



Asbury Church
a United Methodist
Community

NOVEMBER 11, 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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Advent Small Group Studies "Christmas Is Not Your Birthday," by Rev. Mike Slaughter

Group Leader	Location	Day	Type	Start Date
Paul Wood paewood@rcn.com	Aldersgate	Sunday 9:30 AM	Cheers SS Class	12/2/12
Skip Slaski funinsun@ptd.net	Room 217	Sunday 9:30 AM	Pioneers SS Class	12/2/12
Judy Ehninger ehninger@ptd.net	Room 217	Sunday 6:30 PM	Adults / no child care	12/2/12
Jim Flynn 2cooljim@gmail.com	Room 215	Monday 7:00 PM	Men's Group	TBD
Suzy Beman sbeman@ptd.net	Aldersgate	Tuesday 9:30 AM	Adults / no child care	11/27/12
Mark Moore mmoore@asburylv.org	Mark's Home	Wednesday 7:00 PM	Adults / no child care	11/28/12
Paul Wood paewood@rcn.com	Room 217	Wednesday *See Below	Adults / Kids Welcome	11/28/12
Linda McCreight lindamcc@ptd.net	Various Homes	Thursday 9:30 AM	Deborah Circle	TBD
Bev Kerch comicmasters@msn.com	Room 215	Thursday 12:15 PM	Adults / no child care	11/29/12
Fulton Brown brown_f@sdepa.com	Aldersgate	Friday 7:00 AM	Adult Men's Group	TBD
Eric Yeakel eyeakel@asburylv.org	Aldersgate	Friday 6:30 PM	Adults / no child care	11/28/12

*6:00 PM 11/28, 12/5; 7:00 PM 12/12, 12/19

**Anyone interested in a study should email the small group leader to register.
Cost of the books is \$8.00. Payment should be made to group leader.**

ADVENT CELEBRATION 2012

Asbury Youth, Youth Parents, & Adult Volunteers: Your help is needed to make our annual **Advent Celebration Spaghetti Dinner** a success. Please sign up to assist with salad prep, be a cook's helper, beverage crew, dining room place setters/cleanup & reset, servers, dish-washers. Cleanup crew volunteers are also greatly needed after the dinner ends. We need some delicious desserts baked/provided for the event. Any help, any time period you can provide starting at 2:00 PM to approximately 7:30 PM for final cleanup on Saturday, 12/1, is hugely valued. Please help to make our annual celebration a wonderful event for everyone. A sign up sheet is posted on the Asbury Youth bulletin board in the lower hallway and in the Youth Lounge. Instrument soloists are needed to provide holiday music during the dinner time, 5:00-6:00 PM. Please contact Cyndi Frank (610-799-6079 or frankcj@ptd.net) for further information or to volunteer.

The Trunk-or-Treat Planning Team would like to thank everyone who helped make this event a huge success! We had almost 200 kids, over 30 decorated cars and lots of good food, fun & fellowship. It was wonderful to see so many people from Asbury and the community come together to enjoy the sounds of the Open Door Band, the food provided by Charley Myers and the Kitchen Team, Fall Photos by Dick McCreight and a safe place to trick or treat. We would also like to thank everyone who participated, volunteered or donated candy, food or cash, as well as the Woodlawn and Greenawalds Fire Companies for bringing fire trucks for the children to enjoy. All donations received will go toward camperships for children. We look forward to continuing the tradition next year and for many years to come.

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Congregational Life & Care

THE ANNUAL UMW CHRISTMAS TEA will be held on Sunday, 12/2, at 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Our mission project this year is the Salem Food Pantry. Tickets may be purchased between services in the Parlor/Community Room on 11/11, 11/18, & 11/25. They will also be available in the church office during business hours. For more information, call the church office or e-mail Wendy Wright (wendywright000@aol.com).



ONLY TWO CASES OF PECANS REMAIN! To purchase a 16 oz. bag of pecans fresh from South Carolina, stop by the church office during business hours. Cost is \$10.00.

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.

SARAH CIRCLE will meet at 6:45 PM on Wednesday, 11/14, in Room 108. We will discuss Chapters 4, 5 & 6 of the book *When the Game Is Over It All Goes Back in the Box*. All women are welcome.

DEBORAH CIRCLE will participate in the church-wide Advent Study "Christmas Is NOT Your Birthday." Weekly studies begin at 9:30 AM on Thursday 11/15, at Linda McCreight's home. Please contact her (610-395-2261 or lindamcc@ptd.net) if you would like to join for this Advent season.

Dear Asbury Family,

Please accept our most heartfelt gratitude for your kindness and hard work on our behalf. Asbury has been our families' church for several generations and it has been of great comfort for us to gather there and say farewell to our beloved Sue. We are so grateful to all of you for what you have done for us. Thanks so much.

*God Bless,
Pastor Ken Klingborg & Family*

GLUCOSE SCREENING will be available on Sunday, 11/18, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM in Room 202. Educational materials will be available to help you reach your health goals.

P.E.P. CLUB (People Enjoying People) CLUB will meet on Friday, 11/16, in Fellowship Hall. Fellowship time begins at 9:30 AM followed by a short business meeting at 10:00 AM. Back by popular request will be Glenn E. Miller & his One-Man Band. Be ready to tap your toes and do a little sing-a-long! All senior adults are welcome to attend!

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).

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.

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., and Carolyn G. 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 Ray S. as he sees the doctor to discuss test results. Be with Anne, who is recovering from Bell's palsy. Strengthen Fran, who is hospitalized. 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 the members of Asbury In Mission (AIM) who work with our mission partners as they minister to people locally, regionally, and globally.

