



**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

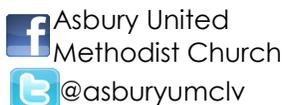
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# THE VINE

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

FEBRUARY 2, 2017



## Pastor's Column

I want to welcome Deb McCleary as the new Executive Administrative Assistant for Asbury. Deb is a long-time member of Asbury and has served the church in a variety of areas including music ministry with the Chancel Choir, Sunday School, Youth ministry, Finance, and Pre-School. Deb has an extensive background in accounting and most recently worked with PPL. Her husband Dave is also a member of Asbury and they have two sons, Chris and Trevor. Asbury is very blessed to have her join the staff.

We will be starting a new sermon series on February 19<sup>th</sup> called "Let Faith Arise." Imagine how different your outlook on life would be if you had absolute confidence that God was with you. Imagine how you might respond differently to difficulties, temptations, and even good things if you knew with certainty that God was in all of it and was planning to leverage it for good. In other words, imagine what it would be like to have perfect faith. In this 5-part series we will look at five things God uses to grow your faith.

February 19	Practical Teaching
February 26	Providential Relationships
March 5	Private Disciplines
March 12	Personal Ministry
March 19	Pivotal Circumstances

**LET FAITH  
Arise**

In 2016, Asbury members donated \$2,782.00 to mission projects through *Change For Change*. Since its inception in 2001, over \$62,000.00 has been donated to local, regional, national and international mission projects through *Change For Change*. Along with the Asbury in Mission (AIM) Committee, I would like to thank you for your generous donations of spare change each Sunday. A list of all of the missions supported and the amount of money donated since 2001 is located at each of the Welcome Desks.

*See you in worship!*

*Pastor Eric*



Beginning next week, Asbury will offer a new small group called *Starting Point*. Whether you are new to the Christian faith, simply curious about it, or re-examining it after time away from church, you'll appreciate the accepting, conversational, small group environment that this class offers.

Starting Point is the ideal small group for those with questions about faith and those who want to learn more about the Bible and Christianity. Come as you are, be who you are, and build enriching connections with others as you explore who God is and what Christianity is really about.

This small group will be led by our Senior Pastor, Eric Yeakel, on Wednesday evenings for 8 weeks from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 217. We will begin on Wednesday, 2/8, and continue meeting through Wednesday, 4/12, (except Ash Wednesday, 3/1). For more information, or to register for the class, please email [info@asburylv.org](mailto:info@asburylv.org).

# RADICAL HOSPITALITY / CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CARE



## ASBURY PARISH NURSE HEALTH MINISTRY OFFERINGS

- **ALTERNATE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:** An Alternate Grief Support group called "Caring in a Nutshell" 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 for 5 weeks on Monday afternoons beginning Monday, 2/27, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the Aldersgate Room. Participants will work in a small group setting supporting each other while exploring techniques and topics introduced to help grief turn to growth in daily living patterns of life. Sharing & caring helps to enable one to establish new goals and become involved with ways to cope with a quality of living. To register for this class or for more information please contact Doris Farrar at 610-395-2749.
- **BLOOD DRIVE: Save the date of Sunday, 3/19, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Members are encouraged to give the "gift of life" by donating blood for the Miller-Keystone Blood Center. Sign-up dates will be announced.

**A WOMEN'S RETREAT** will be held at Pocono Plateau on March 17-19. Join women from Salem and Salem-Berne United Methodist Churches to have fellowship, fun, enjoy winter activities and grow spiritually as we walk in God's forgiveness and learn to forgive others. The retreat will run from 8:00 p.m. on Friday through 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. Cost is \$150. Meals and snacks are provided. We will be housed in Carlson Lodge which has dormitory style beds, running water, hot showers and a lovely fireplace. Feel free to bring your knitting or other crafts, puzzles and games. For more information, contact Shirley Nylund ([shirleynylund@gmail.com](mailto:shirleynylund@gmail.com)) or 610-395-0755) or [poconoplateau.org](http://poconoplateau.org). Registration deadline is 2/27.



Applications are now available in the church office or by email from [lindamcc@ptd.net](mailto:lindamcc@ptd.net) for the UMW student scholarships. Completed forms are due April 15, 2017. To qualify, the applicant must demonstrate scholastic achievement and motivation for continued education, leadership, good citizenship and Christian service and a definite financial need. Please direct any questions to Linda McCreight by email or at 610-395-2261.

