



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

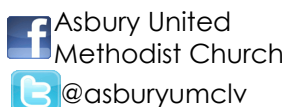
SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

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

Our Service of Confirmation will be on Sunday, 5/22, at 12:30 PM in the Sanctuary. There are 21 students who have gone through Confirmation and who will profess their faith in Christ and become full members of Asbury. Many of you invested in the spiritual life and growth of these young people and I hope you will attend the service.

I want to thank everyone who participated in the Asbury Spring Work Day. You did another outstanding job making the appearance of our campus look spectacular. As we live out our mission to make disciples of Jesus, the appearance of our facility is important. Every Sunday people walk on to our campus for the first time and make judgments about who we are as a church even before they enter the worship service. If they see that we don't take care of our property it conveys a message that we don't take pride in our church. Environments matter in our mission.

If you picked up an empty baby bottle last Sunday, please remember to fill it with spare change and return it on Father's Day, 6/19. All the money goes to Care Net of the Lehigh Valley, an agency that provides pregnancy support services, resources and life skills education to women, men and youth right here in the Lehigh Valley.

This Sunday we are continuing our sermon series "Catching Fire." I hope you can join us as we explore stories of the earliest gatherings of Christians and see what that means for us today

See you in worship!
Pastor Eric



Pentecost is this Sunday, May 15, 2016, and the Sanctuary will be filled with flame-colored doves and banners, symbols of the Holy Spirit. We encourage everyone to wear something **RED, ORANGE** or **YELLOW** to worship this week as we rejoice in the presence of the Holy Spirit among us.

Upcoming Adult Inquirers Classes !



Interested in more information about Asbury, or wish to join the church? Join us for one of the following:

- ♦ **SPRING:** One-day session on Saturday, May 21 from 9:30 AM—2:30 PM. Childcare provided upon request. **Register ASAP!**
- ♦ **SUMMER:** Three Wednesdays from 6:10-7:50 PM: June 15, July 20, and August 17. This session will run concurrently with Kids Club, a fun ministry time for children ages 4 through 5th Grade, which includes dinner, gym time & crafts. **Register by June 13.**

Looking forward to meeting you!

Laurie Wallace Theisen, Director of Lay Ministries

ltheisen@asburylv.org or 610-398-2577 (church office)

RADICAL HOSPITALITY / CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CARE

PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, 5/17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Aldersgate Room. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. Please contact Pam Grossman (610-398-8066 or pm.grossmann@gmail.com) or Dale Begany (610-216-9517 or dbegany@hotmail.com) for more information.

PEP (People Enjoying People) CLUB will gather in the Parlor/Community Room at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, 5/20, for fellowship and refreshments. A program will be presented by Jesse Dameron, The Mentalist. All interested adults are invited to attend.

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.

THE GREAT AMERICAN BAKE SALE will be held in connection with the Asbury In Mission Yard Sale on Saturday, 6/18, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Proceeds will go to *No Kid Hungry*, to feed hungry children in our country. Please contact Judy Kemmerer (610-799-2287 or jkemm@ptd.net) to contribute a baked good, to help with set up, or to work the day of the sale.

CAMPERSHIPS: Partial scholarships are still available to Asbury families who wish to send their child/children to Pocono Plateau, Gretna Glen, or Camp Innabah. Please contact the church office for more information or pick up an application from the table near the Welcome Desk in the Wesley Center Lobby or in the Community Room. Forms are also available at www.asburyiv.org. Please submit all applications by 5/31.

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. Contact Doris Farrar (lafalot111@hotmail.com or 610-395-2749) for more information.



**Northeast District Night
at the Iron Pigs is June 27!**

Order tickets by Tuesday, 5/17

**Enjoy baseball, fun, food & fellowship!
Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs vs. Columbus Clippers**

The game begins at 7:05 PM and the gates open at 5:45 PM. Cost is \$11, which is the base price of \$10 plus \$1 for the District Mission Project - Camperships. Each ticket will also have a \$2 coupon toward food at the stadium. Bring the whole family to join in on the fun! Contact Pastor Joe Grasser or Karen Jehl at Christ UMC (umsec@verizon.net or 610-258-4762) ASAP with your ticket orders.

