



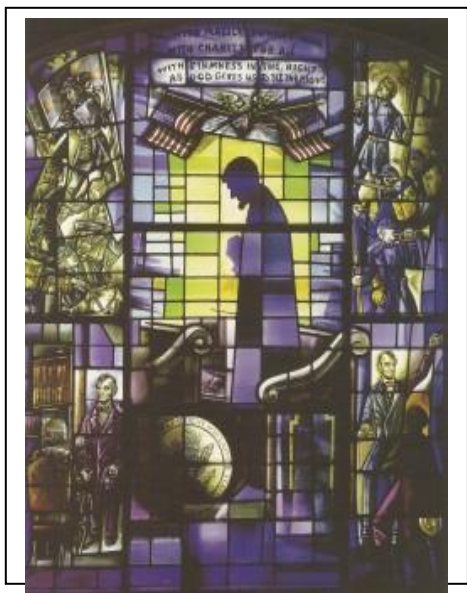
The Asbury Journal

Message from the

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Pastor

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We will begin a new sermon series beginning on May 31st and running through the end of June at Asbury Memorial UMC on “Sabbath Living.” There is a wonderful book that Dr. Matthew Sleeth (a medical doctor) has written entitled *24/6* that is the inspiration for this series. In it, Dr. Sleeth argues that modern folks have lost something critical in our lives and that what we have lost is the essential desire to take time off and to cease working for one day each week as we are beckoned to do in the pages of the Old and New Testaments.

Abraham Lincoln (in the quote from his executive order dated Nov. 15, 1862) stated that no Union soldier should work, fight, or march on Sunday unless under direct attack. His rationale was that if we lost the Sabbath, it did not matter who won the war; we would all become slaves. I find it amazing to think that Lincoln spoke these words way back in the nineteenth century before the time of all the technological innovations of our day and age.

We need to start re-imagining the Sabbath not as a responsibility or a rule that we *have to* follow, but as an opportunity that we *get to* participate in! C.S. Lewis in his famous book *The Screwtape Letters* reminds us that Satan wants to keep noise in our lives so we are unable to hear the quiet voice of God. Remember that the Devil’s tool is trickery. He gives us ninety percent truth and ten percent lie. Being industrious is good. Thinking that

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we—not God—are the authors of our lives is foolishness. Getting rid of the Sabbath is the Devil's cheap ticket to enslaving souls. I encourage you to join us for worship each of the next few Sundays. After all, if Jesus took time off and beckoned us to do the same—then give yourself permission to come to church and find rest for your weary soul! May the peace of Christ be with you. Curtis+

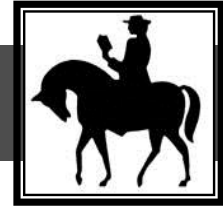
A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR

I recently came across a story about a woman who was leaving church one Sunday morning and encountered a young man staring at the church steeple. Thinking perhaps he was lost she stopped to speak to him. His question came as quite a surprise. “Tell me, what is it that you believe in there?” She started to answer him and then realized that she did not know the answer, or at least did not know how to put it in words. As she stumbled to think of an answer, he said, “Never mind. I'm sorry if I bothered you”. And he just walked away.

Most of us have been going to church all of our lives, and yet have we ever asked ourselves: Why do I go to church and what is it that I believe? Like the lady in the above story, what if someone were to stop you one Sunday morning and ask, “What you believe in at Asbury Memorial?” Would you be able to give them an answer? It's really a very complicated question to answer if you don't have a resource readily available.

There is an excellent resource in the rack on the pew in front of you. It is United Methodist Hymnal. If you turn to page 880 you will find the Nicene Creed, and on page 881 is the Apostles Creed. Both of these state what we believe about the character of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Now don't forget the best resource ever to speak to what we believe and that is the Holy Bible. You will also find it on the rack in front of you. I encourage you to sit and read from both of these two books. You never know who may just ask you that question: “What is it that you believe in there?”

-Pastor David Warren



News from the Youth and Children

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN: Mark your calendars now for our special Sundays of extended fellowship on the side/front lawn. On June 7th, July 12th and August 2nd EVERYONE is invited to linger after worship. Different groups from the church will be asked to host one of these dates. Contact Martha Tallent for details.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Our annual Neighborhood Party/Church Picnic will be Sunday August 23rd immediately following worship. This is a multi-generational event so please plan to attend and invite a friend!

A great big THANK YOU to Judi Harvin who led our children in a special Mother's Day song and presentation.

