



# The Asbury Journal

Message from the

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Pastor



## Prepare Ye the Way

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church's Capital Campaign 2016-2018

Rarely in the life of a church do its members have the opportunity to honor its past, serve the present and prepare for its future. Now is one of those rare opportunities for the members and friends of Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church.

After years of discussion, the decision was reached by the Church Council to create a special Capital Campaign Committee to review previous ideas, initiatives and plans and to develop a proposal for the future. This proposal, the "Prepare Ye the Way" Capital Campaign, was approved by the Church Council and announced to the congregation on Sunday, March 6.

I agreed to join the Capital Campaign Committee because our Church has many needs and holds unparalleled opportunities for serving our current congregation while attracting new members. Through its outreach to the greater Asheville community, and with its mission to serve people not only locally, but regionally and globally as well, Asbury Memorial regularly rises to the challenges of its Christian ministry. In my opinion, few churches have seized opportunities to make such important commitments to inspire and help our less fortunate brothers and sisters whomever and wherever they may be.

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### **“Prepare Ye the Way”** *(continued)*

This campaign is called a “comprehensive capital campaign” because it contains several interlocking and closely related parts, much like a jigsaw puzzle whose full beauty cannot be savored until the last piece is inserted. When completed, “Prepare Ye the Way” will improve access to all areas of the church for those who may have difficulty with the numerous flights of steps that separate various areas, improve and expand off-street parking, create a long sought Memorial Garden and provide far overdue renovations and repairs to the church building.

As is always the case in a comprehensive capital campaign of this complexity, each of us will favor certain parts of the overall plan, but it is only through completion of the entire project that its true benefit and beauty will be realized. Further, the undertaking of this campaign will be a clear and outward signal to the many community members who daily pass by Asbury Memorial, or hear about us from friends and relatives, that we are confident in our future and are taking ambitious and positive action to achieve those dreams that have been held for years by so many.

As the “Prepare Ye the Way” campaign unfolds, please consider how you can stretch a bit to join those of us who have already made our pledges to make this campaign a resounding success. To achieve these ambitious and greatly needed objectives, we need the most thoughtful, prayerful and generous support of every member of our congregation.

Together we will achieve and surpass our goals and enable Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church to continue to be a leader in the Asheville community.

Thank you,

Larry Wilson

## News from N.O.W. Committee

On Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, we will travel to 3 continents as Agya Boakye-Boaten shares about his homeland of Ghana; Day Ann Emory, Judi Harvin and John Harvin share their travels to Israel and Jordan; and Rebecca Tucker shares her experience in Italy. Join us immediately after worship in the Fellowship Hall for finger foods, fellowship and program. Please bring finger foods to share.



## Message from the Assistant Pastor

Have you ever noticed how much time we spend waiting? The doctor's office, grocery store lines, traffic lights and from time to time waiting for our spouses and children to get ready. Today I want to ask you what are waiting for and how is it shaping your life? Are you waiting for certainty on an impending decision, for healing, for love? Are you waiting for recognition, for retirement, for enough money to pay the bills? How about world peace or maybe peace in your own home? Could it be that you are waiting to see how this year's presidential election will turn out come November? Simply put these are all things that cause apprehension and fear for our future. When we let fear into our lives, we begin to give it control over us. So how do we let go of our fears and live out our lives as God intended us to?

Barbara Brown Taylor, in her book *Gospel Medicine*, says that whatever it is that our hearts yearn for, chances are that it has something to do with our vision of what it would mean for us to be made whole. It's about being transformed into people who are not afraid anymore, whose basic needs are met and whose wounds are healed and who are more nearly the people God created us to be. As we celebrate Holy Communion we say the words: "Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again." This is the promise that Jesus made to get us through the fearful times. We may be short on details, but we are not short on hope or wonder at this great mystery. Whatever happens to us while we are waiting, however dark it gets, no matter what we cannot see with our eyes nor hear with our ears, Jesus is there for us. We are in the good hands of the one who loves us dearly. Fear not!

## News from the Missions Committee

The April Bread Tin collection, a loose change offering, will support UMCOR U.S. Disaster Response, Advance #901670: Filtering Lead-Contaminated Waters in Flint, Michigan. The Crossroads District of the United Methodist Church is working with government and relief agencies to provide filtration pitchers, replacement filters and bottled water to the people of Flint, MI. This advance of UMCOR has already provided a \$10,000.00 emergency grant and continues to reach out to the Flint community. Please give generously.

