



Summer 2011

The Ambassador

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

Asbury United Methodist Church
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“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.

God's Blessings!



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200 Years of Faith & Fellowship

A Note from Pastor John



Dear members and friends,

Recently, I found the following story in one of my preaching journals.* It touched me and I pray it touches you as well. Read on...

One of the great missionaries of the twentieth century was a man named E. Stanley Jones. Jones was a man of amazing energy who wrote several best-selling books. It is hard to imagine that his career was once threatened and nearly cut short by chronic worry.

When he first arrived in India, Jones wore himself out, working and worrying. "I was suffering so severely from brain fatigue and nervous exhaustion," he later wrote, "that I collapsed, not once but several times." Aboard a ship returning to America, Jones collapsed again and the doctor put him to bed. After a year's rest, he attempted to return to India, but became a bundle of nerves on the return trip and arrived in Bombay a broken man. His colleagues warned him that any attempt to continue ministering in such a state of anxious care could be fatal.

While praying one night, groping in emotional darkness, Jones seemed to hear a Voice ask him, "Are you yourself ready for this work to which I have called you?"

"No, Lord," replied Jones. "I am done for. I have reached the end of my resources."

"If you will turn that over to Me and not worry about it," the Voice seemed to say, "I will take care of it."

Jones answered, "Lord, I close the bargain right here."

A great sense of peace closed in over Stanley Jones. He felt a rush of abundant life that seemed to sweep him off his feet. His energy returned, his enthusiasm bubbled over, and he plunged back into his work with a vitality he had never before known. Jones went on to spend a lifetime of ministry in India, writing numerous books, and ministering to multitudes around the world.

He later wrote, "This one thing I know: my life was completely transformed and uplifted that night ... when at the depth of my weakness and depression, a Voice said to me: 'If you will turn that over to Me and not worry about it, I will take care of it,' and I replied, 'Lord, I close the bargain right here.'" (6)



God offers us the best bargain ever! Will you receive His plan (which includes His peace) for life? Get close to God this summer!

In His Amazing Grace,

* Found in Dynamic Preaching, Jul/Aug/Sep 2011 issue, pg 6, from preachers' Sourcebook Creative Sermon Illustrations, Robert J. Morgan (Nashville; Thomas Nelson, Inc. 2008), p 807

Congratulations



Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him. Psalm 127:3

Zachary Wyatt Davis / 3/25/11

Proud Parents – Matt and Wyndee Davis

Proud Big Brothers – Jackson and Joshua

Proud Asbury Grandparents – Theron & Sharon Grubb

Sacrament of Baptism

Colin Sada 5/22/11

Proud parents – Todd and

Laura Sada

Proud Asbury Grandparent –

Jay Sada

Proud Asbury Great Grandparents – Archie and Russ Brown



New Members

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

May you receive from God a new spirit, one for today, here, right now!

Mission News

Vacation Bible School (VBS) - Save the Date, August 22 to August 26, and get ready to join us for the "Panda Mania – Where God is Wild about You." We need your prayers and support. It takes a congregation to host a successful program. If you can volunteer for the week, a day or two or just a few hours come and join the



fun. You'll be blessed and so will our children. See the enclosed flyer and registration form for more information.

Missions Scrip Gift Program Helps with Your Summer Plans - You will have two chances to order gift cards this summer. The first order will be placed in late June. There are many options for restaurants, airlines, hotels and entertainment destinations to choose. The second order will be in late August to help with getting the kids ready to go back to school. The easiest way to order is to go to the church web page, www.myasburyumc.com and follow the instruction to the Scrips Gift Card link. Happy Summer and happy shopping.

Support ABBA - Shop Rite gift cards are available to support ABBA (a Palmyra based group that helps pregnant women and their infant children). See Don Ochs to purchase your cards.

Support the Bread of Life Food Pantry - Our congregation helps to supply lunch items for the pantry. Items can be dropped off in the Missions corner in the Fellowship Hall or taken directly to Epworth UMC, 5th and Morgan Streets in Palmyra, on Wednesday 1 to 4 PM or Thursday 7 to 9 PM.



