



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

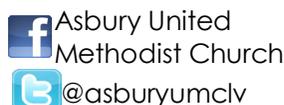
SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

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.

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MAY 5, 2013

DISCIPLE

A little over one year ago, we unveiled our new Mission Statement, which is: **"In all aspects of our lives, we will strive to be disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."** The word "Disciple" means a student, apprentice, or follower. A disciple learns and grows by obeying and imitating his or her master.

Christian discipleship isn't as simple as going to church services, believing a set of facts, observing rituals, or celebrating holidays. So, what does it look like to be a disciple of Jesus? In John 13:34-35, Jesus gives his disciples their instructions: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." When we live like disciples of Jesus, outsiders see Jesus' love in us. They see us putting others' needs ahead of our own and giving generously of our resources. That kind of love has the power to change the world.

So here's the question: Are we going to be content just being Christians, or are we going to be disciples? Imagine what our workplaces and communities would be like if we loved the way Jesus calls us to love. Imagine what would happen all over the world if Christians everywhere began living like disciples. Imagine if we all began to ask ourselves, "What does love require of me?" and then we acted on the answer.

Pastor Eric

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, 5/5, we are honoring our Children's Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School Teachers. We have 59 youth and adults who have roles as teachers, aides and childcare staff. They serve our kids and young adults from Infancy through 5th Grade, our Children's Autism Class, and God's Rainbow. Our youth teachers serve our teens Grades 6-12. We also have a team of 8 volunteers who serve on our Teaching Ministry Team for the children, and a Youth Ministry Team. On Sunday mornings, the teachers/aides work in teams to provide Christian Education through Lessons, Bible Study, Life Application, Games, Crafts, and Music. The formats are age appropriate, fun and interactive. The goal is to provide a time where children can learn the foundations of our faith, and begin to build their relationship with Jesus. This is a life-long process, and we hope by providing experiential learning they will continue their faith journey into adulthood.

A HUGE thanks to all of our teachers/aides/childcare staff for your dedication and for the love you give our children! The relationships that are built are for a lifetime. If you see a teacher today, please say thank you, shake their hand, or give them a hug! And join our team – the blessings are amazing!



In Christ's Service & Love,

Linda Arleth



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!

Congregational Life & Care



Please consider donating items to help CareNet stock their Baby Boutique, where clients can “buy” such essentials as diapers, formula, clothes, etc., with Carenet’s free money called “Baby Bucks.” Items needed are listed on the CareNet bin on the lower level near the elevator. For more information, please see the article on Asbury’s website, contact Judy Burkholder (ovine.@me.com) or visit www.carenetlv.org.

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.

PRAYER & SHARE TOGETHER: Asbury regularly hosts two Christian support groups for Lehigh Valley women: one for women with loved ones who are struggling with emotional issues such as depression, anxiety, bipolar; and another for those who are afflicted themselves. Next meetings for both groups: Tuesday, 5/14, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. in Room 208. Call Linda Curry Bartholomew (610-395-8756) for details.

PUT BALANCE IN YOUR LIFE! Visit the table in the Community Room on Sunday, 5/19, to seek guidance with nutrition, exercise, and yoga techniques. Tina Vozzo, Certified Coach, will offer tips for developing healthy, daily habits for teens and adults.

MISSING CAKE PLATE: Following the UMW Spring 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 Mehrstens 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.

SUSANNA CIRCLE will meet at 7:00 PM on Monday, 5/13, at Judy Ehninger's home, 2620 Gracie Lone, Macungie. Rev. Don Quayle will discuss with us "Understanding Hinduism." Join us as we further our understanding of one of the world's major religions. All women are welcome!

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, 5/14, at 7:30 PM. in the Aldersgate Room. As a conclusion to our study of World Religions, Judy Ehninger will talk about Methodism. All women are welcome. For additional information, please contact Judy Whitby (610-432-1848 or jmwhitby@aol.com) or Brenda Baxter (610-433-2583 or brendabaxter14@gmail.com).

Prayers of Our Congregation

*"I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford."*

For those who are sick or in the hospital

Lord, we ask your mercy and healing for all those currently hospitalized or recently discharged, including Kim L., Paul P. & Anne 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 need your special help

We ask healing for Pat W., Michelle H.'s mother, as she recovers from surgery. We lift up Debbie G.'s colleague, Michelle, for healing after eye surgery. We ask comfort and healing for Paula's Aunt Jean who has lost her voice due to vocal cord damage. Please send speedy healing for Nathan, a 6 year old grandson of Bob and JoAnn who fell and has a large bump on his head. We ask successful surgery and recovery for Cory. We ask you for a successful mission trip for Carole H.'s cousin, Kathy, as she travels to Uganda with Operation Christmas Child. We ask healing for Nancy S.'s brother-in-law who was recently diagnosed with lung cancer. We pray for Jennifer, who overdosed on drugs and was revived by medical personnel. We ask for job or educational opportunities for those who are unemployed.

For our congregation

Lord, we glory in the salvation provided by Christ's death and resurrection and give you thanks.

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 the world, its people and its leaders

Lead us to a better understanding of the needs of all people, and guide us in ways to help.

