



# THE VINE

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**JULY 29, 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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## Blessed to Be a Blessing

Income inequality has been the subject of much debate in this country, largely because of the "Occupy Wall Street" movement. The problem, as many people see it, is that 83% of the world's income generated each year flows to and is controlled by 20% of the world's population. By contrast, 60% of the world's population receives less than 6% of the world's income. The result is that 30,000 people die every day in the Third World from starvation and malnutrition-related diseases.

This is a complex problem that does not have a simple solution. However, scripture is clear regarding our care for the poor. But what can we do? Because of the complexity of this issue we feel overwhelmed and believe that there is nothing we can do individually to relieve the suffering of the poor. But we can make a difference. Every small contribution makes a difference if we get enough small contributions. The giving of our financial resources to Asbury In Mission (AIM) has made a tremendous impact on local, national and global poverty over the years. Your continued financial support of AIM will make a difference for many lives in the future.

Sharing of our financial resources is important in alleviating poverty but we also need to share our time. During the spring and summer of 2012, Asbury has sent missionaries to Nepal, West Virginia, and Oklahoma to help those in need. There are many members of our congregation that took personal vacation time to be the hands and feet of Christ. Asbury is making a difference. Where is God calling you to use your resources and time in order to bring good news to the poor?

*Pastor Eric*

## Kitchen Ministry

Asbury's Kitchen Ministry Team currently revolves around three missions. One is to provide food for large events held at Asbury. These have included the Mini Golf, fund raising dinners, and Pastor Mindy's farewell meal. Secondly, we provide light meals or luncheons following funerals. Finally, we will be providing frozen casserole meals for the congregation to use as outreach for families dealing with illness, bereavement, or new babies; the goal of this ministry to help anyone in need.

Our team is comprised of individuals who love to cook, bake, do prep work, and clean up. Each event is unique in the menus and support needed. Meetings are usually held to plan each event. This fall we hope to have several clean up teams to rotate for events, teams for the funeral mission, and teams to create casseroles. If you wish to be added to our list, please contact Faye Vibbert (610-398-0516 or [fvibbert@fvibbert.com](mailto:fvibbert@fvibbert.com)).

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.mccreight@juno.com](mailto:dick.mccreight@juno.com). Many thanks to Aaron Forney for his design work.



**Asbury Church**  
a United Methodist  
Community

# RADICAL HOSPITALITY & EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

## Congregational Life & Care

### 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!

### UMW DISTRICT INGATHERING

Asbury's UMW is again participating in our District Ingathering to be held in September. Any of the following items would be greatly appreciated: diapers (cloth and disposable), underwear (infant, children and adult), baby clothes (especially for infants), mittens, hats, socks, sweaters and nightwear. Items should be new, preferably with tags attached. Please look for the collection container on lower level. Monetary contributions are always appreciated. All donations benefit our local Salem Thrift Shop in Allentown. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Malick (610-797-0960). Thank you for your wonderful support of this worthwhile program!

### ZUMBA CLASSES CANCELLED THIS WEEK

The Tuesday/Thursday Zumba and Zumba Toning classes will not be held this week because of VBS. Classes will resume on Tuesday, 8/7.

## Prayers of Our Congregation

*How great is the joy I have in my life in the Lord! Philippians 4:10*

#### 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 Elaine Glasser. 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 family of Barry Wolfe, former Associate Pastor at Asbury now in the arms of his Savior. We also ask mercy and comfort for Glenn Kratzer and family on the passing of his mother, Althea. We ask comfort for Pastor Mark and Karen and family on the passing of her sister.

#### For those who need your special help

Lord, we ask you to make Jack I. comfortable as he moves to Luther Crest Wellness Center. Dawn P. requests divine support for her sister, Judy, who is facing serious health issues. Bonnie R. asks for traveling mercies for her grandson Todd and his wife. We ask continued care and love for Caitlin as she gains strength at home. Keena asks healing for Layla in her surgery and recovery. Jennifer requests divine comfort and healing for her grandmother-in-law, bedridden and in dementia care, and strength for her mother-in-law who cares for her. Lord, we ask you to provide job opportunities for all those who are in need.



**We are running very low on these basic necessities!**

- **Men's Socks - NEW**
- **Men's Underwear - NEW (Boxers or Briefs)**
- **Men's White Undershirts - NEW**
- **Men's Jeans - NEW or Gently Used**
- **Men's Belts - NEW or Gently Used (Brown or Black, Various Sizes from 32"- 46")**

**Items can be dropped off at the Allentown Rescue Mission, 355 Hamilton St, Allentown, PA 18105, Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM. If you have a large load that needs to be picked up, please call us at 610-740-5500, ext 45. Thank you!**

#### For our children

Oh Lord, help us to remember that you are with us always, from when we feel young and helpless to when we feel old and helpless. You are our rock and our redeemer and we are your children.

#### For our congregation

Lord, guide us as we grow and evolve into better Christians.

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

Lord, we ask that you guide the leaders of all countries to use encouragement and joy instead of fear and violence to govern their people. We ask you to bring peace to Syria and wisdom to all leaders in the Middle East. We ask for comfort for all those affected by the shooting in Colorado. Lord, help us to protect the natural environment which you have provided to nourish us.

#### With thanksgiving for our joys

Paul and Gerri C. thank God for their 58th wedding anniversary. Sue is thankful for her colorful bed of zinnias where she's seen both a hummingbird and a monarch butterfly.

#### For the missions we support

Let us pray for the Sixth Street Shelter as they work to provide the opportunity and direction for all people to become self-sufficient, productive members of the community.

