

The Asbury Journal

January 2016

Message From The Pastor



The end of an old year and the beginning of a new one signals a swarm of things to do, people to see, forms to file, goals to set, and places to be. In the midst of that swarm, it is easy to fail to

take stock of what happened at the previous year's end. Instead of writing about all the things that are in store for our church in the coming months (capital campaign, memorial garden construction, upcoming studies, events, etc.) I wanted to take a moment and highlight some of the most important things of this past month.

First of all, I want to thank those of you who have put in so many hours to make this past December so special! Our Children's Christmas program, our Choral Cantata, and all of those who helped with our Historical 1800's Christmas Eve service made this past month so very special for our church and for our larger community! Our church was graced with the presence of 308 in attendance at Christmas Eve as we celebrated and worshiped on that special day in true Asbury style. We also received seven new members at the beginning of December who we are so grateful to have "officially" as a part of our community of faith! Please make it a point to make them continually feel welcome and a part of the wonderful things that are happening at Asbury Memorial UMC. If you'd like to see more pictures of these happenings and stay up-to-date on all that's going on at the church, please check our website regularly as new content is added.

May the peace of Christ be with you at the start of this new year!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR

The Christmas holidays brought our young adults back home from their colleges and universities. Did you notice they fit right back in to their places in the church whether it was in the choir or operating the sound system? By the time you receive this newsletter they will be packing their vehicles for return to school. Have we done everything we can to give them the support they need? I'm not talking about finances or automobiles or even new laptops.

When they pack up their cars and leave home, what will they pack away in their hearts? Other than do all we can to get our own hearts in shape, what can we do to infuse spiritual health into the hearts and minds of our children?

For starters we can teach them the importance of confession, forgiveness and generosity. We can teach them to celebrate the success of others. We can pray daily. We can model good habits. We can make sure they're in church. We can look for teachable moments. All of these are important. And when applied consistently, I'm convinced they make a huge difference.

It seems as if this article is solely focusing on our college students but all of the above apply to our infants all the way through high school and beyond. We have an awesome responsibility as parents and church members to help them all develop healthy spiritual hearts and minds. As the New Year unfolds remember they may or may not have the support that was given to them at home. College can be a strange and frightening place when struggles arise. Whitney Houston recorded a beautiful song entitled "Greatest Love of All" the first verse sums up how we should view our children.

*"I believe the children are our future
Teach them well and let them lead the way
Show them all the beauty they possess inside
Give them a sense of pride to make it easier
Let the children's laughter remind us how we used to be."*

A new generation of college students are in the wings awaiting their launch date. Prepare them well and they will lead this country into the next decades with peace and prosperity.

-Pastor David Warren

News from Children and Youth

Asbury Memorial UMC is benefiting from Judi & John Harvin's decision to retire to Weaverville, NC. Judi has decided that she would like to have a monthly Children's Choir Rehearsal the second Sunday of each month, during the Children's Time, in the Brown Chapel. Children that regularly attend Children's Church may leave at the usual time (after the Bread Tin Offering). Older children will leave after the Choral Anthem. The children will be preparing music for worship. Exact singing dates are still being selected. Sunday, January 10 will be the first Children's Choir Rehearsal in 2016.

GODLY PLAY TRAINING in Clover, SC Saturday, January 23. If you want to learn more about Godly Play and you are willing to take a day trip with others interested in learning more about this curriculum, mark your calendar and call Sallyanne McVay As Soon As Possible, to register for this wonderful training opportunity.



Scenes from the Historical Christmas Eve Service



Thank you for supporting the ABCCM Fuel Fund. Offerings collected during the Historical Christmas Eve Service totaled \$2,318.52 for the ABCCM Fuel Fund!

