



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

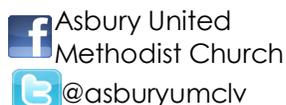
SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

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.

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THE VINE

faith in action... imagine your life changed.

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82%

Studies indicate that 82% of Americans who do not attend church would be willing to go – if someone invited them! Four out of five of your unchurched neighbors, friends, co-workers and classmates would be glad to accompany you to church – they are just waiting for you to ask them!

Additional research tells us the two best Sundays to invite someone to join you are 1) the Sunday before Christmas and 2) Easter. (No real surprise, right?) We are two weeks away from Easter ~ so who would you like to invite?

The point of inviting someone is not just to have them sit next to you for an hour on a Sunday, but to invite them to meet our resurrected Lord and (hopefully) begin a spirit-led, life-transforming journey as a Disciple of Christ!

To help you make the invitation, we have some very attractive 'Invitation cards' available for you. Pick one up as you leave the Sanctuary or the Wesley Center after worship, say a prayer, and then personally, with love and grace, extend a heartfelt invitation to your friend. Maybe – just maybe – that will truly be their first step to a transformed life.

Please take a moment and offer a prayer – "God, is there someone you want me to invite to join me for Easter worship?" In faith, step out and invite the one God brings to mind. God may want to use you to change a life.

Pastor Mark



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LENTEN PROJECT "BUCKS FOR CLUCKS"

From February 24 through March 31, our Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School and Kidz Klub groups are taking part in the Heifer International program called "Chores for Change." The program is simple. In exchange for small donations, the children agree to do additional chores at home or for others. The money the children raise will be combined and will go towards providing a gift of livestock for struggling families.

When the children bring their donations in their "cow" collection box each Sunday and to Kidz Klub in March, they experience the joy of helping others. The empowerment they feel will encourage them to make choices using a heart filled with responsibility, compassion and generosity.

Heifer International has been in existence for over 60 years and has helped 8.5 million families in 125 countries lift themselves out of poverty and move closer to self-reliance. The Heifer project provides a sustainable approach to ending hunger and poverty. If you would like to make a donation to our Lenten project, please contact Linda Arleth in the church office (610-398-2577).

Miller-Keystone Blood Center

thanks the 26 individuals who took the time to give blood last week.
19 pints were collected to help save 57 lives in the Lehigh Valley.

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!

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. 6th 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.



Rudy Dimmlich will celebrate his 100th birthday on March 18. Cards may be sent to: 627 Chelsea Lane, Allentown, PA 18104. Happy Birthday, Rudy!

FAMILIES ON THE GROW will host a game night on Saturday, 3/23, at 5:00 PM at the Unraths' house. For more information or to sign up, please contact Paul Wood (610-437-1862 or paewood@rcn.com). Each family should bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

CRAFT CIRCLE will meet from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM on Monday, 3/18, at the home of Faye Vibbert. Please call Faye (610-398-0516) for more information or directions.

SARAH CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, 3/20, at 6:45 PM in Room 108. We will discuss Chapters 13, 14 & 15 of John Ortberg's book "When the Game Is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box." All women are welcome.

PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE (KNITTING ANGELS) will hold a reorganizational meeting on Thursday, 3/21, at 6:00 PM in the Aldersgate Room. If you are unable to attend but would like additional information, please contact Pam Grossmann (pm.grossmann@gmail.com or 610-398-8066) or Dale Begany (dbegany@hotmail.com or 610-216-9517). Join us at the meeting and find out about this ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort, solace and blessing. Anyone who knits or crochets, whether new or experienced, are welcome and encouraged to participate.

ASBURY BEAUTIFICATION WORK DAY: Help us beautify our church grounds and garden beds on Saturday, 4/20, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Please bring your work gloves, gardening tools, trimmers, lopping shears and wheel barrows. There will be weeds to pull, sticks and leaves to pick up and mulch to be spread. We'll also do some minor pruning. Coffee and donuts will be provided to help get us going.

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 Ruth S., Marsha J., 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 mourn

Bless those who mourn with the comfort of your love, that they may face each new day with hope, especially the families Margaret Myers and Timothy Jandl.

For those who need your special help

We ask your help and strength, Lord, for: Mark (surgery for blood clot on brain), Donna W. (medical tests), and Leanna's cousin, Tim.

