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### Message from the Pastor



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There has been no lack of words printed and spoken regarding the tragic events at Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston last month, but some of the most poignant in my mind have come from Dr. Lovett Weems who was The Rev. Clementa Pinckney's professor in his doctoral program at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. Dr. Weems writes,

"You see, most people view this incident through the lens of race relationships rather than Christian witness. Racial hatred, we are now told, caused the tragedy, but the reactions of the people of Mother Emanuel during and after this horrible event demonstrate to the world what it means to live according to one's beliefs, even when confronted with such unthinkable evil...It is reported that the accused shooter said afterward that for a moment he considered not carrying out his deadly intentions because the people had treated him so well. I know that is how my friend Clem welcomed him — and everyone who came into his presence. A litany used across AME churches on the Sunday after the deaths repeated the phrase — 'The doors of the church are still open.'

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If hospitality set the stage, forgiveness demonstrated that their faith was the real thing. The forgiving spirit of the families of victims and church members is a reflection of the church's embodiment of a central component of Christian witness. While the world reacted with amazement and surprise at their forgiving spirits, such a response would be expected from those closest to the church, including younger people. It was the spirit they had seen in their pastor.”

I hope you will continue to lift up the people of Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston even after these horrific events have faded from the nightly news feeds. And remember that we are called as followers of Christ to love the unlovable and that it is our task as well to keep our doors open to all people. May the peace of Christ be with you all. Curtis+

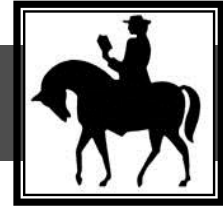
## A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR

The Sonic Drive-In commercials are usually just too good to pass up. The latest one is of T.J. and Pete sipping on Master Blast's while sitting in their automobile. Pete notices that T.J. is wearing a strange sash that looks a lot like a Boy Scouts merit bag sash. He explains that he gets one badge for each of the different Master Blast's that he has tasted. Maybe at one time in your life you were a boy scout, a cub scout or a girl scout and you wore one of those sashes. Each time you showed a proficiency in a particular area you were given a merit badge to sew onto your sash. This ad reminded me of how many Christians struggle with the concepts of grace and works.

We all long to believe that God accepts us as we are, warts, bumps, bruises and flaws. God's acceptance of us as we are is **grace**. Deep down in our heart's we still struggle to believe the truth of grace, focusing all of our energies on **works**. Works is how the world operates; we are judged by the number and quality of our good works. We may believe that our lives depend on God's grace, but we act like it depends on us and how well we can perform. We wake up each morning with a list a mile long hoping that God will keep up with our score for the day. We spend the day trying to earn His love when in fact we already have it.

Matthew 11: 29-30 says, “*Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden light.*” When your list gets too long and you are weighted down by tasks that are impossible for you to do alone, invite Jesus to share your burden. Don't stop doing good things for others, but remember we will never earn enough points to merit His love. It's all about the grace we receive because He loves us unconditionally.

-Pastor David Warren



## News from the Youth and Children

**Salkehatchie Summer Service** in South Carolina is a pioneering servant ministry at selected sites in South Carolina involving high school and college age youth, adult community leaders and persons of different cultures in upgrading housing, motivating community cooperative efforts by helping persons to help themselves, and providing all participants with opportunities for personal growth and service. The program offers 50 different ministry sites this summer involving anywhere from 35 to 190 participants per site. Elliott Withers, Corey McVay and Sallyanne McVay will leave early on Saturday, July 11 for the Santee site (in Clarendon County near Summerton, SC). We will be traveling with Biltmore UMC youth and adults and will return on Saturday, July 18. **PLEASE BE IN PRAYER for safe travel and a productive and relational mission trip.** We will share some of our experiences on Sunday, July 19. Salkehatchie gets its name from the Salkehatchie River in South Carolina.

MOVIE & POPCORN! A GATHERING OF YOUNG FAMILIES with children, and anyone else who 'dares' to join in the fun will be held on Thursday, July 16 in the Youth Room (opposite the Fellowship Hall) of Asbury Memorial UMC from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. This is an invite-a-friend night where all children/families are encouraged to INVITE a FRIEND! Movie selection is TBD.

