



**Asbury Church**  
a United Methodist  
Community

SEPTEMBER 9, 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

8 AM to 4 PM, M—F  
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### A SERVANT'S HEART

As Christians, the Holy Spirit gives each of us gifts to be used for the building up of the Kingdom of God. It is up to us to discover and employ these gifts for the glory of God. It is important that we serve according to our design. Avoid the mistake of filling a need out of guilt because it was announced in church. Consider what issues or causes concern you the most. Think about a time when you felt most alive as a volunteer. Take a spiritual gifts assessment to learn more about God's design for your personal ministry.

When you discover your ministry, get into the habit of praying for your service. You may want to pray something like this "God, today I give you everything that I am. Please help me to see you in the faces of the people I serve. Having encountered you, please help me leave as a different person. I surrender my life to you. Amen."

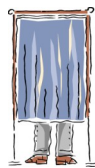
Serving others for the glory of God needs to be done with joy, not out of a sense of obligation. We need to know when to stop if we are losing that sense of joy. Our lives have seasons. Perhaps your season to serve in a particular ministry has passed. That's okay. Maybe God is calling you to another ministry. The best servants know when it is time to move on.

Serving God is a joy and privilege and vital to our spiritual growth. I pray that everyone would seek God's will in this area.

*Pastor Eric*

### ASBURY'S ACOLYTE MINISTRY

Asbury's Acolyte Ministry is looking for any 5th-12th Grader interested in becoming an Acolyte. Acolytes serve at the 11:00 AM Sanctuary worship service during the months of September through June. Serving as an acolyte is a great way for youth to participate in worship life at Asbury. Interested youth are asked to contact Cheryl Barraco, Acolyte Coordinator ([cbarraco@ptd.net](mailto:cbarraco@ptd.net) or 610-395-8514) to sign up for a training session



**CAST  
YOUR  
VOTE!**

If you do not have the documentation required to vote under the new PA law, and require transportation assistance in securing the necessary documents, please call the church office. We will take your name and number, and a member of our congregation will contact you to make arrangements to help you get the necessary forms. Please take your vote seriously!

The Staff Parish Relations Committee, on behalf of the entire congregation, thanks Tammi Howorth for her outstanding support in our music ministry over the last 12 years. We pray God's richest blessing for her, and ask for your prayers as we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit while we search for new directors for our handbell choirs.



# REMEMBER

# RADICAL HOSPITALITY

## Congregational Life & Care

### PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY:

- ◆ Fall Blood Drive - Sunday, 9/23 - 20 volunteers needed. Sign up in Community Room.
- ◆ Medicine "Take Back" Day - 9/23 - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM - Emmaus Ave. Giant and Tilghman St. Walgreen's
- ◆ Grief Support Luncheon - 9/24 - 12:30 to 2:00 PM in the Aldersgate Room.

**ADULT INQUIRERS CLASS:** Want to join Asbury (or know someone who does)? The next Adult Inquirers class will be held on Saturday, 9/22, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in Room 217. Lunch & childcare are provided. Contact Laurie Wallace Theisen in the church office to RSVP or for more information.

### 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.
- ◇ **Priscilla Circle** - Meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, 9/11, in the Aldersgate Room. The series, Christianity and World Religions by Adam Hamilton will be introduced by Alice Huey. All women are welcome. For additional information, contact Brenda Baxter ([bbaxter@ptd.net](mailto:bbaxter@ptd.net) or 610-433-2583) or Judy Whitby ([jmwhitby@aol.com](mailto:jmwhitby@aol.com) or 610-432-1848).
- ◇ **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."

**THE ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION** has recently asked for assistance in several areas. They are 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 [ahackett@armpa.com](mailto:ahackett@armpa.com). Help is needed with the Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, 10/6, here at Asbury, and with the "Thanks for Giving" Fall Food & Supplies Drive. Contact Dawn Washington ([dWASHINGTON@armpa.org](mailto:dWASHINGTON@armpa.org)) for information on how you can help with either of these events.

**ADULT VOLLEYBALL** is played Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Wesley Center, starting 9/18. You may play for all or part of that time. Skill level varies greatly so come check it out if interested. Teens may play if they are playing for a school or club team. Contact Steve Lantaff ([slantaff@msn.com](mailto:slantaff@msn.com) or 610-442-8433) for more information or to be added to the email notification list.



