



Asbury Church
a United Methodist
Community



faith in action... imagine your life changed.

SEPTEMBER 23, 2012

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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From Pastor Mark

Last summer, Karen and I took two weeks and went through every room in our house, getting rid of LOTS of stuff that we did not need anymore. We made several trips to drop things off for the Asbury yard sale, and we threw out things that were of no value anymore.

Every now and then I need to not only purge my house of clutter, but I need to purge my soul of clutter. I look at my inner life and see I am still carrying resentment – I need to get rid of it. I look in another ‘room’ and see there are jealousies – they have to go. When I dare to turn on the lights in the dark recesses of my soul, I see fears, petty rivalries, and other things I do not even want to put on paper – and I do not need to take any of these to a yard sale for someone else to take; I need to have them removed from my life.

The problem is – I cannot do this - not by myself. I can only do this with the power of the Holy Spirit and the support of a Christian community.

The Good News is – the Spirit wants me to be free! As I work with close friends, they love, support and challenge me to be all I can be for Christ! This week – perhaps you may want to start looking in your ‘empty rooms.’ Anything you need to get rid of? The Holy Spirit and trusted friends are there to help you become a fully devoted, energized disciple of Christ. That’s Good News!



Read *The Vine* on-line or pick up a copy at one of the Welcome Desks each week.

The first edition of *The Vine* was published on 6/10/12, intended to be a publication to help us communicate in a more effective, timely manner. It is published weekly, and is available in both printed and electronic versions to keep you informed of events that affect the community here at Asbury. A link to the current issue is included in the Asbury Update each week. If you don’t currently receive the Update and would like to, please contact the church office and give us your correct email address. Current and back issues of *The Vine* are available on the Asbury website. We hope you will print a copy at home or pick one up at church and post it on your refrigerator, place it on your bedside table or put it where you will see it every day and remember to participate in those events that will benefit you or your loved ones, and to say a prayer for those events that will help other members of our community.

As a way to increase awareness for *The Vine*, each family attending worship this week will receive a printed copy as they leave the service, if they so desire. We hope everyone will make it a habit to stay informed about what’s happening in the Asbury community by reading *The Vine* each week.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
FELLOWSHIP HALL ~ 8:30 AM TO 1:00 PM
MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!
ANYONE AGE 17 OR OLDER CAN DONATE.
WALK-INS ARE WELCOME!
GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

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.asburyiv.org for complete list.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

We're looking for volunteers to help on E-Recycling Day Saturday, 10/20. Areas where you can help: setup, traffic control, unloading items from cars, handing out thank you flyers and water bottles, cleanup, etc. If you can help out in any way please email Diane Antol (drantol@yahoo.com) with your contact information.



FAMILIES ON THE GROW:

The Families on the Grow will host a cookout and campfire at Asbury at 5:00 PM on Saturday, 9/29. All families are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Paul Wood (paewood@rcn.com or 610-437-1862).

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. Sign up in the Community Room or contact Lisa Diffenbaugh (Indiffenbaugh@hometownu.com) for more information.

CARING IN A NUTSHELL:

Grief Support Luncheon - 9/24 - 12:30 to 2:00 PM in the Aldersgate Room. Contact Doris Farrar for information.

Dear Asbury Friends,

The outpouring of love, support, concern, cards, notes, visits, food and prayers throughout Bob's long, difficult illness and at his passing into Eternal Life is very humbling and greatly appreciated. Sincere thanks to Pastors Mark Moore, Eric Yeakel, and Glenn Asquith for their visits, assistance and counsel and to each one of you in the congregation. You have been there for us every step along the way, and words can never adequately express how much this means. Again, deepest thanks.

Love and Blessings,
Jan Kuhns and Family

From the Memorial Garden Committee:

A special "Thank You" to the "quick cleanup crew" that came out to work in the Memorial Garden. Your beautifying was very much appreciated.

UMW BAZAAR NOTES:

Once again the Used Clothing section of the upcoming UMW Bazaar is requesting donations 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 on the lower level near the elevator for the hangers and bags. Please add your donations before Monday 10/29 when our sorting begins. Thanks for your help!

AS THE ELECTION APPROACHES:

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!

