



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 IDOL OF METHODISM

In April of 2011, a 17-year-old Chinese high school student made news around the world when he sold one of his kidneys to buy an iPhone and an iPad. His mother later reported that he had received \$3,500 for his kidney and only after receiving the money did he purchase the electronics. We are shocked when hearing stories like this but we are all tempted by the deceit of riches.

Jesus, too, was tempted by wealth, which led him to teach frequently about the subject. He taught his disciples that "one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." He preached that we cannot serve both God and money. He taught and modeled for his disciples that "the one who would be great among you must become your servant." When he came face to face with the lure of wealth and power he said, "No! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'"

Wealth is not evil in itself. But Paul writes that "the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil." In what ways do you struggle with materialism? How much energy do you devote to "storing up treasures on earth"? Jesus was right to associate this temptation with false worship. Without even realizing it, we can make the desire for wealth our idol.

Join us this Sunday as we explore "American Idols," the things we place ahead of God in our lives.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Eric



**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! We are looking for volunteers to decorate their car trunk, or help with set-up, registration, photos, food, clean-up and more. We also are looking for donations, including candy, baked goods and other. To volunteer or make donations, please sign up in the Community Room or outside the Wesley Center. Collection boxes for candy are located on each level near the elevator. If you have any questions, please contact Jaylyn Brindene (jlyn32@aol.com.)



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

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). 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 UMW BAZAAR IS 11/2! Once again the **Used Clothing** section is requesting donation of wire and plastic hangers. In addition, the **Book Room, Attic Treasures and Used Clothing Rooms** would appreciate donations of brown grocery bags. A large box has been placed in the lower elevator lobby for the hangers and bags. Please add your donations before Monday, 10/27, when sorting begins. Thank you for your help.

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 crjbrown@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.

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 contact information, or send your email and mailing addresses to asburyconnection@yahoo.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).



IT'S POPCORN TIME! Asbury's Boy Scout Troop 12 will be selling popcorn in the Community Room and outside the Wesley Center on Sunday, 9/29. Please stop by to see and sample some exciting new flavors we have this year. Troop 12 would like to thank the staff and members of Asbury for their support!

CARENET OF THE LV needs nurses (must be an RN) to perform simple urine pregnancy tests and sign a form required by the state attesting to whether it was positive or negative. Hours are flexible, in that you can choose when you'd like to go and the number of hours you'd like to spend. Also, very soon they will be moving their office to a suite in the 2200 Hamilton Blvd. professional building. If you'd like to help, please contact Judy Burkholder (ovine@me.com or 610-360-3582).

THE ANNUAL CROP WALK FOR HUNGER will be held on Sunday, 10/13, at 1:00 PM. We will host a table in the Community Room on 9/22, 9/29, and 10/6. Please stop by if you are interested in participating in the walk or if you would like to sponsor a walker. We are also collecting canned goods for our local food banks.

Thank You Notes

*Dear Friends,
I want to thank all who sent cards and lifted me up in prayer during a difficult time. Your thoughtfulness and friendship are greatly appreciated. I love you all!
God bless,
Wendy Huszar*

*Thank you so much for your participation in the Baby Bottle fundraiser for CareNet of the Lehigh Valley! Your support is vital as we continue to reach out to our community through pregnancy services and educational programs. You are truly a valued partner.
Janet Buchanan*

Prayers of Our Congregation

*My soul doth magnify the Lord,
And my spirit has rejoiced in God my savior. Luke 1: 46b*

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 Jeanne M., Marcia E. and Elaine G. 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: Comfort and care for Maureen G. who has struggled with breast cancer and has 2 weeks to live; A bright future for Alexis D. as she struggles with teenager pressure, drugs, alcohol and other things; Peace and grace for Chris and his grandfather; Kim W.'s Uncle B. and Aunt J. who are facing health challenges; Rich & SueAnn's neighbors who lost their prematurely-born twin girls; Joan, as she waits for test results; Sue's sister, Diana, that she need never worry when you are in charge; Healing for Connie K.

For those who mourn

Lord, we ask comfort for all who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially the families of Eleanor Deifer, Althea Laubach and Joel Guthrie. Reassure them of your unending mercy and eternal love.

For our children

We are so grateful for our children! Help them become good and faithful servants to Christ our Lord.

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 the world, its people and its leaders

We ask you to continue mediating for peace in all areas of conflict in our world.

