



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

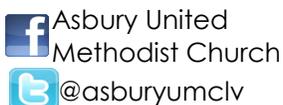
During our 9:30 Worship Service & Sunday School time, we have childcare for infants through two-year olds. During our 11:00 Worship Service, we have childcare available for infants through PreK.

OFFICE HOURS

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Pastor's Column

On 9/24 we are kicking off our second annual "Be Rich" campaign. The "Be Rich" campaign gives people opportunities to give, serve, and love others, and make a substantial difference in our communities. God's extravagant generosity toward us compels us to be extravagantly generous toward others. We demonstrate the love of God when we give, serve, and love others—both in our community and around the world.

The reason this campaign is called "Be Rich" is because of something the Apostle Paul wrote to his protégé Timothy. He told him to *"Command them (Christians) to do good, to BE RICH in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share."* – 1 Timothy 6:18. So over the next three weeks we are going to talk about being rich in good works, generous and ready to share.

You were made to give of yourself. Happiness comes from service, not status, so acquiring, consuming, or even success will not lead you there. However, volunteering and serving your friends and neighbors is a simple way to share your time and self with others. During our "Be Rich" campaign, we are challenging everyone in our congregation to take on one service project for at least 1 hour between 9/24 and 10/22. There will be a number of pre-selected service projects you can sign up for through our website, or you can decide to serve someone in your community by doing something like cutting a neighbor's grass.

We invite you to be a part of "Be Rich" by joining us as we unleash a wave of generosity.

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.



A **Head Usher** is needed for the third Sunday, 8:00 & 9:30 AM services. This is a permanent position with a 12-month commitment on the third Sunday of each month. (If you would prefer to serve as head usher at only one of the services, that will be fine as well.) There is a very reliable ushering team in place for both services. Please contact Cyndi Frank (frankcj@ptd.net or 610-799-6079) for more information.

Asbury Church is seeking a faith-based Business Administrator who, as an integral member of our leadership team, will continue our tradition of support to the congregation and the community we are privileged to serve. Reporting to the Senior Pastor, this Business Administrator will oversee the church's financial health, manage daily operations, administrative and building personnel, and serve as the financial representative across various church committees.

**position
available**

The Business Administrator will have significant managerial, administrative, operational and budgetary expertise with a strong track record of executing organizational strategies and building systems that support the church's mission. The complete position description is available at www.asburylv.org/BusinessAdministrator. Applications are being received at sprc@asburylv.org.

RADICAL HOSPITALITY / CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CARE

PARISH NURSE & HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS:

- **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.

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

STARTING POINT: 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. 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.

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.

THE UMW AND CROP HUNGER WALK are collecting 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 and Pasta Sauce (no glass if possible). Thank you so much for helping to feed our neighbors in need.

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 23 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.

METAL HANGERS ARE NEEDED for the Used Clothing section of the upcoming UMW Bazaar. A large box has been placed near the elevator on the lower level for the hangers. Please add your donations before Monday, 10/30.

Thank you to Bill Arnold, Jennifer Springer, the Asbury Staff, and an awesome Committee for your help in making the Memorial Garden Service on Sunday, 9/17, very special for all those that attended. The sun shown down on everyone after an "iffy" morning to show God's Love. Thank you also to Lee Ellenberger for her kind words. Blessings to all!

Judy Kazmer, Chair of Memorial Garden Committee

PRAYERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

*God, use my hands today to do your work.
Show me how to reach out to others to help, heal, and encourage.*

With thanksgiving for our joys

For the beauty of the Lehigh Valley, Lord, we thank you.

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 William Burfeind and Eugene Litwhiler. 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 the family of Marianne (Mannie) Wright, who passed through death into everlasting life on 9/16. Mannie was the widow of former Asbury Pastor Robert H. Wright. Reassure them of your unending mercy and eternal love.

For the world, its people and its leaders

- Lord, have mercy on the victims of natural disasters. Give strength to those who need it and comfort to those who have lost sight of you.
- Keep us from war and hatred. Give wisdom to our leaders.

For our congregation

Keep us from fear. Help us to always look to the light Jesus shines on our lives. Lead each one of us to become a guiding light for someone who may be lost.

For our children

Lord God, we ask your care and protection for all children who suffer from poverty, abuse or a lack of love.

