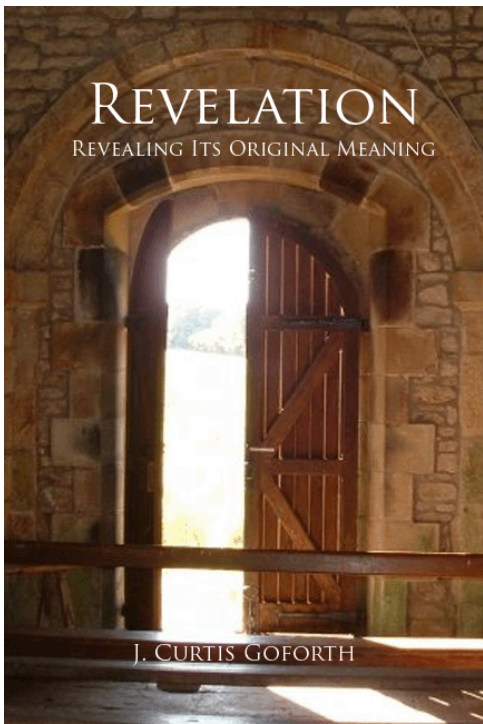




February 2015

Message from the Pastor



Our upcoming Bible Study on the most misunderstood book of the Bible will begin on Monday, February 9th at 6:00 pm in Brown Chapel. You will not want to miss this one!

Did you know that the term “antichrist” never even occurs in the book of Revelation? Did you know that Revelation is not primarily even about the future but about the past!

You will be amazed when you get to actually read what is written in the book (instead of what many in our culture and time have tried to tell us it’s about). Not only will you have a chance to learn what the book is really about, but you will have a

chance to learn all sorts of things about other books in the Bible, ancient Mediterranean culture, and how we can live as disciples of Jesus even in our own day and time as a result of what we learn in this terribly misunderstood book. The study includes my own translation of the Greek text and an explanatory note on each of the chapters. It is designed for those who are new to the study of the Bible *and* for those who have been at for years alike. The book I’ve written for this study is available on the church website for download as a PDF, or we can make you a copy here at the church if you need one. I look forward to these seven weeks together with you in God’s often hard to understand Word!
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A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR

This has been a period of bugs cropping up in the Warren household. First Katie has had a two week bout of the flu. Coughing never seems to stop and getting healthy again seems to be a slow process. If that was not bad enough our computers have been in a repair shop getting some debugging of their own. We purchased a new computer that seems to be rather intimidating, so it has been sitting on the shelf. Our old computer had gotten so slow that to open emails seemed like cold molasses pouring from a small mouthed jar. I dug out the newest computer and when I turned it on guess what? A nasty virus shut it down. My free anti-virus protection had expired. Katie is slowly coming back to her old self (*not a good adjective to use*) and both computers are up and running.

The older computer just needed a good tune up that cleaned out all the spyware and less offensive bugs along with an updating of current software. The newest computer needed a good shot of strong insecticide, that is my description. Along with a new anti-virus program and the cleanup and now we are back to normal. Being without computers for four days gives you a lot of time to use your mind for more creative endeavors. I started thinking that maybe we are somewhat like these two computers. First the years do cause us to slow down physically, but what I am talking about is slowing down spiritually. Those spiritual practices that we once were so committed to have fallen by the wayside. Time spent in reading our Bibles, daily devotions, prayer time and church attendance get put on the back burner. These are the things that keep us up-to-date and running at full capacity.

The newer computer with it's expired anti-virus program had allowed bad bugs to infect the system. So what are some human bugs that infect our systems? From my life experience and what others have shared with me, it appears that un-forgiveness, anger, pride, greed, gossip and a host of other un-Christ like activities can infect our operating systems. So what are we to do to clean up ourselves? Jesus was quite clear about this. He says we start by asking for forgiveness, then we make amends when possible and then turn and go another way. My hope is in some way you may be encouraged by these words and begin a new day in your life free from those things that separate you from God and from others. Blessings!

-Pastor David Warren

News from the North Asheville Preschool

February is our month for registering for summer and fall programs in 2015. We anticipate another successful campaign. We are busy fighting colds and learning great things on a daily basis. Our four-year-olds will certainly be ready for kindergarten in the fall!

-Madeline Moseley



News from the Youth and Children

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

All persons who have been Safe Sanctuary Trained and are still volunteering with children and youth at Asbury Memorial are asked to make sure their training is up to date. This year volunteers are asked to complete a Safe Sanctuary Training Sheet and return it to Sallyanne or David as soon as possible and no later than Sunday, Feb. 15. These forms are available in the church office and from Sallyanne or David on Sunday mornings.

