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February 6, 2020

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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

HERITAGE 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
5:00 PM in the Worship Center

Eric S. Yeakel
Senior Pastor
Barbara S. Lee
Pastor of Discipleship & Cong. Care

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

During our 9:30 Worship Service & Sunday School time, we have childcare for infants through two-year olds in Room 214.

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, M—F
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Asbury United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Column

Asbury's mission is to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. One of the ways we grow in our relationship with Jesus is through worship. I'm excited to announce that 45 individuals in the Asbury community were in worship 90% or more of the Sunday in 2019. Next week in all the worship services, we will be recognizing our frequent worship attenders. The following is a list of those individuals:

Diane Antol, Ed & Sarah Brecht, Grace Buchman, Donna Carle, Lucretia Crandell, John Dolcin, David Eckert, Joan Eckert, Jim & Shawn Flynn, Doug & Cyndi Frank, Charles Goodge, Marcia Grant, Virginia Haberman, Dan Hoffman, Barb Hyman, Judy Kazmer, Donna Kresge, Sarah Kutz, Bob & Linda Lawhorn, Betsy Lynch, Shirley Marsh, Bob & Sherry Minich, Manly & Shirley Offutt, Debi Olphin, Carol Peters, Peg Samois, June Samph, Marcia Schneider, Frank & Sharon Shovelin, John Vass & Diane McDemus, Mike & Ruth Walck, Doug & Paige Wendling, Trever & Donna Williams, Gail Wotring, Tammy Yeakel.

If you believe that you worshiped at Asbury over 90% of the Sunday's in 2019 and do not see your name on the list, please contact Laurie Theisen at Ltheisen@asburylv.org.

This Sunday we begin our new sermon series "Welcome to Wonderland." We all wonder about certain things in life. Some things get resolved over time but some remain mysterious. So, what do you do with the big mysteries in life—the mysteries that won't resolve no matter how much you explore them? What do you do with your unanswered questions? Join us this week and find out.

See you in worship!
Pastor Eric

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY, a class providing best practices as presented by Dave Ramsey, America's most trusted voice on money, best-selling author and radio host, is again being offered at Asbury. In this class, volunteer coordinators will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and so much more. Classes will meet in Room 217 on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM for 9 weeks, **beginning 2/26**.

* To register visit fpu.com/1111676 (*Please note: You must use this link to receive the discounted price.)* Scholarships are available. For more information about Dave Ramsey, visit www.daveramsey.com.
* Curious, but not sure yet? Join us for a FREE preview night! Participate in the first lesson on Wednesday, 2/26 to learn how Financial Peace University will be able to change your life! To save your seats or for more information, contact Dave & Lynda Hassick (lyndahassick@gmail.com or 484-809-3522).

Looking to find a place you can belong? For a way to be connected, use your gifts and talents, or dive deeper into scripture? Learn about the many groups of Asbury and how you can be connected to them at our Ministry Fair on **Sunday, February 23** between morning services.

Learn more at asburylv.org/ministryfair

ministry fair

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CARE

WELCOME CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Friendly, smiling volunteers are needed to do a monthly shift before the 11:00 service at the downstairs Welcome Center. If you can help, contact Laurie Wallace Theisen @ ltheisen@asburylv.org

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, 2/11 at 6:30 PM in the Community Room for its annual "Soup and Salad" event. We will begin the evening with food and fellowship. Rebecca Karoly and Sherry Minich will then lead the group in preparing a project to benefit Turning Point. All women are invited. If you plan to attend, please bring a salad or dessert to share. For more information, contact Brenda Baxter (brendabaxter14@gmail.com) or Judy Whitby (jmwhitby@aol.com).

UMW LENTEN COMMUNION BREAKFAST: The UMW Communion Breakfast will be on Saturday, 3/21, at 9:30 AM in the church parlor. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy breakfast and fellowship, to share worship and to share communion with other women of Asbury. This event is NOT limited to the members of Asbury UMW and there is no cost to attend. A continental breakfast will be served. Laura Baxter will be playing the flute for us, and our speaker will be Kim Schaffer from Community Bike Works.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO ASBURY YOUTH

UMW CLARA KOCH SCHOLARSHIP: Printed applications for the UMW student scholarships are available in the Asbury church office or by email from lindamcc@ptd.net. To qualify, the applicant must demonstrate: scholastic achievement and motivation for continued education, leadership, good citizenship and Christian service, be active members of his/her named church and a definite financial need. Completed applications are due no later than Wednesday, 4/15, for the 2020-2021 academic year.

