



**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

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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OCTOBER 21, 2012

### RISING FROM THE ASHES



On October 1, 1922 the new Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church facility was dedicated in center city Allentown. The new sanctuary inspired reverence and awe and for the next fifty years the congregation would worship in this glorious facility.

But on October 24, 1972, a disastrous fire destroyed the building. Although this beautiful facility burned to the ground it did not destroy the spirit of the congregation. The congregation began worshiping at a temporary facility and still engaged in many ministries to further the Kingdom of God in the Lehigh Valley.

Soon after the fire the Trustees announced a decision to rebuild. But the questions were, "Where should we rebuild? Should it be at the same location or should the church seek another location?" The leadership of the church conferred with structural experts and church growth experts, and extensive surveys of the congregation were undertaken. Then the congregation prayed for God's vision. On April 29, 1973 the attending membership gave its approval to relocate to our current site.

We are the heirs and beneficiaries of those whose sacrifices made possible our own ministry. Now we have been entrusted to be faithful to the mission of Asbury. This week in worship, you will be asked to submit a heart card with your visions and hopes for our church. I am excited to see everyone's responses and I am excited to see where God leads Asbury in the future. Dream big, because I believe that our best years are yet to come.

*Pastor Eric*



**MISSION BRUNCH**  
**FELLOWSHIP HALL—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21**  
**9:00 am—12:00 pm**

**Brunch will benefit the Yokefellow Prison Ministry**  
**Bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ**  
**to those who are incarcerated.**

**CONGREGATIONAL CHAT—12:30 PM**

### ARE YOU A VOLUNTEER?

What volunteer services are you providing for our community: for Asbury Church, for the Lehigh Valley, for our nation, for the world? Asbury Church is interested in knowing where you are serving, who you are serving and how much you are serving others. Please send an e-mail to Debra Goodwin (ddkinpa@hotmail.com) about how and where you are involved - this may provide an avenue for getting others interested in being the hands and feet of God.

*"Expressing Your Generous Heart"*  
*Sunday, October 28*

# RADICAL HOSPITALITY

## Congregational Life & Care



### THE UMW HOLIDAY BAZAAR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

It's less than 2 weeks until we seek the 'Star of Bethlehem,' the UMW's Annual Holiday Bazaar! It's time to start setting aside all of your books, DVDs, CDs, Attic Treasures, gently used clothing and accessories. Preparations are well underway for a wonderful day, but we still need your help!

The Baked Goods Room is looking for your delicious goodies—whether it is a pie, bread, cookies, cupcakes—we're not picky! However, we can't accept anything that needs refrigeration. Please list all ingredients (for allergy purposes) and wrap your items in clear plastic to better show them off. Donations can be dropped off in Room 108 starting Friday, 11/2. For more information, contact Susan Peter (610-398-7910 or [suzip01@verizon.net](mailto:suzip01@verizon.net)).

The Little People's Room needs items suitable for kids to give their parents, siblings, grandparents and other family members. Remember—this is a great place for the kids to get all their Christmas shopping done—on their own! Especially needed are gifts for men. Also needed are gift bags, wrapping paper and bows. Please leave your donations in the boxes by the elevator on the lower level.

It's not too late to donate an item for the Silent Auction. Theme gift baskets, tickets to shows or sporting events, gift cards to your favorite restaurant, artwork or jewelry you no longer need make great donations. Want to donate but don't have any ideas or time? Let the committee do the shopping for you! Call Kathy Keller (610-297-5153) or Kim Wisocky (610-530-1993) today to make your donation. Thank you!

Do you like to face paint? Enjoy playing games and making crafts with kids? Then we'd love your help in the Children's Activities Room at the Bazaar. Anyone middle school age and up is welcome to help! Please contact Leanna Lane (610-262-5649 or [leannalane@verizon.net](mailto:leannalane@verizon.net)) to volunteer.

### Schedule to Donate Items for the Bazaar

**Attic Treasures** may be brought to Fellowship Hall beginning **Friday, Oct. 26**. No computers, TVs or exercise equipment.

**Gently used clothing** may be left outside the Henritz Sunday School classroom opposite the Sanctuary beginning **after church Sunday, Oct. 28**. If possible, please label boxes or bags by men's, women's or children's clothing. You can also bring shoes, purses and other accessories to this area. We encourage you to bring your items earlier in the week so our workers can have plenty of time for sorting.

