



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

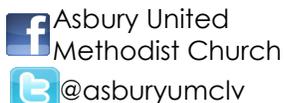
SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

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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TWO SPECIAL WORDS

Friends – I want to offer two special words today – Thank You !

First, I'd like to offer a special "thank you" to the many people who helped make Annual Conference a wonderful event. On Saturday, May 4, we hosted about 700 Laity and Clergy here at Asbury. Bishop Johnson, the District Superintendents, and many of those in attendance stopped me to say how warmly they had been received and how blessed they felt by the members of Asbury who came out to help. Thanks to all who displayed Radical Hospitality to our guests!

Secondly, and on a very personal note, Karen and I would like to thank you for the many prayers, notes, and words of support. As most of you know, Karen's mother, Ruth Dearstyne, fell last Saturday and suffered significant head trauma. She passed into the hands of God on Monday morning. The love we have felt from the congregation has meant a great deal to us as we mourn the loss of Karen's mother. Thanks for holding us in your prayers and in your hearts. We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful congregation.

Pastor Mark

CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Church and Society is looking for members to participate on the Committee or volunteer to help with the Saturday Food Bank. Our focus has been on helping the "food insecure" by providing fresh wholesome produce to the food pantry at Salem UMC. Fresh foods are quite expensive in center city Allentown, and this ministry has grown. The Committee would like to expand membership as we begin to focus on other ways to advocate and help those living at the poverty level and below. If you are interested in joining this team, please contact Marsha Johnston (610-442-3821 or mljsv@ptd.net).

FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

On April 14, 2013 Asbury hosted its First Annual Community Resource Fair. Parkland School District saw a real need in the Parkland community for resource awareness to be brought to our area. Claire Wexler from Asbury partnered with Diane Irish from Parkland School District to organize the event. We had incredible success for our first year: over 30 agencies, 4 local fire companies, ambulance, police, Michael's Arts & Crafts, and many others. We had 100's of people come through. The feedback from the agencies was positive: they want to help next year, they loved the diversity, they enjoyed all the networking. Members of the community felt it was wonderful to see Asbury so involved in the Parkland Community. Thank you to all those from Asbury who helped to make this day a success; we hope to make it even better next year. Mark your calendar for May 3, 2014, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Congregational Life & Care

IF ANYONE BORROWED THE BINDING MACHINE FROM THE WORKROOM, WE'D APPRECIATE KNOWING YOU HAVE IT AND WHEN IT MIGHT BE RETURNED.

LAST CALL FOR BUS RESERVATIONS: 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 **ASAP** 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.

GLUCOSE CHECK & EDUCATION will be available on Sunday, 5/19, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM in Room 202.

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!

A MANDATORY SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING will be held Sunday, 6/2, from 12:30 to 1:30 PM in the Wesley Center. Light lunch will be provided! All volunteers who work with children and youth, and have not yet attended a training, are asked to attend. Contact Linda Arleth (larleth@asburylv.org) for more information or to register.

A CPR/FIRST AID TRAINING will be held Wednesday, 6/5, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM in the Wesley Center. All are welcome! Certification is through the American Safety & Health Institute. \$5.00 donation is suggested. Contact Linda Arleth or Amy Wood in the office by 6/2 to register.



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

Thank you, Lord, for our mothers who love unconditionally, give generously, and have faith in us always. Bless them with strength, courage, compassion, peace, and with the sweet assurance of your loving presence everyday.

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 Paul P., Dan C., Anne S. and Kim L. 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 that Louann C.'s sister, Jane, receives encouraging results from her PET scan. We ask for comfort, nourishment and support for Carlen B.'s mother who has moved back into a skilled nursing facility from the hospital. We continue to lift up Jenna, asking that she return to recovery. We ask for a job for all those searching and especially for Melissa. We ask healing for Pat W. who is in ICU following surgery to remove cancer. Lord, send healing for Ed, who suffered a severe fall and has fractures and neck injuries. We ask travel mercies for Kathy W. in her return flights from Uganda. We also ask healing for her brother, Ken, who had a heart attack.

For our congregation

Lord, help us to listen before we speak and to hear your voice in everything we undertake.

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 Pastor Mark and Karen Moore and family as they mourn the passing of Karen's mother, Ruth Dearstyne.

For our children

We ask that you bless and protect the innocents.

For the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, it seems that we are often on the brink of some disaster. Guide our world leaders to put peace and the needs of constituents first always.

With thanksgiving for our joys

We thank you today for both the joy of motherhood and the love of our mothers. Help us to remember to honor them every day. We give thanks for the rain which brings the flowers to life. We thank you for each helper who invests their talents for the betterment of others.

