



Asbury

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6822 Grand Avenue
Duluth, MN 55807

**The Reverend
Katherine Cornell**

**10:00 am
Sunday Worship**

Office Hours
Monday — Thursday
9:00 am — 1:30 pm
Friday
9:00 am — 1:00 pm

Messenger

Asbury National Night Out Picnic

We look forward to seeing you at this year's National Night Out Neighborhood picnic at Asbury on Tuesday, August 6, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. This event is sponsored by the Outreach Committee and is a great opportunity for visiting with friends from the church and also meeting neighbors.



On August 4, after worship we would appreciate help distributing the door hanger invitations for the picnic. On August 6, we would appreciate help with set up and take down and are also looking for cookie donations.

Sloppy Joes, calico beans and beverages will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for other kinds of food donations (if you so desire). Come join us for delicious food, games for the kids, much visiting and maybe a surprise guest or two!

For more information, please call Judy Pearson, 722-5818.

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Summer Wednesday Worship — August 14 at 6:00 pm

We will have Wednesday Worship outside followed by a light supper inside. Pastor Katherine Cornell will be leading worship. There will be games and crafts for kids (and adults). Hot dogs, buns, chips, condiments and beverages will be provided. **Please bring a dish to share.** If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex so we know how many hot dogs to purchase! Hope you will join us!

September 8

More information
to come in
September
Messenger.





A Penny For Your Thoughts

Can You Picture That?

Last month, I wrote about journeys. I wanted you to know how glad our family is that our journey led us to Asbury UMC and now we can begin journeying together. In our first few Sundays, I am preaching about the “Big Picture” of our life with God. The sermons focus on God’s love for each individual and all of creation as the origin of our activities and endeavors. We are immersed in God’s Story, and our stories are linked together.

All of our stories are linked together . . . can you picture that? One of my favorite movies of yore is the Muppet Movie. Not only does it introduce Kermit the Frog and his many friends, but it has a great soundtrack! One of my favorites is performed by Dr. Teeth and the Electric Mayhem as they sing the song “Can You Picture That?” Notable lyrics are “. . . there’s nothing out there you can’t do! Even Santa Claus believes in you!” I think our faith shares the same message. *Philippians 4:13* reminds us we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. Earlier in the letter, Paul encourages Timothy telling him the One who began a good work in Timothy will be faithful to complete it!

In the coming weeks, we’ll explore how we as United Methodist People in Minnesota are called to grow in love of God and neighbor, reach new people, and heal a broken world. When we think about any one of these directives, it can be overwhelming, but we do not serve a god of fear and small vision.

We serve the God who created the universe! We serve the God who loves extravagantly and has forgiveness and grace enough for all of us. We serve the God who causes dry bones to come to life (*Ezekiel 37*), makes a measure of oil and flour last indefinitely (*I Kings 17*), feeds the multitudes (*Matthew 14, Mark 6, Luke 9, John 6*), and even defeated death!



I think that we can take heart in these scriptures to know that though our tasks here sometimes seem endless, though we might not know exactly how to proceed, we worship God who has chosen to work in us and through us! God is faithful! So let’s set our vision big and wide. Let’s dream dreams and see visions of the kingdom being present here with us, in this community of West Duluth. Can you picture that? Through God’s help, we can!

Blessings and Peace,
Katherine

Pastoral Care:

Because of the privacy act, hospitals no longer telephone churches to let us know that one of our members have been admitted. Please notify the church office (218-624-0061) if you or someone you know is in need of pastoral care for illness, hospitalization or surgeries. In case of emergency and there is no answer at the church, please contact Pastor Katherine at 828-263-2035 or email at kcornell@wnccumc.net.

Asbury News



Thank You!

Dear Asbury United Methodist Church:

Thank you for your generous donation. It is truly a blessing and makes a huge difference in our community. God Bless!

Damiano Center

Outreach/ Communion Offering . . .

July's offering of \$54.00 went to the Damiano Center. Our August offering will go to the Valley Youth Center.

Attendance . . .

July 7	46
July 14	66
July 21	71
July 28	65

Scripture Readers . . .

