



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.

Pumpkin Patch and Fall Festival



Save the Date

Sunday October 26, 2014 at 2:00 PM

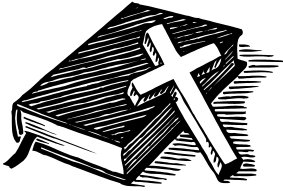
Join us for pumpkin decorating, food, fun
and fellowship.

Bring a friend. Free for everyone



Sunday Morning Worship
8:00 AM and 9:30 AM
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A Note from Pastor John

Fall 2014

Dear Members and Friends,

As you know, I enjoy sharing stories which touch my soul. Very recently, I found the following to be both touching and challenging. Read on . . .

A pastor tells about a man he knows named Bob. Bob is in his mid-sixties. Bob has gone to church all of his life and thinks of himself as a very religious man. However he has never let his religion get in the way of his lifestyle. Even though Bob considers himself to be a churchman. . . he really likes to control his own life. He hears the Gospel every Sunday, but the seed never really penetrates the soil of his heart. Very few of the values that he hears in church are translated into Bob's everyday life. Bob knows what he wants and very little of it fits the claims of Jesus on his life.

The altar Bob worships is the altar of Bob. Bob's problem is that he has committed himself to himself instead of to Jesus Christ. Bob is his own lord. Bob is the king of his own life. He gets turned off by preaching which quotes too much from the Bible. He wants comforting talk. . . He wants no mention of sin from the Bible. According to him, "That went out of style with the middle ages." Bob gets turned off by anything that might take him out of his comfort zone as a Bob worshipper. You see, for Bob going to church is like an inoculation for a contagious disease – he wants just enough religion to keep him from catching the real thing. (Dynamic Preaching, Vol. 30, #3, pp. 8-9)

It is my prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ be truly life changing in each of our lives. In many ways, "religion" is what we think we do for God while "faith" is about truly being changed by God.

May this be a personal prayer for each of us, "God have your way with me" rather than "May I have my way with me." Indeed, the first prayer makes for a much better life, now and for eternity!

In His Amazing Grace,

Pastor John Doll

Asbury Pumpkin Patch and Fall Festival – Free to Everyone



You will not want to miss this wonderful Church and Community event. There will be pumpkin picking and decorating, refreshments, and a whole lot of fun and different activities. Come and enjoy a wonderful time together at Asbury's 2nd annual Pumpkin Patch and Fall Festival on Sunday, October 26th at 2:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to make this event happen, please contact Tricia Parisi, Art Ely or Aundrey Peltz if you can help.

I am free; I am unlimited (www.dailyword.com 9/22/14)

In autumn, leaves let go of their branches. They catch a breeze, float freely through the air, then gently fall to the ground. Like the leaves, I let go of what I have been holding on to and find new freedom of expression. A whisper of inspiration guides my thoughts and actions as I drift to new experiences, ways of thinking, and patterns of living.

I am not tied to one idea, one job, or one habit. I have freedom of choice. Just as the leaf has no fear as it falls from the tree, I have no fear of change. I am one with God, imbued with unlimited potential. I look forward to new growth and adventures, new freedom to express who I am. I am free. I am unlimited. I am ready for new horizons.

As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil.—1 Peter 2:16

Ushers

Assisting with the Sunday offering and communion is an important responsibility at Asbury. Would you be interested in being on one of our usher teams or an alternate when

the need arises? Contact Steve Wolbach to learn more.

Our Newsletter is Going Green and Saving Money

We would like to begin using email to send the church newsletter. If you agree to receive the Ambassador electronically, please send your email address to the church at asbumc@verizon.net. Paper copies will always be available if you do not have access to a computer. Thank you.



Men's Bible study: Jesus

Asbury UMM bible study continues in our Fellowship Hall. A new seven part study has begun with sessions held 9:00am to 10:00 on the third Saturday of each month with bagels and coffee provided. If you are interested, feel free to just come, but if you can let Jim Gleason (609) 877-4493 know we will be sure to have enough bagels for all. Next session is Sat, October 18th.

