



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.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
9:00 AM in the Sanctuary

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

OPEN DOOR WORSHIP
5:00 PM in the Worship Center
(No Open Door Worship on
7/21, 8/4, or 9/1)

Senior Pastor
Eric S. Yeakel

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

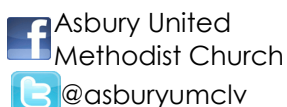
During our 9:00 Worship Service & Sunday School time, we have childcare for infants through three-year olds.

OFFICE HOURS

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faith in action... imagine your life changed

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Pastor's Column

Back in the late seventies, Asbury started a mission committee called "Asbury in Mission," referred to by the acronym "AIM." Asbury formed this committee because the church was not able to fund missions out of the operating budget. This committee has its own budget and fundraising efforts separate from the operating budget. The committee uses those proceeds to fund various mission partners.

AIM was formed with the belief that mission means more than just dropping a check in the mail. We strive to be "in mission" by partnering with our missionaries through regular communication to learn of their needs, to pray for them, to work on one-time mission projects, to go on one or two-week mission trips, celebrate mission, and provide financial support.

Currently through AIM, we partner with over 35 charities locally, nationally and globally. These organizations focus on issues such as hunger, housing, medical care, and education. This Sunday you will have the opportunity to hear from two of these mission partners.

During worship at 9:00 and 10:30 we will hear from a representative of Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley. Turning Point is a safe place where victims of abuse and their children can find refuge. They provide services in Lehigh and Northampton counties and reach nearly 2,600 people a year through various programs and services. And after the 5:00 Open Door worship service this Sunday, we will have an opportunity to hear from our long-time mission partners in Nepal, Mark & Deirdre Zimmerman. Please join us at one or both of these presentations to hear how your mission dollars are changing lives.

See you in worship!

Pastor Eric



Asbury's Church Council has recently created a new group called the Spiritual Focus Team. This group will act as the key point of contact for small groups and volunteer opportunities. Currently that group will be sending out an initial communication to group leaders of study-based groups. The goal is to establish contact and make plans for additional ways to communicate as we enter the Fall. This message is simply a "heads up" to group leaders about the existence of the Spiritual Focus Team and about this initial contact. For more information, please contact Tim Lebrecht, Chair of Church Council (churchcouncil@asburylv.org).

HELP WANTED!

Asbury needs individuals or groups to adopt various areas of the church building and grounds for ongoing maintenance throughout the year. If you or your group would like to help, please contact the Board of Trustees (trustees@asburylv.org) or the Business Manager (lolivieri@asburylv.org) or call the church office (610-398-2577).

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CARE

ENJOY "LEMONADE ON THE LAWN WITH LAURIE" while discussing the sermons from the "Asbury at the Movies" series on Tuesday evenings in July (16, 23 & 30) at 6:30 PM. Meet at the upper entrance, near the Parlor. All are welcome - no preparation except listening to the previous week's sermon! Contact Laurie Wallace Theisen (ltheisen@asburylv.org) with questions.

JOIN US FOR A BIBLE STUDY based on Bob Goff's book "Everybody Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People." Bob Goff shares some of the stories from his life that have helped him understand what it truly means to love everybody the way Jesus loved them—without fear, insecurity, or restriction. The study, led by Tammy Yeakel, will meet every Wednesday in July from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Aldersgate Room. You are welcome to join even if you missed the previous sessions!

FOOD DONATIONS FOR WEST VIRGINIA: If you are able to donate a food item for the WV Senior High Mission Work Trip, please take a "shingle" from the poster board in the Community Room this Sunday. **Donations should be returned to the black bins (in the collection area across from the offices, and in the Community Room) by Sunday, 7/14.**

THE WEST VIRGINIA WORK TRIP is in need of large coolers to transport food. If you are able to loan a large cooler, please label it with your name and place it in the hall outside the Wesley Center Kitchen **on Sunday, 7/14.** (Coolers are needed by 7/19 so they can be packed, and will be returned on 7/27.)

