



**Asbury Church**  
a United Methodist  
Community

**JULY 7, 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 childcare for infants through three year olds. During our 11:00 Services, we have childcare available for infants through PreK.

### OFFICE HOURS

8 AM to 4 PM, M—F  
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What a privilege it was to spend last week at Pocono Plateau, serving as part of the team that led Youth Music Camp. What an awesome week it was! 61 youth (12 from Asbury) and about 15 adults (4 from Asbury) spent time singing, studying scripture, participating in all kinds of wonderful activities, and ultimately performing a musical.

One of the things we say at Music Camp is that the camp is not about music. It is about using music as a vehicle to create an environment where students are free to explore faith, life, and the many issues they face, do it in the context of a Christian community, and ultimately move them farther on their journey as disciples of Jesus.

All of our camps – Pocono Plateau, Gretna Glen and Innabah have the same mission – to help people grow as mature followers of Jesus. Parents – one of the most important experiences many of our children have is a week at camp. There is still time to register your children!

Allow me to say thanks to the many people who have contributed to the camp scholarship fund. Many of the students who attended would not have been able to go if it had not been for the generosity of the Asbury congregation. Your gifts have literally changed the lives of many young people. I hope you feel the smile of God on you, knowing you have made an impact for eternity!

*Blessings, Pastor Mark*

## FAMILIES ON THE GROW

The 2nd Annual Families on the Grow Camping Trip is fast approaching! We had a great (although wet) time last year! Seven families are heading to Hickory Run State Park from Friday, 7/26 through Sunday, 7/28. If anyone else would like to book a site, please contact Paul Wood ([paewood@rcn.com](mailto:paewood@rcn.com) or 610-437-1862).

We would also like to invite all families to join us for the day on Saturday, 7/27. Daytime activities may include swimming (lake beach), hiking, fishing, Boulder Field and more. We will gather for a dinner/campfire to end the day. Hickory Run State park is less than an hour's drive from Asbury. If you are interested in the day trip, contact Paul for information.



**FAMILY  
CAMPING**

## SUMMER FUN PLANNING GROUP

Have some extra time in the summer, and excited about getting our Asbury family together? A group is being formed to plan some fellowship events in August (between VBS & Labor Day). Ideas are: ice cream social, picnic, movie night, short-term book/Bible study, hymn sing, Bible trivia contest - can you think of more? If interested, please contact Laurie Wallace Theisen in the church office ([ltheisen@asburylv.org](mailto:ltheisen@asburylv.org)).

# RADICAL HOSPITALITY

## Congregational Life & Care

**THE 2ND ANNUAL CROP HUNGER BIKE RIDE** will be held on 7/20. Three scenic routes ranging from 10 to 40 miles will begin at Rodale Park in Trexlertown at 9:00 AM. One hundred percent of your registration fee will help fight hunger in our community and around the world. Pre-register at [active.com](http://active.com) by entering CROP Hunger Bike Ride in the search box, or register at the event on 7/20. For more information, contact Dick McCreight (610-395-2261 or [dick.mccreight@juno.com](mailto:dick.mccreight@juno.com)).

**ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP** supply snacks for the Vacation Bible School Teachers' Hospitality Room? Dates for VBS this year are Monday, 7/29 through Friday, 8/2. A poster board for sign-ups has been placed in the Community Room. Suggested donations include baked or purchased breads, fruit or fruit trays, bottled water, small yogurts, cheese cubes & crackers, chips & dip or 2 liter sodas. Please stop by and volunteer to help us treat our VBS teachers to a special break during their busy mornings.

**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, 7/9, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. in Rooms 208/210. Call Linda Curry Bartholomew (610-395-8756) for information



On 7/14, our youth and their adult leaders will be traveling to West Virginia on their Annual Mission Work Trip. The money each person pays for this trip covers not only food but also the building supplies needed for the project. With such a tight budget, extra help is needed. Please consider donating some of these food items for the trip.

Snacks for the work site: Fresh fruit, individually wrapped snacks, granola bars, Rice Krispy treats, fruit snacks, candy (no chocolate).

Breakfast items: Bagels, muffins, Danish, cereal, Pop Tarts, granola bars, protein bars.

Desserts: Brownies, cookies, ice cream toppings (such as syrup, sprinkles, cherries, nuts).

Please call Beverly Kerch with any questions and advise what items you will be donating. (610-392-9959 or [bkerch@asburylv.org](mailto:bkerch@asburylv.org)). Bring all donations to the work room by Wednesday, 7/10. Monetary contributions are also welcome. Thank you for your support of this mission!

## Prayers of Our Congregation

*“Lord, we thank you for the gift of our free nation and ask you to preserve the liberty we enjoy.”*

### 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 Phyllis R., Susan J., Thomas G., and Donna 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

Lord, we affirm that your power is infinite and that you love us all like a devoted parent. In the knowledge of your love and mercy toward us, we lift up these people for your care: Little Jesse, who will be starting medical treatment at CHOP; John A. (a childhood friend of Chuck F.) who is battling cancer; a speedy recovery for Jamie A. (a teammate of Cindy M.'s son) who crashed his bicycle on Friday at the Velodrome. Healing for Dylan (a friend of Cindy M.'s son) who had a concussion in May and is not recovering as quickly as the doctors had hoped; a new job for Cindy M.'s sister, Juli, who was laid off on Friday; Ted. M. who is hospitalized with depression; the brother of a close friend, who passed away; a cousin of the Mitton family who was born 15 weeks early; Carole, who has a leaky heart valve; Melody Q., a lifelong friend of Lynn S. who has been battling cancer and its complications.

