



# The Ambassador

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We are the Ambassadors for Christ – 2 Corinthians 5:20

Asbury United Methodist Church  
2492 Andover Road, Cinnaminson, NJ 08077-3511  
Rev. John W. Doll, Pastor

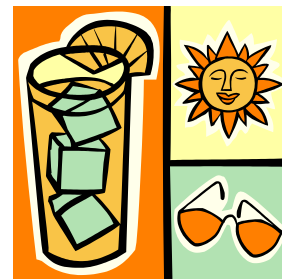
“We exist to be part of the kingdom of God in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” We will be dedicated to personal growth through Jesus Christ and to reaching out to others in Christian love.

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# God Loves Us!



Sunday Worship 9:30 AM  
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## A Note from Pastor John

Dear Members and Friends,

Special greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! It is good to be back! My heart bypass surgery has been lifesaving and life changing. I am very thankful to the Lord, my family and to you for your many kindnesses and prayers. One of my favorite sayings is “The future is as bright as the promises of God.” And for the life that Jesus has given me – now and into eternity – I am very grateful.

As is often my custom, I like to share stories that move me in my faith. In fact, this is one of my favorites! Through the years, I have found it inspiring and I pray that you do too.

*There is a time-honored story that many of you will remember that says the angel Gabriel approached Jesus in heaven after his time was finished on earth. Gabriel asked Christ, “Master, did you accomplish everything you set out to do on earth?”*

*“No,” replied Jesus, “not yet. There is still much to be done.”*

*Gabriel was perplexed. “Then what’s next?”*

*Jesus said, “I’ve left it in the hands of my disciples. They will carry on the work I have begun.”*

*Gabriel frowned and looked rather skeptical. He said, “Do you really think they will? What if the people somewhere along the way forget? Do you have a plan B?”*

*Jesus answered, “No. That’s it. I’m counting on them. There is no plan B.”*

*What a tremendous privilege it is to be the Church of Jesus Christ. We are Christ’s own body, the light of the world.*

*Dynamic Preaching, July-September 2012 p.32*

And so, this summer, enjoy all the extra light and be the light of the world. Take the long way home. Be kind. Be gentle. Love others. Since we have been saved by Jesus, may we spend our lives being a part of the Kingdom of God. Worship God here at Asbury and/or wherever you may travel this summer. God has big plans for us. As it is written “No eye has seen, nor ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him.” 1 Corinthians 2:9

Have a great summer! Don’t miss VBS!

In His Amazing Grace,

## Congratulations



We welcome the marriage of Ann Marie Hale to Jay William Sada on April 14, 2012. May Jesus be a guiding light in their life together as husband and wife.

## New Members

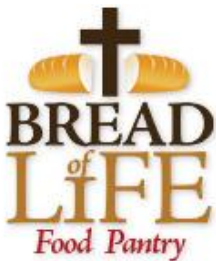
If you are interested in becoming a new member please contact Pastor John for information about our new member's class.

*Have mercy on me O God, according to your unfailing love... Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.*  
*Psalms 51:1-2*

## Mission News

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Missions would like to send a heartfelt THANK YOU for your continued support of the Bread of Life Food Pantry.

The food pantry never closes so please continue to bring in lunch items to keep the pantry stocked. You can bring donations to Asbury or take directly to the Pantry.



The pantry is located at Epworth Methodist Church, 5th and Morgan Streets in Palmyra, drop off hours are Wednesdays 1-4pm and Thursdays 7-9pm. Please see or call

Bernard Murphy aka Murph (461-9029) if you have any questions.

## Youth

Confirmation Class – Please keep the following young adults in your thoughts and prayers as they learn about the meaning of Christian faith; the history and teachings of The United Methodist Church; and an explanation of the baptismal and membership vows they will be professing this month.



**Matthew Robert Burns**  
**Samantha Joan Burns**  
**Joseph Frederic Doll**  
**Robert James Doll**  
**Christina Michelle Gentile**  
**Gianna Nicole Gentile**  
**Michael Joseph Graff II**  
**Colton Stephen Minnix**  
**Edward Roy Minnix III**

Friday Fun Nights - Friday Fun Nights will not be held during the summer but Save the Date, August 24th we start back up by going to the Camden RiverSharks Baseball Game. Tailgate at Church then off to a game at 7PM. All are invited, more details and ticket info to come.

Sunday School and Youth Picnic – June 24<sup>th</sup> is the last day of Sunday School. We have had a wonderful year with our youth group as well as our ever increasing Sunday school attendance. ALL are welcome to a year end picnic at Pomona Swim Club on Sunday, June 24th at 1:00 PM.



