



**Asbury Church**  
a United Methodist  
Community

**MARCH 10, 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

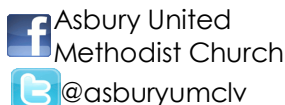
### SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

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

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## CHRISTIANITY AND WORLD RELIGIONS

We live in a diverse and changing world. Around the globe and in our own neighborhoods, we live and work with people of other faiths. What do they believe? How, as Christians, should we respond to them? How can we learn about their faiths and share our own faith with respect, building bridges of mutual understanding?

Beginning Sunday, 4/14, Pastor Mark and I will be focusing on the subject of "Christianity and World Religions." Our hope is that we will come to a better understanding of our world, a greater appreciation of the differences among religious people, and a stronger grasp of our own faith. This will be a four-week sermon series ending on 5/5.

The topics that we plan to cover in the sermons will be Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism. We will examine the essential beliefs of these faiths and the essential differences they have with Christianity. In addition to the sermons we will also be offering small-group studies and discussion. I hope you will consider learning more about these faiths in a small group setting.

Churches often speak harshly and judgmentally about other faiths or ignore them, pretending that they do not exist. Neither is ultimately helpful. Since the topic of religious diversity is of such great interest, we would like to make an extra effort to invite the community to join us. Please consider inviting neighbors, co-workers, relatives and friends to explore these topics in worship and/or a small group.

*Pastor Eric*

## IT'S MUCH MORE THAN JUST CHILI !!!

As we've worked together to plan this year's Chili Cook-off, I've learned much about the ministries of the Lehigh County Conference of Churches. The Aspires Mentoring Program was actually established at Asbury Church years ago and continues to mentor at-risk youth in the Allentown School District under the Conference of Churches umbrella. The Conference of Churches Soup Kitchen at St. Paul's Lutheran Church serves clients living below the federal poverty level, providing free meals to allow them to conserve their scarce dollars. The Daybreak Program's purpose is to prevent homelessness by offering self-sufficiency guidance with educational, socialization, nutritional, and employability components. What a wonderful opportunity we have to support these three ministries of the Conference of Churches by raising funds through your freewill donations at the Chili Cook-off.

Asbury Church's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Awesome Chili Cook-off is on 3/16, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Invite your friends and neighbors to the biggest cook-off to date which will be held in the entire downstairs at Asbury and will feature:

- ◆ Professional Chefs from 6 area restaurants, Amateur Chefs and a new Firehouse Chili competition with chefs from local fire companies.
- ◆ Celebrity judges including Darryl Dawkins, NBA retired; Diane Stoneback, Morning Call; Jaccii Farris, WFMZ; and Dr. Irving Cotto, UMC District Superintendent.
- ◆ Live music from La Plena Tres.
- ◆ Children's activities including face painting and balloon art.
- ◆ A Wild West Photo Booth with free family photos.



So come to support the ministries of the Conference of Churches and enjoy food, fellowship and family fun. It's much more than just chili!

# RADICAL HOSPITALITY

## Congregational Life & Care

**EXPLORE 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! Contact [clenhart@asburylv.org](mailto:clenhart@asburylv.org) if you plan to come so we can save a place for you at the bell table.

**CHOLESTEROL SCREENING** will be available next Sunday, 3/17, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon in Room 202 (across from the Sanctuary).

**EVERLASTING LIFE MINISTRIES** will host an Easter Dinner for less fortunate inner city families on **Saturday, 3/23**. Meals will be served at 12:30 and 3:00 PM, at Bethany E. C. Church, 224 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Allentown. Their needs are as follows: servers, hams, baked goods, and cash donations. If you can help with any of their requests, please call 610-776-4009.

**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. Application deadline for all scholarship is 4/15.

**LIBRARY CLOSING:** The decision has been made to close the church library. With the exception of some reference books, all of the other volumes are available for anyone desiring to take them. For more information, contact the church office.

**PEP CLUB** will meet on Friday, 3/15, for their annual St. Patrick's Celebration. Come for refreshments and fellowship at 9:30 AM and stay for the program, which begins at 10:00 AM. The *Piano Man* (Karl Hausman) will entertain with Irish music. All seniors are welcome!

**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](mailto:jmwhitby@aol.com)) or Brenda Baxter (610-433-2583 or [brendabaxter14@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**EASTER FLOWER ORDERS ARE  
DUE MONDAY, 3/11!**

## 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., Linda A., Carol P., Rich H., Kate B., Eve J., and Eric F. 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: Beth, (flu and pneumonia), Sadie's grandfather (doctor's appointment), Michelle (struggling with chemotherapy treatments) and Jenna (better self-image and recovery from addiction).

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

God our Father, you guide everything in wisdom and love. Accept the prayers we offer for our nation. In your goodness, watch over those in authority so that people everywhere may enjoy freedom, security and peace.

### For our children

We pray for the children of our church, for the children of our city, for the children of our world. May they be safe, healthy and loved.

### For our congregation

Lord, may each of us come into the Sanctuary to worship you, to meet with you -- not because of what we expect to be said in a sermon or because of that which we believe should be accomplished by the pastor and church leaders. May we always enter with a heart of desire to praise you, to glorify you, to honor you in every aspect of our personality, soul, heart, mind, and spirit.

### For those who mourn

Bless those who mourn with the comfort of your love, that they may face each new day with hope, especially the family of Jean Kohl, who passed away last week.

