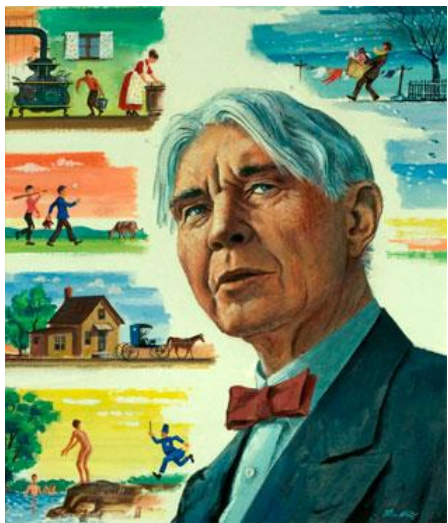




The Asbury Journal

October 2015

Message from the Pastor: Upcoming Church-wide Fall Hike



As has been our habit in recent months, the N.O.W. (Nurture-Outreach-Witness) Committee has been planning hiking opportunities for us to take part in on a particular Sunday each quarter. This quarter we have a special hike planned to take advantage of the Fall foliage and to go somewhere a little different. On Sunday, October 18th, we will carpool after the worship service to the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site outside of Hendersonville. Please bring a bag lunch with you to enjoy at the church. We will plan on leaving the church parking lot around 1:15 pm.

At the Carl Sandburg House there are not only hiking trails, but also a goat barn and guided tours of the house itself. There is no admission fee, but if you would like to tour the house there is a \$5.00 charge (cash or check only). According to their website the house is currently undergoing an interior renovation so much of the furniture is in storage, allowing you to get a “behind-the-scenes” look at the house and the renovation project if you wish.

We will be hiking on a trail that is about two miles long round-trip and includes a wonderful overlook where we’ll be able to see the beautiful Fall colors of our picturesque mountains. Cynthia Stewart is coordinating this hike and she can answer any questions you may have (828-251-9210 or e-mail at crameystew@hotmail.com). Bring a friend with you to worship and to hike afterward!

May the peace of Christ be with you, Curtis+

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR

Do you remember your childhood days of playing “cowboys and cowgirls” or having a secret club made up of neighborhood friends? Either of these games necessitated having a hideout--a place to get away from prying eyes or a place to keep safe from the bad guys. Some think of the church as being a hideout. If you know the secret password or the secret handshake you can get in, everyone else is excluded. The church can become an elitist private club where some are not welcomed unless they use the right holy words, dress like good Christians, and look like everyone else. Then along comes the Holy Spirit, suddenly we begin to realize that we are not the only ones who can receive God’s good gifts of love, healing, forgiveness, and ultimately resurrection. There is another world of people who may not have homes, jobs, clean clothes, and well-trimmed hair that God wants us to welcome into His house. With such a welcome, Sunday morning worship starts looking multi-generational and multi-cultural.

Just when things seem like they are settling down another change comes along. The door is now open and the Holy Spirit comes again and challenges us to not only open our doors, but to step out into the world and share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Now when worship is over instead of heading to J & S Cafeteria people are heading to homeless shelters, half-way houses, and street corners. Isn’t it interesting when Jesus sent the disciples out into the world he told them to take nothing, no money, no shoes, no extra clothes, not even a staff. He gave them everything they needed.

Where will you take the “Good News of Jesus Christ?” The world is wide open and the fields are white for the harvest. October 11th is Homecoming Sunday. Why don’t you invite someone you don’t know and who doesn’t look a bit like you to come and share our hospitality here at Asbury. Maybe they are looking for a new home and a new relationship with God’s people. You only have to ask.

-Pastor David Warren

News from the North Asheville Preschool

The preschool is hosting its third annual Spaghetti Supper/Open House on Monday, October 19th from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm. This is our major fundraiser of the year. Join us for supper (adults \$10, children \$5) and then tour the classrooms. Please let me know (253-4110) if you plan to come for supper so we will have enough spaghetti!

