



**Asbury Church**  
a United Methodist  
Community

**JULY 21, 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

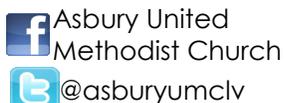
During our 9:30 Sunday School time, we have childcare for infants through three year olds. During our 11:00 Services, we have childcare available for infants through PreK.

### OFFICE HOURS

8 AM to 4 PM, M—F  
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## PRAYING FOR ASBURY

On Sunday, 7/28, at 7:00 PM, Asbury is hosting a Prayer Walk around the church, the purpose of which is to pray for our church. Oswald Chambers once wrote, "Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work." The future of Asbury begins with the greater work of prayer. Do you pray regularly for the church and its ministry? Are prayers for the church part of your daily prayers? Here are some ways you can pray for the church:

- ◆ Choose a different area of ministry for each day of the week and write them on your calendar as a reminder to pray.
- ◆ Pray for the individuals involved in ministry at the church.
- ◆ Pray for people and events listed in *The Vine* and in the Asbury update emails.

For all of these ministries and people, pray that they will clearly hear God's voice and see God's plan for the ministry, for energy and vision to follow that plan, for inspiration, leadership, and perseverance. For the individuals involved in ministry, pray for strength, both spiritual and physical, health, and for rest and renewal of spirit when they are tired. Pray for the members and visitors to become disciples of Jesus Christ in all aspects of their lives, and for Asbury Church to be an instrument for changing lives and transforming communities.

The future of Asbury begins with prayer. As we prepare for the Prayer Walk, please be in prayer for the work God has for Asbury now and in the future.

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor Eric*

## PARISH NURSE HEALTH MINISTRY

Asbury's Parish Nurse Program evolved when the Lehigh Valley Parish Nurse Coalition was also developing back in 1999. The founding nurses spent six months formulating a mission statement to stay motivated and on track with their goals. The Parish Nurse Health Ministry of Asbury Methodist Church "integrates health and faith through encouragement of individuals to live healthier lives"

Various programs have evolved and continue to thrive annually. Periodic screenings are offered: blood pressure, cholesterol, depression, diabetes, vision and bone density. Other programs include the health bulletin board, addiction support and education, flu vaccine, first aid kits in classrooms and for travel, AED/Oxygen/Wheel Chair availability with established policy for maintenance by staff, health speakers for groups/circles/classes, nutrition sessions for weight loss, and grief support sessions monthly led by a nurse. Senior nursing students volunteer for health projects such as the Annual Teddy Bear Clinic for the pre-school program. Six members completed the Medical Reserve Corp status for the Allentown Health Bureau, thus making Asbury a key member for helping with area disasters. The Team has held bi-annual Blood Drives for the last 10 years on Sunday mornings. Many home visits and telephone contacts have been made as requested for assessment and referrals to community support. The Coordinator frequently visits Daybreak to hold a social/educational interactive group called *Hang In / Hang Out* with the clients, often when Asbury prepares the monthly meal for the Mental Health program.

For more information or to become involved, please contact Doris Farrar, RNBS, at 610-395-2749 or [lafalot111@hotmail.com](mailto:lafalot111@hotmail.com).

## RADICAL HOSPITALITY



**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.

**ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP** supply snacks for the Vacation Bible School Teachers' Hospitality Room? Dates for VBS this year are 7/29, through 8/2. A poster board for sign-ups has been placed in the Community Room. Suggestions 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.

## "The Bible"

This past year during the season of Lent, the History Channel showed a miniseries entitled "The Bible." The program was an adaptation of many stories from scripture. The series recently came out on DVD, so this summer we will be showing the five Old Testament episodes from the miniseries. This will be followed by the New Testament segments this fall. Each night we will watch an episode for 45 minutes and then follow up with a time of discussion. Below is a list of the summer showings which will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM.

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| July 31   | Noah and Abraham               |
| August 7  | Moses                          |
| August 14 | 10 Commandments/Jericho/Samson |
| August 21 | King David                     |
| August 28 | Babylonian Exile/Daniel        |

Registration is not required – you may come to any or all of the sessions, depending on your interest and schedule. Contact Pastor Eric for more information.

## Prayers of Our Congregation

*"Dear God, be good to me; the sea is so large, and my boat is so small."*

*(Prayer of a Breton Fisherman)*

### 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., Beth S., Susan J., Marjorie B., Dorothy S. and Karen W. 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: Karen W. who fell while gardening and broke her arm, requiring surgery; Jean K. now recovering from heart surgery; Navy Lt. Thomas H. (son of Dan and grandson of Paul & Carole) now being deployed to Europe; The Riley family for return to good health; The Fulltons' granddaughter, Maynara, as she continues to struggle; Will F.'s roommate, Jon, in critical condition from a gunshot wound, and Will, who found him; Jenna, who is 9 weeks pregnant and cannot keep anything down; Trever, recovering from minor surgery; Shirley's neighbor, Don, hospitalized with pneumonia and other health issues; Safe travel for Ariane T. as she heads to Atlanta for training for her World Race Mission trip; Ruth M. (Carol T.'s mother), 95 years old and undergoing physical therapy after 6 days in the hospital.

### 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 the Godiska family's cousin, Rosemarie, who lost her husband last weekend.

