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Mission and Service

EVANGELSIM By Sis. Rosalee R. Nick

We have missions that's greater than our circumstances to accomplish. The Lord gave missions to his prophets to inform the people about God. Some of the prophets weren't enthusiastic about their given missions. Moses was afraid that he wouldn't measure up to his calling. Jeremiah was shy, sensitive and hated for honoring his task. Jonah tried to run away from his mission. Then the Lord sent his apostles to preach the Gospel and baptize all who had faith in God. We, the church, have been called to be pastors, prophets, teachers, evangelists...and to lift up the name of Jesus. The gospel of Jesus Christ is God's power of salvation to everyone who believes. It is important that we remember that we are being watched very carefully to determine whether we back up our calling with our lives.

We have opportunity every day to serve the Lord. We can help carry one another's burdens, call and encourage each other, visit the sick and those in prison, write letters to express concern and care plus help the homeless. These are some of the many ways we can serve in the name of Jesus. Serving others help us to pay attention to other people and their needs and not just think about ourselves. The Good Samaritan saw someone that needed to be cared for and accepted responsibility for his care. What he did reflected having done a great thing for the Lord. Some of us serve family members, neighbors and friends daily and will never speak of it. Because we are helpers of one another.

I have worked with Sis. Margaret Geneva Brown teaching the children in Sunday School. We have each taught over forty years in that capacity imparting hope and faith in the word of God. Margaret taught with a purpose that produced results. The children portrayed the people in the lessons taught that enhanced their understanding of what a mighty God we serve. The parents greatly appreciated Margaret's accomplishments with their children. She has worked in many other offices in the church. What we do for others demonstrates what we really think about Jesus' word to us.

When the Lord returns the people begin judged are the living nations. No one knows when that day or time will be, not the angels in heaven, not even Jesus. Only God the Father knows. (Mt 24:36) Everyone needs to live in a state of readiness. God will separate his obedient followers from pretenders and unbelievers. (Romans 2:1-2) The goats (those on the left represent the godless and selfish) will be punished forever. The sheep (those on the right symbolize the godly and compassionate) will be rewarded with "eternal life." The Lord will judge the people accordingly. He promises to return and take over as a shepherd of his scattered flock.

Reaching Out to Others – Mission and Service
Submitted by Electa Holland, History Chair, Emeritus

God calls every congregation to read out in ministries of evangelism witness and relief. How do we know that this is a part of the purpose of our church? In the Bible in Matthew 25:31-46, we can understand why missions is so important to us today. “The Son of Man will come again and sit on his throne with all nations of the world and he will divide them into two groups like the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. The sheep will be on his right hand and the goats on his left.”

He will say to the people on his right “come my Father has given you his blessing. Receive the kingdom God has prepared for you since the world was made. I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was alone and away from home and your invited me into your house. I was without clothes and you gave me something to wear. I was in prison and you visited me.”

Then the good people will answer, “Lord when did we see you hungry and give or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you alone and away from home and invite you into our house? When did we see you without clothes and give you something to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and care for you?”

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into our house? When did we see you without clothes and give you something to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and care for you?”

“Then the King will answer, I tell you the truth, anything you did for even the least of my people here, you also did for me”.

Then the King will say to those on his left, “Go away from me. You will be punished. Go into the fire that burns forever that was prepared for the devil and his angels. I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink. I was alone and away from home and you did not invite me in to your house. I was without clothes and you gave me nothing to wear. I was sick and in prison and you did not care for me.

Then those people will answer, ‘Lord when did we see you hungry or thirsty or alone and away form home or without clothes or sick or in prison? When did we see these things and not help you?’”

Then the King will answer, ‘I tell you the truth, anything you refused t o do for even the least of my people here, you refused to do for even the least of my people here, you refused to do for me.’

These people will go off to be punished forever, but the good people will go to live forever.”

This probably inspired John Wesley to establish the real purpose of our existence by stating that we should:

Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the places you can
At all the times you can
To all the people you can
As long as ever you can

We want to use our God – given talents and monetary gifts to spread Methodism and the love of God through out the world. Let us remember that the choice is ours.

“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.”

