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JUNE 17, 2012

### 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

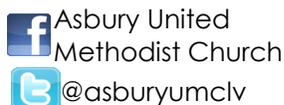
Teaching Pastors  
Mark Moore and Eric Yeakel

### 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

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### Tough Topics

Our new Mission and Vision Statements at Asbury UMC say that we are striving to be Disciples of Christ in all aspects of our lives. That includes being able to learn how to apply our faith to important issues in our culture. Our society and our churches seem to be divided on various moral issues now more than ever. Christians need to ask themselves "What does my Christian faith have to say about the moral issues that divide our society?" There are committed Christian people on opposite sides of the spectrum claiming to know the will of God in these matters. However it can be overwhelming and very difficult trying to understand scripture and arrive at an authentically Christian belief about them.

That is why Pastor Mark and I will be starting a new 8 week series of messages entitled "Tough Topics." Beginning July 1, 2012 we will look at controversial topics such as the division of church and state, the death penalty, homosexuality, abortion, faith & politics, euthanasia, heaven & hell, and income inequality. Each week we will examine positions and motivations on each side of the debate and we will present a broad reading of Scripture to offer guidance on what a faithful Christian response may be. I want to challenge each of us to be in worship and bring a friend to hear God's word on these "Tough Topics."

*Pastor Eric*

### Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is one of the principal administrative committees of a United Methodist Church. The Staff Parish Relations Committee is the personnel committee that provides an oversight capacity for the Pastors and other paid staff. The committee consists of not less than 5 nor more than 9 persons, including the Lay Leader. The committee members are to be representative of the total charge. No staff member or relative of a staff member may serve on the committee. The Senior Pastor is the staff person responsible for meeting with the committee.

Asbury's Staff Parish Relations Committee meets one time per month on a year round basis. The committee is made up of laity who serve three year terms. The committee members are to be appointed to three classes, which are to be staggered, so that each year, staff parish appointees rotate off and onto the committee. The Staff Parish Relations Committee often addresses very important and sensitive issues. It is very important that members of the committee exercise extreme discretion and honor the confidential nature of many communications that come before the committee.

#### Current Committee Members

Steven Unrath—Chairperson ([stevenu@ptd.net](mailto:stevenu@ptd.net))  
Mark Moore—Senior Pastor ([mmoore@asburylv.org](mailto:mmoore@asburylv.org))  
Kathy Dries      Bob Barraco      Judy Ehninger  
Marc Dobbs      Lisa Nyce      Ed Dougherty

**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. Please keep this in mind and don't hesitate to call should the need arise.

# RADICAL HOSPITALITY

## Congregational Life & Care



### Thank You Notes

Dear Brian and Cub Scout Pack 12,

Every day we see things throughout our busy days that trigger something in our mind. Usually these things we see are simple reminders of what is good in life. Today when driving down Parkway Road and then onto Tilghman Street I saw all the beautiful American flags just gently swaying in the breeze. They instantly reminded me of all the amazing men and women who have dedicated their lives to ensure our freedom as Americans and also how lucky we are to live in such an amazing Community with wonderful people like all of you who make our Community strong.

THANK YOU ALL for your volunteer efforts which showed the true meaning of this Holiday weekend and for helping me and I am sure many many others to remember that we are so very blessed.

Sincerely,  
Christina "Tori" Morgan  
Commissioner  
South Whitehall Township

Dear Asbury Family,

Where do I begin to thank all of you for your outpouring of love to me after my May car accident?

Your cards, calls, and visits left me truly overwhelmed. But I am convinced that it was your prayers that have made my recovery go so smoothly. And thanks, too, to the pastors who visited and offered such wonderful prayers.

I am a firm believer in Romans 8:28. "And we know that in ALL things God works for the good of those who love Him." Seems to me that God used you to do a lot of good for me. Thank you.

Judy Burkholder



## Prayers of Our Congregation

### 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 Hayley W. Give them the strength and will to recover so they may continue your work in the world. Jesus, we ask you to have mercy on all those in pain, both physical and mental and grant them your peace.

### 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 those who need your special help

Lord, we ask mercy for Nana & PopPop Hassick, who are dealing with health issues. We ask healing for Brielle. Be with Maynara, who is hospitalized, and all those who care for her. Lord, we ask your merciful healing for Esther's daughter, Kathy, who suffered a concussion.

### For our congregation

Thank you for the dedication of all the volunteers who helped make the AIM Yard Sale and Great American Bake Sale a success.

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

Lord, we ask that the spirit of the Prince of Peace descend wherever it is needed in this suffering world.

### With thanksgiving for our joys

Thank you for the life of Sadie's Pap, Raymond, who had a birthday. We rejoice with Brad & Emmy who celebrated their 12th anniversary.

### For our children

We give you thanks for the lives of our children and for the blessing that all children are. We pray for children without fathers in their day-to-day lives.

### For the missions we support

Let us pray for Haiti Partners who are helping Haitians re-build schools to train students, teachers, leaders, and disciples to spread the Good News.

## INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

### Children

*All children and their friends are invited to participate in our Children's Ministry programs and activities.*

#### NEWS FOR THE WEEK

- ◆ **VBS registration continues!** "Operation Overboard" is July 30, 31 & August 1-3. Registration forms are available online, outside WC, and in the Community Room and church office. Volunteers still needed!
- ◆ **Sunday morning Faith & Fun Alive** – Summer groupings start July 1. Infants/ones in Room 214; ages 2-PreK in Room 223; K-5<sup>th</sup> grade in Room 219. Volunteers are still needed for older group. User-friendly, fun curriculum and training provided!
- ◆ **July Kidz Klub** dates are Wednesday nights July 11, 18, & 25.
- ◆ **Fall Faith & Fun Alive** – Teachers/aides are needed for 3 yr. olds, PreK/K grouping, and Grades 2, 3 and 4/5. No experience necessary, just a heart for building relationships with our children!

