



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

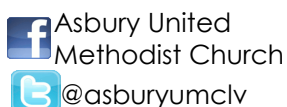
SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

During our 9:30 Worship Service and Sunday School time, we have childcare for infants through two 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 welcome Kelly Kennedy as the new Director of the Children's and Youth Handbell Choirs. Kelly comes to Asbury with extensive experience in music ministry. She was the Director of Music for Pearl River United Methodist Church from 1994 to 2009. In this position she was responsible for planning music selections, the preparation of two choral groups, three handbell choirs, and the worship team for Sunday church services and other presentations. Most recently she served as the Handbell Choir Director for Hillsdale UMC from 2010 to 2012, and also served as the Worship Committee Chairperson at Hillsdale until 2014.

Kelly has extensive experience working with youth. She served as a youth leader at Pearl River UMC from 1983 until 2009. In this role, she supervised and mentored high school/middle school youth toward spiritual growth and their place in the community and the world. Please join me in welcoming Kelly, her husband Doug and son Ed to the Asbury community.

Although Tuesday, 11/8, is Election Day, we are still going to have Brewology. Because we have a standing reservation for the second Tuesday of the month, it would be too difficult to change it at this point. I promise we will get finished before the election results come rolling in. I hope you can join us for some great theological discussion at 7:00 PM on the mezzanine level of the Allentown Brew Works restaurant in center city Allentown. Hope to see you there.

See you in worship!
Pastor Eric

**This Christmas, Asbury Church will be participating in
Angel Tree®, a program of Prison Fellowship!**



We are very excited to be a part of this important ministry where participants help prisoners' children know that they are still loved and remembered by their incarcerated parent, especially around Christmas time. On Friday, 12/16, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM, we will be hosting a party where Angel Tree families will come and celebrate Christmas with us. We need many Asbury members, families, and groups within Asbury to get involved! On Sundays 11/13 & 11/20, our Angel Tree Coordinator, Danell Fowler, will be in the Community Room between services. Please stop by and sign-up to sponsor a child, volunteer to help with the party, or just to learn more. For more information, contact Danell Fowler, Angel Tree Coordinator (dmarie4227@gmail.com) or visit www.asburylv.org.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
An alternate six-week Grief Support Class will be offered by Asbury's Parish Nurses & Health Ministry and is open to all members and friends of Asbury who have suffered a loss. This group will meet on Monday afternoons beginning Monday, 11/7, from 1:00 to 2:30 PM in the Aldersgate Room. Participants will work in a small group setting supporting each other while exploring the techniques shared in the book "The Courage to Grieve" by Judy Tatelbaum. Please contact the church office if you wish to attend.

RADICAL HOSPITALITY / CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CARE

UMW COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER: This month the UMW is collecting special items for backpack gifts to be distributed to Daybreak in Allentown. If you can help, items needed include lip balm, deodorant, travel-size tissues or toothpaste, Individually wrapped toothbrushes and large wide-tooth combs, compact mirrors and 2017 pocket calendars. Contact Debi Olphin with any questions. We thank you for your continued support and service helping our neighbors in need.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will meet at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, 11/8, in the Aldersgate Room. Jeff Paiste will lead the group in discussing Chapter 3, "Called to Suffer" from the book, The Call - A Study of the Life and Message of the Apostle Paul. All women are welcome. Contact Brenda Baxter (brendabaxter14@gmail.com) or Judy Whitby (jmwhitby@aol.com) for additional information.

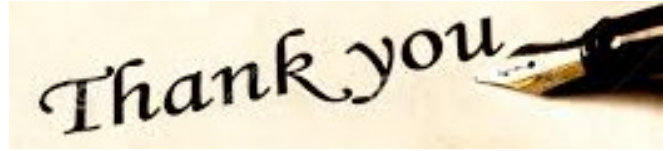
FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE will meet at 9:30 AM on Thursday, 11/10, in the Aldersgate Room on the lower level of Asbury. Aaron Forney, Director of Youth Ministries and leader of the Open Door Worship Band will talk about his ministry. Grace Buchman will lead the devotions. All women are welcome.

SUSANNA CIRCLE will meet at 6:30 PM on Monday, 11/14, at Elouise Schreffler's home, 1717 Glacier Ct., Allentown (610-398-3657). Tim Joyce, a representative of the Synergy Project, which is based in Bethlehem, will be our speaker. This organization serves the youth homeless population in the Lehigh Valley. All women are welcome to come to hear about this service. You may bring sweatshirts, batteries, or hygiene items to be used in the shelter.

PECANS: If you need fresh South Carolina pecans for your holiday baking, they will be available on Sunday, 11/6, in Community Room or in the church office during the week. The cost is \$11.00 for a 16 oz. bag.

