



**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

### SUMMER SCHEDULE

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP  
9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:00 a.m.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
10:30 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 9:00 Sunday School time, we have childcare for infants through two-year olds. During our 10:30 Service, we have childcare available for infants through PreK.

### OFFICE HOURS

8 a.m. to 4 p.m., M—F  
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## Asbury Preschool

610-481-0242

[www.AsburyPreschool.info](http://www.AsburyPreschool.info)

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Asbury Preschool is entering into its 39<sup>th</sup> year of quality education for 3, 4 and 5 year old children. Although much has changed in early childhood education through the years, one thing that remains the same is the commitment, dedication and excellence of our program. Imaginative play is a crucial component of a child's normal development. What may seem to be a simple and uncomplicated way for children to entertain themselves is actually a complex process that affects all aspects of a child's life. Play shapes how children make sense of their worlds, how they learn thinking skills, and how they acquire language. With a dedicated staff of 20 teachers, we provide these experiences for all the children in a nurturing, loving and Christian environment.

We are excited to start our new school year this September and currently have over 200 children enrolled! We are truly blessed and can't wait to welcome new and returning families! If you have any questions or would like to know more about this ministry, please feel free to stop by or call my office any time!

Blessings,

*Karen Bowermaster*

Director of Preschool



**JULY 17-23**

Our high school youth and leaders are preparing for their annual mission trip to Philippi, West Virginia and we are asking for your help. Please consider supporting this important mission by donating some needed food items. Each individual pays to participate in this trip, but the money needs to cover not just the cost of meals, but also construction materials and supplies. You can find out what is needed by looking for the donation board outside the Sanctuary on Sunday. Each roof tile on the house has a needed item listed. Pull off the tile, pick up your items, and return to church in the bins near the elevator marked "WV Donations" **by Sunday, 7/3**. If you would like to make a monetary donation instead, please indicate "WV Work Week Kitchen" in the memo line of your check. Contact Kim Campbell if you have any questions (610-351-7133 or [kacampbell91@gmail.com](mailto:kacampbell91@gmail.com)).

# RADICAL HOSPITALITY / CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CARE

**UMW SUMMER COLLECTIONS:** Do you want to recycle and repurpose postage stamps, Campbell's education labels, cell phones and eyeglasses? The UMW ladies collect these items all year long, as well as personal items for the Sixth Street Shelter, Daybreak and the Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank. The Food Bank is in desperate need of soups, spaghetti sauce (canned or in plastic containers), canned fruit and cereal. If you can help, you'll find assigned bins by the UMW bulletin board on the lower level of the church near the elevator.

**SUMMER CLASS:** 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* through 8/28. The class will not meet this Sunday, 6/26, but will be offered at 8:00, 9:15 and 10:30 AM next week, 7/3, in the Aldersgate Room. Contact Shirley Nylund ([shirlevnylund@gmail.com](mailto:shirlevnylund@gmail.com) or 610-395-0755) for more information.

**DONATIONS ARE REQUESTED** for the Teachers' Hospitality Room for Vacation Bible School. Dates for VBS this year are Monday, 7/25, through Friday, 7/29. A poster board for sign-ups has been placed in the Community Room. Suggested donations include baked goods, cheese cubes, bottled water, chips & salsa, fruit and iced tea. Please stop by and volunteer to help us treat our VBS teachers to a special break during their busy mornings.



**THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** are proud to announce the names of students who have been awarded scholarships for the 2016-2017 school year, totaling \$9640. These scholarships are funded by the annual UMW Holiday Bazaar.

Congratulations to Asbury youth Amy Lebrecht, Samantha Lucas, Eric Yeakel Jr., Greg Jaendl, Ben Hoover, Jenny Leader, Vanessa Rappold and Hayley Walczel. Sister churches La Trinidad UMC and St. James AME students Brenda Velasquez, Joselyn Velasquez and Serge Gaba also received awards. Congratulations to all these college students!



Great American Bake Sale

The annual Great American Bake Sale held at Asbury last Saturday benefitted *No Kid Hungry*, an organization that raises funds to feed hungry children in the USA. It was a great success, raising over \$550.00 for this worthy cause.

I want to thank all who participated ~ people who supplied the delicious baked goods, those who helped with the set up and the sale, and those who gave monetary donations. Asbury is blessed to have so many caring people who make such events possible and work together with the true spirit of helping others.

All my thanks,

*Judy Kemmerer*

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\* A SPECIAL THANK YOU \*  
\* Thank you for remembering. \*  
\* Thank you for your caring thoughts for our family. \*  
\* Jenna would have been so in awe at all the \*  
\* wonderful messages and remembrances regarding her. \*  
\* God bless each and every one of you. \*  
\* Shirley & Manly Offutt \*  
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## PRAYERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

*Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you.  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you. Amen.*

### 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 Bill Mehrkens and Bill Hart. 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: Terry Berger, a former Asbury member, as she deals with health issues. Madea Doe's Aunt Connie and her friend, Dee, who are both battling cancer, her brother-in-law, and people all around the world. Jessica Ellis' Aunt Sandra as she recovers from a broken femur and depression. Safe travels for Sarah Fullton's granddaughter and daughter-in-law, Maynara and Kim Fullton, as they spread the gospel message of love on their mission trip to Haiti. Kim Peters Rea, niece of Margarette Fritz, who is still in intensive care with viral pneumonia. Joanne Giovannucci asks comfort for the Kemmerers and her special friend, Kim, and all those who mourn "Nana" in Florida. May God grant a new job for Melissa--from Shirley Offutt. Delores Ehly-Young is facing surgery in the coming week.

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

Lord, please help the people of Venezuela as they struggle with a collapsing economy, a failing government and hunger.

