



**Asbury**

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# Messenger

## Prayers For Our Time

**D**uring this time of sheltering in place, one of the many things that we CAN do is to pray. Here are a few prayers that have been offered that can connect us as people who worship together.  
—Pastor Katherine

### Pandemic

What if you thought of it as the Jews consider the Sabbath — the most sacred of times? Cease from travel. Cease from buying and selling. Give up, just for now, on trying to make the world different than it is. Sing. Pray. Touch only those to whom you commit your life. Center down.

And when your body has become still, reach out with your heart. Know that we are connected in ways that are terrifying and beautiful. *(You could hardly deny it now.)* Know that our lives are in one another's hands. *(Surely, that has come clear.)* Do not reach out your hands. Reach out your heart. Reach out your words. Reach out all the tendrils of compassion that move, invisibly, where we cannot touch.

Promise this world your love— for better or for worse, in sickness and in health, so long as we all shall live.

— Lynn Ungar, March 11, 2020 (posted with permission of the author) For more from this author, view: <http://www.lynnungar.com/poems/>

### A Prayer For Our Uncertain Times

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health and making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love. And during this time when we may not be able to physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors. Amen.

— Submitted by Fr. Michael Graham, S.J.

## The Serenity Prayer

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

— Reinhold Neibuhr

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# A Penny For Your Thoughts

## God Is Walking With Us!

**H**appy Easter Asbury family. Let me share the traditional greeting with you: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Though Easter Sunday is past, we still celebrate the season of Easter – where we remember Jesus is alive and join him in everlasting life.

And yet, let me say what might be obvious to everyone; this Easter season is hard. We are doing hard things. Whether you are having to work from home, work somewhere as an essential employee, teach your children challenging math, feeling lonely, or perhaps even enjoying a slower pace, this is still hard.

Alongside this challenge, our grief is real. There are so many reasons for grief. At the beginning of the shelter in place orders, Brian conducted an online funeral – not just for people who have died, but for expectations, dreams, jobs, ways of life, end of year celebrations, family gatherings, and graduations. All these things and so many more have been canceled or postponed. And it's okay to grieve going through all the different stages – denial, anger, bargaining, depression, acceptance – back and forth and around again.

I'm thankful for the gift of Easter, in that Jesus never made light of anyone's grief. He couldn't just die, then pop back like a Jack-In-the-Box and expect everyone to be okay. There was a three-day wait as well as ongoing adjustment because the disciples' grief was real.

Love is also real. You are dearly loved. Remember that God loves you and there is a community around you, though physically distant right now, who is embracing you. Not everyone saw Jesus



at the same time, or in the same way. But Jesus' return was the mark of God's enduring love and that Jesus wanted to be with his family - the disciples.

Which brings us to Pentecost and the Holy Spirit. Fifty days after the resurrection, the disciples were gathered together in an upper room. The Holy Spirit came upon them like tongues of fire and they went out sharing the good news of God's love for all people. Many were gathered that day and many were added to the number of believers. Now, though we cannot gather together as we might like, the same Holy Spirit brings us together again with the good news of God's love for all people.

So we are living in times of great challenge, but with a God of great promise who is walking with us!

Know that if you need to talk to someone – for any reason happy or sad, please give me a call 828.263.2035 or send me an email at [kcornell@wnccumc.net](mailto:kcornell@wnccumc.net)

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](mailto:kcornell@wnccumc.net).

# Asbury News



## National Day of Prayer — May 7

The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May. Designated by the United States Congress, it is a day when people are asked “to turn to God in prayer and meditation.” The president is required by law to sign a proclamation each year, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day.

## Hiking Saturdays Postponed Until July

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 procedures, Duluth Parks and Recreation is revoking all Special Event Permits in parks and on trails until July 1. The Superior Hiking Trail Association is following their guidelines and will be canceling or postponing all guided hikes until July 1. Therefore, we will cancel both of our guided hikes on the 3rd Saturday of May and June.

We will reassess whether we will schedule hikes ongoing after July 1. In the meantime, enjoy the area’s trails on your own using safe distancing guidelines. If you have any questions about hiking on the Superior Hiking Trail, please send an email to LBSampson@msn.com



## Information on Katerin

We received the following update from Compassion International on our sponsored child, Katerin.

