



The Asbury Journal

September 2014

A Message from the Pastor

At the last Church Council meeting, Deborah shared a brief devotional about the difference between jobs and ministries, particularly as they relate to church. There has been a lot of talk about this piece, and I want to share it with everyone so that we all might benefit in some way from its content. I invite you to take the words of this devotional to heart, especially as we begin the process of choosing new officers for the church in 2015:

Some people have a job in the church.
Others invite themselves into a ministry. What's the difference you ask?

If you are doing it just because no one else will, it's a job.
If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a ministry.

If you quit because someone criticized you, it's a job.
If you keep on serving, it's a ministry.

If you'll do it as long as it does not interfere with your other activities,
it's a job.
If you are committed to staying even if it means letting go of other things, it's a ministry.

If you quit because no one thanked you or praised you, it's a job.
If you stick with it even though no one recognized your efforts, it's a ministry.

It's hard to get excited about a job.
It's almost impossible not to get excited about a ministry.

If your concern is success, it's a job.
If your concern is faithfulness and service, it's a ministry.

If God calls you to a ministry, don't treat it like a job!

Lord, strengthen your servants and
move us to a true sense of ministry and service,
through your grace and mercy. Amen.

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News from the North Asheville Preschool

The preschool started back on August 25th with a full complement of children. The building looks great; thanks to Earl Burnett for the great-looking floors, Scott Glenn, Curtis Goforth and Larry Wilson for painting the stairwell, and the teachers for decorating the walls so cleverly. We anticipate a great year!

-Madeline Moseley

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 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, September 14th is the FINAL Lemonade on the Lawn of 2014! Make plans to join us on the church grounds following worship for fellowship and lemonade. We will congregate in the Fellowship Hall if there is bad weather.

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.

"IT'S AMERICA!"

You are cordially invited to attend this patriotic musical performed by the combined choirs of the Abernethy, Biltmore, and Oakley United Methodist Churches, with individuals from other choirs, including Asbury Memorial UMC. The program is FREE OF CHARGE and open to the public. All are welcome!

Saturday, September 13th @ Oakley United Methodist Church (706 Fairview Road); Two performances @ 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm; Reception at 5 pm for both performances (hot dogs, sides, and beverages).



News from the Missions Committee

The September Bread Tin collection is designated for Nothing But Nets, an international nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting malaria, a leading cause of death among children in Africa. Donations are used to provide insecticide-treated bed nets and educating communities on their use. Though malaria was eliminated in the United States in 1951, it is still deadly elsewhere. A child dies every minute from malaria. Protecting children from the mosquitoes that carry it is the best way to keep them alive. Thank you in advance for giving generously.

The 2014 Methodist-Presbyterian Habitat house is underway, and our church has been asked to provide three people to help build on each of the following days:

Tuesday, September 9: Roof Framing

Friday, September 26: Siding

Thursday, October 23: Flooring and Porch

If you can help out on one or more of those days--please let Merritt Moseley know (moseley@unca.edu). We have a proud history of helping build most of the 22 Methodist houses so far constructed by the Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity (note the pictures in the vestry). Thanks!

The Room In The Inn Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held on Thursday, October 9th at 6:00 pm at the Foster Memorial SDA Church (375 Hendersonville Rd). Please tell Madeline if you would like to attend so she can send in a number.

By August 28th, some 937 pounds of tuna have been delivered from Asbury to MANNA for 2014. MANNA's newly released hunger study shows that 107,600 people in our 16 WNC counties turn to MANNA food agencies for help. That's up a bit from 4 years ago. About 56% of the households have at least one employed person and yet, they face hunger. Poor health keeps coming up as a reason for hunger....or as a result of hunger...with 63% of households reporting that they have to choose between buying food and paying for medical care and prescriptions. A big change in the study this year is data on grandparents raising grandchildren. Fully 1 in 10 households include a grandparent as primary caregiver for a grandchild. Imagine that--- and imagine a home where food insecurity prevails. We can make a difference with our donations. Put tuna on the shopping list, please.

