

# Asbury Memorial

United Methodist Church  
Visitor's Card

*We are grateful for the opportunity to contact you to let you know how glad we are that you visited! Your information will be kept private.*

*Please take a moment to fill out this card. It can be detached and placed in the offering plate as it circulates later in the service.*

*(please print)*

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## Prayer List

Sandy Rountree, Colleen Prevatte (Nancy Carter's sister-in-law with cancer), The family of John McGeary, Bill McGeary (Donnie McGeary's brother with cancer), Bruce McIntosh (Don McGeary's brother-in-law with heart trouble), Addison McGeary, Leigh Douglas Warren (twins born at 32 weeks who are doing well in Charleston, SC), Arramenta Hite (Bob Hite's mother), impoverished young women with children, displaced Syrian refugees, victims of domestic violence, Rachel (Sherry Rice's aunt), Kim (friend of the Mills family with cancer who is no longer receiving treatments for her cancer. Remember also her mother, Sandra), the family of The Rev. Jim Sorley, Rick Hayes (Betty Hayes' son), the family of Elizabeth Greene, Kathy Morgan (Marcia Morehead's sister who is starting chemo), Loretta Banner (Joan Jones' sister in Charlotte who is hospitalized with COPD), Gary Hutchins (pneumonia), the family of Jack McIntyre (friend of Bruce Kidder), the family of George Bailey (lived across the street from the church), Kristina (cancer), all of our shut-ins during the holidays, Steve Ellis, all those affected by the school shootings in Connecticut.

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## BENEFICIAL TIPS FOR YEAR-END GIVING

- STEWARDSHIP AFFIRMATIONS—Thanks to everyone who has pledged or estimated giving for 2013. Fifty-five contribution plans have been submitted now, totaling \$137,571. If you will join us, please find the Affirmation Cards in the pew by the center aisle and jot down your pledge or estimate for the New Year. (We'll only use an estimated gift for budgeting.) Please help yourself to spiritual renewal of gratitude and help Asbury to financial security in 2013 with your giving plan. Blessings for supporting Asbury's mission and our life together. Thanks!
- IRA DISBURSEMENTS—If you are over 70 ½ years of age and have an Individual Retirement Account that must be tapped for a payout before 12/31/12, please consider a donation to Asbury. If you have your broker send *it directly to the Church*, it will move tax-free – isn't that a nice benefit?
- GIFTS OF SECURITIES—If you hold stock that has increased in value since its purchase, you can avoid capital gains by donating some of it to Asbury. When a gift of stock is made, the entire amount is tax deductible—which may allow you to donate a larger amount than you could otherwise afford.
- LEARN HOW TO MAKE IRA OR SECURITIES GIFTS—Be in touch with Dwayne Dills, Asbury's Treasurer at [dillscpa@charter.net](mailto:dillscpa@charter.net) to find out the easiest way to transfer your contribution. If you'd like to discuss these plans further with a church member, Gary Tweed (665-9017) or Bud Allison (250-9816) will be glad to talk with you.
- PREPAY YOUR 2013 PLEDGE—If you normally itemize deductions for income tax purposes, but you anticipate an income reduction in 2013, it may be "tax wise" to consider prepaying next year's church gift right now. If you do make that choice, please note clearly on your check's memo line "2013 Prepaid"—we will cash the check promptly, but our Treasurer will count it towards *your giving for next year*.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- MANNA FOOD BANK-We hope to raise 350 pounds of high-protein beans to help those in need in WNC before the end of the year. In twelve years, we've never failed to reach our goal—over a ton—2012 pounds this year. We've been behind before but Asbury always comes through! Thank you in advance. If you shop with children or grandchildren, make this a learning experience by talking about how legumes (dry beans, canned beans/peas, etc.) are a low cost way to reach protein needs. (In Buncombe County over 50% of our school kids are on free/reduced lunches -- and across WNC, some counties run much higher than that.) If you are pressed for time, consider writing a check to Asbury (memo: MANNA Food Drive), and the food bank will purchase beans on your behalf—at a discount. Thanks so much for all you do. -The Missions Committee.
- CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE-Join us on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm for our wonderful Christmas Eve service. Be sure to invite your friends, neighbors, and family members for one of the most holy nights of the year.



## A Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Advent-Year C  
December 23, 2012

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church

[www.asburymethodist.org](http://www.asburymethodist.org)

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The congregation reads the words in **bold type**.*

## Entrance

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Corey McVay and Ann Perkins

The Light of Christ Enters our Gathering

Choral Introit

“Carry the Mother”

Welcome and Announcements

☩ The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Conover family

We light this candle as a symbol of expectation.  
May the light sent from God shine in the darkness  
to show us the way to salvation.  
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

☩ Hymn #211 (first verse only)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

We light this candle as a symbol of proclamation.  
May the Word sent from God through the prophets  
lead us to the way of salvation.  
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

☩ Hymn #211 (second verse only)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

We light this candle as a symbol of joy.  
May the joyful promise of your presence,  
O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.  
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

☩ Hymn #211 (third verse only)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

We light this candle as a symbol of purity.  
May the visitation of your Holy Spirit,  
O God, purify us that we may be ready for  
the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.  
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

☩ Hymn #211 (fourth verse only)

