



**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 a.m. in the Sanctuary

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP  
9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

OPEN DOOR WORSHIP  
5:00 p.m. in the Worship Center

Senior Pastor  
Eric S. Yeakel

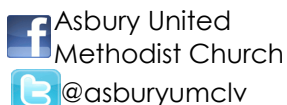
### SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

During our 9:30 Worship Service & Sunday School time, we have childcare for infants through two-year olds. During our 11:00 Worship Service, we have childcare available for infants through PreK.

### OFFICE HOURS

8 AM to 4 PM, M—F  
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FEBRUARY 7, 2019



## Pastor's Column

We believe it's impossible to become a fully-devoted follower of Jesus without also becoming a fully-developed steward of the financial resources God provides. Fully-following Jesus includes understanding how to handle God's money, his way, for his glory. If you would like to explore what God's written word says about how to allocate your personal finances responsibly and put them to work for building the kingdom of God, I would encourage you to take Financial Peace University. Financial Peace University is a life-changing 9-week program that takes the knowledge of the Bible and turns it into real action in our lives through a simple step-by-step process. The program includes practical lessons to eliminate debt, build wealth, give like never before, and much more! Asbury is offering another session of Financial Peace University beginning Tuesday, 3/5, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in Room 217. You can register for the class by clicking the link on our website or at the Next Steps area on Sundays after worship.

This Sunday we begin our new series of messages entitled "A NEW HOPE: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE LIFE OF JESUS." Jesus didn't come into this world to protect the status quo. He came to overturn it by changing our relationship with God. I hope you can join us this week as we see how Jesus was the bridge between the old and new covenants. He was born under one to influence the other, and he did it for the world.

*See you in worship!*

*Pastor Eric*



### NEXT SESSION OF "STARTING POINT" BEGINS 2/14

Starting Point is an 8-week small group where your questions about God turn into a conversation about faith. If you or someone you know is new to faith, just checking it out, or coming back to church after some time away, this is a great first step and a great way to connect with other individuals on a similar spiritual journey. The group will meet from 6:30 to 7:30 PM on Thursdays 2/14 through 4/11, in Room 217. To register, email [info@asburylv.org](mailto:info@asburylv.org) or call the church office.

### THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2019 BUDGET

The budgeting process was started in late November, when program directors were asked to provide estimates of the funding required to run their programs in 2019. This information and funding from last year was used to develop the 2019 spending budget.

• **TOTAL ESTIMATED SPENDING FOR 2019** **\$1,152,549.00**

Next, the income side of the budget was factored in.

• 2019 pledges	\$ 639,083.00
• People who pledged in 2018 but had not yet pledged (estimate)	\$ 98,000.00
• People who do not pledge but give (based on previous year giving)	\$ 256,833.00
• <b>CONGREGATION SUPPORT FOR ASBURY</b>	<b>\$ 993,916.00</b>
• Other income from special offering and building use	\$ 158,950.00
• <b>TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME FOR 2019</b>	<b>\$1,152,866.00</b>

**INCOME = \$1,152,866.00 EXPENSES = \$1,152,549.00 BUDGET = +\$317.00**

**The budget is balanced based on an assumption of \$354.833.00 in additional congregational giving in 2019.**

If you have questions about the Asbury budget, please contact Israel Olivieri ([iolivieri@asburylv.org](mailto:iolivieri@asburylv.org)) or Vendel Peter ([finance@asburylv.org](mailto:finance@asburylv.org)).

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CARE

*Need some volunteers for your Asbury committee, small group project or upcoming event? We are in the process of putting together a list of volunteer opportunities that will be shared during our Volunteer Recognition Sunday on March 24. Please email your information to [marketing@asburylv.org](mailto:marketing@asburylv.org) if you would like to list your volunteer opportunity.*

**HELP NEEDED:** We are in need of cooks and assistants for the Sunday Night Dinners. Most Sunday nights we serve dinner at 6:00 PM for those who desire it, and need additional volunteers to assist with these meals. For more information or to volunteer, contact Charley Myers ([clmyers@ptd.net](mailto:clmyers@ptd.net) or 610-741-7133).

