



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

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

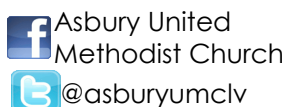
During our 9:30 Sunday School time, we have childcare for infants through three year olds. During our 11:00 Services, we have childcare available for infants through PreK.

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THE VINE

faith in action... imagine your life changed.

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Asbury provides Sunday worship for over 23,000 people per year?

Over \$250,000 of budgeted money (including AIM) is directly given to others outside our congregation each year?

In worship this week the focus is on “Wesley and Stewardship.” We challenge everyone who is part of the body at Asbury to make their commitment to Christ and His church known in their stewardship. Your faithful giving allows us to continue living into our Vision Statement: *“In all aspects of our lives, we will strive to be disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”*

Things you can do to cultivate your generosity:

1. **SUBMIT** yourself and all you have to the LORD
2. **STUDY** the Scriptures on finances and generosity
3. **SEE** what God has provided in your life
4. **SET ASIDE** resources to give
5. **SYSTEMATICALLY** give
6. **SPONTANEOUSLY** give as the LORD leads you
7. **SIMPLIFY** your life to be even more generous.

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES
cultivating
HEART
of giving

A PRAYER: Heavenly Father, forgive us for being so anxious about so many things and not spending more time listening to you. Help us to determine what “enough” is for our family and to joyfully and generously share the rest. May we turn to you, truly trust you and learn from you every day.

Hello Asbury Family,

Last week Pastor Mark and I were at a church leadership conference at Church of the Resurrection in Kansas. Church of the Resurrection is the largest United Methodist Church in the country and is led by Senior Pastor Adam Hamilton. I attended some informative workshops on church growth, sermon preparation, and small group ministries. I am excited to share and implement some of the information I learned in order to enhance our ability to make disciples.

This week in worship we are continuing with our series of messages entitled “Investment Strategies.” In this series we have been focusing on how we can use our time, talents and money for the Kingdom of God. This week we will be looking at John Wesley and Stewardship. In his sermon, “The Use of Money,” Wesley offered three rules for a Christian use of money: *He says that we are to earn all we can, save all we can, so we can give all we can.* We will look at the life of Wesley and what his teachings mean for us today as followers of Jesus.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Linda Smith for her dedicated service to Christ for the past 7 ½ years as the Children’s Director at Asbury. Linda has touched many lives, both children and adults, and we pray that God will give her discernment regarding her next call to service. I also would like to welcome Pam Unrath as the Interim Children’s Director; we pray that God will bless her as she leads this ministry. See you in worship on Sunday!

Blessings, *Pastor Eric*



COME AND ENJOY DINNER AND A MOVIE ON SATURDAY, 10/12. A SPAGHETTI DINNER TO BENEFIT THE ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 4:00 TO 7:30 PM IN THE WESLEY CENTER. THE CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED FILM, “A PLACE AT THE TABLE” WILL BEGIN AT 7:45 PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL. LEARN WHAT YOU CAN DO TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR NATION.

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

SUSANNA CIRCLE will meet on Monday, 10/14, at Marian Denny's Waldheim Park cottage. We will walk around the park at 6:00 PM and have a light supper at 6:30 PM, followed by our meeting at 7:00 PM. Pam Grossman will tell us about the Prayer Shawl Circle. After that, Kit Howers will describe the doings on her alpaca farm, from breeding to producing wonderful alpaca wool products. All women are welcome to join us! Call Marian Denny (610-797-6617) for more information.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, 10/8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Aldersgate Room. Ann Lee will lead discussion on the book, *The Journey*, Chapter 2, "The Relational Nature of Reality" based on Matthew 22:34-40 and 2 Corinthians 5:16-20. All women are invited to attend. For more information, contact Brenda Baxter (brendabaxter14@gmail.com or 610-433-2583) or Judy Whitby (jmwhitby@aol.com or 610-432-1848).

THE DORCAS/MARTHA CIRCLE will hold a Bazaar Workshop Meeting on Thursday, 10/10, at 9:15 AM. in the Parlor. Leah Kuhns will lead the devotions. Floy Bleckley and Vera Barnes will be hostesses. The October Mission Project will be to help support the District Ingathering with donations of clothing and other items. All women are welcome to attend the meeting.

CROP WALK is collecting **tuna fish, canned soup, canned vegetables and canned fruits** for the Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank. If you can help with items, please feel free to add them to the Food Bank donation bins on the lower level by the elevator or in the upstairs entrance. Thank you for helping to feed our hungry neighbors.

BEAUTIFY ASBURY: If you have separated any of your bulbs, flowers (mums, hostas, lilies, ground cover, etc.) or native plants, consider donating some to Asbury. No invasive species, please. Contact Shirley Nylund (shirleynylund@gmail.com or 610-395-0755).

