



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

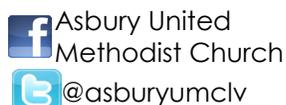
SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

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 19, 2013

CONFIRMATION

This weekend we will confirm 21 young men and women as members of Asbury Church and as followers of Jesus Christ. Confirmation is the time when a personal decision is made to confirm the vows of our baptism. For the past thirteen weeks students from the 8th Grade have joined together to explore who Jesus is, what it means to know Him through a life-long personal relationship, and how we follow Him as a United Methodist.

The 2013 Confirmation Service will be held at 12:30 PM on 5/19 in the Sanctuary. During the confirmation service, the confirmands will make a public affirmation of their own faith and profess to faithfully live as a member of the body of Christ. We ask you to pray this weekend that each student involved will commit to a real and personal faith and that they will appreciate the rich heritage we have as United Methodists. We ask that you will continue to love, care and support these confirmands on their journey of knowing, loving, and serving Christ throughout the years.

Confirmation is not simply a "rite of passage," or a class to complete. It is a step in a life-long journey of pursuing the love of Christ and making a vow to live in relationship with Him for the rest of their lives. These 21 young men and women are ready to make that vow. Please join us this Sunday for this wonderful service of celebration.

Pastor Eric

2013 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Kelsey Anthony
Mei-Ling Blackstone
Noah Crowley
Alec Cwienkala
Brooke Devers
Mitch Dobbs
Katherine Garland

Tyler German
Bethany Goodge
Samantha Graver
Andrew Hayes
Ryan Hippensteel
Lindsey Howorth
Palmer Kerch

Adam Lebrecht
Jesse Long
Madelyn Morgan
Taylor Slack
Tyler Smith
Ryan Terrell
Matt Wilson



Our May Mission Brunch will be held in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, 5/19, from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. This month's proceeds will go to help La Trinidad youth attend camp this summer. Come enjoy the food and fellowship and support a great cause.

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



RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Congregational Life & Care

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.

CARING IN A NUTSHELL (Grief Support Lunch) will be held from 12:30 to 2:00 PM on Monday, 6/3, in the Aldersgate Room. Please note change of date due to the Memorial Day holiday. Contact Doris Farrar (610-395-2749) to let her know you will attend.

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.

THE PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE will hold its next meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, 5/21, in the Aldersgate Room. Anyone who knits or crochets, new or experienced, is encouraged to join us on the third Tuesday of every month. Contact Pam Grossmann (610-398-8066) or Dale Begany (610-216-9517 or dbegany@hotmail.com) for additional information.

THE SALEM THRIFT SHOP needs donations of sheets and towels, clean and in good condition, for resale in the shop. Leave items in the large tub in the maintenance room.



I would like to thank my Asbury Family for all their prayers, cards and concern during my recent surgery and rehab. I appreciated Judy Whitby bringing me the church flowers. They lasted all week and I enjoyed them very much. The ministers' visits were likewise appreciated. I feel truly blessed to belong to a church with so many caring people. Thank you for being you.

*Blessings,
Carol Pavone*

A very special "Thank You!" for all the prayers, cards, visits and flowers. Everything was very much appreciated.

Shirley Marsh

Prayers of Our Congregation

*Lord Jesus, make yourself to me a living bright reality,
more present to faith's vision keen than any outward object seen.*

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 Shirley H., Paul P. and Dan C. 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 you send healing to Jane, Beatrice, and Tammy who were all recently diagnosed with cancer. Heal Rick R.'s friend, Wayne, who is struggling with cancer. Uphold and support Alexis D. as she struggles with teenager issues like drugs. We ask your comfort and support for Nancy S. as she waits for blood test results. We ask for healing and comfort for Robert B. and his family as he was diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus. Strengthen Eileen K. as she undergoes testing at Wills Eye Hospital.

For our congregation

Lord, we ask that you always be present in the lives of our new confirmants and in all the young people now graduating from high school and college. Be their guide and comforter, present in every moment of their lives.

For the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, we ask that you help world leaders understand and govern their people with justice, mercy and compassion.

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 Marilyn Tisdale and her family as they mourn the loss of her brother, Kirk.

For our children

Lord, we lift up all our young people now going out into the world to find their way. We ask you to guide and protect them and to help them remember that nothing can separate them from your love.

