

A Message from the Pastor



I am at a loss for words as I write this article this month. Words cannot begin to express the loss our congregation feels at the death of our long-time Music Director, Ann Perkins. She was such a great presence in our church, and not just because of the beautiful and soulful music that has filled this place for the last 36 years! She will be terribly missed

by all of us. Difficult times like we've been experiencing almost always bring out the best or the worst in people, and I'm pleased to say that I believe Ann's death has brought out our very best. And, I believe her passing has also made our church realize just how precious and important it is for our music program to be the absolute best that it can be. I believe that we've come to realize just how much we value the many diverse musical contributions to our worship service that span styles and ages.

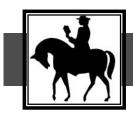
I am very optimistic about the future of our church and our church's musical program that Ann worked so hard to nourish and strengthen over the years. We have been blessed in recent weeks by the talented playing and direction of Dr. Vance Reese. Vance has agreed to come on board as our Interim Music Director through the end of the year. He will not be able to be with us every Sunday, but he will be with us most of the time. Vance is a very accomplished musician who holds several degrees and a doctorate in music from Indiana University. He works full-time at Christ School as the chapel organist and as their music instructor.

I mentioned at the beginning of this article that I am at a loss for words this month. But, perhaps that's the only proper way to feel right now. The famous author Hans Christian Andersen said, "Where words fail, music speaks." I think he is right! May the peace of Christ be with you, Curtis+

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR

I will love you "if..." If you do what I want, I will spend more time with you. If you get all A's and B's, I will be proud of you. Conditional love can cause much heartache for our children. Is it any different for adults? I remember hearing these types of comments from people during my life. Some are quite subtle and some are often as blatant as the words I have used. While we may fear being thought of as bad people, what we fear most is being abandoned. In 2004 and 2005 I was part of a prayer ministry group at the Western Carolina Rescue Mission. We taught and prayed with men and women participating in a residential substance abuse program.

Over time we got to know these men and women quite well. Abandonment was a common thread in their lives. To ease the pain of feeling unloved they turned to alcohol and drugs as a way of escaping. During times of healing prayer, it became evident that most did not trust God to be there for them. If their earthly parent's didn't love them, how could their heavenly Father possibly care? One day it was as if a light came on in their heads. They suddenly realized that God offered each of them his unconditional love. No strings attached. How could this possibly be?

First, we are created in God's image. Secondly, God placed man and woman to be the stewards over all creation. Thirdly, when the people of earth fell short of the mark, God sent them his most precious gift his son Jesus Christ to bring us forgiveness and grace. From the beginning God has always been there, however if you ever have doubts look no further than Matthew 28 the Great Commission. The very last sentence in Matthew's gospel it reads: "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." May you be blessed by these words.

Pastor David Warren

News from the North Asheville Preschool

We are having a busy fall. We had our school pictures taken at the end of September and can't wait to get the proofs back. Mardy Murphy does them for us.

On October 20th we will have our spaghetti supper fundraiser, followed by Open House when parents, children, and friends tour the school. The children have their work displayed all around. If you'd like to join us, see Madeline for ticket information. It helps if we can have a ballpark figure on how many people are coming. The tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. We will use the proceeds for equipment for the school. Supper starts at 5:30 pm. Thank you for your support! Come and join us!

-Madeline Moseley

News from the N.O.W. Committee

Many thanks to Lee Roy and Betty Gaddy for the gift of the lovely flower arrangement placed in the sanctuary. They were given for the glory of God and in loving memory of their loved ones.

The N.O.W. Committee is starting a hiking group! We are hoping to organize a hike once a quarter on a Sunday afternoon. The first will be on October 26th to Max Patch. Come to church dressed in your hiking clothes (check the forecast and wear layers - it's about 10 degrees colder up there!) and bring a picnic lunch. We'll caravan/carpool from church and enjoy some fellowship in the beautiful mountains that surround us. There are 2 hiking options at Max Patch - a 1.4 mile loop and a 2.4 mile loop - and both are considered "easy" hikes. Don't forget your camera, the views are gorgeous!



