



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 AM in the Sanctuary

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

9:30 AM in the Sanctuary

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

11:00 AM in the Sanctuary

OPEN DOOR WORSHIP

5:00 PM in the Worship Center

Senior Pastor
Eric S. Yeakel

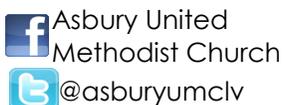
SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

During our 9:30 Worship Service & Sunday School time, we have childcare for infants through two-year olds. During our 11:00 Worship Service, we have childcare available for infants through PreK.

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Pastor's Column

I want to thank Charley Myers and his team of volunteers for providing a wonderful lunch for our teachers and their families last Sunday. It was a great way to honor the teachers in our community.

This is your last chance to register for Financial Peace University. Financial Peace University is a class providing best financial practices as presented by Dave Ramsey, America's most trusted voice on money, national best-selling author, and radio host. In this class, volunteer coordinators will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more. Classes will meet at Asbury on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM for nine weeks beginning 9/19. One Financial Peace University membership kit per family is required. Cost of the kit is \$93; financial assistance is available. To learn more about Dave Ramsey visit www.daveramsey.com. To register for Financial Peace University, please contact Dave & Lynda Hassick (lyndahassick@ptd.net or 610-439-6614).

Asbury's United Methodist Women (UMW) are joining the CROP Hunger Walk with a collection of special items for the Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank during the months of September and October. Please help by donating these desperately needed items: Tuna Fish, Canned Vegetables, Soup, Beans, Rice, Cereal, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Pasta, Pasta Sauce (no glass if possible). Collection bins are located on the first floor of the church by the elevator. Thank you so much for helping to feed our neighbors in need. 40-60 different families a week depend on it.

See you in worship!
Pastor Eric

Looking for an easy service opportunity that only requires 20 minutes per month and a friendly smile? Volunteers are needed to staff the **Welcome Center** (downstairs) and **Information Desk** (upstairs). A once-a-month commitment is preferred, and you can choose which service. Please contact Laurie Wallace Theisen (610-398-2577 or ltheisen@asburylv.org) if you can help.



Curious about God, Jesus, the Bible, or Christianity? Just begun a relationship with Jesus Christ? Have some Church experience, but have been away for a while? We would like to invite you to a small group called **Starting Point**. 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 Pastor Eric, on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 PM for 8 weeks, beginning Thursday, 9/28, in Room 217. To register for this small group please email info@asburylv.org. Know someone who would like to explore who God is and what Christianity is really about? Be sure to let them know about this small group opportunity!

MANY SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE THIS FALL. INFORMATION MAY BE FOUND AT: www.asburylv.org/smallgroups



RADICAL HOSPITALITY / CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CARE

PARISH NURSE & HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS:

- Brief input sessions will be held in the Community Room on Sunday, 9/17, between services. (9:00 to 9:30 & 10:30 to 11:00 AM) Offer suggestions for health-focused programs or come see how you can get involved with the Health Ministry.
- Flu Vaccine will be offered by Weis Pharmacy in Room 202 on Sunday, 10/8, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Fee is \$25 if not covered by Medicare or other insurance.
- "Caring in a Nutshell," a grief support group, will be offered on Monday afternoons, 10/23 through 11/13, from 1:00 to 2:30 PM in the Aldersgate Room.
- The Miller-Keystone Bloodmobile will be at Asbury on Sunday, 10/29 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Be sure to sign up in the Community Room beginning in early October

For more information on any of these events, please contact Doris Farrar (610-395-2749 or lafalot111@hotmail.com).



WAEB's 15th Annual Spaghetti Dinner to Benefit the Allentown Rescue Mission

Asbury Church will host the 15th Annual WAEB Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, 10/14, from 4:00 to 7:30 PM. Lots of help is needed to make this fundraising event run smoothly. You can help in various ways: be a sponsor, donate baked goods, be a kitchen assistant or a server, help with cleanup, or be a floater to help with various tasks the night of the dinner. If you're not able to volunteer, be sure to stop by for the delicious spaghetti dinner and support the Rescue Mission. All proceeds will help the Allentown Rescue Mission continue to provide rescue, rehabilitation, and restoration for men in crisis. Go to www.allentownrescuemission.org to sign up.

ASBURY WELCOMES PASTOR VICKI M. BRENDLER as our guest preacher this Sunday, 9/17. Vicki entered into her first appointment at the Buttzville and Free Union charge at age 21. She went on to serve six other congregations before being asked to serve as District Superintendent in 1996. Over the course of her ministry she has served in a variety of District and Annual Conference capacities. She was an Episcopal candidate in 2008 and again in 2012. Vicki plans an active retirement: gardening, traveling, caring for parents, grandchildren, and being available for intentional interim ministry opportunities.

PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, 9/19, 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.

CRAFTS FOR THE BAZAAR: Anyone interested in helping with crafts for the Bazaar should call Dee Riedy (610-398-0508) or Pam Grossmann (610-398-8066). We can use crafters during the months of September and October to help assemble items for sale. Classes will be held at Dee's home. We also need helpers to set up for the bazaar on Thursday 11/2 and Friday 11/3.

NEED PECANS FOR BAKING? There are 24 bags of frozen pecans left over from last year's Bazaar available for \$9 a bag. Contact Sara Brown in the church office to purchase. Fresh pecans will be sold at this year's Bazaar on 11/4, for \$11 a bag.

Every kindness has a part in bringing joy to someone's heart.

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for the visits and the lovely prayer shawl that Sherry Kuzma made. It is greatly appreciated.

Love and prayers,
Betty Shiflett

PRAYERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

*Love divine, all loves excelling; Joy of heaven, to earth come down.
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; All thy faithful mercies crown!*

Charles Wesley

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 Eugene Litwhiler, Linda Myers, Betty Silfies, Charles Samph & Betty Shiflett. We ask you to have mercy on all those in pain and grant them your peace.

For those who mourn

Lord, we ask comfort for all who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially Virginia Haberman & family on the passing of her brother. We also note the passing of Steve, who lost his battle with brain cancer, Nicholas Hawkins and State Representative Daniel McNeill. Reassure their friends & families of your unending mercy and eternal love.

For the world, its people and its leaders

We ask for healing and recovery for those affected by hurricanes, floods, wildfires, earthquakes and tornadoes.

For our congregation

As we gather here in the harbor of your safety, we thank you for fellowship and family. We ask that you will strengthen us, restore us and inspire us with your love.

For our children

We thank you for grandparents who nurture our children, and pray that all children would have mentors in their lives to help them learn, grow and thrive.

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:

- Brian & Dottie Dibbs' daughter, Liz and her family
- Health and healing for Pat's grandson, Jen Giordano's brother Chuck and Jeanne Coy's coworker Jennifer .
- Good test results and travel safety for Trever Williams
- Kathy's employment situation, from Shirley Offutt
- Margarette Fritz's niece and Dan Hoffman's aunt & uncle in the path of Hurricane Irma, along with many relatives of Tim & Tammy Dietrich

With thanksgiving for our joys

- Phil & Dot Hess give thanks for the birth on 9/8 of Chase Alexander, born to their daughter Emily and Alex Lemons.
- Praise God that as of 9/8 Asbury members have contributed \$2125 for disaster relief!

For the missions we support

Our prayer today is for Bob & Joanna Kniley, Asbury mission partners, who work with Campus Target to spread the Good News of the love of Christ to students in Asian universities.

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 AM Worship Service for infants through two-year-olds in Room 214. Child care is also provided during the 11:00 AM Worship Service in Room 214.
- ◇ Throughout the month of September, Children's Ministries will focus on "Friendship." This Sunday, children attending **BLAST** will explore what the Bible has to say about friendship in Colossians 3:13. It is our prayer that this passage will point our children toward this week's Bottom Line: "Friends forgive one another." Please be sure to stop by the Worship Center to get your copy of the Parent Cue sheets and this week's devotional guide.
- ◇ A new Sunday School year is here and we are in need of volunteers to make this a meaningful experience for our children! Children's Ministries is looking for teachers and parent helpers for each classroom. Please contact Pam Unrath to discuss how you may like to serve in Children's Ministries, we would love for you to join us!



RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

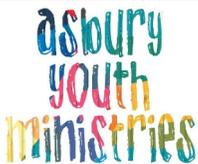


Change for Change

Is designated for the CROP Hunger Walk. CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. CROP Hunger Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. Please place your contributions in the "Change For Change" containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Worship Center.



Asbury will host La Trinidad UMC's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Please join us for a fundraising dinner at Asbury Church on Saturday, 9/30, from 3:00 to 7:00 PM in the Wesley Center. Come and enjoy authentic Hispanic food, music and much more. Free-will donations will benefit La Trinidad UMC and their ministries. For more information, please contact corazon.v08@gmail.com or call Pastor Seda (267-253-8738).



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

What thing that you own is your absolute favorite thing? A piece of memorabilia? A gift from someone special? Your phone? What would happen if you lost one of those things? What if none of those things were yours in the first place? Join us as we investigate these things in our lesson, "What Remains." **Youth Group** is for Grades 6-12 and is held 6:30 to 8:00 PM on Sunday evenings in the Youth Lounge.

There will **NOT** be **Youth Group** next Sunday, 9/24. Make sure to still attend Sunday School! (Mark your calendars for the other Sunday nights there is no Youth Group this year: 10/15, 11/26, 12/24, 12/31, 4/1, 5/13, 5/27).

