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**300 East Basin Road, New Castle, DE 19720**  
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Bishop Peggy Johnson, Philadelphia Area Bishop  
Rev. Dr. William Fitzhugh, District Superintendent  
Rev. Dr. Thomas Donnachie, Pastor  
Mrs. Betty Ann Short, Administrative Assistant  
Mrs. Evelyn Crispin, Finance Secretary  
Mr. Gary Hostetler, 8:45 Organist, Choir Director  
Ms. Winnie Travers, Sound and Media Coordinator  
Mrs. Dale Ringler, 10:30 Organist  
Mr. Steve Banaszak, Custodian  
Mrs. Angela Kirkley, Day Care Director

*Two Sunday Worship Services*  
**8:45 a.m., Traditional and 10:30 a.m. Contemporary**  
*10 a.m., Fellowship Time with Refreshments*

**From Pastor Tom. . .**  
**A New Way of Ministry**

Dear Church Members,

I am very excited about a new way of doing ministry at Asbury. It is based on the Missouri Conference's Bishop Schnese's concept of ministry entitled, "Becoming a Fruitful Congregation." It is not a program but an ongoing way of doing ministry and becoming a more effective church for the making of disciples for Jesus for the transformation of the world.

The ministry plan has begun with a summer sermon series on "The Fruit of the Holy Spirit." Then on Saturday, September 12, a large group of church leaders and others will spend a day together studying scripture, praying and planning for the ministry of Asbury Church based on the following ways of ministry:

- Radical Hospitality
- Passionate Worship
- Intentional Faith Development
- Risk Taking Missions
- Extravagant Generosity

This new way of ministry will hopefully become the new DNA of ministry. The community will recognize that something new is taking place at Asbury.

Please join us on the retreat or in our Sunday worship experiences beginning September 6 as we become a "fruitful congregation".

Pastor Tom





### Back to School Night. . . Special Offering

On Wednesday evening, August 12, children and youth from our church and community will gather in the sanctuary in preparation for returning to the classroom. During this worship time there will be prayers offered for the students, their parents, teachers and administrators. Then, at the conclusion of the service an abundance of school supplies will be given to each student.

In order to cover the cost of the school supplies, members of the congregation will be asked to share a special offering on Sundays, August 2 and 9.

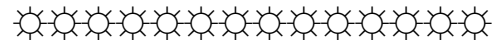


### Save the Date... Vacation Bible School

**August 16 – 20**

**Sunday Evening  
through  
Thursday Evening**

For more information and registration. . . see your “Weekly Newsletter” available every Sunday morning and Wednesday evening.



### What to Do with an Abundance

Don't know what to do with those extra home grown vegetables? You can't seem to give any more away to family and friends. Then, bring your abundance to church, any day of the week, and share it with your brothers and sisters in Christ. The “Abundance Table” is located in the church lobby. Thank you from many of us non-gardening folks.

### Summer Worship Hours July – August

**July** – Sundays 12, 19, 26 –  
8:45 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

**August** – Sunday 2, 10 a.m. only  
Sundays 9, 16, 23, 30 –  
8:45 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday Evening Worship Services

- July 15      Preaching Service
- July 22      Prayer and Healing Service
- July 29      Favorite Hymns and Praise Songs
- August 5     Holy Communion
- August 12   Comedy Night – Back-to-School Night
- August 19   Preaching Service
- August 26   Prayer and Healing Service

### Summer Sunday Preaching Schedule

- July 12      Fruit of the Spirit: Kindness  
Rev. Donnachie
- July 19      Rev. Jack Shitama
- July 26      Rev. Dr. William Fitzhugh
- August 2     Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness  
Rev. Donnachie
- August 9     Fruit of the Spirit: Fidelity
- August 16   Fruit of the Spirit: Gentleness  
Rev. Donnachie
- August 23   Fruit of the Spirit: Self-Control  
Rev. Donnachie
- August 30   Asbury: A Fruitful Congregation  
Rev. Donnachie



## Youth Group

The Youth Group is currently looking and praying for additional adult leadership for their Sunday and Wednesday evening meetings. If interested, please phone the church office at 328-5649.



### Requests from Pastor Tom

- ▶ Please pray for our church members and friends, including your pastor and staff.
- ▶ If you notice someone missing from our church services please give them a call or call the church office with their name.
- ▶ Please invite your unchurched family or friends to some church services or church events. Studies indicate that 90% of persons who join a church were first invited by family or friends.
- ▶ Bring your newspaper, magazines, mail and office paper to the church recycling bin.
- ▶ Please remember to say a good word for Asbury.

## FROM THE NURSE What's in your cabinet?

I needed some peroxide to clean out a superficial cut. I went to the hall closet where our medical supplies are stored. I reached for the bottle and thought, "When was the last time we use the peroxide?" Is there an expiration date? Sure enough, there was a date and our bottle of peroxide was waaaaaay outdated. So, that got me thinking about what else we have that should have been replaced long ago.

