



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

11:03 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

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Pastor's Column

I wanted to share you with you these 22 questions that members of John Wesley's Holy Club asked themselves every day in their private devotions over 200 years ago. I think these questions are still helpful today as we try and grow in our walk with Christ.

1. Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I really am? In other words, am I a hypocrite?
2. Am I honest in all my acts and words, or do I exaggerate?
3. Do I confidentially pass on to another what was told to me in confidence?
4. Can I be trusted?
5. Am I a slave to dress, friends, work, or habits?
6. Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?
7. Did the Bible live in me today?
8. Do I give it time to speak to me every day?
9. Am I enjoying prayer?
10. When did I last speak to someone else about my faith?
11. Do I pray about the money I spend?
12. Do I get to bed on time and get up on time?
13. Do I disobey God in anything?
14. Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?
15. Am I defeated in any part of my life?
16. Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy, or distrustful?
17. How do I spend my spare time?
18. Am I proud?
19. Do I thank God that I am not as other people, especially as the Pharisees who despised the publican?
20. Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold a resentment toward or disregard? If so, what am I doing about it?
21. Do I grumble or complain constantly?
22. Is Christ real to me?

See you in worship!

Pastor Eric



Asbury's Board of Trustees has been working on the topic of church security for the past several months. Many discussions have taken place, experts were brought in to complete facility assessments, and staff and committee members have attended several local "House of Worship" security seminars.

Asbury does have a security system in place to deal with general safety needs during our work day hours. Our newly established Safety Committee has begun to review safety measures for non-work day hours, including evening and weekend activities. One of the first recommendations discussed was to invite our local police into Asbury during Sunday service times, to walk around to become familiar with our facilities, to talk with members and guests and to enjoy a cup of coffee. This is meant to build a working relationship with our local police as well as to implement a "low-level" preventative strategy at little to no cost.

So, if you see a SWT (South Whitehall Township) Police Officer in the building, please do not be alarmed. Instead, take the time to say "Hi" and introduce yourself, and invite him/her to the Community Room for a cup of coffee. Be sure to thank him/her for their service to our community!

~ Asbury's Board of Trustees (trustees@asburylv.org)

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CARE

PREPARING FOR THE HOLIDAYS AFTER A LOSS: The first holiday season after the loss of a loved one can be painful. Join Asbury's Health Ministry for "Preparing for the Holidays After a Loss," an event to provide support, guidance, and tips on how to navigate this difficult time. The session will take place on 11/7, at 1:00 PM in the Aldersgate Room at Asbury. The atmosphere will be very relaxed and informative; and the session includes spiritual reflections and insights on how to help you and your family plan for the upcoming holidays (and other milestone events one faces during the grieving journey). Light refreshments will be provided. Feel free to bring a friend or family member to share in this experience. For more information, please contact Doris Farrar (610-395-2749 or lafalot111@hotmail.com).

SUSANNA CIRCLE will meet on Monday, 11/11, at **6:30 PM** in the Asbury Parlor/Community Room. Sarah Glunz, regional nutritionist for Giant Markets, will discuss nutrition and healthy diets. Refreshments will follow her presentation. All women are welcome!

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, 11/12, at **7:00 PM** in Room 217. Cheryl Trent will lead discussion on Chapter 3, "Weddings Gone Awry," based on the Parables of the Wedding Party and the Ten Young Bridesmaids, from the book, Stories Jesus Told. If you would like additional information, please contact Brenda Baxter (Brendabaxter14@gmail.com) or Judy Whitby (jmwhitby@aol.com).

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE will meet on Thursday, 11/14, at **10:00 AM**, in Room 108. All UMW Circles, women of Asbury and friends are invited to hear Jill Kearney, CEO of Senior Moves by Design. She will speak on choosing alternative living in one's senior years, downsizing, de-cluttering, and retiring in place. Contact Lynda Stear (610-336-6674 or lastear07@rcn.com) for more information. All are invited - enjoy friendship and coffee!

UMW SPECIAL COLLECTION: The UMW would like to ask for your help in collecting personal hygiene items to help homeless kids in the Allentown School District. For the month of November we are collecting bars of soap, wet wipes, shampoo, conditioner, hand lotion and hair spray. Donations can be placed in the Collection Bin Closet across from the church office. Contact Debi Olphin 610-261-2709 with any questions.

