



Asbury Church
a United Methodist
Community

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OCTOBER 7, 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

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World Communion Sunday

This Sunday, 10/7, is designated in most religious communions, including the United Methodist Church, as World Communion Sunday. Established in 1936, just prior to the official start of World War II, World Communion Sunday is an observance to help Christians all over the world affirm their unity in Jesus Christ as it is expressed so beautifully at the Lord's Table.

Those Christians who started World Communion Sunday saw the Table of the Lord as a place where the wounds in Christendom, many the result of brutal war, could begin to find healing. At the Lord's Table, Christians in all nations, of many ethnicities and languages, could remember their kinship in Christ and be encouraged to live more fully as brothers and sisters in God's family. Obviously, the concerns about world peace and unity felt by Christians in 1936 are still primary among believers today. Civil war and instability in Arab nations and the ongoing difficult war in Afghanistan are heavy on our hearts as we come to communion this day.

World Communion Sunday is intended as an occasion when people are invited to the Lord's Table on the same Sunday in many different churches and denominations, regardless of how often those churches and denominations normally observe communion. In addition to our observance of this Sunday in worship, the United Methodist Church World Communion offering provides scholarships for U.S. racial and ethnic students and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels. Let us all be mindful and prayerful about our unity in Christ as we come to the Lord's table!

Pastor Glenn

Parish Nurse Health Ministry

Our mission extends to share holistic "mind-body-spirit" education with the Asbury members and community to lead healthier lives. We thank the 18 volunteers that took the time to give blood in September. 13 usable pints were obtained, resulting in saving 39 lives. Please watch for date of the Spring Blood Drive. Teens may give blood at age 17.

Other ministries/services we provide include:

- Flu Vaccine will be available Sunday, 10/28, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in Room 202.
- The Health Bulletin Board next to Room 218 provides health tips from various sources.
- We host a luncheon gathering for those with losses in their life, generally scheduled the 4th Monday of the month; A special session on 11/12 will be held for anyone wishing to seek tips for the Holidays.
- Christmas ornaments are available to give in tribute to the memories of loved ones.
- Any group that desires guidance with balance techniques to prevent falls or seek assistance with community services for themselves or others may call Doris/Health Ministry members for the information.
- Blood Pressure Screenings are available on a monthly basis by Karen Landis.
- Pastor Glenn Asquith offers many services (caregivers class, mental health awareness, & visitation).
- Shirley Offutt champions Addictions Support Groups here and in the community.
- Kim Campbell offers ongoing diabetic education.

Join our efforts to keep us in A-one shape!

Doris Farrar, RN

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Congregational Life & Care

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) 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.

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."

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will continue its study on world religions this Tuesday, 10/9, at 7:30 PM in the Aldersgate Room. Carlen Blackstone will lead discussion on Buddhism. All women are welcome. For additional information, contact Judy Whitby (jmwhitby@aol.com) or Brenda Baxter (bbaxter@ptdprolog.net).

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.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with the Allentown Rescue Mission's Fall Food & Supplies Drive. Contact Dawn Washington (610-740-5500, or dWASHINGTON@armpa.org) for more information or to volunteer.

For the past few years, The Allentown CROP Hunger Walkers have been collecting most needed weekly food items for the Allentown Food Bank. This year we are collecting peanut butter, jelly and canned soups. If you would like to donate any of these items (up to Saturday, 10/13), there is a collection box next to the regular Food Bank Bins on the lower level near the elevator. In three years we have averaged an extra 1,500 pounds in donations for the Food Bank. **CROP** stands for **C**ommunities **R**esponding to **O**vercome **P**overty. Thank you!!



THE UMW HOLIDAY 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.
- ◆ 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).
- ◆ 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) if interested in helping.
- ◆ 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, 11/1, or Friday, 11/2, and delivered to the church Friday afternoon or night. Please contact Carol Collins (cnkramer@ptd.net or 610-395-5245). Thank you!

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 Doris G., Harriet E., Florence M., Elizabeth F., Beth F., Gary M. 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

Lord, we ask your mercy and healing for Gary M. as he continues to rehab from a stroke he suffered last week. Be with Katie K., a 15 year old with a concussion. We ask healing for Michele G.'s father, Ray, after his out-patient surgery. We lift up Linda A.'s daughter, Julia, who is recovering from food poisoning and having health concerns during her pregnancy. We ask healing for Bonnie R.'s daughter's male Scotty dog, Tavish, who has liver cancer. Lord, we ask your gentle care for June M.'s granddaughter as she prepares to give birth after a high risk pregnancy. Keep Don & Charlotte N. in your care.

For our children

Lord, thank you for the sweet blessing of children everywhere, and the pure joy they inspire.

With thanksgiving for our joys

Connie is thankful that she found a job after looking for the past year. Thank you for the power to change things for the better.

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, inspire us to be the people you need us to be.

