



Asbury Church
a United Methodist
Community

NOVEMBER 4, 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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FROM THE PASTOR

WOW! What a few weeks it has been here at Asbury! As I write this on Wednesday morning, I look back over the last few days and say WOW! In spite of the havoc caused by 'Super Storm Sandy', we have witnessed great ministry done by many in our congregation. All week, faithful servants have been coming in to get ready for the UMW Bazaar this Saturday. Last Saturday, Asbury's 'Families on The Grow' sponsored our first 'Trunk-or-Treat' which was an overwhelming success – hundreds of people visited our campus and many commented how grateful they were for this event! The previous Saturday we had almost 200 cars bring 12,000 pounds of electronics and appliances to be recycled - and again, the community was so grateful for the opportunity we provided. This Saturday many, many members of the community will come and participate in the UMW Bazaar and have the opportunity to experience the Radical Hospitality that Asbury is so good at showing!

Thanks for going the extra mile to welcome friend and stranger alike to Asbury. The Spirit of God is moving in powerful ways – what a joy it is to watch as we all grow as disciples, sharing the love of Christ in real and tangible ways. It is a privilege to be a part of such a great congregation!

Pastor Mark

Just a reminder: This Sunday is All Saints' Sunday. Pastor Glenn and I will be looking at how we can move beyond grief into healing and fuller living. If you know of anyone who has suffered a loss this past year – the loss of a loved one, the loss of a marriage, the loss of a job – this would be a great time to invite them to worship.

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR



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).



**Ushers &
Worship
Coordinators**

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

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.

SUSANNA CIRCLE will meet at 7:00 PM on Monday, 11/12, at the home of Marty Barnes, 1285 Clearview Circle, Allentown (484-951-2076). Brian Barnes, DO, assisted by Abigail Barnes, will tell us about his experience on a medical mission to Jamaica, an experience he has called "life changing". All women are welcome!

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will meet at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, 11/13, in the Aldersgate Room. The Rev. Dr. Walter Wagner, Lutheran pastor and Adjunct Professor at Moravian Theological Seminary, will be the guest speaker. He will discuss the Islam religion as part of the Circle's study of World Religions. All women are welcome.

FAMILIES ON THE GROW (a fellowship group for families) will be gathering at the Brisendine's on 11/10 at 5:00 PM for dinner and fellowship. We will be wrapping up "Trunk or Treat" with a post-event discussion and brainstorming ideas for next year's event. All Asbury families and friends are welcome! For more information, please contact Sarah Kinzel or Paul Wood.

EMERGENCY HELP AVAILABLE: In the event of an emergency (such as a power outage), 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.

Dear Friends of Asbury,

Words cannot adequately express our deep and heartfelt gratitude for your love, concern, cards, notes, visits and prayers during Glenn's long illness and passing into eternal life. Thanks also to Pastors Yeakel and Asquith for their visits and counsel as well as everyone in the congregation. You can never fully know how this has touched our lives. What would we do without our church friends?

*Blessings,
Lee Ellenberger & Family*

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED by Everlasting Life Ministries to help with holiday dinners. Thanksgiving Dinner will be served on **Saturday, 11/17**, and Christmas Dinner on **Saturday, 12/15**, at Bethany E. C. Church, 224 N. 6th St., Allentown. Needed are servers, baked goods, cash donations, and uncooked turkeys. (Turkeys can no longer be cooked in the home.) If you can help, please call their office (610-776-4009). This ministry is one that we support through Asbury In Mission (AIM).

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, 11/13, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 208. Call Linda Curry Bartholomew (610-395-8756) for 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 Bonnie R., Ken S., Marty B., and George S. 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 Fran's friend, Lauren, who will have a breast biopsy. We ask for continued support and strength for all those affected by the recent storms, winds, and flooding. Your fury can be devastating, but your love is all-encompassing.

For our congregation

Lord, we thank you for this season of renewed commitment to your church and your service, and for all those who worked tirelessly (under adverse conditions) to make Asbury's UMW Bazaar a success. As we remember the saints who have gone before us, help us to continue the work they began and minister according to your will.

For our children

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

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 family of Jordan Steinmetz, a 14-year old killed while trick-or-treating.

For the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, as we prepare to go to the polls on Tuesday, we pray that your will is done and that those elected will do their best to lead our country in the years ahead.

With thanksgiving for our joys

We are thankful for Judy as she celebrates her birthday. Anthony & Keena Ortiz rejoice in the birth of a son.

For the missions we support

This week's mission prayer is for Youth for Christ Lehigh Valley. Our prayer is that they continue to acquire volunteers to work with the youth of the Lehigh Valley and connect them into the local churches of the area.

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) for information on all Children's Ministry activities and opportunities.