Acts of Mercy



by Rev. Dr. Walter E. Middlebrooks

May the goodness and riches of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, guide and protect you always. May His Spirit grant you peace and empower you morning and evening. May God's blessings be yours for the asking? May the time you (we) have here on earth be devoted to serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; and, may we always remember to engage in **works of mercy and works of piety**. Works of mercy are acts of benevolence (generosity) shown towards the least. Works of piety are prayers and supplications, our daily devotion and prayer life.

In the book of Matthew 25:31-46, Jesus tells a story of the Son of man coming in glory, and all the holy angels with Him. Specifically, Jesus proclaims to us, “For I was hungry, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.” Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungry and fed thee? Or thirsty, and gave thee drink?” And the King shall answer and say unto them, verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me”.

In ministering to the least we fulfill the gospel of Jesus Christ to love our neighbor as ourselves. In loving our neighbor, we Asbury/Annapolis, under the leadership of Brother Louis Parker and Sister Beverly Taylor, are asking the congregation to participate in a church wide mission project. The project is geared towards helping the citizens of Haiti to recover from their dreadful and devastating loss. The intent is for us to repeat the actions of Katrina, that is, to collect packages of hygiene and other products to be shipped to an impoverished nation. **This is a church wide mission project.**

In undertaking this project, we make true the words of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. John Wesley, said, “The world is my Parish”. Let us here at Asbury/Annapolis; make the world our parish through our acts of mercy. I truly believe that one of Asbury/Annapolis strength is that of

mission, of helping and giving to others. This is one of the most generous churches that I have served. I am looking forward to this undertaking!

With Love and Thankfulness!

CROP Hunger Walk by Sis. Clementine Johnson

CROP is an acronym for communities responding to overcome poverty. CROP Hunger Walks are sponsored by Church World Service, an ecumenical organization founded in 1946. The walks began in 1947 and are the oldest charity in the U.S. They provide sustainable self-help and development, disaster relief and refugee assistance in more than 80 countries, including the United States. More than 3,200 local food pantries, food banks and meal sites in the U.S. provide food and hope to our neighbors in need.

Asbury has been an active participant in the walks for the past eleven (11) years. Last year we had 11 walkers and donated \$1,500.00. The Annapolis/South County walk had 15 participating churches and raised \$15,357.97. Three-fourths of the funds went to overseas countries needing assistance with food and supplies. The remaining twenty-five percent was divided between the Light House Homeless Shelter in Annapolis and the South County Assistance Network (SCAN) to fight hunger in Anne Arundel County. There are two other walks in this county (Glen Burnie and Severna Park).

The 2009 Annapolis/South County walk will be held on Sunday, October 18th at Quite Waters Park beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Sassafras Pavilion. Walkers and sponsors of all ages are encouraged to participate. We solicit your prayers, your pledges and donations. For further information, you may contact Sister Clementine F. Johnson or Sister Laura L. Parker.

When was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?...And the King will answer them, "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" – Matthew 25:37,40

"GOOD NEWS"

From Mrs. Wilamae Day

VISITORS FROM CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Wilamae Day was elated to have two of her grandchildren to visit her from Los Angeles, California for a week long visit. It was the first time they had there opportunity to visit Annapolis, Maryland. Their names are Brittany Barnes, age 2, and Brianna Barnes, age 4. They are the daughters of Rodney Barnes (Mrs. Day's son), producer and writer at Paramount Studios and Lisa Barnes. Mrs. Day started their tour with a visit to Asbury United Methodist Church where they met some of our parishioners. Some of the

other sites that they visited were; The Harbor Queen located at the City Dock which was a tour about the Chesapeake Bay, the Naval Academy and the Severn River Bridge. Some other sites included Quiet Waters Park, a horse and chariot tour which gave them a “scenic view” of the State House, historic and colonial Annapolis homes, and the stores and streets of Annapolis. We continued to visit the schools and family homes of their father. There were so many other activities that were enjoyed and shared with their mother Lisa Barnes and their Grandmother Day. WHAT A VISIT!



MISSION & SERVICE

Submitted by Communion Stewards, Written by Marion S. Colbert

Our mission I believe is to be true and
Faithful servants for God.

We need to see the truth in His words,

Hear the truth in His voices and, feel the truth in our hearts so that we
may be able to live our lives as His true and faithful servants servants
which is spoken of in Matthew 25:31-47.

