



The Asbury Journal

September 2013

Pastor's Note

There are 24 hours in a day. There are 7 days in a week. That means that there are 168 hours in any given week. For most mainline Protestant denominations, worship on Sunday morning takes up about one hour of those 168 hours we are all given, yet the trend in recent years has been to deny God of that one tiny hour each week! Is it really too much to ask as the people of God who follow the teachings and example of Jesus of Nazareth to set aside just one hour out of each week to be present in worship with others?

I have several friends who run marathons and/or half-marathons and they seem to all proudly display on their vehicles a small, oval-shaped sticker with either "26.2" or "13.1" on it, indicating to others that they run marathons. These folks dedicate a substantial portion of their lives to training and running many, many miles each day. The Christian life is no different—it too requires dedication, practice, and most of all...time!

This is not meant to chastise anyone for not coming to church more, but it is meant to put the time we devote to God each week into a more proper context and to let you know that we miss you when you are not here! Our stewardship focus this past month has been on our presence. So as your Fall schedule becomes more routine, please make sure to include God in it—after all, it is only 1/168th.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average American adult spends 20 hours a week watching television and about 7 hours a week doing household activities. If we can devote that much time to our homes and our leisure, shouldn't we at least give God one of those hours! Join with others in taking back that one hour each Sunday morning to offer a little of our time and presence to the One who gives everything to us. May the peace of Christ be with you,

Curtis+

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR

Last month I shared some current struggles in being a caregiver for my brother. A few weeks ago I attended a discussion at the Woodfin YMCA entitled *Baby Boomer's Becoming Parents to their Parents*. While my care giving is not for a parent, I learned some wonderful things to help my brother and me prepare for the inevitable time when he is no longer on this earth. As I look back on my own parent's journey, I realize that there are many things I do not know about their early lives. The facilitator for the discussion suggested a book *How to Tape an Instant Oral Biography*. The author has a list of one hundred questions we might ask our parents (any family member) about their lives. The intent is obvious; to discover things we don't know about them. Even more it invites deeper topics to surface such as their gratefulness on being asked about their lives, an opportunity to remember the good things, and how they and their loved ones might be able to forgive one another for past hurts. While it is a wonderful idea to know more about our loved ones, I'm led to consider the opportunity we have to invite God to enter into the healing of past hurts. We all carry wounds that others have caused and we must be aware that we have wounded others. What a freeing experience for us and our loved ones to face the future knowing that forgiveness has broken down the barriers that have caused separation in our relationships. God does amazing things when we seek forgiveness for ourselves and others. Blessings!

-Pastor David

News from the SAMs Group

Join Margaret and Derick Tickle on Thursday, Sept 19th at 11:00 am at their home (19 Osborne Road, Asheville NC 28804) for a planning session. Bring your ideas for fun and fellowship. Lunch will be provided. See you then!

News from the North Asheville Preschool

The preschool is back in full swing with lots of excited children and grateful parents. We appreciate the clean, fresh look of the new paint. Thanks to all who helped. We have a busy first semester ahead of us with open house and our Christmas Program, two events to which church members are always invited and welcomed. If you have any talents you want to share with us, we would love to have you join us!

-Madeline Moseley



News from the Missions Committee

The Bread Tin Collection for July collected \$275.91 for school supplies for Jones Elementary School. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Asbury needs Habitat volunteers to work on the 2013 Methodist/Presbyterian House. We need two people for each of these dates: Tuesday, Oct. 1st; Saturday, Oct. 26th; Thursday, November 14th; and Saturday, December 14th. Please contact Merritt Moseley (828.253.6940; moseley@unca.edu) to volunteer. Thank you!

The Bread Tin Collection, a loose change offering, for September will support the Fugees Family. This organization and its vision are the brainchild of Luma Mufleh, a native Jordanian and current US citizen, who came to the United States to study and stayed to work after college. The Institute is located in Clarkston, Georgia and works with child survivors of war from such countries as Afghanistan, Iraq, Cuba, Pakistan, Congo, Liberia, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Turkey, Burma, Bosnia, and the Sudan. Luma uses the power of soccer to capture the interest of refugee boys. By tapping into soccer, the Fugees Family undertakes its mission to level the playing field and give children the same chance at being successful as everyone else.

-Elaine Poovey

MANNA Food Drive continues. Asbury's 2013 contribution of canned/dry fruit to those in need across WNC now stands at *1145 pounds*--on our way to a ton by December 31st. Thank you for giving generously!

-Kitty Schaller

Capital Campaign Update!

Our Stewardship Campaign for 2014 continues 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.

Elaine Poovey, Scott Glenn, and Robert Wiltshire, members of the Capital Campaign Committee, spoke on Sunday, August 18th to the congregation and unveiled the planning process now underway. Each person present received a handout that contained the 2012 steps taken by church leaders and members, the listing of funds that are currently accessible, and a master plan checklist. The Committee's guiding principles were also given to each person present. On Sunday, August 25th, a brief summary of the August 28th meeting was shared with the congregation. Copies of the planning work update are available by contacting the church office. If you have ideas to share, please contact committee members to discuss them.

