



Asbury Church
a United Methodist
Community

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THE VINE

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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FROM THE PASTOR

“Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other.”
John 13:34-35 (The Message)

The Pharisees started out as a ‘reform movement’ trying to call the Jewish people back to the foundations of the faith. Over the years they became a movement obsessed with doing the ‘right things’ – praying, fasting, keeping the finer points of the law, but they did not have hearts of love. Jesus said real faith is not expressed by doing ‘religious things’ but by sharing acts of love and grace.

We are blessed to be part of a great church like Asbury, where hundreds of acts of love and grace are done every day! Our Keep-In-Touch team brings a word of hope to the sick and shut in. Those who serve in mission activities in our back yard and around the world bring hope to the less fortunate. Small group leaders help disciple people and Sunday School teachers share their love of the scriptures.

In our world today one of the greatest expressions of love we can offer is when we make a commitment to financially support the ministries of the church – not so we can earn ‘brownie points’ with God (as the Pharisees did!) but in loving response to God’s grace and the call to love each other. When we give, the world sees that we are true disciples of Jesus!

I invite you to reflect this week – does my giving reflect the love God has for me – and I have for God?

Pastor Mark

Open your heart without opening your checkbook.

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTION NOW AVAILABLE

Asbury invites you to consider electronic giving as a way to automate your regular giving. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed consistency for our congregation. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. This option is being offered through Vanco Services, a Conference-approved provider with a successful history of secure transactions, at no additional cost to you.

We offer two ways to give:

Online Giving lets you go to the church website (www.asburylv.org) to make one-time donations or to set up a schedule of automatic donations. By setting up a password-protected profile, you will be able to log in at any time to make donations, change a recurring donation plan or view your personal giving history.

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church’s bank account. If you are already using direct debit to make mortgage and car payments or to pay utility bills, then you know how it works. Authorization forms for giving by direct debit are available in the church office.

As you contemplate your future contributions, please consider electronic giving.

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Congregational Life & Care



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 providing candy, food, and/or making monetary donations. You may sign up in the Community Room or contact Lisa Diffenbaugh (Indiffenbaugh@hometownu.com) for information.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with the Allentown Rescue Mission's Fall Food & Supplies Drive on 11/16 & 11/17. Please contact Dawn Washington (610-740-5500, ext. 14 or dWASHINGTON@armpa.org) for more information or to volunteer.

FLU VACCINE will be available on Sunday, 10/28, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in Room 202. Contact Doris Farrar for more information.

five Below Fundraiser for CROP Walk

The weekend of 10/19 to 10/21 is the second of three "five Below" fundraisers for the CROP Hunger Walk. You can print a coupon or pick up a 5.5 x 8.5 flyer from Asbury's Welcome Centers. Take it to either the "five Below" store in Whitehall or Allentown, present the coupon with your purchase and 10% of your purchase will be donated to the Allentown CROP Hunger Walk.

Communities **R**esponding to **O**vercome **P**overty .



CLERGY
APPRECIATION
DAY

Clergy Appreciation Day
Sunday, October 14

To Mark, Eric & Glenn

**Your time, your kindness,
and your spirit are deeply
appreciated.**



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.
- ◆ Used clothing donated to the Bazaar should be clean, gently worn and in labeled bags/boxes (i.e. men's, women's, children's) if possible.
- ◆ 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!
- ◆ 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).



P. E. P. CLUB

Friday, October 19—9:30 AM—Fellowship Hall
Mission Trip Malawi presented by
Dianne Kareha, Chaplain at Luther Crest

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 Floyd H. Jesus, we ask you to have mercy on all those in pain, both physical and mental and grant them your peace.

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 families of Rev. Donald Nowers and Glenn Ellenberger, who both went to be with our Lord this past week.

For those who need your special help

Ken and Marcia S. ask God to allow their friend, Deb B. into a clinical trial program at Vanderbilt which will help her manage her incurable disease. Lord, we ask you to hold Marcie and Corey close as they continue to struggle with their serious illnesses. Steve and Kim W. ask for comfort and healing for their Uncle Bob and his family, as he has been diagnosed with lung cancer. We lift up Florence M., Lord, as she continues her recovery.

For our congregation

Lord, we thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus. Make us worthy of his sacrifice.

For the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, so many are suffering around the world. We ask you to inspire leaders who can inspire others to make a difference.

With thanksgiving for our joys

Jim and Dottie W. are thankful for the help and support of health care professionals. Bonnie R. is glad that she saw the red-bellied woodpecker at her feeder again.

For our children

Lord, keep all children safe from harm and want and illness.

For the missions we support

Let us pray for Yokefellow Prison Ministry as they bring the good news of Jesus Christ to those who are incarcerated.

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.
- ☺ **Kids' Mission Projects** – The kids love to be a blessing to others! This month the 3rd Graders will be collecting food in the grocery cart for Thanksgiving baskets being made at Kidz Klub in November. The 4th Graders are making cards for our Asbury elderly shut-ins, and the 5th Graders are ministering to our college students by making cards for them. Look for upcoming ways you can help us to be a blessing to our community!