August 4	Ruth Thorpe
August 11	Dave Stromgren
August 18	Sharon Parendo
August 25	Dale Thorpe

Back to School "Backpacks"

Back-to-school sales are beginning so it's the perfect time to buy a backpack for the Asbury backpack collection drive.

Once again this year we will be collecting backpacks for the children in our area schools. The backpacks are given to the schools and are then distributed to children who need them.

Beginning in August, there will be a display in the Narthex where backpacks will be collected. Let's do our best so all children can have a successful start to the school year.



Sunday School Starts September 8

Sunday School will resume September 8 which is also Rally Sunday and September birthday Sunday. All children are welcome!



An information packet will soon be mailed out to parents and children which includes a schedule for the year and a registration form.

Please bring the filled out registration form to church on Rally Sunday. Registration forms also will be available on the back table in the Narthex or online at

Asbury's website: www.asburyduluth.org.

CHUM Church Gathering — August 11

CHUM Church will be gathering on August 11 at Peace UCC, 1111 11th Ave. E., Duluth from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Asbury UMC will be the host congregation with Pastor Katherine leading worship. Please join us!

We are looking for volunteers to provide the following items for the Fellowship after worship: Sloppy Joes, chips, watermelon and lemonade.

If you can help/contribute, please contact Jan Evans at 626-2901 or there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

CHUM Church is an inclusive faith community, welcoming all to worship God.





AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ruth Bloomquist
- 2 Phyllis Faue
- 4 Jim Anderson
Cory Plys
Eric Stromgren
- 5 Dick Warner
- 7 Vivian Simmons
- 11 Chris Rager
Sarah Herrick-Smisk
- 16 Barb Kokotovich
- 17 Jan Evans
Ian Lewandowski
Mallorie Schwartz
- 18 Daniel Herrick
- 20 Kathy Behn
- 22 Leanne Stauduhar
- 25 Amy Kokotovich
Joe Kokotovich
- 27 Stephen Bennett
Dennie Parendo
- 30 Georgia Rager
Lily Ann Vanneste
Emma Jo Vanneste

*Not included?
Please contact the
church office at 624-0061.*



A convenient, consistent way to help our church grow

Just a reminder that Asbury UMC offers an electronic giving option as a convenient way to automate monthly or yearly offerings. Application forms are available in the church office. Sign up today!

New Time for Faith Circle

Faith Circle will continue to meet on the third Thursday of the month, but members have voted to move to being an afternoon circle rather than an evening circle. **The Circle will now meet at 1:00 pm in the Wesley Room beginning on Thursday, September 19.**

A new schedule of meetings will be distributed at the meeting. Hostesses may determine what meeting they wish to host and present devotions.

New members are always welcome!

THINK PASTIES!
The Fall Pasty Sale will be
September 20-21. More info to come
in September Messenger.

“Sign-up” board for helping and sign-up sheets
for ordering will be at the back
of the church in August.

UMW Summer Reading Program

Several readers in the church have been enjoying a book in the UMW Reading Library called *Growing Up Muslim*, by Sumbul Alli-Karamali. This quick read provides insight on the beliefs and practices of Islam. You will be amazed at the many similarities between Islam and Christianity.

Everyone is welcome to explore the many books in the UMW Reading Library and check out one that peaks your interest. The library, located in the Wesley Room, has books for both children and adults. In fact, the children’s books are so interesting that many adults read them, too! If you have questions about the Reading Library, feel free to ask Patty Bennett.

Save the Date — October 12

Please mark your calendars for UMW’s Fall Pantry from 9:00 to 11:00 am on October 12. We are planning ahead and are asking for help now with

pie making, donut making or share your special talent in baking, knitting or crafting. We especially need jams and jellies and items for the bake sale table plus cookies for the cookie table. Cash donations are also most welcome!



Please make checks out to **Asbury UMW** and give checks or cash donations to our UMW treasurer, Lynn Tollefson.

Our Asbury Fall Pantry is UMW’s major fundraiser for the 2020 budget. Thank you all for participating in this event as it helps us do many good ministries throughout the year. We appreciate everyone’s special talent and gift.