**PRISCILLA CIRCLE** will meet in the Community Room on Tuesday, 2/14, at 6:30 p.m. for a Soup and Salad Social Gathering. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Susan Berry will lead the group in a service project to benefit homeless teens through the Caring Closet sponsored by St. John's ECC. All women are welcome. For additional information, please contact Brenda Baxter ([brendabaxter14@gmail.com](mailto:brendabaxter14@gmail.com)) or Judy Whitby ([jmwhitby@aol.com](mailto:jmwhitby@aol.com)).



## 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 Bob Springer, Floyd Hyman, Bill Bowermaster, Louann Cline, Barry Zimmerman, and Ken Benson. We ask you to have mercy on all those in pain and grant them your 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 share these concerns with you. Laurie Wallace Theisen lifts up for healing Jenny Gray, a distant relative who is 4 to 5 months pregnant and facing leg amputation for bone cancer. Donna Zimmerman asks for a quick recovery for her son, Ron Zimmerman, after surgery. Diane McDemus asks healing for her friend, Adele Ziemer, after brain cancer surgery and follow-up. Tim & Tammy Dietrich ask healing for their Aunt Del Krutulis after knee replacement. We lift up Bob Springer for healing from pneumonia. Lynda Hassick asks comfort for her father, Ed Myirski, now in palliative care through hospice.

### For our congregation

Thank you for the fellowship of small groups here at Asbury.

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?  
Psalm 27:1*

### For those who mourn

Lord, we ask comfort for all who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially the Nadig family on the passing of Nancy Werley's uncle. Reassure them of your unending mercy and eternal love.

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

Kim Campbell asks wisdom and discernment for our leaders in this country and around the world.

### With thanksgiving for our joys

Debbie Goodwin shares that God has blessed the stitches of the Asbury Quilters for 2 days of quilting together. Joanne Giovannuci requests blessings for all animals, especially for Nikki, who brought joy to their lives, and for Kujo, who is still with them.

### For our children

Help us to see with the eyes of children, Lord, the joy of learning something new every day.

### For the missions we support

This week we pray for CRU and our local partner at West Chester University as all of their students return from winter break. We pray that God be with CRU and its outreach to the student body.

## INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT



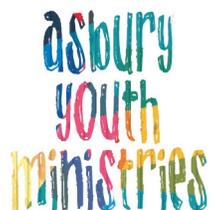
Contact Pam Unrath,  
Director of Children's Ministries,  
for information on all  
Children's Ministries  
activities & opportunities  
([punrath@asburylv.org](mailto:punrath@asburylv.org) or 610-398-2577).

### Children's Sunday School:

**CHILD CARE** is available during the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service for infants & one-year-olds in Room 216 and for two-year-olds in Room 214. Child care is also provided during the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Room 214.

God is love. As we read through God's One Big Story in the Bible, we see a story of unparalleled love between God and His creation. Because we are created in God's image, we too have the capacity to love. Throughout the month of February children attending **BLAST** will be taking a closer look at the way love shows up throughout the Gospels. During the first week of February we will be focusing on John 15:12-13 and that we should "love others because Jesus loves us."

**JAM (3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Graders)** will meet on Sunday, 2/12, from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. in Room 210. Please RSVP to Pam Unrath by Friday, 2/10. We hope to see you there!



Contact Aaron Forney,  
Director of Youth Ministries,  
for information on all  
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([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.

- ◇ **Middle School Sunday School Topic:** Unless you're into botany, you probably couldn't identify a tree in the dead of winter. But when things start to grow again - especially trees with fruit - it's much easier to identify a type of tree. If one of your friends thinks about who you are, would they be able to identify you by what you believe? How? Join the conversation as we check out Galatians 5 as part of our "No Lie: Galatians" series. **Middle School Sunday School** meets on Sunday mornings, 9:30—10:30 a.m. in Room 106.
- ◇ **High School Sunday School Topic:** How do the relationships we have with people now change as our lives change (like when we graduate, go to college, get a job, build a family, etc.)? What does God intend them to be? Come join the discussion in "*Murder and Relationships, What Do They Have in Common?*" **High School Sunday School** meets on Sunday mornings, 9:30—10:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge.

Our **Can't Legally Say the Name of the Big Football Game Party** is THIS Sunday, 2/ 5, from 6:00 p.m. until the end of the game (or whenever you need to be picked up), in the Youth Lounge. Whether you're a football fan or not, come join us! (Bring a snack if you can.) We'll watch the game, play commercial bingo, and do some other fun stuff too!



