



Asbury Church
a United Methodist
Community

APRIL 28, 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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A TITLE...OR A TESTIMONY

As I write this, I have just returned from leading the worship service commemorating the life of Rudi Dimmlich. If you did not know Rudy, he was a 100- year-old German-born gentleman who had been a POW for over three years during WWII, was released after the war to start life anew, and ultimately made the decision to emigrate to America. He arrived in 1958, eventually settled in our community, and was a faithful member of Asbury for many, many years.

When I met with his family and members of the congregation, I heard many wonderful stories about him. He had little formal education, never amassed a great fortune, and held no high office in the community. What he did was be a loving husband and father, a good neighbor, and a faithful follower of Christ who tried in all things to reflect the glory of God.

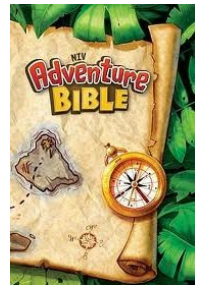
He had no great titles – but he had an awesome testimony.

What will be said about us at our funerals? Will it be said that we had great academic records, were talented artists or athletes, shrewd business people, holders of high offices? These are all good things! But at the end, what is most important is not the titles we have, but the testimony we leave. Let it be said we were kind, gracious and loving. Let us be known as people who wanted to honor God with our words and deeds. Let us live following Christ – and let our testimonies be that we loved and served God and God's people. That will be an excellent testimony!

Pastor Mark

3RD GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES

On Sunday, 4/28, at 12:30 PM, our 3rd Grade children will receive their Bibles at a special service in the Sanctuary. During this year, the children have done some extra work in learning how to use the Bible. In combining fun learning activities such as worksheets and games with their regular curriculum, they get a deeper understanding of their faith. Thank you to our teachers – Suzy Beman, Judy & Chuck Ehninger, Cheryl Seybolt & Alexandria Seybolt – for your love and dedication. Congratulations to our kids!!



Drew Alden
Kendall Anthony
Matthew Robert Barraco
Jackson Reilly Beman
Jessica Leigh Benninger
Cody Davis Galligani

Bianca Georges
Abigail Giordano
Alexander Green
Jacob T. Greening
Nicholas Joseph Greitzer
Leah Marie Herring
Sophia Marie Morgan

Cristian Jose Olivier
Chloe Catherine Oudin
Claire Alana Weaver
Leah Rae Webb
Evan Richard Wright
Mason T. Zaum



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



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN SEVERAL AREAS RIGHT NOW. PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER HELPING OUT IN ANY OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CAPACITIES:

- Shuttle/Van Drivers and (8) Parking Lot Attendants for the Clergy and Laity Session of Annual Conference on 5/4.
- People to help with grass cutting over the summer.
- Communion Stewards and Assistants for the Sanctuary worship services.
- A Coordinator to schedule Communion Assistants.
- Lay Readers for the Sanctuary worship services.
- Smiling faces to staff the Welcome Centers and serve as Greeters on Sunday mornings.

Sign-up sheets are posted in various locations around the church. For more information on any or all of the these opportunities, or to volunteer, please contact the church office.

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 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.

MISSING CAKE PLATE: Following last Sunday's UMW Luncheon, a cut glass cake plate was taken by mistake. The missing plate has a large, flat stop with a scalloped edge. The other plate is still at church, and can be found in the work room. If you took the wrong plate, please make an exchange. Thanks

DORCAS / MARTHA CIRCLE will meet on Thursday, 5/9, at 9:15 AM in the Parlor. Aaron Forney, Director of Youth Ministries and Leader of the Open Door Worship Band will present a musical program. Leah Kuhns will lead the devotions. Joyce Mehrtens and Jan Kuhns will be hostesses. In May the Circle will collect toothpaste and child and youth-size toothbrushes for Ramos Elementary School students. All women are welcome.

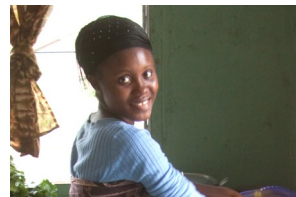


Many thanks to God's Rainbow for sending out the lovely postcard to me, and also to Tanya Rowland for delivering the beautiful altar flowers last week. Both expressions of Asbury's thoughtfulness were deeply appreciated
Sincerely,
Joan Donham

Amanda Cassell was one of our Mission Liberia counselors during the Asbury mission trip to Liberia in 2010. Since the completion of Mission Liberia, Asbury In Mission has been assisting Amanda with her college education. Amanda provides this update and request for prayers.

Dear Asbury,

I would like to once again thank you all for the support you have given me during my collegiate milestone at Stella Maris Polytechnic. I am amazed at how fast the time has gone and I'm very thankful that I chose to spend these past few years seeking higher education and following the advice and wisdom of my parents and of so many others. I thought it was important to update the people and organizations that have supported me on my accomplishment. I am finally done with all my courses at Stella Maris Polytechnic and hopefully awaiting May, where I will sit a final test that is a requirement for graduation called "The Exit Test". This test is actually a test that evaluates all that you've learned during your time in college and if you make a pass in that test, then you will be eligible for graduation otherwise, you'll never graduate. I know I'm gonna do just fine but I'm asking that you keep me in your prayers because there is nothing more than the power of prayers. My family extends their gratitude to you for your support towards my education. Words can't express how grateful they are for this opportunity afforded. I'll update you with when I'm done taking Exit Examination on May 4, 2013. Thanks for your support.



