

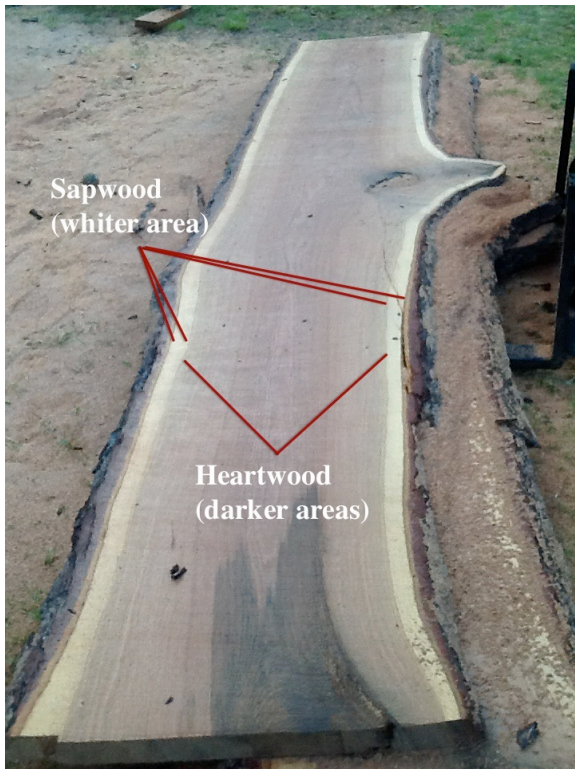


The Asbury Journal

June 2013

Pastor's Note

Over the course of the past few weeks at our church, I've stumbled across a lot of information about trees. The two large white oaks that recently had to be cut down (that were both about 300 years old) simply fascinated me. It was almost unimaginable to think that those trees were almost 100 years old when the Civil War took place!



However, on a scientific basis, I grew to understand a lot about trees and the way they grow. For instance, did you know that almost 90% of what makes up a tree is already dead? The inner layer of wood (that the tree uses mostly for support) is known as "heartwood." The outer inch or so, known as the "sapwood" or "cambium" layer, is the only part of the tree that is actually living and transporting nutrients and water from the ground to the branches and leaves of the tree.

Basically, this means that those historic white oaks on our grounds were made up of a very thin layer of living material that is responsible for most of the modern growth of the tree.

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“Why on earth am I writing about the scientific nature of trees,” you may ask? It is because there is a deep theological lesson in the science of those trees for our church today, apart from any scientific explanation. Namely, the outermost layer is the only “living” part of a tree. The rest of the tree, no matter how historic and old it may be, is already dead. When surveying the annual rings of trees, one can instantly observe how fertile a particular point in history was by analyzing how thick the growth rings were for a particular time. The annual rings of the trees recently removed revealed some startling revelations. There was a point in time (about a decade after The Civil War) when the tree grew more in three years than in the previous 50 years of growth! Though slow growth provides for a more stable and historically grounded organism, rapid growth greatly increases the size of the tree in ways that people can experience here and now. Our church is currently in a time when the growth rings have been tight and close together. The spaces between those rings have seen a steady tightening in recent years. This makes for a more stable tree, but it also means that growth has been almost halted (or worse).

A tree is dependent upon rainfall and nutrients for growth—and so is our church! Just as trees need water and nutrients to survive, our church needs your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness to grow. How large the growth we experience is up to you and me! But likewise, a tree is only a few rings away from harvest and death. Had those two White Oaks been Red Oaks instead, they would have only survived for about 100-150 years. So I ask you, what kind of tree do you want our church to be: one that is still growing, or one where the sawmill is already at the base? Do you want our church to be milled into lumber where the dead layers can be utilized for some good even in the midst of misfortune, or do you want our church to continue to grow and to make wonderful strides toward a green and sustainable future?

