



# Asbury Church

a United Methodist  
Community

7-June-2020

# Mission and Vision



***Mission: To lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ***

***Vision: That the group of people worshipping ...***

- Attend worship regularly
- Establish and live a giving plan
- Actively participate in at least one small group
- Serve Christ through church and community involvement and service
- Invite others to worship and Asbury activities

***Objective of today's discussion***

1. Discuss the plan forward during the Yellow and Green phase of the PA COVID-19 return to business plan
2. Highlight how Asbury has lived the mission and vision during 2020 to date
3. Highlight the progress of work on our building repairs

# COVID-19 Re-opening Plan



## **Yellow Phase Per Governor Wolf:**

- Stay at Home Restrictions Lifted in Favor of Aggressive Mitigation
- Large Gatherings of More than 25 Prohibited
- Telework must continue where feasible

To this end, the Eastern PA conference recommends:

Worship for Churches over 25 average worship attendance:

Continue holding online worship, recording from home or the sanctuary with participation from small groups of people.

# COVID-19 Plan for Asbury



Yellow Phase: “Be cautious, but enthusiastic” (quote from John Wesley)

1. Continue Online Worship
2. Maintain Current Staff – no staff member has been laid off (due to the help of the PPP loan Asbury received)
3. Allow more individuals to participate in the sanctuary
  - a. Add worship leaders
  - b. Singer maximum = 4, maintain 6-foot distance
  - c. Band may be in person – maintain 6-foot distance; no singing from band
  - d. 2 pastors to participate
  - e. Continue blended service at 10am
4. Anyone in the facility must wear a mask unless just about to perform or speak during the service
5. No groups will be meeting in the church building

# COVID-19 Plan for Asbury



## Yellow Phase: (continued)

6. Maintain online small group meetings
7. Experiment with after church Zoom Meeting
8. Pray for “Green”
9. Survey to be sent out to give guidance to Church Council for move to “Green”
10. Green phase approach will include meeting in person but with changes – the scope of those is still being determined by committees directed by Church Council and Pastor Eric. These will be communicated in a timely manner when we get the “Green” light.

# Vision: Service

Mission and service continues during COVID-19 constraints, once again demonstrating the strength of Asbury.

- Food for the Salem Food Pantry
- Items for the Sixth Street Shelter
- Meals on Wheels route #15 each week
- Handmade masks for Lehigh Valley Hospital and St. Lukes
- Cards and sermon notes to 40 members cut off from technology
- Pastoral care for ill and hospitalized
- Financial support to service organizations
- Uplifting and supportive prayers
- Asbury Pre-school maintained classes online



# Vision: Attend Worship Regularly



Response to our online worship has been excellent.

Attendance numbers are shown below

<b>March:</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Week 3	240	574
Week 4	237	545
Week 5	320	541
<b>April:</b>		
Week 1	361	501
Week 2	709	607
Week 3	340	899
Week 4	370	423
<b>May:</b>		
Week 1	344	449
Week 2	355	519
Week 3	310	425
Week 4	304	337
Week 5	282	460
Total	4172	6280
Multiplier to estimate multiple people on a device	1.4 *	-
Total after multiplier	5840.8	6280
<b>Avg attendance</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>523</b>
* Churches have been using a multiplier anywhere from 1.4 to 1.7.		

# Vision: Small Groups



- Most continue to meet online.
- Asbury's Spiritual Focus Team staying connected with the groups and helping them get online to meet.
- Women's Circles
- Men's Groups
- Sunday School Classes
- Bible Studies – including Pastor Barbara's new one
- Musical Groups have socialized
- Confirmation Class

**Desiring to meet online? – contact members of the Spiritual Focus Team for help.**



# Vision: Inviting



By invitation, new people have joined worship and small groups, some from out of state.

- Families from out of the area are joining us.
- The ability to share a link to someone you think would benefit from the service has never been so easy, and important.
- Small groups are now having people join from outside of our area.

**Everyone – please take advantage of the ability invite others. Its as simple as forwarding an email or a link to the webpage.**

# Vision: Giving

Giving Results from 2019 and 2020 for comparison

<b>Asbury United Methodist Church</b>		
<b>Income by Month</b>		
<b>January - May, 2020</b>		
	<b>Total</b>	
	<b>Jan-May 2020</b>	<b>Jan - May, 2019 (PY)</b>
<b>Income</b>		
3001000 Non-Profit Income	-	-
3002000 Envelope - Cash/Check	292,171.30	304,290.38
3003000 Envelope - Electronic	112,831.14	90,255.60
<b>Total 3001000 Non-Profit Income</b>	<b>405,002.44</b>	<b>394,545.98</b>
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>4,524.58</b>	<b>7,232.64</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>409,527.02</b>	<b>403,179.62</b>

# Capital Campaign – Complete!



**Capital Campaign Complete!!**

**ASBURY'S CAPITAL  
CAMPAIGN**

**COMPLETED!**

**\$350,000!**

**THANK YOU!!**

In the midst of a challenging time, we still have much to celebrate! Thanks to your amazing generosity, we have reached our goal for the Capital Campaign of \$350,000 as of April 19, 2020! Praise God!! Thank you to all who supported this important initiative; and continue to watch for updates on project progress in the coming months.

# Capital Projects: Roof

- Largest project -
- Bids solicited and received January/February
- Bids returned by multiple contractors
- Trustee sub-committee has approved the bids
- Winning bidder was chosen in mid-March and contract has been signed
- Start of the project delayed by COVID-19 restrictions on construction
- With move to allow construction – work planned to begin no later than 13-July with a maximum 60-day completion requirement
- Asbury is still working with a consultant for inspection and approval of scope of work and completed work

# Capital Projects: Sanctuary Wall

- **Complete** – Wall repair and pressure wash of outside of building
- Washed and sealed all exterior walls of the church
- Caulked and sealed all building cracks
- Caulked and sealed all areas around the foundation
- Repairs included all water damage and wall damage inside the sanctuary
- Replacement of broken windows in worship center
- Sealant is good for 10 years minimum



# Capital Projects: Garden and HVAC

## **Memorial Garden**

- Retaining wall repair scope has been identified and contractor chosen.
- Contract still being finalized
- Work expected to start by 15-June and be complete by 3-July

## **HVAC**

- 8 PTAC units and 4 roof units have been replaced
- This will be an ongoing maintenance issue managed by the Trustees
- There is no PM for the PTAC units
- Building closure may have bought some units more time
- BOT is working on a revised HVAC plan for the future that will modernize the system



# Conclusion

1. Asbury Church is Alive and Well practicing our Mission and living our Vision during 2020
2. Capital campaign successfully completed!
  - Plan to complete as much building work as possible while COVID-19 keeps us out of the building
3. We are cautious, but also enthusiastic as we look to return to in-person worship while considering the safety of our congregation and our neighborhood.

Questions ???