Dear Friends,

You may be wondering how Katerin is doing? Here is the latest update from El Salvador to give you a glimpse into the life of Katerin and give you assurance that Compassion International’s partner churches around the world continue to serve and love your child.

There are currently active cases of coronavirus in El Salvador. The country issued a mandatory nationwide quarantine. All educational activities are suspended, and Compassion programming is on hold. Partner churches are supporting the most vulnerable families with food and available medicine. Partner churches are also developing tutoring materials online so children can continue learning from home.

You may notice a lack of letters in the coming months, as children will not be at the Compassion centers to write or send their letters. Please rest assured that our staff in El Salvador is working hard to provide support wherever possible. While the program activities cannot happen in groups at the churches, staff will continue to keep in touch with the children and attend to health issues as they are able. The main goal during the program suspension is to keep the children safe and protected.

May these updates give you powerful ways to pray for your sponsored child and the people of her country. Thank you for caring, for praying and for sharing. We know this is a difficult time for everyone.

— Rich Van Eaton, Sponsor & Donor Relations Director, Compassion Intl.



## Outreach/ Communion Offering . . .

March’s offering will go to CHUM Food Shelf FoodShare Campaign. **We are collecting through the end of May.** A final tally on monies and food donated will be in an upcoming issue of the Messenger.

## Attendance . . .

April 5	105 views
April 9 (Maundy Thurs)	56 views
April 10 (Good Friday)	74 views
April 12 (Easter)	160 views
April 19	81 views
April 26	112 views

**2** Greg Fox

**3** Caroline Carlson  
Matt Nylund  
Emily Rager

**5** Julie Brackett  
Terry Olson

**6** Brendyn Peterson

**8** Sharon Parendo  
Rod Ridgewell

**9** Terrie Gimpel

**10** Daniel Barry

**12** Jack Anscorb

**14** Arianna Thieling

**16** Ruby Slennes  
Phyllis Wolden

**17** Barb Downs

**23** Louise Taraldsen

**25** Candy Kokotovich

**28** Dean Peterson

**29** Ben Nylund

**30** Trevor Robinson

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



*A Prayer from the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches*

*God of life, you have promised to be with us every day, also in difficult days, like in times like these.*

*Give us clarity in our minds, strength in our work and discernment, rest as we sleep, peace in our minds.*

*Be with those who need help more than we do ourselves help us to see what we can offer from your love. Amen*

## Asbury News



### Joy of Motherhood

A hug for no reason.

Belly laughs.

The light-bulb moment when your child understands something you've been trying to teach them.

Smiles and giggles.

Mud pies.

Arms raised in the air after a big accomplishment.

Hearing scripture and prayer from your child's lips.

Quiet moments on the couch.

Reading aloud together.

A family meal filled with conversation and laughter.

Watching your child be kind to another.

Recognizing a moment you'd like to freeze in time.

A child's look of surprise and joy.

A quiet conversation that heals a wounded heart.

The words "I love you" — and a sticky kiss.

— Unknown

### Summer Ministry Internship Opportunity

We have an opportunity for a high school student to receive \$500 for a summer ministry internship at Asbury. In order to apply for the internship, you would need to be in high school and be interested in knowing more about ministry opportunities in the church. The internship would consist of around 50 hours of work including meeting with Pastor Katherine to set up goals for the time, regular progress check-ins, and an evaluation at the end. Possible projects include development of summer worship opportunities, creating connections with the younger children and families of the church, or helping develop the online presence of Asbury. Please email Pastor Katherine at [kcornell@wnccumc.net](mailto:kcornell@wnccumc.net) by **May 17** if you are interested in applying for this internship opportunity.



### Asbury "Assistance Fund"

As the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic hits our community, we as a church family would like to respond. Due to the sensitive nature of needing assistance, we plan on utilizing the Pastor's Discretionary Fund to help with needs. If you would like to donate to this fund, please send a check to Asbury with "assistance fund" in the memo. Or, if you would like to donate gas or grocery store gift cards, please mail to the church office. If you or someone you know needs assistance during this time, please email or call Pastor Katherine at [kcornell@wnccumc.net](mailto:kcornell@wnccumc.net) or 218-624-0061, ext. 201.



