



**Asbury Church**  
a United Methodist  
Community

APRIL 7, 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

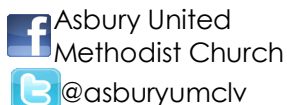
During our 9:30 Sunday School time, we have separate infants/one-year olds, and two year old childcare classes. During our 11:00 Services, we have childcare available for infants through PreK.

### OFFICE HOURS

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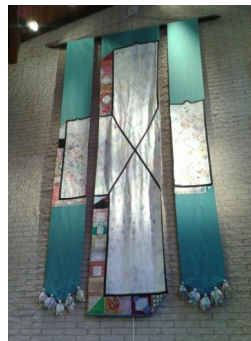
## CHRISTIAN CAMPING

As part of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference we are blessed to have four vibrant camp and retreat centers. These centers welcomed tens of thousands of guests last year. They hosted summer campers, day campers, retreat guests, school groups, and planning teams from local churches. The camp and retreat centers also develop Christian leaders for future ministry in the church. Our camping ministry is an extension of the ministry of the local church.

When we can get away from the busyness of our everyday lives and explore the beauty of God's creation, we can really enjoy and reflect on God's goodness. Camp experiences can help persons of all ages grow in their love of God, develop their potential as disciples, and lead others to faith in Christ. For many children that do not have a church home, this may be their only opportunity to hear God's message and encounter the love of Christ. I have met many pastors over the past several years that told me they received their calling to ministry during a Christian camping experience.

As summer approaches, please keep our camp and retreat ministries in your prayers. Sign up for the many wonderful camp and retreat opportunities. Pledge your financial support to sponsor a camper who does not have the resources to attend a camp. Volunteer to be a counselor at one of the camps. There are so many opportunities to participate in camping and you will find your life enriched by the experience.

*Pastor Eric*



## THE HANDKERCHIEF BANNER

This striking cruciform image was quilted from antique handkerchiefs donated in memory of mothers, grandmothers, aunts, cousins, nieces, and fondly-remembered friends. Women of Asbury collected these handkerchiefs over two years ~ about 300 of them~ from 40 contributors and from the folks who do the sorting at the Asbury Bazaar. They came with stories about wedding days and World War II days. Some are stained with tears, others with blood and tobacco.

The handkerchiefs are made of fine linen, silk and cottons. There are bouquets of every imaginable flower, screen prints for every season, hearts, cats, clocks and fish. The hankies are trimmed with tatting, embroidery, crochet and lace. There is amazing cut-work and applique, some are even delicately hand-drawn. The patterns, textures, colors and trims were collected and coordinated by Debra Goodwin and the women of the Quilter's Circle. These 26 generous women contributed over 200 hours of their time for 3 months to hand sew each handkerchief into place using only gold thread. What a tremendous gift of time and talent!

**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

**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 various 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. Plan on dropping by 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!

**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](mailto:hessdp@ptd.net) or 610-391-9212).

**ASSISTANCE NEEDED:** Asbury is hosting the Clergy & Laity Sessions of Annual Conference on Saturday, 5/4, from 9:30 AM to 12:00 noon. We are looking for 2 vans and drivers to help shuttle people from the Calvary Temple parking lot to Asbury at the start of the day and to shuttle them back at noon. If you can help, please contact Amy Wood in the office at [awood@asburylv.org](mailto:awood@asburylv.org).

**FREE SCREENING** for diabetes, hypertension and kidney disease will be offered by the National Kidney Foundation on Saturday, 4/13, at 702 N. 22nd St., Allentown (The Jewish Community Center). Call 1-800-697-7007 for more information and times.

**PRAYER & SHARE TOGETHER** will meet at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, 4/9, in Room 208. Call Linda (610-395-8756) for more information.

**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!

**PRISCILLA CIRCLE** will meet in the Aldersgate Room at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, 4/9. Cheryl Trent will lead discussion on Christianity based on the World Religions Study by Adam Hamilton. All women are invited. For more information, please contact Judy Whitby ([jmwhitby@aol.com](mailto:jmwhitby@aol.com)) or Brenda Baxter ([brendabaxter14@gmail.com](mailto:brendabaxter14@gmail.com)).

