



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

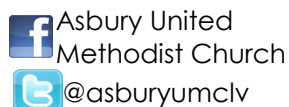
SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

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 thank all of the people who participated in [#LoveLehighValley](#) last Sunday. There were over 2,000 volunteers working in over fifty locations in the Lehigh Valley. My family and I were doing some landscaping duties at Dieruff High School in Allentown. It was great being able to serve alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ from Faith Free Evangelical Church in Allentown. I want to say a special thank you to Linda McCreight for her vision to have this day of service, and to Cristina Lenner for all her hard work in coordinating this event.

Tuesday, 5/9, is the next Brewology discussion group. If you are interested in discussing some broad theological questions, please join us at the Brew Works Pub, located at 812 West Hamilton Street in Allentown. The gatherings are open to our congregation members as well as the community. I hope you can come and bring a friend. The event starts at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, 6/3, is the 6th Annual CROP Hunger Bike Ride. This event raises money to help end hunger both locally and globally. If you are a bike rider, please consider participating in this event. There are three bike rides of various distances (62.5 miles, 40 miles, and 25 miles) to choose from. All the rides start at the Bob Rodale Cycling & Fitness Park in Trexlertown. If you don't ride or can't make it you can still donate. Contact Debi Olphin (610-261-2709 or AllentownCROP@gmail.com) with any questions.

See you in worship!
Pastor Eric



Did you know that you can support Asbury Church's mission and programs 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, if 100 families would spend \$200 per month on gift cards this could contribute an extra \$10,000 to support Asbury's programs with no additional cost to Asbury members.

Many churches in the Lehigh Valley are using this gift card program and Asbury will begin a trial run with this program in May. Initially we have purchased gift cards for Weis Markets and Giant Foods for resale to Asbury members. If this trial period is well received by our members, we will expand the list of retailers to include others that Asbury members use on a regular basis.

On Sundays 5/14, 5/21 & 5/28, gift cards will be available for purchase using cash or check in the Community Room between services. Be sure to stop by and pick up your gift card!

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 series on the book *The Call - The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul*. For more information, please contact Brenda Baxter (brendabaxter14@gmail.com) or Judy Whitby (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.

THE GREAT AMERICAN BAKE SALE will be held in connection with the Asbury In Mission Yard Sale on Saturday, 6/17, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Proceeds will go to *No Kid Hungry* to feed hungry children in our country. Please contact Debbie Holt (610-392-4802 or debholt65@yahoo.com) to contribute a baked good, to help with set up, or to work the day of the sale.

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 Sunday, 5/7, at 12:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center.



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, 5/9, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 210. For more information, please contact Linda (610-395-8756).

BILL ARNOLD'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will not meet on 5/9, but will meet on 5/16, 5/23 & 5/30 for the final sessions of this program year.

HELP IS NEEDED WITH GRASS CUTTING

Volunteers will be scheduled on a rotating basis; days and times are flexible. If you are interested, please email our Head Custodian, Frank Taylor (ftaylor@asburylv.org) or call the church office. Frank will then contact you to arrange a time for training.

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 Carol Pavone, Alma Davis, Cindy Schessler, Ken Benson & Don Engle. 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: All those fighting cancer, especially Joanne who is just beginning treatment and Daniel, who is losing the battle ~ give them strength, peace and comfort.

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.

*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 our congregation

Come quiet our hearts from life's distractions. Settle down upon us. Draw near to us as we draw near to you.

With thanksgiving for our joys

We give thanks for all those who shared their time and talents last Sunday as part of [#LoveLehighValley](https://twitter.com/LoveLehighValley).

For the world, its people and its leaders

God of love, turn our hearts to your ways; and give us peace.

For our children

May our children come to know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

For the missions we support

This week's Mission Prayer is for Gideon's International and their continued mission of providing the Word to all. Often recognized for their work with hotels, they also place and distribute Scriptures in strategic locations so they are available to those who want them, as well as to those who may not know they need them.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT



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

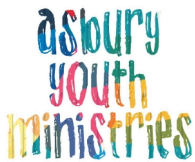
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Child care is available at 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.

During the month of May, children attending **BLAST** will be examining how "Determination" shows up in the early church and the first followers of Jesus. We start our discussion about determination in **Acts ~ Chapter 3**, where we learn that Peter and John are arrested for healing a man and teaching about Jesus. Despite being told to stop, Peter and John show determination as they proclaim that nothing can keep them from talking about Jesus. We pray that this story would help our children remember this week's Bottom Line: "Keep going even when it gets hard."

