



Asbury United Methodist Church

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Sunday School for all ages - 10:00 am

Worship Service In person & Live stream - 11:00 am

Happy Spring Friends!

Grace and peace to you at this time when the world around us begins to bloom—and we are reminded that God is always at work bringing new life out of what once seemed barren.

This month, we stand in the powerful light of Easter. We proclaim with joy and confidence: Christ is risen! And because He lives, we are invited to live differently—with renewed hope, deeper faith, and a greater sense of purpose.

April is not just about remembering the resurrection; it is about living it. It is about allowing the new life of Christ to take root in our hearts, shaping the way we love, serve, forgive, and reach out to others. As a church, we are called to be a resurrection people—bearing witness to hope in a world that so often feels weary.

In that light, I'd like to tell you about our next sermon series. It's called "Alive: The Church After Easter." Here's how I summed up the series - Because Jesus is alive, the church is born, empowered by the Spirit, and sent into the world to live, witness, and serve together. This series follows the movement from resurrection proclamation to community formation to bold witness to Spirit empowerment. The series runs through Trinity Sunday, May 31. I want to invite you to bring a friend to church in the upcoming weeks to hear some of how the church developed and what our mission is.

In this issue, you'll find opportunities to grow, serve, and connect. Whether through worship, fellowship, outreach, or prayer, there is a place for you to step more fully into the life God is offering.

As we move forward together this month, I encourage you to ask:

Where is God calling me to new life?

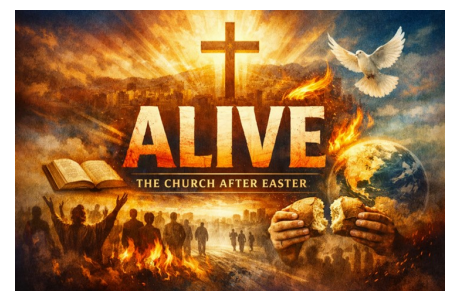
How can I reflect the risen Christ to those around me?

May this season fill your heart with joy, your spirit with courage, and your life with the transforming power of God's love.

With hope and gratitude,

Pastor Don

"If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" — 2 Corinthians 5:17



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

Get ready for an ice-cold summer adventure...Snowball Mountain Challenge!! June 22-26, 9am-Noon. Challengers ages pre-k (4 yo) through 6th grade (just completed) are invited to this exciting winter sports event to learn that with the strength God provides through Jesus, they can do all things. There will be a volunteer meeting Sunday, April 12th immediately following the church service for all those interested in helping out this year. If you want to be involved but are unable to attend this brief get-together, please see Stephanie Allen. Prayer warriors commence for VBS 2026!



APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING

Sunday, April 12th, following worship

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Monday, April 13th, 1:00 pm, at Francine Anzaldo's home

STUDY OF THE US CONSTITUTION

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Meets every Wednesday at 9:30 am

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE



Join us for our next meeting,
Monday, April 13th, 1:00 p.m.,
at the home of Francine Anzaldo.

Fran's address:

33 Birch Lane, Pilesgrove.

Phone: 856-803-4603.

See Denise Federici for information!
All ladies of the church are invited!

GIVEAWAY DAY- May 2nd, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

If you have already begun or spring cleaning is not far away on your to-do list, keep Asbury in mind for any items you'd like to get rid of! Woodstown's Yard Sale Day is scheduled for May 2nd, and every year, Asbury has a concurrent Giveaway Day of donated items—there are no prices, we just ask for a donation. As you're cleaning out, simply bring your items to church—we will be keeping everything in the youth room, and we'll take care of the rest! Remember—one person's trash is another's treasure! If you would like to help out on Give Away Day, please see Tammy Stubbins. Set up will begin at 7:00 am! There is a spot for you to help out!! Proceeds this year will be going toward our Vacation Bible School!



APRIL MISSION OFFERINGS



YOUNG LIFE SALEM COUNTY- Communion Offering

"Young Life is a non-profit Christian youth organization that introduces adolescents to Jesus Christ and helps them grow in their faith. As kids seek to find their place in the world, Young Life seeks to extend a hand of invitation to true belonging with their Savior. Young Life leaders recognize that kids want to be seen and noticed, so we go where they are. Volunteer leaders can be found at school concerts, JV soccer games, school musical audiences, and more, to show kids we care about them. Our leaders build relationships, earn the right to be heard, and share the Gospel with lost adolescents.

