



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

WORSHIP

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

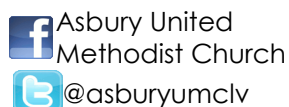
During our 9:30 Sunday School time, we have childcare for infants through three year olds. During our 11:00 Services, we have childcare available for infants through PreK.

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THE JOURNEY CONTINUES
cultivating
a HEART
of giving

A PRAYER: Father, Creator, everything on earth is yours. We have nothing that can make you richer, for it all comes from you in the first place. We live thanks to you, and without you we have nothing and can do nothing. Lord, it's so easy for us to hold on tightly to the money we earn. Help us to realize that you alone gave us the ability to do our jobs and to earn the money that we do. Help us to be open-handed in our giving to joyfully show our thanks to you. We especially thank you for this place we have to worship you. We so easily take for granted the church building, the staff that keeps the church running smoothly, the lights and plumbing and all the other things it takes to hold our worship services each week. Help us to never forget that it is from this place that the Good News is shared, the grieving are comforted, the sick are visited, the children learn about You, the youth exercise their faith and adults reach out in mission. As we reflect more and more on all you have given us, make us eager and willing givers of all the gifts you have poured down on us. Amen.



From
Pastor Mark

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Asbury,

As most of you know, 10/13 will be my last Sunday with you until January. At the suggestion of Bishop Johnson, and with the concurrence of District Superintendent Cotto and our SPRC, I will be on a renewal leave. Karen and I will use this time to renew our spirits and discern the leading of the Holy Spirit for our lives.

I take this leave knowing you are in very capable hands. Pastor Eric (you all know he is an amazingly gifted and committed pastor) will provide pastoral leadership and guidance, assisted by other clergy, staff and laity. The program, music and support staff will continue to do their ministries with excellence, helping all to grow as Disciples of Jesus in every aspect of their lives.

I ask that you lift Karen and me in prayer in the days ahead. We are committed to praying for Asbury every day.

Perhaps it is God's timing that today is also the day we ask you to make a financial commitment that will enable Asbury to continue fulfilling the mission to which we have been called. We want you to know that we are increasing our giving, believing the best days of Asbury are ahead of us!

I look forward to a time of rest and renewal, and returning to Asbury with a revived spirit, ready to serve our awesome God and this amazing congregation!

Be well. Be blessed. Be God's!

In Christ,
Pastor Mark D. Moore



PRAYERS
for our
CHURCH

TIME FOR PRAYER

The Sanctuary will be open on Tuesday, 10/22, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM for a time of prayer. Prayer handouts will be available for individual silent prayer during this time. We will also have a time for group prayer at 7:15. Come whenever you can to pray for our church.

RADICAL HOSPITALITY



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 (mljsv@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).
- ◆ The Little People's Room for the Bazaar needs 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 (11/2). Contact Amy Wood (awood@asburylv.org) if you are interested in helping.

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY EVENTS:

- 10/13—Blood Pressure Screening (Community Room)
- 10/27—Blood Drive (Sign up in Community Room)
- 10/27—Flu Shots will be available from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon in Room 202; cost is \$20.00, Medicare accepted.

SUSANNA CIRCLE will meet on Monday, 10/14, at Marian Denny's Waldheim Park cottage. All women are welcome to join us! Call Marian (610-797-6617) for more information.

PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, 10/15, at 6:30 PM in the Aldersgate Room. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. Contact Pam Grossman (610-398-8066) or Dale Begany (610-216-9517 or dbegany@hotmail.com) if you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to participate in the group.

SARAH CIRCLE will meet at 6:45 PM in Room 215 on Wednesday, 10/16. Discussion will be on the Introduction and Chapter 1 of "Christianity After Religion" by Diana Butler Bass. For more information, contact Kim Bringhurst (610-298-0094). All women are welcome.

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, 10/15, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. in Room 208. Call Ruth (610-867-4335) for this month's topic and/or more information.

P.E.P. (People Enjoying People) CLUB will meet on Friday, 10/18. Fellowship time begins at 9:30 AM followed by a short business meeting at 10:00 AM. Entertainment will be presented by Glenn Miller, the one-man band. All senior adults are welcome to attend the meeting in Fellowship Hall.

ASBURY CONNECTION MEETING: Join us on Wednesday, 10/23, at 7:30 PM in Room 108 to prepare care packages to send to our young adults. We will also have a circle of prayer blessing for our members. For more information contact Dot Hess (610-391-9212 or hessdp@ptd.net).

ASBURY'S 2ND ANNUAL TRUNK-OR-TREAT

will be held on Saturday, 10/26, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. 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)



Prayers of Our Congregation

*The light of God surrounds me; the love of God enfolds me;
the power of God protects me; the presence of God watches over me.
Wherever I am, God is.*

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 Margaret H., Marcia E., William G., Larry H., Judy K., and David B. 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: Phyllis H. and her family as she transitions to assisted living; Judy K. as she is recovering from surgery; Peyton D. now recovering from a concussion; Kelly K. a 3rd grader who is experiencing complications from an appendectomy; Carol R.'s sister and a good friend who are both having PET scans.

For those who mourn

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

For our children

Lord, have mercy on the suffering of little children and multiply their happiness so that their sweet laughter fills our world.

For our congregation

We are your church members, imperfect sinners asking forgiveness. Build us up to be the house of worship, praise and prayer that you need us to be for the world. We pray for our pastors and our congregation, that the Holy Spirit guides our attitudes, our words and our decisions.