**WINTER WEATHER INFORMATION:** Not sure if an event will take place because of winter weather? Visit [www.asburyym.org](http://www.asburyym.org) or check our Facebook page, Twitter feed, or Instagram feed (no accounts required to access) before leaving home! Also, make sure you're signed up for the Asbury Youth Ministries weekly email, which will also send notifications for cancelled events.

**Confirmation information is coming soon!**

Keep up-to-date with us online! Sign up for our [weekly\\_email](mailto:weekly_email@asburyym.org) 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

February's CFC is designated for the Allentown Warming Station. Our Mission Partner, Everlasting Life Ministries, has contracted with the City of Allentown to operate this shelter in the Fountain Park Pool House on Martin Luther King Blvd. The Warming Station is a 38 bed facility that began serving homeless men and women in November 2016 and will continue operating through April 2017. It serves those in urgent need, unsheltered homeless people who have no place to sleep for a variety of reasons. Please place your contributions in the "Change For Change" containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Worship Center.

### A "Thank You" from Everlasting Life Ministries

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are reviewing the year that the Lord has brought us through, recounting the many blessings and miracles that we have seen. Thanks to you and your support, we have grown by leaps and bounds.

With your help we have opened and are maintaining the Warming Station. This is a new ministry for us in this past year and will continue into 2017. In times when we wondered if there would be food on the shelves for our food pantry to serve our neighbors, God would bless us with a last minute pick-up or check that would miraculously show up. Farmers and Hunters for Feeding the Hungry have partnered with us providing meat to the food pantry. You have helped to provide not only canned and dry food for neighbors, but we have been able to give meat and fresh fruit and veggies for a more healthy community. We again had our Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners which blessed thousands! I can't seem to list all that was done this year, but please keep an eye out for our newsletter. We go into much more detail about the activities going on in downtown Allentown. Thank you again, and please keep praying for us.

You Brother in Christ,  
Pastor Gus Al-Khal

# This Week @



## Sunday, February 5 / Communion / SCOUT SUNDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Heritage Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:30 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
- 3:00 p.m. Pack 12 Committee Mtg - 217

**NO OPEN DOOR SERVICE or SUNDAY DINNER TODAY**

- 4:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12 - 215/217
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group Super Bowl Party - YL

## Monday, February 6

- 5:30 p.m. Open Door Band Rehearsal - Worship Center 103
- 6:00 p.m. Troop 12 Leadership Council Mtg - 106
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Trio - Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 61025 - 108
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Praise Band - Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12 - Wesley Center/106
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers - 206
- 7:00 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting

## Tuesday, February 7

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group - 231
- 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study - 108
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting - Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. UMW Board Mtg - 106
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 661 - 208
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball - Wesley Center
- 7:00 p.m. OA - 108

## Wednesday, February 8

- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - Wesley Center
- 5:40 p.m. Faith Ringers - 206
- 6:20 p.m. Apostle Ringers - 206

## Wednesday, February 8 (continued)

- 6:30 p.m. Rainbow Singers - 106
- 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers - 108
- 6:30 p.m. Launching into Bible Study - 210
- 6:30 p.m. Starting Point - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters - 204
- 7:30 p.m. SPRC - Aldersgate
- 7:10 p.m. Youth Choir - 106

## Thursday, February 9

- 6:30 p.m. Grief Support Group - Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Troop 12 Committee Mtg - 106
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON - 108
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - 102

## Friday, February 10

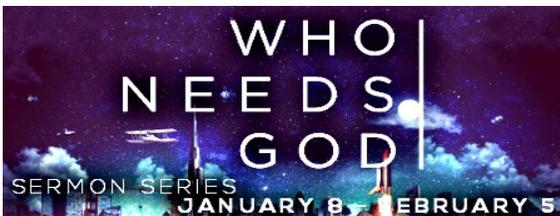
- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - Wesley Center

## Saturday, February 11

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

## Sunday, February 12

- 8:00 a.m. Heritage Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:30 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
- 5:00 p.m. Open Door Worship - Worship Center
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Dinner - Wesley Center
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group - YL/108
- 6:30 p.m. JAM - Wesley Center/210



**February 5, 2017**  
**"Who Needs God? I Do"**  
**Romans 5:6-8**

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