



**Asbury Church**  
a United Methodist  
Community

DECEMBER 30, 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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## AULD LANG SYNE

In 1788, Scottish poet Robert Burns penned “Auld Lang Syne,” which was set to a traditional folk tune and quickly became a mainstay sung by New Year’s Eve revelers in the British Isles and (later) in the United States. Referring to “days gone by” or “old times,” it is about a man singing to his former lover that, even though they have parted company, he is still cheered by memories of her and the things they did together.

This Sunday, we will be singing “Auld Lang Syne” together as I say goodbye to the Asbury congregation after three and a half years as your Director of Pastoral Care. As I hope might be the case for you, I will remain cheered for a long time by memories of you and the things we did together. I feel blessed by the opportunities I had to be a reminder of God’s love to many of you in times of crisis, illness, and death of a loved one. I am cheered by the memories of your meaningful participation in classes about important topics such as end-of-life decisions and families caring for aging loved ones. I am especially warmed by thoughts of my almost daily interaction with our Keep in Touch lay visitors as they faithfully and skillfully carried out their ministry.

In the spirit of “Auld Lang Syne,” I invite you to keep building your own warm memories as you continue in your own excellent ministries of caring in the name of our Lord. Consider joining the Keep in Touch team, the Kitchen Committee, a mission team, a children’s ministry, or a musical group—and continue spreading God’s love in ways that will be memorable for you AND those you serve!

*Pastor Glenn*

## A MINISTRY OF PRESENCE: KEEP IN TOUCH TEAM

The mission of the Keep In Touch Lay Ministry Team is to provide a ministry of presence for Asbury members who are in hospitals or who are confined to their homes or retirement communities, in order to be a living reminder of God’s love and to help them stay connected with their church community.

Our ministry team includes 18 members who faithfully visit Asbury members on a monthly basis, either by telephone or in person. Additionally, four team members visit in the hospitals twice a week. We also send cards and notes for birthdays, holidays, and other special occasions to those visited by the Keep In Touch members.

We are grateful to Rev. Dr. Glenn Asquith who has been our advisor, mentor and leader. He has offered training and answered many questions as we constantly seek creative and caring ways to provide spiritual care and assistance to the Asbury community in times of illness, rehabilitation, or confinement. We have valued his counseling and thank him as he completes his pastoral care ministry at Asbury effective January 1.

If you have a relative living in this area or who is hospitalized locally and not connected to a local congregation, we will be happy to visit that relative. If you know of someone in the congregation needing monthly visits, please contact us.

We invite you to consider being a part of this ministry of presence by joining the Keep In Touch Ministry Team. We offer training and mentoring. For additional information, contact Judy Whitby, Chairperson ([jmwhitby@aol.com](mailto:jmwhitby@aol.com) or 610-432-1848), Pastor Moore or Pastor Yeakel.

# RADICAL HOSPITALITY

## Congregational Life & Care

**FAMILIES ON THE GROW** will host a Family Gym Night on Saturday, 1/5, beginning at 4:00 PM in the Wesley Center. We will order pizza, and beverages will be provided. For more information, or to sign-up, please contact Paul or Amy Wood ([paewood@rcn.com](mailto:paewood@rcn.com) or 610-437-1862).



**CALLING ALL 4<sup>TH</sup>- 5<sup>TH</sup>- 6<sup>TH</sup>- 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS** who are interested in playing handbells in 2013! We will be starting rehearsals at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, 1/9, for all who are interested. Parents — please contact Barb Griebel ([bgriebel@asburyiv.org](mailto:bgriebel@asburyiv.org) or 610-799-2640) by 1/6 if your child would like to participate.

**ASBURY CONNECTION MEETING** (for volunteers of the ministry that keeps our post-high school members connected to our church family) will be held at Asbury on Wednesday, 1/9, at 7:30 PM in Room 108. Contact Dot Hess ([hessdp@ptd.net](mailto:hessdp@ptd.net) or 610-391-9212) for more information.

**CAR WASH TICKETS AVAILABLE:** Get your car washed and help children with autism! Kuhnsville Car Wash coupons to help benefit Autism Speaks may be obtained from Nancy Miltenberger. They are "Gold" package coupons for \$11 each and are good through 2/1/14, so you have over a year to use them! Fifty percent of each ticket sold (\$5.50) goes towards Autism Speaks to help in the mission of autism research, awareness, advocacy and family services. Please contact Nancy (610-737-5774 or [nmilty@yahoo.com](mailto:nmilty@yahoo.com)) to order and arrange for delivery.