We sing a hymn that asks God to open our eyes, open our ears, and open
our hearts; if our eyes are opened we can see the insight of God’s words,
if our ears are opened we can hear His stilled small voice that speaks to
us, if we allowed Him to open our hearts we could become the servant
that goes out and feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give drink to the
thirsty, visit the sick and those in prisons.

This is our "Mission and Service".

When we allow these things to take place within us, we will be able to hear Jesus say "come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world".

I pray that we all will desire to become true mission workers and servants for our God.

*Let my mission always be,
To bring some lost soul to thee;
Show your love to those around,
Help the needy where they are found.
Forgive those who have done me wrong,
Help my fellow man be strong;
Let my service be given to thee,
In whatever area I dare to see.
In my tithe and offering too for,
This is what I am called to do
May I strive your praise to gain
So that my living may not be in vain*

GRADUATES AND STUDENTS RECOGNIZED



On Sunday, June 14th, the ministries of Higher Education and Christian Education came together to recognize and celebrate the achievements of our graduating high school students and to make financial assistance awards to those pursuing a higher education. Our four students attending college - - Sis. Jasmine Brown, Sis. Roslyn Smith, Bro. Desmond Brown, and Bro. Kenneth Brown assisted with the morning worship service.

The Spoken Word for the day was brought by Rev. Dr. Barbara Sands, a retired minister with the Baltimore Washington Conference. Rev. Sands challenged the young people and the remainder of Asbury to work together to achieve God's best in their lives.

As a special feature, two former recipients of financial assistance from Asbury, Sis. Miranda Beans and Bro. Rico Tasker brought commentaries. In their commentaries they shared with Asbury what the financial assistance and spiritual support from the church had meant to them.

Recognition of our graduating high school students and the presentation of scholarships and awards was preceded by a rendition of "*I Believe*" by Bro. Harvey Ennis. Bro. Ennis was accompanied by Sis. Phylis Parker. Bro. Firnest Williams, Chairperson of Christian Education, presented Bibles and monetary donations to the following high school graduates: Sis. Tifney Crankfield, Sis. Ronniece Johnson, Sis. Cleota Pack, and Sis. Roslyn Smith.

Special Recognition was given to Sis. Miranda Beans for completing her undergraduate studies. Dr. Raymond Perry was recognized for receiving his certification for completion of his Residency in Pediatrics.

Sis. Electa Holland presented the William Henry Holland Memorial Award. I presented the Chatry and Yolanda Perry Youth Achievement award on behalf of the Perry Family. Additionally, I announced the financial assistance awards on behalf on Asbury. Rev. Listed below is a summary of the awards.

Bro. Desmond Brown, a second year student at Morgan State University, received an \$800 Textbook Stipend.

Sis. Jasmine Brown, a second year student at Bethune-Cookman University, received an \$800 Textbook Stipend.

Bro. Kenneth Brown, a fourth year student at Bethune-Cookman University, received \$1,400 from the Asbury Grant and \$1,000 from the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Fund.

Sis. Roslyn Smith, a first year student at Trinity University, received \$700 from the Asbury Grant; \$500 from the Martha A. Davis Scholarship Fund; \$500 from the William Henry Holland Award, and \$700 from the Chatry and Yolanda Perry Youth Achievement Award.

Thanks to you, the Asbury family, for your unwavering support of the Higher Education and Campus Ministry. Also thanks to the Senior Choir and Ushers for assisting with the service. And last but not least, thanks to Rev. Middlebrooks and HECM for helping with planning and coordinating the service.

To God Be the Glory!
Grace and Peace,
Brother Ronald D. Waters
Chair, Higher Ed and Campus Ministry

2009 Baltimore- Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church
June 4-6, 2009

Conference Summary

(Day one)

EXTRAVAGANT GRACE, Share Your Faith! The theme for the 225 Session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference is truly reflective of the dynamic gathering of Christians growing in spiritual leadership.

Bishop John R. Schol convened the 225th Session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference at the picturesque Marriot Waterfront Hotel in Baltimore, on Thursday,

June 4, and concluded with the ordination ceremony on Saturday, June 6, 2009.