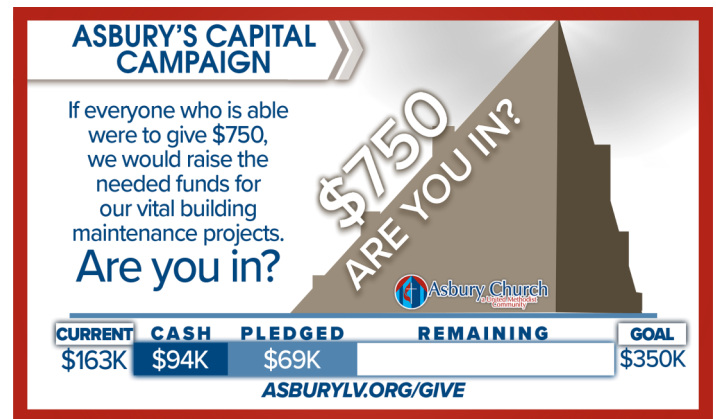
ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP supply snacks for the Vacation Bible School Teachers' Hospitality Room? Dates for VBS this year are Monday July 22 through Friday July 26. A poster board for sign-ups will be in the Community Room beginning Sunday, 6/30. Suggested donations include purchased or home baked goods, fruit or fruit trays, bottled water, iced tea, cheese cubes or 2-liter sodas. Please stop by and sign up to help treat our VBS teachers to a special break during their busy mornings.

PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, 7/16, at 6:30 PM in the Aldersgate Room. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. Please contact Pam Grossmann (pm.grossmann@gmail.com or 610-398-8066) or Dale Begany (dbegany@hotmail.com or 610-216-9517) for more information.



CAN YOU HELP? Sarah Fullton is refreshing the seasonal centerpieces in the Community Room, and is in need of artificial flowers and small vases. Place these items (by 7/22) in the red bin in the collection area across from the church office.

SING THIS SUMMER: On 7/14, 7/21 & 9/1 we will have a "drop in" choir for the 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service. Rehearsal begins at 10:00 AM in the Choir Room (102) and ends at 10:20 AM. Selections will be easy to sing and generally come from the hymnals. Please contact Ken Schneider (610-845-0708 or kbsmts@ptd.net) for information.



Prayers of our Congregation

"There's a different point of view awaiting you if you just look up."

~ Jack, from "Mary Poppins Returns"



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 Elise Miller.

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:

- Donna Tessitore, Bruce Vibbert, Tiffany Ramirez, Frank Taylor, and all with health concerns
- For Judy Powell, beginning treatment for acute leukemia, from her brother, Dick McCreight
- For the Boy Scouts returning from Philmont Ranch Camp, from Nancy Miltenberger
- For all those frightened by the earthquakes in California, from Debbie Goodwin

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 Don & Sandra (Utsch) Jameson on the passing of Don's mother, Kathleen.

For the nation, its people and its leaders

Heavenly Father, please give us a government that provides for the advancement of this country without taking resources from others.

For our young adults

Father, we ask you to help our children and youth to remember that they are never alone. You are with them, you are working in their lives, and you are helping them.

For our congregation

Lord, we pray that our thoughts will be focused on you and every good thing will come to us as we wait patiently on you.

With thanksgiving for our joys

Almighty God, we bless you for our lives, we give you praise for your abundant mercy and grace we receive. We thank you for your faithfulness even though we are not always faithful to you.

For the missions we support

Our mission prayer for today is for the Salem Food Pantry at Salem United Methodist Church in Allentown. Through the hard work of their volunteers and generous donations from other churches and the community, Salem is able to provide nutrition assistance to people right here in Allentown.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT



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

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL & ACTIVITIES

Child care is available during the 9:00 AM Worship Service for infants through three-year-olds in Room 214.



SUMMER BLAST (Age 3 through Grade 5): This summer we are going to "Power Up with God." We are taking a 9-week look at the Fruits of the Spirit and what God is doing inside each of us to help change the world around us. This week we will focus on James 1:17a where Jesus' brother, James, reminds us how everything that's good comes from God. When we understand that God has been so good to us, we can't help but show goodness to others.



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



You might think of the Bible as an old, dusty, irrelevant book, but there are parts of it that dive deeply into the emotions that we face today. The situations might be different, but the feelings are the same. What are the emotions? What do they mean for us?

Join us as we continue "Through the Bible", our 12-week dive into what the Bible is and what it means for us. **Summer Sunday School** is for Grades 6-12 and meets from 9:00 to 10:00 AM on Sunday Mornings in the Youth Lounge.

We are in need of large coolers to transport food for the West Virginia Work Week high school mission trip. If you are able to loan a large cooler, please label it with your name and place it in the hall outside the Wesley Center Kitchen on Sunday, 7/14. (Coolers are needed by 7/19 so they can be packed, and will be returned on 7/27.)