Hal has a book dated 1916 called the "Library of Health". It's a huge book, 1706 pages – not counting the indexes in the back. Chapters cover things like "The Eruptive Diseases" and "The Germ Theory of Disease". It was very up-to-date stuff in 1916!

There is a chapter called "The Ideal Home Medicine Cabinet". Here are some of the necessities you would have needed in 1916:

absorbent cotton, antiseptic gauze bandage, brown mixture, spirits of nitre, essence of ginger, spirits of turpentine, Vaseline, whiskey, and laudanum.

I'm not sure what the brown mixture is – the book doesn't tell how to make it, but it was supposed to be good for bronchitis.

I would hope that these items, except for the gauze and cotton balls, are not in your home anywhere, let alone in a medicine cabinet!

Here's a short list of items to help you survive those middle-of-the-night emergencies:

Band-Aids (assorted sizes) – with cartoon characters, if you have kids

Some sort of dry gauze pad that can cover a bleeding knee or elbow

Peroxide

Tape – not duct or cellophane

Aspirin, Tylenol or Advil – children's strength, if needed

Over the counter cough medicine for the 3 a.m. coughing spell, until you can call your doctor

Other than that, anything needs to be recommended by your physician, especially for children. There are way too many drugs that are available over the counter that are used incorrectly or in combination with "natural" drugs that can potentially cause you harm.

Please take a look in your medicine cabinet – get rid of outdated stuff – bring them to me to dispose of. Stock up with things you may need. Most of all – talk with your doctor.

No brown mixture at our house,  
Beverly Barker

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**302-328-4141**

### **Support Group for Unemployed Trying to Form**

If you or someone you know that is currently unemployed would like to gather with folks in a similar situation for a time of sharing, networking and prayer, please phone the church office with your name and phone number. When we have 3-4 persons we will begin meeting on a regular day, place and time. We are also looking for someone to lead the group.

### News from the Finance Committee



The Electronic Giving Program is now available to all church members. There are two simple ways to set your personal electronic giving. One is to go to Asbury webpage (located at [www.asburyumcde.org](http://www.asburyumcde.org)), click on "Electronic Giving" located under the tab titled "Communications" at the top part of the screen and then click and print the listed Electronic Giving Form. Attach a voided check to the completed form and bring to the church office secretary. The second way to enroll is to attach a voided check to a completed form that can be picked up at the church office from Betty Ann Short or Evelyn Crispin. This electronic giving program is a simple way for people to tithe consistently. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Evelyn Crispin or Dennis Berkey from the Finance Committee.

Our church fundraising efforts are off to a great start! The church raised \$200 from our dinner at Arnors Restaurant and \$101 plus two donations at our Texas Roadhouse night. Please look in the newsletters and bulletins or call the church office to find out about our next fundraising restaurant meal and thanks to all those people who supported the last two!

The church paper recycle bin is also a success! It has already had several pickups. (The church gained approximately \$120 after the first two pickups.) What a success! Thanks to all who have been contributing their newspapers, magazines, junk mail and paper. Keep up the good work and spread the word!

### Home Communion Servers Being Trained

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is a special time for the church family to gather together. Unfortunately, some of our members are unable to attend church on these times due to physical limitations. Thus, members of the church will deliver the communion elements and have a brief time of worship with those persons requesting home communion.

Rev. Donnachie has recently trained 6 new home communion servers (sometimes referred to as Eucharistic Ministers). They will be visiting with our homebound members in the near future. If you would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please don't hesitate to phone the church office with your request.

### Sunday Communion Services Through October

The Worship Team presents the following dates, times and speakers:

- August 2 Joint Communion at 10 a.m. with reception to follow on the patio. Rev. Donnachie preaching.
- September 6 Joint Communion at 10 a.m. with reception to follow on the patio. Rev. Donnachie preaching.
- October 4 Joint World Communion at 10 a.m. with Emmanuel Ghana Church. Luncheon to follow. The Rev. Dr. James T. Seymour preaching.



### Bible Studies to Resume

At the beginning of September there will be a variety of Bible studies offered to the members and friends of the church. They include:

- ◀ Sunday morning studies: 8:45 and/or 10:30 a.m.
- ◀ Mondays: 12:30 p.m. "A Life Worth Living" Sisters Group
- ◀ Tuesdays: 7 p.m. "A Life Worth Living"
- ◀ Tuesdays: 7 p.m. Disciple I (limit 14)
- ◀ Wednesdays: Noon "A Life Worth Living"
- ◀ Wednesdays: 6 p.m. Purpose Driven Sheep
- ◀ Wednesdays: 7 p.m. "The Shack" (at the parsonage)
- ◀ Thursdays: 7 p.m. Disciple Bible Study "The Gospels" (limit 14)

For more information or to register please phone the church office at 328-5649, extension 0.

