



**Asbury Church**  
a United Methodist  
Community

SEPTEMBER 16, 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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### CARING FOR CAREGIVERS — PART II

As I advertised in the 8/26 issue of *The Vine*, we began our “Caring for Caregivers” group on 9/10 at Luther Crest Retirement Community. Only two people were able to attend the first meeting, but we got off to a good start, sharing some of our life stories and the difficulties we currently face in providing care for a loved one.

One key theme that stood out in the group discussion is affirmed in I Corinthians 13:8: “Love never ends.” We may have a very long history in our relationship with a parent or spouse, but now that they are in some physical difficulty or disability, the deep quality of love still remains. We remain by their side to make sure they have what they need, and this is very much akin to the nature of God’s steadfast love for all of us. God’s grace and love has no strings attached—it is unconditional; it does not depend on whether we can “return” anything.

In this first session we talked about the necessity for caregivers to also care for themselves by taking time for hobbies or other enjoyable activities apart from the task of caregiving. It is also very important to maintain connections with friends and family in order to avoid isolation and the stress that goes with it. On that note, if **YOU** are a caregiver, please consider this **YOUR** personal invitation to joins us this Monday, 9/17, at 2:00 PM in the Wellness Conference Room on the ground floor at Luther Crest!

*Pastor Glenn*

### 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

### “THE PRAYERS OF JESUS” BIBLE STUDY

Jesus was a man of prayer. What can we learn from the prayers He prayed? Join us for a 6 session study on the prayers of Jesus beginning on Sunday, 9/23. We meet every other week from 7:00 - 8:30 PM in Room 106. (Dates will be 9/23, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4, 11/18 and 12/2.) Please contact Cindy Brown ([cjrbrown@gmail.com](mailto:cjrbrown@gmail.com) or 610-799-3634) or Linda Woolbaugh ([lwoolbaugh@yahoo.com](mailto:lwoolbaugh@yahoo.com) or 610-398-9370) for more information.

### 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.

**MISSION BRUNCH ~ SUNDAY, 9/16**  
**9:00 AM TO 12:30 PM ~ FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
**FREE WILL DONATIONS BENEFIT CROP WALK**

# RADICAL HOSPITALITY & EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

## Congregational Life & Care

### ELECTRONICS RECYCLING ~ SATURDAY, 10/20

Recycle your old unwanted, broken, outdated electronics, phones, TVs, computers, and appliances here at Asbury from 8:00 AM to Noon. Check [www.asburylv.org](http://www.asburylv.org) for complete list.

### UMW CIRCLE NEWS:

- Deborah Circle gathers each Thursday morning at 9:30 AM, this month at the home of Gabby Reinhardt. We are continuing our study titled Know the Most Fascinating People of the Bible in 30 Days. Please contact Connie Miller (610-530-7330 or [cjmillier4home@aim.com](mailto:cjmillier4home@aim.com)) for more information and meeting address.
- Sarah Circle is moving to new day and time. Starting this Wednesday, 9/19, we will meet on the third Wednesday of the month in Room 108. We will gather at 6:30 PM for fellowship and start our meeting at 7:00 PM. For more information, please call Kim Bringhurst (610-298-0094).

### TRUNK-OR-TREAT:

Asbury Church will host a "Trunk-or-Treat" Night on Saturday, 10/27, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. This is an event that offers children 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 making monetary donations. Photo booth, music, and a "Road Kill Cafe" are scheduled to be available. Please sign up in the Community Room or contact Lisa Diffenbaugh ([Indiffenbaugh@hometownu.com](mailto:Indiffenbaugh@hometownu.com)) for more information.

**THE ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION** has recently asked for assistance in several areas. 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.

### PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY:

- ◆ Fall Blood Drive - Sunday, 9/23 - 20 volunteers needed. Sign up in Community Room to "Give the Gift of Life."
- ◆ 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 VOLLEYBALL** is played Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Wesley Center, starting 9/18. Please 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.

