



**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

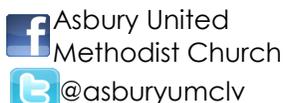
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## Pastor's Column

If you are interested in spiritual growth, leadership development, and opportunities for ministry service, I would encourage you to take the Christ Servant Ministry Classes on May 12 & May 13 at Asbury. The Christ Servant Ministry Program is the laity training program of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. The instructor for the Basic Course will be Judy Ehninger and the instructor for the Speaking 1 Course will be Rev. Harold Burkett. Each course needs at least 12 participants and is limited to the first 20 registrations. Cost is \$35. (Download the appropriate registration form in PDF at [www.christservantministries.net](http://www.christservantministries.net)). For additional information, contact Northeast District Director, Judy Ehninger ([judy.ehninger@ptd.net](mailto:judy.ehninger@ptd.net) or 610-442-3140).

If you are interested in learning more about membership at Asbury, I would encourage you to come to the Adult Inquirers Class on Sunday May 7 from 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. During this session you will learn about the mission and vision of Asbury, meet members of the Asbury staff, and learn more about the ministries and missions of our church. After the Adult Inquirers session, participants who wish to become full members will take membership vows in a future Sunday morning worship service that is convenient to the church's schedule and participants' availability.

Next week we will resume our sermon series "Address the Mess." We've all made messes in our lives. It's something we all have in common. Our messes may bring us together, but they also make us feel separated from God. We assume our messes must disappoint or anger our heavenly Father. But the truth is, the mess that brings us together is the mess that brought God near.

*See you in worship!*  
*Pastor Eric*



Did you know that you can support Asbury while you shop at your favorite retailers? If you use a Gift Card purchased from Asbury to pay for your purchases, Asbury can use the rebates it receives to support its vital programs.

Here are examples of the available gift cards from Asbury: \$25 Weis Markets—5% Asbury rebate and \$25 Giant Foods—4% Asbury rebate. If, for example, you buy a combination of groceries and gasoline of \$200 per month from Giant Foods using a Gift Card from Asbury, you would be contributing \$8 per month to Asbury or \$96 per year. Likewise the same amount of purchases from Weis Markets would contribute \$10 per month or \$120 per year.

While this may not seem like a large amount, Asbury families spend a lot of money at local retailers in the course of a year. 100 families spending \$200 per month on gift cards could contribute an extra \$10,000 to support Asbury's programs with no additional cost to Asbury members.

This is a trial program to see if Asbury members are receptive to the concept. Other churches in the Lehigh Valley are using this program as well. Initially we have purchased Gift Cards for Weis and Giant for resale to Asbury members. If this goes well we will expand the list of retailers to include others that Asbury member use on a regular basis.

## RADICAL HOSPITALITY / CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CARE

**SUSANNA CIRCLE** will meet on Monday, 5/8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Asbury Parlor/Community Room. Jim Palmquist will discuss LGBTQ issues facing churches today. Refreshments will follow the meeting. This promises to be an interesting and informative evening! All women are welcome.

**PRISCILLA CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, 5/9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Aldersgate Room. Rev. Don Quayle will lead discussion on Chapter 6, "Called to be Faithful." This session will conclude our study series on the book *The Call - The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul*. For more information, please contact Brenda Baxter ([brendabaxter14@gmail.com](mailto:brendabaxter14@gmail.com)) or Judy Whitby ([jmwhitby@aol.com](mailto:jmwhitby@aol.com)). All women are welcome.

**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE** will meet on Thursday, 5/11, at 9:30 a.m. in the Aldersgate Room on the lower level of Asbury. Leah Kuhns will lead the devotions. Alicia Kraemer will tell the Circle about her native country of Argentina. All women are welcome.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Annual Parish Nursing Program Retreat will be held on Thursday, 6/8, in the Wesley Center. The event is open to all interested in renewing their faith and knowledge on holistic health for the mind, body and soul. More information and registration forms will be available in the next few weeks.