Bishop Schol extended a warm welcome to over 1,320 clergy and lay members and paid special recognition to the 150 first-time lay members. In his address on the State of the Church, Bishop Schol highlighted the extensive conference agenda with a charge to all to uphold the Pentecost mission - rethink church -to serve as outbound and unbound by moving beyond the walls of the church. He issued a powerful challenge to go out into missions Monday through Saturday and then on Sunday we can come into the Church and reflect. "Conference is the opportunity to restore," said Bishop Schol; he reminded us to heed that opportunity. He commended the laity for its passion and for taking risks for the glory of God. He further encouraged the laity to grow in leadership, to enjoy the fruits and harmony of 225 years of the Baltimore-Washington Conference and to benchmark from the Conference's experiences.

Joseph Robinson of Harrisburg Pennsylvania, lay leader and speaker for the laity executive session and lunch, focused his remarks on his published works entitled, "Leadership Imperatives for a Wild Man." Using John the Baptist as his example,

Mr. Robinson reminded us that John the Baptist was considered a “wild man” as he engaged the common people. He highlighted four of the seven leadership imperatives:

Be sure – it is essential to know your purpose

Be focused – eliminate distractions from your purpose

Be uncompromising – maintaining principle over personal peril can be difficult

Be encouraged – know that you are growing and sharing your faith.

The opening worship was led by **Rev. Dr. Robert Hill**, dean of Marsh Chapel and chaplain of Boston University. Referencing Matthew 6:34, Rev. Hill’s message urged us to stop worrying about tomorrow’s problems, “Do not be anxious about tomorrow, let today’s trouble be sufficient for today.” He reminded us that when trouble comes into our lives that we must do four things: “expect it, accept it, address it and forget it.”

Partnership of faith continues to grow. **Bishop Young Tai Park** and nine pastors from South Conference of the Korean Methodist Church attended the annual conference session. The Korean Partnership began in 2002 and has gained momentum with cultural exchanges between Bishop Schol and Bishop Park.

Paul Monteiro, religious liaison in the White House’s Office of Public Liaison, uplifted the conference body in extravagant grace for the evening address. Mr. Monteiro gave recognition to the value of the church’s voice. He outlined the tasks of the Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships – community is an integral part of economic recovery; address and support the needs of women and children; create an opportunity for interfaith dialogue with leaders and scholars world wide.

Business Session:

United Methodist Women – provided \$19,000 in scholarship awards. Working primarily to provide programs for women, youth and children, UMW’s motto is to celebrate, to challenge and to change.

United Methodist Men – St. Mark’s United Methodist Church in Hanover made a special appeal to all men in the community to return to Church and God. They are exuberant about the record number of men coming back to the Church to serve God.

Annapolis Southern Region – lifted up for its exceptional work in missions. Their working theme is: celebrate, connect, develop, share.

Higher Education and Campus Ministry - growing spiritual leaders. Members are working "outbound and unbound" to recruit the next generation of clergy by connecting and reaching out on college and university campuses.

Retirement: 26 retirees represent 638 years of service.

HOPE for Zimbabwe Fund: offering for the HOPE Fund totaled \$69,657, the largest ever collected at a session of the annual conference. An additional \$18,000 was sent to the conference center prior to the conference session, bringing the total to **\$87,657**, which will benefit ministries in Zimbabwe.

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Motion by Bishop Schol and Cabinet: \$300,000 represents the proceeds from the sale of the Annapolis District parsonage. A motion was presented to designate the funds for the development of a new faith community in support of the growing Hispanic/Latino ministries in the Annapolis District. The motion carried.

(Day two)

Offering extravagant grace through inclusion was addressed by **Rev. Jessicah Duckworth**, assistant professor of Christian Formation at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. Rev. Duckworth asks that we share the faith, love and hope by seeking to understand young adults. She offered antidotes for reaching out to young adult disciples:

Develop a vision for the young adult ministry plan

Special projects - creates and nurture purpose

Support groups

Focus on meeting the needs of the young adults.

Rev. Duckworth encouraged the conference body to accept that young adult disciples are: seeking meaning, struggling to find balance, widely optimistic, seeking a purposeful life and seeking to belong. Reach out to them, embrace them and remind them that they are welcome.

Greetings from Baltimore City Council President **Stephanie Rawlings-Blake** were extended during the afternoon session.

