



**Asbury Church**  
a United Methodist  
Community

SEPTEMBER 2, 2012



*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

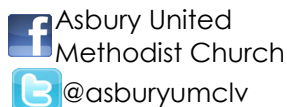
Teaching Pastors  
Mark Moore and Eric Yeakel

### 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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### GET IN THE GAME!

Football season is just a few days away! For some, that is exciting news; for others, not so much. Vince Lombardi, the great football coach, once made a very interesting statement that football games were a very bad idea because on the field there were 22 players in desperate need of rest, and in the stands were 75,000 spectators in desperate need of exercise!

Not only is the new football season here, so is the new ministry season for our church. There will be many opportunities for worship, study, fellowship and mission. Our vision is not to have the church look like an NFL football game where only a few people are involved while the majority simply sit and observe. We are building a church where everyone has a role to play! God will be honored and you will be blessed when you commit to being in worship every week! You will grow in your faith as you participate in one of our Bible studies. You will experience deep fellowship when you are in a small group, and you will help to change the world when you serve in one of our many ministry and mission opportunities.

I am excited when I see how God's spirit is moving here at Asbury. Be sure to take advantage of the opportunities to grow as a Disciple of Christ and transform the world through your service to our Lord! Get in the game! See you at church!

*Pastor Mark*

### CHILDREN'S & YOUTH CHOIRS

**Come Make A Joyful Noise!** Long before I took over the leadership of Asbury's youngest singers, someone had named this choir the "Joyful Noisemakers." I don't think there could be a more appropriate name for this group as I watch my kindergarten and first graders enter our rehearsal room each week. Sincere or silly, shy or outgoing, spirited or subdued, there is special spark in each one of these singers. While I always plan to lead rehearsal each week, I often find that I am the one who has much to learn from these little ones. Children enrolled in kindergarten or Grade 1 are always welcome to join the Joyful Noisemakers. Beginning 9/5, we rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 6:30 PM in Room 108 and share a song in worship at least once each month, September through May. Come out and join us as we share the gift of music, learn about God's amazing love through song, and enjoy fellowship of Asbury friends. For additional information, please contact me, Tina Lebrecht, (610-298-8433 or tnt94@ptd.net).

**Welcome Rainbow Singers!** Any children in Grades 2 – 5 are welcome to join the Rainbow Singers. Our first rehearsal for the year will be Wednesday, 9/5, from 6:00 to 6:45 PM in Room 106. We are looking forward to seeing many new and familiar faces!!!! If you have any questions, please contact Beth Snyder (610-264-7671 or bsnyder@asburylv.org).

**Youth Choir News**.....Any youth in 6th – 12th grades who enjoy singing and fellowship with Christian friends....Please come join us Wednesday evenings for Youth Choir. We will begin our rehearsals on Wednesday, 9/5, from 7:00 to 7:45 PM in Room 106. Hope to see you then!! If you have any questions, please contact Beth Snyder (610-264-7671 or bsnyder@asburylv.org).

**GROUNDS WORKDAY—SATURDAY, 9/8—8:00 AM TO NOON  
BRING TOOLS FOR PULLING WEEDS AND PRUNING TREES AND SHRUBBERY.  
COME OUT AND HELP BEAUTIFY OUR PROPERTY!**

# RADICAL HOSPITALITY & EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

## Congregational Life & Care



Trunk or Treat  
Saturday, 10/27

Asbury will host its first "Trunk-or-Treat" Night on Saturday, 10/27, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Trunk-or-Treat is an event that offers youth the opportunity to scare or amuse us while they parade from car trunk to car trunk in the church parking lot. Sign up to decorate your car's trunk and give out some treats. Members can also participate by making candy, food, and/or monetary donations. Photo booth, music, and a "Road Kill Cafe" scheduled to be available. More info to follow. Please sign up in the Community Room or contact Lisa at [Indiffenbaugh@hometownu.com](mailto:Indiffenbaugh@hometownu.com).

### PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY:

- ◆ Fall Blood Drive - Sunday, 9/23 - 20 volunteers needed. Sign up in Community Room.
- ◆ Flu Vaccine - Sunday, 10/28 - Room 102.
- ◆ Blood Pressure Screenings - Ongoing.
- ◆ Blood Sugar Screening - Date in November TBA.
- ◆ Grief Support Luncheon - 9/24 - 12:30 to 2:00 PM in the Aldersgate Room.

### UMW CIRCLE NEWS:

- ◇ **Susanna Circle** - Walk in the Park and Dinner Meeting on Monday, 9/10, 6:30 PM at Marian Denny's Waldheim Park Cottage. Rosemary Sharf will speak on "Faith in China." Bring donations for Ingathering.
- ◇ **Dorcus/Martha Circle** - Meeting at 9:15 AM on Thursday, 9/13, in the Parlor. Program will be on the scope of the "Daybreak" inner-city program. Collection for September will be deodorant for "Daybreak."

**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, 9/11, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 208. Call Linda Curry Bartholomew (610-395-8756) for information.

**THE ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION** is in need of a minivan (in good condition) to be used by their food service and facilities departments. If you have a van to donate, or wish to make a monetary donation toward this need, please contact Gary Millsbaugh ([gfmillsbaugh@rcn.com](mailto:gfmillsbaugh@rcn.com)).

**SIXTH STREET SHELTER:** The new school year is here, and The Sixth Street Shelter is requesting donations of children's underwear (sizes 6-16), socks (sizes 9-12) and gift certificates for shoes for their residents. For more information, please contact Lauren Schwartz or Jennifer Reyes (610-435-1490 or [lschwartz@caclv.org](mailto:lschwartz@caclv.org) or [jreyes@caclv.org](mailto:jreyes@caclv.org)). Donations should be taken directly to the shelter.

### FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2012**

**8:00 AM - 12:00 PM @ ASBURY**

Recycle your old unwanted, broken, outdated electronics, phones, computers, TVs and appliances for free! Check [www.asburylv.org](http://www.asburylv.org) for complete list.



## Prayers of Our Congregation

*"Breathe on me, Breath of God. Fill me with life anew."*

### 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 Heather and Pat S. as they celebrate the short life of their infant daughter, Sarah Catherine. We ask your comfort for Frank G.'s Aunt Josie who lost her husband last week. We ask peace and comfort for Linda B. and her family as they mourn the passing of her mother. Comfort Michael and Annette M. on the death of his mother

### For those who need your special help

Lord, ease healing for Bryan N. now recovering from minor surgery. We ask for your healing touch on Dan C.'s father as he recovers from emergency eye surgery. Continue to be with Connie, now suffering from diabetes complications. We lift up Carol's friend, Norma T. who is undergoing a stem cell transplant. We ask healing for Lauren. Master of miracles, we ask that you be with Marian D.'s husband, Jack, as he tries daily to walk. Be with Tiffany R.'s mother, recently hospitalized. We ask that your love surround Maynara, the Fulltons' granddaughter, as she continues to recover. We ask that you continue to hold Jeff close as he continues on the road to sobriety. Lord, we ask a speedy recovery for Megan B. following recent surgery. Please send your guidance to Abby N. as she has accepted a position as special education teacher at Allen H.S. Lord, be with Michele G.'s brother, Raymond, as he and his family go through a difficult time. We ask safety for Bonnie R.'s daughter, Shirley and her friends as they return home from vacation. We ask your healing for Mr. H. in critical condition following an accident. Send your healing love to Dawn P.'s sister, Judy, undergoing surgery for colon cancer.

### 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 Carolyn G. Robert K., Glenn E., Elaine G. and Doris G. 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 our congregation

We ask for your blessing upon Randi and Al Paul as they leave Asbury this week and move to their new home in VA. We thank you for a newly paved parking lot. We ask for your help as the United Methodist Women prepare the sanctuary pews for re-upholstering.