Dear Friends:

My name is Janet Shannon, and I am currently looking for people to help me get to and from church. I do have some drivers in place and that is a good thing. However, as my choir director says, "Many hands make light work." I have had a lot of drivers from the choir and my Sunday School class, but I'm hoping for some more volunteers to give my regulars a "break." I live at 1507 Graham Street in Bethlehem and my phone number is 610-694-9229. Please let me know if you can help. Thanks!

## Prayers of Our Congregation

*"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." Isaiah 40:31*

### 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 Elizabeth S., Zach W., Farrah E., Joe B. and John F. Jesus, 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 ask continued healing for Michael S. who was discharged from the hospital last week. We ask healing for Sally. The Fulltons ask continued healing and prayers for their granddaughter, Maynara and are thankful for the blessing of friends who have supported them with faithful prayers. We lift up Casey as she struggles through chemo for leukemia. We ask you to intervene in Debbie's son's battle with addictions and heal him with your love. Be with Lisa who is undergoing tests. We ask for healing from surgery for Zachary W. We ask you to wrap your arms around 13 year old Bo and his Mom, Annika, as he spends his last days with family and friends, since doctors are out of options to cure his rare form of leukemia. We ask travel safety for Scott as he flies to Germany and Spain. We ask support and inspiration for several Cookson Hills staff members as they face big challenges in their personal lives. Please be with Emily G. and her fiancé Nate, as they move to the Washington D.C. area and begin new jobs. We ask for a husband's physical and emotional healing so he learns to live life again and returns to church. Please help Cookson Hills Center so they may raise the funds needed in the next few weeks to purchase the building next door and refurbish other buildings.

### For our children

Lord, remind us to care for all children as we care for our own.

### 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.

### For our congregation

Lord, thank you for inspiring us to do your work in the world. Please help us to stay on the path of love and forgiveness everyday. Thank you for the blessed work of the UMW cleaning pews and funding the upholstery job.

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

Lord, you have many names all over the world, but the greatest of these is Love. Please send your Holy Spirit to war torn areas so that the Prince of Peace may enter hearts and minds.

### With thanksgiving for our joys

Praise to God that Bill M. completed his radiation treatment. Praise to You, Lord, for the birth of Eric Jerome Kennedy to Rev. Jerome Kennedy and his wife. (Jerome is our AIM partner from Liberia.) Thank you for the joy in all of the love, support and prayers that Beth S. has received from friends and family. We praise you for inspiring people to pray and support Jim and Jenny Gast as they served at Cookson Hills Center this summer.

### For the missions we support

Bless Jerome Kennedy as he studies to be a minister at Drew Seminary and acquires the training and skills he needs to preach the gospel effectively when he returns to his native country, Liberia.

## INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

### CHILDREN



#### Fall Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- ☺ **New formats & groupings for Sunday School:** 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; 4th Graders should be picked up in Room 205 and the 5<sup>th</sup> Graders 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.
- ☺ **Children's Sunday School Teachers** will meet at 12:30 PM on Sunday, 9/16, in Room 217. Come share a light lunch with Linda, Pastor Mark and Pastor Eric, and chat about the mission and vision for our Children's Sunday School program.

**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.

**For more information on our Children's Ministry, contact Linda Arleth.**

### YOUTH



- ⇒ This Sunday, 9/16, is our Adventure Day at Pocono Plateau. Unfortunately the trip is filled, so if you haven't signed up yet, you'll have to wait another year to join us. Don't forget to sign up for our High School (Casowasco, September 28-30) and Middle School (*Alive* in OCMD, November 16-18) Retreats!
- ⇒ Because of Adventure Day, there will not be Youth Group this Sunday, 9/16.
- ⇒ The first issue of the Asbury Youth Ministries Update newsletter is available now! If you haven't received a copy, visit [www.asburyym.org](http://www.asburyym.org) for an electronic copy, or pick one up at the AYM bulletin board in the 100 hallway.
- ⇒ Our first Coffeehouse is this Friday, 9/14, from 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM in the Wesley Center. Come out, drink coffee (or hot chocolate or soda), have some snacks, and enjoy a relaxed atmosphere where you can hang out with friends!