*Amen!*

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## 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

## Monday, July 30

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 10:30 a.m. Pastoral Care Staff- Aldersgate

## Tuesday, July 31

- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff- Aldersgate
- 6:00 p.m. VBS Family Night
- 7:30 p.m. O. A. - 204

## Wednesday, August 1

- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group-231
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 215
- 5:00 p.m. Karate- WC
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- WC
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204



## Wednesday, August 1 (continued)

- 7:00 p.m. Karate- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Harmony- FH

## Thursday, August 2

- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 7:00 p.m. Journeys- 202
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON (Serenity in the Valley)- 215

## Friday, August 3

- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 10:00 a.m. LV Organist Guild- Aldersgate
- 11:30 a.m. VBS Closing Program- Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Cub Scout Camp out- FH

## Saturday, August 4

*Nothing Scheduled*

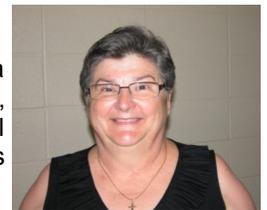
## Sunday, August 5 / Communion

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Tough Topics Discussion- Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Summer Bible Study- Grove/Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Summer Program- YL/FH

**Servant  
of the  
Week**

## FAYE VIBBERT

Faye is head of the Food Ministry Team, coordinates the Dorcas Martha Circle, and is on the Open Door Hospitality Team. She is also a quilter, does Children's Time, and organizes the Craft Circle for the annual UMW Bazaar. She organized the Great American Bake Sale, and helps in the VBS Teacher Hospitality Room. Thanks, Faye!



**TOUGH TOPICS**  
Sermon Series

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

## Our Staff

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## INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

## RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

### 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.

#### VBS – July 30, 31 & August 1, 2, & 3 – “Operation Overboard”

This week we welcome the start of “Operation Overboard!” About 175 children and 70 volunteers will be “Going Deep With God” – learning the stories of the Bible through music, storytelling, crafts, games, and snacks. Family Nite is Tuesday, July 31, from 6-8 PM. Please pray for the children and their families that they will be touched by Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Keep the volunteers in your prayers for strength & energy to be Christ’s witnesses. Thank you to all who are serving this week as volunteers & staff, and who are providing food for our hungry workers!

#### Next Sunday, August 5

We welcome all children and their families to be part of our VBS celebration at the 9:30 AM Sanctuary Service. The VBS children will present a short program of songs and video pictures. After the Children’s Message, the children will be dismissed for a time of fun activities.

Contact Linda Arleth ([larleth@asburylv.org](mailto:larleth@asburylv.org) or 610-398-2577) for information on any Children’s Ministry activity.

### Youth

We had an absolutely wonderful West Virginia Work Week, despite some rain and some heat. Words can’t describe the thanks deserved by the students and adults who made this trip possible, as well as to everyone who supported the trip, through food, monetary donations, and prayer. One of the things we talked about during our devotional time is that every job, no matter how miniscule it seems, is vital in making something happen. Without all of the support from this congregation, this trip would not be a reality. Next year will be the 20th year we go to West Virginia, and although we don’t know who we’ll be helping yet, please begin to pray for the trip and that family now as we look ahead to next July. If you missed our photos, blogs, and vlogs capturing work and student reactions from the week, visit <http://www.asburyym.org>.

This week’s summer youth event is Christmas in July. Tired of the heat? Come hang out with us as we jump ahead to December! We’re meeting Sunday, 7/29, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM in the Youth Lounge.

Next week, 8/5, bring your secret skills to share at our Talent Show!

Night on the Move is a lock-in where we spend part of the night roaming around the valley seeking out fun! This year’s Night on the Move is Fri, 8/10 to Sat, 8/11. Mark your calendars now!!

### Adults

#### BISHOP’S INITIATIVE: HOMOSEXUALITY DIALOGUES

You are invited to attend conversation around ¶161F of the 2008 *Discipline* which states that “The United Methodist Church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching.”

All sessions are the same. Walk-ins are welcome, but registration is requested and free. Go to <http://www.epaumc.org/2012-dialogues-homosexuality> and make your selection or call (484) 762-8232, leave your name and your selection on the answering machine.

Your options are:

**Saturday, September 22, 2012 – 9 AM to 1 PM**

Gretna Glen Camp, 87 Old Mine Road, Lebanon, PA 17042

**Saturday, October 6, 2012 – 9 AM to 1 PM**

St. Matthews Valley Forge, 600 Walker Road, Wayne, PA 19087

**Saturday, November 17, 2012 – 9 AM to 1 PM**

Solebury UMC, 2536-A Aquetong Road, New Hope, PA 18938

Download (or request a copy from your District Office) and read this document prior to arrival: <http://justpeaceumc.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/ECWenglish1.2a.pdf>.

#### 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

Our Sr. High West Virginia Work Week was last week (7/15-21). We had 16 students and 26 adults take part in the trip. While the adult number may look high and skewed, one of the things that we emphasized in the course of the week was 1 Corinthians 12:4-13, in which Paul talks about all having different roles but working for the same Spirit. The Work Week shows that in action, with everyone completing different tasks but doing all of them in the name of Christ. Adults are there to train and work alongside students as the project comes to fruition.

The group constructed a 2 bedroom addition as well as a porch for two grandparents who are raising a granddaughter and weren’t able to provide her with her own room. Through the dedication of these students and adults, the final touches are being put on a room for the granddaughter, Savannah, to have her own space to grow up.

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