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 Florence M., Susan J., John F., Elizabeth S., Farrah E., Joe B. and Louann C. 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 for health and happiness for Lisa, Tony & Nick's Nana. We ask for healing and a hopeful spirit for Wally D. who had a kidney transplant and can no longer walk. Lord, guide our young people who are searching for jobs, security, guidance and love. Give them hope.

For our children

Lord, we ask you to give courage and patience to those who teach our children.

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 Lloyd and Moro families on the tragic loss of their grandson and nephew, Chris. We also ask your comfort for the Moore family on the passing of Janice.

For our congregation

Lord, we give thanks to you for improvements in both our church's pews and parking lot, and also for the inspiration you provide to share your love with the community.

For the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, we ask that the hearts of leaders around the world learn from the example of love and mercy that our savior provides

With thanksgiving for our joys

We celebrate and honor Sadie's Aunt Rosie on her 90th birthday. Thank you for a fun Parents' Weekend visit at Bloomsburg University.

For the missions we support

Lord, we ask your blessing upon Greg Miller and his wife in their ministry with Cross World. Help them reach out to people all over the world who are eager to learn more about Jesus through the use of Biblical training materials.

Amen!

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN



Fall Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- ☺ **Parents of 4th/5th Graders** – We have made a change of rooms for Large Group Time. Please drop your children off in Room 104 today and next week, 9/30. After that they will be in FH, or when that is in use, Room 104. See teachers for a schedule if you did not receive one by email. Pick up 4th Graders in Room 205, and 5th Graders in Room 210.
- ☺ **Childcare** is available each Sunday at the 9:30 and 11:00 services for Infants/1's in Room 214, and 2's in Room 223.
- ☺ **We need more hands and hearts for our kids – 3's/PreK/K rotation grouping & 2nd Grade need some extra help!** If you would like to give even 1 hour a month please contact Linda.

Kidz Klub – All children ages PreK/4's to 5th Grade are welcome to join us 10/19 from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. Dinner and games/sports activities are included. Signe Whitson, COO of Life Space Crisis Intervention Institute, and congregation member will have an interactive program and activities on the topic of "Bullying." Children are encouraged to invite their friends and neighbors to Kidz Klub. We meet the 3rd Friday of the month from September through June.

Contact Linda Arleth in the church office (610-398-2577 or larleth@asburylv.org) for information on all Children's Ministry activities and opportunities!

YOUTH



We had a great day at Pocono Plateau on Sunday for our Adventure Day! It was a great experience not because of the fun we had, but because we were given opportunities to grow together as a group, work as a team, and relate the challenges we faced with the struggles we go through as followers of Christ.

Our next trip is the High School Fall Retreat to Casowasco. Sign up now at www.asburyym.org or grab a paper copy of the sign-up sheet by the Youth bulletin board next to Room 106. Permission slips **MUST** be submitted ASAP!!

Because of the High School Retreat, there will not be Youth Group on Sunday, 9/30. Sunday School is still on, so make sure to check it out!

Finally, our first Coffeehouse was great! Thanks to all of the leaders and student volunteers who made this event a success. Our next Coffeehouse is on Friday, 10/12, from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. If you didn't get a chance to check it out this month, come out next month to listen to live music and talk about what it means to live out our faith.

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

ADULTS



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 & 12/2.) For more information, please contact Cindy Brown (610-799-3634 or cjrbrown@gmail.com) or Linda Woolbaugh (lwoolbaugh@yahoo.com or 610-398-9370).

Come for Dessert and Coffee ~ 9/25 ~ 6:30 to 8:00 PM ~ Fellowship Hall

Stop by Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, 9/25, Coffee & Dessert with "On Mission in Nepal" - a brief presentation with Dr. Mark & Deidre Zimmerman, their family, and our Nepal Missions Team, to hear more about the good Christian works happening in a country steeped in Hindu and Buddhist tradition. We ask that you bring a small dessert to share.

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

Asbury In Mission (AIM)

CHANGE FOR CHANGE this month is designated for the annual CROP Walk, which will take place Sunday, 10/14. 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 Ride or Walk, Ride is Saturday, 10/13, and Walk is Sunday, 10/14. For more information contact Barry or Debi Olphin (Njoyeveryday@rcn.com or 610-261-2709).

