



Asbury

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6822 Grand Avenue
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**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



Ministry Flows from the Heart... and is made possible by Your Generosity!

Once in a while, something comes along and captures our minds and hearts. That has been my experience planning for our church-wide emphasis called Extravagant Generosity: The Heart of Giving. You will not want to miss any of the Sundays planned as we explore and celebrate matters of our hearts. I hope this will be a meaningful time for our congregation.

We have already begun by exploring how ministry flows from the heart and hearing how important it is to have our hearts and actions in line and in response to God's generosity for us. We remember Paul's exhortation to us who are rich to do good, be rich in good works and be generous. In the coming weeks we will continue to explore how relationships, visions and hope, and especially our extravagant generosity all flow from our hearts turned towards God.

Each week we will have Heart Cards that we will post around the church to share where our hearts are in ministry and relationship with one another. We will gather and display Heart Cards at special places throughout the church, so we can share and celebrate what we love about our church, who is influential in our lives of faith, and our visions and hopes for Asbury United Methodist Church.

As we continue to explore where our hearts are in response to God's generosity, we ask you to consider again your financial contribution to the church for 2020. It is my hope that in thinking about your pledge, you can think in terms of a response from your heart that is joyful and freely given. No matter what, know that you are deeply loved and appreciated for the ways in which you contribute.

We are all recipients of so many blessings from our church family, our relationships with one another to shelter and the ways in which our material needs are provided. Let us join together now and take steps towards giving as extravagantly as we have received! The Heart of Asbury is apparent in the ways in which we welcome and reach out to the community. Please pray for our time together and be ready for ministry that flows from the heart.

Commitment Sunday — November 17

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A Penny For Your Thoughts

The Heart of Giving

When I was a young girl, often my grandparents would drive me to church. I remember riding in the back of their blue and white DeSota with the plastic cover on the back seat for protection. I also remember being ready for church in my Sunday best dress with white stockings and black patent leather shoes. But, the one thing I remember most was the quarter Grandma and Grandpa would give me for the offering. I loved watching as the ushers passed the offering plates in the rows ahead of me. I was eager for them to get to my row so I could put my shiny quarter in the wooden plate.

As I look back, I realize it wasn't much in the way of an offering, but it was an incredible lesson teaching me the importance of giving to the church. It led to my practice of tithing my babysitting money from Saturday night gigs as a teen. Then I felt good because I'd put in a whole two dollars.

As I grew and earned more, the practice of giving has stuck with me. Even when money has been tight, I remember tithing as a spiritual practice that says "I trust God to care for me regardless of my circumstances."

November is one of the times we take a look at our stewardship in the church. How are we being good stewards of what God has entrusted to us? Our stewardship consists of not just money but also our time and talents.



As you might know, Jesus spent a lot of time talking about money because where we spend our money tells us a lot about our priorities. Though it may sometimes be an uncomfortable topic of discussion, talking about money and stewardship is an important aspect of our growth as disciples.

This month, I invite you to consider your heart as it concerns giving. Join with me in wondering about our attitude towards tithing and stewardship. Do we avoid and cringe? Do we eagerly await the chance to put in your coins? Is there some other reaction?

In all of these places, know that no matter where we are, God loves us and invites us to take steps closer to the very best of who God is calling us to be!

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 Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation. It is greatly appreciated. Because of your support, homeless and street youth in our area have somewhere to turn when they are left to fend for themselves. Your support makes a huge difference to each of the 750+ youth we work with every year.

— Amy White, Development Officer, Life House



Dear Asbury Congregation:

Thank you for your generous donation of backpacks to Stowe Elementary School. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

— Mrs. Carlson's 4th grade class

Message From Our Sponsored Child

We recently received correspondence and a drawing from Katerin, our sponsored child at Compassion. It is written below verbatim as translated from Spanish to English by Melki Mendez.

Dear Sponsors and Friends. I greet you with much joy hoping you are healthy and getting many blessings. I want to tell you about my family. I live with my mom and my dad, my brother, my grandmother and my aunts and uncles live near my house. My mom prepares the food. We share as family together and our religion is Christian. I go to church with my parents and my favorite Bible verse is Psalms 3:5. I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me. What are your favorite hobbies? My favorite hobbies are playing

soccer and I thank you for the pretty letter you sent me. I hope you pray for me and my family. We are praying for you that God will bless you. We live in the rural area and I am glad to write to you again. I say bye with much love and affection.