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** meets in Room 106 on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. **High School Sunday School** meets in the Youth Lounge on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 AM.

Registration for the **Casowasco High School Fall Retreat** closes this Sunday, 9/17. This God-filled weekend at a beautiful camp in upstate New York is a chance to get away from the everyday grind and spend time with God and fellow Christ-followers and seekers. Our retreat weekend is September 22-24. Get more information and **sign up now at** www.asburyym.org/casowasco.



Registration for the **Middle School Fall Retreat** is now open! We're looking forward to growing closer to God and each other during this weekend together. Our retreat weekend is October 14-16. Get more information and **sign up now at** www.asburyym.org/middleschoolfall.

Keep up-to-date with us online! Sign up for our 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.

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

- For those who give electronically and wish to contribute to the Disaster Relief effort, please do so by using the "Disaster Relief" line on your giving page.
- More information about how to donate to the relief effort is available on the Asbury website.
- Copies of Asbury's financial picture (as of 8/31) are available at both the upper and lower level Welcome Center desks. Updates are issued monthly as they become available.

If you have questions on any of these items, please contact Suzanne Weida (sweida@asburylv.org).

A Senior Adult Fall Retreat at Pocono Plateau will be held Tuesday, 10/3 — Friday, 10/6. Come join us for 3 nights/4 days of fun and fellowship. Cost is \$169 per person. For more information, please contact the camp office (camp@poconoplateau.org or 570-676-3665).

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 17

- 8:00 a.m. Heritage Worship - Sanctuary
- 8:45 a.m. Parish Nurse Drop-In Meeting - Community Room
- 9:30 a.m. God's Rainbow - 200
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages
- 10:45 a.m. Small Group Prophecy Study - 217
- 11:00 a.m. Computer Task Force - Aldersgate
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:15 p.m. Memorial Garden Service - Outside
- 1:00 p.m. Memorial Garden Reception - Parlor
- 3:00 p.m. CS Pack 12 Den Meetings - 210/215/217
- 5:00 p.m. Open Door Alternative Worship - Worship Center
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Dinner - Wesley Center
- 6:15 p.m. Disciple Fast Track - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group - YL/108

Monday, September 18

- 5:30 p.m. Asbury Trio - Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Certified Lay Ministers - 108
- 6:45 p.m. BS Troop 12 Meeting - Wesley Center/106
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee - Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers - 206
- 7:30 p.m. Worship Praise Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 19

- 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study - 108
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting - Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Volleyball - Wesley Center
- 6:30 p.m. Church Council - Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry - Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. AIM - 106
- 7:00 p.m. OA - 108
- 8:30 p.m. Open Door Band Rehearsal - Worship Center

Wednesday, September 20

- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - Wesley Center
- 5:45 p.m. Faith Ringers - 206
- 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers - 108

Wednesday, September 20 (continued)

- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters - 204
- 6:30 p.m. Launching Into Bible Study - 208
- 6:30 p.m. Follow Small Group - 217
- 7:00 p.m. Sarah Circle - 215

Thursday, September 21

- 6:30 p.m. Grief Support - Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. GS Cadette Troop 661 - 208
- 7:00 p.m. Allentown Rescue Mission - 217
- 7:00 p.m. Nar-a-non - 108
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - 102

Friday, September 22

- 6:30 a.m. Friday Morning Men's Group - Aldersgate
- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - Wesley Center
- 5:00 p.m. Sr High Youth Leave for Casowasco - Lower Lot
- 6:00 p.m. CS Pack 12 Meeting - Wesley Center/WC Kitchen
- 6:30 p.m. GS Daisy Troop 63124 - 208

Saturday, September 23

- 8:30 a.m. Asbury Adult Basketball - Wesley Center
- 10:00 a.m. Nar-Anon Regional Meeting - 217

Sunday, September 24

- 8:00 a.m. Heritage Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. God's Rainbow - 200
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Baptism)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages
- 10:45 a.m. Small Group Prophecy Study - 217
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary (Baptism)
- 5:00 p.m. Sr High Youth Return from Casowasco
- 5:00 p.m. Open Door Alternative Worship - Worship Center
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Dinner - Wesley Center
- 6:15 p.m. Disciple Fast Track - 217

A Summary from the 231st Session of the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference - June 15-17, 2017

Is now posted on the Asbury website.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Lay Member Israel Olivieri (izzyolivieri@gmail.com) or Lay Equalizing Delegate Judy Ehninger (judy.ehninger@gmail.com).



SEPTEMBER 17, 2017
"WHAT'S THE NUMBER ONE THING?"
ROMANS 8:35-39
MATTHEW 22:36-38

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