



Weekly Word

This afternoon at 2:00 is Juanita Wilkerson's graveside funeral service. She will be laid to rest at Lewis Cemetery on Beaverdam Road. Last Sunday we lit a candle and read her name along with other members and friends of our congregation during our worship service on All Saints Day. Below is a notice for our stewardship campaign encouraging us to return our estimate of giving information to the church office. And yesterday was an election that is still not decided, including how our own state will vote in the Electoral College.

All of these activities are normal parts of life in the church and as a part of a free society. As an active participant in the life of the church and in our society I enjoy each of these. A funeral service for a saint of the church is a joyous occasion and remembering the names of those who have gone before is a solemn moment of reflection and remembrance. Stewardship is an expression of our love for and our commitment to our church and its ministries. Elections, while not a part of our church life are an integral part of our national life together as citizens of our free nation.

Politicians running for office often seek to divide us into those colors of red and blue, for and against, and maybe even good and bad. Let us remember that we, members of Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church, as with all Christians, are not divided by labels encouraged by politicians. We are united behind the name of Jesus Christ who died for all. All. Even those of a different political party.

Here's our prayer of unity:

Jesus, ***united by your grace***, and each to each endeared,
with confidence we seek your face, and know our prayer is heard.

Help us to see in each a friend, each other's cross to bear,
let all their friendly aid extend, and feel the other's care.

Up into you, our living head, let us in all things grow,
till you have made us free indeed and faithful here below.

Drawn by the lodestone of your love, let all our hearts unite;
let us toward each other move, and move toward your light.

Stewardship Campaign

Just a reminder about the ongoing stewardship campaign. We are hopeful that many will return their stewardship sheet this week. Remember it can be emailed, "snail mailed" or dropped in the offering plate at Sunday's worship service.

Daily Prayers for Anti-Racism

Today's Prayer

This day will come to an end, Loving God of us all.

This day will end.

This contentious,

line in the sand,

battle for the soul of a nation,

will end.

This voting day, this choosing day,

and follow my leader day

will end. Thanks be to God, it will end.

Our fervent prayer, God of new beginnings,

is that what ends is our brokenness,

what ends is our division,

what ends is our hatred,

What ends are the lines we draw

and the history we are bound by
and the fantasies of superiority
that we have chosen to cling to.

We pray for an end, O Lord.

Let this day,
this divided moment,
this sneering certainty of who is wrong
and who is right,
let it all end. Let it end.

This dark night of our national soul, let it end.

In your mercy, let it end.

And there was evening, and there was morning, a new day.

Derek C. Weber, October 2020
UM Discipleship

Worship This Sunday

Sunday, November 8th at 10:00am, INDOOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP and online via Zoom.

*(*see additional notes below regarding Sunday worship under Church Council Announcements)*

Missions Committee



The November Bread Tin collection will go to MANNA FoodBank. MANNA FoodBank was founded in 1982 by the Hunger Awareness Group in Asheville, North Carolina. Food distribution began in 1983 from donated space in the basement of Eliada Home for Children. The following year, MANNA distributed 42,000 pounds of food to 16 agencies. Now, MANNA distributes more than 42,000 pounds of food...every day of the year. Manna FoodBank is a private, not-for-profit service organization that links the food industry with over 200 partner agencies in 16 counties of Western North Carolina. MANNA is an acronym and stands for Mountain Area Nutritional Needs Alliance.

More Americans than ever are facing an empty plate, and don't know where their next meal will come from.

In WNC, food insecurity has grown dramatically in the wake of the pandemic and economic crisis. MANNA and their network of partners across 16 counties are serving almost 100,000 people each month since March.

TRICK-OR-TREAT
FOR UNICEF

Thank you for your generous contributions to Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. Your contributions of \$225.00 will help save and improve children's lives around the world.

UNICEF works in 190 countries and territories and reaches millions of children with immunizations, education, health care, nutrition, safe water and sanitation, emergency relief, and more — with the help of your support!

Friendship Circle Announcement

It is that time of year when we begin thinking about our undergraduate college students and how we at Asbury can let each of them know we are thinking about them while they are away from home. The Friendship Circle will once again prepare our annual "Care Packages" to ship to each of the students. If you have a student (grandchild, niece or nephew) that you would like to include, please give their name and address to Mardy Murphy (mardymurphy@aol.com), or anyone in the Friendship Circle by Sunday, November 1st. We will be sending them earlier than usual, so it is important to get their addresses soon. Also, if you like to make a donation to this "in-house" mission, you may add it to the collection plate, mail it to the church or see one of the Circle members. Checks may be made to Asbury Memorial. Please designate it to College Care Packages. This small mission provides wonderful smiles to students so far from home!

Church Council Announcement

Last Sunday, November 1st we began moving back into the sanctuary for our in-person worship services. We will also continue to live stream our service on Zoom. We will adhere to CDC, NCDHHS, and WNC UMC Conference guidelines, so please review the special requirements below. If you have a fever, are unwell,

or have been exposed to anyone with COVID in the last 14 days, please choose to join us for online worship. We are continue to experiment with additional options for streaming online (e.g., Facebook) so stay tuned for future options.

We will be adhering to the following protocols to keep our members and all others safe while as we gather indoors for worship:

1. All persons will be required to wear a mask at all times.
2. We will only be using two doors to ENTER and EXIT the building. The side door at the Fellowship Hall level and the door from the new parking area. All other doors will be locked.
3. Upon entering the building, you will be met by a “hospitality member” who will take your temperature. Individuals with temperatures up to 100.6(F) will be admitted.
4. Tape markers on the floor will indicate 6FT distancing which must be observed.
5. When you enter the sanctuary, you will be directed to your seats. 6FT intervals will be maintained. This distance will also be maintained in the pews.
6. You will either pickup or be handed a bulletin and you will take a communion element cup from the altar rail when appropriate.
7. A person known as a “floater” will be taking attendance from the back of the sanctuary, and they will provide additional assistance if required.
8. For the time being we will not be singing. We will listen to prerecorded music during the service.
9. Hand sanitizers will be in place and the sanctuary will be cleaned and sanitized after each service.
10. At the end of the service you must leave the building without gathering in groups. Once you are outside you may socialize with others.

These rules must be observed in order for us to gather safely. Thank you.

Financial Record

November 1, 2020

Sunday Total

Offering (General Budget): \$4,050.00

November Bread Tin Offering: \$492.93

Capital Campaign: \$300.00

Manna Food Bank: \$50.00

UNICEF: \$80.00

UMCOR: \$500.00

Friendship Circle (college packets): \$25.00

Offering Counter(s) for November: SueLane Muesing & Elaine Poovey

If you have items for the new Weekly Word AMUMC communication newsletter, please submit by noon on Monday to both Kelly (kcrissman@wnccumc.net) and Cassie (cassie.asburymethodist@gmail.com).

We'd love to hear from you!

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