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY EVENTS:

- 10/13—Blood Pressure Screening (Community Room)
- 10/27—Blood Drive (Sign up in Community Room)
- 10/27—Flu Shots (Room 202)

Prayers of Our Congregation

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 Bill G., Elaine G. Marcia E. and Robert D. 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: Leon, whose widespread melanoma has recurred after 5 years; Tiffany's mother who is facing surgery this week; All those now earnestly searching for employment.

For those who mourn

Lord, we ask comfort for all who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially the family of Grover Bays. Reassure them of your unending mercy and eternal love.

For our children

Lord, we ask that you care for all children in need today.

For our congregation

May the Holy Spirit enfold all members of our congregation's small groups in warm fellowship, inspiring good works and faith. Be with our Asbury Preschool teachers, strengthening and inspiring them.

ASBURY'S 2ND ANNUAL TRUNK-OR-TREAT will be held on Saturday, 10/26, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. This 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! 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 Brisendine (jlyn32@aol.com).

THE UMW HOLIDAY BAZAAR IS SATURDAY, 11/2!

Christmas in the City will feature delicious edibles, baked goods, crafts, nearly new clothing, Attic Treasures, Silent Auction, Photos with Santa, children's activities, games and "Little Peoples" Room. Luncheon is served from 11:00 AM.—1:30 PM. Our Bazaar Committee is very excited and is busy preparing for this event, but there several areas that are in need of additional volunteers.



- ◆ A Cleanup crew is needed when the Bazaar concludes. Our custodians cannot possibly clean and restore each room needed for Sunday morning. Books need to be boxed, clothing needs to be bagged, and items in the attic treasures room need to be stored. We also need help with parking. It really helps our guests to enter and leave the Bazaar with some direction. We would need 3-4 folks. Safety vests and cones are available. If you can help in any way, please contact Marsha Johnston (mjjsv@ptd.net or 610-799-4429).
- ◆ The Used Clothing section of the 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.
- ◆ WANTED: 10-Bean-Soup makers for the Bazaar. If you are willing to make a batch (4 quart jars + a little for yourself), soup mix, jars and a recipe will be provided. The soup should be prepared Thursday, 10/31, or Friday, 11/1, and delivered to the church Friday afternoon or night. Please contact Carol Collins (momofkaya@gmail.com or 610-395-5245).

I sing because I'm happy. I sing because I'm free.

His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me. Spiritual

For the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, we sincerely ask your guidance for our elected leaders that they might come to agreement and govern wisely. Be with those who are suffering in Syria and allow freedom and justice to prevail. Remind our leaders to listen to you and learn.

With thanksgiving for our joys

Lord, there is so much to be thankful for in our lives that we sometimes forget to show our gratitude. Thank you for each moment and every breath we take. Thank you for the sweetness of new babies and the wisdom of our elders. Thank you for opportunities to show gratitude by giving back to the congregation and the community. Thank you for this church and its staff. Thank you for giving your son, Jesus, to be our rock and our redeemer.

For the missions we support

This week's mission prayer is for the Yokefellow Prison Ministry. This ministry of Pennsylvania sends volunteers into 50 jails and prisons on a weekly basis to minister to prisoners for Christ in small groups. The purpose of the ministry is to show those incarcerated there is a better way of life, meaning, and purpose by accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Then, as Jesus becomes Lord of their life, they learn how to live the Christian life.

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 Pam Unrath in the church office.

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. Please contact Pam Unrath (pamelau03@gmail.com) or Sarah Kinzel (skinzel@ptd.net) for information and to volunteer.

Contact Pam Unrath in the church office (610-398-2577) for information on all Children's Ministry activities and opportunities.

asbury youth ministries



We had a great time on the Casowasco High School Fall Retreat last weekend! If you weren't able to make it, check out www.asburyym.org to see some of what we talked about.

Due to a scheduling conflict, the first Coffeehouse of the year has been postponed until 11/8. We're sorry for the delay – we're really looking forward to starting it again! Make sure to mark your calendar and join us from 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM for food, an open gym, and time to hang out with friends. Admission will be \$5.

After a 2-week hiatus, Youth Group is back on this Sunday! Make sure to join us from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM in the Youth Lounge!

There will be a Mission Brunch on 10/20 supporting the West Virginia Reunion. We need volunteers to help staff and serve the breakfast and we need you in attendance to help make this a success! (Sign up now at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/ccc?key=0AnR4C3XvPV6RdEpmTXhleUMyc3kyQ3RGenR4ZERZSHc&usp=sharing#gid=0>) 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.

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



CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS

Are We There Yet?