NEW VOLUNTEERS with children and youth, who have not been previously trained, must attend this year's Safe Sanctuary Training on Sunday, Feb. 8 at 9:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The snow date for the training is Sunday, Feb. 15 at the same time and place.

If you are unsure if you need to be trained, please speak with Sallyanne or David. Our Children and Youth Programs could not continue without all the volunteer support we have. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to the nearly 40 members who volunteer their time with our children and youth!!

ASH WEDNESDAY Gathering for Children and families:

Wed. February 18 at 5:45 PM, Sallyanne will lead an activity time for the parents and children about the Ash Wednesday Tradition. Families are asked to bring a can of Chicken Noodle Soup to add to the soup pot. We will all eat soup at 6:30 so that those who would like to attend the 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service may do so. PLEASE RSVP to sallyanne@asburymethodist.org.

PARENTS of Asbury Children

Your staff is beginning to make plans for Easter, spring and the next musical performance of our "youngest songbirds". If you would like to provide any input, please contact Sallyanne McVay with your thoughts and ideas.

CHURCH HIKE

The next Asbury sponsored Church Hike will be Sunday, April 19 on the grounds of Givens Estates, United Methodist Retirement Community in South Asheville. Bring a picnic lunch to eat with your fellow hikers near the greenhouse and playground on the Givens campus. After lunch you may choose the easier campus Treasure Map Hike or the more strenuous Treasure Trail Hike. Each hike will have a map and clues leading you to the 'Treasure'!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 9:45 am -Sunday School 11:00 am -Worship [S] 12:00 pm -Soup & Salad Luncheon [FH] 4:30 pm -Church Council Meeting [BC] 8:00 pm -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	16 7:00 am -Emmaus Group [YR] 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] 3:00 pm-6:00 pm -Church Office Hours 6:00 pm-7:30 pm -Revelation Bible Study [BC]	17 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	18 7:00 am -Ash Wednesday Service [S] 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] 3:00 pm-6:00 pm -Church Office Hours 5:45 pm -Al-Anon Meeting [BC] 5:45 pm -Ash Wednesday Activity with Sallyanne [FH] 7:00 pm -Ash Wednesday Service [S] 8:00 pm -Narcotics Anonymous [FH] <i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i>	19 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] 10:00 am -Asheville Urban Missional Network Meeting [Biltmore UMC] 3:00 pm-6:00 pm -Church Office Hours	20 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] 8:00 pm -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	21 <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>
22 9:45 am -Sunday School 11:00 am -Worship [S] 8:00 pm -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	23 7:00 am -Emmaus Group [YR] 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] 3:00 pm- 6:00 pm -Church Office Hours 6:00 pm-7:30 pm -Revelation Bible Study [BC] 6:30 pm -Friendship Circle Dinner Meeting [TBD] <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>	24 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	25 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] 3:00 pm- 6:00 pm -Church Office Hours 5:45 pm -Al-Anon Meeting [BC] 6:00 pm -Handbell Rehearsal [S] 7:00 pm -Choir Rehearsal [CR] 8:00 pm -Narcotics Anonymous [FH] <i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i>	26 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] 3:00 pm- 6:00 pm -Church Office Hours	27 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] 8:00 pm -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	28 <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>
FH=Fellowship Hall S=Sanctuary BC=Brown Chapel EB=Educational Building YR=Youth Room GE=Givens Estate PO=Pastor's Office CO=Church Office TBD=To Be Determined			<u>Important Dates in March</u> March 1 st - John Stewart's Africa Presentation March 8 th - Daylight Savings Time March 15 th - Youth Mission Fundraiser Meal			
<u>February Birthdays</u> Maggie Harvin, February 4 th Peter Andersen, February 5 th Bill Creasman, February 6 th Nancy Carter, February 7 th Robin Butler, February 9 th			<u>February Birthdays</u> Wheeler Fisher, February 12 th Curtis Goforth, February 17 th Jerry Stubblefield, February 17 th Eliza Post, February 20 th Don Jackson III, February 25 th			



Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church Volunteer Schedule February 2015						
Date	Communion Servers	Lock-Up Volunteer	Counting Team	Ushers	Greeters	Sanctuary Stewards
2.1.2015	Curtis Goforth Deborah Hawkins Sallyanne McVay Rick Morehead	Julie Niwinski (primary) Scott Glenn (secondary)	Kelli Conover Jane Hite	William Withers Jessica Withers Bud Allison Geri Allison	Judy Rich Laurel Bishop	Gordon Jones Joan Jones
2.8.2015	NA	Julie Niwinski (primary) Scott Glenn (secondary)	Elaine Poovey Claire Bailey	Mardy Murphy Steve Rich Don Jackson Jessica Jackson	Margaret Tickle Nan Montague	Bruce Kidder Elaine Price
2.15.2015	NA	Julie Niwinski (primary) Scott Glenn (secondary)	Steve Rich Julie Niwinski	Gary Tweed Toni Tweed Don McGeary John Stewart	Sam Rich Elaine Rich	Madeline Moseley Laurel Bishop
2.22.2015	NA	Julie Niwinski (primary) Scott Glenn (secondary)	Tim Bailey Scott Glenn	Robert Wiltshire Debbie Wiltshire Mike Rice Sherry Rice	Arlee Banks Madeline Moseley	Steve Rich Judy Rich

