



**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

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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# THE VINE

*faith in action... imagine your life changed.*

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## CHURCH COUNCIL



Asbury's Church Council is very excited to announce that Aaron Forney has taken a full-time position as the Director of Youth ministries and Leader of the Open Door Worship Band. As you may know, Aaron is already doing both of these jobs but the Open Door Band position had been labeled "interim" when he first took it. Now, we want to recognize Aaron's hard work and dedication to both his part-time positions -- Youth Ministry and Open Door -- by creating one full-time position for him where he's responsible for both. Sunday night, Church Council agreed to create a full-time position for Aaron. We offered him the position and he accepted. Please congratulate Aaron on his full-time position and thank him for all of the work he does for Asbury.

Asbury is also in the process of hiring a Worship Coordinator. This position, originally advertised as the person to lead the Open Door Band, along with numerous other responsibilities, will no longer lead the Open Door Band. The position will be responsible for:

- ◇ In collaboration with the pastors and others, organizing and bringing uniformity of theme to all services with an emphasis on passionate worship
- ◇ Creation of a service on a day or time other than Sunday morning including the creation of another band or music of some sort
- ◇ Organization of "Worship Arts" (multimedia production for all services)
- ◇ Developing musicians
- ◇ Being the liaison to the Marketing / Communications Committee

The person will be expected to:

- ◇ Jump between each service to help with coordination and watch to make sure things run smoothly / find where improvements can be made
- ◇ Fill in for band leaders when they are not in attendance
- ◇ Train more volunteers for all services

When we originally advertised the position, the Open Door Band Leader was part of the position. With that advertisement, we received more than 50 applicants! We've narrowed that pool down to our top candidates and they will all be contacted about the change in the description to make sure they're still interested.

If you read the job description carefully, you may have noticed that this new Worship Coordinator will be responsible for creating a service at a time other than Sunday morning. One of Church Council's goals is to grow the number of people regularly attending worship at Asbury. One way we're looking to do this is by adding a worship service not on a Sunday morning. We understand that sports schedules, work schedules and other things cause conflicts beyond your control that conflict with Sunday morning worship times. We want to provide you with another chance to worship. This service is still in the early planning phases and we want to hear what you might be interested in if this is a service you may attend -- so please let us know!

# RADICAL HOSPITALITY & EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

## Congregational Life & Care

**PRISCILLA CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, 2/12, for a "Soup and Salad Night" at 6:30 PM in the Community Room. All women are invited. Please bring either a salad or dessert to share. The program will include book reviews of several selections from the UMW Reading Program. For more information, please contact Judy Whitby ([jmwhitby@aol.com](mailto:jmwhitby@aol.com) or 610-432-1848) or Brenda Baxter ([brendabaxter14@gmail.com](mailto:brendabaxter14@gmail.com) or 610-433-2583).

**THE DORCAS/MARTHA CIRCLE** will meet on Thursday, 2/14, at 9:15 AM in the Parlor. Fran Ihm will speak about a mission trip to Honduras. Donna Nuss will lead the devotions. The 2013 UMW pledge service will be held. Lee Ellenberger and Faye Vibbert will be hostesses. The Circle will be collecting men's new or slightly used warm hats for Linkage, a center-city agency for the homeless. All women are welcome.



**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!

Be Fed!

**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, 2/12, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. in Rooms 208/210. Call Linda Curry Bartholomew (610-395-8756) for information

## CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR WITH US!



The Garden of Eatin' Cafe will be serving several delicious Chinese meals on Wednesday, 2/6, to celebrate the Chinese New Year. We will also have child-friendly options available. Join us anytime in the Wesley Center between 5:00 and 7:30 PM. **PLEASE NOTE:** These "Wednesday Dinners" are open to anyone who wishes to come for food and fellowship. There is no set charge, but donations are requested to help defray expenses.

It's not too late! You can still sign up for electronic giving. Go to the "Online Giving" section on our website, or call Suzanne in the office for instructions on how to set up recurring deposits. This has been a successful program over the past year, realizing about \$1000 per month in deposits to the church accounts. New this year are "I Give Electronically" cards, now available in the pew racks for those folks who give online but would still like to have something to put in the offering plate.

## Prayers of Our Congregation

*"My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my savior."* Luke 1:46

### 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 Nicholas D., Bruce K., Alma D., Harriet E. and Dorothy C. 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 your special help for Judy B.'s sister-in-law's father, Tony, and their family. We ask help for Sarah and Jim F.'s granddaughter, Maynara, who is back in the hospital. We ask healing for Ron Z. after his surgery. We ask healing for Sara B.'s cousin, Jeanne, after her surgery this week. Lord, grant patience and forgiveness and harmony to troubled friendships. We ask that your loving presence be with Kim's father, Bruce K., and his family as he is moved to hospice care at 17th and Chew.

### For the world, its people and its leaders

Open the eyes of leaders around the world to envision a future of peace and freedom.

### For our children

We ask, Lord, that with your support, we are able to attend to all the needs of our growing children.

### For our congregation

Help us lovingly move out of our small circles and into the larger circle of Your family.