For the missions we support

This week we pray for Gideon's International. Our prayer is that they are able to continue their outreach where it is needed most. Right now they are focused on India (20% of the world population) - only 5.4% are professed Christians. Their campaigns in India have met with success at increasing that number.

For our congregation

Help us every day to lift up each other that our Love and unity in you will increase. We are thankful that Jennifer & Maryann Kelley and Scott & Mary Beth Kline joined our church last Sunday, and welcome them to our fellowship.

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. We thank you for watching over Michelle's son when he strayed from his family on a nature trail.

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 and our world. Watch over those in authority so that people everywhere may enjoy freedom, security and peace.

With thanksgiving for our joys

We shipped 24 barrels of school supplies and clothing to two towns in Liberia, thanks to the volunteers who came to sort and pack the items. Thank you for answered prayers for Judy.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN



Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- ☺ 4th & 5th Graders will meet in FH for large group activities at 9:30 AM on 3/17.
- ☺ 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

- ☺ Next Kidz Klub is 4/19, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. Future dates: 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) for information on all Children's Ministry activities and opportunities.

YOUTH



FINAL CHANCES:

- If you're in 8th Grade or above and want to join Asbury Church, our Confirmation Class is under way. Classes meet on Sunday from 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM in Room 108. Since classes have already started, next week (3/24) is the last chance to join the class.
- If you're a High Schooler (9th-12th Grade), our Impact Retreat to Ocean City is next weekend (3/22-3/24). Registration was due last Sunday, but it's not too late. Contact Aaron (aforney@asburylv.org or 610-398-2577) if you want to come! It will be an awesome weekend!

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) since the movie is rated "R".

YOUTH GROUP WILL NOT MEET on Palm Sunday (3/24) or Easter (3/31). Enjoy these days with your families and join us on 4/7 for "Next Steps" So you've accepted Jesus as your Savior... but what does that mean? What do you do next? Come find out!

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

ADULTS



PRAYER VIGIL

God invites us to pray: *Call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.* (Jer. 29:12) Be a part of Asbury's Good Friday Prayer Vigil as we spend time talking with God and listening for God to speak to us. Sign up on the Community Bulletin Board next to the downstairs welcome desk for a half hour time slot between 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

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 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 or 610-395-7408)

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

ASBURY ENDOWMENT FUND

Gifts to the Asbury Endowment Fund are a testimony to your faith and the confidence you have in your church. Both lifetime gifts and testamentary gifts (those given through your will) express your feelings in a lasting and meaningful way.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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- 206
- 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



Wednesday, March 20 (continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 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. Sarah Circle- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Small Group- 217
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 7:00 p.m. SPRC- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Church & Society- 202
- 7:10 p.m. Youth Choir- 106
- 8:00 p.m. Apostle Ringers- 206
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102

Monday, March 18

- 8:00 a.m. Piano Tuning- 102/Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Craft Day at Faye Vibbert's House
- 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. Finance Committee- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers- 206
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

Thursday, March 21

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 12:15 p.m. Lenten Small Group- 215
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Parkland Service Unit 722- FH
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON- 108
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir- 102

Tuesday, March 19

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 9:30 a.m. Lenten Small Group- Aldersgate
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:15 p.m. Brownie Troop 6926- 219
- 6:30 p.m. Gress Mountain Ranch Board- 215
- 7:00 p.m. AIM- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Endowment Fund Committee- Aldersgate
- 7:30 p.m. OA- 204

Friday, March 22

Sr. High Retreat Departure

- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open)- 108
- 4:00 p.m. AA Dinner- WC
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- 210/211/215

Saturday, March 23

- 10:00 a.m. Community Egg Hunt- WC
- 3:00 p.m. Private Party- FH
- 4:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 29 Dinner- WC



Wednesday, March 20

- 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. Faith Ringers- 206
- 6:00 p.m. Egg Hunt Meeting- Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers- 108



Sunday, March 24 / Palm Sunday

Sr. High Retreat Returns

- 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
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- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Basketball- WC
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Small Group- 217
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep- 106

Hosanna in the Highest

Servant of the Week

BILL GARMAN

Bill is another of our faithful "52 Sundays a year" servants. Almost every week, he helps count the offering from all three services. This is a big job, and very important to the church! Thanks, Bill!



CHOLESTEROL SCREENING



Sunday, 3/17
9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
Room 202

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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