**For more information on our Youth Ministry, contact Aaron Forney.**

### ADULTS



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

#### Come for Dessert and Coffee ~ 9/25 ~ 6:00 to 8:00 PM ~ Fellowship Hall

Dr. Mark & Deidre Zimmerman, supported by our Nepal Mission Team, will host a discussion on the state of Christian service in a country steeped in Hindu and Buddhist culture. Bring a dessert for 4 to share. Come out for a fun time with our Asbury In Mission Team!

## 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. The ride is Saturday, 10/13. For more information contact Debi Olphin ([Nioyeveryday@rcn.com](mailto:Nioyeveryday@rcn.com)) or 610-261-2709).

#### SPRING BREAK 2012 IN APPALACHIA by Kirsten Osborne

What an incredible Spring Break! A group of students from Duke was scheduled to meet other students from around the country in eastern KY to renovate houses. However, due to the nearly 80 tornados that struck the day before we arrived, our efforts were instead geared toward disaster relief. Our team, along with others from the Christian Appalachian Project, was the first on the scene. For four days, we sorted wood, metal, and vegetation into different piles so the county could pick it up and dispose of it.

Every day when we returned from the work-site, we discussed where we saw God that day, our struggles of the day, and how God was working through us and through others to reflect His love and peace. These reflections were very fruitful, as many group members were struggling with the devastation and conditions. For example, it was so sad finding baby clothes and toys among the rubble. However, as a team, we helped each other learn from this experience and mature in our own faith journeys.

Thank you to Asbury's AIM Committee for supporting me on this mission. I gained a sense of the frailty of human life and the importance of leaning on one another for support. The disasters we witnessed could have happened to anyone, and I am grateful that we were given the opportunity to help many families in need.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## 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. Faith & Fun Alive Teacher Chat- 217
- 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

## Monday, September 17

- 10:00 a.m. Marketing Team- Aldersgate
- 10:30 a.m. Pastoral Care Staff- Office
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12- FH & 106
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Girls- YL
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers- 206
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

## Tuesday, September 18

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff- Aldersgate
- 6:15 p.m. Brownie Troop 6926- 219
- 7:00 p.m. AIM- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Committee- Aldersgate
- 7:30 p.m. O. A. - 204
- 8:15 p.m. Walk Across the Room Study- 108

## Wednesday, September 19

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 10:00 a.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 5:00 p.m. Karate- WC
- 5:30 p.m. Daisy Troop 6075-219
- 6:00 p.m. Rainbow Singers- 106
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- WC
- 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers- 108

## Wednesday, September 19 (continued)

- 6:15 p.m. Retreat Planning Meeting- 200
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- 210/211/215
- 6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Church & Society- 202
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Choir- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- WC
- 7:00 p.m. SPRC- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Bazaar Chairperson Meeting- Parlor
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102

## Thursday, September 20

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba Toning- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Pocono Plateau Meeting- 215
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir- 102

## Friday, September 21

- 9:30 a.m. P.E.P. Club- FH
- 6:00 p.m. Kidz Klub- WC/FH/106/108
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- 210/211/215

## Saturday, September 22

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Inquirers Class- 217/213

## Sunday, September 23

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m. Blood Drive- FH
- 8:45 a.m. Childcare Staff Breakfast- 223
- 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. Church Council- 215
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple 1- 217
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/FH/108
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep- 106



## RICH KROPP

Youth Director Aaron Forney says, "Rich has been my go-to youth leader for at least 4 years." In addition to his current work as Sunday School teacher, small group leader, and volunteer at many youth events, retreats, and mission trips, Rich picked up many responsibilities in the interim time between Youth Directors, to keep the Youth Program active. Thanks, Rich!



### UPCOMING RETREATS

"Ready Yourselves" Youth Kick-Off  
Gretna Glen ~ 9/23

"Fall Foliage" Retreat for Senior Adults  
Pocono Plateau ~10/2 to 10/5

Asbury "All-Church" Retreat  
Camp Innabah ~ 10/5 to 10/7

Contact the Church Office for Information

## Our Staff

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Eric Yeakel, Associate Pastor  
Glenn Asquith, Director of Pastoral Care  
Laurie Wallace Theisen, Director of Lay Ministries  
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