



The Ambassador

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

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Rev. John W. Doll, Pastor

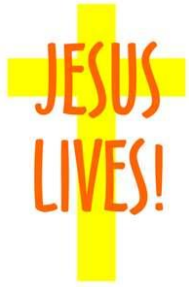
“We exist to be part of the kingdom of God in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” We will be dedicated to personal growth through Jesus Christ and to reaching out to others in Christian love.

Holy Week Observances at Asbury

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| Sunday | 3/24 | Palm Sunday Services at 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM |
| Wednesday | 3/27 | Quiet Communion in the Church Chapel 6:00 AM – 11:00 AM |
| Wednesday | 3/27 | New Members Class 7:30 PM |
| Thursday | 3/28 | Holy Thursday Communion Service 7:30 PM |
| Friday | 3/29 | Good Friday - <i>Could you not watch with me one hour?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men’s Breakfast 7:30 AM at Bethany Lutheran Church, 617 Morgan Avenue, Palmyra • Good Friday Service 12:00 Noon at Epworth United Methodist Church, 5th and Morgan, Palmyra • Prayer Vigil 3:00 PM Friday through Resurrection Sunday 6:30 AM in the Asbury Sanctuary |
| Sunday | 3/31 | Resurrection Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sonrise</i> Service at Lakeview Cemetery 6:30 AM • Breakfast at Asbury 7:15 AM • Early Communion Service in Chapel/Parlor 8:00 AM • Morning Worship Service 9:30 AM • Chapel Time & Easter Egg Hunt 11:30 AM |



Sunday Worship
8:00 AM and 9:30 AM
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Dear Members and Friends,

Comedian Bob Hope – whom many of us remember quite fondly as a wonderful entertainer – was married to his wife Delores for 69 years, the longest Hollywood marriage on record. Bob lived two months past his hundredth birthday. Delores died at 102. Delores was a devout Catholic. Bob loved to tell about the time she got on a plane in which two priests were seated in front of her. Three nuns were seated behind her. One of Bob Hope's writers named Charlie Lee was also on the flight. Lee Asked Hope, "Why can't she take out regular flight insurance like the rest of us?" *

No doubt, Jesus Christ has given us the best flight/life insurance any of us could ever have. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Thankfully, Jesus doesn't just offer this to us for the end of our life but for us to have a new way of life. "One of the most obvious examples of Christian servanthood was a young Albanian woman named Agnes. At the age of 18 Agnes gave in to the tugging on her heart that she had felt for many years. She became a nun. . . . In 1948, after 17 years living this cloistered life, Agnes decided to walk away from the convent taking nothing with her except three Saris to go over her white habit. She left the convent and went into the street to serve the least and the lowest . . . She said the goal of her life was to "to be a pencil in God's hand." She said she was called to care for the sick, the poor, the dying, and the dispossessed, to show them the love that God had for them. She spent the rest of her life picking up dying people off the street and carrying them to shelter . . . And she did it with a beautiful smile. We know Agnes, of course, as Mother Theresa, a true saint of God, and one of the great people of the twentieth century. She was the perfect example of the kind of greatness Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once talked about: "Everybody can be great," he said, "because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. . . You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love."*

Many years ago, my brother Fred was taking a flight to Rome from JFK Airport and as I sat and watched the flight getting ready to leave the gate, Mother Theresa boarded the plane. In addition to knowing that Fred's flight would be safe in its travel, I was struck by this very special saint's humble bearing.

May it be our special prayer as we go through Holy Week and celebrate the Resurrection "to be pencils in the hand of God".

In His Amazing Grace,

Pastor John Doll

*Special thanks to Dynamic Preaching – January – March 2013 for these stories/narratives.

Sacrament of Baptism

*Welcome to the family of
Christian Faith*



Brielle Hope Dzurandin 1/13/13
Proud Parents Jeff and Kristin Dzurandin

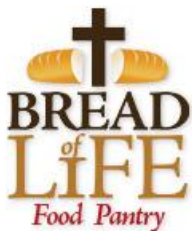
Ainsley Jane Locke 3/17/13
Proud Parents David and Laura Locke
Proud Sisters Emily and Delaney

New Members Class

Anyone interested in taking the step of being a full member of Asbury United Methodist Church is invited to attend two inquiry classes Wednesday, March 20th and March 27th at 7:30 PM. Childcare will be provided. For further information you may call 856-829-3801.

