



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

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9:30 AM in the Sanctuary

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11:00 AM in the Sanctuary

OPEN DOOR WORSHIP

11:00 AM in the Wesley Center

Teaching Pastors
Mark Moore and Eric Yeakel

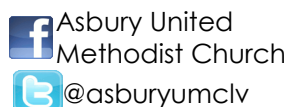
SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

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.

OFFICE HOURS

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THE LINE

faith in action... imagine your life changed.

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Several years ago I found the following, which describes how one person sees becoming a disciple of Christ. I offer it for your reflection.

"I am part of the fellowship of the unashamed. I have Holy Spirit power. The die has been cast. I've stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I am a disciple of His and I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away or be still.

My past is redeemed, my present makes sense and my future is secure. I am finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tame visions, mundane talking, chintzy giving and dwarfed goals.

I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotion, plotting, or popularity. I don't have to be first, right, tops, recognized, praised, regarded or rewarded.

I now live by presence, lead by faith, love by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by power. My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is heaven, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions few, my guide reliable, my mission clear.

I cannot be bought, compromised, deterred, lured away, turned back, deluded or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won't give up, let up or burn up, till I have preached up, prayed up, paid up, stored up, and stayed up for the cause of Christ.

I am a disciple of Jesus and I will go till he comes, give till I drop, preach till all know and work till he stops. And when he comes to get his own, he'll have no problems recognizing me. My colors will be clear."

Blessings,
Pastor Mark



**Mark your calendars for Asbury's 2nd Annual Trunk-or-Treat
on Saturday, 10/26, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM**

Trunk-or-Treat is an event that offers the opportunity to scare or amuse while parading from car trunk to car trunk in the church parking lot collecting candy! It will also feature a free photo booth, food from the "Roadkill Café," music and more. Stay tuned for sign-ups for donations, volunteering and hosting a trunk in the upcoming weeks. Contact Jaylyn Brisendine (jlyn32@aol.com) for information.



Volunteers are needed from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon on Saturday, 9/28, to pull weeds, prune shrubs and generally clean up the grounds. Come for all or part of the morning—whatever time you can give will be appreciated.

**MISSION BRUNCH ~ SUNDAY, 9/15
9:00 AM TO 12:30 PM ~ FELLOWSHIP HALL
FREE WILL DONATIONS BENEFIT CROP WALK**

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!

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE will be held on Tuesday, 9/17, at 6:30 PM in Room 108. Future meetings will be held at 6:30 PM on the third Tuesday of each month. Knitters and crocheters, both new and experienced, are welcome and encouraged to attend. Contact Pam Grossman (610-398-8066) or Dale Begany (610-216-9517 or dbegany@hotmail.com) if you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to participate in the group.

CRAFT DAY: On Monday, 9/16, we will work on crafts for the UMW Bazaar. We meet 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM at Faye Vibbert's home. Plan on all or part of the day. Bring a lunch. For more information and/or directions, call Faye (610-398-0516).

SARAH CIRCLE will have a kick-off meeting on Wednesday, 9/18, at 6:45 PM in Room 215. Bring your ideas! All women are welcome.

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).

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).

CARING IN A NUTSHELL (GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCH) will be held from 12:30 to 2:00 PM on Monday, 9/23, in the Aldersgate Room. Contact Doris Farrar (610-395-2749) to let her know you will attend.

P.E.P. CLUB (People Enjoying People) CLUB will meet on Friday, 9/20. Fellowship time begins at 9:30 AM followed by a short business meeting at 10:00 AM. Vocal selections will be offered by Glenn Foul. All senior adults are welcome to attend the meeting in Fellowship Hall.

SENIOR ADULT (55+) RETREAT ~ 10/1 TO 10/4: Come join us at Pocono Plateau for three nights/four days of fun and fellowship. Renew old friendships and create new ones during your time at the Plateau. Activities include crafts, book swap, zip line, singing, Bible studies led by Rev. Heidi Silliman (Cherry Lane UMC), nature presentation, evening entertainment, campfire with s'mores and a trip to Callie's Candy & Pretzel Factories and Holly Ross Pottery. Cost: \$165 per person. Register on line (camp@poconoplateau.org) or contact the camp office (570-676-3665).