### CONGREGATIONAL CHATS

The membership of Church Council would like to share some of the exciting things happening at Asbury. Please join them at a Congregational Chat on Wednesday, 5/3, at 6:30 p.m. or Sunday, 5/7, at 12:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center.



**COOKSON HILLS MISSION TRIP:** Want to experience these rewards: smiles, laughter, hugs, joy, and spiritual growth as you step out in faith? Join the team traveling to Cookson Hills Center, OK, from July 8—15. Work with local churches in OK to share God's love by conducting a VBS, mentoring teens, or working on home improvement projects. Financial help is available. Please contact Cindy Brown ([crjbrown@gmail.com](mailto:crjbrown@gmail.com) or 484-764-7695) for more information. We need adults and teens who love children and/or teens as well as adults handy with tools!

## 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 Kathryn Gress, Marilyn Shelly, Ken Benson, Don Engle & Carol Pavone. 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 lift up these people who need your special help: Cindy Schessler, from husband Mark and sister, Anita Quayle; Ben Sciortino, from friend Deb Goodwin; Melissa Tellier for her own patience and healing; Raymond Summerson, from his child; 3 year old Amelia, from Leah Kuhns; Tamara, granddaughter of Jennifer, from online submitter; Dr. Chris Hena, our mission partner in Liberia, whose home burned down; Logan Paiste as he travels to China, from parents Jeff & Liz; Terrie Daugherty as she evaluates her job situation; Sharon Ballek & family; Connie Asquith as she continues to mourn Glenn's passing and prepares to move to Florida.

### For our congregation

Sustain and strengthen us each day, Lord, and especially this Sunday as we participate in [#LoveLehighValley](#), worshiping with active service instead of sitting in church.

*May God have mercy on us and bless us.  
May He make the light of His face shine  
upon us and be gracious unto us.*

### For those who mourn

Lord, we ask comfort for all who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially Marilyn Rau and family as Marilyn's husband recently passed on. We also ask comfort for the family and friends of dear friend, Kevin, from Trever Williams. Reassure them of your unending mercy and eternal love.

### With thanksgiving for our joys

Gratitude for Ainsley Tellier's internship which has turned into a job offer; the joy of Tammy Dietrich's 44th birthday; the joy of the baptisms of James Lenhart and Nicholas Lenhart, grandsons of Jack & Carol Lenhart.

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

Change the hearts of tyrants and dictators who are blind to the needs of their people. Keep us from war, strengthening diplomatic powers to let peace rule.

### For our children

Help us to remember the importance of free playtime for our children, Lord, so that we refrain from overscheduling them.

### For the missions we support

This week's Mission Prayer is for Bright Hope, a pregnancy support program with locations in Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton. It provides pregnancy testing, ultrasound services, STD/STI education, maternity apartments and pregnancy information.

## 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:

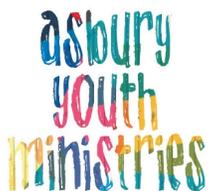
There will be no child care services or BLAST this Sunday, 4/30, as children and their families are invited to go into the community as part of [#LoveLehighValley](#). We will resume our normally scheduled activities on 5/7.

Kids' Club will be held on Friday, 5/19, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Children Age 4 through Grade 5 are invited to spend the evening with us. We will provide a light dinner as well as games, crafts, snacks and a lesson on "Determination." Please RSVP to Pam Unrath by Tuesday, 5/16.



This summer, 7/24 to 7/28, (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon), Asbury will host Vacation Bible School for children Age 4 through Grade 5. The theme for this high energy, fun-filled week is "**Gadgets & Gizmos,**" where children will learn that they are *Uniquely Wired and Wonderfully Made.*

Children have the opportunity to learn, grow and experience God's love as they participate in Music, Games, Story-telling, Art & Science and Snack Creation 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](mailto:aforney@asburylv.org) or 610-398-2577).

This Sunday, 4/30, we will not have Sunday School or Youth Group as Asbury takes part in [#LoveLehighValley](#). Join us on 5/7!

