



The Asbury Journal

March 2013

Pastor's Note

I normally like to use this space to recommend books or other readings to you that I find particularly relevant to our lives together as followers of Jesus here in North Asheville. However, this month I'd like to do something a little bit different. As the season of Lent is upon us, it is my hope that we are all thinking and praying about ways that we may best "give something up" or "take something on" both as individuals and as the body of Christ called Asbury Memorial. To that end, I am offering a few suggestions to help us in that journey together. May God richly bless you during this season of Lent. Curtis+

- **Rethink Church: Photo-A-Day Lent Challenge**
This is a challenge sponsored by the UMC's "Rethink Church" campaign that invites anyone to submit a photo that evokes the images of a particular word each day during the season of Lent. You can follow these or submit your own photos via Pinterest, Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook. The Pinterest link is below.
<http://pinterest.com/umrethinkchurch/>
- *Bread and Wine: Readings for Lent and Easter.* Edited by N.T. Wright. This book features selections of writings from some of the best Christian authors around including Kierkegaard, Thomas Merton, Mother Teresa, C.S. Lewis, Henri Nouwen, and many more. This book is a great devotional resource that can be read time and time again.
- The Society of St. Andrew publishes a devotional resource each year. This year it is entitled "How Beautiful" and is available free of charge in either print or digital formats. Copies can be ordered or downloaded from their website at
<http://www.endhunger.org/lent.htm>
- Chris Seay has written a wonderful book entitled *A Place at the Table: 40 Days of Solidarity with the Poor*. In it, he encourages folks to spend the season of Lent eating like the poor and to donate the money saved to a group that focuses on helping the poor in our community.

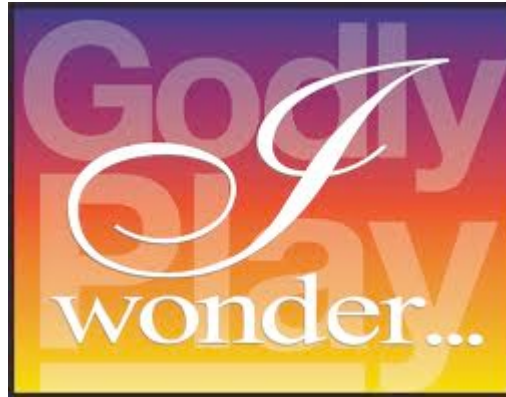
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Godly Play News



The Godly Play Classroom Is a Sacred Space

Exciting changes are happening in the Godly Play classroom. One Sunday morning one of the children came in exclaiming, “Wow, something has happened in here!” He noticed that the classroom has a new coat of paint. Yes, changes are happening in the classroom thanks to help from the trustees, the Jackson family (including the twins who helped to paint the ceiling), and Leicester Carpet Sales who bound our new rug free of charge.

We are creating a beautiful and sacred space for our children to be with God. With or without a new coat of paint and other upgrades, the Godly Play classroom is a place of exploration and discovery for the children. Each child is greeted by one of the teachers and helped to “*get ready*” to enter the room quietly. Psalm 46:10 reminds us to “Be still and know that I am God.”

The shelves in the classroom hold the stories of the People of God, surrounding the children with the scriptures in the form of three dimensional story pieces. The story pieces, many made by Rick Morehead, are beautifully hand-crafted using natural materials that invite our attention and our desire to come close to, to touch, and to enter into the stories of God.

The classroom and the structure of the Godly Play experience are designed to give the children the space to enter into relationship with God. Not only do the children enter more deeply into relationship with God, but since being with the children in Godly Play, I have noticed that my own spiritual journey is enriched by entering God’s stories deeply as I learn them by heart.

-Katie Warren, Godly Play Teacher

Children’s Corner

The children are preparing to sing in worship. Every Sunday immediately after Godly Play, the children are practicing songs to be shared in worship on Palm Sunday, March 24, 2013 and on Mother’s Day, May 12, 2013.

Easter Egg Hunt for children 5th grade and younger will be Saturday, March 30th at 11:00 am, weather permitting. Bring your Easter basket and meet at the picnic tables!! (If there is inclement weather, the hunt will be same day and time just in the Fellowship Hall). Pennies, nickels and dimes are still needed to place inside the eggs. Some individually wrapped candy will also be collected. Anyone who would like to help with preparations, please contact Sallyanne (sallyanne@asburymethodist.org).

-Sallyanne McVay



Youth Post

Corey McVay and Samuel Withers auditioned and made the All District Band which played a concert at Western on February 9th.

