



**Asbury Church**  
a United Methodist  
Community

OCTOBER 28, 2012

# 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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This Sunday we are asked to return our pledge cards in worship and make our commitment to support Asbury's mission in the coming year. As we prayerfully consider this commitment, we are reminded again that we love because we are loved and we give because we have received. In support of this, we have posted our "Heart Cards" to declare the ways that we have been loved and blessed by Asbury Church.

This past Sunday, I was invited by Kathryn Gress to bless the over 50 animals that live on the beautiful 15 acres of Gress Mountain Ranch. These are no ordinary animals. All of them—donkeys, horses, alpacas, goats and more—have been rescued from abuse and neglect. Many of these animals would have been euthanized in any other setting because of their serious illnesses and injuries. Gress Mountain not only rescues and cares for these "hopeless cases" but also trains them to be therapy animals for people who themselves have needs for healing. The remarkable result is spiritually inspiring. LeRoy, the terminally ill pot-bellied pig who can hardly stand, brings comfort to a traumatized child by letting the child pet him and feed him. "Psycho Kitty," a severely abused cat, is a profile in courage for abused children and adults. Miniature ponies Jo-Jo and Cecely not only give cart rides to children but also teach them how to care for animals. This "slice of heaven" in Orefield is all about giving and receiving.

Today's worship, and our commitment to Asbury, is also all about giving and receiving. Let us praise God, from whom ALL blessings flow!

*Pastor Glenn*

## THE CHANCEL CHOIR



Believe it or not, the Advent season will be here before we know it! How will you prepare for the birth of our Savior? Are you willing to "walk across the room" to meet new people and give of your time and talents to God's glory? If so, we have a seat, beautiful music and a choir robe ready and waiting. We love welcoming new members to our church family, even if only for the season of Advent, and practice the Advent music at the beginning of our rehearsals for those who would like to join us for a "limited engagement." There is an open invitation to join us at 7:30 PM on Thursday evenings as we prepare for the Advent and Christmas seasons. For more information, visit Asbury's website or contact our director, Kenneth Schneider (kenmar@windstream.net).



A workshop will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, 11/11, following the 11:00 Service. Lunch will be served in the Parlor prior to the meeting. The workshop will cover some very important procedures to be followed during a worship service. We are looking for all Ushers and Worship Coordinators to attend and also invite anyone who would like to know more about these positions to join us. The workshop will last approximately one hour. We look forward to a seeing you there. If you have any questions contact Ed Keller (610-366-9591), Cyndi Frank (610-799-6079) or Dawn Palmquist (610-398-3074).

# RADICAL HOSPITALITY

## Congregational Life & Care



### THE UMW HOLIDAY BAZAAR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Join us as we seek the 'Star of Bethlehem,' at Asbury's Annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, 11/3. All proceeds from this event fund scholarships and mission projects around the world. Doors are open from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

**A Delicious Luncheon** will be served from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM in the Wesley Center. Reservations are not necessary.

**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, 10/26**. No computers, TVs or exercise equipment.

**Gently used clothing** may be left outside the Henritzy Sunday School classroom opposite the Sanctuary beginning **after church Sunday, 10/28**. 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 strongly 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, 10/29**. This room needs to be used Sunday, 10/28 for the Community Room before and during services, so please save your donations until the next day.

**COME AND JOIN THE DORCAS/MARTHA CIRCLE** in the Parlor for "a spot of tea" and some scones at 9:15 AM on Thursday, 11/8. Violet Brown will guide the Circle in the art of enjoying a proper English Tea. The annual Thank Offering Service will be held. In November the mission project will be the collection of warm men's socks for Linkage, a center-city agency for the homeless. All women are welcome.

**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.

**EMERGENCY HELP AVAILABLE:** In the event of an emergency such as the power outage experienced last October, Asbury has taken steps to become a shelter for members of the congregation. We have shower and kitchen facilities, camp pads and internet connections. The church answering service will be prepared to help with any information you may require and will arrange to have someone meet you at the church.

## 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 Bonnie R. Rodney A., Marsha J., Dorothy C., Grace B., Connie M., Cynthia M., and Shirley 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 your comfort for Jeff's neighbor, Dorothea, who was diagnosed with leukemia. We ask for continued support and strength for Pete and his family, (and all those in similar situations) 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. May the feeling of "Extravagant Generosity" be evident today as we make our financial commitments for the coming year.

### 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 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

Rick & Faye R. are thankful that their son, Kent, will soon be getting married, and they look forward to the addition of his wife to their family. Bonnie R. rejoices in the wonders of God's creation as evidenced by the colorful birds she sees at her bird feeder.

### 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 students of Ramos Elementary School; that they will work hard in school so that they can one day go to college or technical school.

*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 11/16 Kidz Klub. Monetary donations are also needed for Turkeys – see Jeannie Muthard or Linda Arleth.
- ☺ **Kidz Klub**—The next Kidz Klub will be Friday, 11/16, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. Dinner, sports, Food Basket making, and fun activities planned!
- ☺ **3:00 PM Family Christmas Eve Worship Service** – All children Ages 3 through 5th Grade are invited to participate in leading our worship service. Ages 3-PreK can be in the angels/shepherds chorus, K-1st Grade can sing in the Joyful Noisemakers Choir, 2nd-5th Graders can sing with the Rainbow Singers, and 2nd-5th Graders may sign up to have a speaking part. Rehearsals are mandatory for choirs and speakers so we can prepare the children to lead the service. Sign-ups and flyers with the schedule are available in the Community Room and outside the WC until 11/4.
- ☺ **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.

