



Asbury Church
a United Methodist
Community

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

WORSHIP

8:00 AM in the Sanctuary

WORSHIP

9:30 AM in the Sanctuary

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

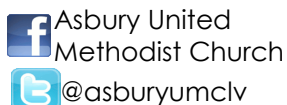
During our 9:30 Sunday School time, we have childcare for infants through three year olds. During our 11:00 Services, we have childcare available for infants through PreK.

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2013

INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

Many people struggle with putting God first in their lives. In a culture with so many entertainment type distractions we tend to invest our time and money in things other than the Kingdom of God. In our upcoming sermon series "Investment Strategies," we will look at this issue.

September 22 "American Idols"

God calls us to put Him first in our lives but we can become distracted by sports, material possessions, technology, and many other things. In Week 1 we will look at how we can make God a priority in our lives.

September 29 "Sustainable Lifestyles"

Our culture associates purchasing and the consumption of goods and services with happiness. This drive for happiness keeps us indebted, always seeking the next source of satisfaction while robbing us of the abundant life promised to us by Jesus. In Week 2 we will look at some Biblical financial planning principles.

October 6 "Back to the Future: Wesley and Stewardship"

John Wesley once urged those in connection with him to "earn all you can and save all you can, so that you can give all you can." In Week 3 we will discuss how these timeless truths of Wesley's can help us in 2013.

October 13 "Extravagant Generosity from the Heart"

Generosity is giving to God as God has given to us. We will conclude our series by looking at how to cultivate a heart of generosity. I hope you join us each week as we look at reassessing our priorities and how we can create a lifestyle of generosity in order to invest in the Kingdom of God

Blessings,
Pastor Eric

HIGHLIGHTS FOR SEPTEMBER 8 ~ FALL KICKOFF SUNDAY

Blessing of the Backpacks: All children, youth and adults are invited to bring their backpacks/briefcases to church for *Blessing of the Backpacks*. Children and youth will have their backpacks blessed during our Large Group Times in Sunday School, and all backpacks/briefcases will be blessed at all 4 worship services.

The Henritzy Class will host Carol Hart Matzker at 9:30 AM in Room 204. Carol is the author of *"Facing the Monster: How One Person Can Fight Child Slavery."* Human trafficking is one of the study topics this year for the UMW. Everyone is welcome to come—bring a friend and meet Carol. She grew up at Asbury, was married here, and is the daughter of Bill & Evelyn Hart.

Youth Group Kickoff & Welcome to Sixth Graders: Youth Group is for both Middle (6-8) and High (9-12) Schoolers! We want to extend a special welcome to those of you who are in 6th Grade and coming to Youth Group for the first time! Please join us (parents too!) at 6:00 PM in Room 108 to find out what Youth Group (and Youth Ministries) is all about and to get to check out the Youth Lounge before the 7th-12th Graders arrive!

RADICAL HOSPITALITY



THE ASBURY UMW is once again participating in the District Ingathering to be held on 10/5. Any of the following items will be greatly appreciated: Diapers (cloth and disposable), Underwear (children and adult), Baby Clothes (especially infant sizes), Mittens,

Hats, Socks (all ages), Sweaters, and Nightwear. Items should be new (tags attached if possible). All donations benefit our local Salem Thrift Shop in Allentown. Please look for the Ingathering Tub on the lower level. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Malick (484-515-7612). Thank you for your support of this program!

JOIN THE "FAMILIES ON THE GROW" for a campfire and cookout on Saturday, 9/14, at 5:00 PM in the Asbury grove. Chicken, paper products and beverages will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. For more information, contact Paul Wood (paewood@rcn.com or 610-437-1862).

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY: Can't hear God though the cell phone, the kids, and the endless static of life? You may think you've got a one-sided relationship with God, but He's in constant dialogue with us. Ready to tune Him in? Join us for 6 Tuesdays from 9:30-11:00 AM, starting 9/17 as we discuss the book *Tune In: Hearing God's Voice Through the Static* by Jen Hatmaker. Please contact Cristina Lenner for more information (lennerc@yahoo.com).

