



**Asbury Church**  
a United Methodist  
Community

APRIL 21, 2013

# THE FINISH LINE

*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

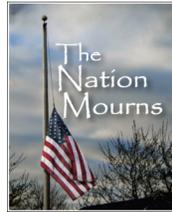
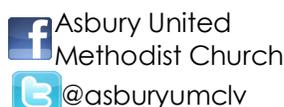
### SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

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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## TRAGEDY IN BOSTON

I have run 9 marathons in my life and there is no greater feeling than running that last quarter mile to the finish line. The finish line is always a place of jubilation and celebration. Unfortunately, the finish line became a place of horror and terror this week in Boston. As we reflect on this tragedy, many are asking the familiar question of “why?”

Unfortunately, there is no easy answer to why bad things happen to good people. What we do know is that God created humanity to have free will. Human beings have within them the ability to choose evil or good. For numerous reasons some people choose evil acts over good. The senseless killing of innocent people at a marathon was the misuse of human freedom.

God does not promise to stop people from making evil choices, yet God has not left us to our own devices. God walks with us and calls upon us to care for one another in the midst of suffering and in the wake of evil. God also brings good from evil. This is the overwhelming message of the resurrection. Jesus was put to death by men whose hearts were evil, but the cross is not the end of the story.

I have come to appreciate Frederick Buechner’s statement when he said “Resurrection means the worst thing is never the last thing.” Even now in Boston, evil will not prevail. God ensures us that light will always, ultimately, overcome the darkness. If we follow God’s lead, our work is to push back the darkness.

*Pastor Eric*

Spring has sprung! Daffodils are in bloom and there are buds on the trees. What a perfect time to celebrate the new season and the Resurrection of our Lord by joining Chancel Choir for the remainder of our choral season! We would love to welcome new members for the last few weeks of our “year.” What a perfect way to “try us on for size”! We are always overjoyed to welcome new members or returning members into our choral family at any time. Our rehearsals are from 7:30 PM until 9:00 PM on Thursday evenings. We not only rehearse beautiful, fun music but we laugh, share our joys and concerns and experience God’s love amongst friends. Please consider this an open invitation to join us! You are welcome to contact our director, Ken Schneider (610-845-0708 or [kenmar@windstream.net](mailto:kenmar@windstream.net)) or Robin Fitch (610-391-0198 or [fitch5@rcn.com](mailto:fitch5@rcn.com)) or just show up on Thursday night!



**DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR MUSIC?** Do you sing and/or play an instrument? Would you like to share your gift of music with the people of Asbury? Special musical numbers are needed for the summer Sanctuary services – solo, duet, trio, quartet, small group – whatever! Simply sign up on the sheet outside the Choir Room (102), and include a phone number or email address. You may choose to sing at one, two, or all three of the Sanctuary worship services. If you need an accompanist, please contact the keyboard person listed for the Sunday you wish to volunteer. Then call or email the church office with the name of your selection. That’s all there is to it!

# RADICAL HOSPITALITY

## Congregational Life & Care



**LARRY HEIN, OUR HEAD CUSTODIAN**, is seeking volunteers to help with grass cutting this summer. Volunteers will be scheduled on a rotating basis; days and times are flexible. If you are interested in helping keep the church grounds looking their best and getting some fresh air at the same time, please sign up on the sheet outside the Maintenance Room, email Larry ([lhein@asburylv.org](mailto:lhein@asburylv.org)) or contact the church office. Larry will contact you to arrange a time for training.

**VOLUNTEERS 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. Also needed are some volunteers to serve as parking lot attendants. If you can help, please contact Amy Wood in the office ([awood@asburylv.org](mailto:awood@asburylv.org)) **ASAP**.



**PASTOR ERIC YEAKEL** will be ordained at Annual Conference on Friday, 5/17, and we have chartered 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. Cost is \$25.00 per person, and payable in advance to reserve a seat. Cards of congratulations for Pastor Eric may be dropped off or sent to the church office for presentation to him on 5/18.