**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.

**HANNAH CIRCLE SOCIAL & REORGANIZATION** is planned for Friday evening, 4/19, from 6:15 to 7:15 PM in the Parlor. Please RSVP to [hannahcircle@asburylv.org](mailto:hannahcircle@asburylv.org) or contact Wendy Wright (610-360-6666 or [wendywright000@aol.com](mailto:wendywright000@aol.com)) for more information.

**UMW SPRING LUNCHEON TICKETS** are now on sale! Stop by the Community Room/Parlor between services on 4/7 or 4/14 to purchase tickets for the 2013 United Methodist Women's (UMW) Spring Luncheon. The Luncheon will be held in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, 4/21, at 12:30 PM. We will have a fashion show presented by "Divine Resale," featuring Asbury members as the runway models. For more information, please contact Wendy Wright ([wendywright000@aol.com](mailto:wendywright000@aol.com)) or the church office (610-398-2577).

## Prayers of Our Congregation

*Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

### 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 Suzanne S., Susan J., Peg S. and Colin B. 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, especially the family of Elizabeth Ann Siegfried.

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

Lord, we ask that you enlighten the hearts and minds of all those who threaten war and fill them with your peace.

### For our children

We know that Jesus loves each one of us, but especially the little children.

### For those who need your special help

Lord, we all need your special help at times. Right now we ask your healing for Hannah, the infant daughter of Scott and MaryBeth K. who has RSV.

### For our congregation

Lord, we praise you for your gift of this church where each of us may come to find you in worship, in fellowship with our neighbors and in giving to those who need our service and our support.

### With thanksgiving for our joys

We join in joyfully welcoming a daughter, Abigayle, born to Doug and Jodi Shaw on 3/29. Thank you for a joyful Easter celebration and the gathering of family and friends.

### For the missions we support

This week's mission prayer is for the students and teachers at the Ramos Elementary School in Allentown. Asbury has established a mentoring program with the school and has also recently supported a book drive. We ask the Lord to support the staff and students as the entire district faces budget cuts.



## INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

### CHILDREN



#### Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- ☺ **Camping Sunday is 4/7:** All 1st-5th Graders will meet in FH from 10:05 -10:25 AM for a special camping program presented by Dan Lebo, Director of Camp Innabah. 4th Graders will meet in Room 205 and 5th Graders in Room 210 at 9:30 AM.
- ☺ **Future dates:** 3rd Grade Bible Presentation is 4/28 at a special 12:30 PM service. The congregation is invited to attend! 5/5 is Teacher Appreciation Sunday. If you would like to help us serve a yummy breakfast to our children's teachers, contact Wendy Wright or Linda Arleth.

#### Kidz Klub

- ☺ **Come join us Friday, 4/19, from 6:00 - 8:30 PM.** Our theme is "Planting Seeds." Dinner, sports/games, activities! Sign up outside the WC, in the Community Room, or contact Linda Arleth (larleth@asburylv.org).
- ☺ **Future dates:** 5/17, 6/21, and in July on Wednesdays 7/10, 7/17, 7/24.

#### VBS—Everywhere Fun Fair

- ☺ **7/20 to 8/2, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.** Do you like to prepare snacks, tell stories of the Bible, make crafts, sing, and play games?! Do you love lots of kids' giggles and hugs? If so, you're in luck! We need someone to coordinate our Snack area, and our Storytelling Station. More volunteer opportunities will be listed soon!! Call Linda as soon as possible if you are interested in helping.

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



Hope everyone had a fantastic Easter and took time to remember and celebrate Jesus' triumph over the grave!

This week in Youth Group we're going to begin a 3-week series called "What Next?" So you've accepted Jesus as your Savior (or maybe you're still trying to decide if he is or not) but what does that mean? And what do you do about it? We'll talk about those things and some practices you can get in the habit of doing that can help you to stay connected with God. Youth Group is open to all students in 6th - 12th Grade. Come join us from 6:30 - 8:00 PM on Sunday night in the Youth Lounge.

High School Small Groups finished their study of *The Passion of the Christ*, so if you missed the last few weeks, be sure to come out again next Monday (4/8) from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Small Groups are open to students in 9th - 12th Grade.

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.

*¡Muchas Gracias!*

Thank you very much for generously supporting my mission trip to El Salvador over spring break. Growing up, so much of what I learned about God and missions came from people at Asbury, and I thank you all for continuing to support me. I was privileged to join a Global Health Outreach team (through the National Christian Dental and Medical Association) to Santa Ana, El Salvador. This letter is to say thank you for partnering with me and the team, and to share with you what happened during the week.