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, 9/10, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. in Room 208. Call Linda Curry Bartholomew (610-395-8756) for this month's topic and/or more information.

DIG DEEP: Do you want to live out your faith more genuinely? Join us alternate Sundays (9/29,10/13,10/27,11/10,11/24,12/8) from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in Room 106 as we study John Ortberg's book *"The Life You've Always Wanted."* Contact Linda Woolbaugh (610-398-9370 or woolbaughs@ptd.net) or Cindy Brown (610-799-3634 or cjrbrown@gmail.com).

ASBURY CONNECTION KICK-OFF MEETING: Wednesday,

9/11, at 7:30 PM in Room 108. This is an outreach ministry to our post high school graduates, helping to support their Christian journey in the first few years after high school. It is so important to keep them connected to their church family. Join us to plan for the 2013-2014 year. For more information, please contact Dot Hess (610-391-9212 or hessdp@ptd.net)



VOLLEYBALL will start up on Tuesday, 9/10, at 7:00 PM in the Wesley Center. For more information, please contact Steve Lantaff (slantaff@msn.com).

BASKETBALL will resume on Sunday, 9/29, at 6:00 PM in the Wesley Center. Come for some exercise and camaraderie! For more information, contact Brian Kresge (610-351-1419 or krez@rcn.com).



UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS ~ ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!!

- ◇ **Susanna Circle** - Meeting at 7:00 PM on Monday, 9/9, at the home of Elouise Schreffler, 1717 Glacier Ct., Allentown. Kathy Parks will speak about the Ingathering program and how it benefits the Salem Thrift shop. Donations for Ingathering will be accepted at the meeting.
- ◇ **Priscilla Circle** - Meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, 9/10, in the Aldersgate Room. We will begin a new study series, *"The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice and Reconciliation"* by Stephanie Hixon & Thomas Porter. *"The Journey"* intertwines stories from the Bible and recent history to illustrate the redemptive power of forgiveness, the restorative power of God's justice and the Good News of reconciliation. We invite all women interested in Bible study to join us for the introduction and chapter, "The Real Life Journey of Jacob" based on Genesis 32-33, led by Cheryl Trent. For additional information, contact Brenda Baxter (brendabaxter14@gmail.com) or Judy Whitby (jmwhitby@aol.com).
- ◇ **Dorcas/Martha Circle** - Meeting at 9:15 AM on Thursday, 9/12, in the Parlor. The program will be presented by Peter Bond, Director of the Aspires Mentoring Program. Collection for September will be diapers and baby wipes for CareNet.

Prayers of Our Congregation

○ *Lord! Thou knowest how busy I must be this day:*

if I forget thee, do not thou forget me. --Sir Jacob Astley

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 Jeanne M., and MaryAnn K. 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: Tony, who is struggling to guide a youth team while dealing with his own health problems; Carl, who is recovering from surgery complications; Healing for Pandora S.; Dorothy Y. who is in Lehigh Valley Hospital; Healing for a friend.

For those who mourn

Lord, we ask comfort for all who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially the family of Elizabeth Nenow.. Reassure them of your unending mercy and eternal love.

For our congregation

Lord, fill us with the joy of your Holy Spirit, so we may help others.

For the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, show our leaders what is right and good to do. Bring peace to the conflicts in the Middle East. Bring justice to oppressors and relief to refugees.

With thanksgiving for our joys

Lord, there are so many blessings to list. You are so generous in your gifts to us! We thank you for the joy of the birth of a daughter to Chris & Brenda Carver (son and daughter-in-law of Bala and Chad Carver.) We thank you for job opportunities. We thank you for providing caring teachers for our children. Thank you for the joy of your presence every moment of our lives.

For our children

Lord, we ask that you protect the world's children who are in danger from war and hunger. We ask that you provide opportunities for young people to discover their gifts and talents.

For the missions we support

Our prayer this week is for Turning Point, the Lehigh Valley's only non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating domestic violence. Pray for the administrators and the clients they serve.