UMW Meetings

- The UMW board will meet on August 7 at 9:30 am in the Wesley Room. The focus will be on upcoming Fall projects.
- Love/Hope Circle. No meetings in August. The next meeting will be in the Wesley Room in September. Time and date TBD.
- Faith Circle. No meetings will be held in August. The next meeting will be at **1:00 pm** in the Wesley Room on September 19.
- Knitting Klub members meet at 2:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in the Wesley Room. Come join us!
- Green Door Book Club members meet at 9:30 am on the 3rd Monday of each month in the Wesley Room. No meeting in August. The next meeting is September 16.

If you have jam, jelly or pickle canning jars, please leave them in the kitchen. There also is always a need for gallon ice cream buckets with lids.

Area UMW News

Duluth Area UMW chairpersons met on July 15 and determined that based on meeting attendance for the last two years, it is time to meet just once a year. This decision was based on weather conditions which caused a meeting cancellation and very low attendance at another meeting held during the winter months. At this time, the plan is to have one Duluth Area UMW meeting in April. More info will be shared as details are confirmed.

Asbury News

TREASURER’S REPORT: 6/30/19

GENERAL FUND:	
Beginning Cash Balance, 5/31/19	\$ 9,835.66
Deposits	\$ 20,525.11
Total to Account for	\$ 30,360.77
Checks Written	<\$ 19,259.94>
Balance on Hand, 6/30/19	\$ 11,100.83
Unpaid Bills through 6/30/19 (includes apportionments)	\$ 5,871.00
Net Ending Balance at 6/30/19	\$ 5,229.83

Calendar

August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Praise Team practice will resume in September.</p> <p>YOGA classes are held Wednesdays (unless there is an event conflict) at 5:30 pm in Asbury's Fellowship Hall. Contact Cheryl Zupec, 218.343.4478 or czupec@hotmail.com for more information and/or to confirm class meeting.</p>				1 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 10:00 to 10:45 am, 2nd Harvest Food Dist 4:00 pm Butler/Stonich Wedding Rehearsal	2 4:00 pm Butler/Stonich Wedding	3 10:00 am Lorna Larson Funeral (Elmer Olson's sister)
4 10:00 am, Worship/ Communion 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH	5 8:30 am Garden Team, FH	6 9:00 am SVFC, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 5:00 pm National Night Out Picnic, FH	7 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:30 am UMW Board Meeting, WR	8 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR	9 Dumpster Pick Up	10
11 10:00 am, Worship/Birthday 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH 3:30—5:30 pm CHUM Church @ Peace UCC Hosted by Asbury UMC Pastor Katherine preaching	12 8:30 am Garden Team, FH	13 6:00 am to 9:00 pm Primary Election, FH 9:00 am SVFC, WR 2:00 pm, Knitting Klub, WR	14 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 6:00 pm Wednesday Worship w/ Pastor Katherine	15 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR	16	17
18 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH	19 8:30 am Garden Team, FH	20 9:00 am SVFC, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR	21 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH	22 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR MESSENGER DEADLINE	23 Dumpster Pick Up	24 9:00-10:30 am Free Community Breakfast Our Savior's Lutheran
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Return service requested

Meet Our Staff



Pastor:..... Katherine Cornell
Administrative Asst.: Shirley Brandt
Organist Phyllis Kruell
SS Choir Director Ruby Slennes
Praise Team Leader varies
Custodian: Dan Mokros
Ad Council Chair: .. Bonnie Schroeder-Palmi
Treasurer: Pat Anscorb
Lay Leader: Steve Kokotovich
Trustees: Donna Mickelson
..... Tom Houle, Dale Thorpe
UMW President Jan Akervik
SPRC Chair Cathy Sampson
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NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: August 22 for September 2019 Messenger.

Please submit all articles of interest to Shirley in the church office by the deadline listed above.
Items may be dropped off, e-mailed or mailed. Thank you.

Worship With Us

Every Sunday at 10:00 am.

NOTE:

1st Sunday of each month we share Holy Communion,
2nd Sunday we recognize those celebrating birthdays.

3rd Sunday our music is led by our Praise Team.

***Every Sunday we give thanks and celebrate
God's great gifts and presence in our lives.***



Asbury's Mission Statement

*Asbury United Methodist is a caring, Christian community which welcomes all persons as God's children.
We will strive to grow in spirit and seek God's vision of hope, love and peace in the community and world.*