Erin Hawkins, the youngest General Secretary of General Commission on Religion and Race, encouraged the conference body to be inclusive. Ms. Hawkins shared avenues that churches can follow to embrace and invite people of diversity inside our church walls. She encouraged us to believe in the power of storytelling. "We have the power to engage others with our stories," she said. Sharing stories of our lives and the life of our church will empower us so that we can "open our church doors wide for everyone to come in."

Business/Voting Session:

Stewardship Report - Members adopted a benevolence factor of 19.5 percent.

Conference financial team shared information on proposals to increase funding for campus ministries. The proposals include: Grow Teams – campus ministries to Grow Disciples, Asian American ministries to Grow Congregations and the Haitian partnership to Grow Missions.

Finance/Budget Report – Members approved the 2010 Conference budget of \$17,733,032 which represents an increase of 3 percent over 2009.

Guidelines for appointments – Members voted to adopt recommendations from the Task Force on Appointment Polices, Compensation Expectations and Practices. The recommendations outline polices and requirement for pastoral appointments.

32 Amendments – Members voted and passed by a two-thirds margin **31** denominational Constitutional amendments. **Amendment 1** failed. Amendment 1 stated that “all persons” are eligible to attend worship, participate in programs and receive sacraments and, upon baptism, be admitted as members of any UMC.

(Day three)

Business/Voting Session:

Resolution to the Conference on Human Sexuality - Supports inclusiveness of all people. The conference body approved the inclusion statement on human sexuality recognizing that, “faithful, thoughtful people who have grappled with this issue deeply disagree with one another; yet all seek a faithful witness,” and further the Resolution request the church to “refrain from judgment regarding homosexual persons.” The Resolution carried.

Bishop Schol in his extravagant grace adjournment message asked that we “go out and live.” “Put flesh to words we say --

May God be our guide

May God be our judge

May God be the way we seek!”

At the Ordination Service performed by Bishop Schol, the conference body witnessed the ordination of 12 women and men as Elders and one women Deacon. Bishop Schol commissioned a small group of seven men and women who are beginning a there-year commitment and covenant to the conference and church to serve while they learn and develop their faith.

Reflections:

The 225 Annual Baltimore-Washington Conference afforded me the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the United Methodist Church in as far as its discipline, recommendations outlining polices and requirements for pastoral appointments; and in particular, the overall governance of the UMC and the challenges we face forging ahead to the future.

I was particularly impressed with the guest speakers and their spiritual approaches to God’s word. A quote that summed it up for me is as follows:

“These are unbound, outbound congregations – Pentecost mission churches. Maybe your congregation is on its way or trying to get unbound and

outbound. A church that is a verb (not just a noun) is a church that is Monday thru Sunday.”

“..... And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

(Acts 2:42-47) - **Jolinda Brooks Gaither**

“... The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want; ...He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name sake;your rod and your **staff**, they comfort me. (The 23rd Psalm)

The altar of the 225 Annual Baltimore-Washington Conference was adorned with the **Shepherd’s staff**. Growing up in our family, we recited the 23rd Psalm every Sunday before our family meal and following Sunday School. “Going to Conference,” as it was referred to in our family was the utmost privilege. My mother is no longer living on this earth, but I indeed felt her strong presence when I walked into the conference assembly and took site of the altar. My appointment to serve as a lay member for Asbury Annapolis truly represents the ultimate preparedness for Christian work. The overwhelming feeling I endured is a testament to the work of those whose shoulders I stand.

Extravagant Grace, Share Your Faith! Bishop Schol’s statement of commendation to the laity for the passion we possess and the risks we continue to take for the glory of God is both a challenge and an honor. Growing in leadership, enjoying the fruits and harmony of 225 years of the Baltimore-Washington Conference instills in me the drive to reach out and extend the hand of fellowship - meeting people where they are. - **Pamela Johnson**

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolinda Brooks Gaither & Pamela Johnson