Is everything the way it looks in your life? Of course not! We try to create the perfect image, but we sell ourselves for something much less than we're worth. We fall into the dark places of life, we have parts of ourselves that we hide, and we have things in our lives that we just don't want there. So how do we give all these things up and hold on to God in the midst of the mess? Join us as we unpack all of it in our new Youth Group series, "Death to Selfie," beginning next Sunday, 5/7. Youth Group meets on Sunday night from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge.

Reminder: our 2017 High School West Virginia Work Week Mission Trip is 7/16 to 7/22. Mark your calendar, pray for the trip and the family we'll be serving, and get ready to sign up!

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 Care Closet at St. John's ECC, Allentown. The Care Closet, a Christian-based non-profit community service within the Allentown School District, provides shoes, clothing, blankets, towels, sheets, toiletries, children's games and books FREE to anyone in need. Please place your monetary contributions in the "Change For Change" containers in the Sanctuary or Worship Center.



Next Sunday, 5/7, an All-Asbury Brunch will be held to benefit Dr. Chris Hena, our long-time mission partner in Liberia. On 4/8, Chris's home in Kakata, Liberia was burned to the ground and everything inside was lost. We praise God that no one was injured and her medical clinic was not damaged. Please join us from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on 5/7 to raise funds to support Chris and her ministry.



If you can help with the brunch, please contact Dick McCreight ([dickmcc@ptd.net](mailto:dickmcc@ptd.net)) or add your name to this Google Doc:

<http://tinyurl.com/may7brunch>

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday, April 30 #LoveLehighValley\*



\* **Note:** There are no worship services scheduled for today. We are joining with other churches and participating in a community service day. More information can be found on our website, [www.asburylv.org](http://www.asburylv.org).

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4:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12 - 215/217

## Monday, May 1

6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12 Leadership Meeting - 106  
6:00 p.m. Asbury Trio - Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. Worship Praise Band - Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12 - Wesley Center/106  
7:00 p.m. SPRC Sub-Committee - Aldersgate  
7:00 p.m. Preschool Board - 217

## Tuesday, May 2

9:00 a.m. Prayer Group - 231  
10:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study - 108  
12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting - Aldersgate  
5:30 p.m. Open Door Band Rehearsal - Worship Center  
6:30 p.m. UMW Board Meeting - 106  
6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 661 - 208  
7:00 p.m. OA - 108  
7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball - Wesley Center

## Wednesday, May 3

1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - Wesley Center  
5:40 p.m. Faith Ringers - 206  
6:20 p.m. Apostle Ringers - 206  
6:30 p.m. Congregational Chat - Worship Center

## Wednesday, May 3 (continued)

6:30 p.m. Living Fully, Dying Well - 208  
6:30 p.m. Launching into Bible Study - 210  
6:30 p.m. Follow Small Group - 217  
6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters - 204

## Thursday, May 4

9:00 a.m. Keep in Touch - Aldersgate  
6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12 - 210/215/217  
7:00 p.m. Nar-anon - 108  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - 102

## Friday, May 5

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

## Saturday, May 6

8:30 a.m. Asbury Adult Basketball - Wesley Center  
5:00 p.m. Brunch Set-up - Wesley Center Kitchen

## Sunday, May 7 / Communion

8:00 a.m. Heritage Worship - Sanctuary  
9:00 a.m. Church-wide Brunch - Wesley Center  
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. Small Group Prophecy Study - 217  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary  
12:00 p.m. Congregational Chat - Worship Center  
12:30 p.m. Adult Inquirers - Aldersgate  
2:00 p.m. Cookson Hills VBS Meeting - 108  
4:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12 - 215/217  
5:00 p.m. Pack 12 Committee Meeting - 217  
5:00 p.m. Open Door Alternative Worship - Worship Center  
6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Dinner - Wesley Center  
6:30 p.m. Congregational Chat - Worship Center  
6:30 p.m. Youth Group - YL/108  
6:30 p.m. JAM - Wesley Center/210



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