In a recent sermon on Asbury's vision for the future, Pastor Mark used the analogy of a journey from here (where we currently are as a church) to there (our ultimate destination/goal). We in Chancel Choir have a vision, too! We envision a choir loft filled with smiling people joyfully singing praises to God in worship.

Our choral family welcomes with open arms both new and returning members. Our vision for Chancel Choir is not about the "numbers." It is about sharing our faith, our caring fellowship and the joy we experience while lifting our voices in praise and thanks to God. Are we there yet? Not quite, but we're on our way! Won't you join us on our journey as we seek to lift spirits and grow as a community of caring and supportive members. Our choir director, Ken Schneider, would be happy to offer details and a welcoming invitation. You can reach him at 610-845-0708 or at kenmar@windstream.net. Robin Fitch would also be happy to answer any questions and provide a copy of our 2013-2014 choral season schedule. She can be reached at 610-391-0198 or at fitch5@rcn.com. The Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas seasons are just around the corner. This is the perfect time for new and returning members to join us for the holiday season. You'll be glad you did!!

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE



Asbury in Mission

October

CHANGE-FOR-CHANGE

Change-For-Change this month is for Turning Point, which is the Lehigh Valley's only non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating domestic violence. Turning Point is a safe place where victims of abuse and their children can find refuge. Please place your contributions in the designated containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Wesley Center.

CARENET of the Lehigh Valley

CARENET is in immediate and urgent need for volunteers to help them renovate their new office at 2200 Hamilton Blvd. One of their biggest needs is someone knowledgeable in flooring, but any kind of help with handyman or handywoman chores would be gratefully appreciated. Hours are flexible. Call CareNet at 610-821-4000 to sign up. Thanks!!

EVERYONE IS INVITED to attend the 2013 CareNet Fundraising Hope Gala at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, 10/8, at DeSales University. Come enjoy a free dinner, have an opportunity to learn more about CareNet, and enjoy their keynote speaker Ruth Graham, daughter of the Rev Billy Graham. To attend you only need to RSVP at carenetlv.org, click on "Events" and register, or email Jennifer at jennifer@carenetlv.org.



DEADLINE:

Articles for "The Vine" Tuesday at Noon

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 6 / Baptism / Communion

- 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
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- Sanctuary/106/108
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Basketball- WC
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12 Committee- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/FH/108



Wednesday, October 9 (continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Faith & Fun Alive Core Team- 202
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 6:30 p.m. "The Bible" Class- 215
- 6:30 p.m. Ephesians Bible Study- 217
- 6:30 p.m. Rainbow Singers- 106
- 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers- 108
- 7:00 p.m. SPRC- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 103A
- 7:10 p.m. Youth Choir- 106
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102
- 8:00 p.m. Apostle Ringers- 206

Monday, October 7

- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury School Board- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers- 206
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

Thursday, October 10

- 9:15 a.m. Dorcas/Martha Circle- Parlor
- 2:30 p.m. Parkland Press- Aldersgate
- 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

Tuesday, October 8

- 9:30 a.m. Book Study- Aldersgate
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff- Aldersgate
- 5:15 p.m. Daisy Troop 654- 219
- 6:00 p.m. Lehigh Emmaus Gathering- 106
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Junior Troop 6244- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Equitable Comp. Meeting- 217
- 7:00 p.m. Prayer & Share Together- 208/210
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Harmony- FH
- 7:30 p.m. OA- 204
- 7:30 p.m. Priscilla Circle- Aldersgate

Friday, October 11

- 9:00 a.m. Rescue Mission Set-up- WC/Kitchen
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108

Saturday, October 12

- 4:00 p.m. Rescue Mission Spaghetti Dinner- WC
- 7:45 p.m. Movie- A Place at the Table- FH


Wednesday, October 9

- 8:45 a.m. Keep in Touch Meeting- Aldersgate
- 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. Daisy Troop 6075- 219
- 5:15 p.m. Garden of Eatin' Dinner- WC
- 5:40 p.m. Faith Ringers- 206

Sunday, October 13 / Commitment Sunday

- 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. Music Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- Sanctuary/106/108
- 1:30 p.m. CROP Walk- offsite
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Basketball- WC
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/FH/108
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep- 106






Servant of the Week

TAMMY DIETRICH

Tammy has been a member of the Teaching Ministry Team for many years, and helped to coordinate the Supply Closet. She is a volunteer at Vacation Bible School, and has been a Kidz Klub volunteer since the ministry started. Tammy also works in the Little People's Room at the Bazaar, and volunteers in the office. Thanks, Tammy!





will be held in Room 217 on Tuesday, 10/15, at 7:00 PM. All interested members are welcome to attend.

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