



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



September 8

Worship at 10:00 am
(Sunday School Teacher Dedication)

Sunday School at 10:15 am
(Children come to Worship and leave for
Sunday School after Children's Time)

An information packet has been 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, September 8.**

Registration forms also will be available on the back table in the narthex or online at Asbury's website: www.asburyduluth.org.

Community Meal in the Fellowship Hall
Sloppy Joes (from head chef Joe Kokotovich and helpers).
Corn-on-the-Cob provided by the Downs Family.
(Free-will offering would be appreciated.)

Volunteers are needed to help with serving and clean up.
There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.
Questions, please contact Sandy Winklesky or Cheryl Parendo.

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A Penny For Your Thoughts

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

Since I grew up in the city, my family didn't have a garden. So, the first time I tried to grow anything was after I was married to Brian and living in a little house on Johnson Street.

We didn't have much of a yard, but we wanted to try our hand at growing some vegetables. I was a little hesitant because my track record with plants up to that time had not been very favorable (if you want a plant to die, just let me take care of it).

A friend told us we needed to get the "good dirt," so we borrowed a truck and hauled in a truckload of rich-looking, sweet-smelling black dirt. After we shoveled it off the truck and evened it out, we went to Lowes to pick up some plants.

I had dreams of huge, juicy, red tomatoes for my favorite BLT sandwiches. However, I was new to this plant buying thing and somehow missed that instead of big tomatoes, I had bought a cherry tomato plant. When I realized my mistake, I was disappointed, but I thought "Oh well, I'll plant it anyway." I'm glad I did. I put it in the ground and the most amazing thing happened. It GREW!

It started growing so tall that we put a cage around it to support it. Then it grew out of the top of the cage so we put a six-foot stake beside it. It grew up the stake and back down the other side, to the ground again and back up. That plant when it was done was over 12 feet tall! And the tomatoes! It had so many amazing cherry tomatoes! What a feast! And I was so excited because finally I had grown something that, instead of dying, produced much fruit.

We all want to be in situations of abundance like that cherry tomato plant. We all want to be the type of people and the type of community that produces fruit – people who are welcomed into God's

community, and lives that are enriched and transformed because of their interaction with us.

This month we will be talking about five practices that help us bear more fruit. These practices are set out by Bishop Robert Schnase and they help us look at how we are following Jesus. What are we doing to tend God's love in our lives so that God's love bears much fruit in us and through us?

The practices are risk-taking mission and service, radical hospitality, intentional faith development, extravagant generosity and passionate worship.

Each week we will look at what these practices mean for us. We will also ask what are our next steps in our own growth towards fruitful practices for God's kingdom.

I look forward to hearing your own stories of fruit in the weeks to come!

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 & VanKleek Scholarship Committee:

Thank you so much for awarding me the Robert & Aileen VanKleek Memorial Scholarship. I greatly appreciate it and I will use the money next year while attending the University of Minnesota/Duluth where I will study Exercise Science. Thank you for all your support throughout the years and for continuing to support me as I start a new adventure. Much love, Alayna McGraw

Dear Asbury UMC:

A great big THANK YOU to all who donated food and cash and all who helped to make our annual Twin Ports United Methodist Ministries (TPUMMs) Wildfire!



Youth Mission/Asbury Picnic a huge success. We had 175 guests consisting of youth, leaders and our Asbury church family. Wildfire is a youth group coordinated by Faith UMC's Rev. Joel Certa-Werner. Fifteen Methodist churches from Minnesota and Wisconsin come to Duluth and Superior to do service. Asbury UMC hosted the group on Tuesday, July 23 and other local UMC churches hosted the group on the other days of

the week in July. We have so enjoyed having this event at our home for the past 7 years. We are blessed!

Gary & Sandy Winklesky

Dear Gary & Sandy and Asbury UMC:

Thank you for your part in making the Wildfire! Youth Mission Event a huge success. We just can't thank you enough for the gracious welcome and meal hosted by you and those from Asbury UMC. You are just so gracious and we are so thankful. This year, we hosted youth from 23 different churches across the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota. Each day we were able to help people, community programs and ministries throughout the Twin Ports area with projects such as painting, construction, demolition, cleaning, sorting, upkeep and much more. Each day we had wonderful meals, engaging worship and great evening fun activities. The best part was that we were able to grow closer to Christ and each other. So, thank you for helping make this possible for us!

Rev> Joel Certa-Werner and the Wildfire! Youth Mission Team sponsored by Faith United Methodist Church

No Mail Slot In Asbury's New Front Doors

Asbury's new front doors no longer have a mail slot. If you would like to drop something off at the church, please note Asbury's office hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 1:30 pm, Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Thank you.