**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed Monday, 12/31, & New Year's Day, 1/1. The answering service will be available to take any calls and contact a pastor in case of emergency.

Submission deadline for Worship Bulletins and *The Vine* is 8:00 AM on Wednesday, 1/2, for information to be published on Sunday, 1/6.

**THE DORCAS/MARTHA CIRCLE** will meet at 9:15 AM on Thursday, 1/10, in the Parlor/Community Room. Doris Farrar will present a program entitled "Exercise and Humor." Sybil Kinard will lead the devotions. Donna Zimmerman and Deb Goodwin will be hostesses. In January the Circle will be collecting cans of coffee for the Food Bank

**THE KNITTING ANGELS PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will meet in the Aldersgate Room at 9:30 AM on 1/12. For more information, please contact Judy Mellman (610-432-4673).

**SUSANNA CIRCLE** will have its annual after-the-holiday dinner on Monday, 1/14, at the Fairgrounds Hotel, 448 N. 17th Street, Allentown. Please call Tea Kratzer (610-821-0258) no later than Sunday, 1/6, to make your reservation and to select your entree for the evening. Lorraine Horn will tell us about her recent trip to Russia with a talk entitled "Russia: Past and Present." Please join us! All women are welcome! The all-inclusive cost of the dinner is \$27.

## Prayers of Our Congregation

*"Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future." Rev. Billy Graham*

### 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 Elaine G., Paul P., Bruce K., and Beth 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 for healing for Lauren B. after her shoulder surgery. We ask comfort for Judy S. and family facing the holidays without daughter, Jana. Matthew B. asks for a speedy recovery for Mrs. S. Lord, we lift up a friend recently diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer and his family. Jan L. asks divine strength for a former student, Nicole, as her father spends his final days in hospice care. We join with Kim L. as she prays for Pam who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. We ask, along with Sarah F., for traveling mercies for family and friends during this busy Christmas season. Lord, we ask protection for Bob & Shirley M.'s grandson, Jared, and his unit being deployed to Afghanistan. Andrea S. asks divine help for her cousin, Pam K., for physical health and salvation. Michele H. asks for a miracle of healing for her mother, Pat W., who has cancer. She also asks for strength for her family.

### For our congregation

Lord, we give thanks for the joy of Jesus' birth into the world.

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

We ask for peace in hearts and minds everywhere.

### For our children

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of the holy child and for his presence in our lives and the lives of our children.

### 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 Laurie Wallace Theisen and family on the passing of her grandmother.

### With thanksgiving for our joys

John I. gives thanks for the blessing of retirement after 40 years at Verizon. Tiffany celebrates her father-in-law's birthday. Thank you for a warm and wonderful Christmas. Sue D. gives thanks for successful surgery on her mother, Beth. Keena O. is thankful that Layla's second set of tests came back normal.

### For the missions we support

Lord, we lift up our friend from Liberia, Jerome Kennedy, as he continues his education at Drew Seminary in New Jersey to become a minister and share the good news of Christ.



## INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

### CHILDREN



#### Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- ☺ Regular classes and age groups are meeting this week, 12/30, at 9:30 AM.
- ☺ 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Large Group is in FH on 12/30. Pick up 4<sup>th</sup> Graders in Room 205 & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders in Room 210.

#### Kidz Klub

- ☺ Our combo Kidz Klub/Jesus Birthday Party was held on Friday, 12/21. The children had a fun time eating, singing Christmas Carols, taking part in the Nativity Skit, making Crismons, and playing sports/games. Two sheet cakes were lit up with candles as we sang *Happy Birthday* to Jesus! Thanks to the Teaching Ministry Team, Kidz Klub Core team, and all volunteers for planning and being part of our celebration of Christ's Birth!
- ☺ Next Kidz Klub date is Friday, 1/18, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. Join us for some winter fun!

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.



### YOUTH



It's been a great year and we hope you had a wonderful Christmas, taking time to reflect on the wonderful things with which you have been blessed. New years are often viewed as a chance for change and renewal. If you're not sure what resolution to make this year, consider making a commitment of a certain amount of time spent in prayer or reading through the Bible. Even 5 minutes can make a huge difference in building your relationship with God!

There will be no Youth Group on Sunday, 12/30.