AN ANALOGY OF WORSHIP

You’ve spent your entire week preparing for the experience of your life. Picking your outfits, calling friends, getting your game faces on. Imagine the Super Bowl. Your team has made it to the big one. You arrive at the stadium in your regalia to cheer your team to victory. Voices are lifted in the singing of the anthem, “This is the Day”. It’s game time! The team gets the field as the band play’s a rousing rendition of “Who’s Side Are You Leaning On?” The home team, * in all it’s glory has faced many obstacles to get to this day. The opposing team, * in drabness, seems to

be an unbeatable fore. The home team looks to you for your energy to spear it forward. The commentator highlights each play with enthusiasm. It looks as though we are going home with the crown. Oh no! The opposing team gets the ball on a fumble and forges ahead to the goal! What are we going to do? We look to the band, the cheerleaders, the coach. Our * is waning. The coach calls a time out because “we need a revival”. Meanwhile, the band and cheerleaders encourage the fans with renditions of “It’s Praying Time”, “I’m Pressing On”, and “Ride on King Jesus”. The home team returns to the field with a renewed faith and spirit. Spurred on by the energy of the fans, the coaching staff, and the high energy of the bank, the home team claims it’s crown of victory! Faith has brought us through once again.

I ask you today, what’s standing in the way of your worship and your victory? Is it an attitude of doubt and defeat? Perhaps you find the coach (Pastor), commentators (liturgists), cheerleaders (praise team) or band (choir/musicians) a disappointment. How familiar are you (the team) with the play book (Holy Bible) and the words of the General Manager (God the Father)? Did the Usher allow someone else to set in your season seat? Perhaps we need to look no further than to ourselves for the answers to why our worship experience is not fulfilling. When we (the team) which includes everyone from the pulpit to the door, prepare ourselves for the next game , try this uniform on for size: dress in a warm simile, a suit of joy, and a hat of love. In other words, “BRING IT TO GET IT”.

We all are members of TEAM JESUS and as such have a responsibility to lift up not only His name but each other. This is what our General Manager requires of us. Try entering the gates of the stadium with thanksgiving in your hearts and assurance is that the opposing team (Satan and his legions) will never have the victory.

Worship Ministry Survey

The Worship Ministry at Asbury/Annapolis is committed to ensuring a meaningful worship experience for our congregation and guests. In that, we have developed a questionnaire which is attached in this newsletter. We ask that you respond to each question which covers all aspects of worship. Please be open and honest in your comments and answers and be sure to return your survey as directed. Your name is not required, just your careful consideration in your responses. Please help us to move Asbury to the level of worship that draws all men unto Him.

To God Be the Glory,

Worship Ministry

Allyson L. Golson, Chairperson

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Worship Survey

The Worship Ministry Team is seeking to assess our morning worship here at Asbury/Annapolis. The purpose is to bring forth a meaningful worship experience that meets the needs of all congregants. In doing so, we ask that you take a few moments and respond to the following survey:

On a scale of 1 – 5, (5) being the highest, rate the following questions:

- I. Are you satisfied with Asbury's morning worship service? 1 2 3 4
5*

- II. Which do you prefer intercessory prayer or a written prayer in Sunday morning worship service?*
 - Intercessory prayer*
 - Written prayer*

- III. How important is the Altar Call to you in your worship experience?
1 2 3 4 5*

- IV. Are the messages relevant? 1 2 3 4 5*

- V. What style(s) of music do you prefer?*
 - A. Gospel*
 - B. Anthems*
 - C. Contemporary*
 - D. Spirituals*
 - E. Standard Hymns*
 - F. Congregational Singing*

- VI. Are you satisfied with the organization of Asbury/Annapolis morning worship?*
 - Yes*
 - No*

If no, please explain:

- VII. *Is the service too long/short? (Circle one)*
- A. *Is there too much ritual?*
 - Yes
 - No
 - B. *Do we need more spontaneity and flexibility?*
 - Yes
 - No
- VIII. *Should Asbury/Annapolis include media technology in its morning worship (i.e. video/DVD/slideshows)? Y or N (Circle one)*
- IX. *Would you like to see dramatization included in morning worship (i.e. plays skits)? Y or N (Circle one)*
- X. *Are you satisfied with the format/contents of our bulletin? Y or N (Circle one)*
- XI. *Would you like to have the following incorporated in our morning worship? (Circle One)*
- A. *Praise and Worship Team*
 - B. *Liturgical/Praise Dance*
 - C. *Testimonies/Good News*

Having completed this survey, what recommendations would you make?

Please do not sign this survey. Please return this form to the church.



SEPTEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Usher's Pre Labor Day Dinner Sale @ 1:30 p.m.	7 Office Closed -Labor Day	8	9	10 SPRC AT 6:00 P.M.	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 I.R. Berry Choir's York Fair Trip 9:00 a.m.
20 Christian Education Sunday 11:00a.m.	21	22	23	24	25 Usher's Banquet @6:30 p.m. Rev. Wesley Callahan guest Speaker	26
27 Usher's Anniversary 3:30 p.m.	28	29	30			

Monthly Schedule of Events

- Food Distribution every Tues, Wed, Fri from 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.
- Mini Food Distribution last Thursday of each month @ 9:00 a.m.
- Soup Kitchen every Saturday @ 12 noon
- Computer Lab every Sat @ 10:00 a.m.
- Class Leaders , Second Saturday of every other month @ 10:00 a.m.
- Jr. Ushers @ 10:30 a.m., Ushers @ 11:00 a.m, second Saturday of each month
- SR Choir every 1st, 2nd & 3rd Monday @ 6:30 p.m.
- Combined Choir 1st, 3rd, & 4th Tuesday of each month @ 6:30 p.m.
- Men's Choir 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:30 p.m.
- Spiritual Formation every other Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m.
- Pastor's Bible Study every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.
- I.R. Berry Chancel Choir every Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
- AA meeting every Thursday @ 7:30 p.m.
- Higher Ed first Tuesday of each month @ 6:00 p.m.
- UMW first Friday of each month @ 6:00 p.m.
- UMM second Saturday of each month @ 9:00 a.m.
- Worship first Sat of the month @ 10:00 a.m.
- Grants & Proposals—on call basis
- BCCAAC fourth Thursday of every month @ 8:30 p.m.
- D30 mtg last Wednesday of each month @ 6:00 p.m.
- Health & Wellness, 3rd Sat of each mth @ 11:30 a.m.
- Men's Bible Study 4th Saturday of each month @ 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday Morning Bible Study every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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OCTOBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 SPRC At 6:00 p.m.	9	10
11 Men's Day 11:00 a.m. Rev. Bruce Haskins guest Speaker	12 Colum-bus Day	13	14	15	16	17
18 CROP Walk at 1:30 p.m. at Quiet Waters Park <small>Emily Richardson Concert at 3:30 p.m.</small>	19	20 Finance At 6:30 p.m.	21	22 Ad Council at 6:30 p.m.	23 I.R. Berry's 75th Anniversary Joy Night at 7:00 p.m.	24
25 I.R. Berry Choir's 75th Anniversary Celebration at 3:30 p.m.	26	27	28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN <small>CHARGE CONFERENCE AT 3:00 P.M. AT ASBURY ARNOLD UMC</small>

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- Jr. Ushers @ 10:30 a.m., Ushers @ 11:00 a.m, second Saturday of each month
- SR Choir every 1st, 2nd & 3rd Monday @ 6:30 p.m.
- Combined Choir 1st, 3rd, & 4th Tuesday of each month @ 6:30 p.m.
- Men's Choir 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:30 p.m.
- Spiritual Formation every other Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m.
- Pastor's Bible Study every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.
- I.R. Berry Chancel Choir every Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
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- Higher Ed first Tuesday of each month @ 6:00 p.m.
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NOVEMBER 2009

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1 (SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR) • ALL SAINTS DAY	2	3	4	5	6 UMW "Everybody's Birthday at 6:30 p.m.	7
8 Homecoming at 11:00 a.m.	9	10	11	12 SPRC AT 6:00 P.M.	13	14
15 Altar Guild/ Communion Stewards Anniversary @ 11:00 a.m.	16	17 FINANCE AT 6:30 P.M.	18	19 AD COUNCIL AT 6:30 P.M.	20	21
22 United Methodist Women Celebration @ 11:00 a.m.	23	24	25 Goodwill Thanksgiving Dinner at 12:00 p.m.	26 THANKSGIVING Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28
29	30					

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		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Hanging of the Greens @ 9:00 a.m.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Pastor's Christmas Dinner @ 1:30 p.m.	21	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Office Closed	25 CHRISTMAS • Office Closed	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Office Closes at 2:30 p.m. Watchnight Service @ 10:00 p.m.		

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