



## 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

\*Due to soggy weather last week, the church hike at Givens Estates is *TODAY* Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

\*Our Children's Choir has started rehearsal for their next singing date, Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> (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.

\*Additionally, the Children's Choir will practice on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Dinner is provided. See you then!

\*Thank you for giving generously! Donations from Native American Ministries Sunday last week totaled \$655.00.

\*Church Council will meet next Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 pm in Brown Chapel. Council members are encouraged to attend.

## 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, 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, Leonard Apgar, Jr, the family of Nancy Reid, the family of Vickie Hawkins, the family of David Luther, Arlee Banks.

## 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]  
8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]  
Monday 7:00 am-Emmaus Group [Youth Room]  
3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours  
6:30 pm-Friendship Circle Meeting [Brown Chapel]  
Tuesday *Church Office Closed*  
Wednesday *Bulletin Deadline*  
3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours  
5:30 pm-Children's Choir rehearsal and dinner [Fellowship Hall]  
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]  
3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours  
Thursday *Church Office Closed*  
Friday 8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]  
Saturday *Church Office Closed*  
Sunday 9:30 am-Children's Choir Practice [Godly Play Room]  
(5.3.15) 9:45 am-Sunday School [Classrooms]  
11:00 am-Worship [Sanctuary]  
11:00 am-Holy Communion [Sanctuary]  
4:30 pm-Church Council Meeting [Brown Chapel]  
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

Easter 4-B  
April 26, 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....."Like a Lamb Who Needs the Shepherd"  
[Ralph Carmichael; Communique Music, 1964]  
Chiming of the Trinity  
The Light of Christ Enters Our Gathering  
Choral Introit  
Apostolic Greeting  
⊕ Hymn #128....."He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"  
⊕ Responsive Reading #754..... Psalm 23  
⊕ 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

**O great Shepherd of the earth,  
come to us in this place of worship.  
Even when we resist,  
come to us with your support and reckless love.  
Come to us, revealing your Son our Savior afresh.  
Come to us in the power and presence of your Holy Spirit.  
Amen!**

⊕ *The congregation standing, if able.*

New Testament Lesson.....I John 3:16-24 [NRSV NT p. 226 in pew Bible]

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that he laid his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Choral Anthem.....“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”  
*[Virgil Thompson; H.W. Gray Co., Inc., 1966]*

Gospel Lesson.....John 10:11-18 [NRSV NT p.97 in pew Bible]

<sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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

Sermon.....“A Shepherd To Lead Us”.....Rev. Warren  
☩ Hymn #381.....“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

## Thanksgiving

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

Silent Prayer

☩ *The congregation standing, if able.*

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.....“Psalm 23”  
*[Carl Nygard, Jr.; Briarwood Productions, 1990]*

☩ 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 #408.....“The Gift of Love”  
☩ Benediction  
☩ Choral Benediction  
☩ Postlude.....“The Little Shepherd”  
*[Debussy]*

☩ *The congregation standing, if able.*

Attendance and Financial Record April 12, 2015	
Offering	\$3,060.00
Budget	\$3,275.00
Attendance	79

## Volunteer Schedules

Volunteer Schedule for This 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	Sallyanne McVay
Acolytes	Chloe Jackson Eliza Jackson
Lector	Rachel Tucker
Ushers	Mike Rice Sherry Rice Jerry Stubblefield Julie Niwinski

Volunteer Schedule for Next Week May 3, 2015	
Counting Team	Rebecca Tucker Mary Loomis-Molloy
Lock-up Volunteer	William Withers Scott Glenn
Greeters	Cynthia Stewart John Stewart
Sanctuary Stewards	Bruce Kidder Elaine Price
Nursery Volunteers	Sallyanne McVay Maggie Harvin
Children’s Church	Heather Post
Children’s Message	Sallyanne McVay
Acolyte	Barfuo Boakye-Boaten
Lector	Curtis Goforth
Ushers	William Withers Jessica Withers Bud Allison Geri Allison
Communion Servers	Curtis Goforth Martha Tallent Sallyanne McVay Laurel Bishop

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_