### **ADULT CHAPERONES STILL NEEDED**

July 20-24 Asbury UMC is borrowing Abernathy UMC's van to drive Day Campers to Camp Tekoa for a week of learning and growing in God's creation at a camp whose mission is "Touching hearts, changing lives, sharing the light of Christ." Rev. McVay, Rev. Goforth and 2 other church members will drive the van. Two other members have volunteered to be Adult Chaperones (the second adult for Safe Sanctuary Guidelines). THREE more adults are needed to round out our transportation team. PLEASE call Sallyanne ASAP if you are able to help out for one day.

## News from the North Asheville Preschool

Our summer program is flying by in spite of the heat and our last day is July 16<sup>th</sup>. We have broken in a new crop of children and said farewell to those going to kindergarten. We actually have a good many parents who came here as children themselves, which is gratifying. We start back at the end of August.

-Madeline Moseley

## News from the Music Director

Sing unto the Lord a new song!

Now is a great time to join the adult choir. We will be starting work on Homecoming and Christmas music very soon so come join us for what is sure to be challenging and fun. We meet on Wednesday evenings from 7-8PM.

Handbells will begin rehearsing in mid-August. Watch for further information and dates of rehearsal.

-Sherry Bates

# Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church

## Church Calendar for July 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
			<b>9:00 am-12:00 pm-</b> Preschool [EB]  <b>3:00 pm-6:00 pm-</b> Church Office Hours  <b>5:45 pm-</b> Al-Anon Meeting [BC]  <b>No Choir</b> <b>Rehearsal</b>  <b>8:00 pm-</b> Narcotics Anonymous [FH]  <i>BULLETIN</i> <i>DEADLINE</i>	<b>9:00 am-12:00 pm-</b> Preschool [EB]  <b>3:00 pm-6:00 pm-</b> Church Office Hours	<b>8:00 pm-</b> Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]          <i>CHURCH</i> <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i>	<i>Independence Day</i>          <i>CHURCH OFFICE</i> <i>CLOSED</i>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>9:45 am-</b> Sunday School  <b>11:00 am-</b> Worship [S]  <b>8:00 pm-</b> Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	<b>7:00 am-</b> Emmaus Group [YR]  <b>3:00 pm-6:00 pm-</b> Church Office Hours	<b>9:00 am-12:00 pm-</b> Preschool [EB]          <i>CHURCH OFFICE</i> <i>CLOSED</i>	<b>9:00 am-12:00 pm-</b> Preschool [EB]  <b>3:00 pm-6:00 pm-</b> Church Office Hours  <b>5:45 pm-</b> Al-Anon Meeting [BC]  <b>7:00 pm-</b> Choir Rehearsal [CR]  <b>8:00 pm-</b> Narcotics Anonymous [FH]          <i>BULLETIN</i> <i>DEADLINE</i>	<b>9:00 am-12:00 pm-</b> Preschool [EB]  <b>3:00 pm-6:00 pm-</b> Church Office Hours	<b>8:00 pm-</b> Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]          <i>CHURCH</i> <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i>	<i>CHURCH OFFICE</i> <i>CLOSED</i>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>9:45 am-</b> Sunday School  <b>11:00 am-</b> Worship [S]  <b>12:00 pm-</b> Lemonade on the Lawn [Church Grounds]  <b>12:30ish pm-</b> Urban Trail Hike [PK SQ]  <b>8:00 pm-</b> Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]          <i>Salkehatchie</i> <i>Mission Trip</i>	<b>7:00 am-</b> Emmaus Group [YR]  <b>3:00 pm-6:00 pm-</b> Church Office Hours          <i>Salkehatchie</i> <i>Mission Trip</i>	<b>9:00 am-12:00 pm-</b> Preschool [EB]          <i>Salkehatchie</i> <i>Mission Trip</i>          <i>CHURCH OFFICE</i> <i>CLOSED</i>	<b>9:00 am-12:00 pm-</b> Preschool [EB]  <b>3:00 pm-6:00 pm-</b> Church Office Hours  <b>5:45 pm-</b> Al-Anon Meeting [BC]  <b>7:00 pm-</b> Choir Rehearsal [CR]  <b>8:00 pm-</b> Narcotics Anonymous [FH]          <i>Salkehatchie</i> <i>Mission Trip</i>          <i>BULLETIN</i> <i>DEADLINE</i>	<b>9:00 am-12:00 pm-</b> Preschool [EB]  <b>3:00 pm-6:00 pm-</b> Church Office Hours  <b>6:30 pm-8:00 pm</b> Invite-a-friend Movie night [YR]          <i>Salkehatchie</i> <i>Mission Trip</i>	<b>8:00 pm-</b> Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]          <i>Salkehatchie</i> <i>Mission Trip</i>          <i>CHURCH</i> <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i>	<i>Salkehatchie Mission</i> <i>Trip</i>          <i>CHURCH OFFICE</i> <i>CLOSED</i>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>9:45 am-Sunday School</b> <b>11:00 am-Worship [S]</b> <b>12:00 pm-N.O.W. Committee Meeting [BC]</b> <b>8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</b>	<b>7:00 am-Emmaus Group [YR]</b> <b>3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours</b>  <i>AMUMC Day Camp @ Camp Tekoa</i>  <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>	<b>3:00 pm- 6:00 pm-Church Office Hours</b>  <i>AMUMC Day Camp @ Camp Tekoa</i>  <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	<b>3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours</b> <b>5:45 pm-AI-Anon Meeting [BC]</b> <b>7:00 pm-Choir Practice [CR]</b> <b>8:00 pm-Narcotics Anonymous [FH]</b>  <i>AMUMC Day Camp @ Camp Tekoa</i>  <i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i>	<b>3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours</b>  <i>AMUMC Day Camp @ Camp Tekoa</i>  <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	<b>8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</b>  <i>AMUMC Day Camp @ Camp Tekoa</i>  <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	<i>AMUMC Day Camp @ Camp Tekoa</i>  <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>
26	27	28	29	30	31	
<b>9:45 am-Sunday School</b> <b>11:00 am-Worship [S]</b> <b>8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</b>	<b>7:00 am-Emmaus Group [YR]</b> <b>3:00 pm- 6:00 pm-Church Office Hours</b>	<b>3:00 pm- 6:00 pm-Church Office Hours</b>  <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	<b>3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours</b> <b>5:45 pm-AI-Anon Meeting [BC]</b> <b>7:00 pm-Choir Practice [CR]</b> <b>8:00 pm-Narcotics Anonymous [FH]</b>  <i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i>	<b>3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours</b> <b>7:00 pm-Finance Committee Meeting [CO]</b>	<b>8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</b>  <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  
UR=Upper Room Sunday School Classroom