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 Frank G.'s aunt, who died on 10/27.

For the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, now that the election is history, we pray that those in office will do their best to lead our country, and that all sides can work together for positive results.

With thanksgiving for our joys

We are thankful for our veterans and those currently serving in the military, and ask your blessing on their families.

For the missions we support

This week's mission prayer is for Second Harvest, the Salem Food Pantry and all other regional and local food pantries that are aiding in supplying and supporting our community and region during the recovery from Hurricane Sandy.

Amen!

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN



Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School -

- ☺ **Today** the children are participating in the Church Mission Celebration. They are having an interactive presentation on the Ecumenical Food Bank in their Large Group gatherings.
- ☺ **Kids Mission Project**—Friday is the last day we are collecting food for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets, which will be assembled on 11/16 at Kidz Klub. We are collecting Hope Chest Project items through next Sunday, 11/18. On that day the 4th & 5th graders will put together the shoe box gifts. Thanks to all for their donations!
- ☺ **Kidz Klub**—Join us this Friday, 11/16, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. Sign-up outside WC or in the Community Room.
- ☺ **3:00 PM Family Christmas Eve Worship Service**—Rehearsals start next Sunday, 11/18, from 9:00 to 9:30 AM for the speakers. Rehearsals for choirs start this Wednesday night. The angels/shepherds will rehearse their songs in their Large Group gathering time during Sunday School.

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



The "Alive!" Middle School Retreat is ON! We still have a few spots left, so sign up NOW if you want to attend! We'll be leaving around 4:15 PM on Friday, 11/16, and arriving home around 6:00 PM on Sunday, 11/18. It's going to be a FANTASTIC weekend—you don't want to miss it!

Our Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser during the Advent Celebration is a great support for our group and a great way to serve, but we can't do it without youth help! If you're available on Saturday, 12/1, sign up for a shift now at www.asburylv.org!

Confirmation information will be available soon, so be sure to keep an eye out for it online and here in The Vine.

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

ADULTS



Jesus and Me: Consider sharing a story about Jesus - who He is, and how knowing Jesus has impacted your life - by writing a devotional of 250 words or less for Asbury's 2013 Lenten devotional. Sign-up in the Community Room Sunday, 11/11 or 11/18, or contact Cindy Brown (crjbrown@gmail.com or 610-799-3634) for more information.

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.

If you do not want to receive church envelopes for 2013 because you are thinking about using electronic giving, or because you prefer to mail checks to the church on a quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis, please let the church office know so that we can assign you a new giving number. This will enable us to save postage while still crediting all of your contributions to your giving statement. Electronic giving accounts can be set up online or through the church office. If you need assistance in setting up an account, please call Suzanne (610-398-2577).

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.



MISSION CELEBRATION SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2012

This is a time for Asbury to celebrate being the hands and feet of God. This event will include speakers at all 4 services, speakers in adult, youth, and children's Sunday School classes, and a mission fair from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Come hear about the work being done and find out how to get involved.



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 11 / Mission Celebration

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Mission Celebration- 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
- 12:00 p.m. Ushers & 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
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Committee- 106



Wednesday, November 14 (continued)

- 5:30 p.m. Daisy Troop 6075- 219
- 6:00 p.m. Rainbow Singers- 106
- 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers- 108
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- Children's Library
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- FH
- 6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- Children's Library
- 7:00 p.m. SPRC- 217
- 7:00 p.m. Memorial Garden Committee- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Choir- 106
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102

Monday, November 12

- 6:00 a.m. Kitchen Use- WC Kitchen
- 10:30 a.m. Pastoral Care- Aldersgate
- 12:30 p.m. Caring in a Nutshell Lunch- Aldersgate
- 5:00 p.m. AFC Basketball- WC
- 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- Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Monday Night Men- 215
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers- 206
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 13

- 6:00 a.m. Kitchen Use- WC Kitchen
- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Share Together- 208/210
- 7:00 p.m. Endowment Fund Committee -217
- 7:00 p.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Harmony- FH
- 7:30 p.m. O. A. - 204
- 7:30 p.m. Priscilla Circle- Aldersgate

Wednesday, November 14

- 6:00 a.m. Kitchen Use- FH Kitchen
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 10:00 a.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 1:00 p.m. Clubhouse of LV- WC & Kitchen
- 5:00 p.m. Karate- Children's Library
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Dinner- Parlor

Thursday, November 15

- 6:00 a.m. Kitchen Use- WC Kitchen
- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 6:30 p.m. Parkland Service Unit- FH
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON (Serenity in the Valley)- 108
- 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 16

- ALIVE Middle School Retreat Departure*
- 6:00 a.m. Kitchen Use- WC Kitchen
- 9:30 a.m. P.E.P. Club- FH
- 6:00 p.m. Kidz Klub- WC/FH/106/108

Saturday, November 17

- 6:00 a.m. Kitchen Use- FH Kitchen
- 12:30 p.m. Cub Scout Raingutter Regatta- WC
- 6:00 p.m. Mission Brunch Set-up- FH & WC Kitchen

Sunday, November 18 / Laity Sunday

- ALIVE Middle School Retreat Returns*
- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Mission Brunch- FH
- 9:00 a.m. Glucose Screening- 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
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 106/108
- 2:00 p.m. Cub Scout God & Family- 215
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Basketball- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep- 106



**Servant
of the
Week**

CINDY BROWN

Cindy is the Coordinator of Communion Stewards, and is an active member of the Prayer Ministry. She coordinates the Lenten & Advent Devotionals every year and leads many Bible studies.



REMINDER

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.

Our Staff

Mark Moore, Senior Pastor
Eric Yeakel, Associate Pastor
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