



Asbury Church
a United Methodist
Community

MARCH 31, 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

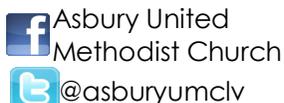
During our 9:30 Sunday School time, we have separate infants/one-year olds, and two year old childcare classes. During our 11:00 Services, we have childcare available for infants through PreK.

OFFICE HOURS

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During the dark days of the Soviet Union, residents of a small village committed a 'cardinal sin' — they refused to give up their faith and abandon the church. Their "crime" called for re-education. The whole village — every man, woman and child — was ordered by the authorities to the village square. In a chilling cold, they were forced to stand for hours and listen to speaker after speaker denounce religion, Russian Orthodoxy, their priests and their faith.



Finally, the re-educators asked the village priest to come to the podium. He was very old and bent over with age. The man in charge said to him, "You have exactly 10 minutes to challenge our arguments." The old priest looked up and said, "I will not need that much time." He moved slowly, almost painfully, to the microphone: then something miraculous occurred. He stood up straight. The years melted away. His eyes became clear and bright. He looked at the crowd and in a strong, loud voice proclaimed the traditional Easter greeting: "The Lord is risen!" The crowd roared back, "The Lord is risen indeed!" The crowd cheered, hugged and cried as the priest smiled and slowly shuffled off the podium.

For almost 2000 years, people in every corner of the world have gathered on Easter to proclaim the truth that has changed the course of history — that Christ has risen! Bring a friend and join your Asbury family this Easter as we sing praises to our risen Lord!

Pastor Mark

RAMOS LIBRARY UPDATE



Due to proposed budget cuts in the Allentown School District, there is a chance that elementary school librarians may be reassigned and the future of the libraries will be put at risk. Due to this unfortunate situation, the AIM Committee would like to divert the funds Asbury raised for the Ramos library. Rather than supplying books to the library, we propose that books be purchased directly for the classrooms at Ramos. The original intent of our gift was to place books in the hands of the students. We feel that by supplying the teachers directly, we are still honoring that intent. We can also get the books to the students immediately rather than waiting for a school board decision in June. If anyone would care to discuss this decision, please call Karl Kramer at 610-395-5245.

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.

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Congregational Life & Care

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.

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!

FRIENDLY & SMILING FACES are needed on Sunday mornings to greet and work at the Welcome Center/Information Desk. One half-hour a month would be very helpful! Contact Anita Quayle (daq1199@ptd.net) if you would like to be a greeter, and Laurie Wallace Theisen (ltheisen@asburylv.org) if you would like to volunteer at the Welcome Center/Information Desk.

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.

THE ASBURY CONNECTION will meet at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, 4/10, in Room 108 at Asbury. Join us for our monthly meeting for this Ministry that keeps our post-high school members connected to their church family. New members are always welcome, especially parents of High School Seniors. For more information please contact Dot Hess (hessdp@ptd.net or 610-391-9212).

THE SUSANNA CIRCLE will meet at 7:00 PM on Monday, 4/8, at Marsha Johnston's home, 4426 Bachman Drive, Schnecksville. (Call 610-799-4429 for directions or with questions.) One of our favorite speakers, Dr. Micah Sadigh, Assistant Professor of Psychology at Cedar Crest College, will speak on the topic "Archetypes of Dreams". Join us and bring a friend; all women are welcome!

THE DORCAS / MARTHA CIRCLE will meet on Thursday, 4/11, at 9:15 AM in the Parlor. Keith Newhard from AAA will give a talk entitled "Keeping the Keys," which relates to senior drivers. Helen Noneman will lead the devotions. Carol Willis and Alice Huey will be hostesses. In April the Circle will collect regular-size containers of shampoo and/or conditioner for Turning Point. All women are welcome to attend.

Prayers of Our Congregation

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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., Alma D., Carolyn G., Elizabeth R. and Peg S. 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. Lord, you know what a trial the teenage years can be and we ask that you help all those now experiencing these changes, especially Alexis D. We pray for all those searching for something and suffering...that they, in their struggle, find you.

For the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, we know we cannot solve all the world's problems, but you can. We ask your guidance as we search for answers to conflict and chaos. And we thank you for the chance to serve.

For our congregation

"He is risen." And the whole congregation of saints and sinners reply, "He is risen indeed."

For our children

This Easter, Lord, may every child know the joy and protection of your divine love.

With thanksgiving for our joys

We thank you for the joyful knowledge of Christ's death and resurrection, saving each one of us from sin and death. We thank you for the joy that John and Jan L.'s friends, Lynn and Carl joined us for worship.

Ken B. is thankful for all those who took care of him.

We celebrate the joy of the births of 3 Asbury babies: William Axel Egan, born to Dan & Lara on 3/12. Ava Rose Petko, born to Jacqui & Anthony on 3/19 and Reagan Alexis Slaski, born to Thom & Tara on 3/20.

For the missions we support

This week's mission prayer is for the Senior High UMYF Work Trip to Philippi, WV, working on housing projects for those in need in rural West Virginia. Our prayer is that the team finds the leaders, team members and funds for a successful 2013 summer trip.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN

Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- ☺ 4th/5th Grade Large group meets in Fellowship Hall on 3/31.
- ☺ Sunday 4/7, is Camping Sunday. 1st through 5th Graders will attend a presentation led by Dan Lebo, Director of Camp Innabah from 10:05-10:25 AM in Fellowship Hall.



