



The Ambassador

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.

THE STORY

The Story is a condensed chronological account of the Bible telling the story of creation, what went wrong, and how all will be made right again; Who God is, who we are, and the meaning and purpose of life.

We're excited about *The Story*! Join us as we come to understand God's story, and how our stories are intertwined. **Invite your friends and neighbors.** *The Story* will be part of Pastor John's inspirational sermons, adult Sunday school, children's Sunday school, our youth group and some additional small groups. Together, we will all learn God's story, each at our own levels.

Contact Pastor John if you would like more information. Books and resource material will be available.



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A Note from Pastor John

Dear Members and Friends,



On Sunday, September 16th, we are beginning a Genesis to Revelation study of the Bible called *The Story*. This study will entail many special parts. First, each Sunday the message will be based on a chronological presentation of God's word. This will happen in 31 parts and will take us to the beginning of May, 2013. In addition to hearing the sermon message each week, there will be opportunities to read along and for further study in Sunday School and other small group settings. A book called *The Story* will be available. From the very young to those of older age, all will have an opportunity to study the greatest story ever told. Even more importantly, each of us will be able to get a fresh look at our place in God's story as we commit our lives to knowing Him better.

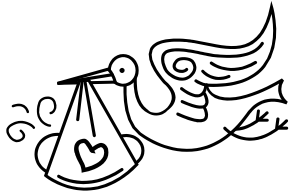
Sometimes people, even God's people, are intimidated by the Bible. And no wonder, its pages mention odd names like Jehoshaphat and Nebuchadnezzar. It contains accounts from places you probably never heard of, like Gibeah and Gilgal. And it seems to be made up a lot of different, seemingly, unrelated stories. But it really is one big, exciting story.

Beginning September 16th, we all have an opportunity to get more involved in *The Story* of God. Though I have a Master of Divinity Degree, never in my life have I undertaken a comprehensive Genesis to Revelation study of the Bible. I confess to you that I am not an expert with all the answers. What I do pray for as we study, learn and apply *The Story* to our lives is that this thirty-one week study will transform us in ways beyond which we can ask or imagine!

In His Amazing Grace,

Thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads in every place the fragrance that comes from knowing him.
2 Corinthians 2:14

Congratulations



Shawn Michael born August 9, 2012 / 7lbs.4.02 oz.
Parents Michael and Lori Huntsinger
Proud Asbury Grandparents Fred and Debbi Bofinger and
Experienced Grandparents Natalie and Norman Roton

Julia Rose DeNofa born August 30, 2012 / 6lbs 11 oz
Parents Anthony and Lisa DeNofa
Proud Asbury Grandmother Janice DeNofa and Great Grandmother Rose Petsis

Upcoming Events

Remember to check out the calendar of events on our website at myasburyumc.com.

Asbury UMW 2nd Annual Ladies Night Out – come join us for a fun night out with your girlfriends. Friday, September 14th from 6:30 – 8:30 PM enjoy shopping, chatting and desserts. We'll have a large selection of vendors to choose from: jewelry, hair accessories, t-shirts, food, bags, makeup, handmade crafts, scrapbooking and much more! Get an early start on your holiday gifts. Admission is a canned good item for the Bread of Life Food Pantry.



Asbury UMM Annual Yard Sale and UMW Food Table - Start putting aside your excess "treasures" for our annual Yard Sale, on Saturday, September 22nd. Come on out to see what great bargains you can find and help the church in the process. See Jim Gleason for space and table reservations (space: \$15 - table \$10). Remember our UMW ladies will be manning the food table with hot dogs, chili, pretzels, drinks and homemade baked goods. Food table proceeds to support the United Methodist Women charities.

Financial Peace University - Asbury is hosting Dave Ramsey's nine week exciting Bible-based Finance Class sponsored by the Tri-Boro Council of Churches. Classes will be held from 2:00 to 3:30 PM starting Sunday, Sept. 23rd. The course and a box of materials cost \$89 per family. A FREE preview session will be offered Sunday, Sept 9th at 2pm. Last year we had over 30 people for the 13 week session sponsored by Asbury UMC. This year fifteen churches are advertising the classes. If you know a family or neighbor who can use help in dealing with today's financially challenging times, share this invitation.

Class registration is available on-line via a link on <http://MyAsburyUMC.com>. The average family completing the course reduces their debt \$5,300 and saves \$2,700 in just 90 days - an \$8,000 change in their financial position.

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

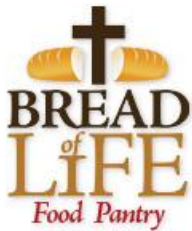
Family Fun Night – bring your families and friends the last Friday of the month for Family Fun Night. The theme for September 28th is missionaries (Bob Edgin’s grandchildren) going to Madagascar starting at 7:00 PM.



Fall Roast Beef (and Ham) Dinner, be sure to mark your calendars to have a delicious dinner on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Stay tuned for more details and ways to help out.

