



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 One Great Hour of Sharing *TODAY* Sunday, March 15th. This special offering supports the critical ministry of UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). Gifts from One Great Hour of Sharing help cover administrative costs so that 100 percent of all other donations go to specific relief projects. Thank you in advance for giving generously!

*Also *TODAY* Sunday, March 15th immediately following worship, the youth are sponsoring a Youth Mission Trip Fundraising Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. See you then!

*The Revelation Bible Study continues at 6:00 pm on Monday, March 16th. Will there be another pop quiz?

*If you wish to be included in the church-wide Call 'Em All telephone announcement service, please contact David Warren via email or phone and he will add you to the list!

*Don't forget to add beef stew or any meal-in-a-can to your grocery list and donate to MANNA FoodBank. Place your goodies in the red barrel near the sanctuary or the red barrel near the eastside exit door. Thank you for helping those who are in need and hungry throughout WNC.

*Thank you for giving generously! The February Bread Tin Offering collected \$349.66 for bus passes for the women who are a part of the Room In The Inn. Thank you for supporting their journey away from homelessness.

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.

This Week at Asbury

Today: *One Great Hour of Sharing*
9:45 am-Sunday School [Classrooms]
11:00 am-Worship [Sanctuary]
12:00 pm-Youth Mission Trip Fundraising Luncheon [Fellowship Hall]

Monday
8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]
7:00 am-Emmaus Group [Youth Room]
12:00 pm-Staff Meeting [Givens Estates]
3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours
6:00 pm-Revelation Bible Study [Brown Chapel]

Tuesday
Church Office Closed

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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 Practice [Choir Room]
8:00 pm-Narcotics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

Thursday
Church Office Closed

Friday
Church Office Closed
8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

Saturday
Church Office Closed

Sunday (3.22.2015)
9:45 am-Sunday School [Classrooms]
11:00 am-Worship [Sanctuary]
8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

The Ministry of Worship

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A Service of Worship

Lent 4-B
March 15, 2015
Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church
www.asburymethodist.org

One Great Hour of Sharing

*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....."Give Thanks"
Chiming of the Trinity
The Light of Christ Enters Our Gathering
Choral Introit....."I Know Whom I Have Believed"
Apostolic Greeting
✦ Hymn #189....."Fairest Lord Jesus"
✦ Responsive Reading #830.....Psalm 107:1-9, 33-43
✦ 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 Announcements

**The March Bread Tin collections, a loose change offering, will be used to support Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders), the international medical aid organization with which Dr. John Stewart has volunteered his services in South Sudan twice in recent years. Thank you for giving generously!*

***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:

**Almighty God,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
open your Word and illumine our darkened world,
that we may see clearly and live faithfully
by the light of your truth
in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

✦ the congregation standing, if able.

Gospel Lesson.....John 3:14-21 [NRSV NT p.88 in pew Bible]

¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem.....“Take My Yoke Upon You”
[Douglas Nolan; Harold Flammer Music Publishing, 1997]

Epistle Lesson.....Ephesians 2:1-10 [NRSV NT p.181 in pew Bible]

¹You are dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work, among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon.....“God’s Handiwork”..... Rev. Goforth
⊕ Hymn #462.....“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

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 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

*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.....“The Old Rugged Cross”
The Asbury Quintet

⊕ 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 #374.....“Standing on the Promises”
⊕ Benediction
⊕ Choral Benediction
⊕ The Light of Christ Leads Us
⊕ Postlude.....“Psalm 121”
[Deborah Governor; Beckenhorst Press, 2004]

⊕ *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, Ralph Gaddy, Bill Hussey, the family of Loretta Banner, Beth Jennings, Tracey Stebbing, Joanne Chinkers, Tom Hinkle, Ronald Dougherty, the Deckman Family, Shelton Dewberry, Ruth Morgan, Nancy Reid, Eric Niwinski, the Room In The Inn ladies, our shut-ins.

Volunteer Schedules

Volunteer Schedule for This Week March 15, 2015	
Counting Team	Doug Tallent Janie Wilson
Lock-up Volunteer	Mark Smith Larry Wilson
Greeters	Jessica Withers Kitty Schaller
Sanctuary Stewards	Gordon Jones Joan Jones
Nursery Volunteers	Janie Wilson TBD
Children’s Church	Madeline Moseley
Children’s Message	Madeline Moseley
Acolyte	Eliza Jackson Chloe Jackson
Lector	Jessica Jackson
Ushers	Don McGeary John Stewart Gary Tweed Toni Tweed

Volunteer Schedule for Next Week March 22, 2015	
Counting Team	Diane Arnold Mardy Murphy
Lock-up Volunteer	Mark Smith Larry Wilson
Greeters	Claire Bailey Ann Young
Sanctuary Stewards	Bruce Kidder Elaine Price
Nursery Volunteers	Julie Niwinski Jessica Withers
Children’s Church	Sallyanne McVay
Children’s Message	Sallyanne McVay
Acolytes	Barfuo Boakye-Boaten
Lector	Janie Wilson
Ushers	Robert Wiltshire Debbie Wiltshire Mike Rice Sherry Rice

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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: _____