Youth Minister

A big welcome is extended to Matt Reoli; Asbury's new Youth Minister. This is what Matt has to say about himself; I was born and raised in southeastern Pennsylvania. After graduating high school, I went into a college program called Ground Zero Master's Commission. Through MC, I was exposed to many different kinds of ministry, such as children's ministry, youth ministry, urban outreach, several overseas missions trips, church rallies, and serving at many different youth conventions. I had also discovered a great passion for discipleship and a desire to the church to return to the biblical structure and mission of the church, focusing less on numbers of the church and more on conversion, discipleship, community, and outreach. If there is anything

that rivals my passion for youth, it is the edification and discipleship of the church internally. My passion for the youth of America isn't a cliché. Having battled through my fair share of hurts and struggles without Jesus as my focus and Godly men and women to support me through my own youth burdens me with the knowledge that there are plenty of teenagers going through just as much as I went through, if not more. As we reach out to youth and disciple them, we train them to do the same; disciples who make disciples that make disciples. If anything, I yearn to speed up the coming of Christ. Our Lord will return when every nation is reached for the kingdom, so we should desire that much more to send and be sent.

In my free time, I love hanging out with the brothers in Christ I went through college with. Conveniently, they live in the same house as me. I love watching movies and TV shows (Netflix is from Jesus), eating amazing food, doing anything music related, and talking about (and to) Jesus. I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone as we advance the Kingdom!

I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. - Psalm 34:4-6

Thrive Youth Ministry – You're Invited!

Matt Reoli, our new youth minister, is excited to be a part of our Asbury church family to reach out to the community around us and to engage in the Great Commission. His heart and prayers is to reach as many teens as possible. If you have (or know of) a youth in the 6th to 12th grade,



please invite them to be a part of this movement. Even if they don't attend church, Matt would love to begin to pray for them and welcome them to this new ministry. Come hang out with us on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM). We always have food, fun, community and we're always relevant for your life.

Operation Christmas Child – Shoeboxes

(www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/)

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through simple, gift filled shoe boxes and evangelistic material that tell the Good News of God's love. Boxes and instructional brochures are available in the education wing hallway. Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Include toys, school supplies, and hygiene items. Do not include used items, war-related toys, chocolate or perishable foods, liquids, medicine or breakable items.

Your boxes are needed back at the church no later than November 16, 2014 for shipment out. Please donate \$7.00 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs.

Vacation Bible School - Jesus' love is one of a kind! (check our myasburyumc.com for pictures)



Did you meet the Bible buddies; Shred, Iggy, Axl, Fern and Milton? Weird and wild animals filled the church as our children had another

fantastic VBS. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event so successful. We would like to acknowledge Wegman's, Shop Rite of Cinnaminson., Whistler's Inn, Pepsi Cola, Sam's, BJ's of Deptford, Subaru and Action Karate for their generous contributions.

All around the world, Jesus' love is amazing! We give of ourselves to help others. VBS also supports the Epworth Bread of Life Food Pantry. Look at all the cereal that was collected. WOW! In addition, mission offerings during the week totaling almost \$1,000.00 were given to *A Future with Hope* which includes Hurricane Sandy Relief, Imagine No Malaria, and to our local mission the Epworth Food Bank.



Food Pantry

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. God has provided abundance in our lives. If you are able, kindly provide for local families in need. The Bread of Life food pantry will be collecting turkeys this holiday season. Please be generous, the pantry shelves are always in need of one more canned or boxed food item. Thank you and God bless!

Asbury Egg Program Patrons – Additions

We would like to thank the following patrons who were inadvertently not included in last quarter's newsletter. Please patronize them when possible, we couldn't have done it without their support. Thank you and God Bless.

- Mainline Hair, Cinnaminson
- Pat's Auto Tags, Philadelphia
- Styles by Jess, Maple Shade

The one talent

In the mind of each of us there are pictures; melodies; visions or inspired interpretations; which strive to give outward expression. The avenue through which an expression can reach the outside differs with the individual. – S.F.Wms.