With thanksgiving for our joys

We celebrate with Brent & Emily Craven (and big brother Seth) as they welcome a baby girl, Haley Elise, born 5/11. Proud grandparents are Bill & Debbie Barrett. We celebrate the marriage 5/11 of Linda Arleth and Dan Smith, performed here at Asbury by Pastor Eric. Thank you for answering prayers for Melissa's job hunt; she was hired last Friday. Louann C. is thankful that Jane F. received encouraging news about the treatment of her cancer.

For the missions we support

Heavenly Father, please bless Daina Matikiti, who is the ministerial student that Asbury In Mission supports at Africa University. Inspire her to study and learn about you so that she can minister to the people of Zimbabwe.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN



Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- ☺ Sunday, 5/19, 4th & 5th Grade Large Group meets in Room 104.
- ☺ 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

- ☺ The June Kidz Klub will be on 6/21 from 6:00 to 8:30 PM/ Sign-ups will start 6/2. Kidz Klub is for children Ages PreK/4's through 5th Grade.

VBS — Everywhere Fun Fair

- ☺ Join us July 29-August 2 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM for a fun-filled week learning about how to be a good neighbor. Registration forms are available outside the Wesley Center, in the Community Room, in the church office and online. Volunteers are needed! Contact Linda Arleth Smith (larleth@asburylv.org) for more information.

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 Smith in the church office
(610-398-2577 or larleth@asburylv.org)

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

YOUTH



The Service of Confirmation will be held this Sunday, 5/19, at 12:30 PM in the Sanctuary. All are invited, so please come out and welcome this year's confirmands into our Church! A reception with light refreshments will be held in the Parlor / Community Room following the service.

Registration for the West Virginia High School Work Week is now open! Please visit www.asburyym.org to sign up today!!

If you are a Senior in High School, you should have received an invitation to our Graduating Senior Luncheon this week. The luncheon will take place on Sunday, 6/2, at 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. If you haven't received your invitation yet, please contact Aaron Forney (aforney@asburylv.org).

Youth Group will be held this week, 5/19, but we will be taking next week, 5/26, off for Memorial Day weekend.

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

CB Kennedy School Repairs Underway

CB Kennedy School in Lofa County Liberia reopened last year thanks to sponsorship of teachers by Asbury families and groups. The school building, however, was in a state of disrepair following the 14-year civil war that ended in 2003. Thanks to recent donations from Asbury, repairs to the building, benches and desks are underway. We are so thankful for Asbury members who are making a difference in this small community in rural Lofa County Liberia.



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.



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 the 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**

It's that time of year again - Asbury's Annual Indoor Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, 6/22. Volunteers are needed to help set up the sale all week (6/17 to 6/21). The co-chairs plan to be there every morning & afternoon that week, from 9:00 AM until about 4:00 or 5:00 PM, and would appreciate knowing who can help. Also needed are a few people on the day of the sale, and then LOTS of volunteers to help clean up afterwards starting at 12:00 PM. It usually takes a couple of hours. Please contact Jennifer Springer to volunteer (610-395-7812 or moneydoccfp@juno.com). No matter when you can come, it's always a lot of fun! And your help will really be appreciated!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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



Wednesday, May 22 (Continued)

- 5:00 p.m. Karate- FH
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- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 7:00 p.m. Let's Read Together- 208
- 7:00 p.m. Lehigh Valley Wheelmen- Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102

Thursday, May 23

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

Friday, May 24

- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open)- 108

Saturday, May 25

Nothing Scheduled

Sunday, May 26

- 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
- 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

Monday, May 20

- 1:00 p.m. D.A.R. Meeting- Parlor
- 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. Finance Committee- Aldersgate
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 21

- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. AIM- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees- 217
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Harmony- FH
- 7:30 p.m. OA- 204

Wednesday, May 22

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 10:00 a.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 12:00 p.m. PreSchool Teacher Appreciation Day- Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108

Monday, May 27 / Memorial Day

Office & Building Closed



MARC DOBBS



Marc coordinates the Christmas Outreach Ministry, which matches generous Asbury members willing to buy gifts for needy families, with those that need help. This allows many children in our community to have a brighter, happier Christmas than they would have otherwise. He is also a member of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, has been part of the "Children's Moments" Team and serves as an usher. Thanks, Marc!



UNITED METHODIST DAY

at
DORNEY PARK & WILDWATER KINGDOM

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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