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church Volunteer Schedule February 2015					
Date	Acolyte(s)	Nursery Volunteers	Children's Church	Children's Message	Lector
2.1.2015	Chloe Jackson Eliza Jackson	Mardy Murphy Heather Post	Megan Shook	Sallyanne McVay	Curtis Goforth
2.8.2015	Barfu Boakye-Boaten	Madeline Moseley Ann Young	Claire Bailey	Sallyanne McVay	Jennifer Goforth
2.15.2015	Alana Bridger	Bob Tucker Rebecca Tucker	Jessica Jackson	Curtis Goforth	Merritt Moseley
2.22.2015	Lylah Goforth Cora Goforth	Margaret Tickle Derick Tickle	Mardy Murphy	Sallyanne McVay	Katie Warren

Volunteer Coordinators:

Counting Team:

Lock-Up Team:

Ushers:

Greeters:

Sanctuary Stewards:

Acolytes:

Nursery Workers:

Children's Church:

Children's Sermon:

Communion Servers:

Scripture Readers:

Sue Lane Muesing

Curtis Goforth

Gary Hutchins

Cynthia Stewart

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News from the Missions Committee

The February Bread Tin Offering, a loose change offering, will go to buy bus passes for the women who are a part of Room In The Inn. These passes help them get to their jobs, appointments, classes at A-B Tech, and other places that are important in their journey away from homelessness. Thanks for your support. Please give generously!

For those interested in hearing about his African medical work over the past two years, Dr. John Stewart will be doing another show and talk after our worship service on March 1st in the Fellowship Hall.

MANNA FoodBank thanks everyone for another successful campaign for tuna in 2014. We will continue to support MANNA in 2015 by putting beef stew or any other “meal-in-a-can” on our grocery lists. Remember to place your beef stew or “meal-in-a-can” in the red collection bins in the church--one downstairs by the door facing Beaverdam Road and one upstairs right outside of the sanctuary. Thank you for all of your support for those facing hunger in Western North Carolina.

News from the Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle would like to invite everyone to their Annual Soup & Salad Luncheon Fundraiser on Sunday, February 15th in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. Join us for fellowship, fun and a wonderful Valentine’s Day themed lunch!

New Music Director Announcement



Asbury Memorial UMC would like to announce that Ms. Sherry Bates has been selected as our new music director! Sherry has a Bachelor of Arts in music and liberal arts and was one of the first students to graduate from UNCA’s music program. She began serving as music director in a Baptist church shortly after graduation. She would later jokingly say, “I had to eat”, as the need for full-time work followed. She continued her education in business and now holds a MBA from Montreat College, a Masters in Project Management from Western Carolina University and two professional certifications related to her full-time work as a computer programmer specializing in communications and workflow collaboration.

Sherry has served in area churches since 1984 as music director, pianist and/or vocalist. She was most recently at Snow Hill United Methodist Church and had been there for 12 years. She has served in United Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian congregations leading adult choir, handbells, children and youth choirs. She tells people in fun that she has been “sprinkled and dunked and has all her bases covered”. Sherry will be leading the adult choir, handbell choir, and providing service music each Sunday. She can be reached via email at sherry@asburymethodist.org.

News from the Church Council

Copies of the Church Budget and Church Leadership List for 2015 are available in the hallway between the church office and the pastor's study. You can also find a full listing of the Volunteer Schedules on that wall that covers the whole year, and as always there is a quarterly master schedule on the wall outside the church office. New this year is a worship planning worksheet for the quarter that will tell what the appointed Scripture lesson(s) will be, the music for each Sunday, and any special notes for the upcoming worship services that quarter. We're also attaching digital copies of the budget and church leadership lists to the email from which you received the notice about this edition of *The Asbury Journal*.

The whole congregation is strongly encouraged to attend our Church Council meeting this month that will take place at 4:30 pm on Sunday, February 15th. Matt Sprouse, the individual our church has contracted with to provide for a Master Plan for interior and exterior renovations will be joining us for that meeting and presenting his ideas for us to consider. We will also be hearing from you and your ideas, concerns, vision, etc. for this great undertaking at our church! Please try to attend this important presentation and listening session on the future of our church. There are wonderful things on the horizon for 2015 and beyond at Asbury Memorial UMC!



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