June 21st is Father's Day; Moms - if you haven't spoken to your child about our special Father's Day presentation, please do so. If you need more information, contact Jennifer Goforth (nej34eva@yahoo.com) or Sallyanne McVay (sallyanne@asburymethodist.org). Thank you, Madeline Moseley, for your creative suggestion on how to celebrate our Dads.

CALLING ALL parents, Sunday School teachers and other interested adults to a time of discussing AMUMC's Children's Ministry. On Sunday, June 7th during the Sunday School hour, there will be a meeting in the Upper Room Sunday School class to discuss:

1. Summer Activities
2. Plans for Children's Choir for fall and Christmas
3. Godly Play/Sunday School
4. Please call or email Sallyanne with other agenda items

DRIVERS & CHAPERONES are needed for the week of July 20th-24th as we provide transportation to Camp Tekoa Day Camp for Asbury children and friends. Please contact Sallyanne if you would like more information or if you are willing to ride and/or drive.

News from the North Asheville Preschool

We ended another great year at NAPS on May 29th. Our six-week summer program begins June 9th. Our summer hours are 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. We're hoping for a cool summer!

-Madeline Moseley

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church

Church Calendar for June 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
	<p>7:00 am-Emmaus Group [YR]</p> <p>3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p>	<p>6:00 pm-Friendship Circle [Avenue M]</p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<p>3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p> <p>5:45 pm-Al-Anon Meeting [BC]</p> <p>6:00 pm-Handbell Rehearsal [S]</p> <p>7:00 pm-Choir Rehearsal [CR]</p> <p>8:00 pm-Narcotics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p><i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i></p>		<p>8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<p>9:45 am-Sunday School</p> <p>9:45 am-Children's Ministries Meeting [UR]</p> <p>11:00 am-Worship [S]</p> <p>11:00 am-Holy Communion [S]</p> <p>12:00 pm-Lemonade on the Lawn [Church Grounds]</p> <p>8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p>	<p>7:00 am-Emmaus Group [YR]</p> <p>3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p>	<p>9:00 am-12:00 pm-Preschool [EB]</p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<p>9:00 am-12:00 pm-Preschool [EB]</p> <p>3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p> <p>5:45 pm-Al-Anon Meeting [BC]</p> <p>7:00 pm-Choir Rehearsal [CR]</p> <p>8:00 pm-Narcotics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p><i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i></p>	<p>9:00 am-12:00 pm-Preschool [EB]</p> <p>3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p>	<p>8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>
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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 UR=Upper Room Sunday School Classroom				<u>Important Dates in July</u> July 4 th - Independence Day July 12 th -Lemonade on the Lawn July 12 th -18 th -Salkehatchie Mission Trip July 20 th -24 th -AMUMC Day Camp @ Camp Tekoa		
<u>June Birthdays</u> Rachel Keeney - June 4 th Gary Tweed - June 5 th Olivia Page-Pollard - June 8 th Scott Glenn - June 12 th Toni Tweed - June 12 th Merritt Moseley - June 14 th Donna Payne - June 20 th Ashley Katterman - June 20 th				<u>June Birthdays</u> Don McGeary - June 21 st Fred Sibley - June 21 st Margaret Andersen - June 22 nd Brad Arnold - June 23 rd Diane Arnold - June 25 th Doris Ward - June 28 th Billy Gottenstrator - June 30 th		



Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church Volunteer Schedule June 2015						
Date	Communion Servers	Lock-Up Volunteer	Counting Team	Ushers	Greeters	Sanctuary Stewards
6.7.2015	Curtis Goforth Corey McVay Sallyanne McVay Gordon Jones	Larry Wilson (primary) Mark Smith (secondary)	Kelli Conover Jane Hite	Don Jackson Jessica Jackson Mardy Murphy Steve Rich	Margaret Tickle Nan Montague	Gordon Jones Joan Jones
6.14.2015	NA	Larry Wilson (primary) Mark Smith (secondary)	Elaine Poovey Claire Bailey	Gary Tweed Toni Tweed Don McGeary John Stewart	Sam Rich Elaine Rich	Bruce Kidder Elaine Price
6.21.2015	NA	Larry Wilson (primary) Mark Smith (secondary)	Steve Rich Julie Niwinski	Mike Rice Sherry Rice Robert Wiltshire Debbie Wiltshire	Arlee Banks Madeline Moseley	Madeline Moseley Laurel Bishop
6.28.2015	NA	Larry Wilson (primary) Mark Smith (secondary)	Tim Bailey Scott Glenn	William Withers Jessica Withers Jerry Stubblefield Julie Niwinski	Elaine Price Geri Allison	Steve Rich Judy Rich

