



The Asbury Journal

July 2017



A REPORT FROM ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Western North Carolina Conference met June 23-25, 2017 at Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. Presiding over the conference was Bishop Paul L. Leeland, resident bishop of the Charlotte Area. The theme for the conference was: Go and Baptize the World (Matthew 28:16-20).

Guest preachers during the Annual Conference included Bishop Leonard Fairley of the Kentucky Conference, and Bishop Lawson Bryan of the South Georgia Conference. Major actions of the Annual Conference included:

- Voted on all five constitutional amendments on the first day of Annual Conference and the results were sent to General Conference officials.
- The approval of a proposal from the Board of Trustees to move the conference center from its current location to a site in Huntersville, North Carolina, adjacent to the United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina.
- Passage of the 2018 Budget of \$16,209,006 dollars for conference expenses and General Church Funds. An additional \$1.85 million dollars will be apportioned through the districts for missional engagement, church vitality and benevolence grants. This was a 1.19% reduction from 2017.

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- Russ Pierce, Executive Director for Mission Engagement and Director of The Advance, with the Board of Global Ministries, recognized the Western North Carolina Conference for its leadership in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. The conference is first in giving to US-based projects to the Advance giving over \$488,000 dollars. The conference is also first in the jurisdiction for giving to UMCOR with \$820,000 dollars, and that is second in the entire denomination.

Petitions that were approved by the Annual Conference included:

- The conference passed a petition that recognizes the 50th anniversary of the historic mergers with the Evangelical United Brethren and the Central Jurisdictions in 1968 and that the Archives and History Commission along with the Justice and Reconciliation Team will work together to implement celebrations at the 2018 Annual Conference.
- The conference passed the Western North Carolina Arrearage Policy submitted by the Commission on Equitable Compensation as required by the 2016 *Book of Discipline*.
- The conference passed a petition concerning Senate Bill 594 in the N.C. State Senate that would decrease the number of social service departments from 100 counties to 30 regional offices. The body voted to “strongly oppose North Carolina Senate Bill 594, urge its defeat in the legislature, and recommend to the Governor of North Carolina, Roy Cooper that he veto this law, if approved, so that every county Department of Social Services and infrastructures connected therein throughout North Carolina can promptly and effectively provide the help and care to those who need it the most.”

Twenty persons were ordained into full connection (3 deacons, 17 elders) and 16 provisional members were commissioned.

There were 54 retirees at this session of Annual Conference.

Membership stands at 282,618

Worship attendance stands at 104,557

Church school attendance stands at 42,191

Professions or reaffirmations of faith for 2016- 3054

Adults and young adults in small groups for 2016- 71,820

Worshippers engaged in mission for 2016- 75,457

A full collection of reports and media from the Western North Carolina can be found at ac2017.org.

NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The July Bread Tin offering, a loose change offering, will go to purchase school supplies for children at Jones Elementary School, our neighborhood school. Children who struggle in other ways do not need to worry about having paper or pencils when it comes to doing their work. By giving generously, we can help level the playing field for all the children at Jones. Please give generously.

The June Bread Tin offering collected \$368.55 for Nothing but Nets, an organization that seeks to protect children from malaria, one of the leading causes of childhood deaths in Africa. Each contribution of \$10 will purchase one long-lasting, insecticide-treated bed net, designed to help prevent the transmission of malaria by mosquito bites. Mosquitos do their worst work at night and children are thus most vulnerable while they sleep. Thank you for giving generously!



MUSIC, ARTS, AND DRAMA WEEK

Dear Asbury Memorial UMC Participants,

Your HELP is requested. During the week of July 17-21, twenty six (yes, 26) boys and girls will be joining Maggie and me at Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church for the first ever M.A.D. (Music, Art, and Drama) Week. The kids will be singing, acting, making scenery and costumes culminating in a performance of Tale of Three Trees on Friday, July 21st at 5:30. AND we need some help!



Even if you can only make it to volunteer for an hour or two, there is still plenty you can help with!

VOLUNTEER some time. A sign-up sheet will circulate in church beginning July 2nd. If you aren't able to sign up at church, email me at judith.harvin@gmail.com and let me know when you want to help out. I have split up times in 2-hour slots, (9:00-11:00, 11:00-1:00, 1:00-3:00 and 3:00-5:00) but any time you are able to give would help us make M.A.D. Week a success.

