



The Asbury Journal

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A Message from the Pastor



This past Sunday, I shared a story during the sermon about a boy named "Little Joe" who was an orphan at the Presbyterian Home for Children in Barium Springs, NC (just outside Statesville). Joe Gilliland was one of those children at the orphanage who was small and a little bit frail, but he had a really big personality. In 1903 when Joe first arrived at the orphanage, there was no church on the grounds. Little Joe could constantly be heard saying that when he became a big man that he was going to build a church there with a big porch. Sadly, one Sunday morning a few years later, Joe became suddenly ill and died. After his funeral as they were going through his few possessions they found a little, worn leather purse that had 45 pennies in it and a note that he had been saving them to build a church there. Naturally, this story went far and wide, and in only two years there was a church at the orphanage which could only have been named Little Joe's Presbyterian Church.

We are in the beginning stages of our own building and remodeling process here at Asbury Memorial aimed at making our historic facilities a little more accessible and doing some important maintenance and improvements. You will hear more about this from the Capital Campaign Committee in the coming months, but I want us to remember the story of Little Joe as we think about funding these endeavors. The Bible is full of stories of real people with almost nothing doing great things. Think about all that we can do here in this place with what God has blessed us with!

May the peace of Christ be with you,
Curtis+

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A Message from the Assistant Pastor

There is a television program called “*Family Values*” that seems to have extremely high ratings from viewers. I have never seen it so this is not a recommendation to watch it. The title set me to thinking; what exactly are family values? Is there a list of beliefs that are common to all families or is each family free to set its own value system?

As a child of the fifties and sixties my families’ values could be observed by watching some of the programs on television—*Father Knows Best*, *Ozzie and Harriet*, *I Love Lucy* and the *Andy Griffin Show*. The common thread in each of these television programs was families that communicated with one another. Such attributes as honesty and family loyalty were held in high esteem. During those years, children learned from their parents the importance of hard work, responsibility and faith. Church and school did their part to reinforce these values. But I fear all that is changing and not for the better.

We are entering an election cycle preparing for the November 2014 voting. We can expect many of the politicians to include in their campaign promises that they will support “family values”. I am no longer sure of what that actually means. Are these the values from the fifties and sixties or are they the new values that television portrays of our modern day families? Put simply if we do not set family values for our children and grandchildren, someone else will. I encourage each of you to sit down with pencil and paper and list those things that you hold near and dear. When you finish, look to see if they reflect the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. If you need any prompting, read Exodus 20: 1-17 better known as the Ten Commandments—in Godly Play they are called the Ten Best Ways to Live. God gave the commandments to the children of Israel and they still seem viable today.

Blessings!

Pastor David Warren

News from the Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle invites you to participate in a vital part of Asbury's ministry. Financial contributions are being accepted for the bereavement receptions held during the times of loss for Asbury family members. If you wish to make a contribution to go toward the meals and/or refreshments, please designate "Bereavement Meals" in the memo section of your check. Thank you!

The Asbury Membership Directory is completed and ready for purchase! The Friendship Circle has designed and produced a 2014 casual pictorial directory. We are requesting a \$6 donation to help cover the cost. This has been a project of the Circle and no funds from the Church budget have been used. We have printed 75 directories. Members from the circle will be in the Sanctuary each Sunday with a good supply. Should you miss one of us, please feel free to contact Mardy Murphy (mardymurphy@aol.com) or any member of the Circle to get one. Thanking you in advance for your support of the United Methodist Women!



News from the Missions Committee

Our Tuna-A-Thon continues. Asbury friends and members have donated a total of 877 pounds as of July 25th. Your thoughtfulness means so much as MANNA distributes this protein far and wide in WNC to agencies like food pantries that help families in need. Keep up the good work! And always remember that a check is welcome--remember to memo: "MANNA food drive"--and \$1.00 counts as 1 pound of tuna for our total. THANK YOU!!!

Our June Bread Tin collection totaled \$383.17 for Pisgah Legal Services' Domestic Violence work, providing free civil legal aid to thousands who face abuse at home. PLS helps thousands of women and children who need to escape, to seek legal protection and to rebuild their lives. Thank you for taking a stand against domestic violence in WNC!

Our July Bread Tin collection totaled \$703.66 for school supplies for Jones Elementary School. Thank you for your support in providing the proper tools to facilitate learning in the classroom. These gifts will help children to do their best.

