

WELCOME NEW STUDENT ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Katie B. Anthony is a first year Master of Divinity candidate at Duke Divinity School and will be working with Asbury UMC as the Student Associate Pastor during the months of March and April. She will help update our website, lay groundwork for expanding the young adult ministries, and work with other ministry areas such as Outreach, and Witness and Evangelism. Katie will be away this summer serving a Duke Divinity Field Education placement at another church in North Carolina, but plans to be back at Asbury UMC in the fall. It is our mutual intention for Katie to serve an Academic Year Field Education placement at Asbury UMC her second and third years of Divinity School at Duke.

A native of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Katie grew up as an active member of Crown Heights United Methodist Church. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy and Political Science at Duke University. As a student, Katie was a member of the Duke Varsity Field Hockey team and co-founded the Duke-Durham Tennis Project, an initiative to connect the University community with inner-city Durham youth.

While living in Durham for four years she attended worship here at Asbury, which she found to be a loving faith community which inspired growth in her relationship with God. After graduating from Duke, she worked as a communications consultant in Washington D.C. for over four years. Her clients ranged from non-profit associations to the Department of Navy.

After settling outside of D.C., she became an active member of Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church where her passion for God and ministry grew. Katie is excited for the opportunity to learn and serve through the Asbury community as the Student Associate Pastor. She is eager to work with members in an effort to share the love of Christ with the greater Durham community, and we are thrilled that we will be in ministry together! We praise God—Katie is an answered prayer!

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Happy Spring!!! On Saturday, March 27th, the Church Van was loaded with packing boxes and people, and headed to the MERCI Center in Goldsboro.

Bobby and Jackie Wingate, Bob and Debra Hinton, Julie McCray, Brenda Radford and Ginger Mann all got up bright and early to help with this mission project headed by the AUMW. This particular Saturday was assigned to the Durham District to volunteer at the MERCI Center.

Shortly after arriving, some of us were assigned to sorting and putting together health kits to be shipped to Haiti. Our two guys were putting together food kits and helping load the big boxes in the warehouse. After about 3 hrs., we were treated to a hot dog lunch and headed home.

If you have never been to the MERCI Center, please look it up on the internet and see how you can help. It will truly be a blessing as it was with all of us.

Please join us for our next meeting, Tuesday, May 25th at 7:00pm at the Church. We would love to have you.