

ASLC NEWS

United in Christ. Welcoming All.

Pritchard Park Breakfast

Sunday, May 14th, we will feed the homeless at Pritchard Park, 9:00am. Breakfast prep will be on Sat, May 13, 10:00am. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for donations and volunteers. Thank you for helping with this important ministry.

Summer Worship Begins

Don't forget that we begin worshipping at 10:00am on Sunday, May 28. There will be no Sunday School or Children's Church during the summer.

Treasurer's Report

	Mar 2017
Income	\$8,405.88
Expenses	<u>-9,690.02</u>
Net Income	-\$1,284.14

YTD 2017 Net Income =
- \$1,132.32 (we had a snow day in March)

Sincerely, Bob Lierman



Pastor's Column

Not everyone is aware of this but Abiding Savior has a new angel in our midst. In February, during a routine maintenance check, we discovered that one of our heat pumps in the sanctuary finally bit the dust. It was our oldest unit that was installed when we built the building back in 2000. Needless to say, it was held together with prayer and parts are impossible to find because of its age. Our new unit, was installed about two weeks later at a cost of \$5,608.00! Needless to say, your Church Council was worried about how we would pay for the new unit since we run a very tight budget.

Enter ASLC's angel! I got a call from a member of our church (who wishes to remain anonymous). They gave an extremely generous gift of \$10,000 to cover the cost of the new heat pump plus give us some reserve for future emergencies which is something we didn't have previously. On behalf of the congregation, I thank them for their generosity which has helped us to get out of a challenging financial situation.

Fast forward to March. Kay Doverspike [con't. p.2]

[from p.1] was cleaning the church and the Holy Spirit nudged her to go over to the Fellowship Hall and mop the kitchen floor. To her surprise she discovered that the floor was wet and the water heater was leaking. She shut it off, mopped the floor, and called your pastor! Bless you!

We got Mr Rooter to come and check out the situation. I have a long working relationship with their company who has done some difficult repairs on old pipes in my house. They have also worked on our church and 1st UCC when Gary was assistant pastor there. Not only did the heater need to be replaced but some of the plumbing was not done correctly and had to be fixed as well. They figured in a little "church discount" into the bill and the total repair was around \$1,200.00 which was covered by the reserve fund.

The reason why I share this with you is because it reminds us how important all of us are to the success of the ministry of ASLC. If our angel had not provided this gift...if Kay had not gone over to the Fellowship Hall...we would be in a really tough financial situation. All of the gifts we give in terms of time and treasure keep our church healthy and vibrant. This winter was challenging due to two snow cancellations and the loss of income that brings with it. If you are able to give a little extra in the coming months we would definitely appreciate it. It would be great to have a little extra set aside for emergencies such as heat pumps and water heaters. As you know, there will be another such need in the future because building always wear out and need repairs from time to time. We also need people to volunteer to keep the building and grounds looking great. If you have a little extra time, please consider volunteering to clean the church or do some weeding and trimming. I have a list of outdoor projects if you're interested.

Blessings, Pastor Dave

Pastor Dave and Continuing Ed

Pastor Dave will be in San Antonio, TX from May 15-20 to attend the Festival of Homiletics. This remarkable continuing education opportunity focuses on both preaching and worship. Speakers include some of our favorites such as Barbara Brown Taylor, Nadia Bolz-Weber, Brian McLaren, and Rob Bell. If there are any pastoral emergencies during this time, please call the church phone, 505-5229. Pastor Dave will then arrange for any pastoral coverage that is needed while he is gone. We pray for a safe and fruitful conference. Pastor Dave always comes back with lots of new ideas to enhance the worship life of our church.

Holocaust Author to Speak @ ASLC

The Jewish Secular Community of Asheville is sponsoring a Book Talk and Signing by Holocaust survivor and Asheville resident Walter Ziffer on Friday, May 5, 8:00-9:00PM at ASLC. The event is free and open to the public. We expect a full house so get here early to make sure you have a seat. There is a flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex with more information.

Usedom Wedding

Congrats to the Used family as they celebrate the marriage of Reid and Kat Used on Saturday, May 6th. Pastor Dave will be performing the ceremony which will be held at a camp in Hendersonville. We wish Reid and Kat much happiness and joy in the year to come!

Birthdays

Toni Corkran	4
Chip Prazich	31

Anniversaries

None this month.

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

Our new Ethiopian Coptic Cross

On Easter Sunday we debuted our new Ethiopian Coptic Cross. The cross itself was a gift from Gary Mitchell and Ray Wright designed and made the pole for it. After the news this past month of the bombings in two Egyptian Coptic churches on Palm Sunday, may this cross remind us of our need to work and pray for peace throughout the world.



Greeter	Sue Hebb	7	Kelly & Andrew Bailey	14	Kay Doverspike	21	Kay Doverspike	28
Reader	John Corkran		Kay Doverspike		Susan Bolick		Jen Ownbey	
Worship Asst	John Corkran		Kay Doverspike		Susan Bolick		Jen Ownbey	
Usher	Brian Propst				Robert Greene			
Usher	Keaton Propst				Elizabeth Greene			
Tabulate	Corkrans		Dawn Lierman		Radles		Butera/Wright	
Altar Care	Sue Hebb		Linda Butera		Lynnie Barrett		Toni Corkran	
Nursery	Emily Propst		Toni Corkran		Kay Doverspike			
Church Clean	Liz Propst		Kay Doverspike		Jen Ownbey			