Madagascar - African Inland Missions

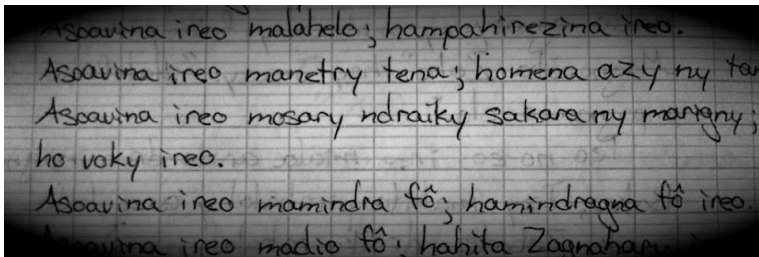
Remember when Jordan Bracy (grandson of Bob Edgin) and his wife Laura shared about their upcoming ministry to Madagascar? They have been ministering on the island of Nosy Be (an island of Madagascar) to the northern Sakalava people for over the past year.



With Africa Inland Mission's TIMO team, they lived in and among the Sakalava people. Their time spent learning the language and culture. Once they had a basic understanding, they began to incorporate storytelling to teach the Sakalava about God, His Word, and what He has done through Jesus Christ.

It takes a significant amount of time to become fluent enough in the language and culture of the people to have an effective long term ministry. Their goal is to share the gospel with

the Sakalava through culturally appropriate ways and the relationships they build. This opens up the doors for a Biblically based transformation of their society. Laura began some translation work with a children's bible story and was pleased to post on their facebook page (ByHisGrace) that God helped them translate "Blessed are those hungry and thirsty for truth; they will be full." There are so many people here that are hungry and thirsty for truth, pray that they will be full!



As we know God has a plan for us all. Although Jordan and Laura were to spend a couple years in Madagascar God has temporarily changed direction for them. Laura is expecting their first child in December. They are excited for this new life that God has given them but felt it best for the birth to be in the States with the support of family. So God is pointing Jordan to seminary until they can return to full time ministry with plans to return to the Sakalava people.

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.—2 Timothy 1:7



Madagascar Bound - Mercy Ship

Did you know that Grace Slotterback's granddaughter, Amy Moser, is a volunteer on Mercy Ship which has just accepted an invitation to bring the world's largest civilian hospital ship to Madagascar for its next field service until middle of 2015? Anticipated arrival into Tamatave, Madagascar, is by the end of October. If you'd like to know more about Amy's adventures or support a crew member talk with Grace, she loves talking about her granddaughter.

The Mercy Ship is equipped with five state-of-the-art operating rooms and is a fully modern hospital specializing in maxillofacial, reconstructive, plastics, orthopaedic, ophthalmic, dental and obstetric fistula surgeries. Doctors onboard anticipate operating on thousands of patients during the 16,500-ton hospital ship's stay of several months in port. The surgeries and care are provided at no cost to the Malagasy people, and the focus of care is on the population which have very little or no access to specialized surgical healthcare.

Madagascar is located off the southeastern coast of Africa. More than 43% of its more than 22 million inhabitants are under the age of 20, and the nation is positioned 151 out of 187 countries in the U.N. Human Development Index. A protracted political crisis in recent years has endangered the nation's ability to meet a number of millennium development goals and has taken a heavy toll on Madagascar's economy and people, especially the most vulnerable.

www.mercyships.org

MyAsburyUMC.com Analytics

Since its launch in late 2006, our Asbury church web site has had over 13,000 users from all over the world (95% are US users), who have over 66,000 pages on our site. This

is one way Asbury provides community outreach. Have you visited the recently revised site and constantly updated **MyAsburyUMC.com** lately?

Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. - 2 Peter 1:2



United Methodist Women

How can we help each other to be all that God wants us to be? Would you like to be a part of a circle of women who can assist with this question? The United Methodist Women local units are changing; it no longer requires strict positions so we are not looking for officers. We are looking for women who would like to work together and make a difference. If interested in being an active part of a women's circle please contact Mary Soderholm to brainstorm new ideas for Asbury.

United Methodist Women – Capital District News – Shout Out for Justice

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.

Please join women from our district at the GNJ Annual Fall Meeting, October 18, 2014, 9:30

AM – 3:00 PM, Redbank UMC. Keynote speaker is Sabrina White, Baltimore-Washington Conference with panel discussion on Racial Justice. Cost \$10.00 (includes continental breakfast and lunch. To register, email Marcia Roebuck marciaroebuck@aol.com (973-943-1727) as soon as possible.

