



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

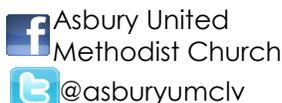
SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

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.

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

From the earliest days of the church until today, people become followers of Jesus in the exact same way: through an invitation. Most of us wound up at church because someone brought us or invited us. People are drawn into relationship with Jesus when someone invites them to come and see.

Knowing when to invite someone to church requires us to pay attention. Andy Stanley, pastor of North Point Community Church in the Atlanta area, says to listen for "The 3 Nots" - *Not in church, Not going well, Not prepared for.*

Listen for a friend or family member who indicates they are not in church. Maybe you already know they are not in church. Maybe you have sensed at least some desire to "find a church." If someone you know is not in church, invite and bring them with you this Christmas season.

Listen for a friend or family member who indicates things aren't going well. Maybe their marriage is struggling, things aren't good at work, their kids are giving them trouble, they are experiencing financial pressure, etc. Commit to walk with them through the season they are in and invite them to join you this Christmas. They need to hear the hope of the gospel!

Listen for a friend or family member who indicates something has happened they weren't prepared for. It could be a tough thing - job loss, death in their family, diagnosis, etc. It could be a good thing - a new job opportunity, a surprising pregnancy, etc. Good or bad, they are open to the gospel because of this new thing that has come about in their lives.

Pray, pay attention, and listen for the "3 Nots." Join God in what He is doing in the lives of those around you. God could use your invitation to make a difference in someone's life.

See you in worship!
Pastor Eric


DECORATE
the Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

10:30 AM

It's time to decorate Asbury for Christmas! We will decorate two trees in the lower hallway, one in the Aldersgate Room and one in the Community Room. We will also hang wreaths in the Sanctuary, in the downstairs hallway across from the office, in the Community Room and two on the outdoor portico columns. Come enjoy the celebration of the season as we decorate Asbury. Hot chocolate, coffee and donuts will be provided. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Dawn Palmquist (610-398-3074 or dawn.palmquist@hotmail.com).

Please Note: More information about other activities planned for 12/3 will be forthcoming. Set the day aside to celebrate the beginning of Advent with your Asbury Family!

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.

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.

PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, 11/15, at 6:30 PM 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.

PECANS: If you missed purchasing your South Carolina Pecans during the UMW Bazaar, they are available in the office during office hours ~ \$11.00 for a 16 oz. bag while supplies last. Store your pecans in the refrigerator for 6 months or freeze them for up to 2 years and they will keep their full rich flavor.

PEP (People Enjoying People) CLUB will gather in the Parlor/Community Room at 9:30 AM. on Friday, 11/18, for fellowship and refreshments. A program on *Allentown Trolley Cars of the Past* will be presented by Doug Peter. All interested adults are invited to attend.

PRAYER AND SHARE TOGETHER: Asbury regularly hosts two Christian support groups for Lehigh Valley women: one for women with loved ones who are struggling with emotional issues such as depression, anxiety, bipolar; and another for those who are afflicted themselves. Next meetings for both groups: Tuesday, 11/15, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in Room 210. For more information, contact Linda (610-395-8756).



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.



Cyndi Frank and Wendy Wright (2016 Bazaar Coordination Committee) would like to thank everyone that worked to make the 2016 Annual Bazaar a success.

Almost all areas are showing a preliminary increase in income over 2015. Special thanks go out to our Attic Treasures team, who in a leadership transition year, have successfully realized an increase in income over the previous year. Attic Treasures Team – we are very appreciative of your dedication and long hours invested in continuing our successful Attic Treasures area. The UMW could not have raised the funds for missions and scholarships without the help and teamwork everyone provided. We are also very grateful to our office staff for their skills and time they gave us. Our custodial team provided us with assistance in area setups and many quick needs on the day of the Bazaar. Thank you to everyone for the positive energy provided for the 2016 Annual Bazaar from the planning stages to the day of the Bazaar. You are wonderful! We could not have accomplished the success of the 2016 Annual Bazaar without all of your help.

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 Robert Minich, Esther Witwer, Lisa Dolan, Marilyn Shelly, Marty Carhart, Charles Myers, Geraldine Schiermeyer, Willard Kulp, Paul Hoffman, & Ken Benson. 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: Gerry Schiermeyer asks health and healing for her 2 month old great grandson, Finn Anderson. Debbie Goodwin and Tammy Dietrich both ask healing for their friend, Tiffany Ramirez. Jack & Marian Denny ask continued support and healing for their daughter, Susan Denny Hall. Kathryn Gress asks for comfort and support as her father, John A. Kalinioski, passed away 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 our congregation

We thank you, Lord, for all things and bless your holy name.

For the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, we give you thanks that we live in a free country. We ask that you give recently elected leaders the discernment to govern justly.

For our children

Whether they are grown up or just born, Lord, we ask that you envelop all children in your divine love.