Mission News

We continue to support:



- The Bread of Life Food Pantry with our gifts of food – donations can be left downstairs in the fellowship hall.
- Abba with the purchase of Shop Rite Gift Cards – see Don Ochs before or after the Sunday service to get your dollar for dollar gift cards.

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.--Galatians 6:9

Youth

Vacation Bible School - TRUST GOD! A giant thank you to everyone that helped during VBS week, Fun Night, Parents and Grandparents Program, at the staff luncheon and the children’s pizza party. There were 130 children enrolled, 23 teen volunteers and 27 adult volunteers. A very special thank you to Robert Doll and Tom Reed who made sure all the heavy lifting, and the kitchen, carpets and bathrooms got cleaned, and so much more that needed to be done. Thanks also to the Asbury United Methodist Men who purchased the outside tents that were used during fun night and VBS.

Nursery Care and Children’s Sunday School - Nursery care is available during Sunday morning services for infants and small children. Children’s Sunday school (or as we have heard the kids say Sunday VBS will resume on September 9th for nursery age children through 4th grade.

Youth Group - Our Asbury Youth Group for 5th graders and up will meet Wednesday, September 19th at 4:30 PM. Bring your friends for some special Asbury youth fellowship time. Please check the upcoming dates for meetings in October.

Making a Difference



Once a man was walking along a beach. The sun was shining and it was a beautiful day. Off in the distance he could see a person going back and forth between the surf's edge and the beach. Back and forth this person went. As the man approached he could see that there were hundreds of starfish stranded on the sand as the results of the natural action of the tide. The person was picking up one starfish at a time and tossing it back into the ocean.

The man was struck by the apparent futility of the task. There were far too many starfish. Many of them were sure to perish. As he approached, the person continued the task of picking up starfish and throwing them into the surf.

As he came up to the person he said, "You must be crazy. There are thousands of miles of beach covered with starfish. You can't possible make a difference." The person looked at the man, stooped down and picked up one more starfish, threw it back into the ocean, then turned back to the man and said. "It sure made a difference to that one."

United Methodist Men

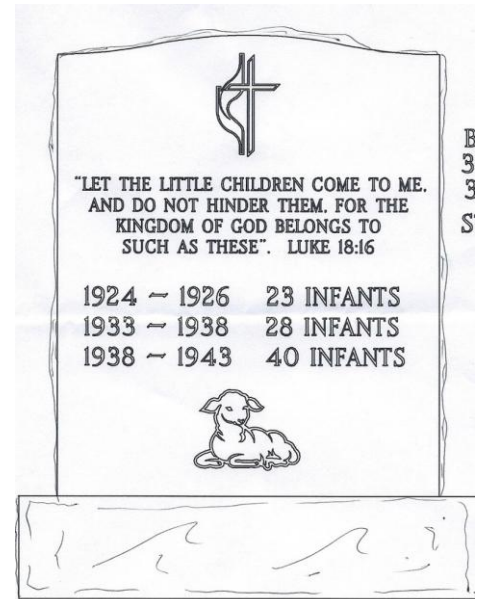


Asbury UMM Honor's Pastor John Doll - On Father's Day June 17th, the men of Asbury honored our beloved pastor, John Doll, with a prayer of thanks and appreciation for his 20+ years of service to our Asbury UMM and the congregation as a whole. John received a Lifetime UMM Membership certificate, membership card and gold pin. John has been a long time member of our Asbury UMM and is now among a very select and respected group who enjoy the privileges of lifetime membership in the national United Methodist Men organization.

Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing. – Mother Teresa, 1910-1997



Children's Memorial Campaign- Did you know there are 91 babies/children - mostly nameless - buried in unmarked mass graves in our Asbury cemetery? The men of Asbury have undertaken a project to raise a memorial in memory of those children and are inviting anyone who would care to "adopt a child" by making a contribution (any amount) to help purchase a stone monument. We hope to have this monument in place for a special dedication service near All Saints Day in early November. See Theron Grubb or Jim Gleason for more information and to make a contribution. Any excess funds raised will go toward Asbury children's activities to help our living children as they grow in their faith here at Asbury.



United Methodist Women



Capital District UMW Annual Communion Breakfast

Our annual communion breakfast is Saturday, October 13 (9:00 AM registration to Noon) at Broad Street UMC, 36 Broad Street, Burlington. Donation: \$5 per person. This year's theme is Domestic Violence; Breakfast is to be provided by the Broad Street UMW ladies who will be collecting non-perishables for Providence House Food Pantry. Music will be by Sheila Williamson from St. Mary's UMC. RSVP by September 28th to Mary Soderholm.

Asbury UMW Positions – opportunities to serve...all positions in our United Methodist Women unit are currently vacant and we are in need for ladies (you do not need to be a member) to fill the office of President, Treasurer and Secretary. Regretfully, if no volunteers step forward by the end of the year our unit will suspend operations. Contact Mary Soderholm for more information if you are interested in this opportunity to serve.