The March Bread Tin collections totaled \$419.81 to help support the Global Refugee/Migration Crisis Advance which is an accountable, designated giving arm of The United Methodist Church ensuring that 100% of each gift is used for its intended mission or ministry. Millions of refugees are fleeing war, persecution, and violence in their homelands, often running with just the clothes on their backs. Thank you for giving generously!

Please continue to bring contributions of food for the babies of MANNA Foodbank, or money to be converted to contributions, so we can meet our target of 2016 pounds of food for Western North Carolina babies. Thank you as always for giving generously!

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church  
Church Calendar for April 2016

\*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	2
					<b>9:00 am-1:00 pm-</b> Preschool [EB]  <b>8:00 pm-</b> Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]  <i>Curtis Away-</i> <i>David On-Call</i>  <b>CHURCH</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<i>Curtis Away-David</i> <i>On-Call</i>  <b>CHURCH OFFICE</b> <b>CLOSED</b>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>9:45 am-Sunday</b> School  <b>11:00 am-</b> Worship/Holy Communion [S]  <b>5:00 pm-Choir</b> Social for Capital Campaign [E. Poovey's home]  <b>8:00 pm-</b> Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]  <i>Room In The Inn</i>	<b>7:00 am-Emmaus</b> Group [YR]  <b>9:00 am-1:00 pm-</b> Preschool [EB]  <b>3:00 pm-6:00 pm-</b> Church Office Hours  <b>4:00 pm-Building</b> Committee Meeting [BC]  <i>Room In The Inn</i>	<b>9:00 am-1:00</b> <b>pm-</b> Preschool [EB]  <i>Room In The Inn</i>  <b>CHURCH</b> <b>OFFICE</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>9:00 am-1:00 pm-</b> Preschool [EB]  <b>3:00 pm-6:00 pm-</b> Church Office Hours  <b>5:45 pm-AI-Anon</b> Meeting [BC]  <b>6:00 pm-Handbell</b> Rehearsal [S]  <b>7:00 pm-Choir</b> Practice [CR]  <b>8:00 pm-Narcotics</b> Anonymous [FH]  <i>Room In The Inn</i>  <b>BULLETIN</b> <b>DEADLINE</b>	<b>9:00 am-1:00 pm-</b> Preschool [EB]  <b>3:00 pm-6:00 pm-</b> Church Office Hours  <i>Room In The Inn</i>	<b>9:00 am-1:00 pm-</b> Preschool [EB]  <b>8:00 pm-</b> Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]  <i>Room In The Inn</i>  <b>CHURCH</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<i>Room In The Inn</i>  <b>CHURCH OFFICE</b> <b>CLOSED</b>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<i>Capital Campaign</i> <i>Presentation</i>  <i>Native American</i> <i>Ministries Sunday</i>  <b>9:45 am-Sunday</b> School  <b>11:00 am-Worship</b> [S]  <b>12:00 pm-3</b> Continents Presentation [FH]  <b>8:00 pm-</b> Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	<b>7:00 am-Emmaus</b> Group [YR]  <b>9:00 am-1:00 pm-</b> Preschool [EB]  <b>3:00 pm-6:00 pm-</b> Church Office Hours  <i>Curtis Away-David</i> <i>on Call</i>  <b>NEWSLETTER</b> <b>DEADLINE</b>	<b>9:00 am-1:00</b> <b>pm-</b> Preschool [EB]  <i>Curtis Away-</i> <i>David on Call</i>  <b>CHURCH</b> <b>OFFICE</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>9:00 am-1:00 pm-</b> Preschool [EB]  <b>3:00 pm-6:00 pm-</b> Church Office Hours  <b>5:45 pm-AI-Anon</b> Meeting [BC]  <b>6:00 pm-Handbell</b> Rehearsal [S]  <b>7:00 pm-Choir</b> Rehearsal [CR]  <b>8:00 pm-Narcotics</b> Anonymous [FH]  <i>Curtis Away-David</i> <i>on Call</i>  <b>BULLETIN</b> <b>DEADLINE</b>	<b>9:00 am-1:00 pm-</b> Preschool [EB]  <b>3:00 pm-6:00 pm-</b> Church Office Hours  <i>Curtis Away-David</i> <i>on Call</i>	<b>9:00 am-1:00 pm-</b> Preschool [EB]  <b>8:00 pm-</b> Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]  <b>CHURCH</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>CHURCH OFFICE</b> <b>CLOSED</b>

