



Asbury Church
a United Methodist
Community

MARCH 3, 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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Quick quiz: Would you be willing to skydive? Swim in the ocean with sharks? Bungee jump? Drive in a NASCAR race?

All of the activities above require some bold behavior. None of those come easily to most people, but if we are willing to risk some comfort and safety, willing to take on a new challenge, we could know the thrill of doing some amazing things!

It is not only physically demanding things that require boldness, it is our faith that requires boldness. Most people are quite content to have their faith give them comfort and assurance – but the real joy of faith is known not in the comfort of a pew, but in the risky adventures of serving God in the world.

How can you participate in **risk-taking mission and service**? There are so many ways! Consider becoming a Sunday School teacher. (You do not have to be a theologian – you just have to love people and have a desire to pass on the faith!) Serve in one of our many mission opportunities. Volunteer to serve as a camp counselor. Tutor a child at the Ramos school. Join our Keep In Touch Team. Help with our sound and light crew in worship. The opportunities are endless!

All of these will require some degree of boldness. And the best news – you will know the thrill of serving God and God's people. Be bold! Step out in faith!

Pastor Mark

PS When you do a bold thing, would you drop me a note telling me about it? I love to hear heroic stories!



EXPLORING HANDBELLS!



Join Barb and Carol in the Handbell Room (206) after the 11:00 AM service on 3/17 to find out why so many people have gotten hooked on handbells. All ages are welcome. Learn about bells, chimes, and silver melody bells, and try your hand at ringing. There will be no obligation to commit to joining a bell choir, but be careful, you just might get hooked, too! Let us know if you plan to come so we can save a place for you at the bell table. Contact clenhart@asburylv.org.

Families on the Grow

Families on the Grow is a group of families that gather for fellowship on a monthly basis. It has been a great way for people to get to know one another and feel a personal connection to Asbury. The children in the group range from infants to high school students. Families on the Grow has participated in fellowship, mission and Bible studies. Other activities have included Christmas caroling, family gym night, a progressive dinner, family game night, Iron Pigs game, Lehigh Valley Zoo picnic, a camping trip to Hickory Run State Park, a family campfire at Asbury and many more. The group also organized the first annual Asbury Trunk or Treat event. For more information contact Paul Wood (paewood@rcn.com) or Sarah Kinzel (mrskinzel@gmail.com). Check out the bulletin board in the lower level lobby for current events.

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Congregational Life & Care



ASBURY CONNECTION monthly meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, 3/6, in Room 108. Join us for an interactive presentation on "What Parents Can Do to Support Our Children as They Begin Their Journey into Adulthood" with Linda Lantaff, Asbury member and Academic Planner at KU. We encourage High School Senior Parents and new members to join us! For more information contact Dot Hess (610-391-9212 or hessdp@ptd.net).

EASTER EGG HUNT: Asbury Church will host the Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, 3/23, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM for children Ages 1 through the 5th grade. There will be Food, Crafts, the Egg Hunt, Story Time and Fun for all!!! The Egg Hunt will be held "rain or shine" so mark it on your calendar. For more information or to volunteer, contact Jaylyn Brisendine (jlyn32@aol.com) or Linda Arleth (larleth@asburylv.org).



G I V E

Blood

**Sunday, March 10
8:30 AM to 1:00 PM
Fellowship Hall**

Sign up in the Community Room
to "Give the Gift of Life!"

SUSANNA CIRCLE will meet at 7:00 PM on Monday, 3/11, at Alice Huey's home, 1271 Divot Divot Drive, Wescosville (610-395-6563). Asbury member Chuck Goodge, Council Director of Yokefellow Prison Ministry of Lehigh Valley, will tell us about this prison ministry in which he is involved. Lisa Perry, Council Chairperson, will also join us. Donations are appreciated to buy Bibles for those who attend the Bible studies. All women are welcome!

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, 3/12 at 7:30 PM in the Aldersgate Room. The group will continue the study of World Religions with the focus on Judaism. Rabbi Seth Phillips from Keneseth Israel will lead the discussion. All women are welcome. For more information, contact Judy Whitby (610-432-1848 or jmwhitby@aol.com) or Brenda Baxter (610-433-2583 or brendabaxter14@gmail.com).

