



Asbury Church
a United Methodist
Community

JANUARY 27, 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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WORSHIP

The Apostle Paul described true worship perfectly in Romans 12:1-2: *"I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable, or well pleasing and perfect."*

This passage contains all the elements of true worship. First, there is the motivation to worship: *"the mercies of God."* God's mercies are everything He has given us that we don't deserve. The knowledge and understanding of these incredible gifts motivate us to pour forth praise and thanksgiving. Also in the passage is a description of the manner of our worship: *"present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice."* Presenting our bodies means giving to God all of ourselves. In other words, we are to give up control of these things and turn them over to Him.

True worship is God-centered worship. People tend to get caught up in where they should worship, what music they should sing in worship, and how the worship looks to other people. Focusing on these things completely misses the point. Jesus tells us that true worshipers will worship God in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). Worship is to glorify and exalt God—to show our loyalty and admiration to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Worship is not for us, it is for Him.

Pastor Eric



United
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Women

During January, the focus of each Sunday morning has been FAMILY. When I first hear the word "family," I think of my husband and children. However, I also have a spiritual family which plays a very important role in my life. Overall, my spiritual family is Asbury. However, my immediate spiritual family is the Deborah Circle, my sisters in Christ. During the 20 plus years I have been a member of Asbury; this group of women has been my "lifeline." They helped me raise my children, prayed for me, and laughed and cried with me. The Deborah Circle has done countless Bible studies together. These women joined me on mission projects like being "Kitchen Kweens" for the West Virginia Work Trips and on "field trips" to see Broadway plays and explore new places.

This Sunday, January 27th, is UMW Sunday, a time that has been set aside to recognize Asbury's United Methodist Women. During the worship services, you'll have the opportunity to see and hear some of the many ways this integral part of Asbury has reached out and touched the lives of our church family. Displays will be set up on the lower level for people to explore some of the many ways to join the UMW and become part of this very special group. If this is not the time for you to join a circle, I encourage you to participate in some of the UMW supported events listed on the Asbury website (www.asburylv.org). Join us as we continue to reach out and support women, youth and children; not only in our own community, but locally, regionally and globally as well.

Nancy Sheffield, UMW President



Miniature Golf

If you forgot to sign up for Asbury's Indoor Golf Event, you are still able to do so. Sign up in the Community Room between services. **Golf day is February 2, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.** Participating golfers must sign up and get a tee time. The 18-hole course includes new and revised holes and is created in classrooms, hallways and a stairwell. This is a great day for family fun. The Wesley Center will be open for lunch. Come and join us!

RADICAL HOSPITALITY & EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

Congregational Life & Care

STUDY ON PRAYER: Jesus emphasized and modeled prayer. Join us for a new study on prayer starting on 1/27. We meet every other Sunday evening in room 106 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. The dates are 1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/10, 3/24, 4/7, 4/21, 5/5, 5/19. We will start out using "The Circle Maker." For more information, please contact Cindy Brown (crjbrown@gmail.com or 610-799-3634) or Linda Woolbaugh (610-398-9370 or lwoolbaugh@yahoo.com).

CAR WASH TICKETS AVAILABLE: Get your car washed and help children with autism! Kuhnsville Car Wash coupons to help benefit Autism Speaks may be obtained from Nancy Miltenberger. They are "Gold" package coupons for \$11 each and are good through 2/1/14, so you have over a year to use them! Fifty percent of each ticket sold (\$5.50) goes towards Autism Speaks to help in the mission of autism research, awareness, advocacy and family services. Please contact Nancy (nlmilty@yahoo.com or 610-737-5774) to order and arrange for delivery.

A GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCHEON (Caring in a Nutshell) is planned for **Monday, 1/28**, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. in the Aldersgate Room. For more information, please contact Doris Farrar. (It would be helpful to know how many plan to attend.)

UMW Communion Breakfast

Saturday, March 2

9:00 AM ~ Wesley Center

Speaker ~ Cheryl Trent, UMW National Office

Special Music ~ Julia Schultz

All women are invited!



ASBURY ENDOWMENT FUND: Memorial gifts to the Asbury Endowment Fund meet two important needs at once. First, they allow you to express your feelings at the loss of a loved one or a valued friend. Second, your gifts help support Asbury's mission and ministry for years to come. Appropriate notices are sent to the bereaved family indicating the fact that your memorial gift was received. (The amount of your gift, of course, is not disclosed.) If you would like more information about the Endowment Fund, please contact John Chappellear (john@chappellear.me).



MIKE FISHER

Mike is a new member, and has taken on two BIG jobs! He cooks, bakes & prepares delicious meals for over 30 busy families at the Wednesday night dinners, and helps out in the kitchen for other Asbury functions. Along with his wife Chen-Chen, he has also volunteered to organize the Silent Auction at the UMW Bazaar in November! Thanks, Mike!



Prayers of Our Congregation

"Teach us to escape the worries of this world, to live and rest in You."

Harriet Crosby

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 Dorothy C., Harriet E., Thomas Y., Beth S., and Donna S. 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 of love, we ask your blessing upon Richard S. and family as he waits to hear about a job interview. Be with Bill P. who had surgery this week, and Linda's friend who is hospitalized with heart problems. Heal Kevin F. who is recovering from a broken collarbone. Lord, we ask that you lift the clouds of worry and sadness which sometimes descend upon us.