We were in Santa Ana over March 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, and during the four clinic days, we saw over 1000 patients in the medical and dental clinics. There were seventeen of us from the United States (five physicians, a nurse, a pharmacist, and a number of students), but really, we functioned to support the many local Salvadorans who organized the clinics and who worked as healthcare providers or translators or in logistics. It was a blessing to work alongside the members of our host churches during the day and to worship with them at night. Long-term, I think this is how GHO made the most impact in El Salvador, by working alongside the people who will continue serving these communities.

Again, thank you for your support. I should be back in Allentown in May, and hopefully I'll see many of you then!

Que Dios les bendiga (God bless you),  
Alli Osborne

## RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

### Asbury In Mission (AIM)

# APRIL

**CHANGE-FOR-CHANGE** in April is designated for CareNet, a national organization which provides pregnancy support services, resources and life skills to women, men and youth; Please place your contributions in the designated containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Wesley Center.



#### AIM Yard Sale

Save the date and your unwanted treasures to share! The AIM Yard Sale & Great American Bake Sale is 6/22! Co-coordinators and volunteers are needed. It's easy! Contact Wendy Huzar (610-797-8456) or Jenny Gast (610-395-7408) for more information or to volunteer.



### Lehigh County Conference of Churches

On 5/4 we have two opportunities to support the Conference of Churches. Aspires Teen Healthy Chef will be offering a gourmet three course dinner at Jordan UCC. Also, LCCC's Daybreak Ministry will be having a plant sale from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Union UCC on Rt. 873.

## EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

### FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

When using a special or blank offering envelope, please remember to include your complete name and/or envelope number. This will ensure that you receive statement credit for your contributions. Thanks!



# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## 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
- 12:30 p.m. Open Door Hospitality Meeting- Aldersgate
- 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

## Monday, April 8

- 5:30 p.m. Brownie Troop 6027- 108
- 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. Jubilation Ringers- 206
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

## Tuesday, April 9

- 9:00 a.m. Stewardship Meeting- Aldersgate
- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:15 p.m. Brownie Troop 6926- 219
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 6244- FH
- 6:30 p.m. LV Walk Now for Autism- 217
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Share Together- 208/210
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:30 p.m. OA- 204
- 7:30 p.m. Priscilla Circle- Aldersgate
- 8:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Team- 215

## Wednesday, April 10

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 10:00 a.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 3:00 p.m. Parkland Press Meeting- Aldersgate
- 5:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Dinner- WC
- 5:30 p.m. Daisy Troop 6075- 219

## Wednesday, April 10 (continued)

- 5:30 p.m. Faith Ringers- 206
- 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers- 108
- 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. Teaching Ministry Team- Aldersgate/223
- 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 11

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 9:15 a.m. Dorcas Martha Circle- Parlor
- 2:30 p.m. Parkland Press Meeting- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON- 108
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir- 102

## Friday, April 12

- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open)- 108
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- 210/211/215
- 7:30 p.m. Youth Coffee House- WC

## Saturday, April 13

*Nothing Scheduled*

## Sunday, April 14

- 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. Music Staff- Aldersgate
- 1:00 p.m. Community Resource Fair - FH
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 108/106
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Basketball- WC
- 6:00 p.m. Church Council- 217
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/FH/108
- 6:30 p.m. Serendipity Group- 208
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Committee- Aldersgate

## DICK BLACK



Dick organizes the event that some people consider to be the most fun, family-friendly one of the year – the Indoor Miniature Golf Tournament! From November on, he spends many hours organizing & planning, and during the last week he spends much time building his awesome stairway golf hole. Dick is also an active member of the Henritz Sunday School Class, and has served on various church committees in the past. Thank, Dick!



Help Us Beautify the Church Grounds

**SPRING WORK DAY**

**SATURDAY, 4/20**

**8:00 AM TO 1:00 PM**

Bring gloves, gardening tools, wheelbarrows, and rakes. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Mark your calendars!

## 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  
 & Leader of Open Door Worship Band  
 Tom Gibson, Business Administrator  
 Larry Hein, Head Custodian

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