



# THE VINE

*faith in action... imagine your life changed.*

JULY 22, 2012

## 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

8 AM to 4 PM, M—F  
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## On Prayer

Can I make a confession? The way my personality is wired, I am a person for whom prayer is difficult. I have read many books, listened to many speakers and gone to many workshops where I have heard that the foundation of the church is prayer. The primary work of a pastor is prayer. The future of your life is prayer.

I believe that with all my heart – yet it is very hard for me to remain focused in prayer for more than a few brief minutes – and I feel so guilty about it. You may say I have 'prayer envy' – I am jealous of those who describe hours, days and weeks spent in blissful prayer!

I will continue to pray as best I can, and I am committing to scheduling more time for prayer. I ask for your prayers as we continue to move as a church. And I ask you to add one more prayer to your list every day – and that is the prayer for the 'empty chair.' Every Sunday there are empty seats in our worship services. Please pray as fervently for those seats to be filled as you would for healing of a friend with a serious disease.

I do believe our future is directly related to our individual and collective prayer lives. Please keep praying – and pray God will use you and your prayers to help more and more people grow as disciples of Christ.

*Pastor Mark*

## Church and Society Ministry Area

Currently our emphasis is to maintain our mission at the food pantry of Salem United Methodist Church in Allentown. Once a month, our committee supplies fresh produce for approximately 175 families. Fresh fruits and vegetables tend to be scarce in the inner city and frequently too expensive for families to afford. In June, we spent \$234 to supply pears and green peppers to the food pantry clients.

Our schedule of volunteers is set for the summer with three more visits to the food pantry: one on July 21, one on Aug 4 and one on September 1. We have a fair number of volunteers, but could use a few more, particularly for the Friday morning pick-up and delivery of produce.

We also need more committee members. We are currently only four active members. With the loss of our chairperson, Suzanne Goodell, we are desperately in need of a new leader.

Our ultimate goal is that the very essential food pantry mission become self-sustaining as a sub-committee of Church and Society. This would allow us to expand our efforts into education and advocacy.

Your Church Council and the new Marketing Committee have been working on a new logo for Asbury to be used in all print and electronic publications. Our studies have shown that denomination is no longer as important as it used to be in drawing in our unchurched neighbors so that they may experience the Good News of Jesus Christ. Also, there is an added emphasis on "faith community" in growing congregations. Taking these factors into consideration, this proposed logo is being presented for your consideration. Your input and comments are welcome. Please send them to [dick.mcreight@juno.com](mailto:dick.mcreight@juno.com). Many thanks to Aaron Forney for his design work.



# RADICAL HOSPITALITY

## Congregational Life & Care

### USHERING SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

A head usher is needed on a permanent basis for the fourth Sunday of each month for the 11:00 AM service. This is an important way to serve Asbury and our congregation, and has the bonus of no preparation prior to the fourth Sunday service. If your schedule is tight, this is the perfect service opportunity for you - less than two hours each month. Training will be provided by Cyndi Frank and Ed Keller. Please contact Cyndi Frank ([frankcj@ptd.net](mailto:frankcj@ptd.net), 610-799-6079) or Ed Keller ([ekkeller@ptd.net](mailto:ekkeller@ptd.net), 610-366-9591) for further information.

### VBS TEACHERS' HOSPITALITY ROOM

Are you able to help supply snacks for the Vacation Bible School Teachers' Hospitality Room? Dates for VBS this year are Monday, 7/30 through Friday, 8/3. A poster board for sign-ups has been placed in the Community Room. Please stop by and volunteer to help us treat our VBS teachers to a special break during their busy mornings.

### JAMS & JELLIES

If you are making jams or jellies for the UMW Bazaar, glass jars are available for you in the Wesley Center kitchen. Help yourself!