For the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, we ask that you be present in every decision our elected leaders make. We ask that you bless President Obama and help him and the Congress do what is right in your eyes.

For our children

Lord, we ask that you hold the sweet children of this world in your loving arms and protect them from all harm. Keep Brian F. safe in his travels to and from Puerto Rico.

For our congregation

Help us to treat others as we want to be treated.

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 family of Bonnie Reeve who passed last Sunday.

With thanksgiving for our joys

Lord, thank you for the joy of growing in knowledge and love. Thank you for health and peace of mind. We praise you that Don & Betty's 9-year old grandson (who is on the autism spectrum) scored his first points in an elementary basketball game.

For the missions we support

Lord, we ask that you bless Everlasting Life which ministers to the lost in the inner cities of the Lehigh Valley by responding to physical needs (food and clothing) and evangelizing.



AMEN

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

CHILDREN



Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- ☺ 4th/5th Grade Large group is in Fellowship Hall this week.
- ☺ Future dates for kids – Our Mission Celebration will be Sunday, 2/24. We will all meet together from 9:40-10:20 to celebrate and kick off our Lenten project for this year. Camping Sunday will be 4/7 with a presentation by the Director of Camp Innabah.

Kidz Klub

- ☺ All kids PreK/4 through 5th Grade – Join us 2/15 for a fun night celebrating Valentine's Day and God's Love! Come PLAY with us! Sign up in the Community Room or outside the Wesley Center starting 2/3.

Vacation Bible School

- ☺ Our dates are set – 7/29 through 8/2, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. More information to follow. If you are interested in learning more about participating on the Core Team, please contact Linda Arleth as soon as possible.

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



This Sunday we wrapped up a series on Spiritual Gifts in Youth Group. Couldn't make it or want to know more? Visit <http://www.asburyym.org/Default.aspx?tabid=524>.

Confirmation Sunday will be May 19, 2013. Classes will be starting in February. Details to follow.

Youth Sunday is on Sunday, February 10. Come to Youth Group this week as we plan and prepare!

On Sunday, February 3, we'll have a hangout night as we hold a Big Game Party at Asbury. Come any time after 6 PM and feel free to stay until the game is over, but because it will probably end late and it's a school night, feel free to leave at any time. Bring a snack to share!

Registration for the Impact High School spring retreat is open! Register now at www.asburyym.org!

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

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.

ASBURY'S GLOBAL MISSION PARTNERS

- ◆ Andrew & Mariah Breitenberg, South Africa
- ◆ Africa University Scholarships, Zimbabwe
- ◆ Barrels of Love, Liberia
- ◆ Bob Kniley, Campus Target, Asia .
- ◆ Connectional Ministries, UMC Eastern PA Conference
- ◆ Dr. Chris Hena, Liberia
- ◆ Dr. Mark & Deirdre Zimmerman, Nepal
- ◆ Haiti Partners
- ◆ Jewels of Hope, South Africa
- ◆ Kevin & Kathy Bruce family, Ecuador
- ◆ Liberian Scholarships
- ◆ Mercy & Truth Children's Home of the Himalaya, Nepal
- ◆ Mike & Jane Galley, Liebenzell, USA
- ◆ Rev Greg & Chris Miller, CrossWorld USA

Do you want to make a difference? Consider becoming a One-on-One mission liaison family with one of Asbury's mission partners.

Write to missions@asburylv.org for more information.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 27 / UMW Sunday

- 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
- 12:15 p.m. Acolyte Training- Sanctuary
- 12:30 p.m. Bulletin Board Meeting- Aldersgate
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 106/108
- 2:00 p.m. AFC Basketball- WC
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Basketball- WC
- 6:00 p.m. Church Council- 217
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/108/FH
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts- Aldersgate

Monday, January 28

- 9:00 a.m. Marketing Meeting- Aldersgate
- 12:30 p.m. Caring in a Nutshell Lunch- 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. Sr. High Guys- 208
- 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Girls- YL
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12- FH & 106
- 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers- 206
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 29

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:30 p.m. OA- 204

Wednesday, January 30

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 10:00 a.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 5:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Dinner- WC
- 5:30 p.m. Children's Bell Rehearsal- 206
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers- 108
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 6:30 p.m. Rainbow Singers- 106
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- 210/211/215
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 7:10 p.m. Youth Choir- 106
- 8:00 p.m. Apostle Ringers- 206
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102

Thursday, January 31

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 10:00 a.m. Preschool Open House (No classes)
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON- 108
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir- 102

Friday, February 1

- 12:00 p.m. Miniature Golf Set-up



Saturday, February 2

- 9:00 a.m. Asbury Miniature Golf- entire building

Sunday, February 3

- 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
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 106/108
- 2:00 p.m. AFC Basketball- WC
- 6:00 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/108/FH - Big Game Party



Would you like to receive updates from Asbury by e-mail? If you are not on our e-mail list and would like to be, or if your address has changed, please contact the church office. It's an easy way to access *The Vine*, as a link is included in the weekly update.



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