



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 three year olds. During our 11:00 Service, we have childcare available for infants through PreK.

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

We had a wonderful evening of worship last Sunday in the new Worship Center. There were 95 people who came out to praise and encounter God at this inaugural service. I want to thank Jeff Paiste and the renovation team for all of their hard work in making this a great worship environment.

I am excited to announce that fourteen individuals will become members of Asbury this Sunday at various services. They have each completed the Adult Inquirers Class and are ready to take the next step of membership. Here is a list of those who will be joining:

Jeff & Marcia Burk	Alicia Kraemer	Andy Romeo
Anne Capaldo	Willard Kulp	Gregg & Cindy Samuels
Phil & Blaise Drucker	Brian & Lindsay Norvick	Rob & Lynn Takacs

Summer is almost here and that means it is time to start exploring the opportunities for kids to attend camp. There are a variety of Christian camps that offer daily faith-based activities, such as Bible study and prayer time, combined with a variety of unique activities to reach as many participants as possible. Information on these camps is available at the Welcome Desk by the Wesley Center and in the Community Room.

If you need any financial help to send your children to Pocono Plateau, Gretna Glen, or Camp Innabah this summer, Asbury can provide partial scholarships for Asbury families. Please refer to the article on page 2 for detailed information concerning the scholarships.

See you in worship!
Pastor Eric

Fellowship Hall is now the Worship Center!

The renovations to Fellowship Hall are complete! Our newly-renovated space will now be called the Worship Center. This name change reflects the new focus for the renovated space – to provide an additional, modern worship space for adults, youth, and children.

- † Come experience the Open Door Worship Service in the Worship Center on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. and stay for a light dinner in the Wesley Center.
- † Children's Sunday School will celebrate their first Sunday in the Worship Center on Sunday, 4/10, at 9:30 a.m.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this happen!

Congregational Chats ~ 4/10 & 4/13

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, 4/10, at 12:00 noon and 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday, 4/13, at 6:15 p.m. in the newly-renovated Worship Center (formerly known as Fellowship Hall)



RADICAL HOSPITALITY / CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CARE



Join us on Sunday, 4/17 for the UMW's 2nd Annual Spring Luncheon/Workshop.

The UMW's 2nd Annual Spring Luncheon/Workshop will be on Sunday, 4/17, at 12:30 p.m. Tickets will be on sale in the Community Room/

Parlor on Sunday, 4/10, between services. A \$5.00 donation includes a light lunch with beverages and dessert. For more information, please contact Wendy Wright (wendywright000@aol.com).

UMW APRIL COLLECTION: The UMW is collecting diapers, baby wipes, lip balm, baby formula and clean, unwanted baby clothes, shoes and blankets for the Caring Closet in St. John's ECC Church, Allentown, for the month of April. Contact Debi Olphin for who inquires or to make a cash donation for supplies.

SUSANNA CIRCLE will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, 4/11, in the Asbury Community Room/Parlor. Don & Susan Jennings will entertain us with traditional folk music of the British Isles, Ireland, and Appalachia using dulcimers and other instruments. Come and enjoy the fellowship and music. All women are welcome.

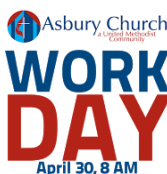
PRISCILLA CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, 4/12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Aldersgate Room. Ann Lee will lead discussion on Chapter 6, "Whom Can We Trust," from the book, *Psalms* by J. Clinton McCann, Jr. All women are invited.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE will meet on Thursday, 4/14, at 9:30 a.m. in the Aldersgate Room. Leah Kuhns will speak about the numerous programs of the Cookson Hills United Methodist Mission in OK. Louann Cline will lead the devotions. All women are welcome.

PEP (People Enjoying People) CLUB will gather in the Parlor/Community Room at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, 4/15, for fellowship and refreshments. A program will be presented by Mary Bach entitled "Are You Getting What You Pay For?" Mary is the Chair on Consumer Issues Task Force for AARP of PA. All interested adults are invited to attend.

2016 SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION: Partial summer camp scholarships are available for Asbury families who wish to send their child/children to Pocono Plateau, Gretna Glen, or Camp Innabah. To be considered for the 2016 summer camping season, please fill out a scholarship application found with the camp brochures at the Welcome Desk by the Wesley Center or in the Community Room, or print a form from our website, asburylv.org and deliver it to the church office by 5/31.

HELP IS NEEDED WITH GRASS CUTTING this summer. 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.