Wylie Withers played a saxophone solo as the Asheville High School Band performed at Aimee Buchanan's Memorial Service on February 16th.

Devon Tucker received his Eagle Scout Award on February 17th.
Congratulations to all of our outstanding and talented youth!!

All youth interested in attending District-wide **DEHYBERNATION** at Camp Tekoa on Saturday, April 20th from 2:30-7:30 pm should mark their calendars and contact Sallyanne. Cost is \$10 per person.

All adults willing and interested in assisting with the Youth Summer Mission trip (volunteer a day) please contact Sallyanne (sallyanne@asburymethodist.org). Tentative dates for the Mission trip are July 21-25 in the Weaverville and Madison County area. More details to come!!

-Sallyanne McVay

Preschool News

Preschool continues to have enthusiastic participation in a variety of activities. Registration for Summer and Fall 2013 began in February. We anticipate another full house for next year! Preschool will be closed for spring break March 25-29, 2013. Thank you for your on-going support.

-Madeline Moseley

Senior Adult Ministries (SAMs)

Thank you to Rick Morehead for a great presentation at the February Meeting of SAMs. A storyteller with a difference, Rick provided a fascinating and informative look into the past.

In March, SAMs group will meet on Thursday, March 21st at 11:00 am in Hugh Brown Chapel for a "hands-on" workshop with Margaret Tickle to produce beautifully decorated silk tie-dye Easter eggs. Bring along a piece of patterned colorful silk such as a tie or scarf (it has to be silk). You could pick some up at Goodwill. Eggs will be provided and lunch will be a covered dish. You don't have to be an artist for this one; come and work your "magic".

-Derick Tickle


News from the Missions Committee

The Bread Tin collections for the month of March will go to Homeward Bound, an Asheville-based agency whose mission is working with others to end the cycle of homelessness through permanent housing. Homeward Bound also offers follow-up case management to connect the individual with community resources for improved housing stability. So far, Homeward Bound has helped move over 482 individuals into their own homes with 89% success/stability rate. Homeward Bound offers 5 programs of service including Room In The Inn which is already supported regularly by Asbury Memorial.

Collections for January totaled \$406.16 for school uniforms in Ghana. Collections in February for Red Bird Mission in Kentucky totaled \$287.98. Thank you for your continued support!!

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church

Church Calendar for March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB] 8:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	<i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:45 am- Sunday School 11:00 am- Worship (Holy Communion) 8:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	7:00 am- Emmaus Group [YR] 9:00 am- 12:00 pm- Church Office Hours 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB] 10:00 am-12:00pm- Asheville Lectionary Group [BC]	9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB] 12:00 pm- Staff Meeting [GE] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	9:00 am-12:00 pm- Church Office Hours 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB] 7:00 pm- Choir Rehearsal [CR] 8:00 pm- Narcotics Anonymous [FH] <i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i>	9:00 am-12:00pm- Church Office Hours 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB] 6:30 pm- Theology on Tap [Marco's Pizzeria (beside The Fresh Market)]	9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB] 8:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	<i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:45 am- Sunday School 11:00 am- Worship (One Great Hour Of Sharing) 12:00 pm- NOW Committee Meeting [BC] 8:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	7:00 am- Emmaus Group [YR] 9:00 am-12:00 pm- Church Office Hours 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB] 11:00 am- Worship Committee Meeting [BC]	9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB] 7:00 pm- Long-Range Planning Committee [CR] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	9:00 am-12:00 pm- Church Office Hours 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB] 7:00 pm- Choir Rehearsal [CR] 8:00 pm- Narcotics Anonymous [FH] <i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i>	9:00 am-12:00 pm- Church Office Hours 9:00 am-1:00pm- Preschool [EB] 7:00 pm- Trustees [BC]	9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB] 8:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	<i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>
FH=Fellowship Hall S=Sanctuary BC=Brown Chapel EB= Educational Building YR=Youth Room GE=Givens Estates PO=Pastor's Office CO=Church Office TBD=To Be Determined						
				Important Upcoming Dates April 1- Disciple Bible Study begins April 4-Theology on Tap April 7-13- Room in the Inn [FH] April 23-Equipping Ministries Training		