Contact Linda Arleth in the church office or email [larleth@asburylv.org](mailto:larleth@asburylv.org) for information on any of these activities!

### Youth

The final SNL/JHE of the 2011-2012 school year was this past Sunday (this Sunday is Father's Day, so hang out with your dad or another important male in your life!) but we have a lot of great stuff planned throughout the summer on Sunday evenings. Come join us!

- 6/24 Summer Kickoff - Outdoor Picnic
- 7/1 IronPigs Game @ Coca-Cola Park (our group tickets are sold out!)
- 7/8 Game Night
- 7/15 Pool Party @ Howorths'
- 7/22 Movie Night
- 7/29 Christmas in July
- 8/5 Talent Show
- 8/10 Night on the Move (Fri, 8/10 to Sat, 8/11; times TBD)
- 8/19 Pool Party Rain Date
- 8/26 YL Paint/Cleanup Weekend (times TBD)



### Adults

The **ARMADA** is a group for young adults looking for Christian fellowship through Bible studies, service projects and just spending some quality time together. The "20-somethings" are known for losing touch with church life until they marry and have young children. Our group is trying to change that, hoping to "fight to bring our generation back to church." Typically, we meet every-other Saturday evening for a few hours for a Bible study. We've also gone bowling, zip-lining at Pocono Plateau, mini-golfing, took in an IronPigs game and more. We're working to add more service projects to our schedule as well. Most of our members are not Asbury members. Some have made Asbury their regularly attended church, others have joined our group because their home church does not have anything specific to their age group. The ARMADA is open to anyone who is post-high school age into their 30s. For more information contact Jamie Peter at [JamieM.Peter@gmail.com](mailto:JamieM.Peter@gmail.com)

**SUMMER BIBLE STUDY** - Sundays, 6:00-7:00 PM, June 24-August 12. Meet outside in the Grove - no pre-registration or preparation required. Topics ("New Testament Characters") are stand-alone, so participants can attend when their schedule allows. Childcare not provided, but kids can play on the playground during the study. Contact Laurie Wallace Theisen with questions.

## RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

### Asbury In Mission (AIM) Mission

**CHANGE FOR CHANGE** this month will support our Cookson Hills Mission Team as they travel to Oklahoma this month to work with the children and youth of Cookson in a summer camp program. The primary target group of the Center's service is Native American people, most being of the Cherokee Tribe. Please place your contributions in the designated containers.

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**THE MINISTRY OF PRESENCE** is offered to Asbury members who are in hospitals or who are confined to their homes or retirement communities. The Keep in Touch Committee regularly visits these members to provide spiritual care and to help them stay connected with their Asbury family. Committee members also visit relatives of members who have recently relocated to this area and are no longer connected to their local church community. If you know of someone needing regular visits, please contact Rev. Glenn Asquith ([gasquith@asburylv.org](mailto:gasquith@asburylv.org)) or Judy Whitby ([jmwhitby@aol.com](mailto:jmwhitby@aol.com)).

## EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

### ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTION

Asbury invites you to consider our electronic giving program as a way to automate your regular giving.

Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed consistency for our congregation. This option is being offered through Vanco Services, a Conference-approved provider with a successful history of secure transactions, at no additional cost to you.

We offer two ways to give:

**Online Giving** lets you go to the church website to make one-time donations or to set up a schedule of automatic donations. By setting up a password-protected profile, you will be able to log in at any time to make donations, change a recurring donation plan or view your personal giving history.

**Direct Debit Giving** is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. If you are already using direct debit to make mortgage and car payments or to pay utility bills, then you know how it works. Authorization forms for giving by direct debit are available in the church office.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday, June 17/ Father's Day

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Open Door Community Worship- WC
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba- Parlor

## Monday, June 18

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 10:30 a.m. Pastoral Care Staff- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12- FH/106

## Tuesday, June 19

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. AIM- 106
- 7:00 p.m. VBS Volunteer Meeting- 108
- 7:30 p.m. O. A. - 204

## Wednesday, June 20

- 9:00 a.m. Keep in Touch- Aldersgate
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open)- 108
- 5:00 p.m. Karate- WC
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- WC
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 7:00 p.m. Church & Society- 202
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Harmony- FH

## Thursday, June 21

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba Toning- WC
- 6:00 p.m. Parkland Service Unit 722- FH
- 6:15 p.m. Asbury Softball- Velodrome East
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Serenity in the Valley- 108
- 7:30 p.m. Asbury Softball- Velodrome East
- 7:30 p.m. College Bible Study- YL

## Friday, June 22

*Nothing Scheduled*

## Saturday, June 23

- 1:00 p.m. Shower- Parlor
- 4:00 p.m. Eagle Scout Ceremony- Sanctuary/FH

## Sunday, June 24/ Baptism

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Open Door Community Worship- WC
- 5:30 p.m. YMMO- 206
- 6:00 p.m. Summer Bible Study- Grove/Aldersgate
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Summer Program- FH/YL
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba- Parlor

**TOUGH TOPICS**  
Sermon Series

- Church & State July 1
- Income Inequality July 29
- The Death Penalty July 8
- Heaven & Hell August 5
- Homosexuality July 15
- Euthanasia August 12
- Abortion July 22
- Politics August 19

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