### For those who mourn

Lord, we ask comfort for all who mourn the loss of loved ones. We lift up Susan Reber and family for comfort as they mourn the passing of her cousin Mary Jo. Reassure them of your unending mercy and eternal love.

### For our congregation

Lord, we thank you for a successful indoor yard sale and bake sale here last week!

### For our children

We ask that each child around the world be raised in a family and community of love and support.

### With thanksgiving for our joys

We give thanks that the 10th Asbury African well was completed in rural Liberia (Bong County). Thank you for the joy of this season of blooming flowers!

### For the missions we support

Today we pray for the Methodist clergy in the Voinjama District of the United Methodist Church in Lofa County, Liberia. Your contributions to Asbury In Mission help sponsor these clergy as they reach the remote villages of Lofa County with the Good News of Christ and his love.

**AMEN!**

## INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT



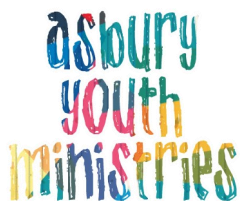
Contact Pam Unrath,  
Director of Children's Ministries,  
for information on all  
Children's Ministries  
activities & opportunities  
([punrath@asburylv.org](mailto:punrath@asburylv.org) or 610-398-2577).

**Child care** is available each week at the 9:00 AM Worship Service for infants through two-year-olds in Room 223. Child care is also provided in Room 223 during the 10:30 AM Worship Service.

**Children's Sunday School:** This Sunday, 6/26, children Age 3 through Grade 5 will continue their summer long exploration of what faith really means. This week we will look at Saul's early teachings and how the story of Jesus changes how we see others. 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.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS A MONTH AWAY!** Please be sure to register your children to join us for this amazing week as we "Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love" through music, games, art & science, storytelling, food creation and more!

**We are still in need of youth and adult volunteers in various roles. Contact Pam Unrath to choose where you would like to share your gifts!**



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).

**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. Our summer Sunday School is for Grades 6-12 and meets on Sunday morning from 9:00 to 10:00 AM in the Youth Lounge.

We'll be announcing our **Summer Activities Schedule** next week! Our events will take place throughout the summer, and will include a lock-in, a pool party, and more!

**Congratulations, Graduates!!** Check our social media to see our graduate celebration video; and watch for information on an upcoming seniors-only activity to celebrate your accomplishments!

Student registration for the **West Virginia High School Work Week**, our annual mission trip to serve in Philippi, WV, closes next week! Visit [www.asburyym.org/wv2016](http://www.asburyym.org/wv2016) for more information and to register now! The trip is July 17-23, 2016. Registration closes Thursday, 6/ 30.

**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 the Christian Camping Program of the Eastern PA Conference of the United Methodist Church. Please place your contributions in the "Change For Change" containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Worship Center.



**EVERLASTING LIFE MINISTRIES** (ELM) needs our help to host its *One Food Drive A Year*. From 7/10 through 7/24, special bins and displays will be at Asbury. Donations of breakfast cereals, canned vegetables, rice, pasta, canned meats, peanut butter and jelly are being requested. ELM distributes food every Saturday to between 80-120 families. Summer is a very busy time, as school is out, and there are no more school breakfasts and lunches.

## EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY



*Asbury  
Endowment*

*Planting for the Future*

Have you received an inheritance? If so, consider gifting a part of the inheritance to the Asbury Endowment Fund in memory of the loved one who remembered you.

# Weekly Calendar



**MILLER-KEYSTONE**  
BLOOD CENTER

**DONATE BLOOD THIS SUNDAY, 6/26,  
FROM 8:30 AM TO 1:00 PM.**

## Sunday, June 26

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Praise Band - Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m. **Blood Drive - Lower Parking Lot**
- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Summer Sunday School
- 9:00 a.m. Henritzy Sunday School Class - 204
- 10:00 a.m. Glenn Asquith Reception - Parlor
- 10:20 a.m. Revelation Bible Study - 217
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Glenn Asquith Reception - Parlor
- 5:00 p.m. Open Door Alternative Worship - Worship Center
- 6:00 p.m. Glenn Asquith Reception - Worship Center

## Monday, June 27

- 11:00 a.m. Cooking for Daybreak - Wesley Center Kitchen
- 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Men - 215
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 6008 - 210

## Tuesday, June 28

- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting - Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Church Council - 217
- 7:00 p.m. OA - 108

## Wednesday, June 29

- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - Wesley Center
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters - 204
- 7:00 p.m. SPRC - Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. WV Adult Information Meeting - 215
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Harmony Rehearsal - Worship Center

## Thursday, June 30

- 6:00 p.m. Open Door Band Rehearsal - Worship Center
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON - 108



## Friday, July 1

- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - Parlor

## Saturday, July 2

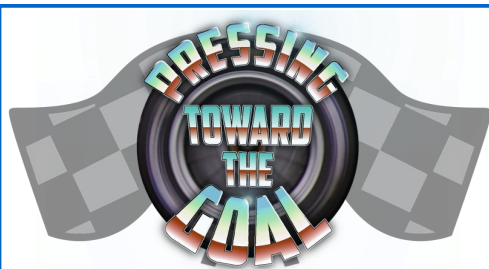
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## Sunday, July 3 / Communion

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Praise Band - Sanctuary
- 8:00 a.m. "Forgiveness" Sunday School Class - Aldersgate
- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Summer Sunday School
- 9:15 a.m. "Forgiveness" Sunday School Class - Aldersgate
- 10:20 a.m. Revelation Bible Study - 217
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. "Forgiveness" Sunday School Class - Aldersgate
- 5:00 p.m. Open Door Alternative Worship - Worship Center

## Monday, July 4 / Holiday

*Building and Office Closed*



**June 26, 2016**  
**Philippians 3:8-16**

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