YOUTH



What an interesting few days we've had. Hopefully everyone is safe, dry, and warm. Storms remind us of the remarkable power of wind and water and the damage they can cause. It's a helpless feeling to watch and know there's nothing you can do but wait. In Mark 4:35-41, Jesus encounters a storm and has the power to calm it. As we recover from Sandy, remember that in this life we'll encounter storms - in fact Jesus even tells us that (John 16:33); but if we put our hope in Jesus, he'll be there to guide us.

Spaghetti Dinner signups are live online NOW at www.asburylv.org.

We're scheduled to go on the "Alive!" Retreat 11/16-11/18, but the storm hit Ocean City, MD, where it's held, so keep an eye out for news in case anything should change regarding the trip.

We still need helpers for Bazaar cleanup this Saturday, 11/3! Come out near the end of the Bazaar and help get things cleaned up so our church can be ready for worship and Sunday School on Sunday morning!

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

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

Thank you to everyone who has completed their Estimate of Giving Cards for 2012. If you have not had to opportunity to do so yet, please take some time to consider how you can support the mission and ministry of Asbury Church, complete the card and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate on Sunday.



RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

Asbury In Mission (AIM)



CHANGE FOR CHANGE this month is designated to help the Cherokee people of Cookson Hills, OK. This project not only provides firewood for warmth and cooking during the winter months but creates employment opportunities for reservation residents to gather and cut the firewood. Please place your contributions in the containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Wesley Center.

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.



Asbury will be supporting the Allentown Rescue Mission this Thanksgiving. Kindly pick up an empty bag in the Community Room or at the Welcome Center. Fill the bag with any of the items listed below, and return the bags to Asbury on 11/11 or 11/18. The drop off area is located on the lower level near the office. For more information, contact Shirley Nylund (610-395-0755) or www.allentownrescuemission.org.

Items needed include: canned fruits, fruit juice, breakfast cereals, peanut butter, jelly, ketchup, coffee, canola or vegetable oil, paper towels, paper napkins, toilet paper, 45 or 55 Gal. trash bags, all-purpose cleaner, liquid laundry soap, liquid bleach, sponges, scouring pads, deodorant, disposable razors, shampoo, anti-bacterial hand soap, and supermarket gift cards.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 4 / Communion / All Saints 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. SNL/JHE- YL/FH/108
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep- 106

Monday, November 5

- 10:30 a.m. Pastoral Care Staff- Aldersgate
- 5:30 p.m. Brownie Troop 6027- 108
- 6:00 p.m. Visioning Group- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Commons at the Parkside- 217
- 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. Jubilation Ringers- 206
- 7:00 p.m. KBGH Swim Club Meeting- Parlor

Tuesday, November 6

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff- Aldersgate
- 6:15 p.m. Brownie Troop 6926- 219
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 6244- Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. UMW Board Meeting- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 7:00 p.m. AGO Board of Directors- 215
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Harmony- FH
- 7:30 p.m. O. A. - 204
- 8:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Team- Aldersgate

Wednesday, November 7

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Conferences (No classes)
- 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

Wednesday, November 7 (continued)

- 6:00 p.m. Rainbow Singers- 106
- 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers- 108
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- 210/211/215
- 6:30 p.m. LV Walk Now for Autism- 217
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Choir- 106
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102

Thursday, November 8

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Conferences
- 9:15 a.m. Dorcas Martha Circle- Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON (Serenity in the Valley)- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Charge Conference- 217
- 7:00 p.m. Church of God Bible Study- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Rehearsal- WC
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir- 102

Friday, November 9

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

Saturday, November 10

- 5:00 p.m. Families on the Grow- offsite

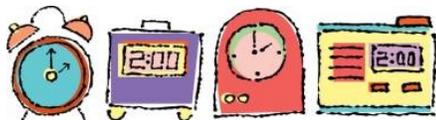
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- 9:15 a.m. God's Rainbow Sunday School- 200
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Open Door Community Worship- WC
- 12:00 p.m. Usher & Worship Coordinators- Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 106/108
- 2:00 p.m. Cub Scout God & Family- 215
- 4:00 p.m. Methodist-Episcopal Worship- Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Basketball- WC
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/FH/108
- 6:30 p.m. Serendipity Group- 208

LARRY KELLY



We won't say how long Larry Kelly has been a 4th Grade Sunday School teacher, but he is now teaching the children of his former students! In addition to Sunday School teaching, Larry organizes the Hanging of the Greens band, delivers Children's Messages in worship, and serves as Liturgist. Larry also volunteers as an MC/announcer at the Annual Chili Cook-off. Additionally, he participates in numerous Bible studies and small groups. Thanks, Larry!



DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME ENDS

Sunday, November 4, at 2:00 AM

Our Staff

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