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17 <b>9:45 am</b> -Sunday School <b>11:00 am</b> -Worship [S] <b>8:00 pm</b> -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	18 <b>7:00 am</b> -Emmaus Group [YR] <b>9:00 am-1:00 pm</b> -Preschool [EB] <b>11:00 am</b> -Worship Committee Meeting [BC] <b>3:00 pm-6:00 pm</b> -Church Office Hours	19 <b>9:00 am-1:00 pm</b> -Preschool [EB]  <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	20 <b>9:00 am-1:00 pm</b> -Preschool [EB] <b>3:00 pm-6:00 pm</b> -Church Office Hours <b>5:45 pm</b> -Al-Anon Meeting [BC] <b>6:00 pm</b> -Handbell Rehearsal [S] <b>7:00 pm</b> -Choir Rehearsal [CR] <b>8:00 pm</b> -Narcotics Anonymous [FH]	21 <b>9:00 am-1:00 pm</b> -Preschool [EB] <b>3:00 pm-6:00 pm</b> -Church Office Hours	22 <b>9:00 am-1:00 pm</b> -Preschool [EB] <b>8:00 pm</b> -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]  <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	23       <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>
24 <b>9:45 am</b> -Sunday School <b>11:00 am</b> -Worship [S] <b>2:00 pm</b> -District Meeting [Christ UMC, Weaverville] <b>8:00 pm</b> -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	25 <b>7:00 am</b> -Emmaus Group [YR] <b>9:00 am-1:00 pm</b> -Preschool [EB] <b>3:00 pm- 6:00 pm</b> -Church Office Hours <b>6:30 pm</b> -Friendship Circle [BC]	26 <b>9:00 am-1:00 pm</b> -Preschool [EB]  <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	27 <b>9:00 am-1:00 pm</b> -Preschool [EB] <b>3:00 pm-6:00 pm</b> -Church Office Hours <b>5:45 pm</b> -Al-Anon Meeting [BC] <b>6:00 pm</b> -Handbell Rehearsal [S] <b>7:00 pm</b> -Choir Rehearsal [CR] <b>8:00 pm</b> -Narcotics Anonymous [FH]	28 <b>9:00 am-1:00 pm</b> -Preschool [EB] <b>10:00 am</b> -Preschool Board Meeting [BC] <b>3:00 pm-6:00 pm</b> -Church Office Hours	29 <b>9:00 am-1:00 pm</b> -Preschool [EB] <b>8:00 pm</b> -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]  <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	30       <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>
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 UR=Upper Room Sunday School Classroom			<b>Important Dates in May</b> *May 8 <sup>th</sup> – Mother’s Day *May 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Peace with Justice Sunday *May 27 <sup>th</sup> - NAPS Preschool Graduation *May 30 <sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day			
<b>April Birthdays</b> Phoebe Stubblefield – April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rick Morehead – April 6 <sup>th</sup> Kevin Foy – April 12 <sup>th</sup> Lonie Layman – April 18 <sup>th</sup> Judy Rich – April 21 <sup>st</sup>			<b>April Birthdays</b> Dylan Deschant – April 21 <sup>st</sup> Britt Fisher – April 24 <sup>th</sup> Agnes McGeary – April 26 <sup>th</sup> Deborah Hawkins – April 28 <sup>th</sup>			



