

ASLC NEWS

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Burgers, Brats & Beer

Sunday, June 24, Pastor Dave & Gary will host our annual ASLC Cookout at their house, 5:00pm. They will provide the burgers, brats, beer, buns, etc. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering space for more info.

Treasurer's Report

	Apr 2018
Income	\$12,071.20
Expenses	-10,052.67
Net Income	+\$2,018.53

YTD 2018 Net Income =
-\$3,755.04

Sincerely, **Bob Lierman**

Thanks for your generous giving in April. We put a dent in our deficit for the year. The plumbing repairs were completed toward the end of May for a total of \$2,900. We paid for this out of our reserves but need to replenish this money over the coming months. Thank you!



Pastor's Column

June brings a different rhythm of life for all of us. Our attention is focused outdoors. It's a big vacation month. Some of us head for the beach, while others go hiking to take advantage of the cooler weather at higher elevations. We also work on our gardens and our lawns. It's a great time to relax and recharge our spiritual and emotional batteries. It's also a great time to catch up with family and friends.

Not surprisingly, the Church follows the same rhythm as the rest of the world. The Lent/Easter season is over. Pentecost was celebrated. Now we move into the "green season" where we focus on the teachings of Jesus and how we grow in our relationship with him.

At ASLC, we take a break from Sunday School which also gives me a chance to plan for the upcoming church year. I do the worship templates for the Season of Creation and Advent. I even take a look at possible themes for next year's Lent as well! This year I will also be planning our new Confirmation class which will begin this fall. It's exciting to be teaching that *[con't on p.2]*

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It might sound crazy for me to do all this planning so far in advance but I have discovered that it makes the rest of the year run more smoothly. I have more time to be creative and let the Spirit tickle my imagination. It's actually a wonderful and relaxing process for me.

Like you, I also try to take a little extra time to rest and recharge. I will sometimes go for a spontaneous hike or take my camera over to the UNCA Botanical Garden and see what's blooming. I also spend time taking care of my herbal medicine garden including lots of weeding, harvesting and drying of various plants. This is also a relaxing activity for me and I do it prayerfully with a grateful heart for the amazing bounty God provides for us.

So, let's all be intentional regarding what we do with this special month and not let it slip too quickly through our fingers. Let's also not forget that the work of the church continues while we are all on vacation. Your support of this ministry is needed and appreciated!

Blessings,
Pastor Dave

Summer Worship Schedule

Our summer schedule continues through Labor Day with worship at 10:00am. There is no Adult Sunday School nor Children's Sunday School during worship. We will resume our regular schedule the week after Labor Day.

ASLC Youth

Thanks to an Action Grant from Thrivent and an anonymous community gift, the youth of ASLC had \$500 to spend on baby supplies for Abba's House, a ministry of Western Carolina Rescue Ministries.