-Madeline Moseley



News from the Finance Committee

Finance Committee Update:

	<u>For Eight (8) Months Ended August 31, 2015</u>		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Favorable/(Unfavorable) Variance</u>
Operating Funds:			
Income	\$115,195	\$129,917	\$(14,722)
Expenses	<u>124,800</u>	<u>133,650</u>	8,850
Net Income/(Loss)	<u>(\$9,605)</u>	<u>(\$3,733)</u>	<u>(\$5,872)</u>
Special Giving*	<u>\$11,671</u>		
*Includes Souper Bowl, ABCCM, Manna Food Bank, Memorials, Disaster Relief, Youth Missions/Activities, Bread Tin, Special offerings			

Music Notes

Handbells has rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. We will be preparing service music and Christmas holiday music. Please plan to join us in this ministry.

Adult Choir meets at 7:00 pm every Wednesday evening. We welcome new members! We are currently preparing service music, Homecoming music, and Christmas music. We will be doing a cantata this year as well as special music for the Christmas Eve service. Come join us!

-Sherry Bates

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church

Church Calendar for October 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
				9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB] 3:00 pm-6:00 pm- Church Office Hours 7:00 pm-SPRC Meeting [BC]	9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB] 8:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	<i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>World Communion Sunday</i> 9:45 am- Sunday School 11:00 am- Worship and Holy Communion [S] 2:00 pm- CROP Walk for Hunger [1 st Baptist AVL] 8:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	7:00 am- Emmaus Group [YR] 3:00 pm-6:00 pm- Church Office Hours	9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB] 10:00 am- Asheville Urban Missional Network Meeting [Groce UMC] <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- Children's Choir Rehearsal [FH] 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 7:00 pm-SPRC Meeting [BC]	9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB] 8:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	<i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
HOMECOMING 9:45 am- Sunday School 11:00 am- Worship [S] 12:00 pm- Covered Dish Luncheon [CG] 8:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	<i>Columbus Day</i> 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	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>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:45 am-Sunday School 11:00 am-Worship [S] 12:00 pm-Bag lunch then hike @ Carl Sandburg House 8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	7:00 am-Emmaus Group [YR] 9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [EB] 3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours 5:30 pm-7:30 pm-Preschool Open House/Spaghetti Supper [FH,EB] <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-AI-Anon Meeting [BC] 6:00 pm-Handbell Rehearsal [S] 7:00 pm-Choir Practice [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 7:00 pm-Finance Committee Meeting [CO]	9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [EB] 8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	<i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9:45 am-Sunday School 11:00 am-Worship [S] 12:00 pm-N.O.W. Committee Meeting [BC] 8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	7:00 am-Emmaus Group [YR] 9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [EB] 3:00 pm- 6:00 pm-Church Office Hours 6:30 pm-Friendship Circle [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-AI-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 7:00 pm-Finance Committee Meeting [CO]	9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [EB] 8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	<i>Halloween</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 UR=Upper Room Sunday School Classroom			<u>Important Dates in November</u> November 1 st - Church Council Meeting November 8 th - Charge Conference November 11 th - Veteran's Day November 26 th - Thanksgiving November 29 th - Advent begins			
<u>October Birthdays</u> Terry Nelon - October 3 rd Josh Tallent - October 5 th Haley Phillips - October 6 th Claire Bailey - October 7 th Brian Hallman - October 7 th Floyd Layman - October 13 th Cindy Page - October 16 th Mike Rice - October 17 th			<u>October Birthdays</u> Gordon Jones - October 18 th Nick Stubblefield - October 18 th Mandy Fisher - October 20 th Ray Hardee - October 26 th Barfuo Boakye-Boaten - October 27 th Wylie Withers - October 30 th Michael Young - October 31 st			

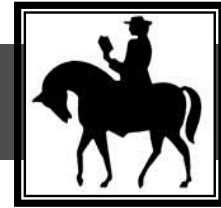


Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church Volunteer Schedule October 2015						
Date	Communion Servers	Lock-Up Volunteer	Counting Team	Ushers	Greeters	Sanctuary Stewards
10.4.2015	Curtis Goforth Martha Tallent Sallyanne McVay Ellen Banks	Merritt Moseley (primary) Julie Niwinski (secondary)	Elaine Poovey Doug Tallent	Mardy Murphy Steve Rich Don Jackson Jessica Jackson	Margaret Tickle Nan Montague	Margaret Tickle Derick Tickle
10.11.2015	NA	Merritt Moseley (primary) Julie Niwinski (secondary)	Kelli Conover Jane Hite	Gary Tweed Toni Tweed Don McGeary TBD	TBD TBD	Gordon Jones Joan Jones
10.18.2015	NA	Merritt Moseley (primary) Julie Niwinski (secondary)	Mark Smith Claire Bailey	Robert Wiltshire Debbie Wiltshire Mike Rice Sherry Rice	Madeline Moseley TBD	Bruce Kidder Elaine Price
10.25.2015	NA	Merritt Moseley (primary) Julie Niwinski (secondary)	Steve Rich Julie Niwinski	Julie Niwinski William Withers Jessica Withers TBD	Elaine Price Geri Allison	Madeline Moseley Laurel Bishop

