



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

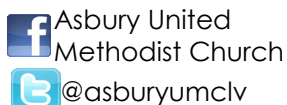
SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

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.

OFFICE HOURS

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MAY 26, 2013

MEMORIAL DAY THOUGHTS

Hard to believe it is Memorial Day weekend – where did the year go?

This Memorial Day, please take a moment to reflect on the many, many brave women and men who have served in the defense of peace and freedom. As you gather round your picnic tables, remember that there are many empty chairs at other tables, empty because the 'last full measure of devotion' was paid, or empty because somewhere in the world there are people still honorably serving in uniform.

The greatest sacrifice was, of course, the cross where Jesus gave himself for us and our salvation. Just as we pay honor to those who served in uniform, we pay ultimate allegiance to the one who redeemed us. To honor him, plan to worship every Sunday you are in town this summer. Take time regularly for private prayer and meditation. Do quiet acts of service out of gratitude for how Christ served you.

On a very personal note, Karen and I again thank you for the tremendous outpouring of support we have received following the death of her mother. Your love and prayers have made all the difference.

Have a blessed Memorial Day!

Pastor Mark



ATTENTION WORSHIP COORDINATORS

You are encouraged to attend a catch-up/feedback discussion session on Sunday, 6/9, at 12:30 PM, following the 11:00 AM worship services. We will meet in Room 217 (Pioneer Classroom). Lunch will be provided. Thanks!



MISSING CAKE PLATE

Following the UMW Spring Luncheon, a cut glass cake plate was taken by mistake. The missing plate has a large, flat top with a scalloped edge. The other plate (see photo) is still at church, and can be found in the work room. If you took the wrong plate, please make an exchange. Thanks!

**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

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.

DORCAS / MARTHA CIRCLE will visit Hampton Winds, the Culinary School Restaurant at Northampton Community College, for a tour of the facility and lunch on Thursday, 6/13. A definite head count is needed for further arrangements to be made. Please call Faye Vibbert (610-398-0516) by 5/28 if you plan to attend and did NOT sign up at the May Circle meeting. Lunch will be ordered *a la carte*. All women are welcome to attend.

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 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.



Thank You!

Dan and I thank you for all the well wishes, congratulations, cards, and gifts we received in celebration of our wedding. We were married here at Asbury with Pastor Eric performing our ceremony on May 11. We are so blessed to be a part of this loving church family. We know we serve an awesome God, and look forward to our continued service here with you.

*Blessings,
Linda (Arleth) & Dan Smith*

Asbury Friends:

I would like to thank my Asbury family for all the prayers, cards, calls, visits, food, and support during my recent surgery and recovery. Special thanks to members of the Sanctuary Choir and the Cheers Sunday School Class for their very generous support, and to Pastor Eric for his visit. I feel truly blessed to be part of such a caring church family. Thank you!!

Kim Leader

To: Asbury United Methodist Church

Troop 431 would like to thank Asbury for sharing your facility with our Troop to host the recent Eagle Court of Honor on 4/28. It was a very special day, recognizing our 5 Eagle Scouts. Thanks for helping to make the day special.

*With Thanks,
The Families, Leaders & Scouts of Troop 431.*

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.*

H. Taylor

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., Joyce M., Shirley H., and Elizabeth R. 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

Lord, we know that you are healing Vivian, replacing her fear with hope, joy and the sure knowledge that you are in control of everything. Lord, we lift up family members of Anita Q. and Cindy S.: Connie, Sandy and Tim are all dealing with health problems. We surround Maynara, granddaughter of Sarah and Jim F., with healing prayers. We lift up Michele G. for strength and hope as she faces a difficult time. We ask your divine guidance and comfort for Naomi who is dying from breast cancer and needs to find a family to adopt her 7 year old son.

For our congregation

We thank you, Lord, for the joyful ordination of our own Pastor Eric Yeakel.

For the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, you hold the whole world in your hands, and chart its course. Help us to do our part in making this world a reflection of your love, peace 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 the family of Robert Dugand.

For our children

Lord, we ask that your love and comfort surround all children, keeping each one safe and sound.

With thanksgiving for our joys

We celebrate with Robert and Shirley Marsh who are marking 57 years of marriage.

For the missions we support

Please bless the health ministry of Healthy Women, Healthy Liberia and Chris Hena as they provide for the health and spiritual needs of the women and children of Liberia and help to rebuild that nation after war.