# Asbury News



## Asbury Gardening Committee

Garden team members will begin working outdoors as soon as it warms up in early May. Please call me at 722-5818 for the starting date. We will meet on Monday mornings at 8:30 am until (your choice).

A year-end report was sent to current members noting spending in 2019 and showing the beginning balance for 2020 spending. The report also listed a few of the activities we will be doing to start the season.

We have decided to eliminate our Perennial Plant Sale for this year as we are unsure of when our in-church services will resume.

If you enjoy working outdoors, please join us. We always welcome more members. A huge thank you to all of our current members for their valuable help. It is very much appreciated.

— Judy Pearson, Garden Team Chair

## Welcome!

Theodore Michael Tollefson

Born April 9, 2020

5:17 EDT

Brandon, FL

9lbs 13oz — 21in

All are doing well!



Parents Zak and Sophia Tollefson  
Grandparents Scott and Lynn Tollefson  
Great Grandmother Lois Stromgren

## Grocery Shopping Assistance

Just a reminder that we have volunteers willing to do grocery shopping and delivery for anyone needing that assistance. With the continued health concerns regarding COVID-19 pandemic, there may be folks that, due to age and/or underlying health issues, are not comfortable going out to get groceries. If that is the case for you, please call the church office, 624-0061, and we will arrange a volunteer to shop for you and deliver the food to your home.

If you would like to be added to the volunteer list, please call Shirley and give her your name and phone number. Questions, please feel free to call Steve Kokotovich at 722-4340.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Lisa Greene  
Jim & Bobbi Gimpel  
Ray & Carol Peters  
Roy & Sherry Peters  
Nathan Peters  
Anna & Bill Guldner  
Shirley Brandt  
Pat Ballantine  
Ron Brosdal  
Barb & M. George Downs  
Ed Lone  
Dick & Karen Holm  
Fred & Barbara Little  
Floss Johnson  
General Conference 2021  
Our Nation  
Amy Applebee  
Marilyn Lutz  
Louise Anderson  
Vivian Simmons  
Pat Anscorb  
Karter Lauderville  
Mary Jo Plys  
Barbara Larson  
Bill Swanstrom  
Bob Cherne  
Ardelle Peterson  
Willie Winklesky  
Jill Spencer

## THE POWER OF PRAYER

Colleen Carlson  
Darlene Rowan  
Marshall & Florence Froland  
Tim Froland  
Bill Schultz  
Tom & Kendra Sharkey

*In honor and gratitude for those serving in the military; we pray God's sustaining presence upon each one.*

Steve Bennett  
Rory Blazevic  
Michaela Bock  
Alex Bourdage  
Ian Evans  
Daylon Moore  
Anika Pavlich  
Dominic Pavlich  
Rick Peterson  
Alex Plys  
Renee Ruppel  
Scott Stumbo

## Foodshare Campaign Extended

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, CHUM's March Foodshare Campaign **has been extended until the end of May**. All donations to CHUM's Emergency Food Shelf are proportionally matched by the Greater Minnesota Council of Churches. Asbury can help by contributing cash and/or food donations.

Please mark your monetary donation as CHUM Foodshare on the memo line or envelope and **send to Asbury, 6822 Grand Ave, P.O. Box 7135, Duluth, MN 55807**.

**Food donations may be brought to the church on Tuesday, May 19 from 10:00 am to noon**. Asbury has elected to focus on donations of **fruit cocktail, peanut butter, Chunky soup, pork & beans, cereal, Spam and Ramen noodles**.

Our goal this year is to collect 80 pounds of food and beat last year's cash donation of \$1,793.

## Thanks Mom

At his graduation, a young man tasked with giving a speech began reading from some notes. "I want to talk about my mother and the wonderful influence she had on my life," he said. "She's a shining example of parenthood, and I love her more than words can ever do justice."

The graduate then paused, appeared to struggle a moment and looked up at the audience with a mischievous smile. "It's really hard to read my mom's handwriting," he said.