### For those who mourn

Lord, we ask comfort for all who mourn the loss of loved ones. Reassure them of your unending mercy and eternal love. We especially ask comfort for Lola Schimmel and her family as they mourn the unexpected loss of her son, Anthony.

### With thanksgiving for our joys

We send you prayers of thanks for Tom and Ginny Briggs who are celebrating their 6th wedding anniversary. We thank you for the joy of graduating students now looking ahead to bright futures. We thank you for opportunities for employment or continued education. We thank you for calling us to help where help is needed. We thank you for the beauty of summer and the joy of this July 4th holiday. Help us to remember what it has taken to manifest and preserve a nation 'conceived in liberty.'

### For our children

Please be with our children as they begin new chapters of their lives. Guide and protect them as they face each change.

### For our congregation

Lord, during this holiday week, keep us joyful and busy with family and friends, but also remind us to spend sacred time each day with You, who makes all things possible.

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

Lord, we ask that you have mercy on the nations, and guide them to peace.

### For the missions we support

We pray for the 67,000 local children who qualify for food programs and have finished school. These children have breakfast and lunch provided for them during the school year. May Second Harvest and other food banks locally have the support and blessings they need in the community to provide these meals to them through the summer.

## INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

# CHILDREN



### Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- ☺ Our "Summer Garden Party" continues this week for PreK/4 – 5th Grade from 9:30-10:30 AM. Drop off and pick up your children in Fellowship Hall. Outside activities such as tending to the garden, stories, games and free play are a part of our morning. Volunteers are still needed to help out each Sunday – contact Linda in the church office.

### Kidz Klub

- ☺ Come join us Wednesdays July 10, 17, & 24 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM for dinner & fun outside activities. Kidz Klub is for kids PreK/4 – 5th Grade. Sign up outside the Wesley Center or in the Community Room, or contact Linda in the church office or Pam Unrath ([pamelau03@gmail.com](mailto:pamelau03@gmail.com)). Volunteers – come out and have fun with the kids!

### VBS — Everywhere Fun Fair

- ☺ Register now for summer VBS which will be held July 29 – August 2. Forms are available online, in the church office, outside the WC, and in the Community room. Contact Linda to volunteer!
- ☺ Our crafts coordinator, Melissa, has requested the following items for donation – Crisco shortening, buttons, crepe paper, zippered sandwich bags, yarn, and popsicle sticks. Please place your donations in the plastic bin by the downstairs elevator marked "VBS Craft Donations." Thank you for your donations!



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.



# asbury youth ministries

We strive to carry out the practice of Radical Hospitality, including the care of those in our community. We have several members seeking someone to cut their lawns (and willing to compensate for your services). If you're able to help with this, please let Aaron know.

Sunday School is on for this Sunday, but there will be no Youth Group – enjoy the holiday weekend with your family!

The West Virginia team is in need of a new stove for this year's project. If you have one you can donate or are willing to financially support the trip through a donation for one, please contact Aaron Forney in the church office.

The West Virginia Work Week Crew leaves next Sunday, 7/14, and a group of adults took an advance trip to get the work kicked off this weekend. Please keep the trip, the students, the leaders, and the family we're assisting in your prayers.

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



**CHANGE-FOR-CHANGE** for the month of July will support Healthy Women Healthy Liberia, whose goal is to develop health care in Liberia for the 2 million women who live there now without health care. Please place your contributions in the designated containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Wesley Center.



**REMINDER:** If you have not yet returned your CareNet baby bottle, you may still do so. Look for a box in the workroom wrapped in "baby" paper and leave them there. Please return even empty bottles, as CareNet reuses these bottles from year to year. Thank you for your support!

## EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

### ASBURY ENDOWMENT FUND

You can share your faith beyond your lifetime by careful estate planning which includes the Asbury Endowment Fund in your will. During your lifetime you will have the joy of knowing that whatever you do not use in this life will continue in ministry through your church after your death.

# WEEKLY

# CALENDAR

## Sunday, July 7 / Communion

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Children's Summer Sunday School- FH
- 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/106/108

## Monday, July 8

- 10:00 a.m. Marketing Team Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12- FH/106

## Tuesday, July 9

- 9:00 a.m. Stewardship Meeting- Aldersgate
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Share Together- 208/210
- 7:30 p.m. OA- 204

## Wednesday, July 10

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 12:00 p.m. Asbury Clergy Lunch- Aldersgate
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 6:00 p.m. Kidz Klub- WC/Grove
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Harmony- FH/102/106/108

## Thursday, July 11

- 6:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 6:30 p.m. LV Walk Now for Autism Meeting- 217
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council

## Friday, July 12

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

## Saturday, July 13

*Nothing scheduled*

## Sunday, July 14 / Baptism

### *West Virginia Work Trip Departure*

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Children's Summer Sunday School- FH
- 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
- 12:30 p.m. Petko Baptism Reception- Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- Sanctuary/106/108
- 6:30 p.m. Summer Youth Group- YL

## ANITA QUAYLE



Every Sunday morning, the friendly greeters who shake your hand and welcome you to Asbury are there due to Anita's hard work as a Greeter Coordinator & Scheduler. She is a regular volunteer with the God's Rainbow Sunday School Class, is a member of the P.E.P. club, and helped organize Asbury's last pictorial directory. She is also co-coordinating the Teacher Hospitality Room at VBS. Thanks, Anita!



## How Are We Doing?

Copies of Asbury's financial picture (as of 5/31) are available at both the upper and lower level Welcome Center desks. Updates will be issued monthly as they become available.

## 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  
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