Mission News

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Please continue to bring in lunch items to keep the pantry stocked. We thank you for being so generous. You can bring donations to Asbury or take them 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.

Abba - We continue to support Abba, (a Palmyra based group that helps pregnant women and their infants). If you shop for groceries at Shop-Rite please consider using a gift card. These are dollar for dollar cards and

can be purchased from Don Ochs before or after Sunday services.

Out Reach Evangelism Organization! (OREO) – Dinner is Served

Our first "Free Church and Community Dinner" is scheduled for Saturday, March 23 from 5 to 7 PM in Tussey Hall. This is an Open Invitation. Please feel free to invite your neighbors, friends and family. If you know of any shut-ins that need a dinner let us know. Volunteers are needed in the dining and kitchen area. Please contact Art Elly at ellymon1@hotmail.com for more information.

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.—John 14:1

Family Fun Night

Our January activity was snow! We made snowmen for our craft out of packing peanuts. Then we played a game where we pretended to be skiing while dressed in our winter gear. For dessert we made edible snowmen using graham crackers, marshmallows, icing, pretzels and candy. The finished products were all unique and yummy!

Our February fun night was making Easter eggs and bunnies to help decorate our church. Before game time we ate pizza. We then spent the rest of the night playing relay games which were a big hit with the kids.

Our next activity is planned for April 2 at 6:45pm. We will be meeting at "Pump it Up" in Marlton. All ages welcome, just need to be able to jump! Or you can just come and watch. If interested in going please contact Jacqui Sztenderowicz at 609-634-2858.

Let us choose what is right; let us determine among ourselves what is good.—Job 34:4

United Methodist Men (UMM)

Asbury UMM Annual Dedication Sunday

On Sunday, March 10th, over fifty Asbury men stood tall for a very special blessing of



dedication offered by Pastor John Doll for the United Methodist Men's continued support of our church. Asbury is truly blessed to have so many men engaged in its service and ministry, providing Christian leadership to our families and friends. If you missed it, this special annual event can be seen in the Sunday video archives on our web site.

Snowbirds Watch Special Family Moment from Afar

Missing a special event - recently, while family was vacationing in Florida, Chris Sztenderowicz gave a moving sermon. The weekly service web posting of this event offered an alternative to actually being here and drew many proud moments for those parents who viewed it on their computers down in Florida.



Tri-Boro Council of Churches Renamed and Praises for Asbury

This past year's Ride a Christmas Mile ended with entertainment and refreshments at our

Asbury church. Some 38 participants from churches around the Tri-Boro region sang and enjoyed our hospitality. Soloist Kim Blinsinger, reportedly "sent chills up our backs" with her beautiful and moving singing. Very positive comments and thanks were expressed at the recent (newly renamed) **Tri-Boro Interfaith Council** meeting. Our warm and friendly welcome was also noted.

The renaming of the almost 45 year old organization is a reflection of the recognition of non-Christian houses of worship as members of the council serving Cinnaminson, Palmyra and Riverton faith communities.

Special Memory Gifts for Special Events

Along with our Sunday service sermons, children's messages, music and special events posted and archived on the Asbury web site (<http://MyAsburyUMC.com>) family events such as baptisms, special anointing (i.e., PFC Ryan McGinnis' anointing for protection as he serves in the Army), or new member acceptances are shared on DVD's sent to the families involved. Sometimes these DVDs contain special footage not posted on the website, such as the whole family taking pictures after a baptism; this is a special treat for the family library.

United Methodist Women (UMW)

The Asbury United Methodist Women met for dinner on Thursday March 7th. We had nine women attend and enjoyed good food and fellowship. Please check the upcoming dates for the next dinner date and hope you can join us!



*You know him, because he abides with you,
and he will be in you.—John 14:17*

Camden Neighborhood Center Annual Tea

Tuesday, April 2, 6:30 PM (registration); 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Good Shepherd UMC, 110 Buckingham Dr., Willingboro.

Join our sisters from around the Capital District to hear exciting news from the Center. Enjoy finger sandwiches, dessert and tea. There will be special music and the presentation of 2012 certificates. Ingathering – please bring either a new SPA or kitchen item. All items will be put together in two baskets which will be auctioned at the Neighborhood Center 100th Anniversary Gala Dinner and Charity Event.

Pray

Almighty, all-loving God, we praise you!

Almighty, all-loving God, we are here, available to you for service.

Give us open minds, patience, clarity and a more loving heart.