A M E N & A M E N

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN



Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- ☺ Sunday, 5/26, 4th & 5th Grade Large Group meets in Fellowship Hall.
- ☺ 6/9 is our Celebration Olympics from 9:30 - 10:30 AM. This will be our last day of regular class format until September.
- ☺ Join in the fun starting 6/16 with our "Summer Garden Party" from 9:30 -10:30 AM on Sunday mornings. PreK/4's – 5th Graders will meet in FH, and, weather permitting, will enjoy the outdoors for the hour – tending the garden, hearing stories, enjoying music, & playing games. Dress your children in summer play clothes and sneakers. Three volunteers are needed each week to help the children in the garden, and lead the story time and games. Ideas and materials provided!! If you love to play, this is the opportunity for you! Contact Linda in the church office to volunteer.

Kidz Klub

- ☺ 6/21 is our next Kidz Klub. All kids ages PreK/4 – 5th Grade are invited to join us from 6:00 - 8:30 PM for dinner, gardening, sports, and fun activities. "Planting the Seeds" is our summer theme. Signups will start 6/2 in the Community Room and outside the Wesley Center. Summer dates are Wednesdays 7/10, 7/19, and 7/24 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

VBS — Everywhere Fun Fair

- ☺ Register now for our summer VBS, which will be held July 29 – August 2 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Donation is \$20 per child, \$50 per family. Forms are available online, in the Community Room, outside the Wesley Center, and in the church office. Volunteers are needed as shepherds leading the children, and in the storytelling, crafts, snacks, games, and music areas. Contact Linda 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 Smith in the church office
(610-398-2577 or larleth@asburylv.org)

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

YOUTH



- ⇒ Congratulations to our 21 Confirmands on joining Asbury this past Sunday!
- ⇒ There will be no Youth Group this week, 5/26, because of Memorial Day weekend.
- ⇒ If you are a Senior in High School, you should have received an invitation to our Graduating Senior Luncheon. 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).
- ⇒ Registration for the West Virginia High School Work Week is now open! Please visit www.asburyym.org to sign up today!!

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

Special APPEAL UPDATE

The short-term campaign to raise funds for some much-needed capital improvements is coming to a close, and we are pleased to report that over \$20,000.00 has been pledged to date. If you would still like to make a pledge, please return the pledge form mailed to you earlier this spring, or contact Tom Gibson in the church office. It is hoped that the projects identified will be completed over the summer months. Thank to everyone who has responded to this appeal – your generosity is appreciated!!

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.



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 when the sale ends at 12:00 PM. It usually takes just a couple of hours. Please contact Jenn Springer (610-395-7812 or moneydocfp@juno.com) to volunteer. No matter how much time you give or when you come, it's always a lot of fun! And your help will really be appreciated!

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

ASBURY ENDOWMENT FUND

Consider naming the Asbury Endowment Fund as a secondary or back-up beneficiary of a life insurance policy, or even your retirement plans, in case other beneficiaries named are deceased at the time of your death.

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 27 / Memorial Day

Office & Building Closed

Tuesday, May 28

- 10:00 a.m. Marketing Team- Aldersgate
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. AIM- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Harmony- FH
- 7:30 p.m. OA- 204

Wednesday, May 29

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 5:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 6:00 p.m. DS Committee Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- 210/211/215
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102

Thursday, May 30

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

Friday, May 31

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

Saturday, June 1

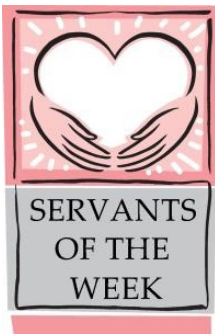
Cookson Hills Mission Trip Departs

- 10:00 a.m. Church of God- 106/108
- 5:00 p.m. Private Party- FH

Sunday, June 2 / Communion

- 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
- 12:15 p.m. Graduating Senior Brunch- FH
- 12:30 p.m. Safe Sanctuary Training- WC
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 108/106
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/FH/108

JIM & JENNY GAST



The great passion of Jim & Jenny's lives is missions, especially with the Native American population of Cookson Hills, OK. They spent several months there filling in while the director was on medical leave, and Jenny coordinates the Asbury Mission Team which runs a VBS Ministry there every year. Jenny is also instrumental in the God's Rainbow Ministry with youth & young adults who have developmental disabilities. They have both been active in Asbury's Music and Arts Programs over the years, sharing their talents in many ways. Thanks, Jim & Jenny!



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.

Our Staff

Mark Moore, Senior Pastor
Eric Yeakel, Associate Pastor
Laurie Wallace Theisen, Director of Lay Ministries
Linda Arleth Smith, 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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