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy.—Psalm 16:11

Music

Asbury Choir - The Asbury Choir meets Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM. We are always pleased to welcome new members. If you would like to come and join us for a few rehearsals to see if it is something you would enjoy, we would be happy to see you! Our rehearsal lasts about 1 hour and we practice briefly prior to the Sunday Service. It would be great to see your "smiling face" and hear your lovely voice!



Morning Praises (beginning September 12th) - Morning Praises meets every other Wednesday at 11:00 AM in the Church Parlor. We have a wonderful group ...come when you can. Singing begins with your favorite songs (you don't have to be a professional to sing, you just need to enjoy the singing). A prayer and devotional is included and we sit around a table of goodies, eat and enjoy each other's company. It would be wonderful if you could come and join us for the Fellowship! Everyone is welcome, bring a friend.

Need a ride to a medical appointment? - FISH sponsored by the Triboro Council of Churches, offers free rides that can be arranged by calling 856-786-8404, at least one week in advance. Several Asbury church members volunteer in support of this service. If you are interested in volunteering as a FISH driver or dispatcher, contact Bob Moss at 856-234-7163. The FISH service is open to patients living in Palmyra, Cinnaminson, Riverton, Delran and Riverside (zip codes 08065, 08075, and 08077).

Asbury Website Videos Prove Popular - Asbury website's weekly videos of Sunday sermons and service/event highlights continue to draw many viewers - one of Pastor John's sermons has registered 209 viewings, that's almost "going viral". See what you've been missing by going to our home page at <http://myasburyumc.com>. It offers a very powerful way to introduce others in the community to the "Asbury experience" we so enjoy. Keep that web address handy when you are in conversation to support your own evangelism efforts and to personally stay tuned into what is going on here at Asbury.

Sound System - Backup volunteers to help with the sound system and visual display during Sunday services are needed. If you are interested email Nelson Burr at thundereagle@comcast.net for training.



Secretary - Are you looking for a good Christian book to read? Do you have one to share? Located in the Church Parlor is a secretary full of books for your reading pleasure. Please feel free to borrow one or two and return when you are done reading. Enjoy.

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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.

In Christian Sympathy

May the souls of the faithful departed in Christ rest in peace and may light perpetually shine on them. We pray our loved ones are with the Lord and we celebrate our fond memories of their life.

Elliot Smith / July 2012

Survived by family members and dear companion Helen Gasiorowski



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.

Gladys Bennett
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Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

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Maple Shade, NJ 08052

Iretta Clark-Cooker
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Beverly, NJ 08010

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Willingboro, NJ 08046

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Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054

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Aretta Warren
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Palmyra, NJ 08065

Robertus van de Beek
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Hulmeville, PA 19047

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

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)
3 rd Thursday	Service at the Baptist Home (9:00 AM)
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal (7:00 PM)
4 th Saturday	United Methodist Men Breakfast / Harvest Diner (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>
Wednesday	9/12	Morning Praises begins (11:00 AM)
Friday	9/14	2 nd Annual Ladies Night Out (6:30 PM) hosted by the United Methodist Women
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Sunday	9/16	“THE STORY” Begins
Tuesday	9/18	Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Wednesday	9/19	Youth Group (4:30 PM)
Saturday	9/22	UMM Yard Sale and UMW Bake Sale (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM)
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Sunday	9/23	Financial Peace University (FPU) class (2:00 PM – 3:30 PM), every Sunday through November 18 th
Monday	9/24	Trustees' Meeting (7:00 PM)
Tuesday	9/25	Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Wednesday	9/26	Morning Praises (11:00 AM)
Thursday	9/27	Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting (8:00 PM)
Friday	9/28	“Family Fun – Madagascar Night” (7:00 PM)
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Sunday	9/30	Cinnaminson Day in wood Park (12 noon – 4:00 PM)
Sunday	9/30	Financial Peace University (2:00 – 3:30 PM)
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Monday	10/1	United Methodist Women Gathering (7:00 PM)
Tuesday	10/2	Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Wednesday	10/3	Church Council Meeting (7:00 PM)
Sunday	10/7	Financial Peace University (2:00 – 3:30 PM)
Tuesday	10/9	Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Wednesday	10/10	Morning Praises (11:00 AM)
Wednesday	10/10	Youth Group (4:30 PM)
Sunday	10/14	Financial Peace University (2:00 – 3:30 PM)
Tuesday	10/16	Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Sunday	10/21	Financial Peace University (2:00 – 3:30 PM)
Tuesday	10/23	Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Wednesday	10/24	Youth Group (4:30 PM)
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THE STORY

Do you want to go deeper into God's Word?

Then join us as Asbury United Methodist Church begins a new Bible study called *The Story* and experience Scripture like never before. From Genesis to Revelation, this bible study is for all ages.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

FIRST CLASS MAIL

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