# Asbury News

## Ad Council Meeting Minutes — 4-28-20

### Opening

In Bonnie Schroeder-Palmi's absence, Steve Kokotovich called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the Administrative Council used the Bluejeans communications app to virtually meet. Steve mentioned that we have a very full agenda for this meeting. Pastor Katherine offered a prayer asking God to help us be together in spirit to navigate through these difficult and different times.

### Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the February 18, 2020, Administrative Council were reviewed. Cathy Sampson made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. **M – Cathy Sampson, S – Pat Anscomb**

### Lay Leader's Report – Steve Kokotovich - no report

### Treasurer's Report – Pat Anscomb

The February monthly summary was given. Balance on Hand, 2/29/20 is \$1,676.86. The March monthly summary was given. Balance on Hand, 3/31/20 is -\$37.05. We have not paid any of our 2020 Conference Apportionments so far this year. Pat presented the Three Month Income Statement prepared by Larry Scanlon. Pledges and other envelope giving held up well, which is good because of an over expenditure in the elevator maintenance. Once again, church members are encouraged to keep up their pledges. Pat also presented the Balance Sheet prepared by Larry Scanlon. The church has strong asset holdings and no liabilities. Steve Kokotovich gave us an update on the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan. Asbury's application was not in the first round of loans given by the federal government, and we are still waiting to hear if our application was accepted for the second round of granted loans. The United Methodist Foundation is now being managed by Wespath, a subsidiary of UMC.

The Minnesota Conference has provided a waiver to the budget so that Asbury's share to Pastor Katherine's health insurance and retirement will not be billed for 3 months. She still receives the benefits.

### Staff Parish Relations Committee – Cathy Sampson

Due to COVID-19, the committee has not met lately. Cathy mentioned that all staff are being paid. Shirley's usual work, plus more, continues. Dan is working on a worklist provided by the church and he gives us weekly updates. And Phyllis is contributing music to the weekly, online Sunday services. Pastor Katherine is communicating with them.

### Trustee's Report – no report

### United Methodist Women – Jan Akervik

Carpeting has all been cleaned in the basement, narthex, sanctuary, Wesley Room and the two church offices. Due to COVID-19, the donut sale, meatball dinner, rummage sale and diaper drive have all been postponed. Monthly cards continue to be mailed out. The Green Door Book Club will meet in the lower parking lot on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. Social distancing will be observed.

### Outreach and Missions Team – Steve Kokotovich

Neither the Damiano Center or the Second Harvest are asking for church volunteers at this time. For the CHUM March Food Drive, Asbury donated \$1,648.85 and 83 pounds of food. Since this collection is ongoing until the end of May, cash donations can be marked for CHUM and mailed to the church. A date will be set when a cardboard box will be set outside the church door for people to drop off food donations. This date will be mentioned in the *Messenger*.

### Education Team – Sandy Winklesky

The Sunday School has not been meeting and the Education Team's meeting set for tomorrow night has been cancelled. Pastor Katherine applied for, and received, a High School Summer Ministry Internship Grant for \$500. Pastor Katherine has written an invitation for high school students to apply for this grant which will be for 50 hours of work.

## TREASURER'S REPORT: 3/31/20

### GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Cash Balance, 2/29/20	\$ 1,676.86
Deposits	\$ 24,595.01
Total to Account for	\$ 26,271.87
Checks Written	<\$ 26,308.92>
Balance on Hand, 3/31/20	<\$ 37.05>
Unpaid Bills through 3/31/20 (includes apportionments)	<\$ 5,700.24>
Net Ending Balance at 3/31/20	<\$ 5,663.19>

### Worship Team – Debbie Merrick

Debbie has sent communications out to the team and they will meet virtually in May. The Worship Team plans to compensate Pastor Katherine's son, Michael, for all of his technical work in putting the Sunday services online. A streaming license for CCLI music services has been purchased for one year at a cost of approximately \$60. There will be a process of clarifying who will be on the Worship Team and what their roles will be. The team will be working on ways to be creative with music participation.

### Nurture/Congregational Care Team – Sandy Winklesky

The Visitation Committee has been making sure that those they usually visit are being connected with cards and phone calls. The Scholarship Committee reported that two people have applied for the scholarships and they will be awarded during the May 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday service. The Membership Committee reported that they have been connecting with the Visitation Team to make sure that the church is staying connected with members.