CONGREGATIONAL CHAT



Asbury's Lay Leadership will hold a Congregational Chat on Sunday, 11/10, at 12:30 PM in the Sanctuary. This will be a "focused" chat to address the building closing times, specifically the request for meetings to conclude by 8:30 PM. This session will be recorded and archived online for those who cannot attend.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Come join us for the Bible study: Because of Bethlehem: Love is Born, Hope is Here. Pastor Barbara will lead this study by popular author Max Lucado on Tuesday mornings beginning 11/19 at 10:00 AM in Room 108. The study will meet each Tuesday morning through 12/17. The first session will be an introductory meeting, followed by a four-week study, which will include a short video and activities to help us prepare for Christmas. Christmas brings the wonders of sleigh bells and carolers singing, but also sometimes heartache. This Max Lucado study will help us unpack the enduring promises of Christmas and the lifetime of hope that we have because of one baby born in Bethlehem.

ASBURY'S FINANCE COMMITTEE will once again be offering a variety of gift cards this holiday season that can be purchased through the church. Through this gift card program we sell gift cards at face value and Asbury receives a rebate amount between 5% and 15% depending on the card. Asbury can use the rebates it receives to support its vital programs. Stop by our Gift Card Station at the lower church entrance by the Welcome Center between 10:00 and 11:00 AM on Sunday mornings to purchase a Weis or Giant gift card or to pick up an order form for additional retailers. Additional retailer cards available to order include: Starbucks, Outback Steak House, Kohls, Nordstrom Rack, Olive Garden, Talbots and many more. [A full list of retailers is available on the order form](#). Print and return the order form; or pick up a copy from the church office during regular business hours. Please deliver filled out order form with your check payable to "Asbury UMC" to Craig Reber at the Gift Card Station on Sunday mornings, or to the church office during regular business hours. Order forms are due by 12/1 and cards will be available for pick-up on 12/15.

PRAYERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

"The Bible was not given for our information but for our transformation." ~ Dwight Lyman Moody

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 William Kilian, Alma Davis, Shirley Baxter, and Dawn Schneider.

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:

- Dottie Dibbs' daughter, Liz, facing numerous surgeries for facial reconstruction
- Makayla, age 13, diagnosed with leukemia, and hospitalized
- Edward, 18 months old, suffered a stroke due to a tear in his carotid artery, from Judy Burkholder
- All those affected and displaced by the wildfires and power outages in California

For our children and youth

We pray that our children and youth will be sensitive to others and know that everyone deserves to be given a chance.

For our congregation

Lord, inspire our hearts to new levels of love and trust so that we may become a living and visible example of your Kingdom.

For the world, its people and its leaders

Bless those who are suffering and struggling each day, and help our leaders to act with compassion and wisdom as decisions are made that impact the lives of so many.

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 family of Shirley Hewitt, who passed away on 10/27.

With thanksgiving for our joys

We celebrate with the families of the four children (Sawyer, Isla, Emma & Owen) who were baptized last Sunday.

For the missions we support

This week's mission prayer is for the Navigators at Millersville University. The Navigators is a worldwide Christian organization whose purpose is the discipling of Christians with a particular emphasis on enabling them to share their faith with others. They work to advance the Gospel of Jesus and His Kingdom into the nations through spiritual generations of laborers living and discipling among the lost.

Lord, hear our prayers!

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 9:30 AM Worship Service for infants through two-year-olds in Room 214



SPARK (Ages 3 & 4): This month is all about saying "Thank You." In fact, we are going to be bubbling over with thankfulness in our "Bubble Factory." During the first week of November, we are going to look at the story of Ruth, Naomi and Boaz and how they were so thankful for the family God had given them. It is our hope that this story will lead our preschoolers to know that "I can thank God for my family too."

BLAST (PreK through Grade 5): From pick-up games at recess to group projects in the classroom, many kids know what it's like to be overlooked and not given a chance. That's why throughout the month of November we will be looking at the character trait of "Honor." We pray that through our Bible stories this month, our kids will see that everyone should be honored and everyone is a "VIP" in God's eyes. We begin with 1 Samuel 17, taking a look at David. He was used to being overlooked by family and friends, but that changed when God chose David to face the mighty giant, Goliath. With God's help, David defeats Goliath and leads us to our Bottom Line: All people deserve to be given a chance.