Amen

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN



Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- ☺ **This Sunday, 9/8, is Fall Kickoff Sunday** & our new Rotation Format for kids (3's – 5th Grade) will start! We are very excited to be introducing this new format which is inclusive of all children, engaging, and interactive. Our theme this year is "Fruits of the Spirit." We will have a new theme each month with concentration on 2 different Bible stories related to that month's theme. September is "Love." The children will learn the scripture of the "Fruits of the Spirit" and also about the Prodigal Son. Ages 3's/4's should be dropped off and picked up in Room 216. Kindergarten to 5th Grade will meet in a large group gathering in Fellowship Hall, and then rotate between rooms for Bible Skills, Art, and Creative Drama/Games. Please see your parent letter and posted schedules in the Children's Wing for pickup rooms. Childcare is available for infants/ones in Room 214 & for 2 year olds in Room 223.
- ☺ **Our Kids Need You!** We are still in need of some volunteers to shepherd our children to their classrooms each Sunday, and also to lead/teach Grade 3 & Grades 4-5. If you can help, please contact Linda in the church office.

Kidz Klub

- ☺ **Friday, 9/20, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM is our first Kidz Klub of the Fall.** Dinner, sports, huge scavenger hunt & fall activities are on the agenda! Sign up outside the Wesley Center or in the Community Room, or contact Pam Unrath or Linda Smith. Volunteers are needed!
Contact Linda Arleth Smith in the church office (610-398-2577 or larleth@asburylv.org) for information on all Children's Ministry activities and opportunities.

asbury youth ministries

OUR ASBURY YOUTH MINISTRIES FALL SCHEDULE STARTS THIS SUNDAY, 9/8. WE CAN'T WAIT!

Be sure to check out the following:

- **Sunday School** ~ 9:30 to 10:30 AM. All classes will meet in the Youth Lounge at 9:30 AM, then split into the following classes: 6th & 7th Grade: Room 106; 8th Grade: Room 108; 9th Grade – 12th Grade: Youth Lounge. Sunday School will include a "Blessing of the Backpacks," a church-wide happening on Sunday. At each of the worship services and during the Sunday School time, the pastors will pray over backpacks, work bags, etc., and ask that God be with all of us as we begin another season. Make sure to bring your backpack or whatever you use to transport books for school!
- **Youth Group** ~ 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, Youth Lounge. Youth Group is for both Middle (6-8) and High (9-12) Schoolers! We'll have our kickoff this Sunday and meet most Sunday evenings other than holiday and retreat weekends. **6th Grade Welcome** – We want to extend a special welcome to those of you who are in 6th Grade and coming to Youth Group for the first time! Please join us (parents too!) at 6:00 PM in Room 108 to find out what Youth Group (and Youth Ministries) is all about and to get to check out the Youth Lounge before the 7th-12th Graders arrive!
- **Adventure Day** is for all in Grades 6-12. It's a trip to Pocono Plateau where we get to do some fun activities in the Plateau's Adventure Program (like the Flying Squirrel), get to know each other more, and grow as a group. Sign up online now at www.asburyym.org!
- **The Casowasco High School Fall Retreat** is Friday, 9/27 – Sunday, 9/29. Casowasco is a camp in upstate New York where we spend the weekend as a group examining things that are important to our faith. Sign up online now at www.asburyym.org!
- If you haven't gotten one already, a letter should be in your mailbox in the next day or 2 with the full schedule for the year (save for any changes!).

Contact Aaron in the church office (aforney@asburylv.org or 610-398-2577) for information on all Youth Ministry activities and opportunities.

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE



Change-For-Change

The 2013 Annual CROP Walk will take place on Sunday, 10/13, and this month's CFC is designated to support that event. 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.



Mission Brunch

JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST MISSION BRUNCH OF THE FALL ON 9/15 FROM 9:00 AM TO 12:30 PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL. FUNDS RAISED WILL BE USED TO FIGHT HUNGER LOCALLY AND AROUND THE WORLD THROUGH CROP.