For our children

We ask that you guide us to provide for children in need throughout the world.

With thanksgiving for our joys

We celebrate the joy of Maggie Neely's 80th birthday on 4/26. The Fulltons give thanks for a wonderful day celebrating their granddaughter Maynara's 14th birthday.

For the missions we support

Lord, we ask for your support for the Galley family whose Liebenzell Mission sends forth missionaries to carry out the Great Commission.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN



Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- ☺ Sunday, 5/5, we are honoring our Children's Sunday School teachers, aides, childcare workers, and TMT. Countless hours are given each year planning, preparing, and teaching your children the stories of the Bible, the foundations of our faith, and helping them build their relationship with Jesus. Thank you to all who serve, love and support our children at Asbury! May God bless you in your ministry.
- ☺ Faith & Fun Alive Registration for the 2013-2014 school year begins 5/5. Look for the table in the 2nd floor elevator area with registration forms. Linda will be there from 10:20-11:00 AM handing out forms and answering questions. Forms will also be available in the classrooms. These registration forms are used each year for our emergency information, so it is very important we have them on file for our computer.

Kidz Klub

- ☺ On Friday, 5/17, we will continue our "Garden Party" from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. All kids ages PreK 4's – 5th Grade are invited to join us for dinner & fun outside activities, including tending our Community Garden. Wear play clothes and sneakers! Plan to get dirty!! Volunteers are needed to help prepare dinner, and help with the activities that night. Please contact Pam Unrath at pamelau03@gmail.com to volunteer!!

VBS—"Everywhere Fun Fair"

- ☺ Registration for our "Everywhere Fun Fair" will start Sunday, 5/19. Look for forms in the Community Room, outside the WC, in the church office, and online. VBS is **July 29 – August 2** from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Our Family Fun Carnival Celebration will be held Tuesday 7/30 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to help as shepherds, and in the crafts, storytelling, music, games, and snack areas, and on Family Fun Nite. We still need a snacks coordinator – easy snacks can be planned for each day & you will have help with shopping!! Contact Linda Arleth in the office to volunteer!

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



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.

If you're a Confirmand, don't forget to get your essay in by this Sunday if you haven't turned it in already. Also, the trip to Historic St. George's is next Saturday (5/11); please make sure it's on your calendar. **Parents: we need drivers, so if you're able and willing to help, please contact Aaron Forney.**

The Service of Confirmation will be held on Sunday, 5/19, at 12:30 PM. All are invited, so please come out and welcome this year's Confirmands into our Church!

The final Coffeehouse of the year is next Friday, 5/10, from 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM!

Contact Aaron in the church office (aforney@asburylv.org or 610-398-2577)

ASBURY ENDOWMENT FUND

Is your current will keeping up with you? Does it reflect your Christian commitments? Make sure it is up to date - and please consider including the Asbury Endowment Fund in your estate planning.

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

Asbury In Mission (AIM)



CHANGE-FOR-CHANGE for May is designated to support Africa University, a United Methodist-supported institution whose vision is to become a world class university for leadership development in Africa. Please place your 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 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 by 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, 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



Wednesday, May 8 (continued)

- 5:30 p.m. Faith Ringers- 206
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 6:30 p.m. Small Group World Religions- 217
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack 12- 210/211/215
- 6:30 p.m. Teaching Ministry Team- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 8:00 p.m. Apostle Ringers- 206
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102

Monday, May 6

- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury School Board Meeting- Aldersgate
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

Thursday, May 9

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Picnics- 106/108/204
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON- 108
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir- 102

Friday, May 10

- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open)- 108
- 5:30 p.m. Arleth & Smith Rehearsal- Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Arleth & Smith Dinner- Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack 12- 210/211/215
- 7:30 p.m. Youth Coffee House- WC

Tuesday, May 7

- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Small Group World Religions- 217
- 6:30 p.m. UMW Board Meeting- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:00 p.m. AGO Meeting- 202
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Harmony- FH
- 7:30 p.m. OA- 204
- 8:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Team- Aldersgate

Saturday, May 11

Confirmation Trip to Old St. George's

- 10:00 a.m. NARANON- 108
- 2:00 p.m. Arleth & Smith Wedding- Sanctuary



Wednesday, May 8

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 10:00 a.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 1:00 p.m. EPAUMC Children's Ministry- Aldersgate
- 5:00 p.m. Karate- FH

Sunday, May 12 / Mother's Day

- 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- 108/106
- 6:30 p.m. Serendipity Small Group- 208





Servant of the Week

PAUL (SKIP) SLASKI

For the past two years, Skip has spearheaded Asbury's Fall Stewardship Campaign. He is the facilitator for the Pioneer Sunday School Class and was the Chairperson of the Finance Committee for 6 years. Business Administrator Tom Gibson offers an interesting and impressive item about Skip: He built Asbury's very first database program in the 1980's! Thanks, Skip!



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Saturday, June 22, 2013
10:00 AM to 10:00 PM

Meet the Bishop!

For details and information on reduced admission coupons, please e-mail rossbrightwell@verizon.net.

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