

A word from the Pastor

Grace and peace to you as we joyfully journey through this Easter season.

As you might well imagine, stewardship in the church is a significant issue. We are gifted by God with enormous blessings. We are called to be good stewards of all that is entrusted to us. This includes being good stewards of the Word of God and making sure we are accomplishing the mission of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world. We are commanded to give of our time and talents to serve and minister to others. And yes, we are called to be faithful stewards of the financial resources entrusted to us.

One of the greatest challenges to being faithful stewards of our financial resources as a congregation is to have absolute clarity and openness concerning how our resources are utilized. In an attempt to make this possible the Finance Committee has been working to ensure every donation given to Asbury is used for the purpose for which it is given.

This is easily seen in donations to the General fund which are used to pay for the day to day operations of the congregation such as electricity, gas, insurance, salaries, etc. What tends to be more difficult and often confusing is the use of Dedicated Accounts.

Designated funds are donations give to be used in specific areas of ministry or for specific projects. These funds are separated from General Fund account and can only be distributed for specific purposes. The challenge we have faced over many years of use is that Dedicated Accounts were established, utilized, and then never removed. This resulted in an extensive list of Dedicated Accounts, many of which were duplicating each other in purpose.

In an attempt to offer clarity and in order to utilize the resources which have been designated in a way which truly reflects the intention for which each gift has been given, the Board of Finance has taken the following actions concerning our Dedicated Accounts!

The following Dedicated Accounts Have been changed:

Literature Rack Fund - Balance (\$0.00) This Dedicated Account has not been utilized in years. The Dedicated Line has been eliminated, and if monies are received the Misc. In and Out Fund will be used.

Flower Seeds Fund - This Dedicated Account was established with money given to Youth from the excess resources of the Flower Fund - \$1,200.00 was moved to Youth Dedicated Fund and the line eliminated.

After School Program Fund - This program no longer exists and had a remaining balance of \$179.12. This money was moved to the General Fund to be used for Wednesday Night Bible Study and the line was eliminated

Equipping Academy Fund- No longer exists - (\$0.00) - Line eliminated.

Other Benevolence Fund had a balance of \$3,551.29. These fund were intended to be used for ministry to people. The funds were moved to the Adopt-A-Mission and the line was eliminated.

Asbury Angels Alliance-Fund This ministry no longer exists. The fund had \$143.00. These funds were moved to the Asbury Family Care Fund and the line was eliminated.

Xmas in Action Fund- No longer exists - (\$0.00) Line eliminated.

Newlywed Fund- This fund is intended to be utilized in ministry to members, therefore the \$580.00 in the fund was moved to **Asbury Family Care Fund** and the line was eliminated.

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Our Mission

Connect - to God and neighbor

Equip - to disciple

Send - to serve

Our Vision

A vibrant faith community that reaches out with the love of Christ to every generation for the transformation of the world.

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Sunday Worship:

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Worship Services, Sanctuary

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages

Serving Schedule:

Greeters April 30th

11:00 a.m.

Ushers April 30th

B. Johnson, Captain, H. Lane, D. Andjulis, D. Hughes

Technology April 30th

Media Computer Randilyn W.

Sound Board

11:00

Video Camera

11:00 Jaci B.

Greeters May 7th

9:00 a.m. Sammie Rogers, Mike Krueger

11:00 a.m. Marilyn Andjulis

Ushers May 7th

D. Andjulis, Captain, B. Jones, G. Haynes, M. Krueger, T. Jones, M. Nelson, K. Lind

Technology May 7th

Media Computer Anthony M.

Sound Board 9:00 Tim B.

11:00 Mike W.

Video Camera 9:00 Sunder P.

11:00 Jaci B.

Attendance:

April 16th, 2017

9:00 109

11:00 114

Sunday School 52

April 23rd, 2017

9:00 63

11:00 88

Sunday School 44

Prayer Requests

PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND AND THOSE IN NURSING HOMES:

Lois Holt
Gertrude Merrit
(Parks)

Mona Rogge
Wanda Stahl
Clarence Stahl

Mary Jo Hill
Joy Bolding

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY & DEPLOYED: Military & their families

PRAYERS FOR ASBURY FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Rev. Mark Anderson	Mark Farquhar	Kay Kingon	Lisa Ramirez
Tammy Armstrong	Dorothy & Syl Gaisbauer	Gerry Lam	Estella Ramos
Edie Bacon	Dallas Garrett	Ralph Lewis	Ervin Renacia
J W Bowen	Amalia Gonzales	Kennedy Linch	Harold & Janice Rhea
Brian Brokaw	Julie Graham	Lydia Lopez	Gleychaliz Rivera
Laura Buckingham	Anita Guinn	Paul Minton	Sammie Rogers
John Craig Carrell	Gene & Jimmie Jeanette Hewitt	Florenio Najar	Diane Thomas
Casey Cates	Andy Hoefler	Jaynell Nash	Ted Tuminowski
Jim Cornell	Nina Hooper	Jerri Nickel	Sandra Vickers
Adele Cortez	Tom Horton	Jim Nickel	Francis Wilbanks
Judy DeWeese	Lacrisha Hurst	Dorothy Pleasant	Kaleb Zengher
Libby Ellrich	Bill Johnson	Fred Pleasant	Nolan
Carrol Eustus		Molly Pruitt	Penny

Sympathy: To Chester Bussell and family at the death of his sister, Christene. Our thoughts and prayers are with Chester and his family at this time.