Summer Sunday School Volunteers - We are looking for volunteers this summer to work with the Sunday school aged students during the Sunday service. Ideas to do with the children are crafts, bible story, snack time, walk outside, bible lesson....whatever you feel comfortable doing with the kids. A signup sheet is available in the hallway and you only have to sign up for one Sunday (unless you'd like to do more).

*Do a little more each day than you  
think you possibly can.  
- Lowell Thomas, American Writer*

## United Methodist Men



### Asbury UMM Celebrate Mother's Day - The men

of Asbury honored the ladies of Asbury with a special gift of a yellow/black Asbury church tote and a festive and delicious brunch after the service. Missed it, or want to revisit the event? See the video at <http://myasburyumc.com> under the Sunday Sermon archive section. To everyone who supported and contributed with their time, money, food donations and participation, a special "Thank you!"

Start saving those "Treasures" for our annual Yard Sale scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Stay Connected - With Summer vacations coming up, the Asbury web site with its weekly videos of Sunday sermons and service/event highlights offers opportunities to stay connected. Each week, usually by Monday morning, Sunday service videos are posted on our home page at <http://myasburyumc.com>. It also offers a very powerful way to introduce others in the community to the "Asbury experience." Keep that web address handy to share or to personally stay tuned into what is going on at Asbury.

## Happy Father's Day - What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it ... Dad

– Anonymous

### Asbury Strategic Planning - Moving Forward

Building off the vision of what Asbury UMC would look like three to five years from now four teams of volunteers attended special training. With almost 30 individuals in attendance, training focused on creating SMART goals/action with measurable results. Each team will develop an action plan to transform the initiatives into reality.

The four teams are:

1. The worship team will look into creating an additional worship service.
2. The service team will plan ways to further engage church members in ministries within our church community.
3. The outreach team will create plans for reaching out to our community and evangelism.
4. The "balcony" team will oversee these three efforts with prayerful support and guidance in achieving our goals.

Additionally, a special team is developing an Asbury UMC brochure to be distributed to newcomers.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the events successful, and especially to those who are serving on a team. Stay tuned for more news.

## United Methodist Women

What is Mission Today? - The purpose of the Mission Today Unit is to:

- Energize United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action;
- Increase contacts between units and mission personnel and mission projects so that United Methodist Women understand where their money goes;
- Encourage use of mission resources through United Methodist Women; and
- Expand concepts of mission, including social justice as mission.

There are various levels of commitment and criteria involved to becoming a Mission Today Unit. Congratulations to our United Methodist Women for reaching the bronze level again this year. This achievement helps us fulfill our purpose.

*“The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as a whole person through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and, to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.”*

Five Star Award – in addition to receiving our Mission Today Unit award, the United Methodist Women earned their Five Star Award by supporting all five channels of giving:

1. Pledge to Mission
2. World Thank Offering
3. Special Mission Recognition
4. Gift to Mission
5. Gift in Memory



Where does the money go? More than 70 percent of Mission Giving funds from members go to programs and projects supporting women, children and youth, such as:

- National & International Institutions & Programs
- Advocacy for women, children & youth
- Member Support & Leadership Training
- Education & Spiritual Growth
- The Reading Program
- Deaconesses & Regional Missionaries
- UMWOnline, Response Magazine
- Grants, and so much more!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US!

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*“...their joy was so great that they were extremely generous in their giving ...” - II Corinthians 8:2*

Second Annual Ladies Night Out - "Ladies Night Out" is all about girlfriends, fun and food! Local vendors will offer shopping for handbags and home items, makeup, and jewelry just to name a few. Save the date, September 14th 6:30 PM, and stay tuned for more information. If interested in being a vendor (\$25 a table) contact Judy Taylor (856-461-1455) or Rosalie Del Buono (856-829-4417).



**Protected** ([www.dailyword.com](http://www.dailyword.com) 5/27/12)

The power of God protects my loved ones and me. The One Presence in the universe—God the good—is all-powerful, all-knowing and everywhere present. I turn to the presence of God within me to guide my choices, inspire my thinking, adjust my attitude, and infuse my interactions with love and respect.

I give thanks for the illuminating light that surrounds me, the divine love that enfolds me, and the power that protects me. Likewise, I hold this truth for my loved ones and know they are safe and secure.

