



The Asbury Journal

September 2017

This Little Light of Mine...



On August 21st of this past month, a very unique natural occurrence happened to us in this area of the United States—a total solar eclipse (in parts a little west of Asheville), or an almost total solar eclipse (99.1%) in Asheville proper. My family took the opportunity since it was so close to go to Dillsboro and witness totality. I'm glad we did, though the traffic on the way home was a bit horrendous. However, it is the first time that this area has seen a total solar eclipse since the year 1506! If you were in the path of totality when the event happened, you had around two and a half minutes of the moon totally covering the sun's rays, you were able

to see the stars in the middle of the day, there were some really cool shadows everywhere, and there was a ripple-like shadow that seemed to float over the surface of the concrete during that brief time that the sun was covered.

If you were not in the path of totality, then I'm told that it didn't get quite dark enough for the stars to appear in the sky and that it didn't get nearly as dark as it did in the path of totality. It is amazing what a difference just a fraction of one percent makes when it comes to the effects of a solar eclipse. This has led me to think about other things in life as well. In virtually every other part of life, 99.1% is considered to be pretty near perfect and not something to worry about. If a student makes a 99 on a test, then it is still an A. If something costs 99 cents then it is basically considered to cost \$1. In almost every other event in life, 99% is good enough—but not when it comes to the experience of witnessing the effects of a solar eclipse.

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Jesus understood that 99% is not 100%, and he called for his followers to give not just 99% of themselves to his service, but all—100 percent—and nothing less. Many Christians are much more content to offer something more along the lines of 5% of our lives in service of God. Some very committed Christians might even go so far as to offer 50% or 75%, but hardly anyone gives 100 % to Christ. The metaphor of Christians being “light” in the darkness is a very prevalent one in Scripture. “No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bushel basket, but on a stand where it can give light to all.” One of the first songs that children in the church learn is the classic “This Little Light of Mine.” Ironically, when we fail to give 100% to the service of God, we wind up blocking the light of the world revealed in Christ. There are times when the light seems to be completely blocked, and there are times when the light shines so bright it hurts our eyes; but through it all we are called to reflect that light and not to block it out.

Peace,
Curtis +

NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The September Bread Tin recipient organization is UMAR, an agency and mission of the Western North Carolina conference that serves adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. UMAR maintains 24 groups homes—one of them in Asheville at Givens Estate--and other facilities throughout the conference, dedicated to providing residential and vocational opportunities. Please give generously.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE
METHODIST/PRESBYTERIAN HABITAT HOUSE**
We have undertaken to provide three volunteers each day on
the following dates:
Tuesday, September 12--wall framing-FULLY STAFFED
Friday, October 6 (half day)--interior framing—FULLY
STAFFED
Wednesday, October 25--painting and stucco—FULLY
STAFFED
Thursday, November 2--flooring and porch

Can you help in November? Please contact Merritt Moseley
(828-253-6940; moseley@unca.edu) to volunteer. They're counting on us! Thanks!



SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATES

Sunday, September 11

9:45 am - All Children will meet on the THIRD FLOOR of the Sanctuary Building.

Pre-School through 5th Grade will meet in the Godly Play Room at the end of the hall.

Middle Schoolers will meet in the middle Classroom.

3:30-5:00 pm - a New Gathering for our youngest youth; Middle Schoolers are invited to join Lisa Pickett and Sallyanne for their first Youth Meeting of the year. This group will meet on the first Sunday of the month for the remainder of the 2017 year. A full calendar will be published at a later date.

Sunday, September 17

Bible presentation during worship, a special time for the whole congregation to celebrate with our new 3rd Graders.

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

The Faith Meets Life Sunday School class will resume on Sunday, September 10th. This Sunday school class meets at 10:00 am in Brown Chapel. Join us as Merritt Moseley teaches a short course on Protestant variations beginning Sunday, September 17th. The schedule is as follows: September 17th – Lutheranism; September 24th – Merritt is out of town; October 1st – Anabaptism; October 8th – Calvinism; October 15th – Anglicanism

NEWS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

	For the 6 Months Ended June 30, 2017		
	Actual	Budget	Favorable/(Unfavorable) Variance
Operating Funds:			
Income	89,351	97,315	(7,964)
Expenses	98,409	99,561	(1,151)
Net Income/(Loss)	<u>(\$9,058)</u>	<u>(\$2,246)</u>	<u>(\$6,811)</u>
Capital Campaign (net of expenditures)	<u>\$137,845</u>		
Special Giving*	<u>\$8,387</u>		
*Includes Souper Bowl, ABCCM, Manna Food Bank, Memorials, Disaster Relief, Youth Missions/Activities, Bread Tin, Special offerings			

*Committee Chairpersons are reminded that it is budget time. Please submit your budget requests to Julie Niwinski, Finance Committee Chairperson (jniwinski@bellsouth.net) by October 1st.



Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church
Event Calendar
September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	2 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
3 9:45 am-Sunday School 11:00 am- Worship/Holy Communion [S] 8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	4 <i>Labor Day Holiday</i> 7:00 am-Emmaus Group [YR] CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	5 2:30 pm-5:30 pm- Church Office Hours	6 BULLETIN DEADLINE 2:30 pm-5:30 pm- Church Office Hours 7:00 pm-Choir Practice [CR] 8:00 pm-Narcotics Anonymous [FH]	7 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm-Lay Leadership Meeting [BC]	8 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	9 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
<u>September Birthdays</u> Tom Stewart – Sept. 2 nd Mike Young – Sept 3 rd Don Jackson – Sept 11 th Elaine Collins – Sept 14 th Elaine Poovey – Sept 14 th Randy Rice – Sept 20 th			<u>September Birthdays</u> Agya Boakye-Boaten II – Sept 21 st Kay Deschant – September 21 st SueLane Muesing – September 22 nd Ben Jackson – Sept 26 th Rachael Young – Sept 27 th Cassandra Thomas – Sept 29 th			



10 9:45 am-Sunday School 11:00 am-Worship [S] 3:30 pm-5:00 pm-Youth Group [YR] 8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	11 7:00 am-Emmaus Group [YR] 2:30 pm-5:30 pm-Church Office Hours 7:00 pm-Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting [BC]	12 9:00 am-12:00 pm-Preschool [EB] 2:30 pm-5:30 pm-Church Office Hours	13 BULLETIN DEADLINE 2:30 pm-5:30 pm-Church Office Hours 6:00 pm-Handbell Practice [S] 7:00 pm-Choir Rehearsal [CR] 8:00 pm-Narcotics Anonymous [FH]	14 2:30 pm-5:30 pm-Church Office Hours	15 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	16 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
17 <i>Bible Presentation Sunday</i> 9:45 am-Sunday School 11:00 am-Worship [S] 12:00 pm-N.O.W. Committee Meeting [BC] 8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:00 am-Emmaus Group [YR] 2:30 pm-5:30 pm-Church Office Hours	19 2:30 pm-5:30 pm-Church Office Hours	20 BULLETIN DEADLINE 2:30 pm-5:30 pm-Church Office Hours 6:00 pm-Handbell Practice [S] 7:00 pm-Choir Rehearsal [CR] 8:00 pm-Narcotics Anonymous [FH]	21 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm-Trustees Meeting [BC]	22 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	23 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
24 9:45 am-Sunday School 11:00 am-Worship [S] 8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	25 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 am-Emmaus Group [YR] 6:30 pm-Friendship Circle [BC]	26 2:30 pm-5:30 pm-Church Office Hours	27 BULLETIN DEADLINE 9:00 am-1:00pm-Preschool [EB] 2:30 pm-5:30 pm-Church Office Hours 6:00 pm-Handbell Practice [S] 7:00 pm-Choir Rehearsal [CR] 8:00 pm-Narcotics Anonymous [FH]	28 9:00 am-1:00pm-Preschool [EB] 2:30 pm-5:30 pm-Church Office Hours	29 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	30 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
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 October: October 1 st – World Communion Sunday October 1 st -8 th –Room In The Inn October 8 th -Homecoming October 9 th – Columbus Day		



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Volunteer Schedule
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Date	Communion Servers	Lock-Up Volunteer	Counting Team	Ushers	Greeters	Sanctuary Stewards
9.3.2017	Curtis Goforth Rick Morehead Sallyanne McVay Laurel Bishop	TBD (primary) Keith Campbell (secondary)	Mary Molloy John Harvin	Bud Allison Geri Allison William Withers Jessica Withers	Nan Montague Laurel Bishop	Mary Molloy Ellen Banks
9.10.2017	NA	TBD (primary) Keith Campbell (secondary)	Elaine Poovey Scott Glenn	Mardy Murphy Don McGearry Keith Campbell Sharon Campbell	Mary Molloy Rebecca Tucker	Madeline Moseley
9.17.2017	NA	TBD (primary) Keith Campbell (secondary)	Merritt Moseley Sue Lane Muesing	Don Jackson Jessica Jackson Gary Tweed Toni Tweed	Keith Campbell Sharon Campbell	Steve Rich Judy Rich
9.24.2017	NA	TBD (primary) Keith Campbell (secondary)	Rebecca Tucker Steve Rich	Eve Bridger Colin Bridger Mike Rice Sherry Rice	Rebecca Tucker Betty Gaddy	Gordon Jones Joan Jones

