



Asbury Church
a United Methodist
Community

JANUARY 13, 2013

THE VINE

faith in action... imagine your life changed.

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

TRADITIONAL 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
11:00 AM in the Wesley Center

Teaching Pastors
Mark Moore and Eric Yeakel

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

During our 9:30 Sunday School time, we have separate infants/one-year olds, and two year old childcare classes. During our 11:00 Services, we have childcare available for infants through PreK.

OFFICE HOURS

8 AM to 4 PM, M—F
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WHO IS THIS MAN?

After the crucifixion, it seemed like Jesus' influence on the world had ended. But the crucifixion was only the beginning. Jesus seems to be the man who wouldn't go away despite many attempts to destroy his influence and reputation. Jesus is history's most familiar figure and his impact on the world has been enormous. But sometimes even followers of Jesus don't fully understand or have forgotten his impact on the world.

Beginning the first Sunday in Lent, Pastor Mark and I will share a series of messages based upon Pastor John Ortberg's book "Who Is This Man?" In this series we will try and show how Jesus' influence has affected the arts, science, government, medicine, and education, and how his vision for us to follow him continues to inspire and challenge humanity today.

In addition to the sermon series, we will be offering a five session video study from John Ortberg. There will be a variety of days and times that this study will be offered. The dates, times, and facilitator for this study will be listed in "The Vine" and on the Asbury website by the end of this month. Please consider participating in this study. It will be a great way to grow spiritually during the Lenten season. Each year we give up something for Lent; this year, consider adding something (like this short-term study) to help your spiritual growth.

Pastor Eric

BLESSINGS & PEACE TO YOU FROM ASBURY'S CHURCH COUNCIL

Asbury's Church Council, comprised of Chair of Staff Parish Relations (Steve Unrath), Chair of Finance (Fulton Brown), Chair of Trustees (Bob Reighard), Lay Member to Annual Conference (Judy Ehninger), Lay Leader (Bob Barraco), and four members-at-large (Dick McCreight, Jamie Peter, Israel Olivieri, and Sarah Kinzel), is tasked with upholding and celebrating Asbury's many traditions, while looking into the future to envision the Asbury of tomorrow. Church Council prayerfully considers the strengths and needs of Asbury's members and friends, as well as the needs of our community. Led by the spirit, we established Asbury's Vision Statement,

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our Tag Line,

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and five BHAG's (Big Hairy Audacious Goals):

- 750 in worship within 5 years
- Christmas Eve offerings given to mission
- 500 in small groups in 5 years
- (at least) quarterly community events
- 75% participating in mission in 5 years

2012 witnessed: eRecycling Day, Trunk-or-Treat, and the UMW Bazaar on back-to-back Saturdays in October; small groups growing into "not so small" groups; new Lenten and Advent book studies; new mission relationships with Ramos School; Sandy relief donations flooding our halls; Christmas Eve offering tithed and donated to increasing children's literacy.

I am so excited to be a part of Asbury, working to discern God's awesome plan for our community. If God is speaking to you with ideas for Asbury's ministry, or there are concerns on your heart about our church, please take a moment to contact any Church Council member and share your thoughts. Or email me at skinzel@ptd.net Looking forward to sharing 2013 together!

Sarah Kinzel, Chair

RADICAL HOSPITALITY & EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

Congregational Life & Care

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, 1/15, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. in Rooms 208/210. A DVD on "God Loves Messy, Broken People" by Christian comedian Anita Renfroe will be shown. Call Linda Curry Bartholomew (610-395-8756) for information

EMERGENCY HELP AVAILABLE: In the event of an emergency (such as a power outage), Asbury has taken steps to become a shelter for members of the congregation. We have shower and kitchen facilities, camp pads and internet connections. The church answering service will be prepared to help with any information you may require and will arrange to have someone meet you at the church.

P. E. P. Club

(People Enjoying People)
In Fellowship Hall
January 18, 2013



BAGPIPING!

Presented by James B. Ruhf
We begin at 9:30 AM with food & fellowship
10:00 AM ~- Devotions and Program
Bring a friend!

CROP WALK NEWS

The 2012 Allentown CROP Hunger Walk Committee surprised walkers this year with establishing prizes to the top 6 performing fund raisers. There were 420 participants and among those prize winners were 3 members of Asbury. Congratulations to Sandy & Mike Silvonek, Kim Bringhurst and Ken Fitch! Thank you for your outstanding enthusiasm in raising money for this very worthy mission. Walkers also collected 475 lbs. of food for the Allentown Food Bank the day of the walk.

