



**Asbury Church**  
a United Methodist  
Community

SEPTEMBER 30, 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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### Jesus in the News

Last week, Harvard professor Karen King announced that an ancient text was discovered which mentions Mary Magdalene as the wife of Jesus. It is believed that the document comes from the 300's, although some question its authenticity. If the document is authentic it would have been written some 200 years after the gospels. Although this announcement made headlines as a unique discovery, this document may not be as unusual as you may think. In the second, third and fourth centuries there were many documents that were written claiming to have information about Jesus. The documents usually contained information or sayings of Jesus that would support the viewpoint of a particular group.

So what are we to think about the idea of Jesus being married to Mary? If Jesus were married to Mary Magdalene, why would none of the gospels, the earliest documents of the Christian faith, or the letters of Paul, mention this? We know Mary was a follower of Jesus and she is an important person in the gospels. She is the first witness to the resurrection. But none of the documents we have from the earliest period of the Christian church make reference to her and Jesus being married. Therefore, I do not think that a fragment from a document mentioning Jesus having a wife, which is not quoted by any of the church leaders from the first three centuries of the Christian faith is a reliable piece of information.

*Pastor Eric*



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

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.



It's official! Thanks to the people of Asbury Church for providing feedback on our new logo proposal. Taking your input into consideration, Church Council has approved the "official" logos to be used in all church printed and electronic communications. It is our hope that those who view our new logo will recognize the messages and symbolism it contains:

#### **Asbury Church**

Studies have shown that denomination is no longer as important as it used to be in drawing in our unchurched neighbors so that they may experience the Good News of Jesus Christ.

#### **A United Methodist Community**

There is an added emphasis on "faith community" in growing congregations.

#### **The Icon**

The icon contains the United Methodist Cross & Flame representing Christ (the cross) and the Holy Spirit (the flame) while the circular graphic shape reminds us of the eternal nature of God (no beginning and no end). The Cross & Flame is superimposed on a graphic representation of the view of the Asbury Church building from Walbert Avenue.

These logos can be found at [www.asburylv.org/logo](http://www.asburylv.org/logo) for download along with a Logo Usage Guide. If you have questions about the logos, usage of the logos or need a version of your logo that identifies your committee/work area, please contact [marketing@asburylv.org](mailto:marketing@asburylv.org)

# 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.asburylv.org](http://www.asburylv.org) for complete list. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, traffic control, unloading items from cars, clean-up, etc. Contact Diane Antol ([drantol@yahoo.com](mailto:drantol@yahoo.com)) if you can help.



**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. Please sign up in the Community Room or contact Lisa Diffenbaugh ([Indiffenbaugh@hometownu.com](mailto:Indiffenbaugh@hometownu.com)) for more information.

**PRAYER AND SHARE TOGETHER:** Asbury regularly hosts two Christian support groups for Lehigh Valley women: one for women with loved ones who are struggling with emotional issues such as depression, anxiety, bipolar; and another for those who are afflicted themselves. Next meetings for both groups: Tuesday, 10/9, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 208. Call Linda Curry Bartholomew (610-395-8756) for information.

**TRANSPORTATION NEEDED:** Janet Shannon, a faithful member of the Sanctuary Choir, is hoping to find some caring individuals to pick her up and bring her to church. She is totally blind, and relies on her friends to get her to rehearsals and Sunday services. If anyone is willing to help, please contact her at 610-694-9229.

**ASBURY CONNECTION COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, 10/3, @ Panera Bread on Tilghman Street. Join us and help plan the spiritual support for our Asbury post-high school to early 20's young adults. For more information, please contact Dot Hess (610-391-9212 or [hessdp@ptd.net](mailto:hessdp@ptd.net)).

**THE KNITTING ANGELS** will meet at 9:30 AM on Saturday, 10/13, in the Aldersgate Room. For more information, contact Judy Mellman (610-432-4673).

**SUSANNA CIRCLE** will meet at 7:00 PM on Monday, 10/8, at the home of Dot Torrey, 1351 Deerfield Drive., Allentown. Rev. Dr. Glenn Asquith will speak about "Caring for Yourself While Caring for Others."