Christ above all,
Amanda Cassell

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. 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 Rudi Dimmlich, who passed away on 4/21, at the age of 100.

For the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, we ask your blessing on our country and our leaders.

For our children

Lord, we ask your mercy on all children in need of food, shelter and love throughout the world.

For our congregation

Lord, we ask your blessing on our activities as we grow as disciples of Christ.

For those who need your special help

Lord, please be with Ron Z. as he recovers from an operation. Bring healing and peace to Jim and Sarah F.'s granddaughter, Maynara. Strengthen, comfort and uphold Karen as she faces domestic violence and divorce with 3 children. Be with an Asbury member who suffered a miscarriage. Strengthen and heal Cheryl T. who is recovering from a fall. Lord, we ask you to provide opportunities for employment for all those looking for work.

With thanksgiving for our joys

We thank you for dry weather last Saturday during the annual Walk for Autism and Asbury's Work Day. We thank you for the joy of spring whose new growth and warmth refreshes us.

For the missions we support

This week's mission prayer is for La Trinidad United Methodist Church, whose mission is to reach those with spiritual and social needs in the city of Allentown. La Trinidad helps to make residents be part of the people of God, have new life in Jesus Christ and become His disciples.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN



Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- ☺ 4th & 5th Graders Large Group is in Room 104 on 4/28.
- ☺ Sunday, 5/5, is Children's Teacher Appreciation Sunday. Teachers will be honored at a breakfast. We are in need of volunteers to help cook, serve, and clean up. Please contact Linda Arleth or Wendy Wright if you are able to help.

Kidz Klub

- ☺ On Friday, 4/20, we welcomed 74 children to our Kidz Klub! They experienced lots of laughter, planting vegetables for our garden, and making homemade ice cream. A huge thank you to our core team and volunteers!!
- ☺ Next date is 5/17, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. We will need extra hands as some of our regular volunteers are unavailable to help. Please contact Linda Arleth if you can give some extra time this month to help us out.

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) for information on all Children's Ministry activities and opportunities.

YOUTH



A group of "toolmen" traveled to West Virginia last Friday to scout out projects for our West Virginia Sr. High Work Week. The organization we work through, Heart and Hand, asked us to be part of a project where an entire house would be built. We'll be building on the foundation that a group before us will start, and help to give a family a home. (They currently are bouncing between the homes of friends and family because their old home is too damaged to live in.) Please pray for this trip and, if you're in High School, watch for a registration form to be available in the coming weeks!

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 12th Grade, you will be receiving an invitation soon.

Sunday School takes place every Sunday morning from 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM and classes are available for all youth ages! Come join us!

Contact Aaron in the church office (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 Care.Net, a national organization which provides pregnancy support services, resources and life skills to women, men and youth; Please place your monetary contributions in the containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Wesley Center.



Asbury In Mission will be selling Jewels of Hope jewelry at the Mission Brunch on 4/28 and in the Community Room and at the Lower Level Welcome Center on 5/5. This beautiful jewelry is made by AIDS orphans in South Africa to help them provide basic needs for their families. Remember your mother this Mother's Day with a very meaningful gift and help some wonderful kids in Africa.



AIM is partnering with **New Beginnings Church** to help them gather supplies for their mission trip to Haiti this summer. Items needed are: soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, acetaminophen, ibuprofen, Band-Aids, triple antibiotic ointment, cotton balls, rubbing alcohol, antiseptic soap, and 4x4 gauze pads & tape. Please place basic toiletries and first aid items in the collection tub in the lower elevator lobby between now and 5/5,

The mission team for the **Cookson Hills, Oklahoma VBS** is requesting prayers and donations of cardboard from cereal boxes and clean pizza boxes, bean bags, and art scraps by 5/26. Small pieces of yarn, lace, odd buttons or jewelry, etc. will be helpful in creating masks. Please place items in container under the AIM showcase on the lower level. Monetary donations toward a pizza lunch for 60-100 kids may be given to the church office. Thanks!



WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Monday, April 29

- 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 30

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Small Group World Religions- 217
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:30 p.m. OA- 204

Wednesday, May 1

- 8:45 a.m. Keep in Touch- Aldersgate
- 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. Karate- FH



Wednesday, May 1 (continued)

- 6:30 p.m. Small Group World Religions- 217
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 6:30 p.m. Rainbow Singers- 106
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack 12- 210/211/215
- 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, May 2

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

Friday, May 3

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

Saturday, May 4

- 9:30 a.m. Clergy & Laity Session of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church

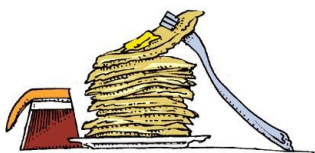
Sunday, May 5 / Communion

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 8:45 a.m. Teacher Appreciation Breakfast- 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
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 108/106
- 2:00 p.m. Private Party- Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Committee- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/FH/108
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep- 106



MARY KLEMENCIC

Mary Klemencic has been our Membership Secretary for over 10 years. She comes in to the office regularly and updates the membership rolls by recording births, deaths, marriages, baptisms, confirmations, and new members. Mary is also a Communion Steward & Server, Greeter and Lay Reader. She serves on the Memorial Garden Committee and is an active UMW member. Thanks, Mary!



April Mission Brunch

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

Proceeds benefit Salem Food Pantry

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
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