



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

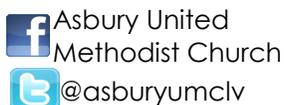
During our 9:30 Worship Service & Sunday School time, we have childcare for infants through two-year olds. During our 11:00 Worship Service, we have childcare available for infants through PreK.

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Pastor's Column

Asbury's 2017 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; ours will be held at Emmanuel UMC, 2336 South 9th Street, Allentown. (www.emmanuelumchurch.com or 610-797-1571). All interested individuals are welcome to attend.

Last Sunday we kicked off our second annual *Be Rich* Campaign, a campaign of generosity where we express our love for God by caring for the people God loves. We are challenging everyone in the congregation to serve one hour in the community by 10/22.

[Sometimes the hardest part of serving is figuring out what to do. Some suggestions are: Everlasting Life Ministries, Salem UMC Food Pantry, LV Conference of Churches, Meals on Wheels, Allentown Rescue Mission, Runners World. Some of these organizations need volunteers right away! Please visit www.asburylv.org/BeRich for the details.]

As we celebrate the *Be Rich* campaign, I want to recognize two of our members who have dedicated many hours of service in our community. Grace Rohrbach and Maggie Neely will be retiring from serving in the Soup Kitchen in center-city Allentown after 20+ years. Once a month, Grace and Maggie have led a team of Asbury volunteers that has cooked and served meals to the homeless and the less fortunate in center-city Allentown. Their dedicated service has shown people who need it the most that God loves them and has not forgotten them. This is the spirit of the *Be Rich* campaign.

See you in worship!
Pastor Eric

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are needed to set up the **Community Room** on Sunday mornings once a month. Approximate time is 8:00 to 9:00 AM. If a later shift is preferred, the clean-up shift (10:50 to 11:15 AM) would also be helpful. Contact Laurie Wallace Theisen (ltheisen@asburylv.org) if you can help.

A **Head Usher** is needed for the third Sunday, 8:00 and/or 9:30 AM services. This is a permanent position with a 12-month commitment on the third Sunday of each month. 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.

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. Contact Laurie Wallace Theisen (610-398-2577 or ltheisen@asburylv.org) if interested.

There are a few opportunities left in 2017 to sponsor **Altar Flowers**. Dates open are 10/1, 10/22, 10/29 and 12/31. Sign up on the calendar across from Room 216 or contact Susan Berry (610-737-0356 or b33su3@gmail.com).

Asbury Church is seeking a faith-based **Business Administrator** who will continue our tradition of support to the congregation and the community. 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. The complete position description is available at www.asburylv.org/BusinessAdministrator.

RADICAL HOSPITALITY / CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CARE



LAITY SUNDAY is being celebrated on 10/15, and we want to see **FAITH IN ACTION**. Along with Pastor Eric's invitation to each of us to contribute one hour "to *Be Rich* in serving others," your Lay Leaders are offering a few opportunities to serve on that Sunday.

- * The Asbury Quilters will again be **sewing ponchos** to contribute to the homeless through the Lehigh Valley Hospital's Department of Street Medicine. If you can sew a straight line, bring your machine and join us.
- * Remember to be **collecting stamps** and join Jan Kuhns as she prepares them to contribute to the Stamp Ministry.
- * We will have stationery and pens for you to **write a greeting** and share a good word with our AIM Partners.
- * Bright paper and coloring pens will be available for you to **make cards** for our Keep In Touch folks.
- * We will be assembling **hygiene kits** for UMCOR Hurricane Relief. [Donations of materials for the kits are needed—specific instructions and requirements may be found on the Asbury website.]

For more information about Laity Sunday, please contact Debbie Goodwin (ddkinpa@hotmail.com or 610-349-1108).

FLU VACCINE will be offered by Weis Pharmacy in Room 202 next Sunday, **10/8**, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Fee is \$25 if not covered by Medicare or other insurance. For more information contact Doris Farrar (610-395-2749 or lafalot111@hotmail.com).