We'll be back at our normal time (6:30 PM – 8:30 PM) on Sunday, 1/6.

Contact Aaron Forney in the church office (610-398-2577 or [aforney@asburylv.org](mailto:aforney@asburylv.org)) for information on all Youth Ministry activities and opportunities.

#### A few notes from the Financial Secretary:

- \$** We will be closing the books for 2012 on January 7, 2013. Contributions marked 2012 received after January 7 will be credited to 2013. Please indicate your envelope number on all correspondence.
- \$\$** Please do not put contributions for different years on the same check. Combining years increases the possibility of errors on your annual statement.
- \$\$\$** Remember, you can now make contributions to Asbury directly through our website or by submitting an authorization for direct debit to the church office. Call the office if you need more information about this.
- \$\$\$\$** Anyone desiring to make stock contributions or prepaid contributions for 2013 prior to the end of 2012 should contact me for instructions.

Suzanne Weida (610-398-2577 or [sweida@asburylv.org](mailto:sweida@asburylv.org))

## RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

### Asbury In Mission (AIM)



**CHANGE FOR CHANGE** this month is designated for Meals on Wheels of Lehigh County, a non-profit organization that delivers nutritious meals to 350 clients each weekday on 33 delivery routes. Please place your contributions in the containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Wesley Center.

#### GIVING TREE FOR CAMP INNABAH

There will be a Giving Tree with envelopes marked from \$1 to \$144 in the Community Room through the end of the year. If every envelope is filled, the camp's year-end deficit would be reduced by \$10,440.00. Thank you in advance for your support of Christian camping.



In honor of Sanctity of Life Sunday, Christian Singer/Songwriter & Dove Award Winner Mark Schultz is performing a concert on 1/19/13 at Calvary Baptist Church, Easton, PA at 7:00 PM to benefit CareNet of the LV. CareNet is a national organization which provides pregnancy support services, resources and life skills to women, men and youth; and is a ministry partner of Asbury. There are two ticket options: General Admission at 7:00 PM for \$13.00 or Gold Circle-Reserved Seating and Meet and Greet w/ Mark at 6:00 PM for \$50.00. Tickets can be obtained by calling 317-363-2443. For additional information, call Judy Burkholder (610-433-7289).

## EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

#### ASBURY ENDOWMENT FUND

Consider making a gift to the Asbury Endowment Fund in memory of a family member or special friend. Feel free to discuss with Pastor Mark, Tom Gibson, or John Chappelle any questions that you may have in this regard.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday, December 30 / Baptism

- 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. Glenn Asquith Farewell Reception- Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 106/108
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Basketball- WC

## Monday, December 31/ New Year's Eve

**Office & Building Closed**

- 9:00 p.m. Church of God - Sanctuary

## Tuesday, January 1 / New Year's Day

**Office & Building Closed**



## Wednesday, January 2

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 5:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- 210/211/215
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102



As We Start the New Year

## Thursday, January 3

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 9:00 a.m. AARP Tax Aide- 204
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Journeys- 202
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir- 102

## Friday, January 4

- 9:00 a.m. AARP Tax Aide- 204
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- 210/211/215

## Saturday, January 5

- 12:00 p.m. Riola Court of Honor- FH
- 4:00 p.m. Families on the Grow Gym Night- WC

## Sunday, January 6 / Communion

- 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
- 12:30 p.m. Music Staff- Aldersgate
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 106/108
- 2:00 p.m. AFC Basketball- WC
- 2:00 p.m. Cub Scout God & Family- 215
- 4:00 p.m. Adult Inquirers Class- FH
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Basketball- WC
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/108

*Greetings to All from Asbury's Staff*

*May your New Year be as blessed as we are to serve such a wonderful congregation. Thanks to everyone who sent cards, left gifts, and brought us tasty cookies, candy and pastries for the holidays.*

*God Bless You Everyone!*

### KATHY KELLER

Kathy is the outgoing UMW President, and organized the Silent Auction at the UMW Bazaar for many years. She volunteers for numerous church events, and staffs the Information Desk several times a month. She also coordinated several Pictorial Directory programs. Thanks, Kathy!



**Servant of the Week**

### 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  
 Aaron Forney, Director of Youth Ministries  
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Saturday  
February 2

Next Sunday, 1/6, will be the first Sunday to sign up for miniature golf. Register early to make sure you get the tee time you want. Tee times are spaced 5 minutes apart. Sign up in the Community Room between services.