Important Dates in August

August 2<sup>nd</sup> -Lemonade on the Lawn  
August 9<sup>th</sup> - Church Council Meeting  
August 19<sup>th</sup> - Back to School  
August 23<sup>rd</sup> - Church-wide Picnic/Covered Dish

July Birthdays

Wesley Morgan, July 5<sup>th</sup>  
Lois Glenn, July 5<sup>th</sup>  
Eliza Burke, July 10<sup>th</sup>  
Jennifer Rich, July 12<sup>th</sup>  
Ann Young, July 12<sup>th</sup>  
Jennifer Murphy, July 14<sup>th</sup>

July Birthdays

Sherry Rice, July 16<sup>th</sup>  
Roan Bridger, July 17<sup>th</sup>  
Bob Douglas, July 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Laura McKeithen, July 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Merle Buckner, July 25<sup>th</sup>



Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church Volunteer Schedule July 2015						
Date	Communion Servers	Lock-Up Volunteer	Counting Team	Ushers	Greeters	Sanctuary Stewards
7.5.2015	NA	Julie Niwinski (primary) Merritt Moseley (secondary)	Elaine Poovey Mary Loomis-Molloy	Bud Allison Geri Allison Don Jackson Jessica Jackson	Cynthia Stewart TBD	Arlee Banks Ellen Banks
7.12.2015	NA	Julie Niwinski (primary) Merritt Moseley (secondary)	Merritt Moseley Sue Lane Muesing	Don McGeary Gary Tweed Toni Tweed TBD	Jessica Withers TBD	Derick Tickle Margaret Tickle
7.19.2015	NA	Julie Niwinski (primary) Merritt Moseley (secondary)	Doug Tallent Janie Wilson	Robert Wiltshire Debbie Wiltshire Mike Rice Sherry Rice	Claire Bailey Ann Young	Gordon Jones Joan Jones
7.26.2015	NA	Julie Niwinski (primary) Merritt Moseley (secondary)	Diane Arnold Mardy Murphy	Jerry Stubblefield Julie Niwinski William Withers Jessica Withers	Toni Tweed Judy Rich	Bruce Kidder Elaine Price