MISSION PARTNERS

The Bruce Family in Ecuador

About a year ago, we found an ugly note waiting for us on the trail coming into our houses. In crude writing was a threatening message. Immediately we guessed it had come from one of our neighbors (we'll call him Dan) who has been somewhat antagonistic toward us over the years. The note was a reminder to pray for Dan, and we began to look for opportunities to do something kind for him and his family.

A few weeks ago Paulino came upon Dan sitting in his house, with a bloody cloth wrapped around his hand. Immediately Paulino took it upon himself to help him take care of his injury. Dan said several hours earlier he had been using a power tool, a grinder, when it jumped and ran across the back of his left hand, leaving a series of scrapes and rather deep cuts. "Let's go to Lita, cousin," Paulino said, but Dan refused. "Well, let's go up to the missionaries, then!" Paulino said at last. "They'll help!"

And so the Lord gave us another opportunity to show kindness to Dan, as we stopped the bleeding, cleaned and wrapped his hand, and talked with him about what had happened. We sent him home with his bandaged hand resting in an arm sling, and with materials and instructions on how to clean the wounds and change the bandage the next morning. And we do pray that he also went home having experienced just a small touch of God's love. The Lord provides many opportunities like this (with never-ending variety!) each week here at the Outpost. Often experiencing a touch of His love is the catalyst that awakens a hunger to later hear God's word. (I suppose that is true of people of any culture!)

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

ASBURY ENDOWMENT FUND

Proper Estate Planning can reduce administrative time, expense and inconvenience. Careful estate planning can also be one of the best gifts you give your family.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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. SNL/JHE- YL/FH/108
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep- 106

Monday, September 24

- 10:00 a.m. Marketing Team- Aldersgate
- 10:30 a.m. Pastoral Care Staff- office
- 12:30 p.m. Caring in a Nutshell Lunch- Aldersgate
- 1:00 p.m. D.A.R. Meeting- Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12- FH & 106
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts- 108
- 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Guys- 208
- 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Girls- YL
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Monday Night Men- 215
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers- 206
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 25

- 9:00 a.m. Stewardship Campaign Meeting- Aldersgate
- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 9:30 a.m. Craft Day- 106
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff- Aldersgate
- 6:15 p.m. Brownie Troop 6926- 219
- 6:30 p.m. Dessert with the Zimmermans- FH
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 6244- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:30 p.m. O. A. - 204
- 8:15 p.m. Walk Across the Room Study- 108

Wednesday, September 26

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 10:00 a.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108

Wednesday, September 26 (continued)

- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 3:00 p.m. Parkland Press Sales Meeting- Aldersgate
- 5:00 p.m. Karate- WC
- 6:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat Planning Meeting- 215
- 6:00 p.m. Rainbow Singers- 106
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- WC
- 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers- 108
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 6:30 p.m. Journey 101 Study- 217
- 7:00 p.m. SPRC- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Let's Read Together- 208
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Choir- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- WC
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102

Thursday, September 27

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

Friday, September 28

Sr. High Retreat departure

- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Open House- FH & WC

Saturday, September 29

- 11:00 a.m. NARANON Regional Meeting- 108
- 4:00 p.m. Yokefellow Dinner- WC
- 5:00 p.m. Family Campfire/Cookout- Grove/FH

Sunday, September 30

Sr. High Retreat returns

- 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. Sunday School All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Open Door Community Worship- WC
- 12:00 p.m. Fall Financial Campaign Kick-Off- FH
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 106/108
- 2:00 p.m. Cub Scout God & Family- 215
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Basketball- WC
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba- Parlor

STEVE & PAM UNRATH



Steve & Pam helped to start the popular Kidz Klub program, and regularly coordinate games, sports and activities every time it's held. Both have also coordinated games for Vacation Bible School. Pam teaches the 3 year-old Sunday School Class and volunteers for many children's events. Steve is the Chair of SPRC and is a Sunday School substitute. Thanks, Steve & Pam!



UPCOMING RETREATS

"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

Mark Moore, Senior Pastor
Eric Yeakel, Associate Pastor
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