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

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church

Church Calendar for September 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>Happy Labor Day</i>	2 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool	3 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool 3:00 pm-6:00 pm- Church Office Hours 5:45 pm- Al-Anon Meeting [BC] 7:00 pm- Choir Rehearsal [CR] 8:00 pm- Narcotics Anonymous [FH]	4 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool 300 pm-6:00 pm- Church Office Hours	5 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool 8:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	6
	<i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	<i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	<i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i>		<i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	<i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>
7 9:45 am- Sunday School 11:00 am- Worship [S] 11:00 am- Holy Communion [S] 12:00 pm- N.O.W. Committee Meeting [BC] 8:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	8 7:00 am- Emmaus Group [YR] 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool 3:00 pm-6:00 pm- Church Office Hours	9 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool 7:00 pm- Lay Leadership Committee Meeting [BC] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	10 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool 3:00 pm-6:00 pm- Church Office Hours 5:45 pm- Al-Anon Meeting [BC] 7:00 pm- Choir Rehearsal [CR] 8:00 pm- Narcotics Anonymous [FH] <i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i>	11 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool 3:00 pm-6:00 pm- Church Office Hours	12 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool 8:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	13 <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>
14 9:45 am- Sunday School 11:00 am- Worship [S] 12:00 pm- Lemonade on the Lawn [Church Grounds] 8:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	15 7:00 am- Emmaus Group [YR] 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool 3:00 pm- 6:00 pm- Church Office Hours	16 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	17 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool 3:00 pm- 6:00 pm- Church Office Hours 5:45 pm- Al-Anon Meeting [BC] 6:00 pm- Handbell Practice [S] 7:00 pm- Choir Rehearsal [CR] 8:00 pm- Narcotics Anonymous [FH] <i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i>	18 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool 3:00 pm- 6:00 pm- Church Office Hours	19 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool 8:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	20 6:00 pm- Choir Christmas Party (No--this is not a mistake!) <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>

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<p>21</p> <p>9:45 am-Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am-Worship [S]</p> <p>8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:00 am-Emmaus Group [YR]</p> <p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool</p> <p>3:00 pm- 6:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p> <p>6:30 pm-Friendship Circle [FH]</p> <p><i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool</p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool</p> <p>3:00 pm- 6:00 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>25</p> <p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool</p> <p>3:00 pm- 6:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p> <p>7:00 pm-Finance Committee Meeting [Brown Chapel]</p>	<p>26</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>27</p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>
<p>28</p> <p>9:45 am-Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am-Worship [S]</p> <p>7:00 pm-Missions Committee Meeting</p> <p>8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p><i>Room In The Inn</i></p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool</p> <p>7:00 am-Emmaus Group [YR]</p> <p>3:00 pm- 6:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p> <p><i>Room In The Inn</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool</p> <p><i>Room In The Inn</i></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 October</u> Sept. 28th-Oct. 4th-Room In The Inn Oct. 9th -Room In The Inn Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Oct. 12th-Homecoming Sunday Oct. 31st-Halloween</p>		
<p><u>September Birthdays</u> Tom Stewart, Sept 2nd Mike Young, Sept 3rd Don Jackson, Sept 11th Elaine Collins, Sept 14th Elaine Poovey, Sept 14th</p>				<p><u>September Birthdays</u> Randy Rice, Sept 20th Kay Dechant, Sept 21st Sue Lane Muesing, Sept 22nd Ben Jackson, Sept 26th Rachael Young, Sept 27th</p>		



Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church Volunteer Schedule September 2014						
Date	Communion Servers	Lock-Up Volunteer	Counting Team	Ushers	Greeters	Sanctuary Stewards
9.7.2014	Curtis Goforth Judy Rich Sallyanne McVay Doug Tallent	William Withers (primary) Ann Perkins (secondary)	Jane Hite Sue Lane Muesing	Don Jackson Jessica Jackson Don McGeary Kitty Schaller	Ann Young TBD	Bruce Kidder Elaine Price
9.14.2014	NA	William Withers (primary) Ann Perkins (secondary)	Geri Allison Rebecca Tucker	Gary Tweed Toni Tweed Robert Wiltshire Debbie Wiltshire	Toni Tweed Judy Rich	Madeline Moseley TBD
9.21.201	NA	William Withers (primary) Ann Perkins (secondary)	Janie Wilson Doug Tallent	Mike Rice Sherry Rice Jerry Stubblefield Julie Niwinski	Margaret Tickle Arlee Banks	Steve Rich Judy Rich
9.28.2014	NA	William Withers (primary) Ann Perkins (secondary)	Diane Arnold Mardy Murphy	William Withers Jessica Withers Bud Allison Geri Allison	Madeline Moseley TBD	Arlee Banks Ellen Banks

