



The Asbury Journal

Message from the Pastor

March 2017

"What Is Lent?"



Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting, and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection. If you've given up something for Lent, like chocolate, you are allowed to have that which you've given up on the Sundays during Lent. If you've never given up something for Lent (or taken on something) then I encourage you to give it a try this year. If you'd like to learn more about Lent, there are a number of resources available on the denomination's website at www.umc.org. As always, if you ever have any questions about Lent (or anything else in the Bible or the Christian life), please feel free to contact me at revgoforth@alumni.duke.edu or at the church office most weekday mornings at (828) 253-0765.

May the peace of Christ be with you all.
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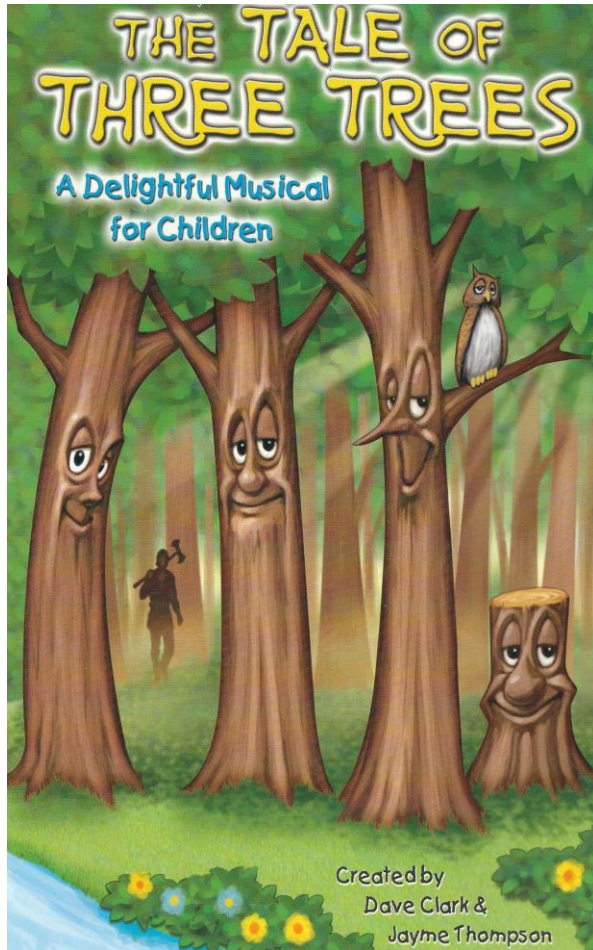
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Music Arts Drama Week



A full day Christian theater camp for rising 2nd – 6th grade children
During M.A.D. Week participants will be involved in acting, singing, dancing as well as creating sets and making costumes in preparation of performing the delightful musical for children, “The Tale of Three Trees” by Dave Clark and Jayme Thompson.

When: Monday, July 17 – Friday, July 21, 2017
The final production will be on
Friday evening, July 21st at 5:00 p.m.
For: Rising 2nd – 6th grade children
Where: Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church
171 Beaverdam Road
Time: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Food: BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH;
Snacks will be provided
Cost: \$25.00 registration fee until June 1, 2017
\$30.00 after June 1, 2017
Participation limited to 30.

M.A.D. Camp Director Judi Harvin, is a retired teacher with 34 years of elementary school experience. She has directed numerous children’s productions. Assistant Director and Choreographer, Maggie Harvin, a UNCA graduate, is currently teaching 4th grade at The Sheikh Zayed Private Academy for Boys in Abu Dhabi. For more information, contact Sallyanne McVay (sallyanne@asburymethodist.org)

News from the Friendship Circle

Thanks so much to all of you who supported our Soup and Salad Luncheon in February. We made \$245.00 which we will use for mission projects. The first one is to provide a meal for the Wesley Foundation students at UNCA; later, we will send exam packages for our college students. Sherry and Randy enjoyed and appreciated their send-off that day, too.



News from the Missions Committee:

The Bread Tin Offering for March will be for the New Direction Mustard Seed:

85% of single parent households are mothers. 23% of children in America are being raised by single mothers. The vast majority of these households are living at or below poverty level which creates a cycle of survival rather than living and thriving. The Mustard Seed Project provides extensive, long term care, for these families, enabling single mothers to break free of besetting spiritual, relational, financial and physical patterns which have kept them bound. The work of New Direction Mustard Seed is specific to single mothers who are motivated to break free of troubling spiritual, relational, and financial cycles. Professional counseling, financial budgeting, legal representation for child custody, and supplementation of income are all provided for the women who are accepted to be participants in the project.

The February Bread Tin offering collected \$373.97 for Mama Maisha, a charity that seeks to reduce maternal deaths in developing countries. Thank you for giving generously.



The Missions Committee is asking the Asbury family to join Heifer International in Lent to serve our neighbors in need. As this worthy organization says, "Small but significant acts of giving, when combined together, become a powerful message of hope to our struggling brothers and sisters." We are asked to help "fill the ark" this Lenten season. Gifts to Heifer provide farm animals and other resources to help people in developing countries support themselves and their families through sustainable agriculture. For as little as \$20 we can provide a needy farmer with a flock of chicks; for \$120 a llama; for \$500 a heifer. We will have an ark for contributions in the sanctuary and gifts may also be placed in the offering plate, clearly marked "Heifer." Please give generously.

Please continue to bring contributions of food for MANNA Foodbank, or money to be converted to contributions. In 2017, we are collecting beans: a high-protein, relatively heavy food much in demand in a hungry world. Not green beans, but navy beans, black beans, red beans—that sort of thing. Dried beans are fine, too. Thank you as always for giving generously!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We need everyone who can knit or crochet to revive this ministry. It will be a project that we do at home. I have instructions for several patterns for knitting and crocheting. We will try to have a monthly meeting to see each other's shawls and decide the receiver. Please let me know if you are interested in this ministry which is a blessing for everyone.

