
- 6:30 p.m. Journey 101: Serving God - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers - 108
- 6:30 p.m. Rainbow Singers - 106
- 6:30 p.m. Dir. of Youth Ministries Meeting - Aldersgate
- 6:45 p.m. Lehigh Wheelmen - Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Let's Read Together - 215
- 7:10 p.m. Youth Choir - 106
- 8:00 p.m. Apostle Ringers - Sanctuary

## Thursday, April 28

- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 6401 - 106
- 6:00 p.m. Open Door Band Rehearsal - Worship Center
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON - 108
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - 102

## Friday, April 29

- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - Wesley Center

## Saturday, April 30

- 8:00 a.m. Work Day - Asbury Grounds
- 8:30 a.m. Asbury Basketball - Wesley Center
- 9:00 a.m. Combined Bell Choirs Rehearsal - Sanctuary

## Sunday, May 1

- 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
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- 6:00 p.m. Troop 12 Sea Base Meeting - 215
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group - 108/YL
- 6:30 p.m. General Conference Info Session - Worship Ctr.
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep - 106



**WORK  
DAY**  
April 30, 8 AM

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