Following is a letter from Varney Bedell Dindo who attended our camp in Liberia as a third grader back in 2010. Varney has been a recipient of an Asbury scholarship for the last 6 years.

I greet you in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. I write this letter in order to appreciate you all of the Asbury UMC for your support towards my education.

I am grateful for all that you have done for me, and I pray God will bless all of you abundantly. Through your support I am now a seventh grader at the Carol I Martin Academy where I serve as president of my class. I also sing in my church choir [at] EJ Goodridge UMC.

Sometimes when I sit down and think of all we did and all you taught me, I feel proud and happy. I always remember the theme [of camp], "No matter what, God loves." Thanks again for your kindness. May God continue to bless us all.

Yours in Christ,
Varney Bedell Dindo



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 Brenda Baxter and Kim Wisocky. 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: Safe travels for Dot Torrey's son, Scott, now in Tel Aviv for a week. Anita Quayle and Cindy Schessler's sister, Nancy, recovering from knee surgery. Safe travel for Kevin Fitch returning to PA from CO. Former members Jim & Sheryl Rank; Jim was recently diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and has begun treatment. Liz Paiste as she recovers from a kidney infection.

For our congregation

Lord, we lift up all the representatives present at General Conference this week for your blessings. Inspire us today, Lord, by your Holy Spirit for whatever work you need us to do.

For those who mourn

Lord, we ask comfort for all who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially Michele Heisler and Danell Fowler and their families as their mother, Pat Weaver, passed away on 5/6. Also, we ask comfort for the family of Rosaline Marin as she passed on 5/7. Reassure them of your unending mercy and eternal love.

Come Holy Spirit, make your home within us. Inspire and guide us to be faithful, compassionate and joyful followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For our children

Lord, we ask that you guide our young and growing children that they might become generous with their gifts, talents and blessings, to make the world a more beautiful place.

For the world, its people and its leaders

We lift up the people in St. Mary Parish, Jamaica, where two missionaries were murdered. We ask for mercy for the people in war torn areas of the world that they might find a way to peace.

With thanksgiving for our joys

We celebrate with Grace Buchman on her 90th birthday, giving thanks for her life as a wonderful mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Michele Godiska gives thanks that she is so blessed to have such a loving mom and Nana to Sadie. Joanne Giovannuci praises God for his faithful healing and recovery of her special friend, Kim. A great thanksgiving that Bishop Peggy Johnson announced that Amy Enders, a new local licensed pastor, has been appointed to Salem UMC in Slatedale as well as to Salem UMC in Palmerton effective 7/1.

For the missions we support

Today our prayer is for the Eastern PA Conference of Church Camping (Pocono Plateau, Gretna Glen & Camp Innabah). We believe that Christian Camps are critical for the introduction of Christ in the lives of youth. Our prayer is that these camps continue to thrive and fill with youth.

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).

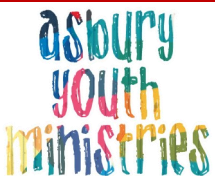
Child care is available each week at the 9:30 AM Worship Service for infants and one-year-olds in Room 214 and for two-year-olds in Room 223. Child care is also provided during the 11:00 AM Worship Service in Room 223.

Children's Sunday School: This Sunday, 5/15, children in Kindergarten through Grade 5 will continue their month long look at what the Bible says about "Contentment." This week we will be looking at the Israelites and how when we focus on what we used to have, we miss out on what we have now. Please be sure to stop by the Worship Center to get your copy of the Parent Cue sheets and this week's devotional guide at the beginning of BLAST.

Kids' Club will be on Friday, 5/20, from 6:00 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.

JAM (Grades 3-5) will take place on Sunday, 5/22, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in Room 210.

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 5th 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 or 610-398-2577).