Our August Bread Tin Offering is for The Haywood Street Respite. The Haywood Street Respite is a safe place for homeless adults to rest, get three meals a day, and be helped in other ways to "get back on their feet" following discharge from the hospital. It is short-term care in a home-like setting for folks who are too ill or frail to recover on the streets after surgery or acute illness. "Our vision is to create a community where each person recognizes him or herself as a child of God worthy of love and grace. Folks bring their brokenness and receive all sorts of healing here. With the addition of the respite program, physical healing will also be supported." For more information, go online to www.haywoodstreet.org and click the programs tab. Thank you in advance for giving generously.

News from the North Asheville Preschool

We'll be back on August 25th for our orientation day for the regular school year. We anticipate a full house again for 2014-2015. Thank you for all of your support.

-Madeline Moseley

Church Calendar for August 2014

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>17</p> <p>9:45 am-Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am-Worship [S]</p> <p>6:00 pm-Youth Movie and Dinner Gathering</p> <p>8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 am-Emmaus Group [YR]</p> <p>9:00 am-12:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p> <p><i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 am-12:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p> <p>5:45 pm-Al-Anon Meeting [BC]</p> <p>6:00 pm-Handbell Practice [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>21</p> <p>9:00 am-12:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>
<p>24/31</p> <p>9:45 am-Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am-Worship [S]</p> <p>11:00 am-Sunday School Promotion Sunday [S]</p> <p>12:00 pm- Back to School Bash [Church Grounds]</p> <p>8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:00 am-Emmaus Group [YR]</p> <p>9:00 am-12:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p> <p>9:30 am-11:00 am-Preschool Orientation</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool</p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00 am-12:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p> <p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool</p> <p>5:45 pm-Al-Anon Meeting [BC]</p> <p>6:00 pm-Handbell Practice [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>28</p> <p>9:00 am-12:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p> <p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool</p> <p>6:00 pm-Christians for a United Community "CUC" [FH]</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool</p> <p>8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</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 Dates in September</u> Sept. 1st - Labor Day Sept. 14th - Lemonade on the Lawn Sept. 28th -Oct. 4th - Room In The Inn</p>		
<p><u>August Birthdays</u> Joann Mair, August 1st Cindy Stubblefield, August 1st Bill Murphy, August 4th Mardy Murphy, August 7th Davie Jackson, August 11th Blair Knight, August 11th Michael Keeney, August 12th William Gottenstrater, August 13th</p>				<p><u>August Birthdays</u> Nicholas Hallman, August 13th Dot Holland, August 17th Ryan Conover, August 22nd Heather Post, August 23rd Martha Tallent, August 23rd Kathy Hallman, August 27th Virginia Clark, August 28th Howard Collins, August 30th Hunter Tweed, August 31st</p>		



Volunteer Schedule

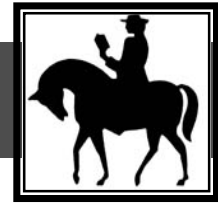
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Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church Volunteer Schedule August 2014						
Date	Communion Servers	Lock-Up Volunteer	Counting Team	Ushers	Greeters	Sanctuary Stewards
8.3.2014	Curtis Goforth Ann Perkins Sallyanne McVay Steve Rich	Doug Tallent (primary) Scott Glenn (secondary)	Mark Smith Madeline Moseley	Bud Allison Geri Allison Mardy Murphy TBD	Madeline Moseley TBD	Madeline Moseley TBD
8.10.2014	NA	Doug Tallent (primary) Scott Glenn (secondary)	Kelli Conover Jane Hite	Don Jackson Jessica Jackson Gary Tweed Toni Tweed	Juanita Wilkerson Rebecca Tucker	Steve Rich Judy Rich
8.17.201	NA	Doug Tallent (primary) Scott Glenn (secondary)	Elaine Poovey Claire Bailey	Don McGearry Kitty Schaller Robert Wiltshire Debbie Wiltshire	Elaine Price TBD	Arlee Banks Ellen Banks
8.24.2014	NA	Doug Tallent (primary) Scott Glenn (secondary)	Steve Rich Julie Niwinski	Mike Rice Sherry Rice Jerry Stubblefield Julie Niwinski	Geri Allison Jessica Withers	Derick Tickle Margaret Tickle
8.31.2014	NA	Doug Tallent (primary) Scott Glenn (secondary)	Tim Bailey Scott Glenn	William Withers Jessica Withers Bud Allison Geri Allison	Claire Bailey Kitty Schaller	Gordon Jones Joan Jones