News from the Missions Committee

The October Bread Tin collection, a loose change offering, will support the Native American Cooperative Ministry, a United Methodist Global Ministries program in eastern North Carolina. Its projects include a food distribution ministry, church growth and leadership, the revitalization of existing congregations, and other initiatives mostly among the Lumbees of eastern North Carolina, who comprise half of the Native American population in our state. Thank you for giving generously!

The August Bread Tin Collection raised \$344.20 for Haywood Street Respite: 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. Thanks for your support!!

Mike Feely, who is the Director of Mission Advance for the Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky, stopped by our church this summer and left this message: Dear Pastor Goforth, I was at Lake Junaluska for my annual conference and wanted to drop by and leave a few Henderson brochures for you and your church. We sure have appreciated your support!

The Missions Committee is beginning to prepare its budget for the next fiscal year and wishes to hear from all members of the congregation. Please offer suggestions and help us choose what we will support with the mission dollars from our budget. You can give your ideas to any member of the committee: Merritt Moseley, Kitty Schaller, Madeline Moseley, Sue Lane Muesing and Joan Jones. We want to hear from you!

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.

Homeward Bound of WNC is sponsoring a Forum on Family Homelessness on Thursday, November 6th at On Broadway (downtown Asheville). The Forum is sponsored by Chitwood and Fairbairn. Tickets cost \$20 which includes a meal. There will be a keynote speaker, Kelly King Horne, as well as a panel discussion that includes Emily Ball, Christine Craft, Kelly King Horne, Angie Pittman and a housed client. If you, or people you know, would like to purchase tickets, they can do so through this link: http://www.eventbrite.com/e/forum-on-family-homelessness-tickets-12706668989.

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!

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church

Church Calendar for October 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
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			9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB]	9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB]	9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB]	Fellowship Hall is reserved (all day)-
			3:00 pm-6:00 pm- Church Office Hours	3:00 pm-6:00 pm- Church Office Hours	10:00 am- Preschool Board Meeting [BC]	Girl Scout Reunion
			5:45 pm-Al-Anon Meeting [BC]		8:00 pm- Alcoholics	
			7:00 pm-Choir Rehearsal [CR]		Anonymous [FH]	
			8:00 pm- Narcotics Anonymous [FH]			
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11:00 am- Worship [S]	3:00 pm-6:00 pm- Church Office Hours		5:45 pm-Al-Anon Meeting [BC]	6:00 pm-Room In The Inn Volunteer		
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8:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]			8:00 pm-Narcotics Anonymous [FH]	Church] 7:00 pm- Trustees Meeting [BC]		
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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 Nov. 2 nd - Nov. 11 th - Nov. 16 th - Nov. 27 th - Nov. 30 th -	Dates in November Daylight Savings Time Veteran's Day Charge Conference Thanksgiving -United Methodist Stud First Sunday of Adven	e Ends		
October Birthdays Terry Nelon, Oct. 3 rd Josh Tallent, Oct. 5 th Doug Tallent, Oct. 6 th Claire Bailey, Oct. 7 th Brian Hallman, Oct. 7 th Will Knight, Oct. 12 th Virginia Mills, Oct. 12 th Floyd Layman, Oct. 13 th Cindy Page, Oct. 16 th Mike Rice, Oct. 17 th Gordon Jones, Oct. 18 th			Nick Stu Mandy F Al Clark Ray Hard Marla M Sarah Ra Ruth Ma Ben Mill Wylie W	Riley, Oct. 18 th bblefield, Oct. 18 th Fisher, Oct. 20 th , Oct. 21 st dee, Oct. 26 th illing, Oct. 26 th dston, Oct. 26 th ligor, Oct. 27 th ling, Oct. 29 th Vithers, Oct. 30 th Young, Oct. 31 st	tober Birthdays		



Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church Volunteer Schedule October 2014						
Date	Communion	Lock-Up	Counting	Ushers	Greeters	Sanctuary Stewards
	Servers	Volunteer	Team			
10.5.2014	David Warren	Julie Niwinski	Diane Arnold	Mardy Murphy	Rebecca Tucker	Derick Tickle
	Martha Tallent	(primary)	Mark Smith	Steve Rich	Juanita Wilkerson	Margaret Tickle
	Sallyanne McVay	Mark Smith		Don Jackson		
	Wylie Withers	(secondary)		Jessica Jackson		
10.12.2014	NA	Julie Niwinski	Kelli Conover	Gary Tweed	John Stewart	Gordon Jones
		(primary)	Merritt Moseley	Toni Tweed	TBD	Joan Jones
		Mark Smith	-	Don McGeary		
		(secondary)		Kitty Schaller		
10.19.201	NA	Julie Niwinski	Steve Rich	Robert Wiltshire	Geri Allison	Bruce Kidder
		(primary)	Claire Bailey	Debbie Wiltshire	Jessica Withers	Elaine Price
		Mark Smith		Mike Rice		
		(secondary)		Sherry Rice		
10.26.2014	NA	Julie Niwinski	Julie Niwinski	Jerry Stubblefield	Claire Bailey	Madeline Moseley
		(primary)	Elaine Poovey	Julie Niwinski	Kitty Schaller	TBD
		Mark Smith		William Withers		
		(secondary)		Jessica Withers		

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church Volunteer Schedule October 2014						
Date	Acolytes	Nursery Volunteers	Children's Church	Children's Message	Lector	
10.5.2014	Chloe Jackson Eliza Jackson	Judy Rich TBD	Heather Post	Sallyanne McVay	David Warren	
10.12.2014	Haley Phillips	PAID WORKERS	HOMECOMING	Curtis Goforth	TBD	
10.19.2014	Harper Shook	Cynthia Stewart Martha Tallent	Claire Bailey	Sallyanne McVay	Jeff McVay	
10.26.2014	Barfuo Boakye- Boaten	Jennifer Goforth Mardy Murphy	Jennifer Goforth	Madeline Moseley	Rachel Tucker	

Volunteer Coordinators:			
Counting Team:	Sue Lane Muesing	slmue@aol.com	H: (828) 255-8547
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

A Few Words about Children and Worship from the NOW Committee:

At our September NOW (Nurture-Outreach-Witness) meeting, we discussed the "ages" for participation in our volunteer-led Children's Church. Traditionally, Children's Church has been provided for those between Nursery (2 yrs. and under) and those beginning to read (1st grade). Our hope is that all first graders are preparing for the day when they will remain in the sanctuary (on or before the start of the 2nd grade) for the entire worship service.

NOW is asking the congregation to please be understanding of the children who are learning to sit still. Even when they are coloring or resting their head on their parent's laps they are most likely listening and taking in more than you know. And often, they are able to recite the sermon better than adults.

News from the Finance Committee

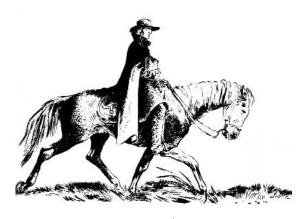
Finance Committee Update:

Committees continue to do a good job of containing spending—in most cases keeping it under budget. We could still use about \$8,000 more in receipts to help out with upcoming quarterly payments due. Please search those pockets and couches for any spare contributions. Thank you for your continued stewardship!

	For the 8 Months Through August 31, 2014				
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	Favorable/(Unfavorable) Variance		
Receipts	\$130,709	\$139,117	(\$8,408)		
Expenditures	\$128,785	\$138,544	\$9,759		
Net Income/(Expense)	\$1,924	<u>\$573</u>	<u>\$1,351</u>		

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



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!