There are ways out of temptation if we know how to avoid the hooks hidden in them before we bite down on the lure. God doesn't want us to live a life as captives to the bounds of temptation. God wants us to run to Him each and every time temptation stares us in the face. Join us for the final week of our 4-week series, "How Not to Get Caught." **Youth Group meets Sunday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 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:** Different languages (but all of them understandable), fire, power, witnessing... all of these things were part of Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit came to us. In our lesson "Filled with the Power" we'll look at what happened that day and how the Spirit still affects our lives today. The class meets Sunday mornings, 9:30 to 10:30 AM in Room 106.

◇ **High School Sunday School:** Parables were looked at as mysteries by the first century Christian; we still look at the parables as mysteries because we don't understand the symbols used by Jesus in His day and we don't see the correlation to today. In "Parables Broken Down", we'll examine how Jesus used everyday people to exemplify roles of God, Jewish people and the church leaders. 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](mailto:weekly_email@asburylv.org) 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 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.

MISSION BRUNCH MAY 15



Join us this Sunday, 5/15, in the Wesley Center from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM for another amazing Mission Brunch. This month's brunch will support our friends at La Plena Tres as they travel on a mission trip to Cuba. In addition to our usual superb mission fare, La Plena Tres will be providing their famous pastelillos! Enjoy the food & fellowship as we help support a great cause.

5TH ANNUAL CROP HUNGER BIKE RIDE

Saturday, 6/4, at Rodale Fitness Park.
Registration 7:00, 8:00 & 9:00 AM

Three scenic routes:

- Metric Century ride to Hawk Valley
- 40 mile rolling hills to Crystal Cave
- 25 mile mostly flat easy ride to Bowers Park

Pre-registration fee is \$30 by 6/1; \$35 registration fee the day of the ride. Contact Debi Olphin (610-261-2709) for more information or if you have any questions

www.bikereg.com/crop-hunger-bike-ride



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 15 / Pentecost

- 8:00 a.m. Heritage Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Mission Brunch - Wesley Center
- 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
- 12:30 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Open Door Alternative Worship - Worship Ctr.
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Dinner - Wesley Center
- 6:30 p.m. Cookson VBS Meeting - Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group - 108/YL
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep - 106

Monday, May 16

- 1:00 p.m. National Piano Guild Auditions - Sanctuary
- 5:45 p.m. Dancing Stars Ballet Class - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12 - Wesley Center/106
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Praise Band - 102
- 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Girls - Offsite
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee - Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers Yearly Pack-Up - 206

Tuesday, May 17

- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting - Aldersgate
- 1:00 p.m. National Piano Guild Auditions - Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Church Council - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry - Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. AIM - 106
- 7:00 p.m. OA - 108
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Harmony Rehearsal - Wesley Center

Wednesday, May 18

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group - 231
- 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study - 108
- 1:00 p.m. LC Unsung Heroes Reception - Wesley Center
- 1:00 p.m. National Piano Guild Auditions - Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - 108

Wednesday, May 18 (continued)

- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters - 204
- 6:30 p.m. Journey 101: Serving God - 217
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting - Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. WV Adult Information Meeting - 215

Thursday, May 19

- 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
- 7:00 p.m. SPRC - Aldersgate
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - 102

Friday, May 20

- 9:30 a.m. P.E.P. Club - Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - Wesley Center
- 6:00 p.m. Pack 12 Den Meeting - 211
- 6:00 p.m. Kids Club - WC/106/108
- 6:30 p.m. Marin Calling Time - Parlor
- 7:30 p.m. Marin Memorial Service - Sanctuary

Saturday, May 21

- 8:30 a.m. Asbury Basketball - Wesley Center
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Inquirers - 217

Sunday, May 22 / Baptisms / Confirmation

- 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
- 12:30 p.m. Service of Confirmation - Sanctuary
- 1:30 p.m. Confirmation Reception - Parlor
- 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
- 6:15 p.m. JAM - 210
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group - 108/YL



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