



**Asbury Church**  
a United Methodist  
Community

**JUNE 9, 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

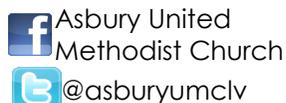
### SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

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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## FROM THE PASTOR.....

Sixty-nine years ago today (June 6, 1944), thousands of brave troops crossed the English Channel to start what was officially known as Operation Overlord, commonly referred to as D-Day. The struggle was very hard; when night fell, the Allied forces has established a beach head. Though it would take many months until peace was realized, the fate of Hitler was sealed.

One day around the year 33 AD, on a hillside outside of Jerusalem, a man was put on a cross and left to die. It seemed the powers of darkness had won; this man who preached love and peace was placed in a tomb and the entrance was sealed. Three days later, something happened that changed the trajectory of history. Just as the Allies had established a presence on the coast of France from which there would be no retreat, when Jesus came from the grave, a new reality faced the world. Death was defeated. The powers of darkness would not win; God would be victorious!

I confess I sometimes get discouraged when I look at the world with all of the darkness I see. (In truth, sometimes I look at the church and get depressed!). But our hope is not in what we see here; our hope is the power of God who will be victorious!

Join us this week in worship as we honor and celebrate that God is still in the redemption business, and no evil or darkness – not even death itself – can stop the coming of God's kingdom! That's Good News!

*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!



**WELCOME**  
to Our Newest Members!

## NEW MEMBERS' CLASS JUNE 9, 2013

**Lemane & Ruth Georges  
Mike & Tara Grather  
Michael & Annette Munley  
Sean & Carrie Pearson  
Bob & Lori Rhoades  
Terry Trexler & Robin Huff**

## Congregational Life & Care



Please remember to return your CareNet baby bottles on Father's Day, 6/16. Look for the baby bottle boxes at the back of the Sanctuary and at the Open Door Service. Please return even empty bottles, as CareNet reuses these bottles from year to year. Thank you for your support!



**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.

**PRAYER AND 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, 6/11, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. in Rooms 208/210. Topic: "Why and How to Pray." Call Linda Curry Bartholomew (610-395-8756) for information

**ASBURY ENDOWMENT FUND:** Good stewardship requires us to think of the future. Have your estate plan prepared now and consider including the Asbury Endowment Fund in your plan.

**SUSANNA CIRCLE** will meet at 6:30 PM on Monday, 6/10, at the home of Jon Roylance, a potter who also teaches at Allen High School. The address is 2329 Tilghman Street, Allentown (610-432-2608). Jon will tell us about Raku and stoneware pottery, and there will be an opportunity to purchase some of his designs. Afterward, we will have a brief meeting and dessert at Elouise Schreffler's home, 1717 Glacier Ct. Allentown. Join us for our last meeting before summer break. All women are welcome!

**PRISCILLA CIRCLE** will meet at the home of Gail Palazzo for its annual picnic at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, 6/11. Circle members and friends planning to attend should contact Gail (610-395-5898 or g2e3p@ptd.net). Please join us for this evening of fellowship and food!

**DORCAS / MARTHA CIRCLE** will visit Hampton Winds, the Culinary School Restaurant at Northampton Community College for a tour and lunch on Thursday, 6/13. The Circle will meet at 10:00 AM in Asbury's lower level parking lot to carpool. The tour will be at 11:00 AM, followed by lunch at 11:30 AM. The *a la carte* menu with a price range of \$6-\$11 will be posted on the UMW bulletin board and given to each driver. The June mission project will be the collection of plastic hangers for the Sixth Street Shelter Apartments.

## Prayers of Our Congregation

*Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

### 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 Nancy P. and Phyllis 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 ask you to be with Chuck and Judy E. as Chuck begins chemotherapy and radiation for cancer of the esophagus. Continue to help Jenna in her journey to recovery from substance abuse. Be with Linda S.'s dad who has health concerns. Give Shirley O. the strength and stamina to deal with family issues.

### For our children

We thank you for our high school graduates now celebrating the end of one stage of life and the exciting beginning of another. We ask you to be with them everyday as they start out on new adventures.

### For our congregation

Lord, renew our faith and energize our lives with your Holy Spirit.

### For the world, its people and its leaders

We ask your guidance, Lord, for our leaders as they make decisions which will affect us all.

### 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 Lori D. whose grandmother passed away this week.

### With thanksgiving for our joys

We thank you for the joy of the birth of Sharon Ballek's twin granddaughters born to Andy & Amy Silfies on 5/29.

### For the missions we support

This week's mission prayer is for the Senior High UMYF Work Trip to Philippi, WV, working on housing projects for those in need in rural West Virginia. Our prayer is that the team finds the leaders, team members and funds for a successful 2013 summer trip.