SNACK donations are appreciated. We are staying away from anything with nuts, but welcome any other easy to serve food and drink items. Snack Sign-Up Sheet at church.

ITEMS needed for the performance include:

- Umbrellas-colors don't matter; they can be old, even broken. They will not be usable after performance.
- Greenery-artificial garland, plants, etc. If you need them returned, please note this somehow.
- Flashlights-Any size, with batteries.
- Fabric-burlap, greens, brown, earth tones.

Lastly, we need YOU! Please come and celebrate the kids' production on Friday, July 21st at 5:30, followed by a hot dog supper to raise money to buy TREE(S)! This will also be a good time to welcome the 18 families who do not attend our church. Invite your friends and family to come!



Thank you in advance,
Judi Harvin



Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church
Event Calendar
July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:45 am-Sunday School 11:00 am-Worship [S] 12:00 pm-Lemonade on the Lawn [CG] 8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] <i>Room In The Inn</i>	3 7:00 am-Emmaus Group [YR] 2:30 pm-5:30 pm-Church Office Hours <i>Room In The Inn</i>	4 <i>Happy Independence Day</i> PRESCHOOL CLOSED CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED <i>Room In The Inn</i>	5 <i>No Choir Practice</i> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED BULLETIN DEADLINE 9:00 am-12:00 pm-Preschool [EB] 5:45 pm-Al-Anon Meeting [BC] 8:00 pm-Narcotics Anonymous [FH] <i>Room In The Inn</i>	6 9:00 am-12:00 pm-Preschool [EB] 2:30 pm-5:30 pm-Church Office Hours <i>Room In The Inn</i>	7 9:00 am-12:00 pm-Preschool [EB]-Make up day from July 4th 2:30 pm-5:30 pm-Church Office Hours 8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] <i>Room In The Inn</i>	8 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED <i>Room In The Inn</i>
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<u>July Birthdays</u> Lois Glenn – July 5 th Eliza Burke – July 10 th Anthony Thomas – July 11 th Chris Thomas – July 11 th Jennifer Rich – July 12 th Ann Young – July 12 th			<u>July Birthdays</u> Jennifer Murphy – July 14 th Sherry Rice – July 16 th Roan Bridger – July 17 th Bob Douglas – July 22 nd Laura McKeithen – July 22 nd Merle Buckner – July 25 th			



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Index of Location Abbreviations: FH=Fellowship Hall S=Sanctuary BC=Brown Chapel EB=Educational Building PO=Pastor's Office CO=Church Office TBD=To Be Determined UR=Upper Room Sunday School Classroom			Important Dates in August: Lemonade on the Lawn – August 6 th Church Picnic - August 27 th First Day of School – August 28 th			



**Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church
Volunteer Schedule
July 2017**

Date	Communion Servers	Lock-Up Volunteer	Counting Team	Ushers	Greeters	Sanctuary Stewards
7.2.2017	NA	Rick Morehead (primary) Geri Allison (secondary)	Madeline Moseley Mark Smith	Don Jackson Jessica Jackson Gary Tweed Toni Tweed	Mary Molloy Rebecca Tucker	Cynthia Stewart Laurel Bishop
7.9.2017	NA	Rick Morehead (primary) Geri Allison (secondary)	Rick Morehead Janie Wilson	Eve Bridger Colin Bridger Mike Rice Sherry Rice	Keith Campbell Sharon Campbell	Nancy Ernst Keith Campbell
7.16.2017	NA	Rick Morehead (primary) Geri Allison (secondary)	Mary Molloy John Harvin	John Harvin Sylvia Burke	Rebecca Tucker	Mary Molloy Ellen Banks
7.23.2017	NA	Rick Morehead (primary) Geri Allison (secondary)	Elaine Poovey Scott Glenn	Steve Rich Julie Niwinski Bud Allison Geri Allison	Linda Adams Jessica Jackson	Madeline Moseley
7.30.2017	NA	Rick Morehead (primary) Geri Allison (secondary)	Merritt Moseley Sue Lane Muesing	William Withers Jessica Withers Mardy Murphy Don McGeary	Cynthia Stewart John Stewart	Steve Rich Judy Rich