DORCAS/MARTHA CIRCLE will meet at 9:15 AM on Thursday, 3/14, in the Parlor. Paul Frary will speak to the Circle about the Keep In Touch Ministry. Faye Vibbert will lead the devotions. Pat Pramik and Leah Kuhns will be hostesses. The Circle will be collecting deodorant for Daybreak, a center city agency, during March. All women are welcome.

Asbury's UMW (United Methodist Women) has joined Facebook! Please check out our site by visiting www.facebook.com and searching for UMW of Asbury UMC Allentown. Comments and suggestions are always welcomed and may be directed to Amy Benninger or Nancy Sheffield, or emailed to umw@asburylv.org.

Prayers of Our Congregation

"Thanks be to Christ the Lord, who brought us life by his death on the cross."

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 John F., Pat P., Karen D., Linda A., Carol P., and Rich H. 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: Randy K. (leukemia), Ernie S. (prostate cancer), Mary Ellen (cancer surgery on 3/8), Allan's sister-in-law (chemotherapy). Please give Michelle's mom, Pat, good news from her follow-up scans after cancer treatment.

For the world, its people and its leaders

We pray for those who have great power behind the scenes, that they might be touched by the deep longings of their people for a better life. We pray for our government, that we might be part of a better dawn for people of a distant land.

For our children

We pray for the children of our church, for the children of our city, for the children of our world. Please give strength and healing to Layla, who had surgery this week.

For our congregation

Be with us, Heavenly Father, as we reconnect with your Son in his wilderness, confronting and embracing our own challenges and unknowns.

For those who mourn

Bless those who mourn with the comfort of your love, that they may face each new day with hope. Especially be with the Klipple family, who lost a father, and the Kohl family, on the death of Jean so soon after the death of Charles.

With thanksgiving for our joys

Jim & Sarah are thankful for their faithful friends who continue to pray for their granddaughter, Maynara. We rejoice that Carol P. is now in rehab after a knee replacement. Dave & Nancy Sheffield have a new grandson, Walter Hall Sheffield, born to Dustin & Christina Sheffield on 2/25.

For the missions we support

Our mission prayer this week is for Teen Haven, a teen outreach ministry from the Water Street Mission located in Lancaster, PA. Our prayer is for their leadership team; their ongoing development; and devotion to Christ - may it serve the community in their inner-city.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN

Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

☺ 4th & 5th Graders will meet in FH at 9:30 AM on March 3.

Kidz Klub

☺ Next Kidz Klub is 3/15 from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. Sign-up outside the WC and in the Community Room.

Vacation Bible School

☺ Join us July 29 – August 2 for “Fun Fair – Where God’s World Comes Together” for ages PreK/4 – 5th Grade. Registrations will begin mid-May. If you would like to help on our Core team for planning, or be a coordinator of one of our Rotation Stations, please contact Linda Arleth.

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

Play Days

☺ Registration for the 2013-2014 PlayDays Program is now underway. (PlayDays is a weekday program for 1 & 2 year olds.) Visit www.AsburyPlayDays.org or contact Bev Kerch (610-395-4310) for information on how and when to register.

YOUTH

- ⇒ **CONFIRMATION STARTS SUNDAY, MARCH 3**, with a welcome time for parents and students. Confirmation is open to students from Grades 8-12 who are interested in becoming members of Asbury Church. Even if you’re not sure if it’s for you, come and see what Confirmation is all about. This session and all subsequent Confirmation classes will take place during the Sunday School hour, 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM, in Room 108. Rich Kropp and Nate Diffenbaugh are returning as teachers! Visit the Youth website, www.asburyym.org, for more information.
- ⇒ **IF YOU’RE ALREADY AN ASBURY MEMBER**, please pray for the students who are considering membership. Being part of a church isn’t a decision to take lightly. For these students to understand the commitment that they’re making, they will need your guidance and help along the way. A church is a community of believers worshipping and living life together. If you know students who will be involved in the Confirmation journey this year, we encourage you to walk alongside them as they take the steps to become members.
- ⇒ **HIGH SCHOOLERS DESIRING TO DIG DEEPER INTO THE BIBLE** should check out our High School Small Groups on Monday nights from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. We all gather in the Youth Lounge and then split between girls and guys.