**DORCAS/MARTHA CIRCLE** will meet in the Parlor at 9:15 AM on Thursday, 10/11, for their annual Craft Workshop. (Please bring a pair of scissors.) During the month of October the Circle will be collecting regular size shampoo and bar soap for Daybreak, a center-city agency for the needy.

### THE UMW BAZAAR IS SATURDAY, 11/3!

Once again the Used Clothing section of the 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.

Volunteers are needed to help in Santa Photo Room at the UMW Bazaar. If you can help in any way, please e-mail Michele Godiska ([suziehomemaker64@verizon.net](mailto:suziehomemaker64@verizon.net)).

The Little People's Room for the UMW bazaar is looking for the following items- new or gently used gift items for all ages, gift bags, shopping bags and gift tags. Men's gifts and gift bags are especially needed. Donations can be placed in the boxes by the elevator on the lower & upper levels. We also need volunteers to help the day of the Bazaar (11/3). Contact Amy Wood ([awood@asburylv.org](mailto:awood@asburylv.org)) if interested in helping.

## Prayers of Our Congregation

*"May our Lord Jesus Christ...encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word." 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17*

### 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., Elizabeth F., John F., Beth F. and Susan J. 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

We ask healing and comfort for Ellen P.'s father who is facing several kidney surgeries. Lord, please send strength and hope for Pete and his family as he enters rehab for alcoholism this week. Lord, please ease the pain of gallstones.

### For our children

Lord, help us realize that you are the parent of us all and we are your children

### With thanksgiving for our joys

Bonnie R. is thankful that she saw a red-bellied woodpecker last Wednesday. Sue is thankful for a caring family. Thank you, Lord, for the bright colors of autumn now returning to our world. James & Kim Fullton are thankful for the birth of Kyrie Imogen Fullton, born 9/24.

### 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 Moore family on the passing of Janice. We also ask you to be with Bill and Louann C. and their families mourning the passing of his brother, Norman, and his uncle, Don. Please also help them on the trip to and from Ohio to attend the funeral.

### For our congregation

Lord, help us to see how to best alleviate suffering in our own community.

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

Lord, you are always with us. May the power of your loving presence be felt by all those on the world's stage so that they govern with mercy and justice.

### For the missions we support

Lord, bless Chris Hena as she seeks support for a new ministry to improve the health and status of women in Liberia who are greatly repressed and whose health and education are vital to the peace and prosperity of this war-torn country.

## INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

### CHILDREN



#### Fall Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

☺ **Parents of 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Graders** – Please drop your children off in Room 104 today for Large Group Time. After Sunday School, please pick up 4<sup>th</sup> Graders in Room 205, and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders in Room 210.

#### Kidz Klub

☺ **50 kids joined us last week for Kidz Klub!** The spaghetti dinner was delicious, and the kids had fun with sports and crafts. Thanks to Jeannie for sharing her story about the children at Ramos Elementary and making the connection with our children. Thanks to all the volunteers!

☺ **The next Kidz Klub will be Friday, 10/19, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM.** Besides our usual dinner and rotation with sports, we will have interactive time learning about the topic of “Bullying.” Sign-up sheets are in the Community Room & outside the WC. We meet the 3rd Friday of the month.

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

## 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 9/30 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](mailto:Njoyeveryday@rcn.com) or 610-261-2709).

#### DESSERTS NEEDED

Donations of desserts are needed for the Allentown Rescue Mission Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, 10/6. You may drop off your donations on the tables outside the Wesley Center Kitchen between noon on Friday and noon on Saturday. Remember we are unable to refrigerate any desserts. Thank you!

#### NEW BEGINNINGS CHURCH OF GOD

Did you know there is a second congregation that worships at Asbury Church each Sunday? New Beginnings Church of God is a new church primarily serving the Haitian community in the Lehigh Valley. They had been meeting in the pastor’s home until they outgrew that space. They approached Asbury Church and we opened our doors to share space in our building. They currently meet in rooms 106 and 108 for worship from 1:00 to 3:00 PM on Sundays. Pastor Jude Felix of New Beginnings writes, “We thank God for... you who are willing to step across denominational lines to touch and agree with another to reach the harvest of God.”