**10TH ANNUAL TIM KRATZER MEMORIAL GOLF EVENT** will be held on Friday, 5/3, at Wedgewood Golf Course in Coopersburg. Please contact Glenn or Kristea Kratzer (610-821-0258) for more information. All proceeds benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

## UMW Reading Program



For those of you unfamiliar with the UMW Reading Program, here is some basic information. The books are located in the Church Parlor/Community Room bookcase. Books are divided into four groups: Education for Mission, Spiritual Growth, Social Action and Nurturing for Community. There are also a few Leadership Development books, a section of large-print books and sections of Youth/Children's books. The plan asks that a woman read one book from each of the four categories and look at the Response magazine in one year. (It's fine to choose the youth books as part of the plan.) Just take a book and sign your name to the enclosed card and leave the card in the green file box. Please return the books to the bottom shelf of the bookcase. For more information, please contact Jan Kratz (610-395-5736 or [janna42@ptd.net](mailto:janna42@ptd.net)).

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



**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to assist with communion for the 9:30 & 11:00 Sanctuary Worship Services. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board near the Wesley Center lobby. We are also in need of a volunteer to coordinate the schedule. If you are interested in this position or would like more information, please contact the church office.

## Prayers of Our Congregation

*"Christ is the King of Glory.*

*Open our hearts to receive him in love and with joy."*

### 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 Shirley M., Susan J. and Mike K. 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 Alice Lloyd, who passed away on April 16.

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

Lord, the world is full of angry people who are in need of your blessing of peace. We ask you to put peace into all our hearts.

### For our children

Lord, we thank you for the joy our children give us. We ask you to build them up in body, mind and spirit so that they may come to know the joy of your salvation throughout their lives.

### For our congregation

We ask for guidance as we travel the path of our individual faith journeys, thankful for the fellowship of other Christians.

### With thanksgiving for our joys

Thank you for a cancer-free thyroid nodule for Eileen K. We thank you for the joy of JaMar & Deanna Billman welcoming a baby boy, Jordan Alexander on 4/15; Jordan is the grandson of the Walczers. We thank you for the presence of Manly Offutt and celebrate with him his 72nd birthday.

### For those who need your special help

Lord, we ask for healing for Jim and Sarah F.'s granddaughter, Maynara. We lift up Rudolf D. for your loving care and ask your mercy for a peaceful passing. We ask comfort and healing for Jenna who had surgery for a large blood clot in her left arm. We ask healing for Gloria who was hit by a car and has multiple injuries. Be with Keith as he recovers from a stroke. We ask for your great comfort on those personally affected by the explosions at the Boston Marathon.

### For the missions we support

This week's mission prayer is for the Yokefellow Prison Ministry, which counsels inmates while they are incarcerated and after their release. The focus of the ministry is to show these people that through a relationship with Jesus Christ they can experience a changed life.

## INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

### CHILDREN



#### Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- ☺ 4th & 5th Graders Large Group is in Room 104 on 4/21.
- ☺ The 4th Grade Class will be greeters on 4/21 at 10:30 AM in the downstairs Welcome Center area. Come say hi!
- ☺ The Congregation is invited to attend the 3rd Grade Bible Presentation next Sunday, 4/28, at a special 12:30 PM service in the Sanctuary.
- ☺ Sunday, 5/5 is Children's Teacher Appreciation Sunday. Info flyers are being sent home with the children. Please sign up to donate or help us serve a hot breakfast to our awesome Faith & Fun Alive volunteers. Contact Linda in the office to sign up

#### Kidz Klub

- ☺ Signups will start 5/5 for our 5/17 Kidz Klub. This cool kids ministry is for all children Ages PreK 4's through 5th Grade. We meet the 3rd Friday of the month September – June from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. This summer we will meet Wednesday nights 7/10, 17 & 24 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. From now through the summer we will have lots of outdoor fun tending to our community garden and playing in the sun!

#### VBS—"Everywhere Fun Fair"

- ☺ Mark your calendars now for **7/29 through 8/2** to attend and help with our VBS. We need lots of volunteers! Registration will start mid May.

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



The date of the Graduating Senior Luncheon has been changed. The luncheon will take place on Sunday, 6/2 at 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. If you're in 12<sup>th</sup> grade, you will be receiving an invitation soon.

We're wrapping up our "What's Next?" series in Youth Group this week by talking about some practical things you can do to work on your relationship with God. Youth Group is open to all students in 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade. Come join us from 6:30 – 8:00 PM on Sunday night in the Youth Lounge.