CHRISTMAS EVE (Age 3 through Grade 5): Preparations are underway for the 3:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service. This worship service is led by our children and is a wonderful way to experience the amazing story of the birth of our Savior with your family. If your child is interested in participating, please use the signup sheets available Sunday mornings in the Worship Center or Room 233 (SPARK). **Please be sure to sign up by the November 5th deadline.**



Contact Aaron Forney,
Director of Youth Ministries,
for information on all
Youth Ministries activities & opportunities.

During the Sunday School hour this week we will be teaming up with Children's Ministries to assemble our "Phil-Up" flood buckets for those affected by Hurricane Dorian. We will meet in the Youth Lounge, then move to the Wesley Center where we expect to be assembling buckets until the end of the Sunday School hour (10:30 AM).



Coffee with a Cop: As part of an increased focus on security at Asbury, the Trustees have invited the South Whitehall Township police to drop-in the building on Sunday mornings; so if you happen to see an officer on Sunday morning, don't be alarmed. Visit asburylv.org/coffeewithacop for more information.

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



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 November, Change for Change is designated for the Warming Station in center-city Allentown.**



Join us on Sunday, 11/10,
between 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM
for a Mission Brunch, supporting
Asbury's Boy Scout Troop 12!
The brunch will take place in the
Wesley Center.

BARRELS OF LOVE

Our next Barrels of Love packing event will be on 11/16 at 9:00 AM in Room 204. Semi-annually we send barrels of supplies including used clothing from the bazaar, textbooks, medical supplies and more to our mission partners in Liberia. If you are available to help pack on 11/16, contact Dick McCreight (dickmcc@ptd.net).



ASBURY'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

TOTAL TO DATE

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	REMAINING TO GOAL
\$226K	\$124K

\$50K CHALLENGE PROGRESS

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	REMAINING TO GOAL
\$32,250	\$17,750

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EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

Last week in worship, Commitment Cards for 2020 were made available. If you have not yet had the opportunity to do so, please take some time to consider how you can support the mission and ministry of Asbury Church, complete the card and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate on Sunday.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 3 / Communion / All Saints' Sunday

- 7:45 a.m. Joyful Noisemakers Rehearsal - 205
- 8:00 a.m. Heritage Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Phil-Up Flood Bucket Packing - Wesley Ctr
- 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. Miracles of Jesus - 217
- 7:00 p.m. CS Pack 12 Committee - Aldersgate

Monday, November 4

- 10:00 a.m. Hewitt Visitation - Parlor
- 11:00 a.m. Hewitt Memorial Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Hewitt Reception - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. GS Troop 61025 - 215
- 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Men - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. CLM Orientation - Aldersgate
- 6:45 p.m. Jubilation Ringers - 206
- 6:45 p.m. BS Troop 12 - Wesley Ctr/108

Tuesday, November 5

- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting - Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Volleyball - Wesley Ctr

Wednesday, November 6

- 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Toastmasters - Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. AA Over the Hump (Open) - Wesley Ctr
- 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers - 108
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Church Council - Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Rainbow Singers

Wednesday, November 6 (cont.)

- 7:00 p.m. Divine Dialogue - 208
- 7:10 p.m. Faith / Apostle Ringers - 206

Thursday, November 7

- 9:00 a.m. Keep In Touch Ministry - Aldersgate
- 1:00 p.m. Preparing for the Holidays Grief Support - Aldersgate
- 6:00 p.m. Launching into Bible Study - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Grief Support Group - 215
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir - 102
- 8:30 p.m. Open Door Rehearsal - Worship Center

Friday, November 8

- 6:30 a.m. Friday Morning Men's Group - Aldersgate
- 1:00 p.m. AA Over the Hump (Open) - Wesley enter
- 6:00 p.m. JAM - Wesley Ctr/210
- 6:30 p.m. CS Pack 12 Den Meetings - 208/215/217

Saturday, November 9

- 9:00 a.m. Asbury Adult Basketball - Wesley Ctr
- 10:00 a.m. Nar-Anon Serenity in the Valley - 108
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Mission Brunch Set-up - Wesley Ctr

Sunday, November 10

- 8:00 a.m. Heritage Worship - Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m. Boy Scout Mission Brunch - Wesley Ctr
- 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
- 12:30 p.m. Congregational Chat - Sanctuary
- 12:30 p.m. Adult Inquirers - Aldersgate
- 5:00 p.m. Open Door Worship - Worship Ctr
- 6:30 p.m. Dig Deep - Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Miracles of Jesus - 217



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