☩ Responsive Reading #208

“Canticle of Zechariah”

☩ *The congregation standing, if able.*

✦ Gloria Patri #70

♪ **Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be;  
world without end. Amen. Amen.** ♪

Proclamation and Response

Collection of our Bread Tin Offering and Prayer Cards

*The December bread tin collections will go to The United Methodist Church's Black College Fund. You may place your gift in one of the bread tins as the children circulate them. Those who are of kindergarten age and younger are invited to leave for children's church in the chapel, or to remain in the service with their families.*

*You may also place a prayer card in one of the bread tins if you have a special prayer request you'd like to share.*

Prayer for Illumination

**Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait to hear your word; bring us through the birth  
pangs of this present age to see, with her,  
our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a (p.815 in pew the Bible)  
Choral Anthem "The Redeemer Will Come"  
New Testament Lesson: Luke 1:39-55 (p.53 in the pew Bible)  
✦ Hymn #249 "There's a Song in the Air"  
Prayers of the People

...Come and save us  
**O Lord, our God.**

Silent Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us  
our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

Offering  
Offertory "Ukranian Bell Carol" Caitlin McVay and Ann Perkins  
✦ Doxology #95

♪ **Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.** ♪

✦ Offertory Prayer

Children's Christmas Program

Program Notes

*After the children share from the hymn "The Friendly Beasts,"  
(#227 in the hymnal) the congregation is invited to remain seated  
and sing through the hymn with the children.*

*After the children sing the hymn "Go Tell It on the Mountain"  
(#251 in the hymnal) the congregation is invited to stand  
and sing verse three with the children.*

Participants

Donkey.....Tyler Post  
Cows.....Agya Boakye-Boaten and Lylah Goforth  
Sheep.....Cora Goforth and Eliza Post  
Doves.....Chloe Jackson, Eliza Jackson, and Harper Shook  
Camels.....Barfou Boakye-Boaten and Alana Bridger

Benediction  
The Light of Christ Leads Us  
Postlude

✦ *The congregation standing, if able.*

This Week at Asbury

Today: 9:45 am-Sunday School [Classrooms]  
(12.23.2012) 11:00 am-Worship [Sanctuary]  
5:00 pm-AI-Anon [Brown Chapel]  
8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]  
**Monday 5:30 pm-Christmas Eve Candlelight Service [Sanctuary]**  
*Church Office Closed / Preschool Closed*  
Tuesday *Church Office Closed / Preschool Closed*  
Wednesday *Church Office Closed / Preschool Closed*  
Thursday 9:00 am-1:00 pm Church Office Hours  
*Preschool Closed*  
Friday *Church Office Closed / Preschool Closed*  
8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]  
**Saturday 2:00 pm-Memorial Service for Irwin Weil [Sanctuary]**  
Next Sunday 9:45 am-Sunday School [Classrooms]  
(12.30.2012) 11:00 am-Worship/Christmas Carols Singing [Sanctuary]  
5:00 pm-AI-Anon [Brown Chapel]  
8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

*For more information about what is happening at Asbury Memorial UMC, please visit  
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Important Notes:

- A nursery is provided for infants and toddlers. One of our ushers can guide you to the nursery if you need help.
- If you are in need of hearing devices, they are located at the sound system by the Beaverdam entrance.
- From the Fire Marshal: "Please note the exits at the front and rear of the Sanctuary."
- Please help the Sanctuary Stewards and the environment by placing your bulletin in the recycle bin at the rear of the Sanctuary, or in the recycling basket in the hallway at the side entrance.
- Bathrooms are located on the ground floors in the Fellowship Hall and in the Educational Building. To access them from the sanctuary, it is best to go down the steps in the narthex by the front (Beaverdam Rd.) entrance.

Volunteer Schedule for This Week  
(December 23, 2012)

Counting Team.....  
.....Mark Smith, Madeline Moseley  
Lock-up Volunteer.....William Withers  
Greeters.....Merle Buckner, Toni Tweed  
Sanctuary Stewards.....Gordon and Joan Jones  
Acolyte.....Mitchell Tucker  
Nursery.....Cynthia Stewart, Martha Tallent

Volunteer Schedule for Next Week  
(December 30, 2012)

Counting Team.....Betty Gaddy, Bob Hite  
Lock-up Volunteer.....William Withers  
Greeters.....Cynthia Stewart, Arlee Banks  
Sanctuary Stewards.....  
Acolyte.....Haley Phillips  
Nursery.....Bob and Rebecca Tucker  
Children's Church.....Claire Bailey  
Children's Sermon.....Sallyanne McVay

*Thanks for all you do to support the ministry  
and mission of our church! We can't do it  
without you. To get more involved in the life of  
the church, please see Rev. Goforth and he can  
get you started! We are currently making up  
the schedules for next year and we would love  
to have your help.*



Prayer Request Card

*If you would like to share a  
prayer request, please  
detach this form and place it  
in one of the Bread Tins as  
the children circulate them  
after the Children's  
Celebration.*

*(Please Print)*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Prayer Concern:  
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Your Name (optional):  
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Please keep my prayer  
concern confidential

Please add my prayer  
concern to the prayer list  
in the bulletin.

Please remove my  
concern from the prayer  
list.