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

Lord, we thank you for joyful workers in the cause of peace and freedom throughout the world. We ask comfort and help for all those suffering from the effects of Hurricane Isaac. We thank you for the inspiration of the athletes participating in the Para-Olympics in London.

### With thanksgiving for our joys

Thank you for the kindness of friends. Thank you for your gift of divine love, personified in your son, Jesus Christ.

### For our children

Lord, we ask that each child have enough to eat and enough love to thrive. Lord, inspire the children who are starting school, that they might have a rewarding educational experience.

## INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

### CHILDREN



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

Childcare for infants/ones in room 214 and Two's-PreK in Room 223. All children Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend Sunday School in Room 219.

#### Fall Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- **Needed** ~ Teacher aides for 1st – 3rd Grades. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Linda Arleth (larleth@asburylv.org).
- **New Formats for classes: Starting 9/9**, we will be changing our groupings for classes. Childcare will be provided in Rooms 214 and 223. We will change to a rotational format for our 3's, PreK, and Kindergarten ages. They will be grouped together for their gathering time, followed by rotation stations for their activities. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> will remain as individual class groupings. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades will be entering a Large Group/Small Group format, meeting together for their large group time, then going into small groups for their Bible Life Application activities. We have been in the process over the last couple years of slowly changing our formats so that all children will be learning according to their abilities and learning styles. Any questions, please contact Linda Arleth (larleth@asburylv.org).
- **Teacher Meetings** – 1st-3rd Grades & TMT meeting is **Wednesday, 9/12**, at 6:15 PM in the Parlor.

**Kidz Klub** ~ 9/21, from 6:00-8:30 PM. Sign up outside WC or in the Community Room.

### YOUTH



Thanks to everyone who came out last Sunday for Youth Lounge cleanup day! We repainted the entryway and did quite a bit of reorganization in the Youth Lounge. With a few touch-ups, the entryway will be finished!

There are no events this week (8/31-9/3) to give those of you who spent your first week in school some time to unwind and for those of you who will be starting next week some time to prepare!

If you're a female in Grades 9-12, a great way to connect on a deeper level with yourself, your friends, and with God is to attend High School Girls Group! Girls Group meets every Monday from 6:30 – 8:00 PM in the Youth Lounge and will convene for the first time on September 10.

Check the Asbury Youth Ministries website, [www.asburylv.org](http://www.asburylv.org), for our calendar of events and to sign up for upcoming retreats.

### ADULTS



**ASBURY CONNECTION**, a ministry for young adults from Post High School into early 20s, encourages connection with your Asbury family and continuation of your spiritual journey. Check us out on Asbury's website under *Ministries for Young Adults*, then sign up at [connectme@asburyconnection.org](mailto:connectme@asburyconnection.org) or [AsburyConnection@yahoo.com](mailto:AsburyConnection@yahoo.com). Volunteers ~ we are having a committee meeting on Wednesday, 9/5, at 7:30 PM in Room 108.

**THE ARMADA**, Asbury's young adult group, is taking a trip to see the Dead Sea Scrolls which are currently at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. The date is Sunday, 9/23. We are shooting for a mid-afternoon entrance time. With the entrance price, we also have access to the rest of the Franklin Institute so we can hang out there before and/or after the exhibit if we want. Please contact Jamie Peter for more information.

**THE BEREA GROUP** will be looking at "Faith in Action" in Hebrews and Acts this fall. We meet in Room 208 at 9:30 AM on Sundays, starting 9/9. Try us for a small group study this fall. All are welcome!

## RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

### Asbury In Mission (AIM)



### SEPTEMBER

**CHANGE FOR CHANGE** this month is designated for the annual CROP Walk, which will take place Sunday, 10/14. We all care about hungry people, but what can one person do? You can support the local CROP Hunger Walk to raise your voice against hunger and raise funds to help hungry people around the world and here in our own area. Please place your contributions in the designated containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Wesley Center.

