



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

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THE VINE

faith in action... imagine your life changed.

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Holy Week



This weekend we begin Holy Week, a time when Christians walk with Jesus through the events of the last week of his life. On Palm Sunday we remember his entrance into the Holy City of Jerusalem, to the waving of the palms and the shouts of "Hosanna!" I hope you plan to start your Holy Week with *passionate worship* at Asbury.

On Thursday, we will remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples and his prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane: "Not my will, but Thy will be done." This very moving Communion Service will begin at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

On Good Friday, we stand with Jesus by his cross by coming to the church for our all day Prayer Vigil. You can sign up for 30 minute prayer increments from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. During this time in the Sanctuary you can read the story of Christ's crucifixion, pray for your fellow church members and lay before Christ your own burdens. I hope you consider joining us for this new Good Friday opportunity. We will conclude Good Friday with a service in the Sanctuary at 7:00 PM as we reflect on the events of the crucifixion.

I'm looking forward to Holy Week as we recount the events of the final week of Jesus' life. Without this week it is difficult to appreciate the joy of Easter. I hope you'll plan to attend the various services and invite a friend.

Pastor Eric

5TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!



On Saturday, 3/16, nearly 500 people came together to celebrate community at Asbury Church. And what a celebration it was! With 40 chili chefs, a live band, celebrity judges, children's activities and Wild West Photos it was an amazing, high-energy evening. The Chili Cook-off team is pleased to announce that over \$3,000.00 was raised for ministries of the Lehigh County Conference of Churches.

Ira Faro, Development Senior Director for the Conference of Churches, says the funds will be used for a variety of expenses within Daybreak, Soup Kitchen and Aspires mentoring programs. As examples, Ira explained that \$3,000 would buy 3 months of food, paper and kitchen supplies at LCCC Daybreak supporting 6,000 or more meals. Or that \$3,000 could be used for 2 months of food, paper and kitchen supplies at the LCCC Soup Kitchen supporting 6,000 or more meals. At the LCCC Aspires Teen Healthy Chef programs at Dieruff and Allen High Schools, \$3,000 would provide a full semester of food and supplies. Ira sends this message to the people of Asbury Church. "You folks are awesome. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you."

The Chili Cook-off team adds its thanks to our chefs, our volunteers and our guests for coming together as the Body of Christ to make a difference in the lives of those in need in our community.



RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Congregational Life & Care

CARING IN A NUTSHELL (GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCH) will be held from 12:30 to 2:00 PM on Monday, 3/25, in the Aldersgate Room. Contact Doris Farrar (610-395-2749) to let her know you will attend.

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.

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.

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.

A COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR will be held here at Asbury on 4/14 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. This family-friendly day will give us and our neighbors the opportunity to become acquainted with several agencies in the community and some of the services they provide. Representatives from Catholic Charities, Lehigh County Conference of Churches, Turning Point, Sacred Heart, Care.Net, Valley Youth House, KidsPeace, Meals On Wheels, and others will be on hand to share information on the assistance and services they provide to those in our community. Plan on dropping by any time between 1:00 and 4:00 on 4/14 to learn about these different agency services so that you can then help connect family, friends, and neighbors to the right help at the right time if the need arises!

UMW Reading Program



United Methodist Women Reading Suggestions

Two delightful children's books to share with a young person

"Agatha's Feather Bed" by Carmen Agra Deedy and pictures by Laura Seeley. Children and adults will love this story and the pictures, and will gain information in a whimsical way.

"Fatty Legs" by Christy Jordan-Fenton and Margaret Pokiak-Fenton. This true, engaging story is about an Aboriginal girl who went to a church-run school to learn how to read. A nun disapproved of Margaret and made her work extra hard and made her wear different colored stockings from all the rest of the girls. This book describes how she persevered successfully.



The church office will be closed on Good Friday, 3/29. To insure that The Vine and the worship bulletins for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday are completed on time, we are requesting that all information for publication be submitted by 8:00 AM, Monday, 3/25. This deadline applies to musical selections, worship elements, and news articles. Thanks for your cooperation!

Prayers of Our Congregation

Loving Lord, grant us the courage to be your obedient disciples, ready to proclaim, "Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord."

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 Ken B. Peg S., Carolyn G. & Alma 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 mourn

Lord, we ask your mercy and comfort for the families of all those who have passed from our lives into your arms.

For those who need your special help

Lord, we ask that you heal Maynara, Jim & Sarah F.'s granddaughter. Please uphold and strengthen Dennis H. who is going through serious health issues. We ask you to continue to help Jenna recover from addiction.

For the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, everyday there is a crisis somewhere in the world. We ask that you instill in the world's leaders and people a sure knowledge of which path is the right one to take according to your divine love.