Young Life in Salem County currently has leaders reaching high schoolers in Woodstown, Pennsville, and Schalick, as well as middle schoolers and teen moms across the county. We pray that in the near future we could start Young Life Capernaum, a ministry created specifically for kids with special needs and disabilities.

Please pray that the Lord would send workers out to the harvest (Matt. 9:37-38)! Please join us as we petition the Lord to provide additional leaders in all areas of our ministry. Thank you for your willingness to join hands for the sake of the gospel!"

HANDI*VANGELISM MINISTRIES - Mission Giving

Handi*Vangelism (H*V) began in 1973 as a ministry of compassion under its parent organization, BCM International. H*V's primary mission was to challenge and train churches to minister to people with disabilities. In 2004 H*V became Handi*Vangelism Ministries International (H*VMI), an independent Christian mission organization, comprised of three program areas: disability, grief, training and equipping. H*VMI is a 501(c)(3), non-profit religious mission organization with church status incorporated in the State of Pennsylvania.

*MISSION STATEMENT: H*VMI exists to share the compassion of Christ by walking alongside individuals facing life's challenges and equipping others to do the same.*

H*VMI's primary outreaches in our Disability Ministry are: Handi*Camp, a summer camping program for youth and adults with disabilities. Bible clubs and studies for people with disabilities of all ages. Support groups for parents of children with disabilities. Additionally, we reach out to our campers and contacts with disabilities to support them through the year in our discipleship outreach. Bringing them encouragement and 1 on 1 support as well as sending devotionals weekly.

H*VMI's primary outreaches in our Grief Ministry are the BASIS (Brothers and Sisters in Support) support groups. There are nine groups that H*VMI currently offers. BASIS also hosts a breakfast and picnic once a year for people in grief to come together and fellowship. BASIS reaches out one on one to grieving parents and sends sympathy cards on dates that are meaningful to each family (Birthday, death day and holidays)

H*VMI's Training ministry seeks to equip individuals, the church, organizations, and the community in how to better serve people facing a variety of life challenges. Through our 50+ year history we have gathered resources and experience that we desire to share with others to help them minister to God's people well.

*Donations to our Communion Offering can be made anytime during the month. You may also donate to any of our missions at any time during the year. Checks should be made out to: Asbury UMC, indicate on your check or envelope which mission you would like your donation to go towards.

April & May Birthdays

Stacy Allen
 Beck-Ley Family
 Barbara & Charles Bender
 Phyllis Bowman
 John Corbit Breyer
 Keith Campbell
 Anna Caruso
 Walt Coles
 Gayle Copskey
 Sami Cox
 Gordy & Sue Day
 Dietz Family
 Jerry Everhart
 Sue Fletcher
 Carolynn Jo Foote
 Bea Foster
 Bill Fox
 Beverly Hampton
 Ruth Hargous
 Alice Hart
 Jerilyn Henderson
 Ben Hitchner
 Paul Hopkins
 Kaye Jenking
 Mabel Johnson
 Carol Kearney
 Sofia Loper
 Madison
 Esther McPherrin
 Margie Naglee
 Martha Nealer
 Special Needs Babies
 Phyllis Sauler
 Mark Schlageter
 The Family of Jeff Sickler
 Gerri & Ernie Smith
 Richard & Nicole Sparks
 Barb Stephens
 The Family of Marie Stubbins
 Tammy Stubbins
 Pedro Tamayo
 Barbara Taylor
 Tricia & the Blumenkrantz Family
 Bernie Weber
 Martha Wolf

04/01 Pamela Bender
 04/02 Keith Hall
 04/12 James Kates
 04/23 Donald Stevens



05/01 Ella Allen
 05/05 Beulah (Bea) Foster
 05/16 Debra Willard
 05/20 Barbara Gerber
 05/21 William Teter
 05/22 Denise Federici
 05/24 Erv Parker
 05/26 Barbara (Cassaday) Stephens



If you would like to add your name or someone's name, we encourage you to do so. We also would like to know who is requesting the prayer. Your prayers matter to God and to your Asbury Family as well!

Administrative Assistant Office Hours
 Monday & Tuesday - 8:00 am - 11:00 am
 Thursday - 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm