

The Asbury Journal

November 2015

Message from the Pastor:

**“Having, First, gained all you can, and, Secondly saved all you can,
Then ‘give all you can.”**

-John Wesley, “The Use of Money” (Sermon 50)

Jim Harnish, a United Methodist minister in Florida, has written a wonderful book about John Wesley and his rules for how members of the Methodist society should deal with money. In language that has been slightly updated, Harnish restates Wesley’s rule (also the title of his book) with three, simple words: Earn, Save, Give.

As we come to the time of year when the leaves have turned their beautiful colors and the fields have all been harvested, it is only natural that we take time to be thankful for all of our blessings. At Asbury Memorial, we often do this the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day in a special worship service we call “Gratitude Sunday.” It is on Gratitude Sunday (November 22nd) that you will have a chance, if you so choose, to fill out a confidential pledge card and place it in the cornucopia that will be displayed on the altar during the worship service.

In our membership vows, we pledge to be faithful to the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. Please know that your pledge amounts will be kept confidential. Pledging is but one way to offer ourselves and what we have been given to the service of our Lord and Savior, and it does help us as we plan for funding the mission and ministry of Asbury Memorial next year and beyond. All the wonderful things that our church does to help those in need and to help each one of us in our daily walk with God happens only through the generosity and faithfulness of our members and attendees.

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Message from the Pastor (continued):

We also hope you'll be able to join us for a congregational meal of thanks downstairs in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship on Gratitude Sunday. Thanks in advance for your great generosity and love poured out to others through Asbury Memorial UMC! "Earn, Save, Give"...Wesley's rules for money are as true and helpful for us as servants of Christ now as they were in the 1700's. May the peace of Christ be with you all. -Curtis+

A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR

Two churches are located on Main Street only a block apart. They are of different denominations, but that is not an issue. The church buildings look identical and the size of their congregations are almost the exact same size however that is where the two churches end their similarities. Let's call the first church the *Institutional Church*. The members are quite unique; all are upper income. Most are professionals: lawyers, doctors, bankers and business owners. On Sunday morning the pews are full and they just love to make worship a professional production. The choir practices at least twice during the week and the pastor always reads all of the scriptures from the lectionary. The church rituals of Baptism and Holy Communion are always letter perfect. The members feel it is an honor to attend the *Institutional* church so they have decals that say "*I attend the Institutional Church*" on their automobile. Each quarter the members give a rather large offering to support the homeless shelter. Their Bible study classes are taught by a retired college professor. He has made numerous trips to Israel and uses a very professional prepared power point presentation to show what that area looks like.

The other church is called the *Body of Christ Church*. On most Sunday mornings their pews are also full. However, on the last Sunday of each quarter the church doors are locked and no members are in attendance. All of the members are at the local homeless shelter for the whole day. Some prepare food; some serve. Others clean up afterwards. The prayer teams pray for the homeless. The local barber, who is a member, gives free haircuts. The children collect and then give to each homeless person a bag of toiletries, pairs of socks and new underwear. These items come from the local small businesses. The choir has chosen to practice just one night for Sunday worship, but they go to the local nursing home and sing along with the residents one night each week. The rituals of the church are often held at the homeless shelter with Baptism and Holy Communion being offered to all who attend. The Bible study classes are held in member's homes with the host family doing the teaching and each member is encourage to participate.

If we are not careful, we will take sides in saying one church is right and the other wrong. It's not that easy. Both have wonderful attributes so the real question is how do we combine the best of the *Institutional* church and the *Body of Christ* church into one single congregation. The first thing we do is to become inclusive with everyone being made to feel welcome. The second thing we do is to become involved in the planning process of our church by attending council meetings, worship meetings, finance meetings and other church functions. Your ideas and your voice are important in the life of our church. As we prepare for a new church year, please say yes when you are asked to serve. -Pastor David Warren



News from Children and Youth

On Sunday, November 15th, we are going bowling! Join us at AMF Star Lanes at 491 Kenilworth Road after worship for lunch and a game or two. All are invited.

THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP MEAL will be held immediately after worship on Sunday, November 22. Turkey, dressing and drinks will be provided. PLEASE bring a side dish or dessert to share. Sign up on the Floating Clip Board if you are willing to help set-up and/or clean up.

Children's Choir to present their CHRISTMAS MUSIC on Sunday, December 13 during worship. To prepare for this, Judi Harvin will hold Children's Choir practices at the following times and days: Sunday, Nov. 22, 29 & Dec. 6 during Children's Church. Two Wednesday Rehearsals will be held. These will be on December 2 and 9 at 5:45 PM with dinner provided.

