



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: _____

Your Name (optional): _____

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

*We celebrate Native American Ministries Sunday *TODAY*. This special offering develops and strengthens Native American ministries within the annual conference and educates Native American seminarians. Thank you in advance for giving generously!

*Church hike at Givens Estates is *TODAY* Sunday, April 19th following worship. Bring your picnic lunch to eat with fellow hikers near the Greenhouse and playground on Givens Estates. See Sallyanne for directions and carpooling information.

*Missions Committee will meet *TODAY* Sunday, April 19th at 7:00 pm in Brown Chapel.

*Our Children's Choir has started rehearsal for their next singing date, Sunday May 10th (11:00 am worship). It is not too late to join the group. All children are invited to come to the Godly Play classroom on Sunday mornings at 9:30am.

*Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) will meet on Thursday, April 23rd in Brown Chapel. Members are encouraged to attend. See you then.

*One of our Acolyte Cottas (small white) has wandered off. Please check at home and return it as soon as possible. The acolytes thank you!

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, Ralph Gaddy, Bill Hussey, Beth Jennings, Tracey Stebbing, Joanne Chinkers, Tom Hinkle, the Deckman Family, Shelton Dewberry, Ruth Morgan, Nancy Reid, the family of Terry Speizack, the family of Millie Walters, Gardner Morgan, Doug Tallent's mother, our shut-ins, Sandra Brazil (Sam Rich's sister), the family of Tom Tweed (Gary's father), the family of Kenneth Ward (Doris's son), Bob Montague, Edna Mull, MaryJo Smith, Bill Beck, Ginny Mills.

This Week at Asbury

Today: 9:30 am-Children's Choir Practice [Godly Play Room]
9:45 am-Sunday School [Classrooms]
11:00 am-Worship [Sanctuary]
12:00 pm-Church Hike [Givens Estates]
7:00 pm-Missions Committee Meeting [Brown Chapel]
8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]
Monday *Newsletter Deadline*
7:00 am-Emmaus Group [Youth Room]
3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours
Tuesday *Church Office Closed*
Wednesday *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 3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours
7:00 pm-SPRC Meeting [Brown Chapel]
Friday *Church Office Closed*
8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]
Saturday *Church Office Closed*
Sunday 9:30 am-Children's Choir Practice [Godly Play Room]
(4.26.15) 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 1st 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

Easter 3-B
April 19, 2015
Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church
www.asburymethodist.org

Native American Ministries Sunday

*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....."His Strength is Perfect"
[Steven Curtis Chapman; Multisongs BMG Publishing, 2000]

Chiming of the Trinity

The Light of Christ Enters Our Gathering

Choral Introit....."Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
[Ken Medema; Hope Publishing, 1973]

Apostolic Greeting

✦ Hymn #349....."Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

✦ Responsive Reading

Every part of this earth is sacred.

**Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore,
every mist in the dark woods,
every clearing and humming insect is holy.**

The rocky crest, the meadow, the beasts and all the people,
all belong to the same family.

Teach your children that the earth is our mother.

**Whatever befalls the earth befalls the children of the earth.
We are part of the earth, and the earth is a part of us.**

The rivers are our brothers, they quench our thirst.

**The perfumed flowers are our sisters, the air is precious,
for all of us share the same breath.**

The wind that gave our grandparents breath also receives their last sigh.

The wind gave our children the spirit of life.

This we know, the earth does not belong to us.

We belong to the earth.

This we know, all things are connected.

Like the blood which unites one family, all things are connected.

Our God is the same God, whose compassion is equal for all.

**For we did not weave the web of life.
We are merely a strand in it.**

Whatever we do to the web we do to ourselves.

**Let us give thanks for the web and the circle that connects us.
Thanks be to God, the God of all.**

✠ 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 April Bread Tin collections will go to support the Amani Children’s Foundation, which supports New Life Homes for orphaned children in Kenya. Jane and Chad Stephens, of Winston-Salem, set up the Amani Foundation and their son John Stephens, a UNC Asheville alumnus, works there now. These children are later adopted by African families taking a stand against the traditional taboo of adoption. Please give generously to help give these vulnerable children a chance for a better life.

***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

**Holy God, by your Spirit
reveal your radical, surprising love;
come to us through your holy word,
and let us hear what you are saying.
Amen.**

New Testament Lesson.....Acts 3:12-19 [NRSV NT p. 113 in pew Bible]

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem.....“There is a Redeemer”
[Melody Green; Daybreak Music, 1982]

Gospel Lesson.....Luke 24:36b-48 [NRSV NT p.85 in pew Bible]

^{36b}...Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then 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.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon.....“Can I Get A Witness?”.....Rev. Goforth
✠ Hymn #308.....“Thine Be the Glory”

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 by 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.....“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”
-Asbury Quartet

✠ 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 #462.....“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”
✠ Benediction
✠ Choral Benediction
✠ Postlude.....“Morning Has Broken”
[Genevox Publishing, 2000]

✠ *The congregation standing, if able.*

Volunteer Schedules

Volunteer Schedule for This Week April 19, 2015	
Counting Team	Steve Rich Julie Niwinski
Lock-up Volunteer	Merritt Moseley Julie Niwinski
Greeters	Sam Rich Elaine Rich
Sanctuary Stewards	Derick Tickle Margaret Tickle
Nursery Volunteers	Judy Rich Jennifer Goforth
Children’s Church	Jessica Jackson
Children’s Message	Sallyanne McVay
Acolyte	Harper Shook
Lector	Corey McVay
Ushers	Don McGeary Kitty Schaller Robert Wiltshire Debbie Wiltshire

Volunteer Schedule for Next Week April 26, 2015	
Counting Team	Tim Bailey Scott Glenn
Lock-up Volunteer	Merritt Moseley Julie Niwinski
Greeters	Arlee Banks Elaine Price
Sanctuary Stewards	Gordon Jones Joan Jones
Nursery Volunteers	Cynthia Stewart Martha Tallent
Children’s Church	Judi Harvin
Children’s Message	Curtis Goforth
Acolytes	Chloe Jackson Eliza Jackson
Lector	Rachel Tucker
Ushers	Mike Rice Sherry Rice Jerry Stubblefield Julie Niwinski

Attendance and Financial Record April 12, 2015	
Offering	\$4,159.00
Budget	\$3,275.00
Attendance	86

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)

Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

Email Address: _____

Comments: _____