Parsonage Update

Memories abounded as demolition was completed on the old parsonage. Check out www.myasburyumc.com for a video of the demolition. With sadness but also hope for the future, the Doll family said good-bye to their long time residence. Indeed, it is with joy that we embrace the new construction for all the pastors and parsonage families to reside here. God is in control and progress continues on the construction of the modular home. If you have any questions, please speak with Jim Hartshorne or JC Hoffmeier.

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. - Ephesians 3:16-18

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Caring Center - When we are weary in life's struggles, find strength in the Lord.

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

Gladys Bennett
1407 Riverton Road
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Iretta Clark-Cooker
506 Delanco Road
Beverly, NJ 08010

Bunny Flynn
915 Koala Lane
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054

Joan Hardie
408 Brigham Court
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Naomi Horn
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Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Marion Lippincott
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Delair, NJ 08110

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Riverton, NJ 08077-3544

Bille Schafer
1305 Lakeview Drive
Lansdale, PA 19446-3112

Joan Sobota
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Ruth Streckenbein
Collingswood Manor
460 Haddon Avenue
Collingswood, NJ 08108

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Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

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Moorestown, NJ 08057

Helen van Ness
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Robertus van de Beek
25 Homestead Road
Levittown, PA 19056

Trudie Verrill
102 Arrowood Court B
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054

Surviving our struggles is a testimony to God's grace.

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it – Psalm 118:24



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.

*Bernice Bridgman / August 2014
Beloved mother of Bunny Flynn*

Personal Thank You from Sharon Grubb

I wish to thank our Asbury Family for their thoughts, prayers, phone calls, invitations to homes for meals, etc. during the time of Theron's home going and since. Ya'll are the most wonderful people that God has put me close to. You have helped Wyn and me to get through very difficult times. We are so thankful for all of you. May Our Sweet Lord continue to bless and keep all. May God grow all of us in his likeness as we try hard to move toward perfection loving and caring for one another and reaching out to those who do not know Our Lord!

Your sister in Jesus, *Sharon Grubb*

An Alzheimer's Request (Poem by Owen Darnell)

Do not ask me to remember
Don't try to make me understand
Let me rest and know you're with me
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.

I'm confused beyond your concept
I'm sad and sick and lost
All I know is that I need you
To be with me at all cost.

Please do not lose your patience with me
Do not scold me or curse or cry
I can't help the way I'm acting
I can't be different though I try.

Just remember that I need you
And the best of me is gone
Please don't fail to stand beside me
And love me till my life is done.



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Sunday.....Early Worship Service (8:00 AM)
Sunday.....Sunday School Classes 4 years old through 4th grade (During 9:30 service)
Sunday.....Adult Sunday School Class (11:15 AM)
Tuesday.....Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Alternate Wednesdays....Morning Praises (11:00AM)
Alternate Wednesdays...Men's Fellowship Luncheon at the Nook, River Rd., Cinna., (12 noon)
3rd Thursday.....Service at the Baptist Home (9:00 AM)
Thursday.....Choir Rehearsal (7:00 PM)
3rd Saturday.....United Methodist Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall (9:00 AM)
4th Saturday.....United Methodist Men's Breakfast Jersey Diner, Rt. 130, Cinna., (8:30 AM)

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This Week

Sun 10/12 Cinnaminson Day in Wood Park (12 Noon to 4:00 PM)
Mon 10/13 Women's Bible Study (6:30 PM)
Mon 10/13 New Member's Inquiry Class (7:00 PM)
Tue 10/14 Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Tue 10/14 Finance Committee (7:00 PM)
Wed 10/15 UMM Fellowship Luncheon (12 Noon)
Wed 10/15 No THRIVE Youth Ministry this week
Thu 10/16 Pumpkin Patch & Fall Festival Planning Meeting (7:00 PM)
Sat 10/18 UMM Bible Study (9:00 AM)