For the missions we support

Lord, please bless the special ministry of the Bruce family to the Awa Indians of Ecuador so that the Indians may know your truth and salvation in their lives.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN



Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- ☺ Sunday, 5/12, 4th & 5th Grade Large Group is in Fellowship Hall.
- ☺ Faith & Fun Alive Registration for the 2013-2014 school year is now underway. Registration forms are available in the classrooms and in the plastic holder by the elevator on the upper level. Please fill one out for each child Infant through 5th Grade and return to your SS teacher or to Linda's box in the workroom.

Kidz Klub

- ☺ Join us Friday, 5/17, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM for our "Garden Party" – pizza, games/sports, time in the garden will all be part of our night. Kidz Klub is for children Ages PreK/4's through 5th Grade. Wear play clothes and sneakers – plan to get dirty! Volunteers are still needed to play with our kids – contact Pam Unrath (pamelau03@gmail.com).

VBS — Everywhere Fun Fair

- ☺ **Registration for our 2013 VBS will start 5/19.** Join us July 29 – August 2 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM each day for a fun week learning Bible stories about how to be a good neighbor, here and around the world. Registration forms will be available outside the WC, in the Community Room, in the church office, and online. Volunteers are needed for our crafts, snack, music, storytelling and games areas. We still need a Snack Coordinator – easy snacks can be planned and you will have help with shopping! Contact Linda in the church office to volunteer.

Upcoming Trainings

- ☺ Please see the announcements on Page 2 regarding Safe Sanctuaries and CPR/ First Aid Training. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

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 HUGE thank you to the students who were at Youth Group on Sunday and surprised Erin and me with a baby shower; and a special thanks to the students and leaders who put it together! We had absolutely no idea it was happening! Church was a huge part in both of our upbringings, so we hope that you'll share in bringing up Hannah as a strong Christian. Thanks again!! (For those of you who don't know, our first child, a daughter, is due on July 31.)

Final Coffeehouse of the year - Friday, 5/10, from 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM!

There will NOT be Youth Group this week. Celebrate Mother's Day with your mother, grandmother, or other significant female in your life and thank God for the influence they have had on you!

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.

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

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



P.E.P. CLUB will meet on Friday, 5/17, in Fellowship Hall. Come at 9:30 AM for refreshments and fellowship, then stay for a brief meeting, devotions and a program, beginning at 10:00 AM. All senior adults are invited to attend!

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.



On Mother's Day you will have a unique way to help CareNet. At all services, outside the doors of the Sanctuary and the Wesley Center, you will find boxes of empty baby bottles. We encourage you to take one home, fill it with all the spare change lying around your home (please check under all the sofa cushions) and return it to the church on Father's Day. Small change can add up to do great things for moms, dad, and babies in the LV.



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!



AIM Yard Sale

**Saturday, June 22, 2013
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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
- 12:30 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal- Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 108/106
- 6:30 p.m. Serendipity Small Group- 208



Wednesday, May 15 (continued)

- 7:00 p.m. Church & Society- 202
- 7:00 p.m. SPRC- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee- 217
- 8:00 p.m. Apostle Ringers- 206
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102

Monday, May 13

- 8:30 a.m. Audit- Aldersgate
- 8:30 a.m. National Piano Guild Auditions- Sanctuary
- 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
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 14

- 8:30 a.m. National Piano Guild Auditions- Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Parkland Ministerium- Aldersgate
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Eagle Scout Review- 106
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Share Together- 208/210
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Harmony- FH
- 7:30 p.m. OA- 204
- 7:30 p.m. Priscilla Circle- Aldersgate

Wednesday, May 15

- 8:30 a.m. National Piano Guild Auditions- Sanctuary
- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack 12- 210/211/215
- 6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle- 108

Thursday, May 16

Annual Conference- Oaks, PA

- 8:30 a.m. National Piano Guild Auditions- Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Parkland Service Unit- FH
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON- 108



Friday, May 17

Annual Conference- Oaks, PA

- 9:30 a.m. P.E.P. Club- FH
- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open)- 108
- 6:00 p.m. Kidz Klub- WC/FH/106/108
- 7:00 p.m. Eric Yeakel's Ordination- Oaks, PA
- 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Sleepover- Parlor/202/204



Saturday, May 18

Annual Conference- Oaks, PA

- 6:00 p.m. Mission Brunch Set-up- FH/WC Kitchen

Sunday, May 19 / Pentecost / Baptisms / Confirmation

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Mission Brunch- FH
- 9:00 a.m. Glucose Screening/Education- 202
- 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. Confirmation Service- Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 108/106
- 6:00 p.m. Church Council- 217
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/FH/108
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep- 106



SHARON HERRING

Sharon is a long-time Sunday School teacher, and has also scheduled acolytes. She is on the VBS coordinating team, and organizes the VBS mission project. Sharon also is on the Open Door support team and does clean-up in the Wesley Center many Sundays. Thanks, Sharon!

UNITED METHODIST DAY

at

DORNEY PARK & WILDWATER KINGDOM

Saturday, June 22, 2013

10:00 AM to 10:00 PM

Meet the Bishop!

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