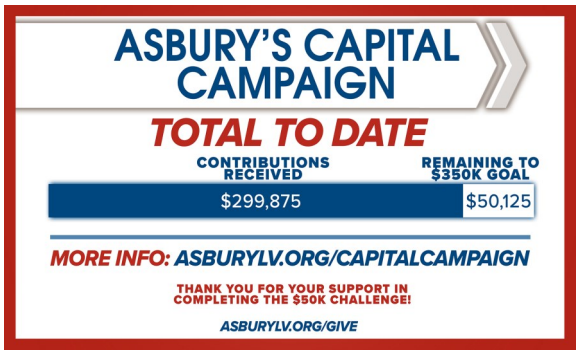
DILCHER SCHOLARSHIP: Information on the Dilcher Scholarship may be found at www.csascholars.org/dilcher or by contacting Ellen Holder (ellen@scascholars.org or 864-268-3303).

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS: Information on the Clarke & International Studies scholarships can be found online at www.asburylv.org

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Asbury is blessed to have such faithful and generous supporters. Recently, we received a donation that involved shares of Eaton Vance Tax Managed Value stock. Unfortunately, there was no identifying information as to who the donor is. If this was your contribution, please contact Israel Olivieri (our business manager) so that we can apply it correctly. Thank you!

WELCOME SHELLIE FRITCHMAN: Asbury's Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is pleased to announce the hiring of Shellie Fritchman for the role of Administrative Secretary, the position long-filled by Sara Brown, who is retiring after 26 years of service at Asbury Church. Shellie has begun her full time role as of 1/27. She comes to Asbury after most recently serving as the Office Manager for the JCC Early Childhood Program. Shellie is a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Allentown, where she also works as part-time staff in the Family Ministries area. Please stop by the office to both thank Sara for her faithful, loyal service to Asbury and to welcome Shellie.

"NAVIGATE CANCER THROUGH MINDFUL MOVEMENT" is an 8-week program for people touched by cancer, going through treatment, or in recovery. Sessions will include relaxation techniques, breathing practices, guided imagery, movement practice, and group support, and will be led by Jamie Laputka, a professional yoga instructor. Classes will meet weekly at 2:00 PM in Room 108 through 3/3. More information is available at asburylv.org/nctmm.



PRAYERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

For those who are sick or in the hospital

Lord, we ask your mercy on those who are hospitalized, in rehab, or recently discharged, especially Marty Carhart & Geraldine Schiermeyer.

For those who need your special help

Lord, we affirm that your power is infinite and that you love us all like a parent. Gratefully acknowledging your love and mercy for us, we lift up those who need your special help:

- Continue to keep Ruby Breininger (infant granddaughter of Fern Breininger, great– granddaughter of the late Herb & Bonnie Reeve) in prayers as her brain surgery has been delayed.

For those who mourn

Lord, we ask comfort for all who mourn the loss of loved ones. Reassure them of your unending mercy and love. Especially be with the families and friends of Anita Quayle, Lucille Ring, Terrie Daugherty's Aunt Barbara, and Paul Frary's friend Bill.

For the world, its people and its leaders

Make your ways known upon earth, Lord God, and your saving power among all peoples. Renew your Church in holiness and help us to serve you with joy. Guide the leaders of all nations that justice may prevail throughout the world. Let not the needy be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor be taken away. Make us instruments of your peace and let your glory be over all the earth.

For our children and youth

Father, please help our children and youth to be aware of where You are and what You are doing in their lives and in the world around them. Let them see You clearly so they can repeat Your example.

For our congregation

Father, please keep our families, friends and loved ones safe. Watch over them always and let good health, happiness and your blessings be upon them.

With Thanksgiving for our joys

Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For the missions we support

This week we pray for the Millersville University Navigators. The Navigators is a ministry that shares the gospel of Jesus and helps people grow in their relationship with Him through Life-to-Life discipleship, creating spiritual generations of believers. Their mission is "To know Christ, make Him known, and help others do the same.

Lord, hear our prayers!

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Contact Pam Unrath,
Director of Children's Ministries,
for information on all
Children's Ministries activities & opportunities.
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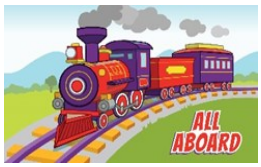
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL & ACTIVITIES

Child care is available at the 9:30 AM worship service for infants through two-year-olds in Room 214.



SPARK (3 & 4 year-olds) – All Aboard! Jesus loves everyone, and He wants everyone to come aboard and be His friend forever! This week we will look at the story of a dishonest tax collector named Zacchaeus, who did not have many friends. Jesus met with him and showed Zacchaeus that he wanted to be his friend, no matter what. It is our hope that this story will help our preschoolers see that "Jesus loves everyone, even when we do something wrong."

BLAST (PreK-5th grades) – February is the perfect month to talk about love but let's face it, sometimes we find it difficult to show love to others. That's why this month we will turn to the New Testament of the Bible to see what Jesus has to say about caring for and loving others. This week we will take a look at two sisters, Mary and Martha. Both want to show Jesus they love Him, but went about it differently. It is our hopes that through this story our kids will see that loving others isn't just about what we do *for* them, but what we do *with* them. Our Bottom Line this week is: Love others with your time.