#### five Below Fundraiser for CROP Walk:

This weekend is the first of three, "Five Below" fundraisers for the CROP Hunger Walk this year. You can print a coupon or pick up a 5.5 x 8.5 flyer from Asbury's Welcome desks. Take it to either the *five Below* store in Whitehall or Allentown, present the coupon with your purchase and 10% of your purchase will be donated to the Allentown CROP Hunger Walk.

Next two dates for this fundraiser will be **10/19 to 10/21** and **11/16 to 11/18**. Watch for updated coupons!

#### Mission Partner

**Andrew Breitenberg in South Africa**



Here's Gary, one of our many street friends. He's probably about 50 and speaks with the poshest English accent you've ever heard and says things like "ooh my dear what I wouldn't do for just the tiniest smidge of apricot jam." A few weeks ago he tried to commit suicide in the middle of the night by jumping off a footbridge that crosses the highway next to our neighborhood. Two colored guys appeared and told him to stop drinking and go home. He said these same two men dressed in plain clothes have appeared to him before when he's at his lowest. He says they are angels and I believe this - and am humbled - that the creator of the universe chooses to send angels to save this one man that no other earthly person would miss. Gary is famous with God. The 1 and the 99. We love him and ask you to remember him in your thoughts.



# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday, September 2 / 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
- 12:30 p.m. Private Party- FH
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 106/108

## Monday, September 3 / Labor Day

*Office & Building Closed*

## Tuesday, September 4

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. PreSchool Parent Orientation- Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. UMW Board- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Team- Aldersgate
- 7:30 p.m. O. A. - 204

## Wednesday, September 5

- 8:55 a.m. PreSchool Open House
- 9:00 a.m. PlayDays Open House
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 9:00 a.m. Keep in Touch- 106
- 11:00 a.m. Software Review- Aldersgate
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 5:00 p.m. Karate- WC
- 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers- 108
- 6:00 p.m. Rainbow Singers- 106
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 6:30 p.m. PreSchool Parent Orientation- Sanc.
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204

## Wednesday, September 5 (continued)

- 7:00 p.m. Youth Choir- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 7:30 p.m. Asbury Connection- 108
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102

## Thursday, September 6

- 8:55 a.m. PreSchool Open House
- 9:00 a.m. PlayDays Open House
- 9:00 a.m. Zumba Toning- FH
- 6:30 p.m. Parkland Service Unit Meeting- FH
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON (Serenity in the Valley)- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Journeys- 202
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir- 102

## Friday, September 7

*Nothing Scheduled*

## Saturday, September 8

- 8:00 a.m. Grounds Work Day- outside

## Sunday, September 9

- 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
- 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. Cub Scout God & Family- 215
- 6:00 p.m. Youth 6th grade Welcome- 108
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- FH/YL
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple 1- 217

## JASON WEAVER



When asked which congregation member he is most appreciative of, Head Custodian Larry Hein immediately said, "Jason Weaver." Throughout the summer, Jason brings students from the youth probation program to do outside work around the church – mowing, trimming, cutting down trees, hauling away brush, and general clean-up work. Thanks, Jason!



Asbury's Annual All-Church Retreat will begin at 7:00 PM on Friday, 10/5, and run through 2:00 PM on Sunday, 10/7. It will be held at Camp Innabah outside of Pottstown, PA. All members and friends of Asbury are encouraged to attend. The discounted cost for the weekend is \$100 for adults, \$75 for youth ages 13-18, \$50 for children ages 3-12, and \$25 for children ages 0-2. Please contact either pastor if financial assistance is

needed. The cost will be prorated for participants who attend part of the event only. The retreat will include family-style meals and lodging, small group discussions, crafts, games, worship, and great fellowship. Those who have attended in the past can attest to how wonderful it is to participate in an inter-generational experience for an entire weekend. You'll return relaxed, refreshed, and renewed!

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