

A word from the Pastor

As I sit to write this article, we are in the last night of the 142nd New Mexico Annual conference. We have heard some wonderful reports of different ministries around our Conference. We have also witnessed the "official" certification of our new class of Certified Lay Ministers. Stephanie received her certificate and was received, along with her classmates, in the Annual Conference. Her class makes the number of CLM's in the New Mexico conference an even 60. Many of these individuals are currently serving full time in parishes as pastors. The shortage of ordained clergy is frightening. By my estimation, there are at least 1/3 of the churches of the conference who are being served by non-ordained individuals. We are all thankful for the lay people who have stepped up to be used by God. The Gospel ministry is being accomplished through them. We must, however, become more intentional in encouraging more young men and women to enter into the ministry, or we will soon face a day with few ordained clergy.

In an effort to encourage more individuals to prepare for service to God in various ministries, Asbury will be serving as the host site the next round of Certified Lay Ministry classes. Beginning in September, we will have men and women from all around the conference coming to our church to study and prepare for greater service in the Church. Together, we must all do everything we can to insure there are qualified individuals to fill the pulpits of our congregations until the time comes that God raises up a new generation of ordained clergy.

While in the general session today we were

given a report from one of the members of "The Way Forward" committee. This committee consists of clergy and lay from all around the globe who are preparing to present a plan to a specially called General Conference in Feb/March 2018. A General Conference is a gathering of our delegates from around the globe who make decisions for our entire world-wide church body. The Way Forward committee is attempting to present a plan for addressing the issue of human sexuality. The reality is that our church body is being torn apart by the LGBTQ movement. Without some clear direction and guidance, we will implode. It is my encouragement to you as your pastor that you pray for this committee and their work. My prayer is that the United Methodist Church will remain faithful to the Word of God and hold to our Biblical confession of the truth. At the same time, we must be able to minister to those who believe differently than we do. It is not our job to change people! We are called to be faithful, preach the Gospel, and trust God to change the hearts of people. If we are faithful to lift up Jesus and His cross, the Spirit of God will guide people to the truth. We are all sinful and the Spirit is working in each of us through the Gospel to enable us to set aside our personal desires and love Him first above all things, even ourselves. Loving God, we are then prepared to love others in a way they see Christ living in and through us. This is our calling, regardless of who we are ministering to, or what the struggles are in their lives.

As for Asbury, we will continue to do as we have sought to do in the past. We will continue to be a congregation filled with loving,

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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 June 11th

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

11:00 a.m. Mary Davidson, Lois Lutes

Ushers June 11th

B. Johnson, Captain, H. Lane, M. Krueger, D. Stice

Technology June 11th

Media Computer Mike D.

Sound Board 9:00 John B.

11:00 Anthony M.

Video Camera 9:00 Sunder P.

11:00 Jaci B.

Greeters June 18th

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

11:00 a.m. Charles & Bonnie Cotten, Terry Richey

Ushers June 18th

D. Hughes, Captain, D. Andjulis, M. Lippman, B. Johnson

Technology June 18th

Media Computer Mike D.

Sound Board 9:00 Tim B.

11:00 Mike W.

Video Camera 9:00 Sunder P.

11:00 Jaci B.

Attendance:

May 28th, 2017

9:00 71

11:00 73

Sunday School 54

June 4th, 2017:

9:00 82

11:00 68

Sunday School 34

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 ASBURY FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Rev. Mark Anderson	Mark Farquhar	Lacrisa Hurst	Dustin Orgen	Brenda Vicars
Tammy Armstrong	Dorothy & Syl Gaisbauer	Kay Kingon	Fred Pleasant	Sandra Vickers
Ashton Ballard	Dallas Garrett	Bill Lamb, Sr.	Molly Pruitt	Jim Watkins
Maverick Ballard	Amalia Gonzales	Freida Lane	Lisa Ramirez	Francis Wilbanks
J W Bowen	Julie Graham	Ralph Lewis	Estella Ramos	Stella York
Brian Brokaw	Sarah Griffin	Kennedy Linch	Edna Reed	Sarah Young
Laura Buckingham	Anita Guinn	Bill McPherson	Ervin Renacia	Kaleb Zengher
Casey Cates	Corinne Hefflin	Pat McPherson	Harold & Janice Rhea	Nolan
Jim Cornell	Joe Henager	Paul Minton	Gleychaliz Rivera	Penny
Adele Cortez	Minnie Henager	Amanda Moss	Laura Sanchez	Persecuted Christians in Northeast Africa
Judy DeWeese	Gene & Jimmie Jeanette Hewitt	Florenio Najar	Roger Smith	
Libby Ellrich	Andy Hoefler	Jaynell Nash	Diane Thomas	
Carrol Eustus	Tom Horton	Jerri Nickel	Ted Tuminowski	

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY & DEPLOYED: Military & their families

From the Mailbag

Dear Asbury Family,

Thank you for your support during my illness. I appreciate the cards, meals, visits, but most of all your prayers. Please continue to pray for me during the rest of my recovery.