ASBURY'S ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT is scheduled for **10/21**, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Signups are now going on for individuals, groups, or families who would like to decorate a car for the event. These forms are located throughout the church. Volunteers to help run the event are needed as well as donations of candy or baked goods. If you are interested in decorating a car we ask that you plan on being at the church and set up by 5:30 that evening. Candy donation bins will be located in the hallways throughout the church. If you have questions, please place your contact information on a sign-up sheet and someone will be in touch with you.

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 items. Tuna Fish, Canned Vegetables, Soup, Beans, Rice, Cereal, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Pasta and Pasta Sauce (no glass if possible). Thank you for helping to feed our neighbors in need.

SUSANNA CIRCLE will meet on Monday, **10/9**, at 6:00 PM to visit the Historical Room at Waldheim Park. After that we will have a light supper at Marian Denny's cottage, hold a brief meeting, and hear Sandy Miller talk about her historical hats. Join us as we step back in time. If you need directions or more information, please call Marty Barnes at 484-951-2076.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will meet at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, **10/10**, in the Aldersgate Room. Ann Lee will lead discussion on Chapter Two, "Understanding the Old Testament" from the book, The Bible Jesus Read. For more information, please contact Brenda Baxter (brendabaxter14@gmail.com) or Judy Whitby (jmwhitby@aol.com).

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE will meet at 9:30 AM on Thursday, **10/12**, in the Aldersgate Room on the lower level of Asbury Church. Karen Kutteroff will lead the devotions. Bill Arnold, the Director of Congregational Care at Asbury, will tell the Circle about his background and areas of responsibility. All women are welcome.

THE ANNUAL UMW HOLIDAY BAZAAR is scheduled for Saturday, **11/4**. Get ready for some shopping, delicious edibles, a silent auction, and some fun for the kids! Donations are greatly appreciated. We will accept gently used items and clothing, homemade jams and jellies, homemade breads and desserts, used books, handmade crafts, and exciting things to bid on for the silent auction. And...don't forget...we would love to see your smiling face as a Bazaar volunteer! To learn how you can help out at this year's Bazaar, please contact Cyndi Frank (frankcj@ptd.net) or Wendy Wright (wendywright000@aol.com).

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.

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.

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 Tom Briggs. 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. Reassure them of your unending mercy and eternal 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:

- For friends, Kim, Jeff and Evan, from Judy Burkholder
- For brother-in-law, James, from Deb Goodwin
- For a friend's grandchild, Reagan, and a friend's daughter, Grace (4) from Judy Burkholder
- For Caleb (3), son of Niels & Lauren Filter

For our congregation

May the Holy Spirit guide our efforts, Lord.

For the world, its people and its leaders

We ask for wise and just leaders, slow to anger, and full of mercy.

For our children

Lord, protect our children and all children from evil influences and lead them along the righteous path which leads to life eternal.

With thanksgiving for our joys

- For every blessing, Lord, we thank you!
- For 6 years cancer-free from Trever Williams
- For the birth of Maria Ann Paretto born to Frank & Lucy Paretto on 9/23/17, from proud uncle, Charley Myers and grandparents, Chuck & Virginia Myers.
- For the start of cooler weather, thank you!

For the missions we support

This week's mission prayer is for the Allentown Rescue Mission. The Mission has provided rescue, rehabilitation and restoration for homeless men in crisis through Christ-centered programs based on accountability and compassion for over 100 years.

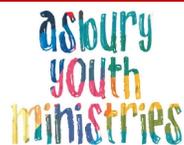
INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT



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 2-year-olds in Room 214. Child care is also provided during the 11:00 AM Worship Service in Room 214.
- ◇ **SPARK** (3 & 4-year-olds): October is "Zig Zag Zone" month! We know things are going to happen in our lives where we need God's help—times when life zigs one way and then zags another. We want our preschoolers to grow up believing that God loves them and can help them anywhere, with anything, no matter how hard it may be. We begin by looking at David as a boy out in a field trying to protect his sheep. We know that David wasn't alone, God was with him. It is our prayer that this story will help our preschoolers learn "God can help me anywhere."
- ◇ **BLAST** (PreK-Grade 5): We all have an easy time claiming what is ours. This is especially true for kids. This month in BLAST we hope to help kids realize that all they have is a gift on loan to them from God. Because of that, we want kids to treat what they have like it belongs to God—because it does! During the first week of October, we will explore what David writes in Psalms 24:1 and how that points us toward this week's Bottom Line: "Remember everything belongs to the Lord."