### With thanksgiving for our joys

Madison, Adam & Renee (Boyer) Althouse welcomed Aiden Eric to their family on 2/27. Richard Skidmore is thankful for answered prayers as he has secured a position in Pittsburgh doing something he loves. Rudy Dimmich will celebrate his 100th birthday on 3/18.

### For the missions we support

Our mission prayer this week is for Lehigh Valley Youth for Christ. Our prayer is that they are successful in their mission to bring for kids in the Lehigh Valley into their first church experiences.

## INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

### CHILDREN

#### Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- ☺ 4th & 5th Graders will meet in FH at 9:30 AM on 3/10.
- ☺ 3rd Grade Communion Workshop - Saturday, 3/16, from 9:00 to 10:30 AM in the Parlor. All students in the 3rd Grade and their parents are invited to attend! Breakfast is included. Contact Linda Arleth (larleth@asburylv.org) or return your postcard with name of child and number of people attending. Childcare is available for younger siblings.
- ☺ Sunday, 4/7, is Camping Sunday. The 1st - 5th Graders will take part in a Camping program led by Dan Lebo from Camp Innabah.

#### Kidz Klub

- ☺ Join us Friday, 3/15, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. Sign-up in the Community Room or outside the Wesley Center. Dinner included! Volunteers are still needed. Contact Sarah Kinzel or Pam Unrath to volunteer. Future dates: 4/19, 5/17 & 6/21.

#### Community Easter Egg Hunt

- ☺ Children Ages 1 - 12 and their families are invited to our **Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, 3/23, at 10:00 AM. Friends and their families are welcome too. Bring a continental breakfast item to share & your Easter Basket! Food, crafts, prizes and THE EGG HUNT! Sign-up in the Community Room or outside the Wesley Center.
- ☺ Donations of plastic Easter Eggs or monetary contributions would be appreciated. We also need volunteers to fill eggs on Wednesday, 3/20, at 6:00 PM in the Parlor; Dinner will be available at 5:30 PM in the Wesley Center. Volunteers are also needed for Saturday morning during the hunt. Join us for a fun morning celebrating with the kids!

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

**CONFIRMATION** has started, but it's not too late to join if you missed the first meeting. 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. All 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 [www.asburyym.org](http://www.asburyym.org) for more information.

**HIGH SCHOOL GUYS AND GIRLS GROUPS** will be watching and discussing *Passion of the Christ* on 3/18 and 3/25 during their 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM meeting time. Any high schooler is welcome, but please bring a parent-signed permission slip (located at [www.asburyym.org](http://www.asburyym.org)) since the movie is R-rated.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** takes place every Sunday morning and is a fantastic place to familiarize yourself with the amazing stories and teachings in the Bible. Classes are from 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM and are split by age group: 6<sup>th</sup>&7<sup>th</sup> Grade (Room 106), 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (Room 108), and High School (Youth Lounge).

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.

**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](mailto: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 designated 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](mailto:j2gast@gmail.com) or 610-395-7408)

## EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

### ASBURY ENDOWMENT FUND

Think about the part that you want to play in your church's future. Naming the Asbury Endowment Fund as a beneficiary in your estate can assure your continued participation in the life and mission of your church far into the future.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday, March 10 / New Members / Baptism

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m. Blood Drive- 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
- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Basketball- WC
- 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

## Monday, March 11

- 8:00 a.m. Open PlayDays Registration- lower level
- 5:30 p.m. Brownie Troop 6027- 108
- 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Men- 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. Fire Company CPR Class- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers- 206
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

## Tuesday, March 12

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 9:30 a.m. Lenten Small Group- Aldersgate
- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 7:30 p.m. OA- 204
- 7:30 p.m. Priscilla Circle- Aldersgate

## Wednesday, March 13

- 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. Daisy Troop 6075- 219

## Wednesday, March 13 (continued)

- 5:30 p.m. Faith Ringers- 206
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 6:30 p.m. Rainbow Singers- 106
- 6:30 p.m. Teaching Ministry Team- Aldersgate/223
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- 210/211/215
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Small Group- 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, March 14

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 9:15 a.m. Dorcas Martha Circle- Parlor
- 12:15 p.m. Lenten Small Group- 215
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON- 108
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir- 102

## Friday, March 15

- 9:30 a.m. P.E.P. Club- FH
- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open)- 108
- 6:00 p.m. Kidz Klub- WC/FH/106/108
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- 210/211/215

## Saturday, March 16

- 9:00 a.m. 3rd Grade Communion Workshop- Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. LV Organ Guild Auditions- Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. NARANON- 217
- 5:00 p.m. Chili Cook-off - WC/Lower Level

## Sunday, March 17

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Cholesterol Screening- 202
- 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
- 12:15 p.m. Exploring Handbells- Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 106/108
- 2:00 p.m. Private Party- Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Basketball- WC
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/108/FH
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Small Group- 217

**SERVANT  
OF THE  
WEEK**



## ERIN FORNEY

Erin runs the High School Girls' Small Group, and volunteers with the Youth Group, Coffeehouse & on Youth Retreats. She sings and plays keyboard in the Open Door Band, and was part of the planning team when the Open Door Service was created in 2009. Thanks, Erin!



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

**GIVE  
Blood**

**Walk-ins are  
welcome!**

## 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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