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Date	Acolyte(s)	Nursery Volunteers	Children's Church	Children's Message	Lector
6.7.2015	Eliza Jackson Chloe Jackson	Madeline Moseley Mardy Murphy	Jennifer Goforth	Sallyanne McVay	Curtis Goforth
6.14.2015	Barfuo Boakye-Boaten	Margaret Tickle Derek Tickle	Jessica Jackson	Sallyanne McVay	Jennifer Goforth
6.21.2015	Alana Bridge	Mary Morgan Derek Morgan	Mardy Murphy	Sallyanne McVay	Merritt Moseley
6.28.2015	Cora Goforth Lylah Goforth	Jessica Withers John Stewart	Sam Rich Elaine Rich	Curtis Goforth	Katie Warren

Volunteer Coordinators:

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Lock-Up Team:	Curtis Goforth	curtis@asburymethodist.org	H: (828) 484-8540
Ushers:	Gary Hutchins	NA	H: (828) 683-1948
Greeters:	Cynthia Stewart	crameystew@hotmail.com	H: (828) 251-9210
Sanctuary Stewards:	Margaret Tickle	margarettickle@aol.com	H: (828) 252-9887
Acolytes:	Sallyanne McVay	sallyanne@asburymethodist.org	C: (828) 230-4065
Nursery Workers:	Davie Jackson	daviejackson@hotmail.com	H: (828) 645-2928
Children's Church:	Sallyanne McVay	sallyanne@asburymethodist.org	C: (828) 230-4065
Children's Sermon:	Sallyanne McVay	sallyanne@asburymethodist.org	C: (828) 230-4065
Communion Servers:	Curtis Goforth	curtis@asburymethodist.org	H: (828) 484-8540
Scripture Readers:	Curtis Goforth	curtis@asburymethodist.org	H: (828) 484-8540



News from the Missions Committee

Peace With Justice Sunday is Sunday, May 31st. This is a special offering taken across the country to benefit peace with justice initiatives and ministries in our conference and throughout the world through the Board of Church and Society. These programs empower United Methodists to speak out for removing structures and systems that harm God's children globally.

Nine years ago, Luma Mufleh, a native of Jordan, living in Clarkston, Georgia was on her way home from work and she noticed a group of boys playing soccer. They piqued her interest and she discovered that they were all refugees of war. Through organized soccer, she was able to draw them together. Upon doing this, she realized that they did not know English and were lacking in fundamental academic skills. So began the Fugees Academy, seven years ago, originally for boys grades 6-12. Currently the school serves both boys and girls ages 10-18 with a year-round soccer program, after-school tutoring, soccer for 50 elementary-aged children, an academic summer camp, and the Fugees Academy, a fully-accredited school dedicated specifically to children who are refugees of war.

Our church has supported this organization in the past and the Missions Committee is pleased to recommend them for the June Bread Tin offering. This offering has helped children from 26 countries who otherwise would struggle academically and socially if it were not for the vision of one woman from Jordan who found a way to help children succeed. Thank you for giving generously!

Thanks to everyone who donated items for the foster children to attend Camp Tekoa. It looks as if our contributions and those of others around the Conference will outfit all of the children. Many thanks!

Please continue to add beef stew to your grocery list. We are well on our way to collecting 2015 pounds of beef stew and any other meal-in-a-can for MANNA FoodBank. Thank you for your support!

News from the Music Director

Just a reminder that the Handbell Choir will be on summer break beginning Wednesday, June 10th. We will resume practice in the fall.

The Adult Chancel Choir meets on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm in the choir room. New members are always welcome---no mandatory solos! See you then!

-Sherry Bates

News from the Finance Committee

Asbury Memorial UMC had approximately \$11,700 less in operating funds than we had estimated from January through April 2015. Estimates are based on prior year giving, so this means we received fewer contributions (\$13,000 less) than last year for this same 4-month time period. We could use your help in meeting our operating budget for 2015, so please consider increasing your 2015 giving. 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 Four (4) Months Ended April 30, 2015</u>		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Favorable/(Unfavorable) Variance</u>
Operating Funds:			
Income	\$52,964	\$66,359	\$(13,395)
Expenses	<u>70,313</u>	<u>72,032</u>	<u>1,719</u>
Net Income/(Loss)	<u>(\$17,349)</u>	<u>(\$5,673)</u>	<u>(\$11,676)</u>
Special Giving*	<u>\$6,023</u>		
*Includes Souper Bowl, ABCCM, Manna Food Bank, Memorials, Disaster Relief, Youth Missions/Activities, Bread Tin, Special offerings			



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