



The Asbury Journal

March 2014



A Message from the Pastor

Who was the historical St. Patrick?

Last month I shared a bit about the life of the historical St. Valentine, and this month I'd like to share with you a bit about the life of the historical St. Patrick.

Most people assume that Patrick was Irish since he is the patron saint of that country, but I bet you didn't know that Patrick was actually British! He was abducted by Irish pirates and forced into

slavery in Ireland when he was 16, but he was able to escape and return home to England at the age of 22. However, he saw a vision one day and he felt called to go and to evangelize his former captors and their people, whereupon he began studying for the priesthood. He soon became the bishop of Ireland and was responsible for converting much of that country to Christianity. He was able to teach the people of Ireland about the trinity by using the example of the clover that had three distinct leaves but were united into a single plant much like God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

However, it is unlikely that he pinched people who didn't wear green on March 17th, that he turned beer green, or that he drove all the snakes out of Ireland. There were most likely never any snakes in Ireland to begin with. He also wasn't the first to attempt to evangelize Ireland. Additionally, I would like to point out that there are many similarities between St. Valentine and St. Patrick—primarily their desire to tell others about Jesus. Patrick used the culture of his former captors (the clover) to explain Jesus to them. What can we do here in Asheville to share Christ with those around us who do not know him? May the peace of Christ be with you.

-Curtis+

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR

I have been reading a wonderful book entitled *Miracle in Darien*. It is a true story of an Episcopal church in Darien, Connecticut. Let me set the stage for you. The name of the church is Saint Paul's and like many small churches they struggled to meet a very meager budget even by 1972 standards. Terry Fullam came to Saint Paul's with no practical experience as a priest. In fact he had been a seminary professor for most of his adult life. He struggled at first to say yes to the call of the church. After much prayer and meeting with their vestry (church council) he gave them one stipulation before he would agree. That stipulation was that Christ be the true head of their church. With that one condition in mind Saint Paul's became the fastest growing Episcopal church in America. Regular church attendance went from 250 at Sunday worship to over 1,200 in a few short years. Most days of the week the church was filled with a variety of teaching and learning opportunities. There were clothes closets, soup kitchens and food pantries in the building and at other locations sponsored by the church. What brought about this phenomenal growth in numbers and ministries? It was brought about by revival and renewal of the whole congregation.

I could never explain all that happened in the space I have here in the newsletter. So let me focus on a few important points. First, Fullam shared with the congregation that every member had been given special gifts by God, and that God expects them to use those gifts to build the church. To help them understand this, during worship one Sunday he had them to close their eyes, and place their open hands in their laps. After a moment he then asked them to close their hands into fists. He then asked them to realize that in their hands they held their lives and the abilities, gifts and possessions that God had given them. Next he asked them to slowly open their fingers and to release their lives into the hands of God. "Don't do it if you have no intention of doing it. Let the opening of your fingers be a symbolic gesture of the offering of yourself to God."

Fullam then closed with this powerful statement. "If the Bible is clear about anything, it is clear about the fact that God wants nothing from us. He does not want our money. He does not want anything from us, if we withhold our lives."

What a challenge for us, the church, today. We want to be in control, we want to be known as self-made people. We like to take credit for what ever happens in our lives. To surrender our lives to God is a great leap of faith and yet if we do, maybe a miracle like what happened at Saint Paul's can happen here at Asbury Memorial.

News from the Friendship Circle

Mark your calendars! The annual Soup and Salad Luncheon will follow worship on Sunday, March 16th. In keeping with the St. Patrick's Day theme, we will serve vegetable beef soup and salad. Please plan to join us!!



News from the Missions Committee

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!

Don't forget to add canned tuna to your grocery list. We will be collecting canned tuna for MANNA Food Bank throughout 2014. Your support is greatly appreciated by all those who go hungry in WNC. Thank you!

Our March Bread Tin Collections will go to support Women At Risk, a program of Western North Carolinians for Criminal Justice. This program sums up its mission this way: WCCJ/Women At Risk helps individuals break the cycle of abuse and wrong choices that lead to criminal activity. In particular, Women At Risk gives to women the opportunity, the motivation, and the tools to succeed. With almost 90% of our graduates successfully completing probation and staying out of jail, Women At Risk is a proven treatment alternative to incarceration. Thank you for giving generously.

There will be a special collection on March 30th for One Great Hour of Sharing, in which our gifts go to support UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief), a ministry of relief and hope. Our gifts make it possible for UMCOR to use 100% of all other contributions on projects, by covering fundraising and administrative costs. UMCOR is a very efficient operation, with operating costs less than 10% of its budget. Let's help to cover those so all other UMCOR funds can go to those in crisis.

