



**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

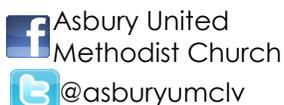
During our 9:30 Worship Service and Sunday School time, we have childcare for infants through three year olds. During our 11:00 Service, we have childcare available for infants through PreK.

### OFFICE HOURS

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# THE VINE

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

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## PASTOR'S COLUMN

As most of you heard last weekend in worship, Pastor Glenn Asquith will be retiring as Asbury's Director of Congregational Care at the end of June. Glenn has initiated or enhanced many of the congregational care ministries at Asbury, including visitation care, grief care, meal care, ride care, communion care, and circle of life care. These ministries are all described in detail in our congregational care brochure available at the Welcome Desk. Glenn has touched many of your lives over the past few years and I know he will be missed.

On a personal note, Glenn was one of my professors at Moravian Theological Seminary and he has been a great mentor to me. I have really enjoyed working with him at Asbury and I will miss him, but I am glad that Glenn will be able to spend more time with his wife Connie. This will give them the opportunity to travel and visit their children more often.

Next Sunday we will continue our sermon series "Catching Fire" by looking at the powerful prayers of the early church. God invites us to pray for many things. He invites us to pray for the daily aspects of our lives. But if the early church provided us a model for prayer, then God also invites us to pray God-honoring prayers that can help build his Kingdom. In this message we will learn how to pray for more than family and friends; we will look at the importance of praying for those far from God. This is the foundational ingredient in growing the kingdom of God through the local church.

*See you in worship!*  
*Pastor Eric*



**Pentecost**

This year Pentecost is on Sunday, May 15, 2016. We are inviting those who attend Asbury Church to construct origami doves, since doves symbolize the Holy Spirit. Supplies, instructions, and collection containers will be available on Sunday, May 1, at the Welcome Desk and at the back of the Sanctuary. For those who want to create these origami doves in fellowship with others, we extend a "Save the Date" for Wednesday, 5/4, at 5:30 PM in the Wesley Center where we will combine the construction of origami doves and *Garden of Eatin'*. Anyone is invited to attend, but we ask that you RSVP to the church office so that we know how many people to expect. You can also construct whenever it works for you: at home or at church, alone or with family and friends. The more origami doves we have, the greater number of doves that will be hung in the worship areas of Asbury. The last day to contribute the origami doves is Sunday, 5/8.

This is an opportunity to come together as a church family as we create symbols of the Holy Spirit. We envision flooding the worship areas with these paper doves as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday and rejoice in the presence of the Holy Spirit among us. Let us experience the presence of the Lord!



## The Jubilation Ringers

On Sunday, 5/1, at 4:00 PM, the Jubilation Ringers will present a Spring Concert 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!

# RADICAL HOSPITALITY / CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CARE

**TIME OF PRAYER:** The Sanctuary will be open for a time of silent prayer, Thursday, 5/5, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. This will be a time to pray for the General Conference which starts the following week, the nation, the upcoming elections, the church, Pennsylvania state/local government, and your own personal requests. The labyrinth will also be available to walk during this time. Let us be a House of Prayer. Come pray on Thursday, 5/5.

**THINKING AHEAD TO SUMMER:** Have you been emotionally hurt by someone in your life ~ a family member, a coworker, a neighbor or another Christian? Summer Sunday School classes will be offered on the topic of *Forgiveness*. Feel free to drop in at one or more or all eleven classes from 6/19 through 8/28. Tentative times are 8:00, 9:15 or 10:30 AM. Please contact Shirley Nylund ([shirleynylund@gmail.com](mailto:shirleynylund@gmail.com)) or 610-395-0755) for more information and to leave a message as to your preferred class time.



Following recent media reports about higher-than-EPA-approved levels of lead in the water at some local schools, Asbury tested its water for lead. We're happy to announce our tests all came back with levels considered "non-detectable" and it is safe.

## 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.

## **PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS:**

- ◇ A Parish Nurse Conference, open to the community, will be held at Asbury on 6/9.
- ◇ The next blood drive at Asbury is scheduled for 6/26.
- ◇ There are various pieces of medical equipment (canes, walkers, shower chairs, etc.) available for anyone needing to borrow them.

Contact Doris Farrar ([lafalot111@hotmail.com](mailto:lafalot111@hotmail.com)) or 610-395-2749) for more information on any of these items.

## **GENERAL CONFERENCE 2016 INFORMATION SESSIONS**

This year's General Conference is scheduled for May 10-20 in Portland, OR. Information sessions will be held here at Asbury on Sunday, 5/1, at 12:15 and 6:30 PM in the Worship Center. Sessions are planned to last no more than 45 minutes. You may contact Judy Ehninger ([judy.ehninger@gmail.com](mailto:judy.ehninger@gmail.com)) or 610-442-3140) to share your questions or concerns.

## **UMW NEWS**

**MAY COLLECTION:** For the month of May, the UMW would like to support a Valley Youth House Program called the Synergy Project by collecting batteries (all sizes), First Aid supplies, travel-size hygienic items and new socks for children/youth. If you can help, a marked collection box is located on the lower level near the elevator. Thank you for your continued love and support.

**SUSANNA CIRCLE** will meet at 7:00 PM on Monday, 5/9, in Sandy Silvonek's home, 2827 Apple Valley Estates Drive, Orefield. Call 610-398-1593 for directions or information. Chris Forsthoesel will tell us about her inspiring "Pilgrim Walk," a trip through several European countries (Spain, France, etc.) to view such shrines as Lourdes and Fatima. All women are welcome!