With my faith and trust firmly in God, I am at peace. I am free to enjoy life, to travel and to savor new adventures, living each day with confidence.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts. —Psalm 28:7

## Asbury Easter Egg Program 2012

THANK YOU to all the makers and sellers for another successful year for the Asbury Egg Program. *Our production total this year was 61,049.*

Our commercial accounts had another banner year. We list them here so you know who they are. Please patronize them when possible, we couldn't have done it without their support.

- DELANCO BANK – Cinnaminson
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- GEORGETTI'S MARKET – Cinnaminson
- HARVEST DINER – Cinnaminson
- MOORESTOWN HARDWARE – Moorestown
- PAULA'S RESTAURANT – Cinnaminson
- ROGER'S NEWS – Palmyra
- PRIMO HOAGIES - Cinnaminson
- ROSVOLD PHARMACY – Cinnaminson
- SCHWERING'S HARDWARE—Palmyra
- FARM FRESH – Palmyra
- MEADOWBROOK FOOD CENTER - Pennsauken
- VID'S DELI – Riverside

Our price increase to \$1.00 per egg generated additional income this year and allowed us to purchase new coffee pots for our kitchen as well as funding the restoration of the Fellowship Hall floor.

Once the final total is realized we will allocate monies to Missions with the balance going to our finance program to take care of budgetary items as needed.

***God's Blessing to all, "The Big Egg"***

## Summer Music



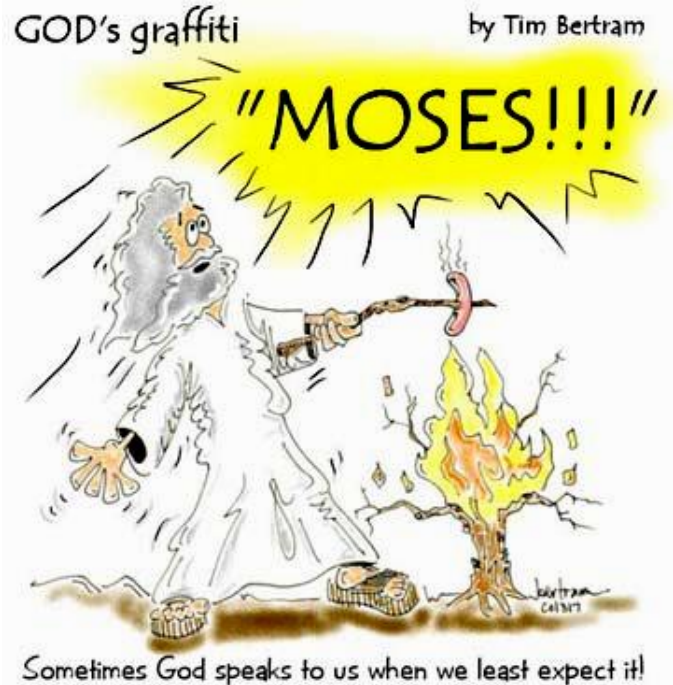
Anyone interested in doing Summer Music can contact Nancy Needs Morton at [naneedsmorton@comcast.net](mailto:naneedsmorton@comcast.net).

Vacation Bible School (VBS) – It's "Sky" Time Everything is Possible with God. Save the date for this year's VBS August 20 – August 24 (9:00 AM – Noon). See VBS letter and registration form for more information.

I ♥ VBS

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*To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did. When God takes something from your grasp, he's not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better. God our Father, walk through my house and take away all my worries and illnesses and please watch over and heal my family in your name, Amen.*



The Ambassador is a periodic inspirational and informational publication of Asbury United Methodist Church.



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Our apologies if any of the information in this publication is incorrect. Please let our coordinator, Mary Soderholm know of any corrections, additions, and/or deletions. Thank you.



## Caring Center

Members and friends of our church who especially need to be in our thoughts and prayers are listed below. Please take the time to stop by, send a note or say an extra prayer for our brothers and sisters who are in need at this time.

Jesus said, *“Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”* - Mathew 11:28

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Office Hours – Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>
Sunday	Sunday Morning Altar Rail Prayer (7:15 AM)
Sunday	Sunday School Classes for Children (during worship)
Sunday	Adult Sunday School Classes (11:15 AM)
1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	United Methodist Women (7:00 PM)
Tuesday	Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	Service at the Baptist Home (9:00 AM)
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal (7:00 PM)
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	United Methodist Men Breakfast / Harvest Diner (8:30 AM)
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Men's Bible study (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM)