Compassion Child – Translated message from Skauerud O'Connell O, the compassion child that Missions sponsors - "I greet you in the name of our Lord. I thank you for the support you are giving me and the Christmas gift you sent me. It was kish 1,173.75. I bought a mattress. I wish you God's blessing as you continue serving him."

United Methodist Men

UMM Upcoming Events –

Mark your calendars. Start collecting your stuff to sell at our annual UMM **Fall yard sale** scheduled for Saturday, Sept 24th. And remind your friends our annual **roast beef dinner** will be Saturday, Nov 12th.



FISH - Need a ride to a doctor, hospital, rehab or medical testing? FISH, sponsored by the Triboro Council of Churches, offers free rides for patients living in Palmyra, Riverton, Cinnaminson, Delran and Riverside (zip codes 08065, 08075 and 08077). Call 856-786-8404 to arrange transportation at least a week in advance. You will be asked to leave your contact information along with appointment details. A volunteer will get back to you within 24 hours to confirm your ride. Note: 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. You can specify when you are available.

JESUS CHRIST is the same yesterday and today and forever. – Hebrews 13:8

United Methodist Women

UMW First Annual Ladies

Night Out – A BIG success thanks to the efforts of Jacqui Sztenderowicz and Abby Schultz. Over 20 vendors came out to sell their wares to ladies from our church, our girlfriends and neighbors. Delicious desserts were donated by our very own UMW. What a great time we had fellowshiping with our girlfriends. More importantly, we collected



186 items and \$19.00 for the Epworth Food for Life Pantry in addition to over \$500 to be used to support a variety of UMW missions both globally and locally.

UMW Monthly Meetings – There are no monthly meetings during July and August but mark your calendars for our September 12, 2011 meeting. Even though we have no meetings our UMW is still very active. Join us for 9:30 AM Sunday services and pickup Asbury's calendar of events in the bulletin for upcoming fellowship/mission events. If you'd like to join our email/ mailing list please let our president Mary Soderholm know at mmcc115@aol.com or 856-829-0035.

UMW Secretary and Treasurer Positions – Ladies we need your prayers and support to fill these positions. If these positions do not get filled our UMW unit may not be able to continue to help those we support, like: Asbury's youth, Asbury's Friendship Fund, Neighborhood Center, Boys and Girls Christian Home, Christian Caring Center, and Good Counsel of Southern NJ, just to name a few. Please let us know if you know of someone who might be interested. Position terms are for 1-4 years. General duties: secretary - record and type meeting minutes, send correspondence via email and regular mail; treasurer – deposit funds, write checks and prepare annual reports.

*Today... Let there be peace within me,
trusting that God has planted me right
where I am meant to be.*

The Lord will work out his plans for my life, for your faithful love, O Lord, endures forever.

Psalm 138:8

Asbury NCD Holistic Small Group focus

Financial Peace University concluded its 13 weeks of family financial training, blessing over 20 families from both our church and the surrounding community. We thank everyone for their prayers of support. A special thank you goes out to Jim and Pam Gleason for spearheading this group.

Our “24 Hours That Changed the World” sermon series, small group bible studies, concluding with a 24 hour prayer vigil leading up to the Easter Sunrise Service, were a blessing to the many who participated throughout the Lenten season. A special thank you goes out to Pam Gleason for developing this spiritual program.

Sunday School and Youth Picnic

We have had a wonderful year with our junior and senior youth groups as well as our Sunday school. ALL are welcome to a year end picnic at Pomona Swim Club on Sunday, June 26th at 1:00 PM.



Encore Sermons

Missed a sermon, or want to hear one again? Visit www.myasburyumc.com to see and hear the latest posting. Sermons are posted weekly along with some videos of children's message, choir selections, and special events for you to enjoy. Past videos are archived under the "Sunday Sermons" web page once the current week's videos are updated on the home page.

Stewardship Team

Asbury's Stewardship team is looking into a new resource sponsored by the NJ Annual Conference. MissionInsite is a powerful demographics tool widely used by churches across the country to better understand the makeup of their surrounding community. Producing multi-level graphical and descriptive reports not only of a wide variety of demographic data, but also offering in-depth family and personal value survey feedback that can guide the discipleship and ministry outreach of our church. There is no local church cost for the use of this tool a subscription has been funded by the Conference for all its churches to use. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

Prayers and Concerns Chain

The purpose of the prayers and concerns phone/email chain is to let the members and friends of Asbury know about our loved ones who are in need of urgent/emergent prayers. We have a daytime phone list, evening phone list and email list. If you are interested in being added to one of these lists, please contact Susan Stoneback at 856-829-2573 or via email at susan_stoneback@yahoo.com.