An Invitation to journey to Bethlehem this Advent Season *from Sallyanne Irwin McVay*

I don't remember which Advent season Jeff & I first went to Return to Bethlehem (hereafter referred to as RTB) but it was over 22 years ago; it was hosted by Trinity Episcopal Church in downtown Asheville when Claxton Farm provided the camel that greeted you in their courtyard. We both felt as though we had traveled back in time to Bethlehem, to the magical time when Mary & Joseph stayed in this town. Thus began our annual pilgrimage to Bethlehem. When RTB moved to what was then the First Christian Church, we made our advent pilgrimage there. When ABCCM approached Groce UMC to host RTB when First Christian Church was no longer able to house the advent production, Jeff, Caitlin, Corey and I all began our years of volunteering to be Inn Keepers, Animal Traders, Fruit sellers and more in the town of Bethlehem. RTB became a favorite part of the McVay family advent traditions. I could go on and on and I will if you want more information about volunteering for this incredible gift that ABCCM gives to the Asheville community each year. The times to volunteer are as follows: Thursday & Friday, December 10 & 11, 5:00-9:00, Saturday, Dec. 12, 1:00-5:15 or 4:15-9:00 and Sunday, Dec. 13, 1:00-4:00 or 3:00-6:30. If you can't volunteer consider giving yourself the gift of journeying to Bethlehem and meeting the Christ Child again, for the first time. Times to attend are 6:00-8:30 Thursday & Friday, 2:00-8:30 on Saturday and 2:00-6:00 on Sunday.

News from the North Asheville Preschool

We had a great night for our Open House/Spaghetti Dinner. We raised over \$1300.00 to use for new equipment in the classrooms. Thanks for supporting us! Our next project is to start working on our Christmas program which will be presented on December 14th.

Happy Thanksgiving!

-Madeline Moseley

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church

Church Calendar for November 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 and Holy Communion [S] 4:30 pm -Church Council 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	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>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:45 am -Sunday School 11:00 am -Worship [S] 6:00 pm -Charge Conference [St. Paul's UMC] 8:00 pm -Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]	7:00 am -Emmaus Group [YR] 11:00 am -Worship Committee [BC] 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>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:45 am -Sunday School 11:00 am -Worship [S] 12:00 pm -Lunch & Bowling with Sallyanne [Kenilworth AMF Star Lanes] 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 <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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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<p>Gratitude Sunday</p> <p>9:45 am-Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am-Worship [S]</p> <p>12:00 pm-N.O.W. Turkey Dinner [FH]</p> <p>8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p><i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i></p>	<p>7:00 am-Emmaus Group [YR]</p> <p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [EB]</p> <p>3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p>	<p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [EB]</p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<p>5:45 pm-Al-Anon Meeting [BC]</p> <p>8:00 pm-Narcotics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p><i>No Handbell Practice</i></p> <p><i>No Choir Practice</i></p> <p><i>PRESCHOOL CLOSED</i></p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<p><i>Happy Thanksgiving</i></p> <p><i>PRESCHOOL CLOSED</i></p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<p>8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p><i>PRESCHOOL CLOSED</i></p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<p>Hanging of the Greens</p> <p><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>
29	30					
<p>UM Student Sunday</p> <p>Advent Begins</p> <p>9:45 am-Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am-Worship [S]</p> <p>8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p>	<p>7:00 am-Emmaus Group [YR]</p> <p>9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [EB]</p> <p>12:00 pm-Staff Meeting [GE]</p> <p>3:00 pm- 6:00 pm-Church Office Hours</p> <p>6:30 pm-Friendship Circle [BC]</p>					
<p>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</p>				<p><u>Important Dates in December</u> Children's Christmas Program-December 13th Preschool Children's Christmas Program-December 14th Choir Cantata and Handbells-December 20th Christmas Potluck Luncheon-December 20th Historical Christmas Eve Service-December 24th Christmas-December 25th Hymn Sing Service-December 27th</p>		
<p><u>November Birthdays</u> Elizabeth Moseley-Nov. 2nd Jessica Hallman-Nov. 5th Dean Conover-Nov. 7th Harper Shook-Nov. 7th Madeline Moseley-Nov. 7th Rob Douglas-Nov. 17th</p>				<p><u>November Birthdays</u> Sandy Rountree-Nov. 17th Trevor Tate-Nov. 18th Jill Gottenstrater-Nov. 22nd Marcia Morehead-Nov. 22nd Nancy Leigh Douglas-Nov. 27th Lee Roy Gaddy-Nov. 28th Caitlin Butler-Nov. 29th</p>		