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Date	Acolytes	Nursery Volunteers	Children's Church	Children's Message	Lector
8.3.2014	Harper Shook	Bob Tucker Rebecca Tucker	Megan Shook	Sallyanne McVay	Curtis Goforth
8.10.2014	Barfuo Boakye-Boaten	Sallyanne McVay TBD	Sallyanne McVay	Sallyanne McVay	Wylie Withers
8.17.2014	Chloe Jackson Eliza Jackson	Derick Tickle Margaret Tickle	Jessica Jackson	Curtis Goforth	Sallyanne McVay
8.24.2014	Cora Goforth	Madeline Moseley Ann Young	Mardy Murphy	Curtis Goforth	Mitchell Tucker
8.31.2014	Haley Phillips	Day Ann Emory Janie Wilson	Sallyanne McVay	Sallyanne McVay	Corey McVay

Volunteer Coordinators:

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Lock-Up Team:	Curtis Goforth	curtis@asburymethodist.org	H: (828) 484-8540
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

Youth of Asbury are invited to join Sallyanne in a farewell to summer Movie and Dinner Gathering at Asbury Memorial UMC, Sunday August 17th at 6:00 PM.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Summer Sunday School will conclude on August 17th. We will be promoting some of our children into new Sunday School Classes on August 24th. If you would like to help us offer more age appropriate classes, please speak to Sallyanne McVay to see how you can help.

Summer is almost over and Asbury Memorial's Second Annual Back to School Bash is on the calendar for Sunday, August 24th. THIS EVENT is a FELLOWSHIP EVENT FOR THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION and is planned in lieu of a church picnic. Join us for worship and then stay for lunch on the church grounds, followed by games, fellowship, balloon twisting, possible face painting for the younger ones and some kind of "inflatable " fun for all ages. Hot dogs, baked beans, coleslaw and watermelon will be provided. We ask those coming to bring finger food sides or a dessert to share.

Sunday, September 21st during our 11:00 AM worship the N.O.W. Committee will present Bibles to our new third graders.

-Sallyanne McVay

News from the Choir Director

The Chancel Choir and the Handbell Choir have both begun to work on Christmas! We are preparing a cantata that includes both choirs, and this will be a step up from preparing things independently of each other. Five songs in the selected cantata, Festival of Carols, by Joseph Martin, are beautifully complimented by handbell additions, and the combined workings will present to the Asbury congregation a Christmas offering that will be remembered.

Handbell rehearsal is on Wednesdays at 6pm. Chancel Choir rehearsal follows at 7pm. If you would like to be a participant in either choir, please let me know, or just show up. We have a spot for you, no matter which you would want to concentrate on.

We will present this to the congregation on December 21, at the 11am worship service.

Please mark your calendars accordingly, and give some thought to joining a choir during this blessed season.

-Ann Perkins

News from the N.O.W. Committee

Currently N.O.W. is selling Bumper Stickers for only \$3.00. This is just one way that others in Asheville may find out about Asbury Memorial UMC. If you don't desire a bumper sticker on your car, don't be afraid to buy and temporarily post in your vehicle window using a less permanent tape, place on a book cover or notebook or a canvas bag. Be creative and help us sell these to you and to family members who may have ties to Asbury. Proceeds go to fund N.O.W. events. Please see Claire Bailey to make your purchase.

Sunday, August 10th is Lemonade on the Lawn! Make plans to join us on the church grounds following worship for fellowship and lemonade on the second Sunday of the summer months.

Please share your fresh flowers with the church family on Sunday mornings. If you would like to offer flowers for the worship service, contact Arlee Banks at 252-4028 or ebanks453@aol.com.

News from the Finance Committee

Finance Committee Update:

While we continue to hold expenditures in line with our budget, through June our receipts were almost \$7,000 less than budgeted. As committee leadership works to make the best use of the church's resources, please remember to support Asbury Memorial's ministries during the summer months. Thank you for your continued stewardship!

	<u>For the 6 Months Through June 30, 2014</u>		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Favorable/(Unfavorable)</u> <u>Variance</u>
Receipts	\$97,472	\$104,338	(\$6,866)
Expenditures	<u>\$102,991</u>	<u>\$103,908</u>	<u>\$917</u>
Net Income/(Expense)	<u>(\$5,519)</u>	<u>\$430</u>	<u>(\$5,949)</u>



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