Our mission trip to West Virginia begins in just over a week. **Please pray for the family we're serving and for the students and adults from Asbury who will be attending.** Mark your calendar for **our very own night to worship at Asbury!** Wednesday, 8/14, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM in the Youth Lounge. Interested in helping to make the service happen? Let us know!

The **High School Fall Retreat to Casowasco** is September 20-22. Save the date!

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



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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 July, CFC is designated for Community Bike Works**, which provides children living in at-risk situations with meaningful alternatives to gangs, drugs and the streets.

THE ZIMMERMANS ARE COMING!

Want a delightful way to spend a Summer Sunday evening? This Sunday, 7/14, our long-term mission partners in Nepal, Mark & Deirdre Zimmerman, will be visiting Asbury. Come at 5:00 PM for the Open Door Service in the Worship Center ("At the Movies" with "Mary Poppins Returns"). At 6:00 PM, also in the Worship Center, we'll hear from the Zimmerman family about their ministry in Nepal followed by a barbecued rib dinner in the Wesley Center prepared by Charley Myers and his team. If you've already attended morning worship, just come at 6:00 PM for the Zimmermans and dinner!

PATHWAYS HOUSING SERVICES

A program of the Lehigh Conference of Churches, Pathways distributes personal care items to people facing hard times and families struggling to make ends meet. Currently, toiletry supplies are extremely low. Product donations can be dropped off in the plastic bin marked "Daybreak" across from the church office. Desperately-needed personal care items include: full-size bottles of shampoo, conditioner and body wash; deodorant for men and women; toilet paper; razors and shaving cream; feminine care products; and toothpaste and toothbrushes. Gift cards to stores where these items are sold can be dropped off or mailed in to the church office. You can also add your support with a donation toward the program's summer campaign goal of \$1,000 to purchase these products. You may send a check to the church office with "Pathways Toiletry Drive" noted in the memo line or donate online at:

<https://secure.ggiv.com/for/s2td>.

Thank you for showing compassion for the less fortunate in the community!



MEN'S RETREAT 2019 "WORTHY COMPETITORS"

Pocono Plateau Camp & Retreat Center
7:00 PM Friday, 9/27, to 1:00 PM Sunday, 9/29
\$125/person
5 Meals, 2 Evening Snacks
Comfortable Rooms
For information or to register:
www.poconoplateau.org or 570-676-3665

-AT THE- MOVIES

SERMON SERIES
JUNE 30 - JULY 28

JULY 14 ~ "MARY POPPINS RETURNS" ~ JEREMIAH 29:11-13

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 14

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School All Ages
- 10:00 a.m. Drop-In Choir Rehearsal - 102
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Open Door Alternative Worship - Worship Center
- 6:00 p.m. Zimmerman Mission Presentation - Wesley Center
- 6:45 p.m. Zimmerman Mission Dinner - Wesley Center

Monday, July 15

- 6:00 p.m. Country Crossings HOA - Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Praise Band - Sanctuary
- 6:45 p.m. BS Troop 12 - Wesley Center/106
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers - 206

Tuesday, July 16

- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff (Group) - Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. "At the Movies" Sermon Discussion - Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry - Aldersgate

Wednesday, July 17

- 1:00 p.m. AA Over the Hump (Open) - Wesley Center
- 6:30 p.m. "Everybody Always" Bible Study - Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters - 204

Thursday, July 18

- 8:00 a.m. WV Packing - 108
- 6:30 p.m. Thursday Night Grief Support - Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Nar-Anon - 108
- 7:00 p.m. WV Parent/Student Meeting - Worship Center
- 8:30 p.m. Open Door Band Rehearsal - Worship Center

Friday, July 19

- 6:30 a.m. Friday Morning Men's Group - Aldersgate
- 8:00 a.m. WV Packing - 108
- 1:00 p.m. AA Over the Hump (Open) - Wesley Center
- 2:30 p.m. WV Kitchen Team - Wesley Center/Kitchen

Saturday, July 20

- 8:00 a.m. WV Packing - 108/Wesley Center/Kitchen

Sunday, July 21 / Mission Trip Commissioning

- 8:00 a.m. WV Mission Trip Set-Up - Wesley Center
- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship / Baptism - Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. WV Mission Trip Gathering - Wesley Center
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School All Ages
- 10:00 a.m. Drop-In Choir Rehearsal - 102
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. VBS Setup - 106/108/219/221

NO OPEN DOOR SERVICE TODAY

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Keep this in mind if you are shopping during Amazon Prime Days, July 15-16!

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