-Joan Jones 828-254-3860 or jngjones@charter.net

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church
Church Calendar for March 2017

*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	3	4
			<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ash Wednesday</i></p> <p>9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB]</p> <p>5:45 pm-Al-Anon Meeting [BC]</p> <p>6:00 pm-Ash Wednesday Service [S]</p> <p>7:00 pm-Choir Practice [CR]</p> <p>8:00 pm-Narcotics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<p>9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB]</p> <p>2:30 pm-5:30 pm- Church Office Hours</p> <p>7:00 pm-Finance Committee Meeting [BC]</p>	<p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [EB]</p> <p>8:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Daylight Savings Time begins</i></p> <p>9:45 am-Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am-Worship [S]</p> <p>12:00 pm-N.O.W. Committee Meeting [BC]</p> <p>8:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p>	<p>7:00 am-Emmaus Group [YR]</p> <p>9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB]</p> <p>2:30 pm-5:30 pm- Church Office Hours</p> <p>7:00 pm-Genesis Bible Study [BC]</p>	<p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [EB]</p> <p>2:30 pm-5:30 pm-Church Office Hours</p>	<p>9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB]</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 style="text-align: center;"><i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<p>9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB]</p> <p>2:30 pm-5:30 pm- Church Office Hours</p>	<p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [EB]</p> <p>8:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>

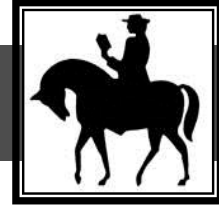


Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church Volunteer Schedule March 2017						
Date	Communion Servers	Lock-Up Volunteer	Counting Team	Ushers	Greeters	Sanctuary Stewards
3.5.2017	Curtis Goforth Gordon Jones Sallyanne McVay Deborah Hawkins	Geri Allison (primary) Rick Morehead (secondary)	Merritt Moseley SueLane Muesing	Keith Campbell Sharon Campbell Don Jackson Jessica Jackson	Rebecca Tucker Betty Gaddy	Steve Rich Judy Rich
3.12.2017	NA	Geri Allison (primary) Rick Morehead (secondary)	Rebecca Tucker Steve Rich	Gary Tweed Toni Tweed Eve Bridger Colin Bridger	Cynthia Stewart John Stewart	Gordon Jones Joan Jones
3.19.2017	NA	Geri Allison (primary) Rick Morehead (secondary)	Mardy Murphy Diane Arnold	Mike Rice Sherry Rice John Harvin Sylvia Burke	Geri Allison Jessica Withers	Bruce Kidder Elaine Price
3.26.2017	NA	Geri Allison (primary) Rick Morehead (secondary)	Madeline Moseley Mark Smith	Steve Rich Julie Niwinski TBD TBD	Claire Bailey Ann Young	Cynthia Stewart Laurel Bishop

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church Volunteer Schedule March 2017					
Date	Acolyte(s)	Nursery Volunteer	Children's Church	Children's Message	Lector
3.5.2017	Roan Bridger	Cynthia Stewart	Jennifer Keeney	Sallyanne McVay	Curtis Goforth
3.12.2017	Alana Bridger	Judy Rich	Laurel Bishop	Sallyanne McVay	Mitchell Tucker
3.19.2017	Chloe Jackson Eliza Jackson	Sallyanne McVay	Laura Stephens	Curtis Goforth	Corey McVay
3.26.2017	Anthony Thomas Lila Thomas	Jessica Withers	Claire Bailey	Sallyanne McVay	Ellen Banks

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 Finance Committee:

	For the 1 Month Ended January 31, 2016		
	Actual	Budget	Favorable/(Unfavorable) Variance
Operating Funds:			
Income	17,872	12,087	5,785
Expenses	9,764	13,482	3,718
Net Income/(Loss)	<u>\$8,108</u>	<u>(\$1,395)</u>	<u>\$9503</u>
Capital Campaign (net of expenditures)	<u>\$118,037</u>		
Special Giving*	<u>\$1,420</u>		
*Includes Souper Bowl, ABCCM, Manna Food Bank, Memorials, Disaster Relief, Youth Missions/Activities, Bread Tin, Special offerings			

News from the Building Committee:


The Building Committee continues to move forward in our work on Phase I of the construction. We have been meeting with contractors, engineers, and architects regarding the construction work and timeline for the improvements to the exterior of the church building and property.

The image to the right is a rendering of the new covered and level entryway to the sanctuary at the choir room door (where the ramp is currently located)! This improvement mimics the look of the porch on the front of the sanctuary and will look like it was original to the church. Our next step is to select contractors to do the work once we have received their bids. We are anxiously awaiting this next step and we will complete it as soon as possible. Once this step is complete (and the weather cooperates) we will be able to start construction on the new driveways, the parking areas, the covered entryway, walkways, and the Memorial Garden. We will keep you posted as progress continues to be made.



Rev. Goforth will lead a study of the first book in the Bible.
The Genesis bible study will meet on Mondays
(March 6th -April 10th) in Brown Chapel at 7:00 pm.
All are welcome.

Genesis Bible Study Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church (Mondays) March 6-April 10, 2017 Brown Chapel (7:00 pm)			
Session 1	The Stories of Creation	Genesis 1-4	March 6, 2017
Session 2	Noah and the Flood	Genesis 6-10	March 13, 2017
Session 3	Abraham and Sarah	Genesis 12-21	March 20, 2017
Session 4	The Binding of Isaac	Genesis 22	March 27, 2017
Session 5	Joseph	Genesis 37, 39-50	April 3, 2017
Session 6	Judah and Tamar	Genesis 38	April 10, 2017



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