Thankfully, the largest tree on the corner of our property (estimated at over 500 years old), is still standing and providing historical precedent and current shelter and sustenance to our community. I was simply astounded when four of us couldn't split some of the chunks of those trees into firewood—even with a ten pound maul being swung by strong, young men! Our church, like those fallen trees, is resilient to the blows of culture, time, and circumstance. But we are not immune. Our annual growth is a direct reflection of our faithfulness. I am not alone in calling for your involvement and contributions to our past, present, and future here at Asbury Memorial.

May the peace of Christ be with you,

Curtis+



A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR

I am always amazed at how much time Jesus spent in prayer. Take the time to look at the four gospels and you may be amazed yourself. As a pastor, I am often asked to pray for the blessing of a meal, for the beginning of a meeting, for a person facing some serious problem and any number of other reasons. I am always happy when asked, but you must know there are times when the words just get stuck and don't want to come out.

My custom has been to take just a few seconds and begin by giving thanks. It's so simple; first I thank God the gift of his Son. Secondly, I thank Jesus for dying for my sins and finally, I thank God for the group or person I am praying for. It always works and my prayer time becomes focused and richer.

Pastor Andy Stanley says that, prayers of thanksgiving need to be the starting point for our daily prayers...then comes prayers of petition, (*what we ask for*) and finally prayers of protection. At a conference I attended last year Josh Acton, a gifted healer, encouraged all of us to begin prayer with praise and thanksgiving. Why? Because we enter the presence of God through such prayers, and thus our prayers are most effective. "I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving." (Psalm 69:30 NIV)

-The Rev. David Warren

News from the Youth

We had a great turn out for the Church Women United's day of packaging meals for STOP HUNGER NOW. Over 10,000 meals (vitamins, protein, freeze dried veggies, and rice) were put together, sealed and ready to be shipped. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to those who participated: Cora and Jennifer Goforth, Haley Phillips and Amy Neshat, Rachel Tucker, Elliott, Samuel, and Wylie Withers, Madeline and Merritt Moseley, Corey and Sallyanne McVay, and Toni and Eli Bird!

Godly Play will continue to meet throughout the summer months for our children. Middle and High School Youth may join the Clarence Gilbert Class or the Godly Play Class for the summer.

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

News from the North Asheville Preschool

The Preschool wound up a successful year on May 31st. We were honored in church on Sunday, May 19th and really appreciated the recognition. Our summer program begins June 11th. In the summer, we only meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00am-12:00 pm. Have a safe, blessed summer!