Asbury is seeking a patient, loving individual to join our child care team 1-2 Sunday mornings per month (from 9:15-10:45 AM). This is a year-round, paid position. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Pam Unrath.

Contact Stephanie Cramer,
Director of Youth Ministries,
for information on all
Youth Ministries activities & opportunities.
(scramer@asburylv.org or 610-398-2577)

Sunday School: Sunday School is a great opportunity to come and explore a little deeper the Scripture used in worship. This week we'll be discussing **Hebrews 12:1-3** and what it means to be surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses…all cheering us on!

Youth Group: Youth Group is your opportunity to expand and go even deeper into the crossroads of Scripture and your personal life. We'll start with the pressing *Hot Topics* in our lives today and see how they relate to the message of **Hebrews 12:1-13, 22-29**…a message to press ever forward no matter how difficult live gets.

Confirmation Class – Want to know more about God's Kingdom and his Church? Interested in joining Asbury as an official member? A student in 8th grade or above? Yes! Then confirmation is for you. Class meets **Sundays** from **10:30 AM - 12:00 PM** in the Youth Lounge starting **2/23**. Sign up now at asburyym.org.

The 2020 **West Virginia Work Week** high school mission trip is July 19-25, 2020! Sign up now at asburyym.org.

KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH US ONLINE! Sign up for our weekly email and visit www.asburyym.org or check our Facebook page, Twitter feed, or Instagram feed. No accounts are required to access any of the social media accounts.

MISSION & SERVICE

FEBRUARY

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

Asbury In Mission (AIM), the Mission Committee of Asbury Church, has a goal of every member being involved in missions. One small yet meaningful way to participate is by placing your loose change in the Change For Change (CFC) containers in the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Worship Center each week. For the month of February, CFC is designated for **Rise Against Hunger**.

Your hands and your heart can help provide a full stomach for those in need in developing nations! The *Rise Against Hunger Experience*, **a meal-packing event where we will team up with *Rise Against Hunger* to provide 20,000 meals, is taking place on February 29 starting at 10:30 AM with an estimated conclusion time of 12:30 PM.** This is the third time Asbury has participated and we'll be preparing twice the number of meals we have in the past; and we need your help to do it! There is no cost to be involved, but for reference, each meal costs $0.33 – a small price to make a big difference! This is a church-wide opportunity to take part in sharing Christ's love and compassion!

Visit asburylv.org/riseagainsthunger to register yourself or your family now.

CHILI COOK OFF

Saturday 2/29
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Wesley Center

Register to be a chef by contacting Charley Myers at clmyers@ptd.net or 610-741-7133

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 9 / Communion

8:00 a.m.	Heritage Worship - Sanctuary
9:15 a.m.	Joyful Noisemakers - 205
9:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School All Ages
9:30 a.m.	God's Rainbow - 200
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Open Door Worship - Worship Ctr
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Dinner - Wesley Ctr
6:30 p.m.	Youth Group - YL
7:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 12 Committee - Aldersgate

Monday, February 10

6:30 p.m.	GS Troop 61025 - 215
6:30 p.m.	Praise Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary
6:45 p.m.	BS Troop 12 - Wesley Ctr/108
6:45 p.m.	Jubilation Ringers - 206

Tuesday, February 11

12:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting - Aldersgate
2:00 p.m.	Navigating Cancer Through Movement - 108
6:30 p.m.	Asbury Volleyball - Wesley Ctr
7:00 p.m.	Prayer & Share - 210

Wednesday, February 12

1:00 p.m.	AA Over the Hump (Open) - Wesley Ctr
6:30 p.m.	Asbury Quilters - 204
6:30 p.m.	Joyful Noisemakers - 108

Wednesday, February 12 cont.

6:30 p.m.	Rainbow Singers - 102
6:30 p.m.	SPRC Meeting - 215
7:00 p.m.	Divine Dialogue - 208
7:10 p.m.	Faith / Apostle Ringers - 206

Thursday, February 13

6:00 p.m.	Launching into Bible Study - 217
7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir - 102
8:30 p.m.	Open Door Rehearsal - Worship Ctr

Friday, February 14

6:30 a.m.	Friday Morning Men's Group - Aldersgate
1:00 p.m.	AA Over the Hump (Open) - Wesley Ctr

Saturday, February 15

8:45 a.m.	Basketball Group - Wesley Ctr
5:00 p.m.	Language of the Heart Dinner - Wesley Ctr

Sunday, February 16

8:00 a.m.	Heritage Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School All Ages
9:30 a.m.	God's Rainbow - 200
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Open Door Worship - Worship Ctr
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Dinner - Wesley Ctr
6:30 p.m.	Youth Group - YL

Monday, February 17 Presidents' Day

Building and office closed

'Center of the World'
February 9, 2020

Hebrews 12:1-3

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