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Date	Acolytes	Nursery Volunteers	Children's Church	Children's Message	Lector
9.7.2014	Harper Shook	Heather Post Claire Bailey	Heather Post	Curtis Goforth	Curtis Goforth
9.14.2014	Chloe Jackson	John Stewart Julie Niwinski	Margaret Tickle	Margaret Tickle	Elliot Withers
9.21.2014	Barfuo Boakye-Boaten	William Withers Jessica Withers	Jennifer Goforth	Sallyanne McVay	Rick Morehead
9.28.2014	Cora Goforth	Don Jackson Davie Jackson	Madeline Moseley	Madeline Moseley	Madeline Moseley

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

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H: (828) 645-2928

C: (828) 230-4065

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News from the Youth and Children

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to everyone for attending the Neighborhood Party (formally the Back to school Bash). Good food, good fellowship and fun seemed to be shared by all. The air was a little cooler and the breezes (when they blew) felt refreshing. A Big Shout of THANKS, to newcomers Sam & Elaine Rich and Laurel Bishop for loaning their pop up tents for shade and to Rebecca Tucker for grilling 200 hotdogs!! The N.O.W. Committee would appreciate any feedback, positive or constructive criticism about the event to help N.O.W. in their plans for next year. You may call, email or text comments to Claire Moseley Bailey or Sallyanne McVay. Or feel free to write them down and place them in Sallyanne's or the Nurture Mailbox outside the church office.

On August 24th Asbury Memorial returned to offering 2 Children's Sunday School Classes. Each of these will be using the Godly Play curriculum. If you would like to know more about Godly Play, please speak with Ellen Banks, Don Jackson, Sallyanne McVay, Elaine Poovey, Katie Warren or Janie Wilson. These classrooms are in need of baskets without handles (small, medium or large), woodworkers to make story pieces, painters to freshen up the wall paint, and someone who is willing to keep up our supply of juice and 'snack' items.

THIRD GRADERS and PARENTS of THIRD GRADERS please mark Sunday, September 15 as a special time to be in worship. All third Grade Children will be presented with their very own Bibles during the worship service. We ask that the children bring their Bibles to Godly Play with them as we will be learning how to use our Bibles as we share the stories of God.

CALLING ANY and ALL Adults who are willing to share their career track or faith story with the youth of the church, to contact Sallyanne. 230-4065 or sallyanne@asburymethodist.org.

-Sallyanne McVay

News from the Finance Committee

Finance Committee Update:

While we continue to spend less than budgeted, through July our receipts were \$10,000 less than budgeted. As our fall programming gets ramps up, your donations are important. Thank you for your continued stewardship!

	<u>For the 7 Months Through July 31, 2014</u>		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Favorable/(Unfavorable) Variance</u>
Receipts	\$111,500	\$121,727	(\$10,227)
Expenditures	\$116,884	\$121,226	\$4,342
Net Income/(Expense)	(\$5,384)	\$501	(\$5,885)

A reminder that Asbury welcomes gifts of securities--as a special contribution or to offset part of your pledge. Depreciated stock has tax advantages for you and is a fine way to help Asbury Memorial UMC in ministry. Before you contact your broker, however, please check with Doug Tallent (251-2264), Sue Lane Muesing (255-8547) or Kitty Schaller (250-0566) to be sure that you have the church's Wells Fargo Advisors account number and broker name. It will help expedite your thoughtfulness---and save time.

Homecoming

2014

Well, once again it is time to start thinking about Homecoming. This year our church will be celebrating it's 213th birthday on Sunday, October 12th. This year's theme is sacrifice and commitment and our guest speaker will be Rev. Brian Combs from Haywood Street UMC. Following the service, we will enjoy a covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide the bread and beverages which leaves all the good stuff for us to bring!!

Please plan to join us on Sunday, October 12th and invite all your friends and family! For more information, contact the church office 828-253-0765 or you may call Rick Morehead 828-252-1305. See you there!



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