**Books, DVDs, and videos** can be left outside the Parlor doors beginning **MONDAY, Oct. 29**. This room needs to be used Sunday, Oct. 28 for the Community Room before and during services, so please save your donations until the next day.



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 ([ldiffenbaugh@hometownu.com](mailto:ldiffenbaugh@hometownu.com)) for information.

**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.



## 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 Marsha J., Dorothy C., Grace B., Connie M., Cynthia M., and 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 need your special help

We ask healing for Connie M. after her thyroid removal surgery. We ask your comfort for Lynn A.'s mother, Darlene G. who has health concerns. Please be with Mark S.'s mother, Patricia, as she adjusts to her new home at Westminster Village. We ask that you be with Sadie G.'s Papper as he visits the doctor. Lord, we ask healing for 4 year old Soren, son of Lisa D.'s friend, who is in a medically induced coma following a reaction to croup. We lift up Amanda M. so that she may again feel the joy of your presence. We ask for your support and strength for Pete and his family as he starts the road to sobriety.

### For our congregation

Lord, we thank you for this season of renewed commitment to your church and your service.

### 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 Sue Klingborg, Donald Nowers, and Glenn Ellenberger.

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

Lord, sometimes it seems that the world teeters on the brink. Renew our faith in your plan of peace and blessings for all of us.

### With thanksgiving for our joys

Praise God for the 5100 women who participated in the women's 5K classic for breast cancer and the men who volunteered to cheer them on. Thank you for the beauty and colors of autumn.

### For our children

Lord, help us to step back when necessary so that our children can learn to make their own important decisions.

### For the missions we support

Let us pray for the volunteers at the Salem Food Pantry as they meet the nutritional needs of the hungry.

*Amen!*

## INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

### CHILDREN



#### Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School -

- ☺ **Parents of 4th/5th Graders**— Please drop your children off in Room 104 today for Large Group Time. After Sunday School, please pick up 4th Graders in Room 205, and 5th Graders in Room 210.
- ☺ **Kids Mission Project**—Miss Jeannie will be collecting food each Sunday from now until November 11 for Food Baskets. We will be putting the baskets together at the November 16 Kidz Klub. Monetary donations are also needed for Turkeys – see Jeannie Muthard or Linda Arleth.
- ☺ **Kidz Klub**—The next **Kidz Klub will be Friday, November 16 from 6-8:30 PM.** Dinner, sports, Food Basket making, and fun activities planned! This past Friday the kids learned about bullying and loving others even if they are different from you. Thanks to Mrs. Signe Whitson for having a great interactive time for the kids! The Art Show was great!
- ☺ **Future Dates** —  
**Sunday Nov. 11** – All Church Mission Celebration – the children will have an interactive presentation by someone from the Ecumenical Food Bank during Faith & Fun Alive.  
**Sunday Dec 2** – All Children will decorate their classes for Christmas during Faith & Fun Alive.  
**Friday Dec 21** – Combined Kidz Klub & Jesus Birthday Party from 6-8:30 PM.

Contact Linda Arleth in the church office (610-398-2577 or [larleth@asburylv.org](mailto:larleth@asburylv.org))

## 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](mailto:dcrowley09@gmail.com)). Please place your contributions in the designated containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Wesley Center.

## EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

### EXPERIENCE PURPOSE

*“Go therefore and make disciples”*

(Matthew 28:19)

When a church has a financial campaign, everyone seems to have the same kind of question: How can operating a church cost so much? What kinds of things do we buy each year? Do we spend our money wisely? But the most important question in a financial campaign challenge is not what, but **WHY**. Why are you trying to expand ministries? Why is your church here? Why are you here?

No church's sole goal is to have a nice building. No church expands ministries just to be a bigger church. No person makes a sacrificial financial commitment just to get some kind of service or program benefit. People – and churches – do not give their lives or their resources or their selves to a building or to a program or to being bigger. What people will give their lives to is a God-given purpose, a higher calling. So the most important question to answer in any financial campaign is **WHY** are you are doing it.