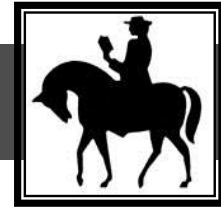
Volunteer Schedule

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church Volunteer Schedule November 2015						
Date	Communion Servers	Lock-Up Volunteer	Counting Team	Ushers	Greeters	Sanctuary Stewards
11.01.2015	Curtis Goforth Elaine Poovey Sallyanne McVay Corey McVay	William Withers (primary) Scott Glenn (secondary)	Tim Bailey Scott Glenn	Bud Allison Geri Allison Don Jackson Jessica Jackson	Cynthia Stewart John Stewart	Steve Rich Judy Rich
11.08.2015	NA	William Withers (primary) Scott Glenn (secondary)	Rebecca Tucker Mary Loomis-Molloy	Don McGeary Gary Tweed Toni Tweed TBD	Jessica Withers TBD	Ellen Banks TBD
11.15.2015	NA	William Withers (primary) Scott Glenn (secondary)	Merritt Moseley Sue Lane Muesing	Robert Wiltshire Debbie Wiltshire Mike Rice Sherry Rice	Claire Bailey Ann Young	Derick Tickle Margaret Tickle
11.22.2015	NA	William Withers (primary) Scott Glenn (secondary)	Doug Tallent Janie Wilson	Julie Niwinski William Withers Jessica Withers TBD	Toni Tweed Judy Rich	Gordon Jones Joan Jones
11.29.2015	NA	William Withers (primary) Scott Glenn (secondary)	Diane Arnold Mardy Murphy	Bud Allison Geri Allison Mardy Murphy Steve Rich	Laurel Bishop Margaret Tickle	Bruce Kidder Elaine Price

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Date	Acolyte(s)	Nursery Volunteers	Children's Church	Children's Message	Lector
11.01.2015	Lylah Goforth	TBD TBD	TBD	Curtis Goforth	Curtis Goforth
11.08.2015	Haley Phillips	Mardy Murphy TBD	Margaret Tickle	Margaret Tickle	Katie Warren
11.15.2015	Harper Shook	Bob Tucker Rebecca Tucker	Mardy Murphy	Sallyanne McVay	David Warren
11.22.2015	Eliza Jackson Chloe Jackson	Madeline Moseley Ann Young	Sallyanne McVay	Curtis Goforth	Jessica Jackson
11.29.2015	Barfuo Boakye-Boaten	Claire Bailey Martha Tallent	Megan Shook	Sallyanne McVay	Day Ann Emory

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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

Sunday, November 29th is United Methodist Student Sunday, one of six special Sundays each year as designated by The United Methodist Church. There will be a special collection to support students in United Methodist colleges and universities. Please give generously.

Asbury was well represented at the rescheduled CROP Walk for Hunger on Sunday, October 11th. Among the walkers were Sallyanne and Corey McVay; Curtis, Jennifer, Cora and Lylah Goforth; Madeline and Merritt Moseley; Claire and Tim Bailey; John Harvin; Laurel Bishop; Margaret Tickle; Mary Molloy; Mardy Murphy; and John Stewart. Thanks also to all who donated money for the cause--reducing hunger at home and abroad.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped fill Asbury's volunteer shifts on the Methodist/Presbyterian Habitat House which is nearing completion. They include Claire Bailey, Bob Hite, Rob Shook, John Stewart, Keith Campbell, Merritt Moseley, Larry Wilson, Bill Molloy, and friends Anne and Mike Jansen who did two shifts each!

Thank you for supporting Loving Food Resources, our October Bread Tin recipient. Your generosity totaled \$433.99 towards providing food for those living with HIV/AIDS or in home hospice care.

The November Bread Tin collection, a loose change offering, will support The Fontein Social Care Center whose mission is to help orphaned and vulnerable children in Swaziland, Africa. According to the Grand Circle Foundation website (www.grandcirclefoundation.org),

"In an area where hunger, poverty, and illness leaves many children without strong family units, the Fontein Center aims to provide two meals a day to children, as well as a daycare for the youngest and legal assistance, health care service, and safety within its walls. Though only 40 children are enrolled in the daycare, the Center feeds over 450 local children in one day--no small feat without government assistance to purchase food."

Thank you for giving generously!

The Missions Committee is taking up toiletries for children at Jones School. This is regular-sized items for them to take home, not the small things we use for Room In The Inn. We can use deodorant, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss. Just bring them to Madeline.

Also we will soon start our drive for the children of Jones School for Christmas, so be on the lookout for that information! Thanks for your continued support.

World Communion Sunday (10.25.15) \$485.00

We are closer to our goal for 2015 with MANNA FoodBank. Our current year-to-date total is \$1435.86 (including Souper Bowl contributions). Thank you for your support and please continue to add beef stew to your grocery list!

News from the Finance Committee

Finance Committee Update:

	<u>For Nine (9) Months Ended September 30, 2015</u>		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Favorable/(Unfavorable)</u> <u>Variance</u>
Operating Funds:			
Income	\$125,261	\$143,208	\$(17,947)
Expenses	<u>144,897</u>	<u>154,236</u>	<u>9,339</u>
Net Income/(Loss)	<u>(\$19,636)</u>	<u>(\$11,028)</u>	<u>(\$8,608)</u>
Special Giving*	<u>\$13,028</u>		
*Includes Souper Bowl, ABCCM, Manna Food Bank, Memorials, Disaster Relief, Youth Missions/Activities, Bread Tin, Special offerings			



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