

ASLC NEWS

United in Christ. Welcoming All.

ASLC Hike

We are going on a day hike to Graybeard Trail in Montreat, Sat, Oct 20th. We'll meet at the church at 9:00am. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space for more info. What to bring? Hat, walking stick or track poles, water, sun-screen, rain gear, and a snack. If the weather is iffy the day of the hike, call Pastor Dave @ 505-5229.

Treasurer's Report

| | Aug 2018 |
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| Income | \$9,871.62 |
| Expenses | <u>-9,701.04</u> |
| Net Income | +\$170.48 |

YTD 2018 Net Income =
-\$3,199.11

Sincerely, Bob Lierman

August is the third month in a row we've had a plus in terms of giving vs. expenses. Thank you for your continued support of our church!



Pastor's Column

*"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."
Matt 25:40*

Friends in Christ, this past week we had to say goodbye to our friend and Council Vice-President, Harold Sweitzer who died unexpectedly in his sleep. To be honest with you, it still seems hard to believe he is gone. I've known Harold for over 25 years. Some of you may not know this but Harold was also a charter member of ASLC!

If you were at his memorial service you know that many wonderful things were said about Harold. We also had three pastors in attendance: Myself, Amy Cantrell of BeLoved House of Brother Huebner from Church of the Advocate. Each of us spoke of Harold's unwavering dedication to taking care of the "least of these." One of the beautiful qualities Harold had was that he was not simply serving others, he was befriending them. The quality of "befriending" is one that we should all [con't p2]

[from p.1] strive to achieve. On Sunday mornings Harold made sure to make an extra effort to greet visitors when they came through the door. He had a warmth and sincerity about him that made people feel welcome.

This warmth was also exhibited in his work with the poor and homeless. Following Jesus' example, Harold "befriended" everyone regardless of their social-economic status, ethnicity or life circumstances. He listened to their stories and shared some of his own as well. Harold broke bread with them, prayed for them, and tried to give them a hand up if he could.

If there is any fitting tribute we can give to honor the memory of Harold, it is to sharpen our skill of "befriending" others. May we seek to build bridges rather than walls.

Blessings, Pastor Dave

Eagle Scout Project

Elias Varn is doing his Eagle Scout Project to Benefit Helpmate, a domestic violence ministry. Please bring the following items and place them in the box in the gathering space: paper towels, toilet paper, kleenex, trash bags (13 or 30) gallon), non-perishable or canned food, coffee, sugar, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, gift cards for Target, Walmart or Ingles. Thank you! He is also collecting old cell phones. See the church bulletin board for more info!

AA Group

If you saw the October calendar, you probably noticed that the AA Group is no longer meeting at our church. The group had dwindled in size and made the decision to disband. Tim Pelfrey, the leader of the group, sends his deep appreciation to our church for hosting this group for many years.

Pastor Dave on Vacation

Pastor Dave and Gary are taking a quick trip to Gatlinburg, Oct 3-5, for a little reading and relaxation. If there are any pastoral emergencies, please contact him on the church cell phone, 505-5229.

Chrismon Craft Day

ASLC Craft Day will be Sunday, Oct 7, 12:15pm after worship. We will be working on some new Chrismons for our church's tree. Lunch will be served and all materials will be provided. If we've received enough magnolia pods we will also be making a Christmas ornament for your tree.

Pastor's Convocation

Pastor Dave will be at Lutheridge for the NC Synod Pastor's Convocation, Oct 8-9. If there are any emergencies, please call him on the church's cell phone, 505-5229.

Rescue Mission Coat Drive

The Western Carolina Rescue Mission Coat Drive is Sat, Oct 27, 12pm-3pm. Note the time change. We need people to help clients find coats and also bake cookie for the event. See the sign-up sheet in the gathering space

Reformation and All Saints

October 28 is Reformation Sunday. Please consider wearing read to symbolize the moving of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the church. It's also time to begin giving Pastor Dave your photos to go on our Table of Remembrance for All Saints Sunday, November 4th. You can place them on his desk in the church office.

