



The Asbury Journal

Message from the

May 2016

Pastor

Editorial Note from the Pastor:

As you probably know, this past Monday, Robert Wiltshire passed away unexpectedly while working in his garden. Robert spent his life helping churches raise money to improve their buildings and grounds—something he spent his last days doing with us here at Asbury Memorial UMC. The morning of his death, he met with me about our progress on the projects and penned the article reprinted below for the May edition of The Asbury Journal.

The important thing about a problem is not its solution, but the strength we gain in finding the solution



@science gamer

It's an exciting time for the Asbury congregation. We have a puzzle to solve together. After years of discussion, we decided this February to raise capital campaign funds by June to solve the property & grounds issues before our church in order to better equip us for our future ministry.

Together, our progress is very encouraging. 24 families + NAPS have made gifts or pledges that total \$147,000 + as of 4/24/16. We have reached 49% of our original goal of \$300,000. The remaining 30 – 40 families continue to consider their responses.

The next few weeks our attention as a church focuses on choosing the specific construction projects that our gifts will fund. Our February numbers for project costs were incomplete and dated. The Building Committee's planning work with architects since March reveals that if we do everything we envisioned, it will cost at least 50% more and then some.

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“Prepare Ye the Way” *(continued)*

What have we envisioned doing? 1) A Memorial Garden; 2) Handicapped-accessible improvements for full access for all to & within the church; 3) Parking improvements; 4) Landscaping enhancements, especially where the oak trees stood and near new parking; 5) Retain existing spaces for church programs; 6) Respect Mother Earth.

You may review specific plans for most initiatives the next few weeks in the church office. The Building Committee, Capital Campaign Committee, and the Trustees will be meeting frequently this month. They will be presenting **project recommendations and estimated costs to the congregation** [on a Sunday in May yet TBD] **for information and feedback in the Sanctuary after Worship benediction.** With your input the Church Council will make decisions at their meeting in May [Date/Time still TBD].

Ask church leaders – what’s happening? Share your views. We prepare best together. The Church Council will distribute the chosen solutions to everyone by special mailing in late May. May God guide us all and give us vision and strength to serve Him.

-Robert Wiltshire, Building Committee Interim Chair

News from the Missions Committee

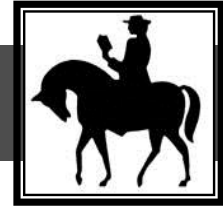
The May Bread Tin collection, a loose change offering, will support the Wesley Foundation at UNC-Asheville. This United Methodist student organization is located on the UNC-A campus and seeks to help connect students with God during their tenure at UNC-A. Please visit their website - www.Ashevillewesley.org- for more information.

Peace with Justice Sunday, another of our Special Sundays, is coming up on May 22nd. From the [umciving](http://umciving.com) website:

Although you, and possibly even your congregation, may lack the resources alone to effect change in a broken world, your giving is vital for the UMC to continue its global ministries of reconciliation. Because of the Peace with Justice Sunday offering, the people of The United Methodist Church are able to make a difference together by sowing seeds --yielding fruit!--of peace.

The April Bread Tin collection, a loose change offering, totaled \$382.83 for the UMCOR U.S. Disaster Response, Advance #901670: Filtering Lead-Contaminated Waters in Flint, Michigan. Thank you for giving generously.

Please continue to bring contributions of food for the babies of MANNA Foodbank, or money to be converted to contributions, so we can meet our target of 2016 pounds of food for Western North Carolina babies. Thank you as always for giving generously!



Message from the Assistant Pastor

Many of us remember watching Perry Mason, perhaps the most famous television lawyer ever. He frequently used the words “*pain and suffering*” to describe the plight of a victim he was representing. If his client won the case, (which they always did) he asked the jury to decide the appropriate dollar value to compensate the person’s losses. Many of us probably assumed that “*pain and suffering*” were one and the same. It only seems logical that you cannot have pain without suffering and suffering without pain. I recently learned a different way to look at those two terms. Pain originates in the body. According to the American Medical Association, pain is “an unpleasant sensation related to tissue damage.” The hurts come from swollen joints, damaged nerves, invading tumors and the like. Often we can pinpoint where the pain originates. Medical science has become very effective in treating pain. If they fail, we often undertake treating the pain with our own idea of self-medication. The medication may be over the counter remedies, alcohol, or even illegal drugs.

Suffering on the other hand happens in the mind. The mind decides what the suffering means and is impacted by how others respond to our suffering. The mind remembers who came to visit during our time of suffering and who does not. The mind remembers all of the good things that happened before the suffering took place and it imagines how our life is now changed forever. The mind measures loss, makes judgements about whether or not we will take the blame for our own suffering or whether we will blame someone else. I wish I could say that modern medicine has come up with effective treatments for suffering, but that is not the case. Suffering can be eased or eliminated when we seek God’s promised comfort and peace found in the scriptures. When we are suffering, we should seek out family and friends for their guidance and consolation. We need never suffer in silence when we have God who desires to bear our suffering on His shoulders. In my time spent in the healing ministry, I have learned that most people seek out help only when the suffering becomes so unbearable that they finally cry out in desperation “*My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?*” (Psalm 22.1) Our God is just a prayer away.