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 Wesley Center. 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!

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

Asbury In Mission (AIM)

October

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.

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

EXPLORE PROMISE

"And I say to you, Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you." (Luke 11:9)

Most of us are good at the first step of prayer. It is easy to ask God to do something! Unfortunately, we think that once we have asked, we are expected to do nothing more. The first step in any journey is critical. We do need to ask in order to receive. But asking is just the first step. It takes many more steps to continue a real journey of prayer.

Simply asking demands little of us. Seeking means searching for God's will in our lives; and such seeking will undoubtedly change us -- redirecting us in God's way. Knocking on the doors that God would open to us may well lead us down paths that we never imagined! We do not know what God has in store for us when we begin such a journey, but one thing is certain -- such a journey of prayer will change our lives. After all, changing us has always been the real power of prayer.

Prayer: *Lord, I seek Your guidance and Your way in my life. Lead me down Your paths for Your name's sake. Open new doors that I might find a new way of life!*

Action: Capture this journey of prayer that you are committing yourself to by journaling your adventure. During your prayer time over the next several weeks, write down what you are asking and what you are given, what you are seeking and what you are finding, what doors you knock upon and what is opened to you.

YOUTH



At Youth Group, we'll continue to talk about worship. This week we talked about idols – what is it that we are actually worshipping? Many times when we think about idols, we envision golden calves (see Exodus 32), but we have modern-day idols that we don't recognize (check out <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPil9Br-5IE>). What is it that we idolize in our lives and how do we replace that with worship of God? This week we'll talk about why we worship. Come join us from 6:30 to 8:00 PM on Sunday night!

After a week off, our High School Small Groups are starting again on Monday, 10/15, (6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Youth Lounge)!

We'll be holding a Spaghetti Dinner along with Asbury's Advent Celebration on Saturday, 12/1. Mark it on your calendar! Sign-ups will begin soon.

The **Alive** Middle School retreat is just 6 weeks away! Registration is due soon! Pick up a registration form by the youth bulletin board near Room 106 or sign up online now at www.asburyym.org.

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

ADULTS



A FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION to the Sermon Series "Extravagant Giving" will be held on Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in Room 217. The focus of the small group is on a Biblical view of stewardship and the principles involved in making wise financial decisions with limited resources. There will be no pressure to give more and you may feel free to come to any one or all four of them. For more information, contact Carlen Blackstone (610-530-1962).

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.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 14

CROP Walk - offsite

- 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. E-Cycling Planning Team- Aldersgate
- 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. Serendipity Small Group- 208
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/FH/108

Monday, October 15

- 10:00 a.m. Marketing Team- Aldersgate
- 10:30 a.m. Pastoral Care Staff
- 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Girls Group- YL
- 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Guys Group- 208
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts- 108
- 6:45 p.m. Brownie Troop 6027- 207
- 7:00 p.m. Monday Night Men- 215
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Small Group- 217
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers- 206

Tuesday, October 16

- 9:00 a.m. Stewardship Campaign Meeting- Aldersgate
- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff- Aldersgate
- 7:00 P.M. AIM- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Committee- Aldersgate
- 7:30 p.m. O. A. - 204

Wednesday, October 17

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 6:00 p.m. Rainbow Singers- 106
- 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers- 108

Wednesday, October 17 (continued)

- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle- 108
- 7:00 p.m. SPRC- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Church & Society- 202
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Choir- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102

Thursday, October 18

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba Toning- FH
- 6:00 p.m. NARANON- Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Parkland Service Unit 722- FH
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Church of God Bible Study- 106
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir- 102

Friday, October 19

- 9:30 a.m. P.E.P. Club- FH
- 6:00 p.m. Kidz Klub- WC/FH/106/108
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- 210/211/215
- 6:30 p.m. Toth/Petko Wedding Rehearsal- Sanc.

Saturday, October 20

- 8:00 a.m. Electronic Recycling Event- lower lot
- 3:30 p.m. Toth/Petko Wedding- Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Mission Brunch Set-up- FH/WC Kitchen

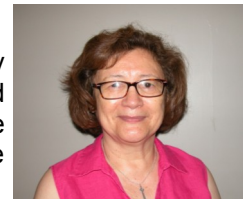
Sunday, October 21/ Baptisms

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Mission Brunch- FH
- 9:15 a.m. God's Rainbow Sunday School- 200
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
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- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/FH/108
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep- 106

VIOLET BROWN



As part of the Open Door Hospitality Team, Violet schedules the weekly volunteers. She is active in the Parish Nurse & Health Ministry, and delivers fresh produce to the Salem Food Pantry. She also taught the 2nd Grade Class at Vacation Bible School and is helping to organize the Electronics Recycling Event. Thanks, Violet!



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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