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

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: Information on the Dilcher, Clarke, UMW, and International Studies Scholarships is now available at the Welcome Desks, near the Youth Bulletin Board on the lower level, and on Asbury’s website.

ADULTS

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, 3/12, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. in Rooms 208/210. Call Linda Curry Bartholomew (610-395-8756) for information

Pastor Eric Yeakel will be ordained at Annual Conference on May 17, 2013. If enough people are interested, we will charter a bus for those wishing to attend the ordination service. Please contact Amy Wood (awood@asburylv.org or 610-398-2577) in the church office if you would like to participate.

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

Asbury In Mission (AIM)



CHANGE FOR CHANGE this month will help provide medical supplies for Healthy Women Healthy Liberia. Please place your monetary contributions in the containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Wesley Center.



Cookson Hills VBS Mission trip will be held June 1 - 8, 2013. This year we are excited to combine efforts with other churches in the Oklahoma community. If God is calling you West this summer for fun in the sun (AC available), please contact Jenny Gast soon! (j2gast@gmail.com or 610-395-7408)

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

ASBURY ENDOWMENT FUND

Did you know that you can name the Asbury Endowment Fund as a beneficiary of your estate in several ways? Consider gifting to the Endowment Fund a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, the remainder of your estate after other gifts are made, or those portions of your estate whose beneficiaries predecease you.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 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
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class- 108
- 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. Cub Scout Committee- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/108/FH
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Small Group- 217

Monday, March 4

- 5:00 p.m. AFC Basketball- WC
- 5:30 p.m. Cub Scout Practice- 215
- 6:30 p.m. Lenten Small Group- 217
- 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
- 6:30 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, March 5

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 9:30 a.m. Lenten Small Group- 106
- 9:30 a.m. AGO Meeting- Aldersgate
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:15 p.m. Brownie Troop 6926- 219
- 6:30 p.m. LV Walk Now for Autism Meeting- 217
- 6:30 p.m. UMW Board Meeting- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 7:30 p.m. OA- 204
- 8:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Team- Aldersgate

Wednesday, March 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- Parlor

Wednesday, March 6 (continued)

- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Dinner- WC
- 5:30 p.m. Faith Ringers- 206
- 5:45 p.m. Families on the Grow- Aldersgate
- 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers- 108
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 6:30 p.m. Rainbow Singers- 106
- 6:30 p.m. Preschool Dad & Me Night- FH
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Small Group- 217
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- Parlor
- 7:10 p.m. Youth Choir- 106
- 8:00 p.m. Apostle Ringers- 206
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102

Thursday, March 7

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- WC
- 12:15 p.m. Lenten Small Group- 215
- 6:30 p.m. Preschool Dad & Me Night- FH
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON- 108
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir- 102

Friday, March 8

- 7:30 p.m. Youth Coffee House- WC

Saturday, March 9

- 8:00 a.m. Cub Scout Pack 12 Blue & Gold- WC/FH

Sunday, March 10/New Members/Baptism

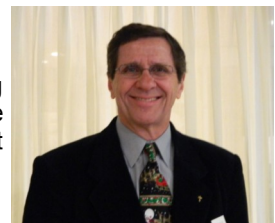
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- 6:30 p.m. Serendipity Group- 208
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/108/FH
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Small Group- 217
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts- 215
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep- 106

**SERVANT
OF THE
WEEK**



ED KELLER

Ed can be found at the back of the Sanctuary most Sundays, keeping worship flowing smoothly. Along with Cyndi Frank, he coordinates the Ushers, and also serves as a Worship Coordinator and Sound & Light Board Operator. Thanks, Ed!



Next Sunday, March 10!

Our Staff

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