

ASLC NEWS

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Christmas Traditions Videos

Pastor Dave is looking for folks who are willing to record a brief video describing a favorite family/ church tradition of yours. He will be using these during the month of December so if you can get them to him by Thanksgiving weekend, that would be great. They don't have to be fancy. Just share your story!

Treasurer's Report

September 2020

Income	\$7,384.34
Expenses	<u>-8,414.43</u>
Net Income	-\$1030.09

YTD 2020 Net Income =
+5,079.17

Sincerely, Bob Lierman



Pastor Dave's Column

This month the only class I'll be teaching is the Meditation Class on Tuesday, Nov 10th. I've been working basically non-stop since the pandemic began and need to take a little time for rest including a quick trip to the beach on Nov 17-21st. Thanks to the Propst family who offered their beach house to me!

I also need some time to prepare a few special projects I have in mind for the upcoming holiday season. We are going to observe Advent and Christmas in a much simpler way than we have ever done before. I've posted a set of intentions on the church web site for you to use during this season. I'm also going to be producing a few sing-a-long caroling lyric videos for those who long to hear those traditional arrangements of your favorite Christmas carols. We are also going to give virtual Christmas caroling a try on the first two Sundays of December on Zoom. These sessions will also end with communion for those who are watching worship online. *[con't. p.2]*

[from p. 1] Christmas Eve will look a lot different as well. At this point we're allowed 25 indoors for worship. (If this changes we'll have to make another plan.) I'm going to offer two services that night, one at 5:30pm and the other at 7:00pm. Both will be by reservation only so we can space people out between the two services. We will also offer an online worship service as well.

The Western Carolina Rescue Mission Coat Drive is Saturday, November 7th. Hopefully I've received your cookie bags by now. If not, Sunday, November 1st will be the absolute latest day to place them in the church freezer. There is also a drop off box on the front porch for those of you who are still sheltering at home.

Finally, I need help cleaning the church and doing yard work. I also need help decorating the church for Advent/Christmas. If you can spare some time, please let me know. I can get you a key so that you and/or your family are the only ones in the building.

I know that this pandemic has made all of us really weary. Know you are in my prayers and thank you for your continued support of our church. Blessings, Pastor Dave

Thanks to everyone who made our Diaper Drive a success! Pastor Dave is pictured with Amy Cantrell from Beloved Asheville.



Birthdays

Leanne Cunningham	12
Richard Kurtz	13
Billie Hebb	24

Anniversaries

None listed

If you'd like your birthday or anniversary to be published, please give these dates to Pastor Dave. Thank you!

Christmas Outreach Project

This Christmas, ASLC is joining with Oakley Elementary School to participate in the Angel Tree Project. We will ask members to sign up to buy gifts for a child in the area who needs some Christmas joy. If you would like to help, but do not feel comfortable going shopping, please let Jen Ownbey or pastor Dave know. We will arrange for someone to do the shopping for you! There will be more information in the next newsletter and weekly e-mails, but we are excited, in this time of pandemic and economic struggle, to bring some happiness to families in our community. We are also applying for a Thrivent Action Grant to be used to purchase turkeys which will then be donated to Manna Food Bank as an added gift to our neighbors in the Asheville area.