— Katerin Paola Lopez.



Community Thanksgiving Service — November 26



The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Bethany Community Church, 6700 Grand Ave, Duluth on November 26. **Community choir practice will be at 6:00 pm with worship following at 7:00 pm.** There will be coffee and fellowship after the service. Please join us!

Outreach Opportunity — December 7 & 21

Asbury volunteers will be helping prepare, serve and clean up a Saturday meal at the **Damiano Soup Kitchen on Saturday, December 7 and 21 from 8:30 am until 1:30 pm.** There is a sign-up sheet on the back table in the Narthex. Five to six volunteers are needed. Volunteers need to be able to stand for long periods of time, work the entire 5-hour shift and be at least 16 years old.

Toy Drive — December 15 Deadline

New, unwrapped gifts for infants/toddlers/children/teenagers may be placed under the Christmas tree (the tree will be up on November 30) at the front of the sanctuary **through December 15.** They will be brought to the Salvation Army on December 16 as per their request. As in year's past, please no toys suggesting violence such as guns or war toys.

— Outreach Committee

Outreach/ Communion Offering . . .

October's offering of \$239 went to World Communion. November's offering will go to Bethany Crisis Nursery.

Attendance . . .

October 6	57
October 13	88
October 20	79
October 27	92

Scripture Readers . . .

November 3	Carrie Sutherland
November 10	Terry Olson
November 17	Sharon Parendo
November 24	Leo Lambert



November Birthdays

- 1 Stella Nickila
- Bill Swanstrom
- 3 Chris Nylund
- Matt Wrazidlo
- 4 Steve Kokotovich
- 5 Kale Hanson
- 7 Nancy Olson
- Avon Power
- 8 Jenean Nelson
- 10 Cheryl Lambert
- 12 Cathy Sampson
- 13 Barbara Little
- 15 Jim Anderson
- Taelor Rolland
- 19 Jeffrey VanDell
- 20 Pat Nelson
- 21 Bill LeClair
- Paulette Ozzello
- 22 Cody Carlson
- 24 Jim Faue
- Jane Herrick
- Fletcher Wrazidlo
- 25 Brian Cornell
- 27 Kendra Sharkey
- 28 Scotty Lund
- 29 Bobbi Gimpel

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

Asbury News

Fulfilling Our Scriptural Imperatives

On Sunday, October 27, the Minnesota UMC Conference Big Waters District Superintendent, Susan Nienaber, visited with the members of the Staff Pastor Parish Relations (SPPR) Committee and Pastor Katherine.



The DS is the clergy member employment supervisor and visits with the Pastor and SPPR Committee members each fall. The purpose of this visit is a check-in by the DS to receive feedback on how we feel our Pastor, along with

the Asbury congregation, is becoming a vital expression of fulfilling our scriptural imperatives to:

- Grow in love of God and neighbor (the Great Commandment, *Matthew 22:37-40*)
- Reach new people (the Great Commission, *Matthew 28:19-20*)
- Heal a broken world (the Great Proclamation, *Luke 4:16-21*)

Prior to the visit, the SPPR Committee completes a feedback worksheet outlining responses to those imperatives.

It is important that in everything we do at Asbury from pasties to meatballs to donuts to apple pies, rummage sales to worship, the neighborhood picnic to youth and adult education, we are thoughtful about how the activity might be responding to one or more of the imperatives listed above.

Additionally, each pastor in the Big Waters District completes their own self-review form, establishes goals for their ministry, and has an in-depth conversation with the DS. Some of that conversation and the SPPR Committee feedback includes responses to how and how effectively our pastor is equipping Asbury to fulfill the scriptural imperatives of the stated UMC Minnesota Conference vision.

Questions or wish to learn more? Please speak with Cathy Sampson, SPPRC Chair; Steve Kokotovich, Lay Leader; or Pastor Katherine.