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY: A brief meeting will be held on Sunday, 11/6, at 12:30 PM in the Aldersgate Room. We will serve a light lunch and welcome Bill Arnold and new members to the Health Ministry. The goal is to explore ways to promote making our congregation healthier in mind, body, and spirit through nutrition, yoga for balance/cancer treatment, smoking cessation, etc. Please join us! For more information and/or to RSVP, please contact Doris Farrar (610-395-2749).

MEN'S RETREAT: Former Asbury Associate Pastor, Bob Shank is leading a Men's Retreat at Pocono Plateau from 11/11 through 11/13. The theme is *Storytelling: Finding Ways to Tell Your Faith Story*. Cost is \$125 per person, and includes lodging, five meals, snacks, all sessions and recreational activities. For information or to register, go to www.poconoplaeau.rog or call 570-676-3665.



With Warm Thanks....to All of You:

Thank you so much for having the Memorial Service for Elizabeth Tisdale. A special "thank you" to Carlen & her daughter Mei-Ling.

Sincerely, Nancy Cerami



On behalf of the AIM Committee, a very special thank you to all who came out to support the Longaberger basket sale on Saturday, 10/29. Forty-eight baskets were sold and \$1840.00 raised that will go to our local mission partners. The baskets were donated to Asbury by Dave Torrey, whose wife Dot passed away in July. Her wish was for the baskets to be sold, and the money to go to our local missions.

Note: We have some baskets that will be available in the Community Room between church services in November and December. Stop by for some Christmas gift ideas!

PRAYERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

O Lord, be not far off; O You my help, hasten to my assistance.

Psalm 22:19

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 Lisa Dolan, Charles Myers, Marilyn Shelly, Marty Carhart, Willard Kulp, Geraldine Schiermeyer, Ken Benson, & Paul Hoffman. We ask you to have mercy on all those in pain and grant them peace.

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: Susan Denny Hall for healing from surgery at Johns Hopkins. Tom Gibson's nephew, Alex Butler, as he heads to Afghanistan with the Army. Paige Seay asks healing for her school friend, Hamza Ashgur, who broke his arm in 2 places. Joanne asks comfort for the family of her uncle, Edward Worrow, who passed on Saturday. We lift up with love, Donna Tessitore, that she may experience healing and a relief from pain and swelling. Tina Lebrecht asks God's help in healing teenager, Taylor, as he recovers from a severe brain injury. The Fitch family asks safety and housing for their son, Tyler, who is moving to CO to work as an EMT with his brother. Kim Bringhurst lifts up Lisa Dolan for support and healing as she was admitted to the hospital recently.

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 the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, give us the discernment to elect leaders who can forget themselves long enough to remember others. Ease tensions in the Middle East so that your will be done and peace realized.

For our congregation

For our saints who have passed, Lord, we give you thanks. We are grateful for all who helped with this year's UMW Bazaar.

For our children

Everyday, Lord, we are grateful that you have blessed us with children to care for and love.

With thanksgiving for our joys

Sue Dymond gives thanks for her good mother-in-law, Althea Symons, who turns 94 on Sunday. Thank you for colorful autumn here in Penn's Woods. Thank you, for the blessing of our Methodist heritage and the saints who have passed it on to us.

For the missions we support

This week's mission prayer is for the Gideons, an association of business owners dedicated to spreading the Word through Bible placement and prison ministry. We pray that they continue to have success in their ministry.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT



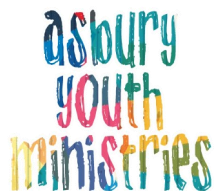
Contact Pam Unrath,
Director of Children's Ministries,
for information on all
Children's Ministries
activities & opportunities
(punrath@asburyiv.org or 610-398-2577).

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 216. Child care is also provided during the 11:00 AM Worship Service in Room 214.

Throughout the month of November, children's BLAST will be focusing our hearts and minds on the concept of "Honor." Too often people are honored because of what they do and how they look, instead of who they are. This month our Bible stories will help teach us that honor is truly about seeing other people the way God sees them. On 11/6, we will see how we can "honor others by giving them a chance" as we study the story of Samuel anointing David. Please be sure to stop by the Worship Center to get your copy of the Parent Cue sheets and this week's devotional guide.

JAM (3rd – 5th Grade Junior Youth Group) will take place on Sunday, 11/13, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in Room 210. Please RSVP to Pam Unrath if your child will be attending. Bring a friend!

Kids' Club will be Friday, 11/18, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Along with dinner and games, we will have a short discussion about this month's theme, "Honor." Please RSVP to Pam Unrath by Tuesday, 11/15.



Contact Aaron Forney,
Director of Youth Ministries,
for information on all
Youth Ministries activities & opportunities
(aforney@asburyiv.org or 610-398-2577).