### SECURITY CAMERAS INSTALLED

To help insure the safety of our children and youth, and to protect everyone who uses our facility, we have installed a system of security cameras both inside and outside the building. Two cameras monitor the parking lot and three cameras cover the Wesley, Memorial Garden and PreSchool entrances. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office or any member of the Board of Trustees.

## Prayers of Our Congregation

*May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.*

*I Corinthians 1:3*

### For those who are sick or in the hospital

Lord, we ask your mercy and healing for all those currently hospitalized or recently discharged, especially Jack I. Give them the strength and will to recover so they may continue your work in the world. Jesus, we ask you to have mercy on all those in pain, both physical and mental and grant them your peace.

### 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 White family on the death of Gil's father this past week. Be with Pastor Mark & Karen Moore; Karen's sister passed away on July 18.

### For those who need your special help

Lord, we ask you to be with Bonnie's son, Robert, who is going on a very long motorcycle trip. We ask you to uplift and strengthen Dale's brother, Chris, as he faces some serious challenges in his life. We ask you to present job opportunities to all those seeking work, especially Kim and Connie. Please be with Jeanne, recovering after being hit by a car.. Send continued comfort and healing for Sandra's 20 year old son, who was recently hospitalized for a collapsed lung.

### For our children

We ask your guidance for us and our children as we shepherd them to maturity.

In The  
Mailbag



Just a few lines to thank you so much for sending Glenn Asquith, Leah Kuhns and Judy Whitby to call on me while I was in hospital and rehab last month. My son, John Frey, knew that I would appreciate a visitor from Asbury. I am now back in NJ and doing very well after my knee replacement. Again, many thanks for the visits. They were a great encouragement and pleasure.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Frey

### COMMUNITY ROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Training will be held in late August for volunteers to help in the Community Room on Sunday mornings. Shifts are 8:00-9:30 and 10:30-11:10, which leaves time to attend worship and/or Sunday School. Please contact Laurie Wallace Theisen in the church office for more information.

### For our congregation

Lord, be with us as we seek to understand issues and make decisions.

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

We ask that the peace of Christ descend upon the hearts of dictators throughout the world so that they start changes allowing freedom without the need for violence. We ask that you take power from the drug dealers in Mexico and bring justice there.

### With thanksgiving for our joys

We thank you for the blessing of rain and flowing streams. Thank you for good changes, vacations and time to appreciate blessings.

### For the missions we support

Let us pray for Lehigh County Conference of Churches as they unite communities of faith as ecumenical partners. Help them address the needs of food and nutrition, housing, mental and physical health; and break down the barriers preventing at-risk youth from succeeding.

*Amen!*

## INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

### Children



#### Sunday Morning Summer Faith & Fun Alive - 9:30 AM

Childcare for Infants/Ones in Room 214; Childcare for Two's-PreK in Room 223; Grades K-5 in Room 219.

**Special Note to Parents for July 22:** At the 11:00 Sanctuary and Open Door Worship, the message is on "Abortion". Members of our childcare staff are available to watch your children. Feel free to drop them off in Room 223 anytime during the service. For the Open Door service, Linda Arleth will be available after the children's message to take children K-5th grade up to Room 223. Parents - please pick up your children after the service.

#### Summer Kidz Klub

Join us for the last one of the summer on 7/25. Dinner and fun summer activities for PreK/4's - 5th grade from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Sign up outside the Wesley Center of contact Linda in church office.

#### VBS - July 30, 31 & August 1, 2, & 3 - "Operation Overboard"



This is the last week to register your children PreK 4's - 5th grade. Forms are available online, at the Welcome Centers, & in the church office!



### Youth

Thank you for all of your support for our Sr. High West Virginia Work Week. Check for blog postings from both students and adults and photos from the entire week at [www.asburyym.org](http://www.asburyym.org)! In the coming weeks, we'll share more stories as we celebrate the great things that happen through this trip!



Congratulations to our YMMO ringers on their wonderful week of ministry throughout the Lehigh Valley. The ringers performed 11 different times, including performances as well as hands-on experiences for those in attendance.

