



Asbury Church
a United Methodist
Community

FEBRUARY 10, 2013

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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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CARRYING EACH OTHER'S BURDENS

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Galatians 6:2 to "Carry each other's burdens." Throughout the Bible we are reminded that we're meant to care and help one another. Helping one another is what it means to be the Church. If we are to become Disciples of Christ in all aspects of our lives, then we need to become profound advocates for one another. How are you doing with carrying other's burdens?

Here are some questions to consider:

- Are you a part of a team? I believe you should have at least twelve other people from your church connected to your life. You should know them by name, serve, and grow with them.
- Are you a son or daughter of encouragement – an advocate for others? Make it your daily task to encourage others.
- Are you giving yourself to bear one another's burdens? Someday you'll need it, but you're most likely to receive it when you've regularly been bearing the burdens of others.

To be a Christian is to be connected with others—to be in relationship. Jesus started the church to be a place where believers would encourage one another, provoke one another to do good deeds, and where we would bear one another's burdens. The best way to live this out is to be connected with a small group. If you are not connected with a small group at Asbury, please prayerfully consider becoming part of one and contact me regarding small group opportunities.

Pastor Eric

2012 FINANCE UPDATE

As we move into the New Year, on behalf of the Finance Committee, I want to provide a top line financial overview of 2012. As always, a more detailed summary is continually available at the Welcome Desks, and for those of you who really like numbers, Tom Gibson or I would be happy to supply even more detail upon request.

We finished 2012 with a positive cash balance and were able to pay our full Connectional obligations with the help of the World Service Fund contribution from AIM (Asbury In Mission). Our income was also bolstered by some substantial gifts from generous members of our congregation.

The good news is that the approved budget for 2013 is balanced, but, rest assured, it is tight. The Fall Stewardship Campaign resonated with the congregation, had a higher level of engagement, and produced improved results over previous years. We are blessed with an extremely generous congregation. We continue to watch expenses very closely, but invest where appropriate to maintain our beautiful church.

True to our purpose, we strive to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us by our congregation and will continue to do so in the coming year. Your questions are always welcome.

Fulton Brown, Chair of Finance Committee

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY

The Multimedia Ministry is a small group of dedicated members that are passionate about Worship and want to add to the congregation's worship experience by sharing their creative or technical talents. The team is responsible for creating the media during the week and operating the software and computer that drives the screens each Sunday. The skills that are required are varied (creativity, computer skills, ability to work with media – downloading and editing videos and photographs). If you are interested in this ministry, we can use your help either creating during the week or operating the computer on Sunday. Please contact Jim Flynn for more details (610-366-8145 or 2cooljim@gmail.com).

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 or 610-432-1848) or Brenda Baxter (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.

HANNAH CIRCLE RESURRECTED! Are you a mom? Do you need some grown-up time? Well...have we got the answer for you! Hannah Circle is starting back up again and it wouldn't be the same without you. For those of you who missed us on UMW Sunday and are interested, please send your contact information (including name, address, phone number, & e-mail) to hannahcircle@asburylv.org. We would like to include you in our next chapter of fun!

**UMW Communion Breakfast ~ Saturday, March 2
9:00 AM ~ Wesley Center ~ All women invited!**



A Special Birthday

Ruth Yeo will celebrate her 101st birthday on February 18. Cards may be sent to: Luther Crest Health Center, Room 588, 800 Hausman Road, Allentown, PA 18104. Happy Birthday, Ruth!



P. E. P. Club

In Fellowship Hall ~ February 15, 2013
Returning to Hess's: Story & Memorabilia
It should be fun to go back in time and remember one of our favorite places in the Lehigh Valley. We begin at 9:30 A.M. with a little refreshment and fellowship.

FEED THE BIRDS: In memory of Bonnie Reeve, birdfeeders will be hung outside the windows of the Community Room. A team is being formed to take turns filling the feeders (supplies will be provided). Please contact Laurie Wallace Theisen in the church office if you can help.

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

ASBURY ENDOWMENT FUND How long has it been since you updated your will? Does it still express your wishes? Does it leave a gift to the Asbury Endowment Fund to help Asbury carry on its ministry after your death?

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. 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 Alma D., James B., Jeanne B. and Nicholas D. 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

We ask your help and strength, Lord, for Brad J.'s grandma, Reva P., who is sick and hospitalized. We ask you to be with Jeff W.'s family friend, Trevor, as he joins the Marines. We ask improved health for Ben and Kathryn G. We ask for traveling mercies for Sue & Andrew as they leave for vacation. We ask for healing for Tony now in critical care, and comfort, strength and wisdom for his family. Be with Bruce V.'s longtime friend and coach, Linda.

For the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, help the powerful realize that serving and encouraging others is true power. We praise you, Lord, for all the volunteers who contributed in many different ways to producing Asbury's 2013 (free) Lenten Devotional, 'Jesus and Me.' Lord, help us multiply the talents you have blessed us with so that your kingdom may be realized here.

For our children

We ask that you keep the innocent and helpless children around the world in your compassionate hands

For our congregation

Lord, prepare our hearts this Lenten season, so that your love and compassion may enter.

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 Charles Kohl, the family of Elaine Roach, and the family of Bruce Kemmerer.

With thanksgiving for our joys

When the winter drags on, Lord, we are thankful for a warm home. At each meal, we thank you for a full belly. Thank you for being present with us every moment.

For the missions we support

The mission prayer this week is for Bob Kniley who works for Campus Target, a ministry to Chinese college students on campuses across China. The ministry calls students to a commitment to Christ and His teachings.