This year's Walk raised over \$30,000. Money is still coming in, but Asbury topped the list of churches/organizations raising \$4,951. This was a 165% increase over 2011. Much heartfelt thanks to AIM (Mission Brunch & Change for Change), United Methodist Women, our faithful sponsors, walkers and all who joined our first ever CROP Hunger Bike ride. Your continued support of this mission is really a blessing.

Thank you!
Debi & Barry Olphin



The Asbury Clown Ministry joined us this year during registration for the walk.

Prayers of Our Congregation

"Give us a pure heart that we may see thee, a humble heart that we may hear thee, a heart of love that we may serve thee, a heart of faith that we may love thee."

--Dag Hammarskjold

For those who are sick or in the hospital

Lord, we ask your mercy and healing for all those currently hospitalized or recently discharged, especially George S., Ashley B., Grover B., Paul P., Elaine G., Nicholas D. and Bruce K. Jesus, we ask you to have mercy on all those in pain, both physical and mental and grant them your peace.

For those who need your special help

Lord, we ask that the doctors are able to diagnose Leah K.'s granddaughter, Lindsey, and treat her. We lift up Jenna, suffering from addictions, for your healing and comfort. We ask that Louann C.'s sister, Jane, find the right treatment for her cancer. We ask that you open career pathways for those now searching for jobs.

For the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, we ask that you inspire and guide governments around the world to value every person, allowing all the freedom essential to human happiness and well-being.

For our children

Lord, we ask that you protect our children at school and give them confidence to succeed at every task.

For our congregation

Here we are, Lord, ready to serve you .

For those who mourn

Lord, we ask your mercy and comfort for the families of all those who have passed from our lives into your arms, especially the Griebel family as they deal with the losses of Dave's mother and Barb's father.

With thanksgiving for our joys

Thank you for work that satisfies and for leisure time that renews us. Thank you for the blessing of family members who test us and love us. Thank you for the blessing of your unending love.

For the missions we support

Lord, we ask your support for the Allentown Rescue Mission. This organization works with homeless men to shelter and house them while they try to re-establish their lives with a Christian foundation.



AMEN

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN



Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- ☺ 4th/5th Grade Large Group meets in Fellowship Hall on 1/13.
- ☺ 1st/2nd/3rd Grades - Children's Worship Time from 9:40-10:00 in Room 104. Drop-off and pick-up in regular classrooms.

Kidz Klub

- ☺ Join us **Friday, 1/18, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM for PJ/Movie Night!** Get out of the cold, wear your PJ's, bring your sleeping bags & pillows, and join us for dinner, games, and Movie Time! Volunteers are needed to help. Sign up in the Community Room or outside the Wesley Center.
- ☺ Future Kidz Klub dates - February 15, March 16, April 20.

All volunteers: We are in need of some more help on Sunday mornings - teachers or aides for the 3's/PreK/K grouping & an aide for 2nd Grade. Our kids need you! If you can give 1 hour a month, please consider this opportunity to serve. Training, support & lots of love from our kids are given! Contact Linda Arleth ASAP.

Contact Linda Arleth in the church office (610-398-2577 or larleth@asburylv.org) for information on all Children's Ministry activities and opportunities.

YOUTH



Confirmation will be starting soon! Check future issues of "The Vine" for more details. The full schedule will be out within the next few weeks. We look forward to going through the confirmation process and welcoming new members into Asbury!

Youth handbell choirs are starting again soon. If you've rung in the past and want to continue to be a ringer or if this would be your first time ringing and you're interested in something new, please contact Barb Griebble (bgriebble@asburylv.org) if you're in Grades 6 and 7 or Carol Lenhart (clenhart@asburylv.org) if you're in Grades 8-12.



High Schoolers: The Impact retreat in Ocean City, MD is coming up! We'll be there the weekend of March 22-24, so mark it on your calendar and watch for a permission slip to be available next week!

Contact Aaron in the church office (aforney@asburylv.org or 610-398-2577) for information on all Youth Ministry activities and opportunities.

ADULTS



The Northeast District of the Eastern PA Conference is sponsoring a "Tools for Ministry" event on Saturday January 26, 2013. The event will take place at Asbury UMC between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Come find the resources to equip and train you for ministry of transformation within your church and community. Brochures listing the various workshops are available at the Welcome Desks and outside the Wesley Center. Please pick one up for more information and plan to participate.

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RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

Asbury In Mission (AIM)

January

CHANGE FOR CHANGE this month is designated for Hurricane Sandy Relief. Please place your contributions in the containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Wesley Center.