We had the opportunity to meet and share a meal with the New Beginnings congregation at our last mission brunch. As you are leaving church on Sunday morning, please warmly greet the New Beginnings members as they arrive for their worship. Keep New Beginnings Church in your prayers as they reach the Lehigh Valley’s Haitian community for Christ.

### YOUTH



A group of our High School students are heading to Camp Casowasco in Moravia, New York, for a weekend retreat. Please keep the group in prayer for safe travels and that this weekend can be a time of refreshment and renewal.

Because of the High School retreat, there will not be Youth Group on Sunday, 9/30. Sunday School is still on, so be sure to attend!

This week in Youth Group, we discussed what it means to respect others and yourself, and why it’s an essential piece of who we are as followers of Christ. Beginning next week, 10/7, in Youth Group we’ll be talking about worship – why do we do it? Is there a correct way to worship? Come to Youth Group and be part of the conversation!

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

### ADULTS



#### **Mental Health Issues in Caring for Others** **Saturday, October 13, 2012 ~ 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM**

Asbury is offering training to assist caregivers, lay visitors and anyone else who would like help in dealing with mental health concerns that might arise with those whom we love and care for, including family members. Topics included will be: a) Recognizing the signs and possible presence of various mental health conditions; b) Finding the proper care to respond to these concerns; and c) Caring for yourself as you care for others. Training will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Glenn H. Asquith and will be held in Room 217 at Asbury Church. You may sign up in the Community Room on Sundays 9/30 and 10/7, or call Amy Wood at the church office (610-398-2577).

**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! Registration forms are available at the Welcome Desks.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## 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
- 2:00 p.m. Cub Scout God & Family- 215
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Basketball- WC
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba- Parlor

## Monday, October 1

- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Guys- 208
- 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Girls- YL
- 6:45 p.m. Brownie Troop 6027- 207
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers- 206
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary



OCTOBER

## Tuesday, October 2

- 9:00 a.m. Stewardship Campaign Meeting- Aldersgate
- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Mission Celebration Team- 208
- 6:30 p.m. UMW Board- 106
- 6:30 p.m. Eagle Scout Board of Review- 215
- 7:00 p.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:30 p.m. O. A. - 204
- 8:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Team- Aldersgate

## Wednesday, October 3

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 10:00 a.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 12:00 p.m. Asbury Clergy Lunch- Aldersgate
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 5:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Dinner- WC
- 6:00 p.m. Rainbow Singers- 106
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- FH

## Wednesday, October 3 (continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers- 108
- 6:30 p.m. God's Rainbow- Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 6:30 p.m. Journey 101 Study- 217
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- 210/211/215
- 7:00 p.m. Equitable Comp. Meeting- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Choir- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102

## Thursday, October 4

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba Toning- FH
- 12:00 p.m. Rescue Mission Dinner Prep- WC Kit.
- 6:30 p.m. Eagle Scout Board of Review- 215
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON (Serenity in the Valley)- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Journeys Circle- 202
- 7:00 p.m. Church of God Bible Study- 106
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir- 102

## Friday, October 5

### Church Retreat Begins

- 8:00 a.m. Rescue Mission Dinner Prep- WC & Kit.
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- 210/211/215

## Saturday, October 6

- 10:00 a.m. ICAN- 215
- 4:00 p.m. Rescue Mission Spaghetti Dinner- WC

## Sunday, October 7/Communion

### Church Retreat Ends

- 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
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 106/108
- 2:00 p.m. Cub Scout God & Family- 215/217
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Basketball- WC
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba- Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Committee- 215
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/FH/108
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep- 106

**Servant  
of the  
Week**

## CAROL COLLINS

Carol started the Sunday School Class God's Special Forces, for children with autism. She teaches this class most weeks, is on the Open Door Hospitality Team, and is an active UMW & AIM member.



## 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  
Glenn Asquith, Director of Pastoral Care  
Laurie Wallace Theisen, Director of Lay Ministries  
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