### Pastor's Report – Katherine Cornell

Pastor Katherine thanked all of us walking this difficult and challenging path together. It is time to think about the process of getting back to services at the church. To prepare for tonight's meeting, Pastor Katherine emailed a link containing 24 things to consider before reopening the church. She would like to form a group to plan this process.

### Old Business - none

### New Business – Steve Kokotovich

It was decided that we use the \$680 from the Easter offering in house this year. Jan Akervik made a motion that the money will be used for the Worship Team to purchase the \$60 music streaming service and other technological expenses for having our worship services online. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

### M – Jan Akervik, S – Cathy Sampson.

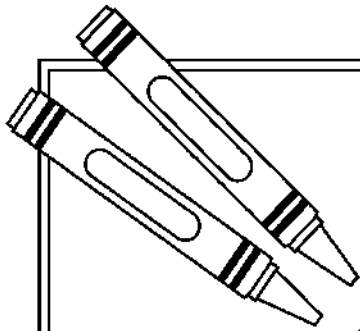
Pastor Katherine has applied for a Dare to Reach Grant for \$1000. She and Stephanie Peterson have been doing technology research so we can continue streaming our services every Sunday. Pastor Katherine would like others to join that team. Asbury is organizing an assistance fund to help people during this difficult time. Pastor Katherine is including an article in the coming *Messenger* to promote this. Members who want to give can donate money or food and gas gift cards. We discussed the benefits of purchasing a \$150 Zoom video conference program. This program would allow us to have our own control on video conferences and we discussed the possible uses by several committee of the church. A technical team is being organized as a subset of the Worship Committee. Pastor Katherine, Stephanie Peterson and Debbie Merrick will be on this committee. Pastor Katherine will arrange to have an email go out to invite others to join this team. She will also place an invitation article in the June *Messenger*. Pastor Katherine is forming a committee to make plans for returning to in-person church worship. It was agreed that this process will be done in a thoughtful, gradual manner. The committee will formulate a proposal and present it at the next Ad. Council meeting. Jan, Debbie, Steve and Cathy have agreed to be on this committee. Ad. Council members are encouraged to read the article, *24 Questions Your Church Should Answer Before People Return* by Ken Brady. She would like us to provide feedback about the article by May 5<sup>th</sup>. It was decided that a "Donate Now" button will be included on our web page.

### Closing

The next Ad. Council virtual meeting will be on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Jan Akervik made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. **M – Jan Akervik, S – Cathy Sampson.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patricia Bennett, Recording Secretary

# Kid's Corner



## Just for **KIDS**

### Mothers of the Bible

God wants us to love and honor our mothers – not just on Mother's Day, but every day. The Bible tells us about many mothers who loved God.

Use the code to discover each mother's name.

4+ 1☞ 1⌘ 2∩ 1∩

2☞ 1∩ 3∩ 3⌘

1+ 4∩ 1+

3∩ 1☞ 2☞ 1☞ 3⌘

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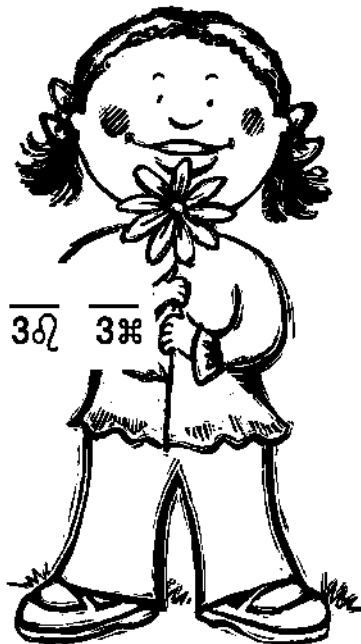
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2	R	C	L	Y	M
3	Z	B	S	H	T
4	D	N	V	K	G



Show your love for your mother, grandmother or aunt this Mother's Day by placing words of appreciation throughout the house for her to find.

#### What you need:

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Colored pencils
- Crayons
- Tape

**THANKS!**

#### What you do:

1. Fold construction paper into fourths.
2. Cut paper along the folds to get four pieces.
3. On each rectangle, write words of appreciation, drawings and so on.
4. Tape the papers throughout the house. For example, a note on the refrigerator or pantry might say, "Thank you for making yummy meals for me." A note on a mirror might say, "You are beautiful inside and out!"