March Birthdays

<p>John Stewart, March 2nd Jonathan Keeney, March 4th Lauren Butler, March 6th Rachael Travis, March 9th Robert Chason, March 10th Nancy Leigh Douglas, March 10th Elaine Price, March 10th</p>	<p>Joan Jones, March 16th Joseph Hallman, March 19th Ashlee Knight, March 19th Brandon Tweed, March 19th Joel Stewart, March 23rd Elliot Withers, March 27th John Major, March 30th</p>
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The Lenoir-Rhyne A Cappella Choir and Brass Ensemble is coming to perform at St. Mark's Lutheran, in Asheville on Thursday, March 27th at 7:00 pm.

St. Mark's is co-sponsoring this event with the L-R Center for Graduate Studies of Asheville. Admission is free. Guests are invited to make a free-will donation at the door. A reception in the fellowship hall will follow.

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church

Church Calendar for March 2014

**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
						
						<i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<i>Pulpit Swap</i> 9:45 am -Sunday School 11:00 am -Worship [S] 8:00 pm -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	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 -Asheville Lectionary Group [BC]	<i>Shrove Tuesday</i> 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] 12:00 pm -Staff Meeting [GE] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> 9:00 am-12:00 pm -Church Office Hours 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] 5:45 pm -Handbell Practice [S] 6:30 pm -Choir Rehearsal [CR] 7:00 pm -Ash Wednesday Service [S] 8:00 pm -Narcotics Anonymous [FH] <i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i>	9:00 am-12:00 pm -Church Office Hours 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB]	9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] 8:00 pm -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	<i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i> 9:45 am -Sunday School 11:00 am -Worship [S] 11:00 am -Holy Communion [S] 12:00 pm -Church Council Meeting [S] 8:00 pm -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	7:00 am -Emmaus Group [YR] 9:00 am-12:00 pm -Church Office Hours 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB]	9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	9:00 am-12:00 pm -Church Office Hours 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] 6:00 pm -Handbell Practice [S] 7:00 pm -Choir Rehearsal [CR] 8:00 pm -Narcotics Anonymous [FH] <i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i>	9:00 am-12:00 pm -Church Office Hours 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB]	9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] 8:00 pm -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	<i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16 9:45 am -Sunday School 11:00 am -Worship [S] 12:00 pm - UMW Soup and Salad Luncheon [FH] 8:00 pm -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	17 <i>St. Patrick's 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] 10:00 am -Asheville Lectionary Group [BC] <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>	18 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	19 9:00 am-12:00 pm -Church Office Hours 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] 6:00 pm -Handbell Practice [S] 7:00 pm -Choir Rehearsal [CR] 8:00 pm -Narcotics Anonymous [FH] <i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i>	20 9:00 am-12:00 pm -Church Office Hours 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] 11:00 am - SAMs Group [Tickle's house] 7:00 pm -Finance Committee Meeting [BC]	21 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] 8:00 pm -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	22 <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>
23 9:45 am -Sunday School 11:00 am -Worship [S] 8:00 pm -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	24 7:00 am -Emmaus Group [YR] 9:00 am-12:00 pm -Church Office Hours 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] 11:00 am -Worship Committee Meeting [BC] 6:30 pm -Friendship Circle [BC]	25 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	26 9:00 am-12:00 pm -Church Office Hours 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] 6:00 pm -Handbell Practice [S] 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 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB]	28 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] 8:00 pm -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	29
30 <i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i> 9:45 am -Sunday School 11:00 am -Worship [S] 8:00 pm -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] <i>Room In The Inn</i>	31 7:00 am -Emmaus Group [YR] 9:00 am-12:00 pm -Church Office Hours 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] <i>Room In The Inn</i>					
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				Important Dates in April March 30 th -April 5 th -Room In The Inn April 13 th -Palm/Passion Sunday April 17 th -Maundy Thursday April 18 th -Good Friday April 20 th -Easter		