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!
NOVEMBER 5
Asbury UMC is a primary election site.
7:00 am to 8:00 pm

TREASURER'S REPORT: 9/30/19

GENERAL FUND:	
Beginning Cash Balance, 8/31/19	\$ 13,970.78
Deposits	\$ 17,671.16
Total to Account for	\$ 31,641.94
Checks Written	<\$ 13,689.01>
Balance on Hand, 9/30/19	\$ 17,952.93
Unpaid Bills through 9/30/19 (includes apportionments)	\$ 15,231.00
Net Ending Balance at 9/30/19	\$ 2,721.93



CHUM SuperShelf

Exciting changes are coming to the CHUM Food Shelf through a program called **SuperShelf**. The mission of SuperShelf is to transform food shelves, creating welcoming environments for communities to access appealing, healthy food.

SuperShelf comes with standards for stocking healthy foods. It has always been important for the CHUM Food Shelf to provide healthful foods, and Scott Van Daele, CHUM's Director of Distributive Services, has worked diligently to find more sources for fresh produce and whole grains such as brown rice, whole grain pasta and oatmeal.

Through SuperShelf, CHUM also will offer a new "Cooking & Baking" section with oil, spices and other ingredients needed to create nutritious, home-prepared meals.

The new program aims to create a welcoming, positive, grocery store-like experience. Behavioral economics are used to make the healthiest choices the most appealing and easy to choose. To accomplish these goals, several changes are planned for CHUM's Food Shelf shopping area. It will be expanded and arranged for better flow. New shelves, paint, signs, and cleaning will brighten the space.

Tentative dates for the transformation of the shopping area are at the end of October, during which time the downtown Food Shelf will be closed. Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be posted to help with tasks such as moving shelves, moving stock, cleaning and painting. The timeline may need to be adjusted, but the Food Shelf should be open by Thanksgiving!

Calendar

November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Praise Team practice is on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Asbury Singers Rehearsal is on Sundays at 9:00 am. 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		1	2
3 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME 9:00 am, AS Rehearsal 10:00 am, Worship/ Communion/SS 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH 6:00 pm, BS Troop 16, FH	4 6:00 pm, CS Pack 16, FH	5 ELECTION DAY 6:00 am to 9:00 pm 9:00 am, SVFC, WR 9:30 am Bone Builders, FR 10:00 am Visitation, GR	6 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:30 am UMW Board Meeting, WR 6:30 pm Praise Team	7 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 10:00 to 10:45 am, 2nd Harvest Food Dist	8 Dumpster Pick Up	9 9:00 am FREE Yoga Class, FH
10 9:00 am, AS Rehearsal 10:00 am, Worship/Birthday/ Children's Church 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH 6:00 pm, BS Troop 16, FH	11 6:00 pm, CS Pack 16, FH	12 9:00 am, SVFC, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 10:00 pm Advent Tea Meeting, GR 2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR	13 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 6:30 pm Praise Team	14 9:00 am Pastor K @ West Duluth Clergy 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR	15	16
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24 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 9:00 am, AS Rehearsal 10:00 am, Worship/SS 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH 6:00 pm, BS Troop 16, FH	25 6:00 pm, CS Pack 16, FH	26 9:00 am, SVFC, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR 7:00 pm Community Thanks- giving Service @ Bethany Community Church	27 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 6:30 pm Praise Team MESSENGER EMAILS/MAILS	28 HAPPY  THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30 9:00 am Hanging of the Green

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Hanging of the Green

The Hanging of the Green is scheduled to take place on **Saturday, November 30 at 9:00 am.**

Come for an hour or whatever time you can give to help prepare the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Whatever time you can spare will be very much appreciated. Many hands make light work!

Free Yoga Class — November 9

Join yoga instructor, Cheryl Zupec, on Saturday, November 9 at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall at Asbury UMC for a **FREE** yoga class.

This will be a beginner class, using mats if you have them or a chair to understand the benefits of a home yoga practice.

NO experience is necessary. The key elements of

yoga begin with your breath. The movements follow.

You can never be too inflexible or too stiff for yoga. This will be a good opportunity for you to have your questions answered. If you have questions before November 9, please call Cheryl at 218-343-4478.

All Saint's Day Service of Remembrance

On Sunday, November 3, we are giving loving tribute to the members and friends of Asbury United Methodist Church who have died this past year. In Christ's love and with deep gratitude for the lives of our loved ones, we will light a candle in remembrance of:

*Richard (Rick) A. Skorich
Carol J. Lonetto
Alan J. Johnson
Queneth "Quen A. Youngren
Lornabelle Arlene Larson
Laura Mae Jones
Donald William Lilyquist
Eli Kokotovich*



Family members are invited to take the candle home with them following the worship service.