If you want to be happy, set a goal that commands your thoughts, liberates your energy, and inspires your hopes.

– Andrew Carnegie

Asbury Easter Egg Program 2011

THANK YOU to all the makers and sellers for another successful year for the Asbury Egg Program. We have a new record of **66,191** eggs, all because of you and of course our commercial customers. We list them here so you know who they are. Please patronize them when possible, we couldn't have done it without their support.

- CIOCI DELI – Riverton
- DELANCO BANK – Cinnaminson
- DELANCO BANK – Delanco
- GEORGETTI'S MARKET – Cinnaminson
- HARVEST DINER – Cinnaminson
- MOORESTOWN HARDWARE – Moorestown
- NEW LEAF – Riverton
- PAULAS 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

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

Thank You!

My Own Dear Dad

He's always quick to understand,
He always lends a helping hand,
He shares my problems and my play,
And helps me many times a day,
He believes in me, when others doubt,
He's a loyal pal and a grand, good scout,
All that I am or hope to be,
All that is "GOOD" that happens to me,
I Owe to my DAD...

And MOM would agree,
For Dad Picked Her Out and Gave Her to Me.
So HERE's to MY DAD, and may I be...
As kind to Him as He's Been to Me.

Happy Father's Day!



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Caring Center



Members and friends of our church who especially need to be in our thoughts and prayers, 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
1407 Riverton Road
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Naomi Horn
1316 Garfield Avenue
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Joan Sobota
2714 Branch Pike
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Sam and Jean Chamberlain
Ryan's Run, Apt 701
55 E. Kings Hwy
Maple Shade, NJ 08052

Walter Horn
Care One Harmony Village
301 North Stanwick Road
Moorestown, NJ 08057

Elliot Smith
The Masonic Home
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Burlington, NJ 08016

Anna Dietz
923 Cinnaminson Ave.
Palmyra, NJ 08065

Annette Johnson
25 Homestead Road
Levittown, PA 19056

Ruth Streckenbein
255 East Main Street
Moorestown, NJ 08057

Ruth Doll
54 Schumacher Avenue
Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

Lee Napier
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Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Marie Tuono
607 Sweetwater Drive
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Bob Edgin
55 Pageant Lane
Willingboro, NJ 08046

Jane Petrie
800 Read Avenue
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Robertus van de Beek
5 Fairview Avenue
Hulmeville, PA 19047

Bunny Flynn
915 Koala Lane
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054

Shirley Reichert
17 Crystal Drive
Edgewater Park, NJ 08010

Mary Unland
Brandywine Senior Living
1205 Church Street, Suite 262
Moorestown, NJ 08057

Theron Grubb
106 Pelham Road
Delran, NJ 08075

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

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 as we celebrate our fond memories of their life.



Elmer Woolf 3/29/11
Beloved husband of Betty Ann Woolf

Troy Scharr 4/12/11
Beloved son of Edward and Betti Scharr

Ed Dietz 5/11
Beloved husband of Anna Dietz

You Have Just Been Hugged (submitted with a hug by Natalie Roton)

There's something in a simple hug
That always warms the heart,
It welcomes us back home
And makes it easier to part.

A hug's a way to share the joy
And sad times we go through,
Or just a way for friends to say
They like you 'cause you're you.

Hugs are meant for anyone
For whom we really care,
From your grandmas to your neighbor
Or a cuddly teddy bear.

A hug is an amazing thing –
It's just the perfect way
To show the love we're feeling
But can't find the words to say.

It's funny how a little hug
Makes everyone feel good,
In every place and language
It's always understood.

And hugs don't need new equipment.
Special batteries or parts –
Just open your arms
And open your hearts.