What do we say and do to be elected by God? Long before we were born, we were chosen. We were chosen by the Creator of the universe to be valued, loved, and empowered to be His messengers. Our value is defined by something so much larger than anything we can imagine. Join us this Sunday for the final week of our Youth Group series, "The Elected," in the Youth Lounge on Sunday from 6:30 to 8:00 PM! Missed the first two weeks? No problem! We'll catch you up, and you can get more info at www.asburyym.org/theelected.

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: The election season is finally coming to a close, but along the way we've heard many apologies. When we apologize, what does it mean to truly be remorseful? Join the discussion in this week's lesson, "I'm Really Sorry!" Middle School Sunday School meets on Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in Room 106.

High School Sunday School Topic: Throughout the year, we'll be exploring topics that relate Christian things we do in our everyday lives and how our faith will be rewarded with glory through salvation. Come join the discussion! High School Sunday School meets from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the Youth Lounge.

We have 2 great events coming up soon! Save the dates for our annual football game, the Turkey Bowl, on Sunday, 11/27 (youth-aged families also welcome) and our Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser as part of Asbury's Advent Celebration on 12/3, which we need your help to make successful! Mark your calendars and watch for sign-ups for the dinner!

Keep up-to-date with us online! Sign up for our [weekly email](mailto:weekly_email) 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 **UMCOR** (United Methodist Committee On Relief) Disaster Relief in Louisiana. **UMCOR's** mission is to alleviate human suffering by providing practical, proactive support to the most vulnerable survivors of chronic or temporary emergencies due to natural or civil causes. Please place your contributions in the "Change For Change" containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Worship Center.

BARRELS OF LOVE: We are planning our next shipment of clothing (from the Bazaar) and textbooks to Liberia on 11/19. We are in need of 10 additional barrels at \$230 each (includes cost of barrel and shipping). If you would like to contribute, please contact Dick McCreight dickmcc@ptd.net.



The "Thanks for Giving" Food & Supply Drive to benefit the Allentown Rescue Mission begins on 11/6. Pick up a list of needed food and supplies, and return them to Asbury by 11/20. Items most needed this year are large cans of fruit, large boxes of healthy cereal (such as Raisin Bran or Chex), fruit juice, individual size items for lunchboxes (canned chicken, canned fruit, granola bars, fruit juice, chips, etc.) and bleach.



The Warming Center for homeless men and women in Allentown is an emergency winter place of refuge and safety for homeless people with nowhere else to go. Everlasting Life Ministries will operate the Center during this cold-weather season. The planned opening is 11/16, at 7:00 PM. The Center is planned to operate until late April 2017, if the volunteer help needed and funding are secured. Please contact Gary Millspaugh at Everlastinglifeministries@ptd.net for details or to volunteer.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 6 / All Saints Day / 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
- 10:45 a.m. Revelation Bible Study - 217
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:30 p.m. Health Ministry Meeting - Aldersgate
- 2:00 p.m. Pack 12 Den Meetings - 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. Disciple FT New Testament - Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group - YL/108
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep - 106



Monday, November 7

- 1:00 p.m. Caring in a Nutshell Grief Group - Aldersgate
- 5:30 p.m. Open Door Band Rehearsal - Worship Center
- 5:45 p.m. Dancing Stars Ballet Class - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Trio - Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Troop 12 Leadership Council Meeting - 106
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Praise Band - Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Pack 12 Troop Meetings - Wesley Center/106
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 61025 - 108
- 6:30 p.m. Jubilation Ringers Meeting - 204
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers - 206
- 7:00 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting - Aldersgate

Tuesday, November 8



- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group - 231
- 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study - 108
- 6:00 p.m. New Mom's Group - 214
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 654 - 219
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 661 - 208
- 7:00 p.m. Brewology - Offsite
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball - Wesley Center
- 7:00 p.m. OA - 108
- 7:30 p.m. Priscilla Circle - Aldersgate



Wednesday, November 9

- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - Wesley Center
- 5:40 p.m. Faith Ringers - 206
- 6:00 p.m. District Superintendency Meeting - Aldersgate
- 6:20 p.m. Apostle Ringers - 206
- 6:30 p.m. Launching into Bible Study - 210
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters - 204
- 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers - 108
- 6:30 p.m. Rainbow Singers - 106
- 7:10 p.m. Youth Choir - 106

Thursday, November 10

- 9:30 a.m. Friendship Circle - Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Troop 12 Committee Meeting - 106
- 6:30 p.m. Pack 12 Den Meetings - 210/215/217
- 6:30 p.m. Grief Support Group - Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON - 108
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - 102

Friday, November 11

- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - Wesley Center
- 6:30 p.m. Pack 12 Den Meeting - 217

Saturday, November 12

- 8:30 a.m. Asbury Adult Basketball - Wesley Center
- 10:00 a.m. NARANON Area 25 Meeting - 108

Sunday, November 13

- 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
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November 6, 2016
"God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle"
I Cor. 10:13 & Psalm 46:1-2