Come join us for Brunch on 1/20, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. **(Join in on the Congregational Chat starting at 12:30 PM.)** The Brunch benefits Hurricane Sandy Relief and will feature: Plain and Western Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Cheesy Tater Bake, Pancakes, Apple Crisp, Baked Goods and Beverages, all available throughout the event. For our Brunch Serving (10:30 AM to close) we will additionally feature: Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Roasted Chicken Salad, Rolls, Country Vegetable Soup and Creamy Potato Soup. As always take-out orders are encouraged for those who wish to take a meal home (or to others). We look forward to brunching with YOU!

CARE NET

In honor of Sanctity of Life Sunday, Christian Singer/Songwriter & Dove Award Winner Mark Schultz is performing a concert on 1/19 at Calvary Baptist Church, Easton, PA at 7:00 PM to benefit CareNet of the LV. CareNet is a national organization which provides pregnancy support services, resources and life skills to women, men and youth; and is a ministry partner of Asbury. There are two ticket options: General Admission at 7:00 PM for \$13.00 or Gold Circle-Reserved Seating and Meet and Greet w/ Mark at 6:00 PM for \$50.00. Tickets can be obtained by calling 317-363-2443. For additional information, call Judy Burkholder (610-433-7289).

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 13 / Baptism

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:15 a.m. God's Rainbow Sunday School- 200
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Open Door Community Worship- WC
- 12:30 p.m. Kennedy Baptism Reception- Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 106/108
- 2:00 p.m. AFC Basketball- WC
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Basketball- WC
- 6:30 p.m. Serendipity Group- 208
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/108/FH
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Committee Meeting- 106

Monday, January 14

- 9:00 a.m. AARP Tax Aide- FH/204
- 9:00 a.m. Marketing Team- Aldersgate
- 5:00 p.m. AFC Basketball- WC
- 5:30 p.m. Brownie Troop 6027- 108
- 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Men- 215
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12- FH/106
- 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Guys- 208
- 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Girls- YL
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers- 206
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 15

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool Registration -Returning students
- 9:00 a.m. AARP Tax Aide- FH/204
- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- WC
- 12:00 p.m. Preschool Registration -Returning students
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Share Together- 208/210
- 7:00 p.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle Sub-committee- Aldersgate
- 7:30 p.m. OA- 204

Wednesday, January 16

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool Registration -Returning students
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 9:00 a.m. AARP Tax Aide- FH/204
- 10:00 a.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 12:00 p.m. Preschool Registration -Returning students
- 12:00 p.m. Asbury Clergy Lunch- Aldersgate
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 5:00 p.m. Karate- Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Dinner- WC

Wednesday, January 16 (continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Karate- Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers- 108
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 6:30 p.m. Teaching Ministry Team- 217
- 6:30 p.m. Rainbow Singers- 106
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- FH
- 6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. SPRC- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Church & Society- 202
- 7:10 p.m. Youth Choir- 106
- 8:00 p.m. Apostle Ringers- 206
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102

Thursday, January 17

Preschool Registration for Alumni & Asbury members

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 9:00 a.m. AARP Tax Aide- 204
- 10:00 a.m. Palmer Seminary- Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Parkland Service Unit 722- FH
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON- 108
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir- 102

Friday, January 18

- 9:00 a.m. AARP Tax Aide- 204
- 9:30 a.m. P.E.P. Club- FH
- 6:00 p.m. Kidz Klub- WC/FH/106/108

Saturday, January 19

- 10:00 a.m. NARANON- 108
- 11:00 a.m. Seybolt Memorial Service- Sanctuary/FH
- 12:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pinewood Derby- WC
- 6:00 p.m. Mission Brunch Set-up- WC Kit./FH

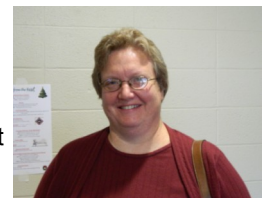
Sunday, January 20

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Mission Brunch- FH
- 9:15 a.m. God's Rainbow Sunday School- 200
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CARLEN BLACKSTONE

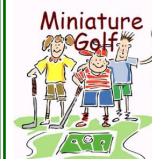
Carlen is involved in MANY ministries here at Asbury! She is a Liturgist and Moments with Children presenter, does Multi-media, organizes Laity Sunday & the Church Retreat, and has led numerous Bible Studies. But her true passion is Christian camping, and she not only advocates for Asbury's participation in all three of our UM camps, but participates as a counselor and director. Carlen has also been involved in leadership at the District and Conference levels. Thanks, Carlen!



Our Staff

Mark Moore, Senior Pastor
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Saturday
 February 2

Asbury's Indoor Miniature Golf is a great family event. Grandparents, parents and children all enjoy playing miniature golf. When you come to think about it, where else can all ages play the same sport? Sign up in the Community Room between services for a tee time or if you would like to build a hole.