Sunday, 7/22 is TV/Movie Night. Come out to the Youth Lounge from 6:30 PM - 8 PM to hang out and watch some TV, especially to help recover from the West Virginia Work Week!

### Adults



- ◆ Copies of the report from the Eastern PA Annual Conference that was held from May 17—19, 2012 are available at the Welcome Centers.
- ◆ Quarterly financial and attendance reports are available at the Welcome Centers.
- ◆ The 2011 Compilation Report (Financial Audit) has been completed. Copies are available in the church office.

This information is being provided in an effort to communicate more fully with the members of Asbury Church. Please take a moment to look over these documents and feel free to contact Tom Gibson in the church office with any questions.

## RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

### Asbury In Mission (AIM) Mission



**CHANGE FOR CHANGE** this month will go to the Second Harvest Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley. Second Harvest's mission is to obtain food and distribute it to people in need through area non-profits and to provide resources for education and advocacy to end hunger. Please place your contributions in the designated containers.

### WEST VIRGINIA WORK WEEK

Thanks to all who contributed food or made cash donations to feed the youth and adults on the West Virginia Work Week crew. It was greatly appreciated by all the hard workers. A special thanks to those who prepared a pasta meal and to the Susanna Circle for baking cookies as one of the special treats for the workers!

*The Kitchen Kweens*

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank, we would like to thank you for the donation of 12 bags of food. Because of your caring and giving, we are able to feed those less fortunate in our community. We are currently serving between 200 and 250 families per week. Again, thank you for your donation.

*Sincerely,*  
AAEFB

## EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

### ASBURY ENDOWMENT FUND

Did you know that you can name the Asbury Endowment Fund as a beneficiary of your estate in several ways? Consider gifting to the Endowment Fund a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, the remainder of your estate after other gifts are made, or those portions of your estate whose beneficiaries predecease you.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday, July 22

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Faith & Fun Alive (K-5th grade) -219
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Open Door Community Worship- WC
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 106/108
- 2:00 p.m. Private Event- FH
- 6:00 p.m. Summer Bible Study- Grove/Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Summer Program- YL

## Monday, July 23

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 10:30 a.m. Pastoral Care Staff- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12- FH/106

## Tuesday, July 24

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 9:30 a.m. Craft Day- 106
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff- Aldersgate
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Team- offsite
- 6:30 p.m. Country Crossing HOA- Parlor
- 7:30 p.m. O. A. - 204

## Wednesday, July 25

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 5:00 p.m. Karate- Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Kidz Klub- WC

## Wednesday, July 25 (continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Marketing Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 6:30 p.m. Keller Meeting- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Harmony- FH

## Thursday July 26

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba Toning- FH
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON (Serenity in the Valley)- 108

## Friday, July 27

- 11:00 a.m. VBS Set-Up

## Saturday, July 28

- 9:00 a.m. VBS Set-Up
- 3:00 p.m. Sonntag Eagle Scout Ceremony- Sanc.
- 4:00 p.m. Sonntag Eagle Scout Reception- FH

## Sunday, July 29

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Faith & Fun Alive (K-5th grade) -219
- 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- 215/208
- 6:00 p.m. Summer Bible Study- Grove/Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Summer Program- YL/FH

## DAVE TORREY



Dave Torrey has completed numerous fix-it jobs around the church, including sanding, repainting & refinishing laminate and fire doors, and repainting rooms. He is also an AIM member, has organized mission trips, and is an active member of the Asbury Toolmen. Thanks, Dave!



**TOUGH TOPICS**  
Sermon Series

- Church & State  
July 1
- Income Inequality  
July 29
- The Death Penalty  
July 8
- Heaven & Hell  
August 5
- Homosexuality  
July 15
- Euthanasia  
August 12
- Abortion  
July 22
- Politics  
August 19

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