With thanksgiving for our joys

We give thanks for the joy that Owen Gabriel Frank was born on 9/12 to Matthew & Katie Frank and grandparents Doug & Cyndi Frank, and also for Taylor Elizabeth Boyle, born on 9/16 to Eric & Sheri Boyle and grandparents Bob & Jenn Springer. Thank you for compassionate and dutiful sons and daughters, mothers and dads.

For the missions we support

Lord, we pray for the work of Gideon's International. Our prayer is that many individuals and families will be saved through reading Gideon-placed Bibles and New Testaments.



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 Fellowship Hall 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. For more information, contact Wendy Wright, Teaching Ministry Team Coordinator (wendywright000@aol.com).

Kidz Klub

☺ The October Kidz Klub will be Friday, 10/18, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. Sign-ups will begin Sunday, 9/29, in the Community Room and outside the Wesley Center. Contact Pam Unrath (pamelau03@gmail.com) or Sarah Kinzel (skinzel@ptd.net) for information and to volunteer.

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



The Casowasco High School Fall Retreat is Friday, September 27 – Sunday, September 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. Registration is due by this Sunday, 9/22! Sign up online now at www.asburyym.org!

High School Small Groups began this past Monday, but are open to join throughout the year. High School small groups are split by gender (Guys Group and Girls Group) and are a chance to dive deep into studying the Bible and also to discuss issues that we face as Guys and Girls here and now.

There will be a Mission Brunch supporting the West Virginia Reunion on October 20. We need helpers to help to staff and serve the breakfast and we need you in attendance to help make this a success! Your donations will help to fund the upcoming reunion for adults and students who have attended the West Virginia Work Week over the past 20 years and any additional monies will go toward upcoming work weeks.

Because of the Adventure Retreat and the Casowasco High School Fall Retreat, there will be no Youth Group on Sunday, 9/22, or Sunday, 9/30. Sunday School is still on, so make sure to attend!!

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

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES
cultivating
a
HEART
of giving

A PRAYER: *Loving God, we come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all we are and all we have is a gift from you. In faith and love, help us to do your will. We are listening, Lord God. Speak your words into the depths of our souls, that we may hear you clearly. We offer to you this day all the facets of our lives, whether it be at home, at work, or at school. Help us to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy. Give us the wisdom and insight to understand your will for us and the courage to carry out our good intentions. We offer our gifts of time, talent and possessions to you as a true act of faith, to reflect our love for you and our neighbor. Help us to reach out to others as you, our magnificent, awesome God, have reached out to us.*

Copies of the Financial Campaign Devotional are available at the Welcome Centers and online.

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE



The 2013 Annual CROP Walk will take place on Sunday, 10/13, and this month's CFC is designated to support that event. Please place your contributions in the designated containers in the rear of the Sanctuary or in 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).

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Monday, September 23

- 12:30 p.m. Caring in a Nutshell Lunch- Aldersgate
- 1:00 p.m. D.A.R. Meeting- Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Men- 215
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Jr. Troop 670- 103A
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers- 206
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees- Aldersgate
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 24

- 9:30 a.m. Book Study- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:30 p.m. OA- 204

Wednesday, September 25

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 5:00 p.m. Daisy Troop 6075- 219
- 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 25 (continued)

- 6:30 p.m. Rainbow Singers- 106
- 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Let's Read Together- 208
- 7:00 p.m. LV Wheelmen- Parlor
- 7:10 p.m. Youth Choir- 106
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102
- 8:00 p.m. Apostle Ringers- 206

Thursday, September 26

- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Service Unit Meeting- FH
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir- 102

Friday, September 27

Sr. High Retreat Departure

- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12 Open House- WC/FH

Saturday, September 28

- 8:00 a.m. Asbury Work Day- grounds
- 9:30 a.m. Jubilation Ringers Camp- 206
- 6:00 p.m. Yokefellow Dinner- WC

Sunday, September 29 / Baptism

Sr. High Retreat Returns

- 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. Liturgist Meeting- Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- Sanctuary/106/108
- 4:00 p.m. Adult Inquirer Class-FH
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Basketball- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep- 106



MIKE & TARA GRATHER

The Grathers are new members who jumped right into involvement at Asbury. Mike plays with the 9:30 Praise Band, and Tara was a Shepherd at Vacation Bible School and volunteers with the Children's Ministry Team. Thanks, Mike & Tara!



HOW ARE WE DOING?

Copies of Asbury's financial picture (as of 8/31) are available at both the upper and lower level Welcome Center desks. Updates will be issued monthly as they become available.

Our Staff

Mark Moore, Senior Pastor
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