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church
Church Calendar for January 2016

*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
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					<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Happy New Year</i></p> <p>8:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>9:45 am-Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am-Worship [S]</p> <p>8:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Room In The Inn</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 style="text-align: center;"><i>Room In The Inn</i></p>	<p>9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB]</p> <p>7:00 pm-Trustees Meeting [BC]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Room In The Inn CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<p>9:00 am-1:00 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>6:00 pm-Handbell Rehearsal [S]</p> <p>7:00 pm-Choir Rehearsal [CR]</p> <p>8:00 pm-Narcotics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Room In The Inn BULLETIN DEADLINE</i></p>	<p>9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB]</p> <p>3:00 pm-6:00 pm- Church Office Hours</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Room In The Inn</i></p>	<p>9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB]</p> <p>8:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [FH]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Room In The Inn CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<i>Room In The Inn CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>
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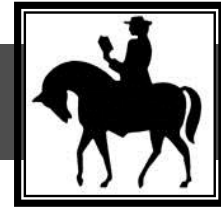


Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church Volunteer Schedule January 2016						
Date	Communion Servers	Lock-Up Volunteer	Counting Team	Ushers	Greeters	Sanctuary Stewards
01.03.2016	Curtis Goforth Rick Morehead Sallyanne McVay Gordon Jones	Merritt Moseley Julie Niwinski	Merritt Moseley Sue Lane Muesing	Doug Tallent Martha Tallent Steve Rich Julie Niwinski	Geri Allison Jessica Withers	Gordon Jones Joan Jones
01.10.2016	NA	Merritt Moseley Julie Niwinski	Doug Tallent Janie Wilson	Mardy Murphy Don McGeary Don Jackson Jessica Jackson	Claire Bailey Ann Young	Bruce Kidder Elaine Price
01.17.2016	NA	Merritt Moseley Julie Niwinski	Diane Arnold Mardy Murphy	Keith Campbell Sharon Campbell Gary Tweed Toni Tweed	Toni Tweed Elaine Price	Cynthia Stewart Laurel Bishop
01.24.2016	NA	Merritt Moseley Julie Niwinski	Mark Smith Madeline Moseley	Eve Bridger Colin Bridger Mike Rice Sherry Rice	Judy Rich Margaret Tickle	Nancy Ernst Keith Campbell
01.31.2016	NA	Merritt Moseley Julie Niwinski	Steve Rich Julie Niwinski	John Harvin Judi Harvin Robert Wiltshire Debbie Wiltshire	Madeline Moseley Martha Tallent	Mary Loomis-Molloy Ellen Banks

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Date	Acolyte(s)	Nursery Volunteer	Children's Church	Children's Message	Lector
01.03.2016	Roan Bridger			Sallyanne McVay	Curtis Goforth
01.10.2016	Lylah Goforth	Cynthia Stewart	Judi Harvin	Sallyanne McVay	Rick Morehead
01.17.2016	Barfuo Boakye-Boaten	Martha Tallent	Sallyanne McVay	Sallyanne McVay	Madeline Moseley
01.24.2016	Haley Phillips	Mardy Murphy	Megan Shook	Curtis Goforth	Steve Rich
01.31.2016	Chloe Jackson Eliza Jackson	Davie Jackson	Jennifer Goforth	Curtis Goforth	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

The Missions Committee is happy to announce that the 2016 MANNA FoodBank collections will be focused on food (including formula) for babies. Please bring contributions, or money to be converted to contributions, starting in January so we can meet our target of 2016 pounds of food for Western North Carolina babies. Thank you as always for giving generously!

The January Bread Tin offerings, a loose change collection, will once again go to provide school uniforms for needy children in Ghana. We have been doing this project for several years and it is one of the most satisfying disbursements since a small donation can supply children with uniforms that can make a difference in their lives by allowing them to receive an education.



The December Bread Tin offering collected \$675.29 for the Red Bird Missionary Conference in southeastern Kentucky. Thank you for giving generously!

News from the Finance Committee

Finance Committee Update:

	<u>For Eleven (11) Months Ended November 30, 2015</u>		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Favorable/(Unfavorable) Variance</u>
Operating Funds:			
Income	\$168,327	\$178,925	\$(10,598)
Expenses	<u>168,870</u>	<u>182,375</u>	<u>13,505</u>
Net Income/(Loss)	<u>(\$543)</u>	<u>(\$3,450)</u>	<u>\$2,907</u>
Special Giving*	<u>\$19,312</u>		
*Includes Souper Bowl, ABCCM, Manna Food Bank, Memorials, Disaster Relief, Youth Missions/ Activities, Bread Tin, Special offerings			



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