Give us deeper understanding and peace enough to listen for Your voice.

Almighty, all-loving God, we are here!

We ask for hearts open enough to be broken by the hurts of the world.

We ask for compassion that moves us into action.

We ask for insight to be bold for the vulnerable.

Almighty, all-loving God, you are faithful!

Empower us to be women of deep, honest, radical welcome.

Empower us to speak truth to power with daring and fearlessness.

Empower us to be bold and living, courageous and compassionate to do your will!

Almighty, all-loving God, we praise you!

Revitalize our visions so that we can embrace new generations of United Methodist Women!

Thanks be to God!

Jay Godfrey, seminar designer United Methodist Seminars for National and International Affairs

Morning Praises

We have been meeting for almost one year now. The group enjoys singing God's Praises every-other-Wednesday at 11:00 am. Singing favorites songs puts a smile on your face and is also good for the lungs!! It's not too late to join the group come when you can! We also enjoy prayer, devotion and wonderful fellowship with each other.

Asbury Choir

WOW!! Can you believe how our Asbury Choir is growing! The choir certainly has done a great job. Thank you all for your dedication to the Asbury Choir and Thanks also to Kim for her direction!!

New Early Sunday Service

The Early Service Committee was formed with the goal of organizing a second

worship service. It was agreed that an 8 am service on Sunday would be a good way to provide another opportunity for worship. Our Sunday School teachers felt that an early service would give them the opportunity to worship with their families. Others, because of Sunday work or sports commitments thought that an earlier service would allow them to attend church also.

We have had 5 early services to date and they have been well received. Several worshipers were walk-ins and we were delighted to welcome them! The service begins promptly at 8 am and is 45 minutes long. Don Feiler plays guitar and leads the singing. His musical leadership is wonderful and really sets the tone for the service. There is prayer time and a



scripture reading, followed by Pastor John's sermon.

We plan to continue the Early Service until the end of June, and then begin again in the Fall. Communion will be celebrated at this service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Children of any age are welcome and child care is available. We hope that you will join us some Sunday. You will be refreshed, renewed and blessed!

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

It's "Kingdom Rock" where kids stand strong for God. Save the date for this year's VBS August 19th – 23rd (9:00 AM – Noon).



Prayer Is a Click Away

Have you had difficulty maintaining a routine for Morning Prayer? Too often, we find ourselves rushing to get ready for work. No matter how many resources we have on our bookshelves, we find ourselves in need of a sanctuary or a discipline to engage in meaningful prayer.

Have you ever thought when you were hurrying to check your email before heading off to the office, the idea of searching the Internet for a prayer routine? In just a few clicks, you can discover some wonderful resources.

The Northeast Methodist Church in Minneapolis posts daily prayers from our *Book of Worship* at www.neunitedmethodist.com.

The Upper Room at www.upperroom.org, which offers the entry for the day, along with the corresponding Bible verse.

Daily Word at www.dailyword.com posts a Daily Word prayer.

Search bible verses at <http://bible.oremus.org>. Start using them every day. If you know of other sites that our members and friends might enjoy please let us know.

He's in the Army Now

Our very own Ryan McGinnis is stationed in Afghanistan. He'd love to hear from his Asbury family and your prayers are continually welcome for his safety.

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Easter Word Search

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| Bonnet | Joy |
| Cross | Lambs |
| Daffodil | Palm |
| Easter | Resurrection |
| Eggs | Spring |
| Happy | Tulips |

In Christian Sympathy

May the souls of the faithful departed in Christ rest in peace and may light perpetually shine on them. We place our loved ones in the arms of Jesus and we celebrate fond memories of their lives.



*You are in my
thoughts and
prayers.*

Rose Petsis / July 6, 1927 - March 9, 2013
Beloved mother of Janice DeNofa

Charles Arthur Leonard / June 23, 1921 – March 8, 2013
Beloved husband of Aunt Doris for 57 years and Uncle of the Doll family

Jack Soderholm / July 20, 1954 – March 16, 2013
Beloved brother/brother-in-law of Randy and Mary Soderholm

Miss Me - But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me but let me go.

For this is a journey that we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick of heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.

Miss Me But Let me Go!

Our apologies if any of the information in this newsletter is incorrect. Please inform Mary Soderholm (856-829-0035) of any corrections, additions, and/or deletions. Thank you.

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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

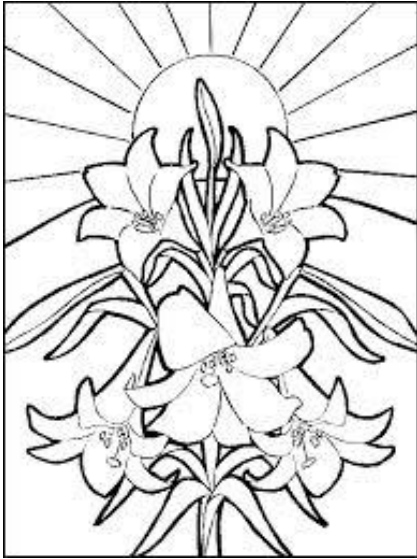


<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>
Sunday	Sunday Morning Altar Rail Prayer (7:15 AM)
Sunday	Sunday School Classes for Children (during worship)
Sunday	Adult Sunday School Classes (11:15 AM)
Tuesday	Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)
4 th Wednesday	Men's Fellowship Luncheon, Breakfast Nook, Cinnaminson (12 noon)
3 rd Thursday	Service at the Baptist Home (9:00 AM)
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal (7:00 PM)
4 th Saturday	United Methodist Men Breakfast, Rt. 130 Diner, Delran (8:30 AM)
4 th Saturday	Men's Bible study (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM)

Upcoming Dates to Remember

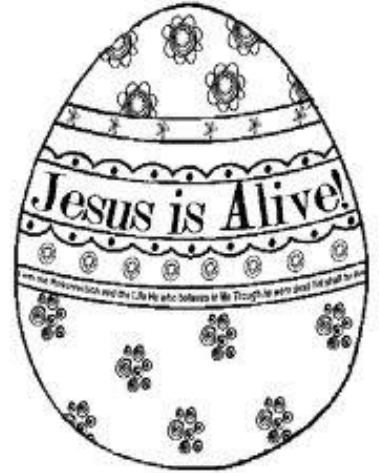
<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Sunday	3/24	Palm Sunday
Sunday	3/24	Worship Services (8:00 AM & 9:30 AM)
Monday	3/25	Additional Worship Service Meeting (7:00 PM)
Tuesday	3/26	Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Wednesday	3/27	Quiet Communion in the Church Chapel (6:00 – 11:00 AM)
Wednesday	3/27	Morning Praises (11:00 AM)
Wednesday	3/27	New Member's Class (7:30 PM)
Thursday	3/28	Holy Thursday Communion Service (7:30 PM)
Friday	3/29	Annual Men's Breakfast at Bethany Lutheran Church, Palmyra (7:30 AM)
Friday	3/29	Good Friday Service at Epworth United Methodist Church, 5 th & Morgan, Palmyra (12:00 noon)
Friday	3/29	Good Friday , Prayer vigil in the Asbury Sanctuary, beginning (3:00 PM) Good Friday through Resurrection Sunday (6:30 AM)
Sunday	3/31	Resurrection Day
Sunday	3/31	Sonrise Service at Lakeview Cemetery (6:30 AM)
Sunday	3/31	Breakfast at Asbury (7:15 AM)
Sunday	3/31	Early Service with Holy Communion in Chapel/Parlor (8:00 AM)
Sunday	3/31	Worship Services (9:30 AM)
Sunday	3/31	Chapel Time and Easter Egg Hunt (11:30 AM)
Wednesday	4/3	Men's Fellowship Luncheon, Breakfast Nook, Cinnaminson (12 noon)
Tuesday	4/9	Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Wednesday	4/10	Morning Praises (11:00 AM)
Wednesday	4/10	Church Council Meeting (7:00 PM)
Tuesday	4/16	Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Wednesday	4/17	Men's Fellowship Luncheon, Breakfast Nook, Cinnaminson (12 noon)
Saturday	4/20	Tri-Conference Disability Inclusion Ministry Conference to be hosted by Asbury (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM)
Tuesday	4/23	Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Wednesday	4/24	Morning Praises (11:00 AM)
Saturday	4/27	United Methodist Men's Breakfast, Rt. 130 Diner, Delran (8:30 AM)
Monday	4/29	Trustee's Meeting (7:00 PM)
Tuesday	4/30	Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)





Renewal

This is a time of renewal
as it happens every spring.
The flowers now are blooming
The birds begin to sing.
Easter is a time of hope
and a day of rebirth.
It shows that winter's over
And spring has come to earth.



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