For our congregation

Lord, cleanse our hearts from all sin and fear, and help us to follow the path you set for us.

For our children

Lord, protect the precious children of the world and help each one delight in your love.

With thanksgiving for our joys

Thank you for inspiring prayers for Mark who has now awakened following brain surgery. Thank you for a refreshing vacation time. Thank you for the joy of fellowship here at church. We rejoice with Thom & Tara S. as they celebrate the birth of a baby daughter.

For the missions we support

This week we pray for Cookson Hills Center located in Oklahoma, a ministry to impoverished Native Americans. Our prayer is that Meri Whitaker, their director, is blessed with the resources necessary for a busy and successful spring.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN



Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- ☺ All children are invited to participate in our Palm Processional at the 9:30 and 11:00 AM Sanctuary services. Children should be dropped off in their SS classes & the teachers will bring them to the Sanctuary at 9:30. For the 11:00 service, meet Miss Linda in the back of the Sanctuary at 10:50 AM. Hosanna!
- ☺ 4th/5th Grade Large Group meets in FH this week, 3/24.
- ☺ Camping Sunday is 4/7! All children 1st through 5th Grade will have a special program lead by Tim Lebo from Camp Innabah.

Kidz Klub

- ☺ Next month's date is 4/19 from 6:00 to 8:30 PM/. Sign up in the Community Room and outside WC starting 4/1.
- ☺ Future dates – 5/17 & 6/21.

Vacation Bible School

- ☺ Come join us 7/29 to 8/2 for "Everywhere Fun Fair – Where God's World Comes Together." If you are interested in joining our Core Planning Team, please call Linda Arleth. We will start recruiting for volunteers in April – sign up early to help in your favorite area.

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Mark 11:9

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



- ◆ 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!
- ◆ Sunday School Classes WILL meet on both Palm Sunday and Easter, so make sure to come out from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. Classes are as follows:
- ◆ 6th & 7th: Room 106; 8th (Confirmation): Room 108; 9th-12th: Youth Lounge
- ◆ We got snowed out last week, but High School Guys and Girls groups will be watching and discussing *Passion of the Christ* on 3/25 and 4/1 during their 6:30 to 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."
- ◆ A group of High Schoolers is in Ocean City, MD at the Impact retreat. Please pray for safe travels and a God-centered trip for this group!

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. We have chartered 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. Cost is \$25.00 per person, and payable in advance to reserve a seat. Departure time is expected to be 5:00 PM; more details will be available in the coming weeks.

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

Retirement funds present new opportunities for giving to the Asbury Endowment Fund. You may want to name the Asbury Endowment Fund as the final beneficiary of your individual retirement account (IRA) or other retirement funds, in the event that you and your other named beneficiaries die before all of the funds have been distributed.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 24 / Palm Sunday

Senior 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
- 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. Cub Scout Pack 12- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Small Group- 217
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep- 106

Monday, March 25

- 9:30 a.m. D.A.R. Meeting- Parlor
- 12:30 p.m. Caring in a Nutshell Lunch- Aldersgate
- 5:30 p.m. Brownie Troop 6027- 108
- 6:30 p.m. Lenten Small Group- 217
- 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Men- 215
- 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. Board of Trustees- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers- 206
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 26

- 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. LV Walk Now for Autism Meeting- 217
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 7:30 p.m. OA- 204

Wednesday, March 27

- 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
- 5:30 p.m. Daisy Troop 6075- 219
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Small Group- 217
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 7:00 p.m. LV Wheelmen- Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Let's Read Together- 208
- 8:00 p.m. Apostle Ringers- 206
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102

Thursday, March 28 / Maundy Thursday

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 6:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal-WC
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service-Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON- 108

Friday, March 29 / Good Friday

- 8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.-Prayer Vigil- Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open)- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service- Sanctuary

Saturday, March 30

- 11:00 a.m. Ziegenfuss Court of Honor- FH

Sunday, March 31 / Easter 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
- 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- Sanctuary



JEANNIE MUTHARD

Jeannie is active with Asbury in Missions, and serves as the Mission Coordinator for Children's Ministry. You could see her pushing a shopping cart around to children's Sunday School classes collecting food donations, or working at a Mission Brunch. She also is the liaison to our mission partner, Ramos Elementary School in center-city Allentown. Thanks, Jeannie!



Holy Week Events

- 3/28 Maundy Thursday**
Communion Service 7:00 PM
- 3/29 Good Friday**
Prayer Vigil 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Tenebrae Service 7:00 PM
- 3/31 Easter Sunday Services**
8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM in Sanctuary

Our Staff

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