-Kitty Schaller and Elaine Poovey

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church
Church Calendar for September 2013

**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.*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>22</p> <p>9:45 am-Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am-Worship [S]</p> <p>8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00 am-Emmaus Group [YR]</p> <p>9:00 am-12:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p> <p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [EB]</p> <p>11:00 am- 12:00 pm- Worship Committee Meeting [BC]</p> <p>6:00 pm -8:00 pm-Disciple Bible Study [Brown Chapel]</p> <p><i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [EB]</p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00 am-12:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p> <p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [EB]</p> <p>6:00 pm- Handbell Rehearsal [S]</p> <p>7:00 pm-Choir Rehearsal [CR]</p> <p>8:00 pm-Narcotics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p><i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 am-12:00 pm- Church Office Hours</p> <p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [EB]</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [EB]</p> <p>8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<p>28</p> <p><i>Room In The Inn CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>
<p>29</p> <p><i>Youth Sunday</i></p> <p>9:45 am-Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am-Worship [S]</p> <p>8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p><i>Room In The Inn</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00 am-Emmaus Group [YR]</p> <p>9:00 am-12:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p> <p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [EB]</p> <p>6:00 pm-8:00 pm-Disciple Bible Study [Brown Chapel]</p> <p><i>Room In The Inn</i></p>					
<p>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</p>			<p><u>IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES</u></p> <p>Sept 28th - Oct 5th - Room In The Inn</p> <p>Oct 3rd - Theology on Tap</p> <p>Oct 6th - CROP Walk</p> <p>Oct 6th - World Communion Sunday</p> <p>Oct 13th - Homecoming</p>			
<p><u>September Birthdays</u></p> <p>Tom Stewart, Sept 2nd</p> <p>Mike Young, Sept 3rd</p> <p>Don Jackson, Sept 11th</p> <p>Elaine Collins, Sept 14th</p> <p>Elaine Poovey, Sept 14th</p> <p>Randy Rice, Sept 20th</p> <p>Kay Dechant, Sept 21st</p> <p>Sue Lane Muesing, Sept 22nd</p> <p>Ben Jackson, Sept 26th</p> <p>Rachael Young, Sept 27th</p>						



Volunteer Schedule

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Date	Communion Servers	Lock-Up Volunteer	Counting Team	Ushers	Greeters	Sanctuary Stewards
9.1.2013	Curtis Goforth Gordon Jones Sallyanne McVay Elaine Poovey	Ann Perkins (Primary) Doug Tallent (Secondary) Mark Smith (Tertiary)	Steve Rich Julie Niwinski	Doug Tallent Martha Tallent Gary Tweed Toni Tweed	Margaret Tickle Ann Young	Gordon Jones Joan Jones
9.8.2013	NA	Ann Perkins (Primary) Doug Tallent (Secondary) Mark Smith (Tertiary)	Merritt Moseley Sue Lane Muesing	Brian Wallace Barbara Wallace Steve Rich Julie Niwinski	Merle Buckner Geri Allison	Bruce Kidder Elaine Price
9.15.2013	NA	Ann Perkins (Primary) Doug Tallent (Secondary) Mark Smith (Tertiary)	Geri Allison Rebecca Tucker	Robert Wiltshire Debbie Wiltshire William Withers Jessica Withers	Claire Bailey Kathy Hallman	Cathy Mills Madeline Moseley
9.22.2013	NA	Ann Perkins (Primary) Doug Tallent (Secondary) Mark Smith (Tertiary)	Brian Hallman Doug Tallent	Bud Allison Geri Allison Mardy Murphy Don McGeary	Cynthia Stewart Madeline Moseley	Steve Rich Judy Rich
9.29.2013	NA	Ann Perkins (Primary) Doug Tallent (Secondary) Mark Smith (Tertiary)	Diane Arnold Mardy Murphy	Don Jackson Jessica Jackson Mike Rice Sherry Rice	Lois Glenn Kitty Schaller	Arlee Banks Lois Glenn

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Date	Acolytes	Nursery Volunteers	Children's Church	Children's Message	Lector
9.1.2013	Elliott Withers	Margaret Tickle Heather Post	Heather Post	Sallyanne McVay	Curtis Goforth
9.8.2013	Corey Anne McVay	Day Ann Emory Janie Wilson	Margaret Tickle	Margaret Tickle	David Warren
9.15.2013	Cora Goforth	John Stewart Julie Niwinski	Sallyanne McVay	Sallyanne McVay	Steve Rich
9.22.2013	Barfou Boakye-Boaten	William Withers Jessica Withers	Madeline Moseley	Madeline Moseley	Rick Morehead
9.29.2013	Ryan Conover	Don Jackson Davie Jackson	Jennifer Goforth	Curtis Goforth	Madeline Moseley

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Greeters:	Cynthia Stewart	crameystew@hotmail.com	H: (828) 251-9210
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News from the Youth and Children

On Sunday, September 8th after worship, the Godly Play teachers invite the entire church to come and see the beauty, the liturgy and the simplicity of a Godly Play Classroom. Thanks to many of you, our dedicated church members, this classroom has undergone a transformation. As the classroom is being transformed, we pray that the hearts and lives of our church children have also been transformed. Mark your calendars now and plan on staying after worship to see this special place on the third floor.

Sunday, September 8th at 9:45am, Youth Sunday School takes on a whole NEW LOOK! Wired Word, Godly Works, Claim the Name and Credo will all come together to lead our youth forward in their faith. Ellen Banks, Scott Glenn, Mardy Murphy, Curtis Goforth and Sallyanne McVay look forward to offering a 6th-9th Grade Class and a Senior High Class. Any adults who would like to be a part of this exciting new endeavor are encourage to contact any of the above planners.

Confirmation is a time to learn more about yourself, the church and what you believe. 7th, 8th and 9th Grade (or parents of) Youth interested in participating in the 2013-2014 Confirmation Class are asked to speak to Curtis or Sallyanne.

-Sallyanne McVay



Thanks to all the adults and youth who participated in our mission trip this past July in Mars Hill! We painted and did some drywall through ReCreation Experience for a gentleman whose house had burned. Above are some pictures of our time.

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