### Upcoming Dates to Remember

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Sunday	6/17	Father's Day and Graduation Sunday
Tuesday	6/19	Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Thursday	6/21	SPRC Meeting (7:30 PM)
Saturday	6/23	United Methodist Men Breakfast (8:30 AM at Harvest Diner)
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Sunday	6/24	Guest soloist, Robert Edwin, with guest accompanist Joseph Krupa, organist from Salem Presbyterian Church (9:30 AM during worship)
Sunday	6/24	Last day of Sunday School and Awards Sunday
Sunday	6/24	Church Sunday School and Youth Picnic at Pomona Swim Club (1:00 PM)
Tuesday	6/26	Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Wednesday	6/27	Church Council Meeting (7:00 PM)
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Saturday	7/28	United Methodist Men Breakfast (8:30 AM at Harvest Diner)
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Mon-Fri	8/20-8/24	Vacation Bible School Begins (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM)
Tuesday	8/21	Family Fun Night (6:00 – 8:00 PM)
Thursday	8/23	Parent's and Grandparent's Night (7:00 PM)
Friday	8/24	Riversharks Baseball Game (7:00 PM)
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Sunday	9/9	Financial Peace University (FPU) class (3:00 PM – 5:00 PM) (13 classes)
Friday	9/14	United Methodist Women 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Ladies Night Out (6:30 PM)
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Sunday	9/16	Financial Peace University class (3:00 – 5:00 PM)
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Saturday	9/22	United Methodist Men Yard Sale (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM)
Sunday	9/23	Financial Peace University class (3:00 – 5:00 PM)
Monday	9/24	Trustee's Meeting (7:00 PM)
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Sunday	9/30	Financial Peace University class (3:00 – 5:00 PM)

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May 2012

Dear Children and Parents,

We will be hosting our Annual Vacation Bible School **Monday, August 20 through Friday, August 24, 2012 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon**, for children *ages 4 years and over (as of Sept 1, 2012)*. This year's theme is ***Sky-Everything Is Possible with God.***

Your child will experience many different things this week...crafts, learn building games, treats, lively Bible songs and stories, mission outreach and more!



Please mark two special dates on your calendar. The first is **Tuesday, August 21st from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM for Fun Night**. This night is all about fun, and like Vacation Bible School, is a special gift from our Church to your family. Join us for some quality family time. The second is **Thursday, August 23rd at 7:00 PM for Parents and Grandparents Night**.

We look forward to your child being a part of Sky. Your child must be **pre-registered** no later than August 5, 2012 to guarantee their enrollment. Please register your child or as a volunteer online at: <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/AsburyUMC>



If you do not have internet access please complete a registration form (one per child) that must be received by August 5, 2012 at: Fax - 856.829.9060 or via mail to Asbury UMC, 2492 Andover Road, Cinnaminson, NJ 08077.

**NO TELEPHONE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

If you can volunteer any time during the week **please register online** as a volunteer participant.

Because of the large number of children and our crew assignment procedures we are not able to honor requests for children to be grouped together. We want this to be a great learning experience for the children and also have them meet and interact with other children.



If you have any questions please call the Church office 9:00 – 11:00 AM, Monday to Thursday at 856.829.3801, or leave a message. We look forward to your child's participation in our Vacation Bible School **this year!**

Yours in Christ,

Sky Crew



# 2012 VBS REGISTRATION FORM

## August 20 - August 24, 2012 9:00 am - 12:00 Noon


Complete form or register on line - <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/AsburyVBSCinnaminson>



**AGE 4 YEARS AND UP - as of September 1, 2012**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY & USE A SEPARATE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH CHILD**

### Child Participant Information

First Name	_____	Last Name	_____
Gender	M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>	Birth Date	____/____/____ <small>MM/DD/YYYY</small>
			Grade This Fall _____
Street Address	_____		
City	_____		ST _____
Contact Phone 1	_____	Contact Phone 2	_____
Parent E-Mail	_____		
Food Allergies	_____		
Drug Allergies	_____		
Medical Concerns	_____		



### Parent Information

First Name	_____	Last Name	_____
First Name	_____	Last Name	_____

### Emergency Contact Information

Name	_____	Phone	_____
Relationship	_____		

### Alternate Pickup

Name	_____	Phone	_____
Name	_____	Phone	_____



Will you support your child's VBS learning program by attending Parents' Night Thursday August 23rd at 7:00 pm? **Y or N**

*Register Early - registrants are accepted on a first received basis when capacity is reached registrants will be put on a waiting list*



# Save the Dates



There is something for everyone.

Vacation Bible School – Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

RiverSharks Baseball Game – Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ladies Night Out (vendor event) – Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

Annual Asbury Yard Sale – Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. -2 Corinthians 3:17*

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Lord, we are thankful for...