



The Asbury Journal

October 2013

HOMECOMING 2013: Looking Back to See Ahead

Sunday October 13, 2013-Worship at 11:00am

Covered Dish Luncheon at 12:30pm

*Bread and Beverages provided;
bring a meat, vegetable and/or dessert to share*

*Celebrating 212 years of Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church*

Guest Speaker: The Rev. Arnie Corriher

Please join us for this wonderful day of celebrating the 212nd birthday of Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church! We are so pleased to have Arnie Corriher as our guest speaker. Rev. Corriher was pastor at Asbury from 1981-1988 and recently retired from Hickory Grove UMC in Charlotte.

Make plans to join us for an inspiring message, special music, a great meal and above all, great fellowship!! All of your friends and family are invited to attend!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR

Have you ever been really hungry? I mean the type of gnawing hunger that makes it impossible to think, to sleep, and to even perform your daily chores. Most likely not, we are a country of abundant physical food and rarely are our stomachs truly empty. However, I suspect our spiritual lives are another matter. The Prodigal Son in Jesus' parable found in Luke 15 left home seeking the greener grass. After his fortune was gone, he was reduced to tending swine. That is about as far from the good life as anyone can ever find themselves. He was far from home and literally starving to death.

Let's look deeper into this story than the physical hunger experienced by the Prodigal Son. If we do, we may find times in our own lives when we were spiritually malnourished. We may have had days, weeks, months, even years when we were in a parched place desperately seeking something to sustain us. Hopefully, there comes a time when we recognize the *need* as a call to restore our relationship with God. While church community is the beginning of restoring the relationship, it is for one hour a week. What do we do with the other hours? I invite each of us to consider spiritual practices that can move us into a deeper relationship with God: centering prayer, lectio divina, retreats, fasting, praying the Psalms and spiritual direction. Each of these practices takes us away from the fast pace of our daily lives and allow us to rest in God's presence. Blessings!

-Pastor David Warren

News from the SAMs Group

The SAMs Group had a great planning meeting last month with lots of interesting suggestions for the coming year ahead. We will kick off with a book talk followed by discussions and comments on Thursday, October 17th at 11:00 am at the North Asheville Library on Merrimon Ave. Due to limited parking at the library, we will carpool from church. Elaine Poovey will lead the first meeting with a book talk. She will talk about Zeitoun by Dave Eggers and One Amazing Thing by Chitra Divakaruni. Participants do **not** have to read the books prior to coming to the book talk. Following our discussion, we will then have lunch at a local eatery. Although SAMs group is primarily for seniors, we always welcome guests of all ages! We look forward to seeing you at this event.

-Derick Tickle

News from the North Asheville Preschool

Our year is off to a great start. We have our annual Open House set for the evening of October 21, 2013 from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Instead of our annual Christmas Craft Show in December, we are hosting a spaghetti supper at the church at 5:00 pm right before Open House. Come join us for both events!

-Madeline Moseley



News from the Missions Committee

The Bread Tin Collection for August collected \$302.30 for Nothing but Nets, a global campaign to fight malaria among children in Africa. Thank you for your support and generosity!

If you want to volunteer for the Habitat for Humanity's 2013 Methodist/Presbyterian House, please contact Merritt Moseley (828.253.6940; moseley@unca.edu). There are still dates available this fall. Thank you!

The recent flooding in Colorado has killed at least 7 people (82 are still unaccounted for), left billions of dollars in damage, and blocked people from their homes. and UMCOR- our representative agency is there. Supporting local church efforts, UMCOR disaster relief had provided manpower, cleaning supplies, and health kits to the afflicted area. UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief) responds to disasters with training, finances, expertise and networking, as well as supplying practical needs like clean water and flood buckets. Every dollar donated is spent on relief, none on overhead. The Bread Tin Collection, a loose change offering, for October will support UMCOR disaster relief. Please give generously.

World Communion Sunday is October 6th. "World Communion Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children. The offering benefits World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program." -www.umcgiving.org

If you have any household goods--furniture or kitchen items or linens--please let Madeline Moseley (828.253.6940 or madelinemoseley@att.net) know because Homeward Bound is steadily housing people. Thank you!