Yoga For Everyone!

Affordable yoga classes are offered on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 pm in Asbury's Fellowship Hall. The hour-long class is intended for every level of interest — even if you have never tried yoga! Classes are only \$7 each or \$36 for a six-time punch card. Call Cheryl at 218-343-4478 with any questions or show up on a Wednesday (class may be rescheduled if there is a planned Asbury event — please call to confirm.) Park in Asbury's lower lot and enter at the back entrance.



Outreach/ Communion Offering . . .

August's offering of \$100.00 went to the Valley Youth Center. Our September offering will go to the LifeHouse.

Attendance . . .

August 4	74
August 11	49
August 18	49
August 25	62

Scripture Readers . . .

Sept 1	Sue Soder
Sept 8	Terry Olson
Sept 15	Jan Akervik
Sept 22	Leo Lambert
Sept 29	Carrie Sutherland



1	Donna Mickelson
2	Shaina Nickila
5	Isadora Blazevic Nathan Nylund
9	Duane Palmi Mary Jo Plys Ted Plys
14	Cheryl Parendo
15	Shirley Brandt
17	Nancy Wagner
20	Jerry Smith
21	Ronan Miller
29	Ryder Wrazidlo
30	Jill Lepisto

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

Asbury News

Ad Council Meeting Minutes — 8-13-19

Opening

In Bonnie Schroeder-Palmi's absence, Ruth Thorpe called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Pastor Katherine asked members to think of "God sightings" times when we see God active in our lives. Several members shared their thoughts.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the May 21, 2019, Administrative Council were reviewed. Sandy Winklesky made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. **M – Sandy W., S – Cathy S.**

Lay Leader's Report – Pat Anscomb for Steve Kokotovich

Steve encourages everyone to help in the effort of making a smooth transition from Pastor Cindy to Pastor Katherine.

Treasurer's Report – Pat Anscomb

The June monthly summary was given. Balance on Hand, 6 /31/19 is \$11,100.83.

The July monthly summary was given. Balance on Hand, 7 /31/19 is \$10,026.74.

We have currently paid 25% of our 2019 Conference Apportionments. Total Apportionment - \$23,484.00, Paid to Date - \$5,871.00, Balance Due - \$17,613.00. Pat plans to make 1 or 2 more payments this week.

Pat read the Income Statement prepared by Larry Scanlon. He stated that there is a shortfall in pledges and other envelope giving. Larry's Balance Sheet report states that we continue to show strong asset holdings and no liabilities.

Staff Parish Relations Committee – Cathy Sampson

The committee has been busy with the pastoral transitions.

There will be a meeting on August 22nd, to discuss Fall events, which include a visit from the District Superintendent.

Cathy has applied for the Love Boldly Micro Grant provided by the Minnesota Methodist Conference and has received \$500. The purpose of the grant is to convey to our community our church's values and commitment to welcoming all members of the community. At their next meeting, the committee will discuss how they will move forward with this grant money.

Trustee's Report – Dale Thorpe

The Trustees continue to work on projects that are on their long-term planning list.

The committee has secured a bid for tuck pointing the church. UMW will pay for the project. It is still unclear if there will be enough time to get the project done this year.

United Methodist Women – Jan Akervik

UMW is putting together their 2020 calendar.

Pasties are September 21st.

Three people from Asbury attended Mission U Too which was held at Asbury. The rummage sale will be on Saturday, May 2nd, 2020.

Outreach and Missions Team – Pat Anscomb for Steve Kokotovich

Thanks again to the Winkleskys for hosting the Wildfire Picnic. Thanks also to all the folks of Asbury who brought food, donated money and attended the event. It was another successful night.

Thanks to Judy Pearson for leading the National Night Out Picnic. Thanks also to everyone who helped with distributing door hangers, bringing food and set up and clean up. It was another successful event, with a good-sized crowd.

TREASURER'S REPORT: 7/31/19

GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Cash Balance, 6/30/19	\$ 11,100.83
Deposits	\$ 12,549.75
Total to Account for	\$ 23,650.58
Checks Written	<\$ 13,623.84>
Balance on Hand, 7/31/19	\$ 10,026.74
Unpaid Bills through 7/31/19 (includes apportionments)	\$ 8,075.00
Net Ending Balance at 7/31/19	\$ <u>1,951.74</u>

Education Team – Cheryl Parendo and Sandy Winklesky

Rally Sunday will be on September 8th, with a lunch to be provided after church. A packet will be sent out to parents with registration forms and a calendar of the Sunday School year.