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church Volunteer Schedule October 2015					
Date	Acolyte(s)	Nursery Volunteers	Children's Church	Children's Message	Lector
10.4.2015	Harper Shook	Jennifer Goforth Judy Rich	Jessica Jackson	Curtis Goforth	Curtis Goforth
10.11.2015	Chloe Jackson Eliza Jackson	HOME COMING PAID WORKERS	Jennifer Goforth	Curtis Goforth	Steve Rich
10.18.2015	Barfuo Boakye-Boaten	Cynthia Stewart Martha Tallent	Megan Shook	Sallyanne McVay	Jennifer Goforth
10.25.2015	Alana Bridger	Sallyanne McVay Maggie Harvin	Madeline Moseley	Madeline Moseley	Merritt Moseley

Volunteer Coordinators:

Counting Team:	Sue Lane Muesing	slmue@aol.com	H: (828) 255-8547
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

Our October Bread Tin offering, a loose-change collection, will go to support Loving Food Resources, a volunteer-drive nonprofit that provides basic needs including food, health and personal care items to people living with HIV/AIDS and patients in Home Hospice Care. Founded and based in Asheville, Loving Food Resources has over 200 clients and each week serves over 80 people from its food pantry. Loving Food Resources is the only food pantry in WNC addressing the issue of food insecurity for these specific populations. Please give generously.

The CROP Walk for Hunger will take place on Sunday, October 4, this year. If you would like to be a walker, please let Merritt Moseley know, at moseley@unca.edu. Registration is at 1:00 pm with the walk starting at 2:00 pm. We will begin at the First Baptist Church in Asheville. Let's have our usual impressive, energetic turnout and donation total!

We celebrate World Communion Sunday on Sunday, October 4th. This special offering is one of six special offerings in the United Methodist Church taken up annually in every congregation. The offering provides educational opportunities for people of color who historically have not had access to higher education because the road there is tough.

National and international graduate students are awarded scholarships to learn and serve throughout the world. the educational and vocational impact is felt around the globe. Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." Please give generously.

Thank you for giving generously! The August Bread Tin collected \$420.85 for Society of St Andrew and their efforts to put nourishing, healthy food on the tables of individuals and families who are struggling to get by. Together we are "Gleaning America's Fields and Feeding America's Hungry".

News from Children and Youth

CHILDREN'S CHOIR to prepare for Homecoming. The Children's Choir will meet on Wednesday October 7 at 5:45 -6:45 PM. Come to the Fellowship Hall for sub sandwiches first, then rehearsal. This is the last rehearsal before the children sing at Homecoming. Homecoming is Sunday, October 11 and we hope all the children will be present to sing that day.

News from The Friendship Circle

It is that time of year we begin thinking about our college students and how we can at Asbury can let each of them know we are thinking about them while away from home. The Friendship Circle will once again prepare our annual "Care Packages" to ship to each of the students. These students are: Samuel Withers, Wiley Withers, Caitlyn McVay, Devon Tucker and Rachael Tucker. Should you have a student (grandchild, niece or nephew) that you would like to include, please let Mardy Murphy, or anyone in the Friendship Circle know. Also, should you like to make a donation to this "in-house" mission, you make add it to the collection plate or see one of the Circle members. Checks may be made to Asbury Memorial and please designate it College Care Packages. This small mission provides wonderful smiles to students so far from home!

Homecoming 2015

Please make plans to join us as we celebrate our 214th Homecoming Worship Service on Sunday, October 11th at 11:00 am. Our guest preacher this year will be our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. John Boggs, and you will be treated to all sorts of special music by our choir, the men's chorus, and the handbell choir! Join us after the service in the Fellowship Hall for a covered dish luncheon. Members are asked to bring an entree, side, or dessert to share with the congregation and the church will be providing the bread and beverages. Spread the word and invite a friend to join you for this special service as we celebrate 214 years of ministry in this amazing place!



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