**PRISCILLA CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, 5/10, at 7:30 PM in the Aldersgate Room. Carlen Blackstone will lead group discussion on Chapters 7 (Marching to Zion) and 8 (Establishing Justice) from the book, *Psalms*, which is part of the Immersion Bible Studies. All women interested in Bible study are invited to attend. For 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, 5/12, at 9:30 AM in the Aldersgate Room. Pat Pramik will lead the devotions. Janet Barber, Director of Volunteers for Lehigh Valley Health Network Hospice Care, and Marsha Hersh, a Hospice volunteer, will speak about Hospice. They will inform the circle about the history of Hospice, what it involves and the role of volunteers in the organization. Anyone desiring to know more about Hospice is welcome to attend.

## 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 Susan Jennings and Nora Rice. 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 remember these people who need your special help: Kirk & Sara Brown lift up Margaret Zampini, and Daniel Gasteiger for health concerns. Judy Burkholder holds her cousin, Danny McDonald, up for healing as he battles lung cancer. Michele Heisler lifts up family friend, 9 year old Gregory, for healing of a brain tumor. Mitchell Dobbs asks comfort, strength and healing for Brody Boyer, a Parkland sophomore who was recently diagnosed with leukemia. Bryan Nyce asks healing for his father, Gordon, who is having health issues. We ask healing for custodian Barry Miller's mother-in-law Jean Kissler following surgery. For all those at The Closet at St. John's ECC who have pressing prayer concerns, Lord, we ask your help and guidance.

### 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.

Come, O Spirit of God, and make your home within us. Dispel our darkness, calm our minds, redeem and enlighten us by the inspiration and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### For our children

We thank you for always protecting and defending our children from the influence of evil.

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

We lift up our brothers and sisters in earthquake-ravaged areas of Ecuador and Japan for comfort and healing.

### For our congregation

We ask for inspiration and spiritual renewal for all who enter Asbury. We thank you, Lord, for blessing us with such a beautiful church and grounds. We pray for clarity and discernment, openness and transparency in the way business is conducted, resolutions are discussed and matters explained at General Conference later this month.

### With thanksgiving for our joys

Sarah Fullton gives thanks for the joy that William graduated from the Savannah Fire Dept.'s Training Academy and began his first shift. Praise from the Worship Praise Band that Jay & Monika celebrated their 3rd anniversary.

### For the missions we support

This week's mission prayer is for Water Street Mission in Lancaster, PA. Our prayer is that the total mission makeover allows them to expand their services beyond just the immediate inner city.

## 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 AM 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 AM Worship Service in Room 223.

**Children's Sunday School:** This Sunday, 5/1, all children in Kindergarten through Grade 5 will begin a month-long look at what the Bible says about "Contentment." This week we will be exploring what the Apostle Paul has to say in the book of Philippians about deciding to be happy with what we have. Please be sure to stop by the Worship Center to get your copy of the Parent Cue sheets and this week's devotional guide.

**Kids' Club** will be on Friday, 5/20, from 6:0 to 8:00 PM. All children Age 4 through Grade 5 are invited to join us for a night of dinner, games and fun. Please contact Pam Unrath to register your child.

**This summer, July 25-29**, from 9:00 AM 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



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When God was finished creating, Genesis tells us he looked at his creation and called it "good." Sex is no exception. But so many times we take something God created for us to have with one person and make a mess of things. There will always be temptation, but there are ways to address that temptation in healthy ways so that we can be prepared when temptation attacks us. Join us for Week 2 of our 4-week series, "How Not to Get Caught." **Youth Group meets Sunday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 PM 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:** TBA. The class meets Sunday mornings, 9:30 to 10:30 AM 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 AM 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 shortly — 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.asburymm.org](http://www.asburymm.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 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 5/1 to support this mission.



### IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!

Once again on Mother's Day, 5/8, 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, 6/19. All the money goes to Care Net of the LV, an agency supported by Asbury in Mission.

# 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, May 1

- 8:00 a.m. Heritage Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:15 a.m. God's Rainbow - 200
- 9:30 a.m. 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. 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
- 6:00 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

## Monday, May 2

- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Praise Band - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Girls - Offsite
- 7:00 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting - Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 61025 - 108

## Tuesday, May 3

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Muffins with Mom - Parlor
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting - Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. UMW Board Meeting - 106
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball - Wesley Center
- 7:00 p.m. OA - 108
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Harmony Rehearsal - Worship Center

## Wednesday, May 4

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group - 231
- 9:00 a.m. Keep In Touch - Aldersgate

## Wednesday, May 4 (continued)

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Muffins with Mom - Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - Wesley Center
- 5:30 p.m. Garden of Eatin' - Wesley Center
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters - 204
- 6:30 p.m. Journey 101: Serving God - 217
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting - Aldersgate

## Thursday, May 5

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Muffins with Mom - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Open Door Band Rehearsal - Worship Center
- 6:00 p.m. Pack 12 Den Meetings - 210/211/215/217
- 6:30 p.m. Time of Prayer - Sanctuary/204
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON - 108
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - 102

## Friday, May 6

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

## Saturday, May 7

- 8:30 a.m. Asbury Basketball - Wesley Center

## Sunday, May 8 / Communion / 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
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class - 108
- 10:45 a.m. Revelation Bible Study - 217
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m. Pack 12 Den Meetings - 215/217
- 5:00 p.m. Open Door Alternative Worship - Worship Ctr.
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Dinner - Wesley Center
- 6:00 p.m. Pack 12 Committee Meeting - Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group - 108/YL



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