**A M E N & A M E N**

## INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

# CHILDREN



### Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- ☺ Sunday, 6/9—All kids Age 3 through 5th Grade will meet together for **Celebration Olympics**, from 9:30-10:45 AM. Drop children off in their classroom, and pick them up in Fellowship Hall or outside if the weather is good.

### Kidz Klub

- ☺ 6/21 is our next Kidz Klub. All PreK/4's – 5th Graders 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. Sign up in the Community Room or outside the Wesley Center.

### 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.

**Combo Safe Sanctuary/VBS Volunteer Meeting** – Wednesday, 6/26, at 6:45 PM. All volunteers in the church who work with children and youth need to attend a Safe Sanctuary training, and have background checks. We will have Safe Sanctuary Training at 6:45 PM, followed at 7:30 PM by a VBS Volunteer meeting. If you only need to attend the training, you may leave before the VBS Volunteer meeting starts. If you have already attended a training, just come for the VBS meeting. Contact Linda to sign up for the Safe Sanctuary Training.

Contact Linda Arleth Smith in the church office  
(610-398-2577 or [larleth@asburylv.org](mailto:larleth@asburylv.org))

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



This Sunday (6/9) is the final Sunday of our school-year programming, but Sunday School will continue throughout the summer (all ages will meet in the Youth Lounge) and there will be regular Sunday evening meetings as well as special events. More information will be posted at [www.asburyym.org](http://www.asburyym.org).

Our West Virginia Work Week is coming up in 6 weeks! This trip can't happen without your support. If you're able to help with the costs of the trip, donations are very much appreciated! More information on the trip is available online.

Congratulations to our seniors who are wrapping up their high school careers! If you weren't able to make it to the Senior Lunch this past Sunday, make sure to pick up your gift sometime soon!

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

## RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

### Asbury In Mission (AIM)



**CHANGE-FOR-CHANGE** for June is designated for La Trinidad (The Trinity), a United Methodist Church located in Allentown. The church's goal is to reach those with spiritual and social needs in center city and on the south side of town. The congregation ministers to the Latino population to be part of the people of God, to have new life in Jesus Christ and become disciples. The Latino population is constantly growing and in need of spiritual guidance and social assistance. La Trinidad partners with Asbury for Mission Breakfasts and the Chili Cook-off, and is planning a mission trip to Peru in 2014. Please place your contributions in the containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Wesley Center.



### AIM Yard Sale

and

### Great American Bake Sale

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

Don't forget that Asbury's Yard Sale is coming up real soon - Saturday, 6/22. You can deliver all your unwanted items to the Wesley Center starting **AFTER CHURCH on 6/16**, Father's Day. We can also use empty plastic bags (especially the big ones from department stores) and paper grocery bags. If you have not already volunteered to help set up the yard sale the week of 6/17 to 6/21 or the actual yard sale day of 6/22, please call or e-mail Jenn Springer (610-395-7812 or [moneydoccfp@juno.com](mailto:moneydoccfp@juno.com)).

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday, June 9 / New Members

- 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. Celebration Olympics- FH
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Open Door Community Worship- WC
- 12:30 p.m. Worship Coordinator Meeting- 217
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 108/106
- 1:30 p.m. Parkland Baccalaureate- Sanctuary Reception- WC
- 6:30 p.m. Serendipity Group- 208
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/FH/108



## Monday, June 10

- 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Men- 215
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12- FH & 106

## Tuesday, June 11

- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Share Together- 208/210
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:30 p.m. OA- 204

## Wednesday, June 12

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 6:30 p.m. Gress Mountain Ranch Board- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Harmony- FH
- 7:00 p.m. Treblemakers- 106

## Thursday, June 13

- 9:00 a.m. Clergy Breakfast- WC
- 11:00 a.m. Slate Belt UMC Cluster- 217
- 2:30 p.m. Parkland Press Meeting- Aldersgate
- 5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal- Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON- 108

## Friday, June 14

- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open)- 108
- 4:00 p.m. Smith & Palumbo Wedding- Sanctuary

## Saturday, June 15

- 9:00 a.m. Torres Court of Honor- Sanctuary/FH
- 10:00 a.m. Church of God- 108/106
- 6:00 p.m. Mission Brunch Set-up- FH/WC Kitchen

## Sunday, June 16 / Father's Day

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Mission Brunch- FH
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Children's Summer Sunday School- 221
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Summer Sunday School- YL
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Open Door Community Worship- WC
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. Yard Sale Set-up Begins- WC



**Servant of the Week**

### PHIL HESS

Youth Director Aaron Forney says about Phil: "He has been a dedicated High School Sunday School teacher for many years, and continues to serve with a passion for the faith development of our youth." Phil is also a former Church Council Chairperson, has served on the Finance and Endowment Fund Committees, and taken Disciple Bible study. He currently volunteers in the Community Room and serves as an usher. Thanks, Phil!

**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](mailto:rossbrightwell@verizon.net).

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