The Cokesbury Sunday School curriculum that they will be using this year is *Loving God, Loving Neighbor*.

The next meeting will be on August 22nd, at 6:00 p.m.

Worship Team – Ruth Thorpe

The committee is still making adjustments to the new sound system.

Kim Herrig has prepared a book of directions on how to use it.

Asbury Singers will begin again in September.

The Praise Team will begin again in September. This year they will practice on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m.

Song Leaders will continue as planned.

There is money left in both the Worship and Music budgets. The committee is exploring ways to use this money for worship programs.

The final time for Summer Wednesday Worship will be August 14th.

It is Pastor Katherine's desire to have creative worship and she encourages collaborative help with this effort.

Nurture/Congregational Care Team – Sandy Winklesky

No Visitation Committee report.

No Scholarship Committee report.

For the Membership Committee Patty Bennett reported that there is a need to staff the nursery room again. It was suggested that we recruit volunteers to begin this effort. The goal is to provide a more helpful welcome to younger families.

Pastor's Report – Katherine Cornell

Pastor Katherine exclaimed how happy she is to be here at Asbury.

She is hoping that our church can share our stories of transformation to the community. People are hungry for making connections and our stories could be welcoming to them.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Closing

The next Ad Council meeting will be on September 17th, at 7:00 p.m.

Jan Akervik made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. **M – Jan A., S – Dale T.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Bennett, Recording Secretary

Calendar

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS 10:00 am, Worship/Communion 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH	2  OFFICE CLOSED	3 9:00 am, SVFC, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR	4 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:30 am UMW Board Meeting, WR	5 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 10:00 to 10:45 am, 2nd Harvest Food Dist	6 Dumpster Pick Up	7
8 RALLY SUNDAY Teacher Dedication Sunday School 10:00 am, Worship/Birthday 11:00 am LUNCHEON, FH 6:00 pm, BS Troop 16, FH	9 8:30 am Garden Team, FH 6:00 pm, CS Pack 16, FH	10 9:00 am, SVFC, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR	11 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 6:30 pm Asbury Singers & Praise Team	12 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR	13	14
← Pastor Katherine out of office September 10 to 13 →						
15 10:00 am, Worship/Praise/SS 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH 11:15 am Trustees, WR 6:00 pm, BS Troop 16, FH	16 8:30 am Garden Team, FH 6:00 pm, CS Pack 16, FH	17 9:00 am, SVFC, WR 9:30 am, BB, WR 12:00 pm Membership, GR 1:00 pm Love/Hope Circle, WR 7:00 pm Ad Council, WR	18 8:30 am, Pastor Katherine @ CHUM 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, Worship, WR 6:30 pm Asbury Singers & Praise Team	19 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 1:00 pm Faith Circle, WR	20 PASTY SALE Dumpster Pick Up	21 PASTY SALE
PASTIES see page 8 for schedule						
22 9:00 am, AS Rehearsal 10:00 am, Worship/SS 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH 6:00 pm, BS Troop 16, FH	23 8:30 am Garden Team, FH 6:00 pm, CS Pack 16, FH 6:00 pm Christian Ed, WR MESSENGER DEADLINE	24 9:00 am SVFC, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 2:00 pm, Knitting Klub, WR	25 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 6:30 pm Asbury Singers & Praise Team	26 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR	27	28 9:00-10:30 am Free Community Breakfast Our Savior's Lutheran
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Asbury News

National Night Out Picnic Thank You!

Another successful National Night Out picnic has come and gone!

We had a great turn out with a large number of people attending, including neighbors, our local police (including a K9), other area volunteers, friends and members of our own Asbury congregation.

We served approximately 90 people. Our menu included Sloppy Joes, baked beans, pasta salad, watermelon, cookies and lemonade.

There were many activities for our youth to participate in and it was also an opportunity for everyone to visit and see people who we don't see very often.



We were especially excited to have 103-year-old Florence Brosdal join us accompanied by her son, Ron (pictured at left). Yes, you read that correctly — 103 years young!

Thank you so much to our many volunteers who helped make the food, contributed food and serve the food for the picnic.

And a huge thank you to everyone who helped set up tables, chair, etc., helped with games, took pictures and then helped to clean up and take down everything after the event was over.

So many of our hard-working congregation pitched in and you are all very much appreciated!

— Outreach Committee





Asbury Fall Pantry — October 12!

The Asbury UMW Fall Pantry will soon be here on Saturday, October 12 from 9:00 to 11:00 am. We are planning ahead and are asking for help now with pie making, donut making or sharing 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.