# Volunteer Schedule

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church Volunteer Schedule April 2016						
Date	Communion Servers	Lock-Up Volunteer	Counting Team	Ushers	Greeters	Sanctuary Stewards
04.03.2016	Curtis Goforth Judy Rich Sallyanne McVay Doug Tallent	Don Jackson, Jr. (primary) Rick Morehead (secondary)	Kelli Conover John Harvin	Mardy Murphy Don McGeary Don Jackson Jessica Jackson	Nan Montague Laurel Bishop	Madeline Moseley
04.10.2016	NA	Don Jackson, Jr. (primary) Rick Morehead (secondary)	Elaine Poovey Scott Glenn	Keith Campbell Sharon Campbell Gary Tweed Toni Tweed	Mary Loomis-Molloy Keith Campbell	Margaret Tickle Derick Tickle
04.17.2016	NA	Don Jackson, Jr. (primary) Rick Morehead (secondary)	Rebecca Tucker Mary Loomis-Molloy	Eve Bridger Colin Bridger Mike Rice Sherry Rice	Geri Allison Jessica Withers	Gordon Jones Joan Jones
04.24.2016	NA	Don Jackson, Jr. (primary) Rick Morehead (secondary)	Merritt Moseley Sue Lane Muesing	John Harvin Sylvia Burke Robert Wiltshire Debbie Wiltshire	Claire Bailey Ann Young	Bruce Kidder Elaine Price

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church Volunteer Schedule April 2016					
Date	Acolyte(s)	Nursery Volunteer	Children's Church	Children's Message	Lector
04.03.2016	Lylah Goforth	Derick Tickle	Jennifer Goforth	Sallyanne McVay	Curtis Goforth
04.10.2016	Barfuo Baokye-Boaten	Jessica Withers	Judi Harvin	Curtis Goforth	TBD
04.17.2016	Haley Phillips	Judy Rich	Jessica Jackson	Sallyanne McVay	Mitchell Tucker
04.24.2016	Chloe Jackson Eliza Jackson	Laurel Bishop	Toni Tweed	Curtis Goforth	Corey McVay

**Volunteer Coordinators:**

<b>Counting Team:</b>	Sue Lane Muesing	slmue@aol.com	H: (828) 255-8547
<b>Lock-Up Team:</b>	Curtis Goforth	curtis@asburymethodist.org	H: (828) 484-8540
<b>Ushers:</b>	Gary Hutchins	NA	H: (828) 683-1948
<b>Greeters:</b>	Cynthia Stewart	crameystew@hotmail.com	H: (828) 251-9210
<b>Sanctuary Stewards:</b>	Margaret Tickle	margarettickle@aol.com	H: (828) 252-9887
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Sallyanne McVay	sallyanne@asburymethodist.org	C: (828) 230-4065
<b>Nursery Workers:</b>	Davie Jackson	daviejackson@hotmail.com	H: (828) 645-2928
<b>Children's Church:</b>	Sallyanne McVay	sallyanne@asburymethodist.org	C: (828) 230-4065
<b>Children's Sermon:</b>	Sallyanne McVay	sallyanne@asburymethodist.org	C: (828) 230-4065
<b>Communion Servers:</b>	Curtis Goforth	curtis@asburymethodist.org	H: (828) 484-8540
<b>Scripture Readers:</b>	Curtis Goforth	curtis@asburymethodist.org	H: (828) 484-8540



## News from the Finance Committee

### Finance Committee Update:

	<u>For the 2 Months Ended February 29, 2016</u>		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Favorable/(Unfavorable) Variance</u>
<b>Operating Funds:</b>			
Income	\$32,089	\$23,928	\$8,161
Expenses	<u>30,910</u>	<u>33,983</u>	<u>3,073</u>
Net Income	<u>\$1,179</u>	<u>(\$10,055)</u>	<u>\$11,234</u>
<b>Special Giving*</b>	<u>\$4,859</u>		
*Includes Souper Bowl, ABCCM, Manna Food Bank, Memorials, Disaster Relief, Youth Missions/ Activities, Bread Tin, Special offerings			

## News from Children & Youth Ministries

The children's choir will practice on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> during Children's church for their performance on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> during worship. On Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> the Children's Choir will sing during Children's Sermon time.

Last Call for Camp Tekoa: if you would like to give your child(ren) a gift of a week at camp, speak with Sallyanne McVay immediately. There are still openings for Day Camp, Mini-Camp (3 days & 3 nights) or Residential Camp (5 days & 6 nights). Camp Tekoa is located outside of Hendersonville on Kanuga Road. It is a Western North Carolina Conference camp. Check out their website, [camptekoa.org](http://camptekoa.org).



# Prepare Ye the Way

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