Kids' Club will be Friday, 5/19, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Children Age 4 through 5th Grade are invited to join us for a night of dinner, gym games and a lesson about determination. Please RSVP to Pam Unrath by Wednesday, 5/17.

VBS will be held July 24 – 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, for children Age 4 through Grade 5. This high energy, fun-filled week allows children to learn, grow and experience God's love as they participate in Music, Games, Story-telling, Science, Art & Science and Snack workshops each day. Registration forms are available outside the Wesley Center, in the Church Office and in the Worship Center at the beginning of BLAST.



Contact Aaron Forney, Director of Youth Ministries,
for information on all Youth Ministries
activities & opportunities
(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:** Talking donkeys, tent stakes, and lies. These things usually don't show up together, but they're all in the Bible. We think about the Bible's high points — where we have inspiring words from God, heroic followers of God, and triumphant victories over evil — but we often forget that these people are flawed humans and that not all of the Bible is as bright as we think. In *Dark and Disturbing Stories from the Bible*, we'll look at some of the "PG-13" stories and what we can learn from them. Middle School Sunday School meets on Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. 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 on Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge.

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. We have things in our lives that we just don't want there. 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 this Sunday, 5/7. Youth Group meets on Sunday night from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge. Get more info at www.asburyym.org/deathtoselfie.

Reminder: our 2017 high school West Virginia Work Week Mission Trip is July 16—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](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

will provide continuing support for our Liberian Mission Team Member, Memeh Bedell. Memeh provided nursing and nutritional support for our 2010 mission team to Liberia. Our entire team remained healthy and well fed throughout our trip thanks to Memeh. Please place your donations in the "Change For Change" containers in the Sanctuary or Worship Center.



Sunday, 5/7, an All-Asbury Brunch will be held to benefit Dr. Chris Hena, our long-time mission partner in Liberia. 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.



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!

Once again on Mother's Day, 5/14, boxes of baby bottles will be available at the doors of the Sanctuary and the Open Door Service that you may take, fill with spare change, and return on Father's Day, 6/18. All the money goes to Bright Hope of the LV, an agency supported by Asbury in Mission.

YARD SALE

Asbury's Annual
Missions Yard Sale
will be held on Saturday, 6/17,
from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 7 / Communion

- 8:00 a.m. Heritage Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Church-wide Mission 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 - 108
- 4:00 p.m. 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

Monday, May 8

- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Trio - Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Praise Band - Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Men - 215
- 6:30 p.m. Susanna Circle - Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 61025 - 108
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12 - Wesley Center/106

Tuesday, May 9

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Mom's Event - Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group - 231
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting - Aldersgate
- 5:45 p.m. Confirmation - 106
- 6:00 p.m. New Mom's Group - 214
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 654 - 219
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 661 - 208
- 7:00 p.m. OA - 108
- 7:00 p.m. Prayer and Share Together - 210
- 7:00 p.m. Brewology - Offsite
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball - Wesley Center
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Harmony - Worship Center
- 7:30 p.m. Priscilla Circle - Aldersgate
- 7:30 p.m. Computer Task Force - 215



Wednesday, May 10

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Mom's Event - Parlor
- 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. Living Fully, Dying Well - 208
- 6:30 p.m. Follow Small Group - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters - 204
- 7:00 p.m. SPRC - Aldersgate

Thursday, May 11

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Mom's Event - Parlor
- 9:30 a.m. Friendship Circle - Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Pack 12 - 210/215/217
- 6:30 p.m. Troop 12 Committee Meeting - Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Nar-anon - 108
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - 102

Friday, May 12

- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - Wesley Center
- 6:00 p.m. CSM Basic Class - Parlor/204/208/210/217
- 6:30 p.m. Pack 12 - 108

Saturday, May 13

- 8:00 a.m. CSM Basic Class - Parlor/204/208/210/217
- 8:30 a.m. Asbury Adult Basketball - Wesley Center
- 10:00 a.m. Nar-anon - 108

Sunday, May 14 / Mother's Day

- 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. Small Group Prophecy Study - 217
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Pack 12 - 215/217
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group - YL/108



MAY 7, 2017
"BEST MESS EVER"
MATTHEW 7:24-27

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