All Pantry contributions should be brought to the Fellowship Hall on Friday, October 11 from 8:00 to 11:00 am as this is set-up day!

Saturday workers will be needed by 8:00 am and should park in the upper lot to allow easy parking

in the lower lot for Fall Pantry guests. If you are bringing baked goods in on Saturday, please bring them in by 8:00 am. It would be helpful to have bars, cupcakes, in packages of 6 or 12.

We will make our scrumptious apple pies on October 3 and 4 starting at 7:45 am. There will be a sign-up sheet for help and an order form on the table at the back of the church. Pies are \$10.00 each.

UMW Meetings

- The UMW board will meet on September 4 at 9:30 am in the Wesley Room. The focus will be on upcoming Fall projects.
- Love/Hope Circle will meet at 1:00 pm in the Wesley Room on September 17. Fall projects will be discussed.
- Faith Circle will hold its first afternoon meeting 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. The next meeting is September 16.

Donut making for our delicious donuts is October 11-12. We start at 8:30 am on October 11 to make the dough. On October 12 we start at 6:00 am (come when you can) to roll, cut out, fry and bag donuts. Please call Bev LeClair, if you can help. Donuts are \$4.50/dozen. Order forms will be on the back table.



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. Please spread the word, bring your friends and get a jump start on the upcoming holiday season!

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. **PLEASE NOTE:** Ice cream buckets and lids are needed by the time of our Meatball Dinner, October 22.

United Methodist Women

Pasty Sale — September 20-21

It's time for pasties again! September 19-21 will be pasty making time. Sale days are the 20nd and 21st. Your help is needed for this huge project.

We peel veggies and make dough on Thursday, September 19. Many hands are needed so please sign up to help.

On September 20 and 21 the crew will roll out crusts, fill crusts, crimp, bake, cook and package. We have a great team and great fun!

We also need a clean-up team—not hard but necessary! Please see schedule below for times to help!

And, we are in need of brown grocery bags which can be left in the kitchen. Thank you.

There is a sign in the Narthex to sign-up on plus an order form on the table where you can place your order for pasties. Be sure to order your pasties early before our quota is filled!

Pasties are \$4.50 each/gravy 65 cents each.

ORDER DEADLINE is September 15.

Pick Up Times:

Friday, September 20 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Saturday, September 21 from 10:00 to NOON

All pasty orders need to be picked up by NOON on September 21.

Pasty Sale Work Schedule

Thursday, September 19

8:00 am Mix crust.

This is not hard and we will teach you.

9:30 am Men and women peel veggies.

Come when you can and stay for as long as you can!

Friday, September 20

6:00 am — 2:00 pm

Preparation and baking of pasties.

Come when you can and stay for as long as you can!

NOON Four people are needed for clean up, **six volunteers would be great!**

Saturday, September 21

6:00 am — NOON

Pasty baking—come and learn how to bake pasties.

Come when you can and stay for as long as you can!

NOON Six people needed for clean up, **8 or more would be terrific!**

Hat Knitter Report!

Our hat knitter, Pat Sequin, has headed back to Arizona after arriving in Duluth in June with 129 hats. During her visit here this year, Pat fell at the Park Point Rummage sale and was unable to get around for the rest of her stay. As a result, she continued knitting and made another 20 hats before she left at the end of July! The total number of hats she made for this year's Asbury Mitten/Hat Tree is 149!

When asked if she had any idea how many hats she has made for Asbury over the years, she said she only started keeping track in 2004. In the last 15 years she estimates she has made approximately 2,018 hats that have distributed to our schools in West Duluth. That is one amazing donation! It is a true blessing to Asbury UMC and to our area children. Many thanks to Pat for sharing her talents and love of helping children with this Asbury Outreach Project.



Amazing!

Pasty Money at Work

The UMW Board has approved a request from the Trustees for \$9,360.00 to pay for tuck pointing the exterior of the church. Thank you to all of you who helped earn this money by working on or buying pasties. Monies collected from pasty sales are placed in a project fund and used for special projects that support our church building and church family.

The tuck pointing work may be started yet this fall, but will be done completely in 2020. More details will be reported in upcoming Messengers as the project progresses.

What's That Tantalizing Aroma?

Save the date! Asbury's Fall Meatball Dinner will be on Tuesday, October 22 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Get your tickets and bring the family and your friends!

Our popular meatball dinner requires a lot of workers. We need your support and your help so please also consider volunteering some of your time. There will be a sign-up board in the Narthex.

All proceeds go towards paying our 2019 Minnesota Annual Conference apportionments.



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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
Worship Chair Ruth Thorpe
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NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: September 23 for October 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.*