### 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.

### With thanksgiving for our joys

We thank you for the joy of Jim and Sarah F.'s 39th wedding anniversary. We thank you for the joy of Pastor Eric's approval for ordination. We thank you for the blessing of children in our lives. We thank you for the stories and lessons of grandparents. Thank you for a fun day of mini-golf!

### For the missions we support

This week's mission prayer is for CareNet, which provides advocacy and emotional support for those dealing with pregnancy-related issues. The group teaches classes using sound Biblical principles and offers Bible studies that encourage clients to form personal relationships with Jesus Christ



# AMEN

## INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

## RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

### CHILDREN



#### Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

☺ 4th/5th Grade Large group meets in Fellowship Hall on 2/3.

#### Kidz Klub

- ☺ All kids Ages PreK/4 through 5th Grade are invited to join us Friday, 2/15, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. Sign up in the Community Room or outside the Wesley Center.
- ☺ In January we had a PJ/Movie night! The kids & some of the volunteers wore PJ's and hung out with their sleeping bags and pillows!



#### Future Dates

- ☺ Mission Celebration – 2/24 during Sunday School
- ☺ Community Easter Egg Hunt – 3/23 at 10:00 AM

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

### YOUTH



This Sunday, February 3, is our "Big Game" Party at Asbury. Come any time after 6:00 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!

Youth Sunday is next Sunday, February 10. We need lots of helpers for the 9:30 service in the Sanctuary and the 11:00 Open Door service in the Wesley Center. If you want to participate, please contact Aaron Forney ([aforney@asburylv.org](mailto:aforney@asburylv.org)).

We want Youth Group to be a place that's welcoming, safe, and meaningful. Check out [www.asburyym.org](http://www.asburyym.org) to see how you can help to accomplish that!

Registration for the Impact High School spring retreat is open! Register now at [www.asburyym.org](http://www.asburyym.org)!

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

### ADULTS



Free copies of Asbury's 2013 Lenten Devotional will be available starting Sunday, 2/3. You can pick up a copy at the Welcome Desks or on the tables behind the Sanctuary. The 2013 Lenten Devotional will be posted on Asbury's website, [www.asburylv.org](http://www.asburylv.org), beginning Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13.

Free prayer calendars for February are also available at the Welcome Desks and on the tables behind the Sanctuary. Please lift up our mission partners and others included on the prayer calendar this month in your daily prayers. Thank you for praying for others!

### Asbury In Mission (AIM)



**CHANGE FOR CHANGE** this month is designated for the Salem UMC Food Pantry, whose mission is to provide food to low-income families who are *Food Insecure*, which is defined as "limited or uncertain access to nutritious, safe foods necessary to lead a healthy lifestyle." Salem UMC distributes food to over 350 food-insecure families on the first and third Saturdays of each month. Very little fresh food is available, and the clients are very much in need of the nutritional and health benefits of the fresh produce. Salem shows a dignity and respect for its patrons by allowing each family to select the foods they enjoy from each category of food-types. Most of the food is donated by private individuals, or purchased from Second Harvest Food Bank. Please place your monetary contributions in the containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Wesley Center.



#### ANOTHER WAY TO HELP

Asbury's Church and Society Ministry Team also helps out with the Salem Food Pantry, and continues to need **PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS** for bagging fresh produce. Please make sure these are the regular shopping bag size and also that there are no holes in them. The produce is heavy and often there is a large quantity to bag for families. Please bundle the bags and place them near the elevator on the lower level. Thank you.



# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## 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

## Monday, February 4

- 5:00 p.m. AFC Basketball- WC
- 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. Asbury School Board- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers- 206
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

## Tuesday, February 5

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:15 p.m. Brownie Troop 6926- 219
- 6:30 p.m. UMW Board- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:00 p.m. AGO Meeting- 202
- 7:30 p.m. OA- 204
- 8:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Meeting- Aldersgate

## Wednesday, February 6

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 9:00 a.m. Keep in Touch Meeting- Aldersgate
- 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. DS Committee Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:00 p.m. Teacher (3's-K) Meeting- 217

## Wednesday, February 6 (continued)

- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Kidz Klub Meeting- 217
- 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, February 7

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON- 108
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir- 102

## Friday, February 8

- 9:00 a.m. Asbury Quilters Retreat- 217
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- 210/211/215
- 7:30 p.m. Youth Coffee House- WC

## Saturday, February 9

- 9:00 a.m. Asbury Quilters Retreat- 217
- 6:00 p.m. Beitler Piano Recital- Sanc. & Parlor

## Sunday, February 10 / Youth & Boy Scout 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
- 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 Small Group- 208
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/108/FH
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Committee- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep- 106



### MARGIE KELLY

Margie is a Lay Reader and Greeter on Sunday mornings. She also visits shut-ins through the Keep in Touch ministry and drives them to church on Sunday as a faithful van driver. In the past, she has organized Asbury's Hanging of the Greens program. She also helps her husband Larry with the 4th grade Sunday School Class, especially when it comes time to fill all those shoeboxes! Thanks, Margie!



### e-mail updates

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*, since a link is included in the weekly update.

### Our Staff

Mark Moore, Senior Pastor  
 Eric Yeakel, Associate Pastor  
 Laurie Wallace Theisen, Director of Lay Ministries  
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