



### 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.

### Announcements

\*The Room In The Inn ladies will be with us from Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Many thanks to the Missions Committee and all of the volunteers who make them feel welcome.

\*Pentecost Sunday is next Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to wear RED to church on this Sunday.

\*Our love and sympathy go to The Rev. Perry Miller and his family on the death of his father, The Rev. John Miller. Please keep Perry and his family in your prayers during this difficult time.

\*It is time to honor our graduates by listing them in the newsletter and sharing their name in worship. If any family members have graduated recently, please send Sallyanne (jsmcvay@aol.com) the following information: Name of individual, Name of institution, degree received and where they are headed. Thank you!

\*Our next special giving Sunday is right around the corner. Peace With Justice Sunday is Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

\*Rev. Goforth will be starting a new sermon series that will run from Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> through June 28<sup>th</sup> on "Sabbath Living." The readings from the Revised Common Lectionary will resume in July.

\*The congregation is invited and encouraged to attend a design meeting with Siteworks Studio on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary. The main purpose is to gather ideas and desires from you about, but not limited to the Memorial Garden. Please come and give Matt your input!

| Attendance and Financial Record<br>May 10, 2015 |            |
|---|------------|
| Offering  | \$2,853.00 |
| Budget  | \$2,867.00 |
| Attendance                                      | 73         |

### This Week at Asbury

Today: *Room In The Inn*  
9:45 am-Sunday School [Classrooms]  
11:00 am-Worship [Sanctuary]  
8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

Monday: *Room In The Inn*  
*Newsletter Deadline*  
7:00 am-Emmaus Group [Youth Room]  
3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours

Tuesday: *Room In The Inn*  
*Church Office Closed*

Wednesday: *Room In The Inn*  
*Bulletin Deadline*  
3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours  
5:45 pm-Al-Anon Meeting [Brown Chapel]  
6:00 pm-Handbell Rehearsal [Sanctuary]  
7:00 pm-Choir Rehearsal [Choir Room]  
8:00 pm-Narcotics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

Thursday: *Room In The Inn*  
3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours

Friday: *Room In The Inn*  
*Church Office Closed*  
8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

Saturday: *Room In The Inn*  
*Church Office Closed*

Sunday (5.24.2015): *Pentecost Sunday*  
9:45 am-Sunday School [Classrooms]  
11:00 am-Worship [Sanctuary]  
8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

*A nursery (infant-2 yrs old) is provided by church volunteers during our worship service. Children's Church (an extended lesson and free time for children 3 yrs old through 1<sup>st</sup> grade) dismisses after the Bread Tin Offering. These children may be picked up by the Nursery after worship concludes.*

### The Ministry of Worship

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### A Service of Worship

Ascension-B  
May 17, 2015  
Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church  
www.asburymethodist.org

*If you are visiting with us today, we are glad you are here!  
Please take a moment to fill out a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate as it circulates.  
The congregation reads the words in **bold** type.*

### Entrance

Prelude....."Ode to Joy"  
-Cora Goforth, piano

Chiming of the Trinity  
The Light of Christ Enters Our Gathering  
Introit....."I'll Fly Away"  
-Asbury Men's Chorus

Apostolic Greeting  
⊕ Hymn #312....."Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"  
⊕ Responsive Reading #781.....Psalm 47  
⊕ 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

Children's Celebration  
Collection of our Bread Tin Offering and Prayer Cards

*The May Bread Tin collections will go to support the Ministry of Hope, the chaplaincy program for the Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women. Since 1997, this organization has been providing support for more than 300 inmates of the Correctional Center and its staff. Improving lives, providing hope, and supporting lonely and unhappy women are an important mission. Please give generously to support these women and the chaplains who serve them.*

*\*\*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

**Enlighten the eyes of our hearts, O God,  
and grant us a spirit of wisdom and revelation  
through the reading of this, your Word.  
Amen.**

⊕ *The congregation standing, if able.*

Epistle Lesson.....Acts 1:1-11 [NRSV NT p.110 in pew Bible]

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem.....“How Can I Keep From Singing”  
[Tomlin, Casha & Redman; arranged by Lloyd Larson; Lorenz Publishing Co., 2006]

Gospel Lesson.....Luke 24:44-53 [NRSV NT p.85 in pew Bible]

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon.....Rev. Goforth  
⊕ Hymn #327..... “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

⊕*The congregation standing, if able.*

### Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People  
....Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

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 in the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

Offering  
*If you are visiting with us this morning,  
please take a moment to fill out the visitors’ card  
on the far right side of the bulletin.  
You may place it in one of the offering plates as they circulate.*

Offertory.....*Megan and Harper Shook*

⊕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

### Sending Forth

⊕ Hymn #368.....“My Hope Is Built”  
⊕ Benediction  
⊕ Choral Benediction.....“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee  
⊕ Postlude.....“I’ll Fly Away”

⊕*The congregation standing, if able.*

### Prayer List

Bill McGeary, Addison McGeary, Lanny Warren, Francis and Jim Morehead, Jewel Winkler, David Roberson, Merle Buckner, Eleanor McGeary, Hughes Chisholm, Corey Jacobson, Leonard Apgar, Bill Hussey, Sandra Brazil (Sam Rich’s sister), Bob Montague, Edna Mull, MaryJo Smith, Bill Beck, Ginny Mills, Leonard Apgar, Jr, Lois Glenn, Ricky and Cathy Blow, the family of Frank Belcher, the family of The Rev. John Miller, our shut-ins.

### Volunteer Schedules

| Volunteer Schedule for This Week<br>May 17, 2015 |  |
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| Counting Team                                    | Doug Tallent<br>Janie Wilson                                     |
| Lock-up Volunteer                                | William Withers<br>Scott Glenn                                   |
| Greeters   | Claire Bailey<br>TBD   |
| Sanctuary Stewards                               | Steve Rich<br>Judy Rich  |
| Nursery Volunteers                               | Maggie Harvin<br>Laurel Bishop                                   |
| Children’s Church                                | Claire Bailey  |
| Children’s Message                               | Sallyanne McVay  |
| Acolytes   | Lylah Goforth<br>Cora Goforth                                    |
| Lector   | Rick Morehead  |
| Ushers   | Gary Tweed<br>Toni Tweed<br>Robert Wiltshire<br>Debbie Wiltshire |

| Volunteer Schedule for Next Week<br>May 24, 2015 |  |
|--|--|
| Counting Team                                    | Diane Arnold<br>Mary Loomis-Molloy                               |
| Lock-up Volunteer                                | William Withers<br>Scott Glenn                                   |
| Greeters   | Ann Young<br>Toni Tweed  |
| Sanctuary Stewards                               | Arlee Banks<br>Ellen Banks                                       |
| Nursery Volunteers                               | Bob Tucker<br>Rebecca Tucker                                     |
| Children’s Church                                | Sallyanne McVay  |
| Children’s Message                               | Sallyanne McVay  |
| Acolyte  | Haley Phillips   |
| Lector   | Madeline Moseley   |
| Ushers   | Mike Rice<br>Sherry Rice<br>Jerry Stubblefield<br>Julie Niwinski |

### 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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