We're still trying to track down some people who have attended the West Virginia Work Week in the past 20 years to make them aware of our reunion that will be taking place on Friday, 11/29/13. If you have a sibling, child, grandchild, friend, etc., who was a part of this trip, please let them know so they don't miss out!

Registration for this year's West Virginia Work Week will be available soon. The trip is taking place July 14-20 and is open to anyone who has completed grade 9 through those who have just finished their 12<sup>th</sup> grade year.

There had been a 30-Hour Famine scheduled in the next few weeks, but it will be postponed. Dates have not been rescheduled yet.

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.

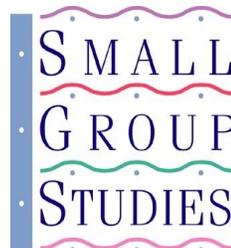
### ADULTS

#### "Christianity and World Religions"

A short-term study in conjunction with the current sermon series:

Hinduism ~ Buddhism ~ Islam ~ Judaism

(You are welcome to attend any or all sessions!)



<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>	<u>FACILITATOR</u>
Tuesday	6:30 PM	217	Pastor Eric Yeakel
Wednesday	6:30 PM	217	Carlen Blackstone

## 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

### ASBURY ENDOWMENT FUND

Consider making a gift to the Asbury Endowment Fund in memory of a family member or special friend. Feel free to discuss with Pastor Mark, John Chappellear, or Tom Gibson any questions that you may have in this regard.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday, April 21

- 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. UMW Spring Luncheon- FH
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 108/106
- 4:00 p.m. Adult Inquirer Class- WC
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/FH/108
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep- 106



## Monday, April 22

- 12:30 p.m. Caring in a Nutshell Lunch- Aldersgate
- 3:00 p.m. Community Resource Day Debriefing- 106
- 5:30 p.m. Brownie Troop 6027- 108
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Men- 215
- 6:30 p.m. Country Crossing HOA- Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers- 206
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

## Tuesday, April 23

- 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. Small Group World Religions- 217
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:30 p.m. OA- 204

## Wednesday, April 24

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Conferences- No classes
- 10:00 a.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 5:00 p.m. Karate- Children's Library
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Dinner- FH
- 5:00 p.m. Meals on Wheels Dinner- WC
- 5:30 p.m. Daisy Troop 6075- 219
- 5:30 p.m. Faith Ringers- 206

## Wednesday, April 24 (continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers- 108
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- Children's Library
- 6:30 p.m. Small Group World Religions- 217
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 6:30 p.m. Rainbow Singers- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Lehigh Valley Wheelmen- Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Let's Read Together- 208
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- Children's Library
- 7:10 p.m. Youth Choir- 106
- 7:15 p.m. 3rd Grade Bible Rehearsal- Sanctuary
- 8:00 p.m. Apostle Ringers- 206
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102

## Thursday, April 25

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Conferences
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON- 108
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir- 102

## Friday, April 26

- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open)- 108
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12 Open House- FH
- 7:00 p.m. Eagle Scout Rehearsal- Sanctuary

## Saturday, April 27

- 9:00 a.m. PEO Training- Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Mission Brunch Set-up- FH/WC Kitchen

## Sunday, April 28

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Mission Brunch- 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
- 12:30 p.m. 3rd Grade Bible Presentation- Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 108/106
- 1:15 p.m. 3rd Grade Bible Reception- Parlor
- 2:30 p.m. Eagle Scout Court of Honor- Sanctuary
- 3:30 p.m. Eagle Scout Reception- WC
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/FH/108
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Committee- Aldersgate



## STEVE LANTAFF



Open Door Worship Leader Aaron Forney says of Steve: "He has faithfully served Open Door for over 2 years and has increased his role significantly in that time. By running sound & lights every Sunday, he is vital to making the service successful." Steve also coordinates Asbury volleyball. Thanks, Steve, for "serving"!



April Mission Brunch

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28**  
**9:00 AM to 12:30 PM**  
**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**Proceeds benefit**  
**Salem Food Pantry**

If you are able to help out for an hour or two at the brunch, please contact Dick McCreight ([dick.mccreight@juno.com](mailto:dick.mccreight@juno.com)).

## 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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