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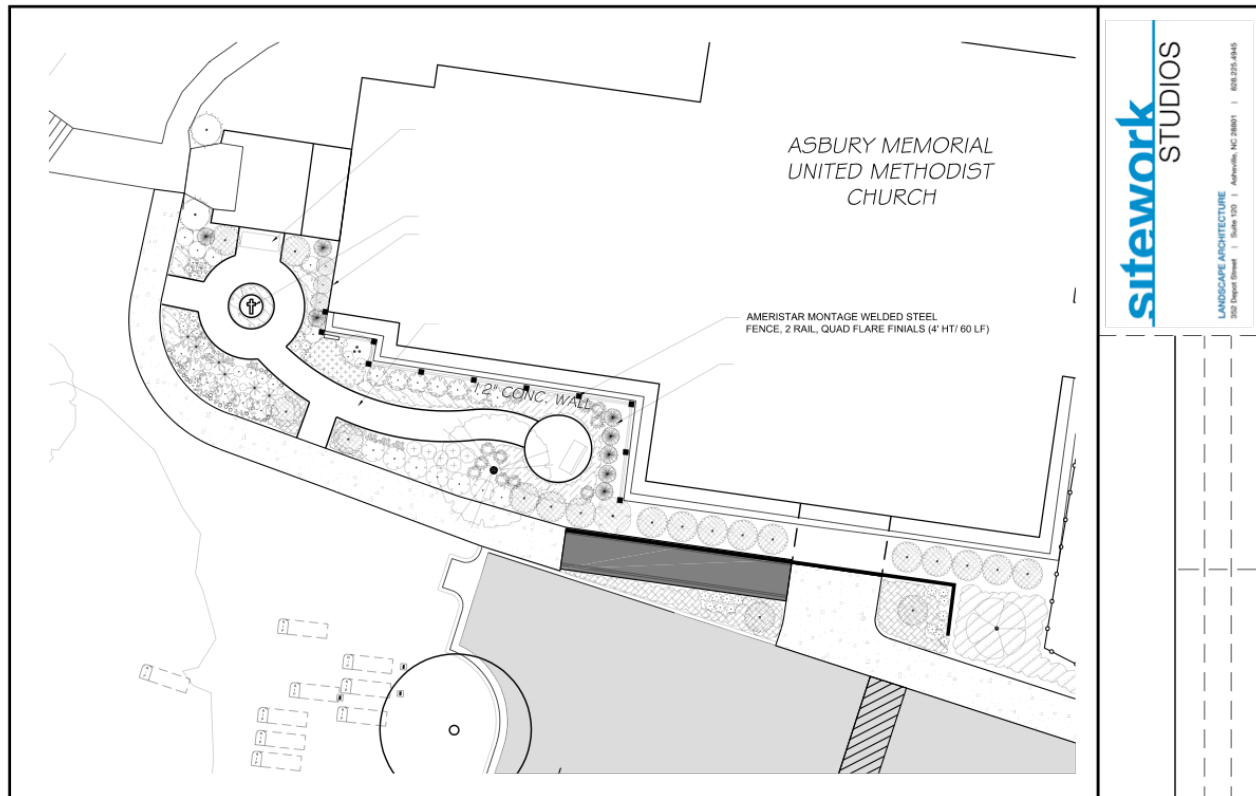
Date	Acolyte(s)	Nursery Volunteer	Children's Church	Children's Message	Lector
9.3.2017	Chloe Jackson Eliza Jackson	John Stewart	Lisa Pickett	Sallyanne McVay	Curtis Goforth
9.10.2017	Anthony Thomas Lila Thomas	Jessica Withers	Jennifer Goforth	Sallyanne McVay	Day Ann Emory
9.17.2017	Lylah Goforth Cora Goforth	Laura Stephens	Jennifer Keeney	Curtis Goforth	Deborah Hawkins
9.24.2017	Roan Bridger	Judy Rich	Laurel Bishop	Sallyanne McVay	Elliott Withers

Volunteer Coordinators:

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Ushers:	Curtis Goforth	revgoforth@alumni.duke.edu	H: (828) 484-8540
Greeters:	Cynthia Stewart	crameystew@hotmail.com	H: (828) 251-9210
Sanctuary Stewards:	Curtis Goforth	revgoforth@alumni.duke.edu	H: (828) 484-8540
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
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Scripture Readers:	Curtis Goforth	revgoforth@alumni.duke.edu	H: (828) 484-8540



THE CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES!



Above is the latest rendering of the Memorial Garden. Please peruse the display outside of the choir room of the Memorial Garden which includes the diagram above with landscape details from Siteworks Studios. Also visit our Facebook page and/or website (www.asburymethodist.org) for pictures and additional information.

The rough grading for the parking lot is complete. The doorway by the choir room where the handicapped ramp was located is currently not accessible during construction as we "prepare the way" for a new covered porch, widened door, and level entryway where that door is currently located. If you are in need of the most accessible entrance to the sanctuary during this time, please make use of the upstairs door to the Educational Building by the playground. The front doors to the sanctuary off Beaverdam Road, the side door to the Fellowship Hall by the small parking area, and the lower level entrance to the Educational Building off Kimberly Avenue will all remain open and accessible during the construction.

H+MECOMING



Asbury Memorial will celebrate our 216th anniversary on Sunday, October 8. Our Guest speaker will be our former pastor, Rev. Perry Miller. The service will also include lots of special music from the choir, musicians, and others. After the worship service, we will enjoy a covered dish luncheon in the fellowship hall. This year we are asking that everybody bring not only their favorite veggie dishes, desserts, and such but also your favorite meat dishes as well. Please make plans to be here on Sunday, October 8 as we celebrate another year in the life of Historic Asbury Memorial UMC!



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