-Madeline Moseley

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church

Church Calendar for June 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="text-align: center;">  <p><i>*Be sure to check our website calendar for any changes to the calendar. Any meetings that change the time, location, or date will also be communicated by a recorded phone message to those who are involved.</i></p> </div>						<div style="text-align: right;">1</div> <p>9:00am-1:00pm- Church-wide Clean-up</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>
<div style="text-align: right;">2</div> <p>9:45 am-Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am-Worship [S]</p> <p>11:00 am-Holy Communion [S]</p> <p>12:00 pm-NOW Committee Meeting [BC]</p> <p>8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p>	<div style="text-align: right;">3</div> <p>7:00 am-Emmaus Group [YR]</p> <p>9:00 am-12:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p> <p>10:00 am-12:00 pm Asheville Lectionary Group [St. Paul's UMC]</p> <p>6:00 pm-8:00 pm-Disciple Bible Study [St. Paul's]</p> <p><i>PRESCHOOL SUMMER BREAK</i></p>	<div style="text-align: right;">4</div> <p>8:30 am-Stewardship Committee Meeting [CO]</p> <p>12:00pm- Staff Meeting [GE]</p> <p><i>PRESCHOOL SUMMER BREAK</i></p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<div style="text-align: right;">5</div> <p>9:00 am-12:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p> <p>7:00 pm-Choir Rehearsal [CR]</p> <p>8:00 pm-Narcotics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p><i>PRESCHOOL SUMMER BREAK</i></p> <p><i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i></p>	<div style="text-align: right;">6</div> <p>9:00 am-12:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p> <p>7:00 pm-Theology on Tap [Marco's Pizza]</p> <p><i>PRESCHOOL SUMMER BREAK</i></p>	<div style="text-align: right;">7</div> <p>8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p><i>PRESCHOOL SUMMER BREAK</i></p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<div style="text-align: right;">8</div> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>
<div style="text-align: right;">9</div> <p>Graduation Sunday</p> <p>9:45 am-Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am-Worship [S]</p> <p>2:30pm-4:00pm-Pre-Conference Briefing [Covenant Community Church]</p> <p>7:00pm- Church Council Meeting [BC]</p> <p>8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p>	<div style="text-align: right;">10</div> <p>7:00 am-Emmaus Group [YR]</p> <p>9:00 am-12:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p> <p>11:00 am- 12:00 pm-Worship Committee [BC]</p> <p>6:00 pm- 8:00 pm-Disciple Bible Study [St. Paul's]</p> <p><i>PRESCHOOL SUMMER BREAK</i></p>	<div style="text-align: right;">11</div> <p>9:00 am-12:00 pm-Preschool [EB]</p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<div style="text-align: right;">12</div> <p>9:00 am-12:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p> <p>9:00 am-12:00 pm-Preschool [EB]</p> <p>7:00 pm-Choir Rehearsal [CR]</p> <p>8:00 pm-Narcotics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p><i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i></p>	<div style="text-align: right;">13</div> <p>9:00 am-12:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p> <p>9:00 am-12:00pm-Preschool [EB]</p> <p>7:00pm- Trustees [BC]</p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<div style="text-align: right;">14</div> <p>8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<div style="text-align: right;">15</div> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>

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16 <i>Father's Day</i> 9:45 am -Sunday School 11:00 am -Worship 8:00 pm -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF	17 7:00 am -Emmaus Group [YR] 9:00 am-12:00 pm -Church Office Hours 10:00 am-12:00pm -Asheville Lectionary Group [BC] 6:00 pm -8:00 pm -Disciple Bible Study [St. Paul's] <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>	18 9:00am-12:00pm -Preschool [EB] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	19 9:00 am-12:00 pm -Church Office Hours 9:00am-12:00pm -Preschool [EB] 7:00 pm -Choir Rehearsal [CR] 8:00 pm -Narcotics Anonymous [FH] <i>ANNUAL CONFERENCE</i> <i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i>	20 9:00 am-12:00 pm - Church Office Hours 9:00am-12:00pm -Preschool [EB] 7:00pm - Finance Committee [BC] <i>ANNUAL CONFERENCE</i>	21 8:00 pm -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] <i>ANNUAL CONFERENCE</i> <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	22 <i>ANNUAL CONFERENCE</i> <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>
23 9:45 am -Sunday School 11:00 am -Worship 8:00 pm -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] <i>ANNUAL CONFERENCE</i>	24 7:00 am -Emmaus Group [YR] 9:00 am-12:00 pm -Church Office Hours 11:00am-12:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting [BC] 6:00 pm-8:00 pm -Disciple Bible Study [St. Paul's] REV. DAVID WARREN ON-CALL	25 9:00am-12:00pm -Preschool [EB] REV. DAVID WARREN ON-CALL	26 9:00 am-12:00 pm -Church Office Hours 9:00am-12:00pm -Preschool [EB] 7:00 pm -Choir Rehearsal [CR] 8:00 pm -Narcotics Anonymous [FH] <i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i>	27 9:00 am-12:00 pm - Church Office Hours 9:00am-12:00pm -Preschool [EB] REV. DAVID WARREN ON-CALL	28 8:00 pm -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i> REV. DAVID WARREN ON-CALL	29 <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i> REV. DAVID WARREN ON-CALL
30 9:45 am -Sunday School 11:00 am -Worship 8:00 pm -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] REV. DAVID WARREN ON-CALL						
FH=Fellowship Hall S=Sanctuary BC=Brown Chapel EB=Educational Building YR=Youth Room GE=Givens Estate PO=Pastor's Office CO=Church Office TBD=To Be Determined			<u>IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES</u> July 4 th - Independence Day (no Theology on Tap in July) July 13 th -20 th -Room In The Inn July 20 th -25 th -Youth Mission Trip			