Apart for a Time,



Together in Spirit

Answers: NAOMI, RUTH, EVE, SARAH, HAGAR, HANNAH, MARY, ELIZABETH, LEAH, RACHEL, REBEKAH.

# Calendar

**POSTPONED:-(**

## Worship will continue online at 10:00 am.

Please join us Sunday at [www.facebook.com/asburyduluth](http://www.facebook.com/asburyduluth) or [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2V1xSPTLmP2kxHhsR807Qg?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2V1xSPTLmP2kxHhsR807Qg?view_as=subscriber)  
All online worship services may also be viewed on Asbury's website at [www.asburyduluth.org](http://www.asburyduluth.org)

Virtual Leadership Team meetings are scheduled as needed.

## Cancelled until further notice:

Asbury Singers Rehearsals  
Children's Choir Rehearsals  
Praise Team Rehearsals  
BS Troop 16 & CS Troop 16 meetings  
Men's Coffee  
Wednesday Yoga Class  
Bone Builders  
Spirit Valley Fellowship Club  
All UMW meetings

# United Methodist Women



**Postponed until further notice:**  
Spirit Valley Fellowship Club Pancake Supper  
Meatball Supper, Rummage Sale, Spring Fest,  
UMW May Diaper Drive, Damino Center volunteers,  
Summer Donuts

## A Prayer for Memorial Day

*We remember, O Lord,  
all those people through-  
out the years who have  
made the supreme  
sacrifice for our country,  
for liberty, for us.*

*Whenever we breathe the  
air of freedom or claim  
the right to justice or  
enjoy the privilege of  
worship, fill us with gratitude for those who  
selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion —  
their very lives — for our benefit.*

*May these brave men and women now know  
the joy of eternity and your presence. And may the  
families of the fallen receive comfort and peace  
amid their grief. Help us as we minister to their  
needs. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



## All UMW Meetings have been postponed until further notice.

- UMW board members meet at 9:30 am in the Wesley Room on the 1st Wednesday of each month.
- Love/Hope Circle meet at 1:00 pm in the Wesley Room on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.
- Faith Circle meet at 1:00 pm in the Wesley Room on the 3rd Thursday of each month. **A notice will be sent out when a date is set for the end-of-the-year Out to Lunch meeting.**
- Knitting Klub members meet at 2:00 pm in the Wesley Room on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.
- Green Door Book Club members meet at 9:30 am in the Wesley Room on the 3rd Monday of each month.



## Spring Cleaning at Asbury

The UMW has had the carpet professionally cleaned in the Sanctuary, Narthex, Wesley Room, and two offices during our time of worshipping at home.

In addition to the carpet cleaning, our custodian, Dan, has shampooed all the pew cushions in the Sanctuary, stripped and waxed the floors in the washrooms, washed windows and is

doing a thorough spring cleaning of the church.

Thanks to Dan and the UMW for taking such good care of our church!



## Area UMW Meeting Cancelled

The Area UMW Meeting that was to be held on May 14 at Forbes in Proctor has been cancelled. The Area team will meet at some time this summer and set a date to reschedule this meeting.



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Return service requested

## Meet Our Staff



Pastor:..... Katherine Cornell  
Administrative Asst.: ..... Shirley Brandt  
Music Coordinator/Organist: ..... Phyllis Kruell  
Children's Music:..... Ruby Slennes  
Praise Team Leaders..... varies  
Custodian: ..... Dan Mokros  
Ad Council Chair: .. Bonnie Schroeder-Palmi  
Treasurer: ..... Pat Anscorb  
Lay Leader: ..... Steve Kokotovich  
Trustees: ..... Nancy Wagner  
..... Tom Houle, Dale Thorpe  
UMW President..... Jan Akervik  
SPRC Chair ..... Cathy Sampson  
Worship Chair ..... Debbie Merrick  
Christian Education: ..... Cheryl Parendo  
Christian Education: ..... Sandy Winklesky

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**NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: May21 for June 2020 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.*