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Date	Acolyte(s)	Nursery Volunteers	Children's Church	Children's Message	Lector
7.5.2015	Haley Phillips	Davie Jackson Don Jackson	Heather Post	Ellen Banks	Ellen Banks
7.12.2015	Harper Shook	Jennifer Goforth Judy Rich	Madeline Moseley	Madeline Moseley	David Warren
7.19.2015	Chloe Jackson Eliza Jackson	Cynthia Stewart Martha Tallent	Margaret Tickle	Margaret Tickle	Jessica Jackson
7.26.2015	Barfuo Boakye-Boaten	Sallyanne McVay Julie Niwinski	Sallyanne McVay	Sallyanne McVay	Day Ann Emory

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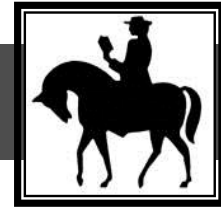
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## News from the Missions Committee

*“We always enjoy Asbury church.” “It is so comforting to return to Asbury Church Volunteers. You are like my adopted family.” “What a wonderful bunch of ‘Jesus’ you are!” “You give us strength and hope!” “Thank you for your open hearts.”*

These are just a few thoughts from the Room In The Inn guests. Thank you for your ministry to those in transition.

The schedule is out for the 2015 Methodist/Presbyterian Habitat House and we're happy to begin hearing from volunteers. Here are our dates and the tasks:

August 15 Wall Framing: Three volunteers needed

August 29 Interior Framing and Windows: Three volunteers needed

September 26 Paint, Trim, Stucco: Three volunteers needed

October 9 Punch List (i.e. last minute finishing up details): Three volunteers needed.

(October 9 is a half day, ending at lunchtime.)

Thanks to all our volunteers who helped on the 2014 House. Asbury contributed 74 hours of volunteer effort contributed by 12 volunteers. If you would like to volunteer for any of these times, please contact Merritt Moseley at [828.253.6940](tel:828.253.6940) or [moseley@unca.edu](mailto:moseley@unca.edu)

For the month of July, our Bread Tin offering will go to buy school supplies for the children at Jones Elementary School. Many children arrive there in August without the tools they need to do their work and we hope to ease that discrepancy between them and the other students. It's hard to do a good job without the proper tools, so please give generously!

Youth 4 Abolition (Y4A) is hosting Freedom Splash: A City-Wide Water Balloon Fight to Combat Modern Day Slavery on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> from 1-4 pm in Pack Square Park to spread awareness about domestic minor sex trafficking, to raise funds to support survivors, and to have fun! There will be a special collection during worship on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Asbury's own Corey McVay is a member of Y4A and will take contributions to support this event and organization (please make your check out to On Eagles Wings Ministries--parent organization to Y4A-- which will then provide a receipt for your tax deductible donation). For more information, please ask Corey or look online at [www.youth4abolition.com](http://www.youth4abolition.com). Thank you for giving generously!

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 Finance Committee

Asbury Memorial UMC received approximately \$13,000 less in money than budgeted from January through May 2015. We were able to contain operating expenses, which saved \$3,000. However, this still left us with a shortfall of over \$10,000 through May. No operating funds were used to fund the unanticipated \$30,000 education building roof replacement. 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!

	<b><u>For Five (5) Months Ended May 31, 2015</u></b>		
	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Favorable/(Unfavorable) Variance</u></b>
<b>Operating Funds:</b>			
Income	\$71,079	\$84,005	\$(12,926)
Expenses	<u>83,170</u>	<u>85,967</u>	<u>2,797</u>
Net Income/(Loss)	<u>(\$12,091)</u>	<u>(\$1,962)</u>	<u>(\$10,129)</u>
<b>Special Giving*</b>	<u>\$7,454</u>		
*Includes Souper Bowl, ABCCM, Manna Food Bank, Memorials, Disaster Relief, Youth Missions/Activities, Bread Tin, Special offerings			



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