

# Asbury Kid's News

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## Christmas Chapel

### Dates to Remember

#### December 20 & 21

Christmas Chapel 10AM

#### December 24

Christmas Eve Family  
Services 3pm and 5pm

### Looking Ahead

#### January 2

Classes resume

#### January 9 & 10

Children's Chapel

#### January 13

Registration Begins

#### January 21

Martin Luther King Day  
School & Clubhouse  
Closed

#### January 30 & 31

Parent Conferences  
School Closed



“Train up a child in the way  
he should go and when he is  
old he will not turn from it.”  
Proverbs 22:6

Make plans now to join us for our annual Christmas Chapel. Each class will present a song and the story of Jesus' birth to be shared with the children.

*All* Tuesday, Thursday, 4 day 4's and PM Pre-K classes will have their Christmas Chapel on December 20th at 10:00am.

*All* Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and AM Pre-K classes will have their Christmas Chapel on December 21st at 10:00am.

There will be no class or lunch program on the day that your child's class has Christmas



Chapel. Parents please drop your child off in their classrooms at **9:45am** and proceed to the fellowship hall where we will begin our chapel time at 10:00am.

Extended Care is available for regular scheduled Extended Care students only.

## Asbury Annual Auction “Volunteers Needed”

Each year Asbury Preschool hosts an Auction fundraiser to raise funds for something that is not in our annual working budget. This year, together with the church, we are raising funds to replace our HVAC system.



This fun event will feature twelve unique pieces of art created by our very own Asbury artisans. Each class collaborates to create a “Show Piece” to be auctioned. In addition, there are over 100 items and services for families to bid on, including themed class baskets that parents fill.

This event is always a huge success because of our wonderful volunteers. We are looking for volunteers to share our vision, help with art work, solicit local businesses and so much more. Our first planning

meeting is Tuesday, December 11th at 9:15am. Please talk with Kim Alden in the school office if you are interested. Thank you in advance for donating your time and talent.



## Directors Corner

*Christmas...* the mere word conjures up feelings of awe, wonder, excitement, expectations, disappointments, regrets, stress. Our culture defines what the "perfect Christmas" looks like: Gifts under a perfectly decorated tree, in a home full of laughter and love smelling of gingerbread cooking in the oven. In reality most of us spend more money than we have, for things we really don't need, which will soon be forgotten. Our schedules are overbooked and we have no time to bake cookies. We are stressed and short with the ones we love most. The needles are falling off the tree, the ornaments fall and break. But wait...is this really Christmas?

Long ago on a still, quiet, peaceful night a baby was born. My prayer for you this Christmas is that you know the "Prince of Peace" and find the "peace" of Christmas.

As you experience the busyness of the holiday, carve out a few minutes each day to sit purposefully still and imagine the peaceful, quietness of that first Christmas and celebrate the Prince of Peace sent to save the world.

*Merry Christmas,  
Vickie*

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6*

### \* \* Reminder \* \*

**Students will go outside unless there is a weather advisory. Please make sure that your child wears a "winter coat", hat and gloves.**



**It is very helpful if coats are labeled with the child's name.**

## Thank You! Thank You!

Our Thanksgiving Feast was a great success! *Thanks* to the wonderful families and staff of Asbury Community Christian Preschool.

The bounty of food was out of this world! A warm *thank you* to all the wonderful moms, dads, grandparents and other special friends who prepared and brought the delicious dishes.



Thank you too for participating in our fall fundraising events. Asbury earned \$407 from our September Chick-fil-A Night and the Franklin Toy Store sale earned Asbury approximately \$75.00. Thank you for supporting Asbury!

Look for more fun opportunities to support Asbury Community Christian Preschool & Clubhouse in the Spring.

## Registration for 2019-2020

The dates for next year's registration are fast approaching:

**January 14-18** Priority registration for **church members**.

**January 21-27** Priority registration for returning students and siblings of current and former students **based on seniority**.

**January 28-Feb. 1** Open registration for **new students**.

**February** - School Age Before and After Care

Registration packets will be put in your child's tote bag the week of January 2nd. Additional registration forms may be picked up in the school office or downloaded from our web site.

If you have any questions about the registration procedures please stop by or call the school office at 410-757-7113.

## Weather Closing Policy



*With winter fast approaching snow is just around the corner.*

*Asbury Community Christian Preschool and Clubhouse will make an independent decision regarding delays and closings due to inclement weather. Our decision will be posted by 6:00 am on WBAL. You may also install the WBAL app for easy access to closing information.*

**Asbury School Age Program will follow Anne Arundel County Public Schools.**

*If Anne Arundel County Public Schools close early due to inclement weather, there will be no afternoon preschool program. School age students will be transported to Asbury. Parents should plan to pick-up students by 3:00.*



## Lunch and Preschool Clubhouse Programs

As the holiday season approaches, our Lunch and Clubhouse Programs can give you the extra time needed to get *special* errands run. We do not want to disappoint you or your child, but frequently our programs are full. To prevent disappointment, please call in advance to sign up for Lunch or Clubhouse.

However, if you have last minute plans, check with the office as we do make every effort to accommodate your requests.

\*Reminder: You will be billed for lunch if you have reserved a Spot unless you call and cancel.



## Asbury UMC Christmas Services

### *Christmas Comfort & Joy*

Sunday, December 16th  
Potluck with Music  
4:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

### *Christmas Caroling*

Sunday, December 16th  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Join the Youth to sing Carols to Asbury's senior members in the community

### *Christmas Eve Services*

3:00 pm and 5:00 pm  
Children's Interactive Service  
  
8:00 pm and 11:00 pm  
Candlelight with Communion

## KID'S CRAFT CORNER

### Materials Needed:

Large Piece of Paper  
Construction Paper (green, red and yellow)  
Glue



### Instructions:

Cut 10 hand prints out of green paper. Put a dab of glue towards the top of the palm edge of 4 of the hand prints. Glue these side-by-side towards the bottom edge of the paper with the fingers pointing down. They can overlap a bit. This is the bottom row of tree branches.

For the next row, put a dab of glue on the top of the palm edge of 3 hand prints. Glue these just above the 4 hand prints. Make sure they hang over the bottom row of hand prints so the finger tips of the second row barely hit the other hand prints where the finger joins the palm.

Continue the same way up the tree.

The next row will have 2 hand prints and the final row will use one hand print. Once the glue is dry, you can use a pencil and wrap each finger tip around the pencil just a bit so they all curve upwards. Use colorful scraps of construction paper to cut out decorations for your

## Advent Calendar



Pastor Jen has created an interactive Advent Calendar for the children and the families of Asbury. Each day stands alone and is intended to focus our thoughts on the meaning of Christmas. The children will visit the Advent Calendar with their teacher and explore what is hidden behind the door. The final box will be opened by Pastor Jen at Christmas Chapel.

Parents are welcome to visit the Advent Calendar with their child and share in this meaningful experience with them.