With thanksgiving for our joys

The Fitch family shares the joy that Tyler made it safely to Colorado with the help of a "plow driving angel" who helped him get on the road again after car trouble. Phil & Dot Hess share the joy that their son, Tyler, got engaged to Elly Marant on Saturday. A Chicago fan in PA gives thanks that the curse of the Billy Goat has been undone...go Cubs!

For the missions we support

This week's mission prayer is for Rev. Donna Jones, Pastor of Cookman Beloved Community Baptist in NE Philadelphia. Our own toolmen have supported her initiatives in the past with our labor and as a congregation we have supported her for more than a decade. Our prayer is that she receive the resources necessary to minister to her community through the upcoming holidays.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT



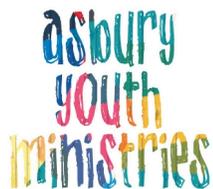
Contact Pam Unrath,
Director of Children's Ministries,
for information on all
Children's Ministries
activities & opportunities
(punrath@asburyiv.org or 610-398-2577).

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 11/13, we will see how we can "honor others by putting them first" as we study the relationship between David and Jonathan. 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).

When we think about thankfulness, we often associate it with turkey and telling about what we're thankful for. But what if we can learn more about thankfulness from pigs and silent actions than we can from the traditional actions associated with Thanksgiving? Join us on Sunday for as we begin our new Youth Group series, "Swine and Dine," where we'll look at two encounters Jesus had that teach us more about what it really means to be thankful. Youth Group is in the Youth Lounge on Sunday from 6:30 to 8:00 PM! Can't make it? Follow along with the series at www.asburyym.org/swineanddine.

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: What do we owe God? A sinful woman's way to show Jesus her thanks for his forgiveness is one that we're not used to seeing. Those around him clearly weren't used to seeing it either, and they had many questions about it. Join the discussion on what to give to God and how to show him our thanks in our lesson "Owe!". Middle School Sunday School meets on Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in Room 106.

High School Sunday School Topic: Jesus' followers thought that he would return to earth to establish his eternal kingdom soon after he was crucified and ascended to heaven. That time obviously has not come yet, but each year there are more people predicting the end of the world is imminent. Is it? Come join the discussion in our lesson "The Beginning of the End!" 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! !

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.



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), maple syrup, 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 expected 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 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
- 10:45 a.m. Revelation Bible Study - 217
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12 - 215/217
- 5:00 p.m. Open Door Alternative Worship - Wor. Ctr.
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Dinner - Wesley Center
- 6:00 p.m. Pack 12 Committee Meeting - 217
- 6:15 p.m. Disciple FT New Testament - Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. JAM - 210
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group - YL/108

Monday, November 14

- 1:00 p.m. Caring in a Nutshell Grief Group - Aids.
- 5:30 p.m. Open Door Band Rehearsal - Wor. Ctr.
- 5:45 p.m. Dancing Stars Ballet Class - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Trio - Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Men - 215
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Praise Band - Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12 - Wesley Center/106
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 61025 - 108
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers - 206
- 7:00 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting - Aldersgate

Tuesday, November 15

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group - 231
- 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study - 108
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting - Aldersgate
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 661 - 208
- 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. Prayer and Share Together - 210
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball - Wesley Center
- 7:00 p.m. OA - 108

Wednesday, November 16

- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - 108
- 1:00 p.m. Clubhouse of Lehigh County Dinner - Wes Ctr
- 5:20 p.m. Faith Ringers - 206
- 6:20 p.m. Apostle Ringers - 206

Wednesday, November 16 (continued)

- 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
- 6:45 p.m. Lehigh Wheelmen - Parlor
- 6:45 p.m. Sarah Circle - 217
- 7:00 p.m. Let's Read Together - 215
- 7:00 p.m. SPRC - Aldersgate
- 7:10 p.m. Youth Choir - 106

Thursday, November 17

- 9:00 a.m. Keep In Touch - Aldersgate
- 6:00 p.m. Pack 12 Raingutter Reg. Practice - Wes. Ctr.
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 6401 - 106
- 6:30 p.m. Grief Support Group - Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON - 108
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - 102

Friday, November 18

- 9:30 a.m. P.E.P. Club - Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - Wesley Center
- 6:00 p.m. Kids Club - Wesley Center/106/108

Saturday, November 19

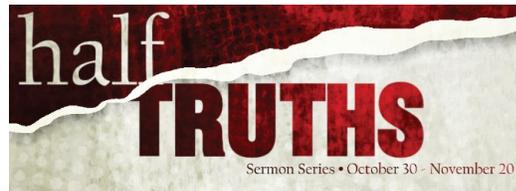
- 8:30 a.m. Asbury Adult Basketball - Wesley Center
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Inquirers - Aldersgate
- 3:00 p.m. Troop 12 Eagle COH - Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Troop 12 Eagle COH Reception - Wes. Ctr.

Sunday, November 20

- 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
- 2:00 p.m. Pack 12 Raingutter Regatta - Wes. Ctr.
- 5:00 p.m. Open Door Alternative Worship - Wor. Ctr.
- 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

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November 13, 2016

"God Helps Those Who Help Themselves"

Psalm 121:1-2