For the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, you hold the world in your hands. Have mercy on the helpless and send your Holy Spirit to inspire those who are able to give assistance

For the missions we support

Let us pray for Turning Point as they minister to the needs of victims of domestic violence.

Amen!

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN



Fall Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

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

Kidz Klub

- ☺ **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) for information on all Children's Ministry activities and opportunities!

YOUTH



We had a fantastic High School retreat at Casowasco last weekend! We talked about what it means to "be last" (see Mark 9:35) through examining people who (in the world's eyes) were "last" in the Bible, who the world sees Jesus as, who Jesus really is, and how through being last we can work toward helping the world see Jesus not just as a great teacher, advocate, etc.; but as a Savior.

This week at Youth Group we'll begin to talk about worship and discuss its importance. Why should we do it? Is there a right or wrong way to do it?

This coming Monday, 10/8, there will be no High School Small Groups due to Columbus Day.

And finally, Middle Schoolers, if you hear the High Schoolers talking about what a great time they had at their retreat and wish you could've been there, make sure you sign up for the Alive Middle School retreat by picking up a registration form by the youth bulletin board near Room 106 or sign up online now at www.asburyym.org.

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 YOUNG ADULT GROUP, The ARMADA, will be starting its fall Bible study on Saturday evening 10/20. We will be studying the book "Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White" by Adam Hamilton. Please contact Jamie Peter for more information and so a book can be ordered for you, if you plan to attend.



RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

Asbury In Mission (AIM)

CHANGE FOR CHANGE this month is designated for an HIV/AIDS Ministry in Nepal called "Goats as Gifts." When afflicted families are gifted with a goat, or other farm animal, they are enabled to fight the root of poverty and become more self-reliant. For more information, you may contact Dan Crowley (dcrowley09@gmail.com). 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 **TODAY** 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).

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

EXERCISE FAITH

"Epaphras is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, and be mature."
(Colossians 4:12)

What is so important that Epaphras would pray so fervently? That the Colossian church would grow in their knowledge of God's will and in their maturity of faith. During our Fall Financial Campaign we are urging you to be in prayer, and to reflect on a simple question: "What would You do through me, Lord, to make Your will happen in this church?" Asbury church needs an Epaphras or two just now. Our church needs people who will pray earnestly to seek God's will. Would you be willing to pray, to wrestle hard, for the future of this church?

Prayer: *Lord, lead me in prayer to wrestle hard with Your will. I will hold fast to You until I find Your blessing.*

Action: *Decide now to make a prayerful decision about your participation in this campaign. Set aside specific time (at least 15 minutes) every day until the end of October to spend in prayer and reflection. Make an appointment with yourself (and with God) right now. Write down when and where you will spend your prayer time each day between now and Commitment Sunday.*



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 7 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

- 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

Monday, October 8 / PreSchool & Play Days Closed

- 10:30 a.m. Pastoral Care Staff- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12- FH & 106
- 6:45 p.m. Asbury School Board Meeting- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers- 206
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 9 / PreSchool & Play Days Closed

- 9:00 a.m. Finance 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. Girl Scout Junior Troop 6244- 106
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Share Together- 208/210
- 7:00 p.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:30 p.m. Priscilla Circle- Aldersgate
- 7:30 p.m. O. A. - 204

Wednesday, October 10

- 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- FH
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Dinner- WC
- 5:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat Meeting- WC
- 5:30 p.m. Daisy Troop 6075- 219
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 6:00 p.m. Rainbow Singers- 106

Wednesday, October 10 (continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers- 108
- 6:15 p.m. Teaching Ministry Team- Aldersgate
- 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. Youth Choir- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102

Thursday, October 11

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba Toning- FH
- 9:00 a.m. District Clergy Breakfast- WC
- 9:15 a.m. Dorcas/Martha Circle- Parlor
- 12:00 p.m. Leonard Slider Memorial Service- Sanc.
- 2:30 p.m. Parkland Press- Aldersgate
- 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. Villas at Trexler Park HOA- Parlor
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir- 102

Friday, October 12

- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- 210/211/215
- 7:30 p.m. Youth Coffee House- WC

Saturday, October 13 / CROP Walk Bike Ride

- 8:30 a.m. Caregivers Workshop- 217
- 9:30 a.m. Jubilation Ringers Fall Workshop- 206
- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry- Aldersgate

Sunday, October 14 / CROP Walk

- 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. Serendipity Small Group- 208
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/FH/108



MANLY OFFUTT



Manly has participated as a "Toolman" for the West Virginia mission trip for 19 years, since the beginning! He is the treasurer for Asbury In Mission, and on Sunday mornings serves as an usher, greeter and at the Welcome Center. Manly also was a member of the Vesper Ringers, and coordinates the PEP Club with his wife, Shirley.



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 for complete list. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, traffic control, unloading items from cars, clean-up, etc. Please contact Diane Antol (drantol@yahoo.com) if you can help.

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