

ASLC NEWS

United in Christ. Welcoming All.

Pritchard Park

Pritchard Park Breakfast to feed the homeless will be Sun, February 11, 9:00am. We will assemble the breakfast on Sat, February 10, 10:00am. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering space to donate food and/or volunteer to serve breakfast. Thank you for your support of this important ministry!

Treasurer's Report

	Dec 2017
Income	\$18,359.86
Expenses	-9,837.29
Net Income	+\$8,522.57

YTD 2017 Net Income =
+\$7,262.45

Sincerely, **Bob Lierman**

The generosity of the members and friends of ASLC was remarkable in December. We have never ended a year this strong since Pastor Dave became our pastor back in 1993! Your support of our ministry is appreciated more than you will ever know!



Pastor's Column

LENT 2018

Let the Living Water Lead Us

Sunday mornings during Lent, we'll follow the lectionary readings for Bible Study and Worship. Wednesday nights we'll sing Holden Evening Prayer plus a group discussion and special coloring sheet. Each of the 5 weeks' sheets will fit together to form one big piece of art! People will also be able to participate from home with downloadable worship services that will be available on the church's web site! Printed copies will be made by request.

Water is such a powerful theme in the Bible: The swirling waters of creation, Noah's flood, the parting of the Red Sea, water found in the wilderness, John the Baptist and, finally, the baptism of Jesus. All of these stories and themes tell us something about our own baptisms and our connection to God so its the perfect theme for the Lenten season. There are also books in our church library that focus on spiritual growth for you [con't p.2]

[from p. 1] to use during this holy season.

Here is a list of worship opportunities and themes for the month of February:

Feb 14 — Ash Wednesday Worship, 7:00pm

Feb 18 — Sunday School, 9:45am; Worship, 11:00am [1st Sunday in Lent]

Feb 21 — **Water in the Wilderness**, Holden Evening Prayer, 7:00pm

Feb 25 — Sunday School, 9:45am; Worship, 11:00am

Feb 28 — **Water of Rebirth**, Holden Evening Prayer, 7:00pm

I wish everyone a blessed Lenten journey. May we use this time to draw closer to Christ and grow closer to the source of Living Water.

Blessings,
Pastor Dave

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During the last winter storm, a large tree branch pierced the roof of our Fellowship Hall! Repairs should be completed soon.



Surprise Donation for Homeless Ministry

Thanks to a generous benefactor from our community, ASLC received a check for \$1,500 to be used to minister to the homeless in 2018. The Family Life Mission Team has decided to break this up into six projects, hoping we can get matching funds of \$250 for each project we do through Thrivent Financial's Action Grants. If we can get approval for all six projects, we can double the amount of money we have to work with for a total of \$3000!!! Our first project will be Abba's House which is a new ministry of the Western Carolina Rescue Ministries whom we help with the Coat Drive in the Fall. Abba's House is designed to help mothers and their infants obtain the recovery they need from substance abuse. It's a 12 month residential program and they have 14 mother/baby rooms plus a common area for meals, fellowship, and learning.

Ash Wednesday

Valentine's Day, Feb 14, is also Ash Wednesday. We will do the imposition of ashes and Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00pm. We hope you'll join us for this powerful worship service.

Coffee With Jesus

During each of our midweek Lent worship services (except for Ash Wednesday) we will have the opportunity for fellowship afterward. We need people who are willing to provide one dessert for each night. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering space if you're interested.

Birthdays

Sue Hebb 3
 Jennifer Ownbey 16
 Caitlyn Blayney 17

Anniversaries

None this month!

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list, please give it to Pastor Dave.

ASLC went bowling in January! We had a blast together.



Greeter	Sue Hebb					4
Reader	Susan Bolick	Kay Doverspike				11
Worship Asst	Susan Bolick	Brian Propst	Brian Propst	Jen Ownbey		18
Usher	Keaton Propst			Jen Ownbey		25
Usher	Cal Propst					
Tabulate	Butera/Wright	Radles				
Altar Care	Sue Hebb	Linda Butera	Dawn Lierman			
Nursery	Emily Propst	Kay Doverspike	Toni Corkran	Lynn Barrett		
Church Clean						
Coffee Host	Propst Family	Julie & Cassie				