Volunteer Schedule

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Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church Volunteer Schedule March 2013						
Date	Communion Servers	Lock-Up Volunteer	Counting Team	Ushers	Greeters	Sanctuary Stewards
3.3.2013	Ann Perkins Steve Rich	Ann Perkins Mark Smith	Merritt Moseley Sue Lane Muesing	Gary Tweed Toni Tweed Brian Wallace Barbara Wallace	Judy Rich Geri Allison	Arlee Banks Lois Glenn
3.10.2013	NA	Ann Perkins Mark Smith	Geri Allison Rebecca Tucker	Robert Wiltshire Debbie Wiltshire Don McGeary Kitty Schaller	Cynthia Stewart Kitty Schaller	Derick Tickle Margaret Tickle
3.17.2013	NA	Ann Perkins Mark Smith	Brian Hallman Doug Tallent	William Withers Jessica Withers Bud Allison Geri Allison	Margaret Tickle Cindy Page	Gordon Jones Joan Jones
3.24.2013	NA	Ann Perkins Mark Smith	Diane Arnold Mardy Murphy	Don Jackson Davie Jackson Steve Rich Julie Niwinski	Rebecca Tucker Merle Buckner	Bruce Kidder Elaine Price
3.31.2013 [Easter Sunday]	Judy Rich Doug Tallent	Ann Perkins Mark Smith	Mark Smith Madeline Moseley	Mike Rice Sherry Rice Doug Tallent Martha Tallent	Arlee Banks Toni Tweed	Cathy Mills Madeline Moseley

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Date	Acolytes	Nursery Volunteers	Children's Church	Children's Message	Lector
3.3.2013	Cora Goforth	Claire Bailey Heather Post	Heather Post	Sallyanne McVay	Curtis Goforth
3.10.2013	Barfou Boakye-Boaten	Day Ann Emory Janie Wilson	Margaret Tickle	Margaret Tickle	Steve Rich
3.17.2013	Ryan Conover	John Stewart Julie Niwinski	Sallyanne McVay	Sallyanne McVay	Rick Morehead
3.24.2013	Mitchell Tucker	William Withers Jessica Withers	Madeline Moseley	Madeline Moseley	Madeline Moseley
3.31.2013	Haley Phillips	PAID WORKERS	No Children's Church	Curtis Goforth	Curtis Goforth

Volunteer Coordinators:

Counting Team:

Lock-Up Team:

Ushers:

Greeters:

Sanctuary Stewards:

Acolytes:

Nursery Workers:

Children's Church:

Children's Sermon:

Communion Servers:

Scripture Readers:

Sue Lane Muesing

Curtis Goforth

Gary Hutchins

Cynthia Stewart

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UMW Friendship Circle

Friendship Circle's 15th annual Soup and Salad Luncheon will be immediately following services on Sunday, March 17th. As it is St. Patrick's Day, look forward to all things GREEN: a delicious creamy BROCCOLI soup, our traditional vegetable beef soup and a tasty GREEN salad. Please make your reservation by completing the information on the GREEN reservation slips in the pews and placing the completed slip in the offering plate. Lastly, we appreciate donations for the lunch as the proceeds are directed to our mission projects.

The Blue Ridge District of United Methodist Women will have the 2013 Prayer Breakfast Saturday March 16th, 2013 at Central United Methodist Church beginning at 8:15am. The worship program will begin at 10:00am with Ms. Betty Swarthout as the guest speaker. Cost is \$8.00 per person. All persons interested in attending, please contact Mardy Murphy (828) 776-1117 for reservations.

All women of Asbury Memorial are invited to join the UMW. Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of every month (Sept-May). The next meeting is scheduled for Monday March 25th at 6:30pm in Hugh Brown Chapel. Contact Mardy Murphy or Madeline Moseley for more details.

-Mardy Murphy

Disciple Bible Study

Starting April 1, Asbury Memorial is offering DISCIPLE Bible Study. BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY is the foundation of the DISCIPLE Bible Study program. This study requires reading large portions of Scripture each week and is based on careful study and preparation. During the course of thirty-four weeks, groups will move through the biblical stories of Creation to the New Jerusalem. DISCIPLE will be offered on Monday nights from 6:00pm-8:00pm from April 1st through November 18th. We will be participating in DISCIPLE in conjunction with St. Paul's UMC and Rev. Goforth will be teaching jointly with Dr. In-Yong Lee from St. Paul's. The host church and instructor will rotate each month.

If you would like to participate, please fill out the insert in the bulletin each week and give the completed insert to Rev. Goforth. The deadline for registration is MARCH 17th. You only need a copy of the DISCIPLE I Study Manual (\$36.99) and a Bible. If you have participated in DISCIPLE I before, you are always welcome, you are always welcome to come and participate again!

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap is an exciting new ministry for young adults aimed at quenching our spiritual thirsts. Join us on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. Our inaugural meeting is Thursday, March 7th at Marco's Pizzeria (beside The Fresh Market). See you there!

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