Sympathy: To family and friends of Nancy Lovett, who passed away on April 15th, 2017. Our thoughts and prayers are with Nancy's family and friends at this time.

From the Mailbag

Greetings Asbury,

Just a note of thanks for the wall cross and the honor that goes with it. It was totally unexpected. It is always a blessing to serve you and the Lord at Asbury. Thanks again.

God bless,

Don Hughes

Flowering of the Cross Thank You

Thank you to everyone who participated in the flowering of the cross and a special thank you to the following people for their contribution: Lester Morris for fabricating the heavy base to support the cross, John Bradford for putting the wire on the cross and Mike Agee for removal of the flowers. We look forward to next year with the prayer that we can send even more to UMCOR because the cross was covered so well with flowers in celebration!



Lectionary Readings

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH: ACTS 2:14, 36-41, PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19, 1 PETER 1:17-23, LUKE 24:13-35

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 7TH: ACTS 2:42-47, PSALM 23, 1 PETER 2:19-25, JOHN 10:1-10

Announcements

Financial Update– Through April 23rd:

2017 Year to Date Budget: \$119,098.09

2017 Year to Date Income: \$97,324.65

Laptop Computers Needed!!

Many of us have old computers laying around and we don't know what to do with them! There is a use for your old hardware.

K.S. Paul, who is a member of Asbury, is working directly with St. Paul Christian School in India. The school is in need of laptop computers and projectors for their classrooms.

While new equipment would be wonderful, if you have an old laptop laying around, it would be useful in the ministry to the children.

If you have an old laptop, you can bring it to the church office and we will work to get it to India where the children can use it.

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Sunday School Literature Fund had a balance of \$152.18 and was moved to Children's Ministry Fund and the line was made inactive until the next Audit.

Redeemer Class Fund had a balance of \$50.41 which was moved to General Fund per the direction of the class. The line was eliminated.

Misc. In & Out Fund - This fund contained an excess of money which was primarily left from 55th Anniversary. \$6,999.57 moved to Property Imp. & Maint. and the Adopt-A-Mission Fund based on breakdown of funds in account.

Children's Ministry Fund has been renamed to "Children's Ministry/VBS Fund."

The Youth Dedicated Fund was renamed to "Youth Ministries/Camp Fund."

Scholarship Fund was renamed to "Youth and Staff Enrichment Fund."

At the date of the Board of Finance Meeting, when these accounts were reorganized the Dedicated Funds Account had a balance of \$91,668.57.

As of the date of this article the Dedicated Funds Account Balance is \$97,147.73.

The following is a listing of the current Dedicated Fund Accounts to which donations may be made by members of Asbury. (Please remember! It is not legal for Dedicated Funds to be utilized for the everyday operation of the church, such as the light bill.)

Current Listing of Dedicated Accounts:

Insurance Fund
Landscaping Fund
Kitchen Fund
Vehicle Fund
Prop. Imp. & Maint. Fund
Youth Ministries/Camp Fund
Flower Fund
Memorial Fund
Meditation Garden Fund
Conference Benevolence Fund
Youth & Staff Enrichment Fund
Pastor Discretionary Fund

Asbury Bereavement Fund
Asbury Family Care Fund
Staff Appreciation Fund
Mission Blanton Elem. Sch. Fund
Misc. In & Out Fund
Adopt-A-Mission Fund
Fold Sunday School Class Fund
Piano Fund
Choir Fund
Children's Ministries/VBS Fund
Des/Worship Media Fund
Endowment: TXMFoundation Fund

When you receive your next Quarterly Offerings Statement there will be included a complete printout of all Dedicated Accounts with Account Balances. If you would like one in advance of the next quarterly statement, you may request one from the church office.

It is my prayer this clarifies our use of Dedicated Accounts and that we are together able to utilize the resource God has blessed us with for the purposes of accomplishing the mission He has called us into.

In Christ,

Pastor Russ



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Adopted by Asbury UMC Church Council April 11th, 2017

Resolution for Adopt-A-Mission
St. Paul School and Mission
Nellikuppam, India

The Mission Committee of Asbury United Methodist Church proposes the following motion to the Asbury UMC Church Council.

Whereas: Asbury UMC is a generous congregation with a heartfelt desire to minister to the needs of individuals in both practical and spiritual ways,

And Whereas: Asbury UMC desires to support the mission work of our members and the work of KS Paul in India,

And Whereas: The connection between KS Paul and St. Paul School and Mission affords and unique opportunity to know both the needs and successes in relation to our support.

And Whereas: Pastor Russ, with full support of KS Paul, has begun discussions with Rev. Randal Parton (Provost of the New Mexico Conference) on the necessary requirements to have St. Paul School and Mission adopted as a fully recognized United Methodist Mission,

Be it therefore Resolved:

Asbury United Methodist Church officially adopt St. Paul School and Mission as an Adopt-A-Mission project.

Be it Resolved if adopted:

- 1) We encourage all members and friends of Asbury UMC to fervently pray for this mission outreach.
- 2) We utilize the current "Adopt-a-Mission" fund for use in the ministry of St. Paul School and Mission.
- 3) We utilize the "Joyful Noise" offering on the odd numbered months for the support of this mission.
- 4) We encourage donations to the Adopt-a-Mission fund for the support of St. Paul School and Mission.
- 5) We investigate the prospect of a congregational mission trip to offer to our members the opportunity to visit and volunteer at the school.

And Finally: That Asbury UMC commit to this support for a period of 18 months, at which time the 2018 Charge Conference will review the effectiveness of this mission project.