ASBURY WORK DAY is scheduled for Saturday, 4/30, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, rain or shine! Let's come together to show our pride in the church we all love. Please bring work gloves, rakes, shovels, weeding tools, hand or hedge trimmers, loping shears and a fun spirit! For information, call Sandy Silvonek (610-653-5303).

GRETNA GLEN GRITTY 5K MUD RUN & WALK-A-THON 2016 FUNDRAISER

Join us on 5/7 at Gretna Glen Camp & Retreat Center in Lebanon, PA for the 2016 Gretna Gritty Mud-Run & Walk-A-Thon fundraiser! The Gretna Gritty is a 5K mud run for runners aged 12 and up. Participants can expect to encounter mud, water, fire, rocks, and obstacles that excite the mud runner in us all! Kids (ages 5 to 12) can also enjoy the Nitty Gritty--a smaller version of the adult event. Visit www.gretnaglen.org/gritty for details.

PRAYER AND SHARE TOGETHER: Asbury hosts two Christian support groups for LV women. Next meetings for both groups: Tuesday, April 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Room 210. For details, contact Linda (610-395-8756).



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 Sharon Ballek and Nora Rice. 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: Heidi Parsons, that she recover quickly from cataract surgery. Donalee Frary, now caring for her mother. Sarah Fullton who asks traveling mercies. Dave Torrey lifts up members of Mt. Pleasant UMC in NJ as their church was destroyed by fire on 4/3. Young people tempted by alcohol and drugs, that they might turn away from all temptations and live a life inspired by divine love in service to others.

For our congregation

Lord, help us to forgive as we are forgiven. Help us to love unequivocally as you do. And use us in service wherever there is a need.

May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and grant you his peace. - Moses (Numbers 6:24-26)

For the world, its people and its leaders

We ask that the spirit of the Prince of Peace descend upon hearts everywhere that there might be joy, peace and thanksgiving in all countries. We ask that our elected leaders continually cleanse their hearts of greed, disdain, and hollow pride so that love of service to others may enter in.

With thanksgiving for our joys

We give thanks for the newly-renovated Worship Center and that 95 people joined in the service and celebration last Sunday evening at 5 p.m.

For our children

We lift up our children and the world's children for your constant love and blessings. Grant us the discernment to raise them so that they may lift up others.

For the missions we support

Our mission prayer today is for the 6th Street Shelter. We pray for their ministry of providing opportunity and direction for the homeless to become self-sufficient, productive members of the community. We thank you for allowing Asbury to be your hands and feet as we resupply the 6th Street Shelter apartments.



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).

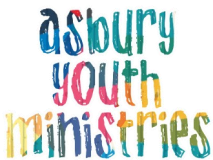
Child care is available each week at the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service for infants and one-year-olds in Room 214 and for two-year-olds in Room 223. Child care is also provided during the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Room 223.

Sunday, April 10th

- **Children in Kindergarten through 5th grades** should report to The Worship Center for B.L.A.S.T. (Sunday School gathering) at 9:30 a.m. Throughout the month of April we will be looking at the topic of "perseverance" and how the Bible is full of messages that offer hope to those who persevere and trust God.
- **JAM** (3rd-5th graders) will take place from 6:30-7:45 p.m. in Room 210.

KIDS CLUB (ages 4 yrs-old through 5th grade) will meet on Friday, April 15th, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are available at the beginning of B.L.A.S.T. (Sunday School) or email Pam Unrath (email address above).

VBS July 25th – 29th (9-12 noon), Asbury will host our annual Vacation Bible School for children ages 4 yrs-old through 5th grade. This high energy, fun-filled week allows children to learn, grow and experience God's love as they participate in Music, Games, Story-telling, Art & Science and Snack workshops each day. Please consider where you may like to use your talents in making this an incredible experience! There are opportunities to create/assemble decorations, assist in one of the workshop areas, be a shepherd for a group and so much more! 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 or 610-398-2577).

Social media is a great way to connect with people, but it's also a great trap to cause us to compare ourselves to each other. Jesus wants so much more for our lives than to be consumed by jealousy and a false image of who we are. He wants us to live a life as we were created – with #nofilter. Join us for our new 2-week series, "Instalife," where we'll discuss the image you show the world and who you really are. **Youth Group** meets Sunday nights, 6:30—8:30 p.m., Youth Lounge.



SUNDAY SCHOOL
Make the Connection

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—Worship is a vital part of our lives as Christians, but what is it really? Join us as we meet with the Confirmation class for a session of worship and discussion around what worship really is. The class meets Sunday mornings, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Room 106.