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:

- Diane, friend of June Samph
- Helen, friend of John & Rebecca Karoly
- A friend's daughter, Grace Leary, from Judy Burkholder
- For Caleb and his parents, Niels & Lauren Filter, from Dick McCreight. Niels was one of our South African campers who also joined us in Liberia as a part of our mission team in 2010
- For Ruth Yeo, who, at 105 years old, has been moved to hospice
- Forgiveness for William Meleschuk, now in Lehigh County Prison, and comfort for his family and those he has hurt.

For the missions we support

Today we pray for Asbury's "Well Ministry." Our 12th well in rural Liberia is currently under construction. These wells funded by Asbury, individuals and other churches provide a source of clean water for villages in Lofa and Bong Counties, greatly reducing water-borne diseases and improving the quality of life for our brothers and sisters in Liberia.

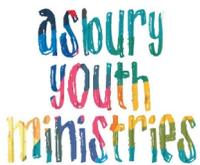
INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT



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.
- ◇ This Sunday, children attending **BLAST** will wrap up a month-long look at what the Bible has to tell us about "Friendship." We will explore 1 Thessalonians 5:11 and see how the words of Paul teach us to encourage others around us.
- ◇ 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!

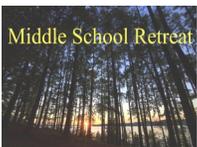


Contact Aaron Forney, Director of Youth Ministries,
for information on all Youth Ministries
activities & opportunities
(aforney@asburylv.org or 610-398-2577).

There will **NOT** be **Youth Group** this 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.

A group of high schoolers will be in New York this weekend for a God-filled weekend away. Please pray for all those on the **Casowasco High School Fall Retreat**, for safe travel and to be open to what God has to say this weekend.



Registration for the **Middle School Fall Retreat** closes next Sunday, 10/1. We're looking forward to growing closer to God and each other during this weekend together. Our retreat weekend is October 14-16. Check out www.asburyym.org/middleschoolfall for more information and to sign up.

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.



ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

This year's Charge Conference is scheduled for 2:00 PM on Saturday, 10/7. For those who are not familiar with what a Charge Conference is, it is an annual meeting with Dr. Irving Cotto, our District Superintendent, to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of the church, receive reports, and adopt objectives and goals. Because of the recent redistricting in the Eastern PA Conference and the resulting size of the North District, Charge Conferences are being combined this year, and ours will be held at Emmanuel UMC, 2336 S 9th St, Allentown. All interested individuals are welcome to attend.

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).

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).

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 24 / Baptisms

- 8:00 a.m. Heritage Worship - Sanctuary
- 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. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Sr. High 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

Monday, September 25

- 12:00 p.m. Cooking for Daybreak - Wesley Center Kitchen
- 5:30 p.m. Asbury Trio - Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. GS Troop 61025 - 108
- 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Men - 217
- 6:45 p.m. BS Troop 12 Meeting - Wesley Center/106
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees - Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers - 206
- 7:30 p.m. Worship Praise Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 26

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Vision Screening - 204
- 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study - 108
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting - Aldersgate
- 5:30 p.m. GS Troop 654 - 219/221
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Volleyball - Wesley Center
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University - 217
- 7:00 p.m. OA - 108
- 8:30 p.m. Open Door Band Rehearsal - Worship Center

Wednesday, September 27

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Vision Screening - 204
- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - Wesley Center
- 5:45 p.m. Faith Ringers - 206
- 6:30 p.m. Rainbow Singers - 106
- 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers - 108

Wednesday, September 27 (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. SPRC - Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Let's Read Together - 215
- 7:15 p.m. Youth Choir - 106

Thursday, September 28

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Vision Screening - 204
- 6:30 p.m. CS Pack 12 Den Meetings - 210/215
- 6:30 p.m. Starting Point - 217
- 7:00 p.m. Nar-a-non - 108
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - 102

Friday, September 29

- 6:30 a.m. Friday Morning Men's Group - Aldersgate
- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - Wesley Center
- 6:30 p.m. CS Pack 12 Den Meetings - 210/215/217

Saturday, September 30

- 8:30 a.m. Asbury Adult Basketball - Wesley Center
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Inquirers - 217
- 10:30 a.m. Event Set Up - Wesley Center/Kitchen
- 3:00 p.m. Hispanic Heritage Celebration - Wesley Center

Sunday, October 1 / Communion / Baptism

- 8:00 a.m. Heritage Worship - Sanctuary
- 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. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Open Door Alternative Worship - Worship Center
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Dinner - Wesley Center
- 6:00 p.m. CS Pack 12 Committee - 106
- 6:00 p.m. CS Pack 12 Den Meetings - 210/215
- 6:15 p.m. Disciple Fast Track - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group - YL/108



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