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

Registration for the **Middle School Fall Retreat** closes this 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. Get more information and sign up now at www.asburyym.org/middleschoolfall.

What do you kneel for? Do you kneel for what others tell us to or for what we believe in? What does the Bible have to say? Join us as we investigate in our lesson, "**Strength, Fire, and Vegetables**." Also, we'll be showing our "**music videos**" from the Casowasco High School Retreat - you won't want to miss it! **Youth Group** is for Grades 6-12 and meets from 6:30 to 8:00 PM on Sundays in the Youth Lounge.

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.

We had a fantastic weekend at Casowasco for our **High School Fall Retreat** talking about our worth to each other and to our Creator! We're so grateful for all 18 people on the trip! **Mark your calendars for next year: September 21-23, 2018!**

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.

It's not too early to be thinking about Christmas! We will be offering a large variety of **Gift Cards** that can be purchased through the church. As with the Weis and Giant cards, we sell them at face value and Asbury will receive a rebate between 5% and 15% depending on the card. Stop by our **Gift Card Station** at the lower church entrance between 10:00 and 11:00 AM on Sunday mornings to pick up an order form. Retailer cards available include Starbucks, Outback Steak House, Kohls, Nordstrom Rack, Olive Garden, Talbots and many more. Order forms will be collected by the end on November so cards will be available for pickup in early December. Order forms will also be available in the church office. As always Giant and Weis cards are available for purchase on Sunday at the Gift Card Station. Rebates from all gift card sales are used to support Asbury's programs.

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE



Change for Change

Is designated for The Warming Center. 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 serves homeless men and women throughout the winter months. It serves those in urgent need who have no place to sleep. Please place your contributions in the "Change For Change" containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Worship Center.



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. 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. If you can help with this event, please sign up at: www.allentownrescuemission.org.

THANK YOU
for your support!

A very special thank you to the Asbury congregation for all of the school supplies that you donated to fill the display case. The supplies were placed in bins and filled the bed of a pick-up truck, as well as the back seat. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the teachers and students at Ramos Elementary School.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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



Wednesday, October 5 (continued)

- 6:30 p.m. Follow Small Group - 217
- 7:15 p.m. Youth Choir - 106

Thursday, October 5

- 6:30 p.m. GS Cadette Troop 661 - 208
- 6:30 p.m. CS Pack 12 Den Meetings - 210/215
- 6:30 p.m. Starting Point - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Grief Support - Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Nar-a-non - 108
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - 102

Friday, October 6

- 6:30 a.m. Friday Morning Men's Group - Aldersgate
- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - Wesley Center
- 6:30 p.m. GS Daisy Troop 63124 meeting - 208
- 6:30 p.m. CS Pack 12 Den Meetings - 210/215/217

Saturday, October 7

- 8:30 a.m. Asbury Adult Basketball - Wesley Center
- 2:00 p.m. Charge Conference - Emmanuel UMC

Monday, October 2

- 6:15 p.m. BS Troop 12 Patrol Leaders Meeting - 106
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Praise Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 6:45 p.m. BS Troop 12 Meeting - Wesley Center/106
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers - 206
- 8:00 p.m. Asbury Trio - Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 3

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Fire Safety & Firetruck Visit
- 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study - 108
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting - Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. UMW Board Meeting - 106
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Volleyball - Wesley Center
- 7:00 p.m. OA - 108
- 8:30 p.m. Open Door Band Rehearsal - Worship Center

Wednesday, October 4

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Fire Safety & Firetruck Visit
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Launching Into Bible Study - 208
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters - 204

Sunday, October 8

- 8:00 a.m. Heritage Worship - Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m. Flu Shot Clinic - 202
- 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
- 12:30 p.m. CROP Hunger Walk - Offsite
- 12:45 p.m. New Horizons - Offsite
- 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 Den Meetings - 210/215
- 6:15 p.m. Disciple Fast Track - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group - YL/108
- 6:30 p.m. Priscilla Shirer Study - 210



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