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Office Hours – Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Sunday.....Sunday Morning Altar Rail Prayer (7:15 AM)
Sunday.....Sunday School Classes
1st Monday.....United Methodist Women (7:00 PM)
Tuesday.....Daytime Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)
3rd Thursday.....Service at the Baptist Home (9:00 AM)
Thursday.....Choir Rehearsal (7:00 PM)
4th Saturday.....United Methodist Men Breakfast at Harvest Diner (8:30 AM)
4th Saturday.....Men's Bible Study (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM)

This Week

Sun 06/12 Graduate Sunday
 Sun 06/12 UMW Hoagie orders due
 Mon 06/13 UMW Covered Dish Picnic Meeting (6:00PM)
 Fri 06/17 D. S. Bob Smith's Farewell/Retirement Service (7:00 PM) First United Methodist Church, Moorestown
 Sat 06/18 UMW Hoagie Pickup (10:30 AM)

Sun 06/19 Father's Day – UMW hosting a special Fellowship Time
 Mon 06/20 NCD Meeting (7:30 PM)
 Tue 06/21 Staff/Parish Relations Committee Meeting (7:30 PM)
 Wed 06/22 Stewardship Team Meeting (9:15 AM)

Sun 06/26 Robert Edwin, Guest Soloist
 Sun 06/26 Celebration of Bunny Flynn's Many Years of Service to Asbury.
 Sun 06/26 Last Day of Sunday School and Awards Sunday.
 Sun 06/26 Church Sunday School and Youth Picnic at Pomona Swim Club (1:00 PM)
 Wed 06/29 Church Council Meeting (7:00 PM)
 Sun 08/14 VBS Meeting (7:00 PM)

Sun 08/21 VBS Meeting (7:00 PM)
Mon 08/22 -Fri 08/26 Vacation Bible School (9:00 AM 12:00 PM)
 Tue 08/23 VBS Family Fun Night (6:00 PM – 8:00 PM)
 Thu 08/25 VBS Parents' & Grandparents' Night (7:00 PM)

Mon 09/19 200th Anniversary Meeting (7:00PM)
 Sat 09/24 Asbury UMM/UMW Yard Sale (6:00 AM setup) to 1:00 PM

Sun 09/25 Rich Hendrickson Visit. Stewardship Education and Development Coordinator, GNJAC
 Mon 09/26 Trustees' Meeting (7:00 PM)
 Fri 09/30 Children's Gathering at Asbury (6:00 PM)

Sat 10/01 Asbury Fall Cleanup Workday (8:00 AM)

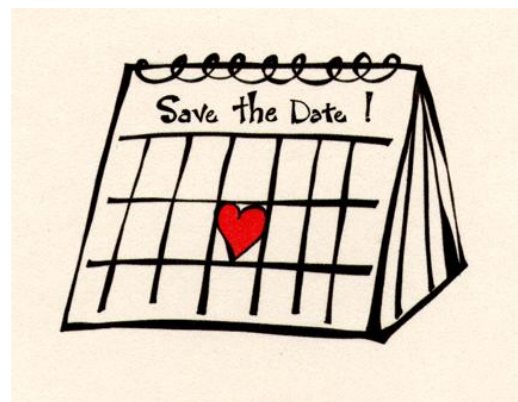
Sun 10/09 THE BIG EVENT! -- 200th Anniversary Celebration

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Fri 10/21 -Sun 10/24 Men's Retreat – Sandy Cove

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Sat 11/12 UMM Roast Beef Dinner





1811 to 2011

The BIG Event!

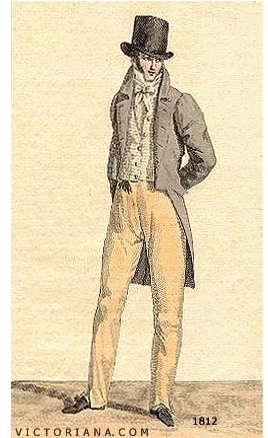
SAVE THE DATE

When: Sunday, October 9, 2011

Where: Asbury United Methodist Church

1811 Dance Dress

We'll begin our day with a wonderful Sunday service followed by good food, fellowship and fun activities. You won't want to miss out. See and hear the stories from over the years. Stay tuned for more information on our BIG Anniversary Event!



1811 – 2011 200 Years of Faith and Fellowship

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Lord, we are thankful for...