High School Sunday School— All year we're exploring topics related to loving our neighbor. Come explore new ground with us! The High School Sunday School meets Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge.

Please pray for a team of adults heading to West Virginia this weekend to meet with our partners there as we discuss projects for the **West Virginia Work Week**, when we serve a family in the name of Jesus. The trip is July 17-23, 2016. Registration will open soon. Save the date—project information will be available shortly!

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.

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE



CHANGE FOR CHANGE

is designated for Community Bike Works, which provides inner-city children living in at-risk situations with meaningful work-ethic alternatives to gangs, drugs and the streets. They use bicycles, peer role models and adult mentors to develop and nurture relationships and to engage youth; and once engaged, influence their behavior and their outlook about school and life. Please place your contributions in the "Change For Change" containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Worship Center.

SAVE THE DATE!

Volunteers are needed the week of July 10, 2016, to facilitate the Vacation Bible School at Cookson Hills Center in Oklahoma.
Contact Cindy Brown (cjrbrown@gmail.com) for more information or to volunteer!

Jewels of Hope

AIM will be selling "Jewels of Hope" in the Community Room (between morning services) ... just in time for Mother's Day. This jewelry is hand made by the AIDS orphans in the Phayiphini Community KwaZulu Natal, South Africa. Please stop by our table on 4/10, 4/17, 4/24 and 5/1 to support this mission.



Ramos Playground Fundraiser

Help us raise money for the **Ramos Playground**. Every Tuesday in April from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., the Subway at 1313 Tilghman Street will donate an amount equal to 10% of sales to the Ramos Playground Project. Enjoy a great meal with your family and support our Ramos kids.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 10 / New Members

- 8:00 a.m. Heritage Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:15 a.m. God's Rainbow - 200
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class - 108
- 10:45 a.m. Revelation Bible Study - 217
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Congregational Chat - Worship Center
- 2:00 p.m. Pack 12 Den Meetings - 210/211/215/217
- 5:00 p.m. Open Door Alternative Worship - Worship Center
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Dinner - Wesley Center
- 6:15 p.m. JAM - 210
- 6:30 p.m. Congregational Chat - Worship Center
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group - 108/YL

Monday, April 11

- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Trio - Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12 - Wesley Center/106
- 6:00 p.m. Dancing Stars Ballet Class - 204
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 6608 - 210
- 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Men - 215
- 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Girls - Offsite
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers - 206
- 7:00 p.m. Susanna Circle - Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Memorial Garden Committee Mtg. - Aldersgate

Tuesday, April 12

- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting - Aldersgate
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 654 - 219/221
- 6:00 p.m. New Mom's Group - 223
- 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. OA - 108
- 7:30 p.m. Priscilla Circle - Aldersgate

Wednesday, April 13

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group - 231
- 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study - 108
- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - Wesley Center
- 5:30 p.m. Garden of Eatin' - Wesley Center
- 5:40 p.m. Faith Ringers - 206
- 6:15 p.m. Congregational Chat - Worship Center

Wednesday, April 13 (continued)

- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters - 204
- 6:30 p.m. Launching into Bible Study - 210
- 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers - 108
- 6:30 p.m. Rainbow Singers - 106
- 7:10 p.m. Youth Choir - 106
- 7:15 p.m. Worship Ministry Meeting - Aldersgate
- 8:00 p.m. Apostle Ringers - 206

Thursday, April 14

- 9:30 a.m. Friendship Circle - Aldersgate
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 6401 - 106
- 6:00 p.m. Open Door Band Rehearsal - Worship Center
- 6:00 p.m. Pack 12 Den Meetings - 210/211/215/217
- 7:00 p.m. Troop 12 Committee Meeting - Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON - 108
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - 102

Friday, April 15

- 9:30 a.m. P.E.P. Club - Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - Wesley Center
- 6:00 p.m. Pack 12 Den Meeting - 211
- 6:00 p.m. Kids Club - Wesley Center/106/108

Saturday, April 16

- 8:30 a.m. Historic St. George's Confirmation Trip - Offsite
- 8:30 a.m. Asbury Basketball - Wesley Center
- 3:00 p.m. UMW Spring Luncheon Set-Up - Wesley Center

Sunday, April 17 / Baptisms

- 8:00 a.m. Heritage Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:15 a.m. God's Rainbow - 200
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class - 108
- 10:45 a.m. Revelation Bible Study - 217
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- 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group - 108/YL
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep - 106



Our Staff

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