### With thanksgiving for our joys

Thank you for the joy that Beth S. is home from the hospital and doing well. Thank you for the joy that Susan J. is now discharged from the hospital. We give thanks that Logan T.'s surgery went well and we pray for continued healing.

### For our children

O Lord, as much as we love our children, we realize that you love them even more. Help us to have faith that you will lead them to make life-affirming decisions.

### For our congregation

Lord, we are your people. Guide us to make decisions which manifest Your divine love in this world.

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

Lord, have mercy on suffering people everywhere, whose governments are not responsive to their needs.

### For the missions we support

We pray that the Lehigh County Conference of churches Aspires program can find the funding it will need to bring this program into the Parkland School District for the beginning of their school year. The mission of the Aspires Mentoring Program is to inspire and empower at-risk youth to realize their full potential with year-round one-on-one mentoring, group mentoring and innovative after school and summer programming. It has been very successful for students in the Allentown School District. We ask for this same blessing for students in the Parkland area.

## 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.
- ☺ VBS Family Worship will take place on 8/4 at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary. The VBS Kids will be singing—all families are invited to worship together.

### Kidz Klub

- ☺ One more Summer Kidz Klub! Join us Wednesday, 7/24, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM for dinner, devotions, and fun outside activities. All kids ages PreK/4's – 5th Grade are invited to join us! Bring friends! Sign up outside the WC, contact Pam Unrath ([pamelau03@gmail.com](mailto:pamelau03@gmail.com)) or Linda in the church office

### VBS — Everywhere Fun Fair

- ☺ Just a little over one week to go until "Everywhere Fun Fair" begins. Our mascot Godwin is ready to host lots of kids and volunteers! Come be a part of the Fun Fair and learn about how to be a loving neighbor to everyone around the world. Register now – forms are available online, in the Community Room, outside the Wesley Center, and in the church office.
- ☺ The following items are needed for our crafts area: 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". Also, the Hospitality area is looking for food donations for our awesome helpers! Sign up on the board in the Community Room.



### Mark Your Calendar

- ☺ Thursday, 8/1, at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall – Children's Sunday School Teacher/Volunteer Meeting. Please plan to attend this important meeting! All are welcome to learn about our children's Sunday School program.

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

The West Virginia Work Week will be nearing a close by the time you read this. So far, things are going great! Thank you so much for your support of this ministry.

We use the tagline "this is not just a trip... it's an experience" because the students and adults who have been on the trip don't just come back with memories of fun times or new skills. They come back having experienced a Christian community that God worked through over the course of a week to accomplish great things. Please continue to pray for their trip - that they get everything completed as expected, that they have a safe trip home, and that God continues to work in the lives of the mission team members and those with whom they worked.

Mark your calendar: Our Youth Group activity for 8/11 is a pool party at the Howorth home. Times TBA.

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.



CareNet has been bringing their Parenting, Life Skills, and Healthy Relationships curriculum to some of the most needy men and women in the Valley—the incarcerated.

Using video and discussion question based curriculum, teams of volunteers go into the prisons weekly to lead classes. Mentoring, skill building, and discussions of a relationship with God naturally flow from these classes.

CareNet is currently looking for more men and women to join the teams of volunteers in both the Allentown and Easton facilities. If you think you might be a good fit to bless needy prisoners with your friendship, please contact Alice Kim, Community Education Director, for more details, at [alice@carenetlv.org](mailto:alice@carenetlv.org).



# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday, July 21 / Baptism

- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Summer Youth Group- YL

## Monday, July 22

- 6:00 p.m. Music Staff Meeting- offsite
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12- FH/106
- 6:30 p.m. Country Crossing HOA Meeting- Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee- Aldersgate

## Tuesday, July 23

- 9:00 a.m. Stewardship Meeting- Aldersgate
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 7:30 p.m. OA- 204

## Wednesday, July 24

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 6:00 p.m. Kidz Klub- WC/Grove/106/108
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Meeting- offsite
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Harmony- FH
- 7:00 p.m. LV Wheelmen- Parlor

## Thursday, July 25

- 6:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON- 108

## Friday, July 26

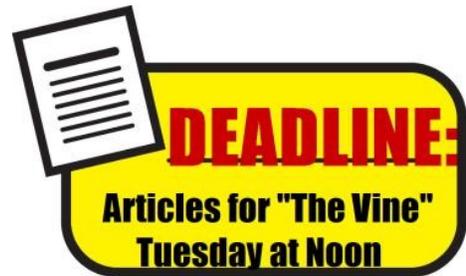
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108

## Saturday, July 27

- 8:00 a.m. VBS Set-up
- 10:00 a.m. Church of God- FH

## Sunday, July 28

- 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. VBS Set-up
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- FH
- 6:30 p.m. Summer Youth Group- YL
- 7:00 p.m. Prayer Walk- Memorial Garden



## JAN KUHNS



Jan has been a long-time faithful member of the UMW, and coordinates the stamp program, which raises money for mission. She also organized the Book Room at the UMW Holiday Bazaar for many years. At Vacation Bible School, Jan headed up the Teacher Hospitality Room and children's snacks. Thanks, Jan!



## EMERGENCY SHELTER

In the event of an emergency (such as a power outage or severe weather conditions), Asbury can become a shelter for members of the congregation and community. We have shower and kitchen facilities, camp pads and internet connections. The church answering service will be prepared to help with any information you may require and will arrange to have someone meet you at the church.

## 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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