Order Deadline is Sunday, November 24

We will again be decorating our sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season with beautiful poinsettias. Flowers may be taken home following the 10:00 pm Christmas Eve worship. Please complete the order form below and place it along with your check for **\$10.00 made out to Asbury UMC** in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Additional forms will be available on the back table in the Narthex.

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Color choice (please circle) **Red** **Marble (Red & White)**

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Celebration of: _____

Office Use Only
Date paid: _____ Check #: _____

Poinsettia - \$10.00 x _____ TOTAL = _____

Your Pasty Money at Work

Our fall pasty sale has been completed and we thank everyone for their help in making this another successful sale. Monies earned will go to the following:

- Church utilities used \$500.00
- Missions: Heat Share \$837.01 (10% of the profit)
- Project Fund Profit \$8370.10



UMW Awards Announced

The following persons will receive awards on UMW Sunday in January (date TBD):

Special Recognition Awards will be presented to Pat Nelson, Cathy Sampson and Phyllis Wolden.

Thank You Awards will be presented to Tom and Debbie Houle and Ted Plys.

Honored in Memory will be Carol Lonetto and Queneth Youngren.

A monetary gift to mission will be made in the names of all of the above. Learn more about these members and their service to our church and community on UMW Sunday in January 2020.

Annual Advent Tea — December 10

Our annual Advent Tea will be held on Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00 pm. The theme this year is the “Legend of the Poinsettia.” **Our program starts**

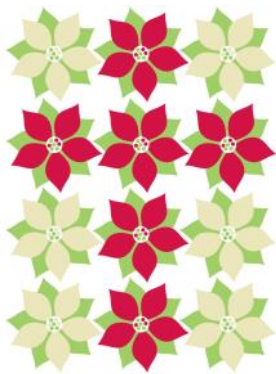
in the Sanctuary so please enter through the doors upstairs. Just Friends will be the evening’s entertainment. Guests will join their hostesses downstairs following the program.

Please consider being a table hostess and inviting seven guests to join you for this special event. Each hostess decorates her table and provides a dessert for her guests to enjoy.

A sign-up sheet for hostesses will be on the table in the

Narthex on November 10.

This is a wonderful evening of fellowship and a lovely preparation for the Advent season. Please contact Cheryl Parendo, Pat Anscorb, Nancy Olson or Donna Mickelson for more information.



UMW Meetings

- The UMW board will meet on November 6 at 9:30 am in the Wesley Room.
- Love/Hope Circle will meet at 1:00 pm in the Wesley Room on November 19. Kendra Sharkey will be the hostess.
- Faith Circle will meet at 1:00 pm in the Wesley Room on November 21. Linda Warner will present devotions and will be the hostess.
- 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 with some exceptions — the next meeting will be November 18.

Kitchen Professionally Cleaned

Our church kitchen was professionally cleaned on Monday, October 28. Please help keep our kitchen clean by taking home any towels/aprons used to be washed and returned as soon as possible for the next event, and by putting all items used back into their respective places. Our kitchen is an important part of our church and is used frequently. Your help in keeping it clean at all times is greatly appreciated.

Meatball Dinner Update

A huge **Thank You** to all who worked so hard at our Fall Meatball Dinner! We served 525 meals of which 170 were takeout. That is the most takeout meals we have served to date!

We worked hard, we worked together, we shared good fellowship and we have supported our church programs. Terrific team work!

Our profit of \$5126.00 will go toward paying our 2019 MN Annual Conference church apportionments.

Fall Pantry Success Story

Each year the UMW budget is built on the profits we receive from the Fall Pantry and the pledges of our church women. Profits from this year’s Fall Pantry came to \$7549.00! Our pledges, which will be added to that amount, will be made at the beginning of January 2020. Combined monies go to mission work and the church. We thank all those who worked so hard to make this event so successful.

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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 Anscob
Lay Leader: Steve Kokotovich
Trustees: Donna Mickelson
..... Tom Houle, Dale Thorpe
UMW President Jan Akervik
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Worship Chair Ruth Thorpe
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NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: November 20 for December 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.*