



The Asbury Journal

November 2014

A Message from the Pastor



Donate Shoes for Ghana

I wanted to use this space this month to highlight one of the important things our church is doing to help out people all over the world. Dr. Agya Boakye-Boaten, one of our church members who is originally from Ghana, is currently collecting shoes to deliver back in his hometown and the surrounding communities. It doesn't matter what size shoe you wear, if you have some gently used shoes taking up space in your closet, they can be used to help our brothers and sisters in Ghana. There are two collection points: one in the sanctuary and one outside the nursery. Thanks for your help with this great ministry. If you'd like to see more of the pictures, check out our website and you can see the school uniforms we helped to provide through our Bread Tin offerings. May the peace of Christ be with you.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR

By now most of you know that I am taking a four week sabbatical. Recently, a yearly physical followed by a stress test revealed that I have two leaking heart valves. They are not serious nor in need of immediate repair. I came to realize that I am not as invincible as I previously thought. "Slowing down" and not "doing" for most of my waking hours are new concepts for me. During the next four weeks, I plan to step back from my duties at Asbury and spend more time making myself available to God and family. Have I learned a lesson? You bet I have. I've learned to listen to my body.

As I looked at the inner working of my heart on the echo-cardiogram monitor, I realized how marvelous God's creations are. Heart rhythms moving blood through the chambers, valves and arteries are of a design that humans have yet to duplicate. The Sabbath rest spoken of in Exodus 20:8-12 is God's plan to keep us spiritually and physically healthy. I've worked at the spiritual part while ignoring the physical aspect of healthy living.

I will miss you during this time away and will keep you in my heart—leaky valves and all for the next month. Please, take time for yourself each day to "just be" in God's presence. To still your constant "doing" is some of the best preventive medicine you can ever practice. Jesus in John's Gospel says; *"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me."* (John 14: 1) I will trust in God to show me how to practice a true Sabbath and to stop the rushing from here to there. I anticipate returning rested and refreshed in late November in time for my favorite season of Advent. Blessings!

Pastor David Warren

News from the North Asheville Preschool

We had an eventful October, highlighted by our Open House and Spaghetti Supper and now have settled down to celebrate Thanksgiving. We are also working on our annual Christmas program that we will perform in December. It takes several weeks of concentrated effort to pull this program off! Feel free to join us for any and all of our events!

-Madeline Moseley

News from the N.O.W. Committee

The Thanksgiving covered dish luncheon will take place following church on Sunday, November 23. Turkey, stuffing, and beverages will be provided; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Let's celebrate and give thanks together for all that we have!

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!



News from the Finance Committee

Finance Committee Update:

Asbury Memorial is a generous congregation! We have a history and reputation for the many missions we support. Included in our operating budget is almost \$10,000 given annually to various missions in our greater community. In addition to this, through September we had received and forwarded approximately \$14,000 (see below) to non-budgeted ministries and missions as specifically requested by donors.

As we enter the final quarter of the year, our operating revenue is about \$7,000 short of covering expenditures. Any shortfall at the end of the year will have to be made up with monies from our investments. We are blessed to have such reserves and hope to keep them intact for major capital expenditures/repairs.

Here is something to think about. If everyone who attends church on a regular basis was able to contribute \$100 by the end of the year in addition to their regular giving, we would end the year breaking even and keeping our emergency investments whole. Thank you for your continued generosity!

	<u>For the 9 Months Through September 30, 2014</u>		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Favorable/(Unfavorable) Variance</u>
Operating Funds:			
Receipts	\$142,796	\$156,506	(\$13,710)
Expenditures	<u>\$149,854</u>	<u>\$155,862</u>	<u>\$6,008</u>
Net Income/(Expense)	<u>(\$7,058)</u>	<u>\$644</u>	<u>(\$7,702)</u>
Special Giving*	<u>\$14,146</u>		
*Includes Souper Bowl, ABCCM, Manna Food Bank, Memorials, Disaster Relief, Youth Missions/Activities, Bread Tin			

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.

Church Calendar for November 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>16</p> <p>9:45 am-Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am-Worship [S]</p> <p>5:00 pm-Charge Conference [Biltmore UMC]</p> <p>8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 am-Emmaus Group [YR]</p> <p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [EB]</p> <p>3:00 pm- 6:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p> <p><i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [EB]</p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [EB]</p> <p>3:00 pm- 6:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p> <p>5:45 pm-Al-Anon Meeting [BC]</p> <p>7:00 pm-Choir Rehearsal [CR]</p> <p>8:00 pm-Narcotics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p><i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [EB]</p> <p>3:00 pm- 6:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [EB]</p> <p>8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<p>22</p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>
<p>23/30</p> <p>9:45 am-Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am-Worship [S] (Commitment Sunday)</p> <p>12:00 pm-Thanksgiving Luncheon [FH]</p> <p>8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p><i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [EB]</p> <p>7:00 am-Emmaus Group [YR]</p> <p>3:00 pm- 6:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p> <p>6:30 pm-Friendship Circle [BC]</p> <p><i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [EB]</p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p>5:45 pm-Al-Anon Meeting [BC]</p> <p>No Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>8:00 pm-Narcotics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<p>27</p> <p><i>Happy Thanksgiving</i></p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<p>29</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			<u>Important Dates in November/December</u> Nov. 30 th -United Methodist Student Day Nov. 30 th -First Sunday of Advent Dec. 15 th -Peschool Christmas Program Dec. 21 st -Children's Christmas Program Dec. 21 st -Christmas Lunch Dec. 24 th -Christmas Eve Dec. 25 th -Christmas			
<u>November Birthdays</u> Elizabeth Moseley- Nov. 2 nd Cyrus Glance- Nov. 5 th Jessica Hallman- Nov. 5 th Dean Conover- Nov. 7 th Harper Shook- Nov. 7 th Madeline Moseley- Nov. 7 th Jessie Gragg- Nov. 7 th Tucker Chasen- Nov. 11 th			<u>November Birthdays</u> Rob Douglas- Nov. 17 th Sandy Rountree- Nov. 17 th Trevor Tate- Nov. 18 th Jill Gottenstrater- Nov. 22 nd Marcia Morehead- Nov. 22 nd Nancy Leigh Douglas- Nov. 27 th Lee Roy Gaddy- Nov. 28 th Caitlin Butler- Nov. 29 th			



Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church Volunteer Schedule November 2014						
Date	Communion Servers	Lock-Up Volunteer	Counting Team	Ushers	Greeters	Sanctuary Stewards
11.2.2014	Curtis Goforth Elaine Poovey Sallyanne McVay Gordon Jones	Merritt Moseley (primary) Doug Tallent (secondary)	Tim Bailey Scott Glenn	Bud Allison Geri Allison Don Jackson Jessica Jackson	Ann Young TBD	Steve Rich Judy Rich
11.9.2014	NA	Merritt Moseley (primary) Doug Tallent (secondary)	Merritt Moseley Sue Lane Muesing	Don McGeary Kitty Schaller Gary Tweed Toni Tweed	Toni Tweed Judy Rich	Arlee Banks Ellen Banks
11.16.201	NA	Merritt Moseley (primary) Doug Tallent (secondary)	Geri Allison Rebecca Tucker	Robert Wiltshire Debbie Wiltshire Mike Rice Sherry Rice	Arlee Banks Margaret Tickle	Derick Tickle Margaret Tickle
11.23.2014	NA	Merritt Moseley (primary) Doug Tallent (secondary)	Janie Wilson Doug Tallent	Jerry Stubblefield Julie Niwinski William Withers Jessica Withers	Madeline Moseley TBD	Gordon Jones Joan Jones
11.30.2014	N/A	Merritt Moseley (primary) Doug Tallent (secondary)	Diane Arnold Mardy Murphy	Bud Allison Geri Allison Mardy Murphy Steve Rich	Rebecca Tucker Elaine Price	Bruce Kidder Elaine Price

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Date	Acolytes	Nursery Volunteers	Children's Church	Children's Message	Lector
11.2.2014	Harper Shook	Bob Tucker Rebecca Tucker	Megan Shook	Sallyanne McVay	Curtis Goforth
11.9.2014	Cora Goforth Lylah Goforth	Sallyanne McVay TBD	Sallyanne McVay	Sallyanne McVay	Merritt Moseley
11.16.2014	Eliza Jackson Chloe Jackson	Madeline Moseley Ann Young	Jessica Jackson	Curtis Goforth	Ellen Banks
11.23.2014	Haley Phillips	Don Jackson Davie Jackson	Mardy Murphy	Curtis Goforth	David Warren
11.30.2014	Alana Bridger	Day Ann Emory Janie Wilson	Margaret Tickle	Margaret Tickle	Jessica Jackson

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

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News from the Youth and Children

Sallyanne McVay will begin teaching the children about how they can be a part of the Children's Christmas Program immediately after Godly Play on Sunday, November 2nd and Nov. 16th - Dec. 14th. As a part of the Children's Church in November, Rebecca Tucker will teach our children the Christmas music for their December 21st Christmas program. Parents, please bring your children so that they may participate.

During the Sunday School Hour, the youth of Asbury are invited to the Pastor's Study to hear about faith journeys, career choices and the presence of God in the lives of some of our membership. If you would like to share from your heart How God Has Been Present in Your Life, speak with Sallyanne McVay.

All youth are asked to let Sallyanne know their holiday plans. A Christmas Gathering will be offered when the most folks are available. Stay tuned for details.

Children's Mentors Wanted

It is the time of year to begin planning for 2015. If you would like to volunteer in the Children's ministry of Asbury Memorial UMC, please speak with Davie Jackson or Sallyanne McVay. We have opportunities in Godly Play, Nursery, Children's Church and more. Please be in prayer about where God could use your gifts and talents for the glory of the church.

News from the Missions Committee

The November Bread Tin collection, a loose change offering, will support Green Opportunities, an Asheville-based organization that connects youth and adults from low-wealth neighborhoods to sustained employment opportunities to support families and to improve community and environmental health. GO offers training which prepares residents for growing industries such as culinary arts, green construction, and urban agriculture and sustainable landscaping. Keys to the program include service projects, community engagement, and social entrepreneurship. Thank you for giving generously!

The Missions Committee is finalizing its budget for the next fiscal year. 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!

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>.

Asbury's faithful have contributed food and dollars for those in need to equal 1385 pounds of tuna for 2014. Place your canned tuna in the red barrels near the office and downstairs near the back door. Or drop in the offering plate a check to Asbury (memo: MANNA Food Drive). Both are excellent ways to keep our neighbors facing hunger in our thoughts and prayers.

Our September Bread Tin collection totaled \$301.00. Thank you for supporting Nothing But Nets. People in nations far away will be protected from malaria by these nets. Thank you.

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