**ONLINE PRODUCTION HELP NEEDED:** Whether looking for a new church home, traveling or under the weather, more and more people are joining us for online worship each week. With recent upgrades in our equipment, we need your help in producing our online worship experience. You don't have to be tech savvy, just have an interest in video production, be able to think one step ahead, and follow basic instructions. Training will be provided. If you are interested or desire more information, contact Steve Howorth ([siteadmin@asburylv.org](mailto:siteadmin@asburylv.org)) or stop by our studio located off Room 200 on Sunday morning.

**SEMINAR ON RELATIONSHIPS:** Asbury is offering a three-hour workshop exploring relationships on Saturday, 2/23, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon, in Room 217. (Doors open at 8:30 AM.) Rachel Starmer, M.A.C.C. and Asbury's Director of Congregational Care, Bill Arnold, M.Div./M.A.C.C./CSA will provide tools for understanding, exploring, and improving relationships with others. Registration (\$20/person) is required and due by Tuesday, 2/19. Please email Bill Arnold ([barnold@asburylv.org](mailto:barnold@asburylv.org)) and mail a check made out to "Asbury UMC" (with "Relationship Seminar" in memo line) to 1533 Springhouse Rd., Allentown, PA 18104.

**PEP (People Enjoying People) CLUB** will meet at 9:30 AM on Friday, 2/15, in the Parlor for their monthly fellowship. A musical program will follow. All interested adults are welcome to attend.

**PRAYER & 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, 2/12, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 210. For more information, contact Linda (610-395-8756).

**DROP-IN DISCIPLES:** Valentine's Day is coming soon. How do you express love to others? What is your love language? Join the Drop In Disciples Sunday School Class on Sunday, 2/10, for a discussion of Dr. Gary Chapman's "The Five Love Languages". The class meets at 9:30 AM in the Aldersgate Room.

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:** Applications for the UMW student scholarships are available in the Asbury church office or by email from [lindamcc@ptd.net](mailto:lindamcc@ptd.net). Completed applications are due no later than Monday, 4/15, for the 2019-2020 academic year. For information on the International Studies, Clarke, and Dilcher Scholarships, please contact the church office or email [sbrown@asburylv.org](mailto:sbrown@asburylv.org).

**PRISCILLA CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, 2/12, at 6:30 PM in the Community Room for its annual "Soup and Salad" social. Attendees are asked to bring either a salad or dessert to share. Rebecca Karoly and Sherry Minich will lead the group in a service project to benefit Turning Point. For more information, contact Brenda Baxter ([brendabaxter14@gmail.com](mailto:brendabaxter14@gmail.com)) or Judy Whitby ([jmwhitby@aol.com](mailto:jmwhitby@aol.com)).

**FEBRUARY UMW SPECIAL COLLECTION** is for the Everlasting Life Ministries Clothing Bank at New Bethany ECC in Allentown. If you can help, they are in need of clean, gently-worn or new coats, hats, gloves and scarves, and new socks for men, women and children. Please place the items in the UMW bin across from the church office. Large sturdy handled bags for deliveries are also needed. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need. For more information, contact Debi Olphin (610-261-2709).

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ♦ Fundraiser for the Lehigh Conference of Churches at Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza on Thursday 2/28, from 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM. More information is available on the Asbury website. Anthony's is located at 750 N. Krocks Rd. in the Hamilton Crossings shopping center.
- ♦ Tools for Ministry at Asbury on 3/2, from 8:15 AM to 12:30 PM. Tools For Ministry is an annual event that is designed to equip attendees with leadership specifics as well as new ideas for ministry. For more information or to register, visit: <https://www.epaumc.org/conference-calendar/45990>
- ♦ Troop 12 Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's on 3/23. Tickets (\$7.00) will be available soon.



## 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, or suffering from chronic illness especially Louann Cline and Gerry 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.

- Wife Carole, having surgery, from Steve Allen
- Friend Kristen, beginning cancer treatment, from Kim Artjuch
- Brother Thomas, having surgery, from Jean Condos
- Uncle Bruce, rehabbing from a stroke, from Sandy Josephson
- Friend Mark, from Donna Carle

### For those who mourn

Lord, we ask comfort for all who mourn the loss of loved ones. Especially be with the Bragg, Snelbaker and Clarke families, who all lost loved ones in the past week.

### For our children, youth & young adults

As our college students return to school for the spring semester, we pray for our mission partners, Navigators at Millersville University, and their mission to bring college students to Christ.