News from N.O.W. Committee

There will be a hike in Holmes State Forest on Sunday, June 19th after worship. All are invited to carpool and get some fresh air!

Lemonade on the Lawn begins in June! We will gather as a congregation for lemonade and fellowship immediately following worship on Sunday, June 5th. Join us!

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church
Church Calendar for May 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
1 9:45 am-Sunday School 11:00 am-Worship/Holy Communion [S] 8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] 1	2 7:00 am-Emmaus Group [YR] 9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [EB] 3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours	3 9:00 am-1:00 pm- Preschool [EB] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	4 9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [EB] 3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours 5:45 pm-Al-Anon Meeting [BC] 7:00 pm-Choir Practice [CR] 8:00 pm-Narcotics Anonymous [FH] <i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i>	5 9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [EB] 3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours 7:00 pm-Finance Committee Meeting [CO]	6 9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [EB] 8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [FH] <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>	7 <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>
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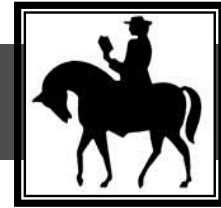


Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church Volunteer Schedule May 2016						
Date	Communion Servers	Lock-Up Volunteer	Counting Team	Ushers	Greeters	Sanctuary Stewards
05.1.2016	Curtis Goforth Martha Tallent Laurel Bishop TBD	Mark Smith (primary) Merritt Moseley (secondary)	Doug Tallent Diane Arnold	Bud Allison Geri Allison William Withers Jessica Withers	Toni Tweed Elaine Price	Cynthia Stewart Laurel Bishop
05.8.2016	NA	Mark Smith (primary) Merritt Moseley (secondary)	Janie Wilson Mardy Murphy	Doug Tallent Martha Tallent Steve Rich Julie Niwinski	Judy Rich Margaret Tickle	Keith Campbell
05.15.2016	NA	Mark Smith (primary) Merritt Moseley (secondary)	Mark Smith Madeline Moseley	Mardy Murphy Don McGeary Don Jackson Jessica Jackson	Madeline Moseley Martha Tallent	Mary Loomis-Molloy Ellen Banks
05.22.2016	NA	Mark Smith (primary) Merritt Moseley (secondary)	Steve Rich Julie Niwinski	Keith Campbell Sharon Campbell Gary Tweed Toni Tweed	Nan Montague Laurel Bishop	Madeline Moseley
05.29.2016	NA	Mark Smith (primary) Merritt Moseley (secondary)	Kelli Conover John Harvin	Eve Bridger Colin Bridger Mike Rice Sherry Rice	Mary Loomis- Molloy Keith Campbell	Margaret Tickle Derick Tickle

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church Volunteer Schedule May 2016					
Date	Acolyte(s)	Nursery Volunteer	Children's Church	Children's Message	Lector
05.01.2016	Lila Thomas Anthony Thomas	Maggie Harvin	Maggie Harvin	Curtis Goforth	Curtis Goforth
05.08.2016	Alana Bridger	Day Ann Emory	TBD	Sallyanne McVay	Ellen Banks
05.15.2016	Lylah Goforth	Cynthia Stewart	Sallyanne McVay	Curtis Goforth	Julie Niwinski
05.22.2016	Barfuo Boakye- Boaten	Martha Tallent	Megan Shook	Sallyanne McVay	Nancy Ernst
05.29.2016	Haley Phillips	Mardy Murphy	Jennifer Goforth	Curtis Goforth	Deborah Hawkins

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 Finance Committee

Finance Committee Update:

	<u>For the 3 Months Ended March 31, 2016</u>		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Favorable/(Unfavorable) Variance</u>
Operating Funds:			
Income	\$47,946	\$41,623	\$6,323
Expenses	<u>51,132</u>	<u>53,967</u>	<u>2,835</u>
Net Income	<u>\$3,186</u>	<u>(\$12,344)</u>	<u>\$9,158</u>
Capital Campaign	<u>\$9,045</u>		
Special Giving*	<u>\$7,034</u>		
*Includes Souper Bowl, ABCCM, Manna Food Bank, Memorials, Disaster Relief, Youth Missions/ Activities, Bread Tin, Special offerings			

Any individual wishing to make a stock donation to Asbury United Methodist Church, Inc. should contact Bud Allison (AllisonJWJ@aol.com or 828-250-9816) for specific instructions on stock transfers. The church office also has the account information. Please notify the church Financial Secretary or Bookkeeper of stock donations and their intended purpose (i.e. annual budget, Capital Campaign) for appropriate follow up.



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Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church's Capital Campaign 2016-2018



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