Help Somebody: A Benefit Concert for Homeward Bound's Programs for Women by Womansong will be held on Friday, October 4th at 7:30pm at Central United Methodist Church, 27 Church St, Asheville NC. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$10 for children under 15. Tickets are available online at www.womansong.org.

Asbury's 2013 contribution of canned/dry fruit to those in need across WNC now stands at 1234 pounds -- on our way to a ton by December 31! Help fight hunger in our community by contributing. Red barrels are placed throughout the church for your donations. Many thanks to all.

-Kitty Schaller and Merritt Moseley

News from the Friendship Circle

We are pleased to welcome Louise Kister to our group. Our 3rd annual "Pumpkin Soup and Salad" luncheon will be on Sunday, October 27th immediately following worship. We are looking forward to a great crowd! Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:30pm. We will be finalizing our arrangements for the luncheon.

The Friendship Circle has been working on an updated version of an Asbury Pictorial Directory. Our resident photographer, Mardy Murphy, has been snapping candid shots at church events. However we are still missing some of you and want to make sure that everyone is included. When you come for Homecoming Sunday (October 13th), please catch up with Mardy (she will be the one with the camera in her hands!) and give her your name, address and contact information. We anticipate that the directories will be available for distribution to the congregation in January 2014. More to come.....

-Ellen Banks and Mardy Murphy

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church

Church Calendar for October 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.*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB] 12:00 pm- Staff Meeting [GE] <i>Room In The Inn</i> <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	2 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>Room In The Inn</i> <i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i>	3 9:00 am-12:00 pm- Church Office Hours 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB] 6:30 pm- Theology on Tap [Marco's Pizzeria] <i>Room In The Inn</i>	4 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB] 8:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] <i>Room In The Inn</i> <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	5 <i>Room In The Inn</i> <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>
6 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> 9:45 am- Sunday School 11:00 am- Worship [S] 11:00 am- Holy Communion [S] 12:00 pm- NOW Committee Meeting [BC] 2:00 pm- CROP Walk 8:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	7 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-12:00 pm- Asheville Lectionary Group 6:00 pm-8:00 pm- Disciple Bible Study [St. Paul's]	8 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	9 9:00 am-12:00 pm- Church Office Hours 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB] 6:00 pm- Handbell Rehearsal [S] 7:00 pm- Choir Rehearsal [CR] 8:00 pm- Narcotics Anonymous [FH] <i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i>	10 9:00 am-12:00 pm- Church Office Hours 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB] 7:00 pm- Trustees [BC]	11 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB] 8:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	12 <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>
13 <i>Homecoming</i> 9:45 am- Sunday School 11:00 am- Worship [S] 12:30 pm- Covered Dish Luncheon [FH] 7:00 pm- Church Council Meeting [BC] 8:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	14 <i>Columbus Day</i> 7:00 am- Emmaus Group [YR] 9:00 am-12:00 pm- Church Office Hours 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB] 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm- Disciple Bible Study [St. Paul's]	15 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	16 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>	17 9:00 am-12:00 pm- Church Office Hours 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB] 11:00 am- SAMs Group [Church, then North Asheville Library] 7:00pm- Finance Committee [BC]	18 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB] 8:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	19 <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>

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Volunteer Schedule

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Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church Volunteer Schedule October 2013						
Date	Communion Servers	Lock-Up Volunteer	Counting Team	Ushers	Greeters	Sanctuary Stewards
10.6.2013	Curtis Goforth Doug Tallent Sallyanne McVay Martha Tallent	Mark Smith (primary) Scott Glenn (secondary)	Mark Smith Madeline Moseley	Doug Tallent Martha Tallent Jerry Stubblefield TBD	Kathy Hallman Cathy Mills	Derick Tickle Margaret Tickle
10.13.2013	NA	Mark Smith (primary) Scott Glenn (secondary)	Betty Gaddy Jane Hite	Gary Tweed Toni Tweed TBD TBD	Toni Tweed TBD	Gordon Jones Joan Jones
10.20.2013	NA	Mark Smith (primary) Scott Glenn (secondary)	Elaine Poovey Claire Bailey	Robert Wiltshire Debbie Wiltshire Don McGeary Kitty Schaller	Elaine Price Judy Rich	Bruce Kidder Elaine Price
10.27.2013	NA	Mark Smith (primary) Scott Glenn (secondary)	Steve Rich Julie Niwinski	William Withers Jessica Withers Bud Allison Geri Allison	Claire Bailey TBD	Cathy Mills Madeline Moseley