### Special General Conference Prayer Request

As the Special Session of the General Conference in St. Louis, MO, (2/23 through 26) is just days away, the EPA Delegation invites every Asbury member to join in fervent prayer as the delegates receive and act upon the report from *The Commission on a Way Forward* and corresponding petitions. Pray for safe travel and the health of all delegates and bishops.

On Saturday, 2/23, the Conference will dedicate the entire day to prayer. This will be available through live-streaming ([umc.org](http://umc.org)) and we invite as many as possible to pray along with the conference delegates, bishops and attendees.

We are confident that God will work all things together for good as God's people are faithful in prayer and obedience to the leading of the Holy Spirit. As John Wesley said "best of all, God is with us."

*Judy Ehninger, EPA Delegate*

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## FAITH DEVELOPMENT



Contact Pam Unrath, Director of Children's Ministries,  
for information on all  
Children's Ministries activities & opportunities.  
([punrath@asburylv.org](mailto:punrath@asburylv.org) or 610-398-2577)

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL & ACTIVITIES

Child care is available during the 9:30 AM Service for infants through two-year-olds in Room 214. Child care is also provided during the 11:00 AM Service in Room 214.



**SPARK** (Ages 3 & 4): We can't think of a better time than February to teach preschoolers about how deep and wide and long and high Jesus' love is for them. This week, we will hear a story about Jesus' friends, Mary and Martha. Jesus loved them and wanted to spend time with them. It is our hopes that this story helps our preschoolers know that Jesus loves each of us and wants to spend time with us too.

**BLAST** (PreK through Grade 5): This month we will be focusing on "SERVICE WITH A SMILE." This week we will look at 1 Peter 4:10-11. Peter reminded others that the Holy Spirit gave each of us a spiritual gift and that these gifts are not for our own benefit but should be used to benefit everyone. It is our prayer that this story will lead our children to this week's Bottom Line: Use your gifts to serve others.



**CHILD CARE WORKER NEEDED:** Asbury is seeking a patient, loving individual to join our child care team 1-2 Sunday mornings per month (from 9:15 to 10:45 AM). This is a year-round, paid position. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Pam Unrath ([punrath@asburylv.org](mailto:punrath@asburylv.org)).



Contact Aaron Forney,  
Director of Youth Ministries,  
for information on all  
Youth Ministries activities & opportunities.  
([aforney@asburylv.org](mailto:aforney@asburylv.org) or 610-398-2577)

The dates for our 2019 **West Virginia Work Week High School Mission Trip** are in! Mark your calendars for July 21-27, 2019 and watch for early-bird registration to open soon!

**Youth Group** is a place to have fun, be encouraged, and encounter God. Together we'll talk about where we are in our lives, where we are in our faith, and where those two things intersect. Students in Middle School (Grades 6-8) and High School (Grades 9-12) are invited to come out! Youth Group meets on Sunday night from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Worship Center.

**Sunday School** is a place to explore our faith and understand what it means to live it out in the here-and-now. We have 2 classes available: one is open to both middle (Grades 6-8) and high (Grades 9-12) schoolers (in Room 108); the other is open to high schoolers only (in the Youth Lounge). Both classes meet from 9:30 to 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings. High schoolers: Pick the class that best fits where you are in your faith journey. Come out as we seek out God together!

**Headed to college in the fall?** Asbury has some great scholarships available! The first deadline is March 28th. Visit [asburyym.org/scholarships](http://asburyym.org/scholarships) for more information.

**Keep up-to-date with us online!** Sign up for our weekly email and visit [www.asburyym.org](http://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 the Worship Center each week.

For February 2019, Change For Change is designated for the Allentown Warming Station, a collaborative effort between the YMCA and many social service and volunteer organizations, with the goal of helping those most in need. The Warming Station operates in a newly-renovated, fully-staffed space overnights from 11/1 to 4/30.

### The Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank continues to need your help!

Food is always needed. Please remember—no perishable food; no food past the expiration date; no food in glass containers; and no open packages of food. Donations can be placed in the containers across from the office on the lower level and outside the Sanctuary under the table holding the book for the Memorial Garden. Gift cards, monetary donations and volunteers are also needed. For information on how to donate or volunteer, visit <https://allentownfoodbank.org/>.

## EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

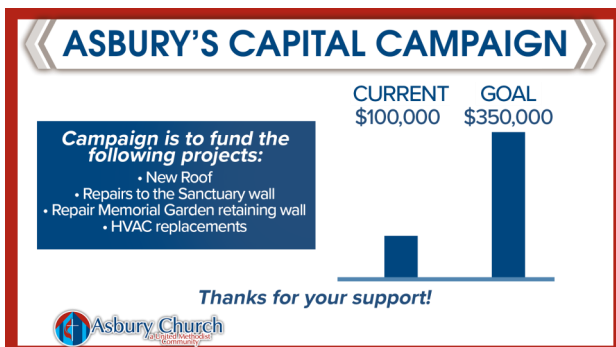
Giving to Asbury Church

Giving Methods: cash check text giving online

Giving Frequency: one time recurring  
[www.asburylv.org/give](http://www.asburylv.org/give)

If you no longer wish to receive church envelopes because you are thinking about switching to electronic giving or have already done so, please let the church office know so that we can assign you a new giving number.

Text "Asburyumcive" to 77977 to access our online giving portal. Follow the prompts to make a donation to Asbury Church or set up a recurring gift. Contact Israel Olivieri (610-398-2577 or [iolivieri@asburylv.org](mailto:iolivieri@asburylv.org)) if you have any questions or desire more information.





# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday, February 10 / Boy Scout Sunday



8:00 a.m. Heritage Worship - Sanctuary  
 9:30 a.m. God's Rainbow - 200  
 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages  
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary  
 5:00 p.m. Open Door Service - Worship Center  
 5:30 p.m. ARMADA Young Adult - Offsite  
 6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Dinner - Wesley Center  
 6:00 p.m. Transformed Bible Study - Aldersgate  
 6:30 p.m. Youth Group - YL/108  
 7:00 p.m. CS Pack 12 Committee - 208

## Monday, February 11

5:30 p.m. Asbury Trio - Sanctuary  
 6:00 p.m. GS Troop 61025 - 215  
 6:30 p.m. Worship Praise Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary  
 6:45 p.m. BS Troop 12 - Wesley Center/108  
 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers - 206

## Tuesday, February 12

10:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study - 108  
 12:30 p.m. Program Staff (Individual) - Aldersgate  
 6:00 p.m. New Moms Group - 214/233  
 6:30 p.m. Priscilla Circle - Parlor  
 6:30 p.m. Asbury Volleyball - Wesley Center  
 7:00 p.m. Prayer & Share Together - 210  
 7:00 p.m. Brewology - Offsite



## Wednesday, February 13

1:00 p.m. AA Over the Hump (Open) - Wesley Center  
 5:45 p.m. Faith Ringers - 206  
 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers - 106

## Wednesday, February 13 (continued)

6:30 p.m. Rainbow Singers - 108  
 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters - 204  
 6:30 p.m. Launching into Bible Study - 208  
 6:30 p.m. Follow Bible Study - 217  
 7:15 p.m. Youth Choir - 108

## Thursday, February 14

6:30 p.m. Thursday Night Grief Support - 215  
 6:30 p.m. Starting Point - 217  
 7:00 p.m. Nar-anon - 108  
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - 102  
 8:30 p.m. Open Door Rehearsal - Worship Center



## Friday, February 15

6:30 a.m. Friday Morning Men's Group - Aldersgate  
 9:30 a.m. P.E.P. Club - Parlor  
 1:00 p.m. AA Over the Hump (Open) - Wesley Center  
 6:00 p.m. Kids' Club - Wesley Center/108

## Saturday, February 16

12:00 p.m. Private Event - Parlor  
 5:00 p.m. Language of the Heart Event - Wesley Center/108

## Sunday, February 17

8:00 a.m. Heritage Worship - Sanctuary  
 9:30 a.m. God's Rainbow - 200  
 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages  
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary  
 5:00 p.m. Open Door Service - Worship Center  
 6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Dinner - Wesley Center  
 6:30 p.m. Youth Group - YL/108

**A NEW HOPE**  
 A JOURNEY THROUGH THE LIFE OF JESUS  
 SERMON SERIES • FEBRUARY 10 - APRIL 14

**February 10, 2019**  
**"Bridging the Gap"**  
**John 1:7-9**

## Our Staff

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