**[HTTP://WWW.CWSGlobal.org/](http://www.cwsglobal.org/)
COME JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN SUPPORT OF A GREAT CAUSE. CONTACT DICK MCCREIGHT (DICK.MCCREIGHT@JUNO.COM) IF YOU'RE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST WITH THE BRUNCH.**

FALL 2013 SMALL GROUP STUDIES FOR ADULTS

Description	When	Where	Time	Contact	email
<i>The Life You Always Wanted by John Ortberg</i>	9/29 to 12/8	Room 106	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Linda Woolbaugh	woolbaughs@ptd.net
Book of Ephesians Study	Began 9/4	Fellowship Hall	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Jeff Paiste	paisteja@gmail.com
Book of Ephesians Study	Begins 9/8	Room 217	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Jeff Paiste	paisteja@gmail.com
<i>Hearing God's Voice through the Static</i>	Begins 9/17	Aldersgate Room	9:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Cristina Lenner	lennerc@yahoo.com
Bible Study	Begins 9/11	Room 108	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Pastor Mark	mmoore@asburylv.org
Bible Study	Begins 9/11	Room 217	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Pastor Mark	mmoore@asburylv.org
<i>The Bible Mini Series (New Testament)</i>	Begins 9/11	Room 215	6:30 - 7:45 p.m.	Pastor Eric	eyeakel@asburylv.org

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 8 / Fall Kickoff

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:15 a.m. God's Rainbow- 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
- 12:30 p.m. Hospitality Team Luncheon- Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- Sanctuary/106/108
- 6:00 p.m. Labyrinth Team Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group 6th grade Welcome- 108
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/FH/108

Monday, September 9

First day of Preschool & PlayDays

- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassadors- 108
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Junior Troop 670- 210
- 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Men- 215
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12- FH&106
- 6:30 p.m. Kidz Klub Team Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Girls Group- YL
- 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Guys Group- 208
- 6:45 p.m. Brownie Troop 61025- 104
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers- 206
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 10

- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. LV Walk Now for Autism Meeting- 217
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Prayer & Share Together- 208/210
- 7:30 p.m. OA- 204
- 7:30 p.m. Priscilla Circle- Aldersgate

Wednesday, September 11

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 12:00 p.m. Telecom Pioneers- Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 5:00 p.m. Garden of Eatin' Dinner- WC
- 5:00 p.m. Daisy Troop 6075- 219

Wednesday, September 11 (continued)

- 5:40 p.m. Faith Ringers- 206
- 6:00 p.m. Gress Mountain Ranch Board- 208
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 6:30 p.m. "The Bible" Class- 215
- 6:30 p.m. Ephesians Bible Study- FH
- 6:30 p.m. Teaching Ministry Team- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Rainbow Singers- 106
- 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers- 108
- 7:10 p.m. Youth Choir- 106
- 7:30 p.m. Asbury Connection- 108
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102
- 8:00 p.m. Apostle Ringers- 206

Thursday, September 12

- 9:15 a.m. Dorcas Martha Circle- Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Church of God Bible Study- 106

Friday, September 13

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

Saturday, September 14

- 5:00 p.m. Families on the Grow Campfire- Grove
- 6:00 p.m. Mission Brunch Set-up- FH/WC Kitchen

Sunday, September 15 / Baptism

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Mission Brunch- FH
- 9:15 a.m. God's Rainbow- 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- Sanctuary/106/108
- 4:00 p.m. WV Trip Reunion Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12 Committee- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/FH/108



JANE CANDY

The Asbury Staff looks forward to the Fall day when Jane delivers new scrubby sponges that she makes every year for the UMW Bazaar. In addition to her craft talents, Jane is also a greeter, and a faithful visitor with the Keep In Touch Ministry Team, where she makes monthly visits to shut-ins and others in need of care. Thanks, Jane!



SERVICE OF
Remembrance

Asbury Memorial Garden
Sunday, 9/22
12:30 PM

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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