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Sun 10/19 Cady Addison Blinsinger's Baptism (9:30 AM)
Mon 10/20 Women's Bible Study (6:30 PM)
Tue 10/21 Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Wed 10/22 THRIVE Youth Ministry (6:30-8:30 PM)
Wed 10/22 Church Council Meeting (7:00 PM)
Sat 10/25 UMM Breakfast (8:30 AM) Jersey Diner, Cinnaminson

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Sun 10/26 Pumpkin Patch & Fall Festival (2:00 PM)
Mon 10/27 Women's Bible Study (6:30 PM)
Tue 10/28 Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Wed 10/29 UMM Fellowship Luncheon (12 Noon)
Wed 10/29 THRIVE Youth Ministry (6:30-8:30 PM)

Thu 10/30 Bishop's Day on the Capital District-Clergy (9-12 Noon) Laity (7:00 PM)
St. Mark's UMC, 465 Paxson Ave., Hamilton Square, NJ
Thu 10/30 Worship Committee (7:00 PM)

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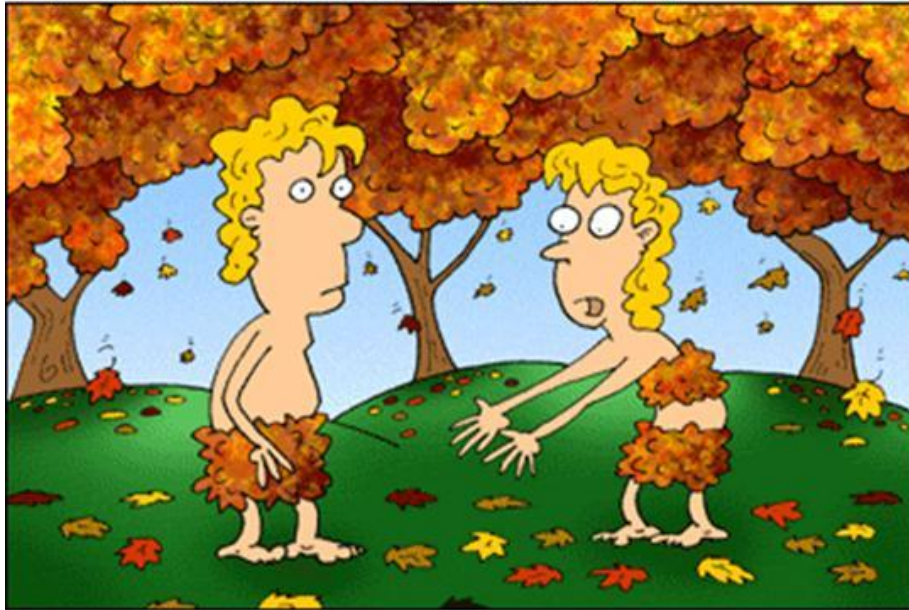
Tue 11/04 Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Tue 11/04 **Church Conference (7:00 PM)**
Wed 11/05 THRIVE Youth Ministry (6:30-8:30 PM)
Tue 11/11 Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Wed 11/12 UMM Fellowship Luncheon (12 Noon)
Wed 11/12 THRIVE Youth Ministry (6:30-8:30 PM)
Sat 11/15 UMM Bible Study (9:00 AM)
Tue 11/18 Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Wed 11/19 THRIVE Youth Ministry (6:30-8:30 PM)
Sat 11/22 UMM Breakfast (8:30 AM) Jersey Diner, Cinnaminson
Tue 11/25 Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Tue 11/25 Tri-Boro Thanksgiving Service (7:00 PM)
Wed 11/26 UMM Fellowship Luncheon (12 Noon)
Wed 11/26 THRIVE Youth Ministry (6:30-8:30 PM)

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December

Mon 12/01 Trustee's Meeting (7:00 PM)
Tue 12/02 Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Sat 12/06 Asbury Christmas Dinner (5:30 PM) & Program (7:00 PM)
Tue 12/09 Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Tue 12/16 Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Tue 12/23 Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Sat 12/20 UMM Bible Study (9:00 AM)
Sat 12/27 UMM Breakfast (8:30 AM) Jersey Diner, Cinnaminson

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Sat 1/24 Capital District Day of Learning-First UMC, Moorestown
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