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Date	Acolytes	Nursery Volunteers	Children's Church	Children's Message	Lector
10.6.2013	Mitchell Tucker	Cathy Mills Judy Rich	Heather Post	Sallyanne McVay	Curtis Goforth
10.13.2013	Haley Phillips	Cynthia Stewart Martha Tallent	Jessica Jackson	Sallyanne McVay	Ann Perkins
10.20.2013	Jase Gillis	Jennifer Goforth Mardy Murphy	Margaret Tickle	Margaret Tickle	Jeff McVay
10.27.2013	Corey Ann McVay	Derick Tickle Margaret Tickle	Claire Bailey	Madeline Moseley	Merritt Moseley

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Ushers:	Gary Hutchins	NA	H: (828) 683-1948
Greeters:	Cynthia Stewart	crameystew@hotmail.com	H: (828) 251-9210
Sanctuary Stewards:	Margaret Tickle	margarettickle@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	curtis@asburymethodist.org	H: (828) 484-8540
Scripture Readers:	Curtis Goforth	curtis@asburymethodist.org	H: (828) 484-8540





News from the Youth and Children

Sunday, October 6th at 2:00pm is the annual CROP WALK for Hunger. The event starts and ends at First Baptist Church, 5 Oak St. Asheville. All money raised goes to MANNA Food Bank, Loving Food Resources, ABCCM and Meals on Wheels. Children and Youth can walk as long as they get sponsors to donate and have an adult to walk with them. Donation forms are available from Merritt Moseley (moseley@unca.edu). PLEASE let Sallyanne know if you will be walking with her!

Children's Choir will begin meeting after Godly Play from 10:45-10:55am on Sunday mornings in the Godly Play classroom. We will begin preparing some music for worship and the Christmas season.

Were you unable to attend the September 22nd fundraiser for Children & Youth Mission Fund? It is never too late to contribute to the Children & Youth Mission Fund. This fund supports the youth in their Summer Mission trip and makes other Mission opportunities available for our children.

THANK YOU to Katie Warren for offering two Godly Play Training Sessions for Asbury Memorial UMC and other interested churches. Thank you to David Warren and Elaine Poovey for assisting Katie. Asbury Memorial's class has one new Storyteller and possibly two new assistants (doorpersons). Thank you to Don Jackson for sharing the story on September 15th and to Janie Wilson for her willingness to be a doorperson. We look forward to others who wish to join our teaching team as the year progresses.

-Sallyanne McVay

News From the Finance Committee

As Christians we are all stewards of God's many blessings. An important part of that stewardship is giving to our church, Asbury Memorial. We all know that it takes money for Asbury to fulfill God's vision and plan in our community. Through August, we have received \$21,000 less than we have spent. This is twice as much as we were behind at this time last year. Our pledges are approximately 16% and estimates are about 21% below what they should be at this time. I would like to ask everyone to pray that each of us can find the means to meet our financial responsibilities to Asbury. Together we can keep Asbury financially strong and a vibrant part of our neighborhood.

Brian L. Wallace
Finance Committee
Chairman

Attention: Those Receiving Distributions from IRAs or Tax Deferred Annuities

An option is available to reduce the taxable amount of your distribution by making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to a charity like Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church.

This is easy to do. Contact the trustee of your IRA or annuity and tell them you want to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution to Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church and they will do all the paper work. This is a great way to contribute to your pledge or estimated giving and to reduce your taxable income as distributions are being made as the year comes to an end.

At year end your 1099-R will show the non-taxable amount. All of the mandatory distribution does not have to be included in the charitable portion of the distribution.

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