God Bless You All,

Dallas Garrett

Dear Asbury Church Family,

On behalf of our staff, volunteers and board of directors we would like to thank you for your support of the Well- Hand of Grace. We are truly grateful for your generosity. Your gift of \$250.00 is a blessing, and will be used to strengthen, build up and stabilize women and children who are struggling as a result of domestic violence, divorce, the loss of a job or insufficient income, homelessness, illness or other debilitating challenges that our community is faced with on a daily basis. Together, we can make a difference!

Our Mission Statement: "To empower and improve the lives of women who are experiencing the results of life's challenges. By serving through volunteer outreach opportunities and community collaboration, women will be strengthened and renewed.. Mind, Body, Soul and Spirit."

Warm Regards,

Renee Morris and Evelyn J. Burditt

Lectionary Readings

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH: GENESIS 1:1-2:4, PSALM 8, 2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-13, MATTHEW 28:16-20

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH: GENESIS 18:1-15, PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19, ROMANS 5:1-8, MATTHEW 9:35-10:8

Announcements

Financial Update– Through June 4th:

2017 Year to Date Budget: \$161,132.71
 2017 Year to Date Income: \$158,137.80

Ways of Giving

We have several ways of giving:
 In the offering plate
 On our webpage: www.asburyodessa.org
 The giving kiosk in the narthex
 Text giving to 432-231-0775
 Automatic withdrawal (ACH)- Call Church office to set up

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.

Adult Choir Practice

Wednesday night choir practice will be from 7:00-8:15 p.m. for the month of June.

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Russ Nebhut
 Pastor

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accepting members who welcome everyone into our midst. We will hold to the truth of God's Word, preach the Gospel, and follow the Spirit's leading on where and how to open up new avenues of ministry to our community. If we are faithful to this above all else, God will reveal His faithfulness to us. More people will come and find healing and wholeness in the grace of God through our Lord Jesus Christ. May this be true for Asbury and all the churches of the New Mexico Annual Conference!

In Christ,
 Pastor Russ

Vacation Bible School



Who: 4 years to 5th Grade
Where: Asbury UMC
 4001 E University Blvd
 432-366-4455
When : July 17 to July 21
 9 am to 12 pm
Pre-Register at
<https://vbspro.events/p/events/asburyodessa>

Asbury Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 11th, 2017:
 8:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Prayer
 9:00 a.m. Asbury Worship
 10:00 a.m. Life Lessons
 10:00 a.m. Coffee With Pastor Russ
 11:00 a.m. Instrumental Praise Worship

Monday, June 12th, 2017:
 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, June 13th, 2017:
 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tai Chi
 7:00 p.m. VSC, #121

Wednesday, June 14th, 2017:
 7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, June 15th, 2017:
 9:00 a.m. Stitches
 10:30 a.m. Parks Communion Service
 12:30-3:30 p.m. WTX Twilight Vision, #110
 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi

Sunday, June 18th, 2017:
 8:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Prayer
 9:00 a.m. Asbury Worship
 10:00 a.m. Life Lessons
 11:00 a.m. Instrumental Praise Worship

Monday, June 19th, 2017:
 RITMO Camp at SMA June 19th-23rd
 1:00 p.m. Deadline for Newsletter Articles

Tuesday, June 20th, 2017:
 Newsletter Day
 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tai Chi
 7:00 p.m. VSC, #121

Wednesday, June 21st, 2017:
 7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, June 22nd, 2017:
 9:00 a.m. Stitches
 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi

Sunday, June 25th, 2017:
 8:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Prayer
 9:00 a.m. Asbury Worship
 10:00 a.m. Life Lessons
 10:00 a.m. Coffee With Pastor Russ
 11:00 a.m. Instrumental Praise Worship



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