Why is your church doing these ministries? In other words, what does God call this church to be and to do? What is the purpose God calls you and your church to? And how does this financial campaign provide tools and resources for your congregation to respond to that calling?

The last commandment Jesus spoke for every Christian was, “Go ... make disciples of all nations ... teach them all that I have commanded you.” Every church and every Christian has a God-given purpose. Why are we here? To be and to do what God calls us to be and to do. This campaign is not simply about finances. This campaign is about reaching and teaching and changing the lives of people with the good news of Jesus Christ. You needed Christ. Your life has been reached, taught, changed by the witness and ministries of this church. Would you like for other people to have a story of faith to tell and a purpose for their lives? Their stories depend now on your faithfulness.

**Prayer:** Lord, grow my passion for Your purposes in my life and in my church. You have brought me here for a reason. Show me what You would do through me.

### YOUTH



At Youth Group on Sunday, we talked about what it means to truly worship – having an unquenchable thirst for what Jesus called “living water” (John 4:13-14). Worship isn't something that can only happen on a Sunday morning in a church building – it's a way of life.

Asbury is in the middle of our “Extravagant Generosity” stewardship campaign. This week at Youth Group we'll talk about what it means to be committed to something and why it matters. Come out and bring a friend!

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

The Alive Middle School retreat registration is due next week! Pick up a registration form by the youth bulletin board near Room 106 or sign up online now at [www.asburyym.org](http://www.asburyym.org).

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

### ADULTS



Music is a joy! And making music is even more enjoyable. No matter what kind of music you're into, making music with friends can lift your spirit and put a smile on your face. The Sanctuary Choir is looking for a few new singers to swell the ranks. As long as you can carry a tune, you don't have to read music perfectly, you're in! Remember music like faith is better experienced in doing! So take action! We could make beautiful music together! We meet Wednesday evenings from 8:00 to 9:30 PM in the choir room. Hope to see you there! For more information, please call Jon Beitler (610-398-2583).



# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## 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
- 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. Congregational Chat- FH
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 106/108
- 1:30 p.m. Music Staff- Aldersgate
- 2:00 p.m. Cub Scout God & Family- 215/217
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Basketball- WC
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/FH/108
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep- 106

## Monday, October 22

- 10:30 a.m. Pastoral Care Staff
- 12:30 p.m. Caring in a Nutshell Lunch- Aldersgate
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12- FH& 106
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers- 206
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

## Tuesday, October 23

- 9:00 a.m. Stewardship 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. Country Crossing HOA Meeting - Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 6244- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 7:30 p.m. O. A. - 204
- 8:00 p.m. Lay Leadership Meeting - Aldersgate

## Wednesday, October 24

- 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. Daisy Troop 6075- 219

## Wednesday, October 24 (continued)

- 6:00 p.m. DS Committee Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 6:00 p.m. Rainbow Singers- 106
- 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers- 108
- 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. Let's Read Together- 208
- 7:00 p.m. Cycling Club- Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Choir- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102

## Thursday, October 25

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba Toning- FH
- 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
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir- 102

## Friday, October 26

- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- 210/211/215

## Saturday, October 27

- 6:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat- lower parking lot



## Sunday, October 28 / Commitment Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Flu Vaccines- 202
- 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
- 12:30 p.m. Bazaar Set-up- FH/106/Parlor/200/202/204
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 108
- 2:00 p.m. Cub Scout God & Family- 215/217
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Basketball- WC
- 6:00 p.m. Church Council- 215
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/FH/108

## DORIS FARRAR



Blood Drives, Grief Support Group, Clown Ministry, Blood Pressure Checks, Children's Time, Glucose & Bone Density Screening, Lay Visitation – What do all these things have in common? Doris Farrar! In addition to helping with many other ministries around the church, Doris heads up the Parish Nurse & Health Ministry, which is responsible for many wellness events.



Solid Rock UMC is looking for assistance in putting together personal hygiene kits to meet the increased demand faced by the Philadelphia Hunger Coalition. Each kit includes such items as toothpaste, bars of soap, deodorant, and related items. For more information, please contact Pastor Powell of Solid Rock (610-329-2851) or Ben Botti, Coordinator of Eastern PA VIM at (215-723-8367).

## Our Staff

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