Kidz Klub

- ☺ All kids PreK/4 through 5th Grade are invited to join us on Friday, 4/19, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. We will continue our theme of "Service." Activities include dinner, sports, and the start of our community garden. Sign up outside the Wesley Center and in the Community Room starting 4/7. Volunteers are always needed to give lots of tender care to our kids!

Easter Egg Hunt

- ☺ This past Saturday, 3/23, over 130 kids from our church and community joined us at our Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt. We had a crowd of about 275 people enjoy yummy breakfast food, and the kids had lots of fun doing crafts, hearing the Easter story, and hunting for eggs. A huge thanks to Jaylyn Brisendine, Amy Wood, and the team of volunteers for a wonderful morning of fellowship! Jesus is Alive!

May God's blessings be with you this Easter Sunday. He is our Risen Lord!

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

- ◆ Lent is a time of reflection, and no time is more solemn than the last few days of Holy Week, when we recall the final days of Jesus' life and the Saturday when it felt like all hope of a Messiah had been lost. We hope you're taking these days for your own reflection: How does the Resurrection impact your life? What parts of you are in need of revival? How will you respond to the gift of eternal life? We can't answer everything on our own. If you have something you can't find an answer to, talk to a Sunday School teacher, Youth Group leader, Pastor, or another trusted adult in your life. Know that Jesus gives us this assurance: "I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).
- ◆ Youth Group will not meet on Easter (3/31). Enjoy the day 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!
- ◆ High School Guys and Girls groups will continue to watch and discuss *Passion of the Christ* on Monday, 4/1, during their 6:30 – 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."



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

Asbury In Mission (AIM) Support for Ministerial Student at Africa University

AIM has approved scholarship funding for a young woman from Zimbabwe. Daina Tambudzai Matikitl, mother of 2 girls and married to a teacher, has completed initial theological training to be an ordained minister. At this point she wants to complete her Bachelor of Divinity degree at Africa University so that she can provide the leadership needed for the Zimbabwean United Methodist Church to continue to grow.

Africa University is one of AIM's global mission partners; by supporting Daina in her studies we will be able to have the personal contact that makes mission work more meaningful and exciting. Updates on Daina's progress will be posted in *The Vine* periodically, and more information about her is available on the Asbury website. AIM is always looking for One-to-One Contacts for our mission partners like Daina to strike up on-line relationships. This is very meaningful to the Mission Partners and to Asbury members as well. If interested in learning more about becoming a One-to-One Contact, please contact Dave McCleary, Karl Kramer, or any member of AIM.

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.

CHANGE-FOR-CHANGE UPDATE

Back in April of 2001 Asbury in Mission instituted the Change-for-Change initiative highlighting a different Asbury mission partner each month. The purpose of Change-for-Change is twofold: raising needed funds for our mission partners, but also raising awareness of the work they do. By placing your loose change in our Change-for-Change containers each week, you make a difference in the lives of those in need locally and around the world. Asbury in Mission is thrilled to let you know that the total contributions to Change-for-Change have now passed the \$50,000 mark! We thank God for those who have faithfully contributed to making a change for Christ and His Kingdom.

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

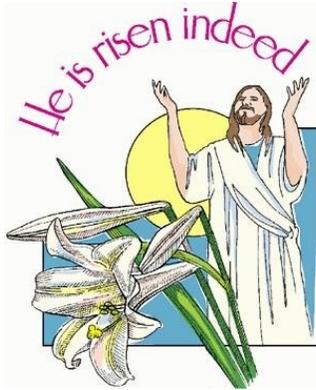
ASBURY ENDOWMENT FUND

Proper Estate Planning can reduce administrative time, expense, and inconvenience. Careful estate planning can also be one of the best gifts you give your family.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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



Monday, April 1

- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers- 206
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 2

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 1:00 p.m. AGO Meeting- 106
- 6:30 p.m. UMW Board Meeting- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:30 p.m. OA- 204

Wednesday, April 3

- 8:45 a.m. Keep in Touch- Aldersgate
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108

Wednesday, April 3 (continued)

- 5:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Dinner- WC
- 5:30 p.m. Faith Ringers- 206
- 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers- 108
- 6:00 p.m. Kidz Klub Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- 210/211/215
- 6:30 p.m. Rainbow Singers- 106
- 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, April 4

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Pocono Plateau Meeting- 217
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir- 102

Friday, April 5

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

Saturday, April 6

- 7:30 a.m. AA Day of Sobriety- WC
- 12:00 p.m. LV Wheelmen- Parlor

Sunday, April 7 / Communion

- 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
- 12:30 p.m. Online Planning Center Training- WC
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 108/106
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Basketball- WC
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/FH/108
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep- 106

DAN & LISA CROWLEY

Youth Director Aaron Forney says about the Crowleys: "Dan & Lisa are fantastic with our 6th & 7th Grade Sunday School Class, and make a great husband-wife teaching team!" Dan is also active with Asbury In Mission, and is the liaison for the Salem Thrift Shop. Thanks, Dan & Lisa!

Team members are needed for the Cookson Hills VBS Mission Trip ~ June 1 - 8, 2013! Contact Jenny Gast or Cindy Brown by 4/1 to volunteer, so planning can begin.

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