Volunteer Schedule

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Date	Communion Servers	Lock-Up Volunteer	Counting Team	Ushers	Greeters	Sanctuary Stewards
3.2.2014	NA	Merritt Moseley (primary) Doug Tallent (secondary)	Merritt Moseley Sue Lane Muesing	Jerry Stubblefield Julie Niwinski William Withers Jessica Withers	John Stewart TBD	Arlee Banks Ellen Banks
3.9.2014	Curtis Goforth Deborah Hawkins Sallyanne McVay Steve Rich	Merritt Moseley (primary) Doug Tallent (secondary)	Geri Allison Rebecca Tucker	Bud Allison Geri Allison Don Jackson Jessica Jackson	Geri Allison Jessica Withers	Derick Tickle Margaret Tickle
3.16.2014	NA	Merritt Moseley (primary) Doug Tallent (secondary)	Brian Hallman Doug Tallent	Don McGeary Kitty Schaller Gary Tweed Toni Tweed	Kitty Schaller Claire Bailey	Gordon Jones Joan Jones
3.23.2014	NA	Merritt Moseley (primary) Doug Tallent (secondary)	Diane Arnold Mardy Murphy	Robert Wiltshire Debbie Wiltshire Mike Rice Sherry Rice	Ann Young TBD	Bruce Kidder Elaine Price
3.30.2014	NA	Merritt Moseley (primary) Doug Tallent (secondary)	Mark Smith Madeline Moseley	Jerry Stubblefield Julie Niwinski William Withers Jessica Withers	Judy Rich Toni Tweed	Madeline Moseley TBD

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Date	Acolytes	Nursery Volunteers	Children's Church	Children's Message	Lector
3.2.2014	Haley Phillips	Claire Bailey Heather Post	Heather Post	Curtis Goforth	Curtis Goforth
3.9.2014	Harper Shook	Heather Post Janie Wilson	Margaret Tickle	Margaret Tickle	Ellen Banks
3.16.2014	Cora Goforth	John Stewart Julie Niwinski	Jennifer Goforth	Sallyanne McVay	David Warren
3.23.2014	Barfu Boakye-Boaten	Jessica Withers TBD	Madeline Moseley	Madeline Moseley	Jessica Jackson
3.30.2014	Eliza Jackson	Don Jackson Davie Jackson	Sallyanne McVay	Sallyanne McVay	Wylie Withers

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
Margaret Tickle
Sallyanne McVay
Davie Jackson
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News from the Youth and Children

How about a GAME NIGHT at Givens Estates with some older adults who would really enjoy some youthful companionship??? Let Sallyanne know if you are interested.

SUMMER MISSION: The summer mission trip is to Salkehatchie/Santee from Saturday, July 12th -Saturday, July 19th. The cost is \$215.00 and you must be 14 years old and above. Check out www.salkehatchie.org or contact Sallyanne for more details about registration.

CHILDREN'S UPDATE: Anyone who would like to help with the 2014 Easter Egg Hunt, please contact Sallyanne (sallyanne@asburymethodist.org).

If you are willing and available to watch the Nursery on Wednesday, March 5th for the Ash Wednesday Service, call Sallyanne (230-4065) or Davie Jackson (645-2928). Thank you!

-Sallyanne McVay

News from the SAMs Group

The March meeting of the SAMs Group will be held on Thursday, March 20th at 11:00 am at Margaret and Derick Tickle's house (19 Osborne Rd). The program is Kaleidoscopes: a presentation on the art of mirrored magic. Please plan to attend and bring a covered dish for lunch. See you then!

-Derick and Margaret Tickle

News from the N.O.W. Committee

The N.O.W. Committee is still selling Asbury decal stickers--if you don't have one yet, there's still time! Just think about how many people idle behind you in traffic or walk past your car in parking lots: that's how many people might learn about Asbury from just one little sticker. They are only \$3.00 and proceeds will go towards fellowship events in 2014. If you are interested, please see Claire Bailey or email her at moseleyclaire@gmail.com. And remember--they'll stick other places than cars so if you're not a bumper sticker person, you can still get one!

-Claire Bailey

News from the North Asheville Preschool

We enjoyed our snow days off from school but were really eager to get back to work! Registration continues for summer and fall classes, and we anticipate a full house again. We celebrated Dental Hygiene Month in February, along with the treats for Valentine's Day! We trust March will be breezy but not snowy, and we look forward to our spring break during Holy Week in April.

-Madeline Moseley



Blue Ridge District United Methodist Church Lay Servant Ministry
Schedule of Classes for Spring 2014 are as follows:

March 2nd and 16th from 1:30pm-7:00pm @ Pleasant Grove UMC, Forest City (Registration by Feb. 26th)

March 30th and April 6th from 2:00pm-7:30pm @ Christ UMC, Weaverville (Registration by March 14th)

Don Price will be teaching the class. His contact information is
price3344@bellsouth.net or 828-453-8882 or 828-919-0624.

The cost is \$35.00 with a light meal. Checks can be made payable to Blue Ridge District UMC
and sent to Evelyn Patterson at 80 Misty Lane, Brevard, NC 28712.

The Basic Course includes a study of what it means to be God's called people and how we may be at work for God
in our own church and communities. The course provides learning opportunities in three areas of service for lay
servants: leading, caring, and communicating.



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