



Message from the Pastor



What is the difference between a flute and a stick in the mud? The difference is that a stick in the mud is full of itself and covered with junk, whereas a flute is hollow and clean on the outside and on the inside.

This is a great lesson for us to learn from the humble flute during this season of Lent. Lent is the period of 40 days before Easter of preparation and self-examination. It is a time when we are given the opportunity to empty ourselves of the baggage of sin and evil, and to become like a flute; able to allow the spirit of God to fill us and blow through us.

So many times people decide to give up something for Lent and it is human nature to dislike giving anything up. However, what if we looked at the season of Lent not as a time “to give something up” but as a time to get our spiritual lives in order and to get “cleaned out” as it were. It is only when we empty ourselves of this world that we can be filled by the breath of heaven. May the humble and hollow flute be a guidepost for you on the road to Easter. Curtis+

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR

We are heading toward tax filing time and I assume most of you have started putting your information together for your tax professional. This set me to remembering the words of Jesus in Matthew 22: 21; “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and give to God what is God’s.” I think Jesus was clear about what we give to the government, but the part about giving to God what is God’s is a wonderful point to ponder. Most of us would answer very quickly that when we joined this church we promised to participate in the ministries of this church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service. Do you remember making that vow? Considered re-visiting it.

Most of us have a very good measuring stick on the gifts part. We compare the statement we receive from the church and look to see how close it come to that tithe or ten percent. The other three are a little more difficult to measure. Do you pray regularly for this church, for the pastor, for the staff and for all who serve on committees? Consider at least weekly lifting all of these in prayer. When I know people are praying for me, it makes a real difference in my week. I feel more energetic and at peace. What about your presence? If we kept a roll like most teachers do and sent a report home, would your absences outnumber your presents? Maybe there is something that you could do personally. Keep a calendar and put a red **X** when you are away. You are the one to decide if it is an excused absence.

Finally, how are you doing on the vow of serving God? Are you reaching out to others? Do you call the shut-ins, do you call your pew buddy when they are not at church? Do you volunteer somewhere that makes a difference in the lives of others? Each year we struggle to fill positions on various church committees how about offering to serve on at least one committee this year. It is not too late to offer your passion or expertise in some capacity. God will bless your efforts if you give freely from your heart. Blessings.

-Pastor David Warren



News from the Youth and Children

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’!

News from the North Asheville Preschool

We are opening up our registration to new students in March and anticipate a full enrollment for summer and fall.

We will be closed for Easter break during Holy Week.

-Madeline Moseley

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.

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church

Church Calendar for March 2015

*Be sure to check our website calendar for any changes to the calendar.
 Any meetings that change the time, location, or date
 will also be communicated by a recorded phone message to those who are involved.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:45 am -Sunday School 11:00 am -Worship [S] 11:00 am -Holy Communion [S] 12:00 pm -John Stewart's Africa Presentation [FH] 8:00 pm -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	7:00 am -Emmaus Group [YR] 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] 11:00 am -Worship Committee Meeting [BC] 3:00 pm-6:00 pm -Church Office Hours 6:00 pm-7:30 pm -Revelation Bible Study [BC]	9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	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>	9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] 3:00 pm-6:00 pm -Church Office Hours	9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] 8:00 pm -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	<i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:45 am -Sunday School 11:00 am -Worship [S] 12:00 pm -Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser Luncheon [FH] 8:00 pm -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	7:00 am -Emmaus Group [YR] 9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] 12:00 pm -Staff Meeting [GE] 3:00 pm-6:00 pm -Church Office Hours 6:00 pm-7:30 pm -Revelation Bible Study [BC] <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>	9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	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>	9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] 3:00 pm-6:00 pm -Church Office Hours	9:00 am-1:00 pm -Preschool [EB] 8:00 pm -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	<i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>

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29	30	31				
<i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:45 am -Sunday School 11:00 am -Worship [S] 8:00 pm -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	7:00 am -Emmaus Group [YR] 3:00 pm- 6:00 pm -Church Office Hours 6:00 pm-7:30 pm -Revelation Bible Study [BC] 6:30 pm -Friendship Circle [TBD]	<i>PRESCHOOL CLOSED</i> <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 April</u> March 30 th - April 3 rd Preschool Closed - Easter Break April 2 nd - Maundy Thursday April 3 rd - Good Friday April 5 th - Easter April 6 th - Easter Monday April 19 th - Church Hike @ Givens Estates April 22 nd - Earth Day			
<u>March Birthdays</u> John Stewart, March 2 nd Jonathan Keeney, March 4 th Bruce Kidder, March 5 th Lauren Butler, March 6 th Paul Shook, March 6 th Rachael Travis, March 9 th Robert Chason, March 10 th Nancy Leigh Douglas, March 10 th			<u>March Birthdays</u> Elaine Price, March 10 th Joan Jones, March 16 th Joseph Hallman, March 19 th Ashlee Knight, March 19 th Brandon Tweed, March 19 th Joel Stewart, March 23 rd Elliot Withers, March 27 th John Major, March 30 th			



Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church Volunteer Schedule March 2015						
Date	Communion Servers	Lock-Up Volunteer	Counting Team	Ushers	Greeters	Sanctuary Stewards
3.1.2015	Curtis Goforth Ellen Banks Sallyanne McVay Steve Rich	Mark Smith (primary) Larry Wilson (secondary)	Rebecca Tucker Mary Loomis-Molloy	Jerry Stubblefield Julie Niwinski William Withers Jessica Withers	Elaine Price Geri Allison	Arlee Banks Ellen Banks
3.8.2015	NA	Mark Smith (primary) Larry Wilson (secondary)	Merritt Moseley Sue Lane Muesing	Bud Allison Geri Allison Don Jackson Jessica Jackson	Cynthia Stewart John Stewart	Derick Tickle Margaret Tickle
3.15.2015	NA	Mark Smith (primary) Larry Wilson (secondary)	Doug Tallent Janie Wilson	Don McGeary John Stewart Gary Tweed Toni Tweed	Jessica Withers Kitty Schaller	Gordon Jones Joan Jones
3.22.2015	NA	Mark Smith (primary) Larry Wilson (secondary)	Diane Arnold Mardy Murphy	Robert Wiltshire Debbie Wiltshire Mike Rice Sherry Rice	Claire Bailey Ann Young	Bruce Kidder Elaine Price
3.29.2015 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	NA	Mark Smith (primary) Larry Wilson (secondary)	Mark Smith Madeline Moseley	Jerry Stubblefield Julie Niwinski William Withers Jessica Withers	Toni Tweed Judy Rich	Madeline Moseley Cynthia Stewart

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Date	Acolyte(s)	Nursery Volunteers	Children's Church	Children's Message	Lector
3.1.2015	Haley Phillips	Claire Bailey Heather Post	Heather Post	Sallyanne McVay	Curtis Goforth
3.8.2015	Harper Shook	Mary Morgan Derek Morgan	Margaret Tickle	Margaret Tickle	David Warren
3.15.2015	Eliza Jackson Chloe Jackson	Janie Wilson TBD	Madeline Moseley	Madeline Moseley	Jessica Jackson
3.22.2015	Barfuo Boakye-Boaten	Julie Niwinski Jessica Withers	Sallyanne McVay	Sallyanne McVay	Day Ann Emory
3.29.2015 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Alana Bridger	John Stewart Laurel Bishop	Sam Rich Elaine Rich	Sallyanne McVay	Mitchell Tucker

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

Margaret Tickle

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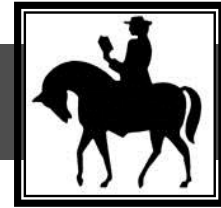
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News from the Missions Committee

The March Bread Tin collections 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. MSF describes its work this way: "At its core, the purpose of humanitarian action is to save the lives and ease the suffering of people caught in acute crises, thereby restoring their ability to rebuild their lives and communities. In the countries where MSF works, one or more of the following crises is occurring or has occurred: Armed Conflict; Natural Disasters; Neglected People; Refugees and Internally Displaced Peoples."

As the founder of world Methodism, John Wesley, wrote: "I look upon all the world as my parish."

News from the Finance Committee

2014 ended with the largest surplus we have experienced since the start of the great recession. Not only did we have an operating surplus of ~\$7,000, individuals in our congregation also collectively gave an additional \$27,000 in special offerings and ministries. Thank you for your faithful financial support. Continue to keep the ministries of our church in your prayers that we will be good stewards of all that God blesses us with!

	<u>For the Year Ended December 31, 2014</u>		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Favorable/(Unfavorable) Variance</u>
Operating Funds:			
Income	\$200,238	\$208,675	\$ (8,437)
Expenses	<u>193,180</u>	<u>207,816</u>	<u>14,636</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 7,058</u>	<u>\$ 859</u>	<u>\$ 6,199</u>
Special Giving*	<u>\$26,650</u>		
*Includes Souper Bowl, ABCCM, Manna Food Bank, Memorials, Disaster Relief, Youth Missions/Activities, Bread Tin, Special offerings			



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