VOLLEYBALL has resumed on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Wesley Center. For more information, please contact Steve Lantaff (slantaff@msn.com).



BASKETBALL will start up 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).

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS: Are you looking for support during your spiritual journey? Would you like to keep connected to Asbury? The Asbury Connection Ministry reaches out to our post high school young adults through spiritual emails, care packages, gatherings, prayer and more. To register visit the church website and select: ministries/young adults/asbury connection and fill out the form with your contact information, or send email and mailing addresses to asburyconnection@yahoo.com.

Prayers of Our Congregation

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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 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: Healing for Jeannie M. who is at Good Shepherd Rehab for injuries suffered in an accident and praise to God that it wasn't as bad as it could have been; Healing for Corey O. who was the victim of a hit and run accident on a bicycle and is hospitalized in Philadelphia with a compound leg fracture; Logan T. who has a concussion received in a soccer game; Linda S. who is hospitalized for tests: Connie K. now healing from a double mastectomy. Lord, where there is fear we ask that you replace it with your grace.

With thanksgiving for our joys

Lord, you are so good to us! Help us to show our gratitude by being good to others. We thank you for prayers answered. We thank you for difficulties that teach us. We thank you for new friends and new jobs.

For our children

Thank you for inspiring Sunday School teachers that our children can learn from. Thank you for new beginnings in school. Thank you for keeping our children safe from harm.

For our congregation

Lord, help us to be better Christians. Help us to be reverent toward each other and to you, respectful and caring.

For those who mourn

Lord, we ask comfort for all who have lost loved ones, especially the family of Eleanor Deifer, who passed away on 9/11/13.

For the world, its people and its leaders

We lift up all conflict areas to the Prince of Peace for his sweet blessing and calm compassion. We ask that you continue to mediate for peace throughout the Middle East and bring all those perpetrators of violence against innocents to justice.

For the missions we support

Our prayer is for Reverend Meredith Whitaker, a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church serving as a Church and Community Worker. She is the Director of Cookson Hills Center United Methodist Mission, a mission project to the Cherokee Indians in Cookson Hills, OK.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN

Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- ☺ All kids are welcome to join us each week for a fun, interactive hour of learning about God and his love for us. Childcare is available for infants/ones in Room 214 & for 2 year olds in Room 223. Children ages 3 and 4 years old should be dropped off and picked up in Room 216. **Children Kindergarten – 5th Grade will meet this Sunday in the Wesley Center at 9:30 AM for our Large Group time**, then rotate between rooms in the children's wing for Bible skills, art, creative drama, & games. Please see your parent letters and posted schedules for pickup rooms for the older children. Our new Rotation Format is engaging and inclusive of all children. Pictures posted here are of our Bulletin Board with the "Fruits of the Spirit" theme, and of kids in Large Group.



Kidz Klub

- ☺ All kids ages PreK/4's – 5th Grade are invited to join us Friday, 9/20 from 6:00 to 8:30 PM for our Fall Kickoff Kidz Klub. Our theme is "Be True to Yourself" and our night includes dinner (Mac & Cheese), sports, a scavenger hunt, & garden time/craft. Sign up outside the Wesley Center or in the Community room, or email Linda (larleth@asburylv.org) or Pam (pamelau03@gmail.com).
- ☺ Do you love to create, plan & be part of something engaging and exciting for kids? Do you love to play? Volunteers are needed to be on our Kidz Klub Core Team, and also to help on a rotating basis at our Kidz Klub nights. For information or to volunteer, please contact Pam Unrath (pamelau03@gmail.com).

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

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

It was great to see everyone on Sunday! If you didn't make it, be sure to not miss this week! Sunday School is from 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM and classes will meet in the regular classrooms (6th & 7th Grade in Room 106, 8th Grade in Room 108, High School in the Youth Lounge); and Youth Group is from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM in the Youth Lounge.