For the world, its people and its leaders

Prince of Peace, we ask that you surround the world with your love, showering wisdom, mercy, forgiveness and justice on governments in chaos.

With thanksgiving for our joys

We thank you for the blessing of Donalee & Paul Fray's new grandson. We thank you for 29 years of marriage between Dale & Steve Begany. We thank you for faith which has seen us through the years.

For the missions we support

This week let's remember all those who benefit from the Crop Walks—neighbors walking together to take a stand against hunger in our world. Please pray that we can find a way to support and assist people all around the world who are less fortunate than we and in great need of food supplies.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN



Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- ☺ Sunday School meets from 9:30 to 10:35 AM Sunday mornings, with child care available each week for infants and one-year-olds in Room 214 (with Lisa Diffenbaugh and Rita Dieter) and two-year-olds in Room 223 (with Lori Dashner and Sam Lucas).
- ☺ This Sunday, all children ages three-years-old through fifth grade will finish studying The Widow's Offering and the importance of developing a generous heart. Children will be given an opportunity to practice the spirit of giving as the Thanksgiving Food Drive will begin this Sunday and run through 11/10. More detailed information will be sent home with your child this Sunday.

Kidz Klub

- ☺ The October Kidz Klub will be Friday, 10/18, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. We invite all children ages 4-years-old thru fifth grade to wear their favorite super hero shirts and join us in celebrating the "Everyday Super Hero." Dinner will be served promptly at 6:00 PM and will be followed by gym games and fall crafts. Sign-up sheets are located upstairs in the Community Room and outside the Wesley Center.

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

asbury youth ministries



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.

Can't make it to Sunday School at 9:30 AM (or can't get enough of it)? Join Dave Grieble at 11:00 AM on the 3rd Sunday of each month, beginning 10/20, for a second Sunday School time! This class will be open to all Youth Ministries-aged students (Grades 6-12).

At Youth Group on Sunday we began a 3-week series called "T3." "T3" is about how we utilize our time, talents, and treasures to honor God. Make sure to join us from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Youth Lounge as we continue to unpack what that means for each of us!

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/d/0AnR4C3XvPV6RdEpmTXhleUMyc3kyQ3RGenR4ZERZSHc/edit?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)

DO YOU HAVE A HEART FOR GOD'S CHILDREN? CAN YOU SING A SONG OFF-KEY?



Even if you have a trained voice, you are welcome to help in the Sunday School Class for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. We need a few *someones* to help once or twice a month between 9:30 and 10:30 AM. You will be blessed and you will be a blessing to others! For more information or to volunteer, please contact Carol Collins (610-395-5245 or momofkaya@gmail.com).

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE



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.



The October Mission Brunch will be held on 10/20 from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. This month's proceeds will go to the Asbury Youth West Virginia Mission Team and the 20th Year Reunion. Come for great food and fellowship and help support Asbury youth in mission!



YOU CAN STILL HELP BUILD A BACKPACK FOR LIBERIA!

On Wednesday, 10/16, at 6:30 PM, there will be a short workshop in Fellowship Hall to learn how to make the simple backpacks. Kits with pre-cut materials are also available to sew at home. An additional time to work together will be held Monday, 10/21, at 9:00 AM, also in Fellowship Hall. For more information, call Jenny Gast, (610-395-7408).

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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
- 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. Youth Group- YL/FH/108
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep- 106

Monday, October 14

No Preschool and PlayDays

- 11:00 a.m. Private Lunch- FH
- 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Men- 215
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Junior Troop 670- 103A
- 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Girls Group- YL
- 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Guys Group- 208
- 6:45 p.m. Brownie Troop 61025- 104
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers- 206
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 15

- 9:30 a.m. Book Study- Aldersgate
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Charge Conference- 217
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Harmony- FH
- 7:30 p.m. OA- 204

Wednesday, October 16

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 5:15 p.m. Garden of Eatin' Dinner- WC
- 5:40 p.m. Faith Ringers- 206
- 6:30 p.m. Backpacks for Liberia- FH
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 6:30 p.m. Ephesians Bible Study- 217
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- 205/209/211

Wednesday, October 16 (continued)

- 6:30 p.m. Rainbow Singers- 106
- 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers- 108
- 6:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:45 p.m. Sarah Circle- 215
- 7:10 p.m. Youth Choir- 106
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102
- 8:00 p.m. Apostle Ringers- 206

Thursday, October 17

- 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

Friday, October 18

- 9:30 a.m. P.E.P. Club- FH
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 6:00 p.m. Kidz Klub- WC/FH/106/108
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Campout- Grove
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- 205/209/211/215

Saturday, October 19

- 9:00 a.m. Girl Scouts of Eastern PA- FH
- 9:30 a.m. PEO Sisterhood- Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Church of God- 106/108
- 5:00 p.m. Open Door Set-up- WC
- 6:00 p.m. Mission Brunch Set-up- FH& WC kitchen
- 6:00 p.m. Henritzy Class Social- Parlor

Sunday, October 20

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Mission Brunch- FH
- 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
- 11:15 a.m. Computer Database Meeting- Aldersgate
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- Sanctuary/106/108
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Basketball- WC
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group- YL/FH/108



ANDY & BETH WERNHAM

Andy works on, and helps organize, the West Virginia Youth Work Trip every year. You can also see him serving on Sunday mornings as an usher. Beth works with the Church & Society Team on issues of food justice. Both Andy & Beth help distribute fresh produce at the Salem Food Bank. Thanks, Andy & Beth!



CHARGE CONFERENCE

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

Our Staff

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