**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. Check [www.asburyiv.org](http://www.asburyiv.org) for complete list.

**TRUNK-OR-TREAT:** Asbury will host its first "Trunk-or-Treat" Night on Saturday, 10/27, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Please sign up in the Community Room or contact Lisa Diffenbaugh at [ldiffenbaugh@hometownu.com](mailto:ldiffenbaugh@hometownu.com) for more information.

## Prayers of Our Congregation

*"My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 121:2*

### 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 Robert Kuhns who passed away last Sunday evening.

### For those who need your special help

Lord, we ask healing for Wally D., whose body is having trouble accepting his new kidney. We ask peace, comfort and strength for Liz P.'s mother, Frances, as she begins hospice care. Please be with Ronald Z. during and after surgery. Lord, we lift up Malcolm, recently released from the hospital, for continued healing. We ask your protection for Bonnie R's son, Robert and wife, as they drive back to Pittsburgh. Lord, send comfort to Maria, bedridden with back problems. We ask for a miracle, Lord, for the 6 year old son of Greg H., who is going deaf. We ask for an appropriate job for Kim. Be with Carole and Paul H.'s sister-in-law, Jackie, as she is released from the hospital. Be with Glenn E. and his family as he is moved to hospice care.

### 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 Gerald, F. John F., Michael S., Glenn E., Elaine G., Doris G. and Carolyn 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

Lord, we thank you for blessing this church with your divine love, beauty and inspiration.

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

Lord, often the world's problems are overwhelming. Be with leaders everywhere, showing them ways to solve them. Inspire all people to be involved in their own government. We ask for a peaceful and just solution to Syria's civil unrest.

### With thanksgiving for our joys

Thank you for a Labor Day full of celebrations honoring the value of hard work. Thank you for the blessing of family and friends. Thank you for good health and the freedom to find happiness.

### For our children

Help our Sunday School educate and inspire our children. Send us volunteers joyful in spirit.

### For the missions we support

Our prayers are with the Galley family and their ministry to missionaries at home and in the field through Liebenzell Missions. May we continue to support them financially and with our prayers of support as their home church.

*Amen!*

## INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

### CHILDREN



#### Fall Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- ☺ **Starting today**, we are changing formats & groupings for our Sunday School classes. The 3's/PreK/K will be dropped off and picked up in Room 221. They will change to a Rotational Style format and will be using Rooms 221, 219, 218 for their activities. 1<sup>st</sup> Grade meets in Room 207, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade in Room 209, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade in Room 213. The 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grades will be entering a Large group/Small group format. Drop them off in Room 205, and the 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be picked up in Room 210.
- ☺ **Childcare** is available in Room 214 for infants/1's, and in Room 223 for the 2's.
- ☺ **We are still in need** of aides for the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades.

**Kidz Klub** – Friday, 9/21, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. Theme is “Add a Friend.” Dinner and fun activities planned! Sign up in the Community Room and outside the WC.

**Teacher Meetings** – TMT & the 1st - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade teachers will meet 9/12 at 6:15 PM in the Parlor.

For any questions or more information on Children’s Ministry contact Linda Arleth (610-398-2577) or [larleth@asburylv.org](mailto:larleth@asburylv.org).

### YOUTH



Our school-year schedule is kicking off this weekend! Here’s what happening:

**Sunday School:** Meeting every Sunday morning 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM, Sunday School is where we dig into the Bible and the many stories and lessons it has to tell.

Grades 6 & 7: Room 106; Grade 8: Room 108; High School (Grades 9-12): Youth Lounge

**Youth Group:** Sunday evenings from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. Come out and join us for a fun place to hang out, play games, and talk about our faith and how it applies to our everyday life. Youth Group is for Grades 6-12 and we often split up between Middle School and High School. We meet in the Youth Lounge.

**High School Groups:** Split by gender, High School groups are a chance to discuss things going on in your life and how we handle them as people who are trying to live like Jesus. Girls Group meets on Mondays from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. Guys Group is starting soon!

**Coffeehouse:** Every second Friday of the month from 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM, we have a coffeehouse in the Wesley Center with plenty of music, drinks, and snacks. It’s a great place to hang out on a Friday evening!