Adventure Day is for all 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!

High School Small Groups will start this coming Monday, 9/15. High School small groups are split by gender (Guys Group and Girls Group) and provide a chance to dive deep into studying the Bible and also to discuss issues that we face as Guys and Girls here and now.

Coffeehouse is a casual hangout featuring an open gym and lots of food and drinks (including coffee... are you surprised?). Coffeehouse is held every 2nd Friday of the month, from October through May, from 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM, and admission is \$5. Enter through the lower level to join the fun!

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!

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 the Wesley Center.



Build a Backpack Workshop Monday, September 30!

The children who attend the Kennedy and Henna schools in Liberia often walk a long way for their education, so we found a simple pattern for a drawstring backpack. They'll be so excited to have a way to carry the school supplies we are collecting for them! We'll meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 AM to produce backpacks assembly line style. People are needed to cut fabric, sew straight seams and thread straps through casings, so there will be tasks for anyone who wants to help. If you can't make the workshop but could work from home, we'll provide instructions and materials. For more information, to help or to donate heavier weight fabrics, please contact Jenny Gast (610-349-7271) or Faye Vibbert (610-398-0516).

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	Began 9/8	Room 217	9:30 - 10:30 a.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 9/18	Room 108	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Pastor Mark	mmoore@asburylv.org
Bible Study	Begins 9/18	Room 217	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Pastor Mark	mmoore@asburylv.org
<i>The Bible Mini Series (New Testament)</i>	Began 9/11	Room 215	6:30 - 7:45 p.m.	Pastor Eric	eyeakel@asburylv.org

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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 Reunion Planning Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12 Committee- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/FH/108

Monday, September 16

- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassadors- 108
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12- FH&106
- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee- Aldersgate
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 17

- 9:30 a.m. Book Study- Aldersgate
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:00 p.m. AIM -106
- 7:30 p.m. OA- 204

Wednesday, September 18

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 10:00 a.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 5:15 p.m. Garden of Eatin' Dinner- WC
- 5:40 p.m. Faith Ringers- 206
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 6:30 p.m. "The Bible" Class- 208
- 6:30 p.m. Ephesians Bible Study- FH

Wednesday, September 18 (continued)

- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- 205/209/211
- 6:30 p.m. Rainbow Singers- 106
- 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers- 108
- 6:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat Planning Meeting- Parlor
- 6:45 p.m. Sarah Circle- 215
- 7:00 p.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 217
- 7:00 p.m. Church & Society- 202
- 7:00 p.m. SPRC- Aldersgate
- 7:10 p.m. Youth Choir- 106
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102
- 8:00 p.m. Apostle Ringers- 206

Thursday, September 19

- 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
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir- 102

Friday, September 20

- 9:30 a.m. P.E.P. Club- FH
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 6:00 p.m. Kidz Klub- WC/FH/106/108
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- 205/209/211/215

Saturday, September 21

- 10:00 a.m. Church of God- 106/108
- 2:00 p.m. NARANON- 217

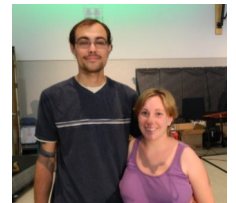
Sunday, September 22

- 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. Youth Adventure Day- Pocono Plateau
- 12:30 p.m. Remembrance Service- Mem. Garden
- 1:00 p.m. Remembrance Svc Reception- Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- Sanctuary/106/108
- 6:00 p.m. Church Council- 217



MICHAEL & ANNETTE MUNLEY

Michael & Annette are new members who didn't wait to share their musical talents with the Open Door Worship Service. Annette plays the violin, and Michael plays cello, bass guitar, violin and violino. Annette also volunteers frequently with God's Special Forces (class for children on the autism spectrum). Open Door Worship Leader Aaron Forney says, "Their talents and willingness to use them to serve God through worship are amazing." Thanks, Michael & Annette!



SERVICE OF
Remembrance

Asbury Memorial Garden
Sunday, 9/22
12:30 PM
Everyone is welcome to attend.

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