Contact Linda Arleth in the church office (610-398-2577 or [larleth@asburylv.org](mailto: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](mailto:dcrowley09@gmail.com)). Please place your contributions in the designated containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Wesley Center.

**THE SIXTH STREET SHELTER** is in search of a volunteer to provide tutoring for an easy-going adult resident on GED skills, primarily reading and writing as English is her second language. She is available Mondays at 3:00 and Fridays between 9:00-1:00. We are also in need of childcare during her tutoring sessions on Monday and Tuesday from 3:00-5:00. Childcare providers should have a criminal and child abuse background clearance. Contact Lauren Schwartz (610-435-1490 or [lschwartz@caclv.org](mailto:lschwartz@caclv.org)) for more information or to volunteer.

### 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](mailto: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.



*"On behalf of the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank, we would like to thank you for your donation of 23 bags of food. Because of your caring and sharing, we are able to feed those less fortunate in our community. We are currently serving between 200 and 250 families per week. Again, thank you for your donation."*

Sincerely,  
AAEFB

### YOUTH



At Youth Group on Sunday, we talked about commitment; and that although a tithe may be 10%, it's important that we give 100% of ourselves through that 10%, not just give grudgingly because it's what we're told to do (see Mark 12:41-44).

We'll be holding a Spaghetti Dinner along with Asbury's Advent Celebration on Saturday, 12/1. Mark it on your calendar! Sign-up online at [www.asburyym.org](http://www.asburyym.org).

"Alive!" Retreat registration is now **CLOSED**, BUT if you missed for some reason, contact Aaron Forney ([aforney@asburylv.org](mailto:aforney@asburylv.org) or 610-393-4131) to see if we can squeeze you in!!

We've been asked to help clean up after the Bazaar. It's work, but we have a lot of fun while doing it, some come out and help the afternoon of 11/3!

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

## EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

### Exude Gratitude

The most familiar, and perhaps most important, words in the New Testament are found in John 3:16. "For God so loved ... He gave ... His only Son ... that everyone who believes in Him ... might have eternal life."

God gave ... other people of faith have given ... now it is time for your faithful, hopeful, joyful response. "Now finish doing this, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has." (2 Corinthians 8: 11-12)

**Prayer:** Thank you Lord for the inexpressible grace You have given to me. Bless my gift, and use my gift to bless others in Your name.

**Action:** Follow through! Make the pledge commitment that you feel right about and joyful about in your heart. Over the next several years, as you see God's grace work wonders in people's lives, in part through your gifts, ask yourself – was it worth it?

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday, October 28

- 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- 217
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/108

## Monday, October 29

- 8:00 a.m. Bazaar Set-up- FH/106/Parlor/200/202/204
- 9:00 a.m. PreSchool Halloween Parade- WC
- 10:30 a.m. Pastoral Care Staff- Aldersgate
- 5:30 p.m. Brownie Troop 6027- 108
- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Monday Night Men- 215
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers- 206
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

## Tuesday, October 30

- 8:00 a.m. Bazaar Set-up- FH/106/Parlor/200/202/204
- 9:00 a.m. PreSchool Halloween Parade- WC
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Mission Celebration Committee- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Endowment Fund Committee- 217
- 7:30 p.m. O. A. - 215

## Wednesday, October 31

- 8:00 a.m. Bazaar Set-up- FH/106/Parlor/200/202/204
- 9:00 a.m. PreSchool Halloween Parade- WC
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Dinner- WC

## Wednesday, October 31 (continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Rainbow Singers- 102
- 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers- 108
- 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- 102
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102

## Thursday, November 1

- 8:00 a.m. Bazaar Set-up- FH/106/Parlor/200/202/204
- 8:00 a.m. Bazaar Set-up- 108 & WC Kitchen
- 1:00 p.m. Bazaar Set-up- 217
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON (Serenity in the Valley)- 215
- 7:00 p.m. Journeys- Aldersgate
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir- 102

## Friday, November 2

- 8:00 a.m. Bazaar Set-up - Entire Building

## Saturday, November 3

- 8:30 a.m. UMW Holiday Bazaar



## Sunday, November 4 / Communion / All Saints' Day

- 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. SNL/JHE- YL/FH/108
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep- 106

The Allentown Rescue Mission's "Thanks for Giving" Food and Supply Drive begins 11/4. Please pick up a bag in the Community Room or at the Welcome Desks. Fill the bags with the requested items and return them to Asbury on 11/11 or 11/18. There will be a drop-off area near the office on the lower level. All donations will be given to the Mission to benefit their clients at Thanksgiving and throughout the winter season.

## CHERYL BARRACO

**Servant  
of the  
Week**

Cheryl served as Children's Sunday School Coordinator for over eight years, currently schedules and trains acolytes, and volunteers for many Children's Ministry events, including Kidz Klub and Vacation Bible School. She is on the Teaching Ministry Team, and is active in the Parish Nurse & Health Ministry. Thanks, Cheryl!



## E-Cycling Results



**9,994 POUNDS OF E-WASTE AND  
2.013 TONS OF APPLIANCES  
WERE COLLECTED!  
THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED  
ORGANIZE AND STAFF THIS EVENT.**

## Our Staff

Mark Moore, Senior Pastor  
Eric Yeakel, Associate Pastor  
Glenn Asquith, Director of Pastoral Care  
Laurie Wallace Theisen, Director of Lay Ministries  
Linda Arleth, Director of Children's Ministries  
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