Volunteer Schedule

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Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church Volunteer Schedule June 2013						
Date	Communion Servers	Lock-Up Volunteer	Counting Team	Ushers	Greeters	Sanctuary Stewards
6.2.2013	Curtis Goforth Gordon Jones Elaine Poovey Deborah Hawkins	Doug Tallent (primary) Ann Perkins (secondary)	Betty Gaddy Jane Hite	Bud Allison Geri Allison Mardy Murphy Don McGeary	Margaret Tickle Rebecca Tucker	Derick Tickle Margaret Tickle
6.9.2013	NA	Doug Tallent (primary) Ann Perkins (secondary)	Elaine Poovey Claire Bailey	Don Jackson Jessica Jackson Mike Rice Sherry Rice	Kathy Hallman Jessica Withers	Gordon Jones Joan Jones
6.16.2013	NA	Doug Tallent (primary) Ann Perkins (secondary)	Steve Rich Julie Niwinski	Doug Tallent Martha Tallent Cindy Page Jerry Stubblefield	Cynthia Stewart Arlee Banks	Bruce Kidder Elaine Price
6.23.2013	NA	Doug Tallent (primary) Ann Perkins (secondary)	Merritt Moseley Sue Lane Muesing	Gary Tweed Toni Tweed Brian Wallace Barbara Wallace	Margaret Tickle Ann Young	Cathy Mills Madeline Moseley
6.30.2013	NA	Doug Tallent (primary) Ann Perkins (secondary)	Geri Allison Rebecca Tucker	Robert Wiltshire Debbie Wiltshire Don McGeary Kitty Schaller	Margaret Tickle Geri Allison	Steve Rich Judy Rich

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Date	Acolytes	Nursery Volunteers	Children's Church	Children's Message	Lector
6.2.2013	Cora Goforth	Claire Bailey Heather Post	Heather Post	Curtis Goforth	Curtis Goforth
6.9.2013	Cora Goforth	Madeline Moseley TBD	Mardy Murphy	Margaret Tickle	Ann Perkins
6.16.2013	Barfou Boakye-Boaten	John Stewart Julie Niwinski	Jessica Jackson	Sallyanne McVay	Jeff McVay
6.23.2013	Ryan Conover	William Withers Jessica Withers	Madeline Moseley	Madeline Moseley	Merritt Moseley
6.30.2013	Mitchell Tucker	TBD TBD	Jennifer Goforth	Curtis Goforth	David Warren

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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News from the N.O.W. Committee (Nurture ♦ Outreach ♦ Witness)

Join us for Lemonade on the Lawn on Sunday, June 9th immediately following worship. We will serve on the second Sunday of each month this summer.

Finance Committee

*“¹⁰Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God,
serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”
-1 Peter 4:10*

Our Stewardship Campaign for 2014 will kick off on June 16th and continue on the 3rd Sunday of each month during the Bread Tin Collection time. Join us as we renew our membership vows by focusing on our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

News from the Missions Committee

The Bread Tin Collections for June will go to support the Grace Children's Hospital and Pediatric Clinic in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Founded by Jim and Virginia Snavelly after visiting Haiti and seeing children dying in the streets, Grace Hospital serves the most vulnerable population in the poorest country in the western hemisphere. Their patients are children and their families with tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, and respiratory infections. None are turned away for inability to pay. The 2010 earthquake demolished most of the hospital; nevertheless it continues providing medical care as well as food and water to victims. Grace Hospital is a Global Ministry of the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Please give generously.

Thank you for your continued support of The Bread Tin Collections. In April 2013, a total of \$229.77 was collected for MARRS. In May 2013, \$334.27 was collected for the Salvation Army of Asheville.

-Merritt Moseley

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