Don’t forget to sign up for fall events and retreats now ([www.asburyym.org](http://www.asburyym.org))! Our Adventure Day is next weekend already and you don’t want to miss it!

### ADULTS



SMALL GROUP STUDY	DAY / TIME / START	DURATION	FACILITATOR
Disciple I	Sun. / 6:30 PM / 9/23	34 Weeks	Greg Ellis
Journey 101/Knowing God	Weds. / 6:30 PM / 9/26	6 Weeks	Pastor Eric
Bible Study	Tues. / 7:00 PM / 9/18	Ends in May	Pastor Mark
Bible Study	Weds. / 10:00 AM / 9/19	Ends in May	Pastor Mark
Faith in Action	Sun. / 9:30 AM / 9/9	Ends in May	Berea Class
Prayers of Jesus	Sun. / 7:00 PM / 9/23	Six Sessions	Cindy Brown
Just Walk Across the Room/ Faith Sharing	Sun. / 9:30 AM / 9/9	4 Weeks	Skip Slaski
Just Walk Across the Room/ Faith Sharing	Tues. / 8:15 PM / 9/18	3 Weeks	Pastor Mark

For more information on these Bible studies visit [www.asburylv.org](http://www.asburylv.org).

## 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.

#### CROP HUNGER WALK

Sign up in the Community Room 9/23, 9/30 or 10/7 for this year’s CROP Hunger Walk, Day of walk is Sunday, 10/14. Meet at St. Timothy’s in Allentown for the walk, which begins at 1:00 PM.

Debi & Barry Olphin have added a CROP Hunger Ride this year as an Asbury Event, and proceeds go to the CROP Walk as well. Choose from three routes, (10/25/40 miles) leaving from and returning to The Rodale Bike Park, Trexlertown. Ride is Saturday, 10/13. For more information call 610-261-2709 or email [Njoyeveryday@rcn.com](mailto:Njoyeveryday@rcn.com).

#### MISSION BRUNCH

Our first Mission Brunch of the Fall will be held on 9/6 in Fellowship Hall from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Proceeds from the September brunch will benefit CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty). Your donations will help fight hunger in our community and around the world.

## EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

### ASBURY ENDOWMENT FUND

Have you received an inheritance? If so, consider gifting a part of the inheritance to the Asbury Endowment Fund in memory of the loved one who remembered you.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## 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. Youth Sunday School- FH
- 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

## Monday, September 10

- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts- 108
- 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Girls- YL
- 7:00 p.m. Monday Night Men-215
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers- 206
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

## Tuesday, September 11

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 9:30 a.m. Craft Day- 106
- 10:00 a.m. Marketing Team-Aldersgate
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Parent Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Lehigh Valley Walk Now For Autism- 217
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Share Together- 208/210
- 7:30 p.m. Priscilla Circle- Aldersgate
- 7:30 p.m. O. A. - 204

## Wednesday, September 12

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 1:00 p.m. Telecom Pioneers- Parlor
- 3:00 p.m. Parkland Press- Aldersgate

## Wednesday, September 12 (continued)

- 5:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 5:30 p.m. Daisy Troop 6075- 219
- 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers- 108
- 6:00 p.m. Rainbow Singers- 106
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 6:15 p.m. Sunday School Teacher Meeting- Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 6:30 p.m. Journey 101- 217
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Choir- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102

## Thursday, September 13

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba Toning- FH
- 9:15 a.m. Dorcas Martha Circle- Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Parkland Service Unit 722- FH
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON (Serenity in the Valley)- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Church of God Bible Study- 106

## Friday, September 14

- 7:30 p.m. Youth Coffee House- WC

## Saturday, September 15

- 6:00 p.m. Mission Brunch Set-up- FH/WC Kitchen

## Sunday, September 16

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Mission Brunch- FH
- 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
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Adventure Day- offsite
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 106/108
- 2:00 p.m. Cub Scout God & Family- 215
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Committee- 106

## SHAUN FLYNN



Shaun is the co-leader of the Open Door Hospitality Team, teaches in God's Special Forces Sunday School Class for children with autism, and has helped organize women's retreats. She is also part of the Open Door Leadership Team and has participated in the Cookson Hills mission trip. Thanks, Shaun!



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!

## Our Staff

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