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INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN

Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

☺ 4th/5th Grade Large group meets in Fellowship Hall on 2/10.

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.

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) for information on all Children's Ministry activities and opportunities.

YOUTH

- ⇒ This Sunday (February 10) is Youth Sunday! The Youth will be leading the 9:30 AM and 11 AM Open Door services and talking about the focus of worship.
- ⇒ Coffeehouse is this Friday, including an open gym! Coffeehouse is from 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM and admission is \$5/person.
- ⇒ At Youth Group this Sunday we'll have a game night! We have a lot of great things planned, so be sure to come out, join us, and have a great time!
- ⇒ High School Girls Group will not meet on Monday, 2/11, but the group will worship together at the Ash Wednesday service. (7:00 PM, 2/13)
- ⇒ Confirmation information will be coming out next week! If you're in 8th grade you'll be receiving a letter with information. Confirmation is open to grades 8-12, so if you have not yet been confirmed as a member of the church but would like to, this is your chance!

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

ADULTS

Available at the Welcome Desks and on the tables in the Narthex are the following items to guide you in your spiritual journey through Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, 2/13, with a service at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

- † A complete listing of all the Small Group Lenten Studies that are being offered, with contact information. This list is also available on the website.
- † Asbury's 2013 Lenten Devotional, which will also be posted on Asbury's website, www.asburylv.org, beginning Ash Wednesday, 2/13.
- † Free prayer calendars for February, highlighting our various Mission Partners that always stand in need of prayer.



CHILI COOK-OFF

On 3/16, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM, Asbury Church is teaming with the Lehigh County Conference of Churches through our 5th Annual Chili Cook-off to raise funds and seek volunteers for Conference ministries. To make this event a success we need you!!! Please sign up to participate as a chili chef or give us some time as one of the many volunteers we will need. The Chili Cook-off team will have sign-up tables in the Community Room and at the downstairs Welcome Center on February 10th 17th and 24th.

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

Asbury In Mission (AIM)



CHANGE FOR CHANGE this month is designated for the Salem UMC Food Pantry, whose mission is to provide healthy, fresh food to low-income families. Please place your monetary contributions in the containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Wesley Center.

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Gather your church friends and family and plan on having brunch to support a good cause; "Stop Hunger Now." Too many people in the world suffer from malnutrition, hunger, and wonder from where or when the next meal will come. "Stop Hunger Now" offers us the opportunity to feed others. First, we raise funds to host an event where we will package nutritious meals for others. Help us raise the needed funds to host a packaging event at Asbury!

Brunch will be a variety of foods, including eggs, waffles, potatoes, fruit, variety of breads, ham, salad and many other items. Mark your calendar, bring your check book, and give generously.

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CAR WASH TICKETS FOR SALE

Last Call! Get your car washed and help children with autism!

Thank you so much to everyone who has bought car wash tickets! I have a few left and will be in the Parlor after the 8:00 AM service on 2/10 if you'd still like Kuhnsville Car Wash coupons to benefit Autism Speaks. They are "Gold" package coupons for \$11 each and are good through 2/1/14. Please let me know if you are interested in purchasing any - I can also deliver. Fifty percent of each ticket sold goes to Autism Speaks to help in autism research, awareness, advocacy and family services. Thanks!

Contact Nancy (610-737-5774 or nmilty@yahoo.com) to order and arrange for pick-up or delivery.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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



Wednesday, February 13 (continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers- 108
- 6:30 p.m. Rainbow Singers- 106
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- 210/211/215
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service- Sanctuary
- 8:00 p.m. Apostle Ringers- 206
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102

Thursday, February 14

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 9:15 a.m. Dorcas Martha Circle- Parlor
- 2:30 p.m. Parkland Press Editorial- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON- 108
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir- 102



Monday, February 11

- 9:00 a.m. Marketing Team Meeting- 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. Boy Scout Troop 12- FH & 106
- 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers- 206
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 12

- 9:00 a.m. District Clergy Breakfast- WC
- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 6244- 106
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Share Together- 208/210
- 6:30 p.m. Priscilla Circle- Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 7:30 p.m. OA- 204

Wednesday, February 13 / Ash Wednesday

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 10:00 a.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 12:00 p.m. Telecom Pioneers- Parlor
- 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
- 5:30 p.m. Daisy Troop 6075- 219



Friday, February 15

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

Saturday, February 16

- 9:00 a.m. O'Grady Quinlan Irish Dance School- WC
- 6:00 p.m. Mission Brunch Set-up- FH/WC Kitchen

Sunday, February 17 / Communion

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Mission Brunch- FH
- 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. SNL/JHE- YL/108/FH
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Small Group- 217



Monday, February 18 / President's Day

- Office Closed
- Building Opening at 5:30 p.m.



PAUL WOOD

Paul leads the Cheers Sunday School Class, and also organizes the new small group called *Families on the Grow*. He has been a Bible Study leader for numerous Advent & Lenten groups, and helps out with other church functions as needed. Thanks, Paul!



SPECIAL TIME FOR DINNER ON ASH WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday, 2/13, the Garden of Eatin' Cafe (aka Wednesday Night Dinner) will be closing early due to the Ash Wednesday service. The hours of the operation will be from 5:00 PM. to 6:45 PM. Please plan accordingly...enjoy the dinner, and then stay for the service.

Our Staff

Mark Moore, Senior Pastor
 Eric Yeakel, Associate Pastor
 Laurie Wallace Theisen, Director of Lay Ministries
 Linda Arleth, Director of Children's Ministries
 Aaron Forney, Director of Youth Ministries
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