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Date	Acolyte(s)	Nursery Volunteer	Children's Church	Children's Message	Lector
7.2.2017	Roan Bridger	Jessica Withers	TBD	Sallyanne McVay	Sallyanne McVay
7.9.2017	Haley Phillips	Davie Jackson	Lisa Pickett	Sallyanne McVay	Julie Niwinski
7.16.2017	Alana Bridger	TBD	Toni Tweed	Curtis Goforth	Nancy Ernst
7.23.2017	Chloe Jackson Eliza Jackson	Jennifer Goforth	Mary Molloy	Sallyanne McVay	Jessica Jackson
7.30.2017	Anthony Thomas Lila Thomas	Cynthia Stewart	Claire Bailey	Curtis Goforth	Janie Wilson

Volunteer Coordinators:

Counting Team:	Sue Lane Muesing	slmue@aol.com	H: (828) 255-8547
Lock-Up Team:	Curtis Goforth	revgoforth@alumni.duke.edu	H: (828) 484-8540
Ushers:	Curtis Goforth	revgoforth@alumni.duke.edu	H: (828) 484-8540
Greeters:	Cynthia Stewart	crameystew@hotmail.com	H: (828) 251-9210
Sanctuary Stewards:	Margaret Tickle	margaretickle@aol.com	H: (828) 252-9887
Acolytes:	Sallyanne McVay	sallyanne@asburymethodist.org	C: (828) 230-4065
Nursery Workers:	Davie Jackson	daviejackson@hotmail.com	H: (828) 645-2928
Children's Church:	Sallyanne McVay	sallyanne@asburymethodist.org	C: (828) 230-4065
Children's Sermon:	Sallyanne McVay	sallyanne@asburymethodist.org	C: (828) 230-4065
Communion Servers:	Curtis Goforth	revgoforth@alumni.duke.edu	H: (828) 484-8540
Scripture Readers:	Curtis Goforth	revgoforth@alumni.duke.edu	H: (828) 484-8540



SUMMER ACTIVITIES WITH SALLYANNE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

*Friday, July 14th - Free Showing of the movie “UP” at Pack Square. The movie starts at dusk; we will meet at Pack Square at 6:30 pm for craft activities. Bring a chair or blanket. Those who want to carpool will meet at the church at a time TBD. Please contact Sallyanne for details (sallyanne@asburymethodist.org).

*Thursday, August 3rd – Wetlands Water Park in Jonesborough, TN (near Johnson City, TN). We are trying to get a group together to take advantage of their group discounts. Please RSVP to Sallyanne (sallyanne@asburymethodist.org) by August 1st. No refunds for bad weather.

*Please contact Sallyanne if you have questions or need more details on these fun summer activities!!

NEWS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

	For the 4 Months Ended April 30, 2017		
	Actual	Budget	Favorable/(Unfavorable) Variance
Operating Funds:			
Income	63,104	62,482	622
Expenses	68,043	67,532	(511)
Net Income/(Loss)	<u>(\$4,939)</u>	<u>(\$5,050)</u>	<u>\$111</u>
Capital Campaign (net of expenditures)	<u>\$129,925</u>		
Special Giving*	<u>\$6,922</u>		
*Includes Souper Bowl, ABCCM, Manna Food Bank, Memorials, Disaster Relief, Youth Missions/Activities, Bread Tin, Special offerings			

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

The Clarence Gilbert Class will continue to meet throughout the summer. Everyone is invited to join them each Sunday at 9:45 am; they meet on the ground floor hallway. Scott Glenn is the teacher.

The Faith Meets Life and the Upper Room Sunday School classes will take a summer break.

There will be NO FORMAL Sunday School for the children and youth during the summer. However, they are welcome to join Sallyanne in some 3rd floor projects if they arrive at church before worship begins.



NEWS FROM THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Building Committee and the Capital Campaign Committee have been meeting feverishly over the past few weeks. We have chosen Carolina Cornerstone Construction as our general contractor for the exterior projects, the contracts have all been signed, and they are eager to begin work as soon as the City of Asheville grants us the necessary permits. As you have probably already noticed, there is a vast amount of construction happening in and around Asheville right now, and this has held up our permits (which were submitted back in April)! There are only a few more details to be worked out at this point, and the contractor plans to do their survey and place stakes for the construction and grading this month. It is expected that construction will begin outright in early August. Great changes are coming our way very soon!



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