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Office Hours Closed until further notice.

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Messenger

Asbury's Reopen Team Report Approved by July 28, 2020 Ad Council Meeting

n May and June the Reopen Team met multiple times to develop a plan to reopen Asbury to in-person services. The technical equipment to live stream from the church was investigated and purchased. We reviewed "best practices" on how to conduct a service with COVID-19. We also monitored the press releases from the Minnesota United Methodist Bishop and from the Minnesota Governor.

As the COVID-19 cases started to drop and the Bishop and Governor started to allow restricted in-person services, we developed a plan to have our first in-person service in late July. The Team prepared the church for services, closing every other pew, marking where people should sit, where chairs could be in the Narthex, setting up tables for signing in and cleaning hands, etc.

For multiple reasons we are now recommending that we don't consider having in-person services through the remainder of 2020, unless we see a strong indication of improvement in the pandemic. Some of the reasons for the change in plans are:

- The current increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in the Northland, Minnesota and the country as a whole, putting a higher risk on the Asbury congregation.
- The fact that the other Methodist churches in the Duluth area are not planning on starting in-person services in the foreseeable future (First Methodist Church is aiming for January, 2021).
- Many other West Duluth churches are also not meeting in person.

With this delay in mind, we feel that it is important that we enhance our on-line services. Some thoughts are:

- Broadcast (pre-recorded) services from the Asbury Sanctuary.
- Add visuals to the broadcast service.
- Include Phyllis, singers, scripture readers, acolytes and videos.
- We will broadcast communion services where the person at home will provide the bread and juice for themselves.

We will look into conducting an outdoor service/parking lot service yet this summer/early fall.

The team would like to thank the many people who are helping provide the on-line services for Asbury. They include, but are not limited to, Michael Cornell (filming and editing), Phyllis and singers, the Worship Team, Shirley Brandt, the Trustees, Ted Plys, the newly developed Technical Team, Dan Mokros and Pastor Katherine.



Seek God and Rejoice!

had so hoped that in my article for August I could speak about how great it was to finally see some of you in worship again! But as you can read on the front page of our newsletter, for many reasons, we are holding off on in-person worship for now. I AM looking forward to recording worship from the Sanctuary each week and we ARE planning on having our scripture readers come and be recorded. We are also hoping to have opportunities to gather in smaller groups for fellowship, checking in with one another, and some prayer together. Look for more information in future emails or the printed bulletins that we send out each week. If you are not receiving bulletins each week, either by mail or email and you would like them, please call the church office, 624-0061, and let us know!

Psalm 105 reminds us to "give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples... Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually."

Often times I see our gathering together each Sunday as an opportunity to seek the Lord. We are absolutely able to rejoice in our seeking of God even though we are not physically present with one another. There are the online opportunities, the option to hear the announcements, scripture, and sermon each week over the phone, and our own practices of worship and devotion. How do you seek the Lord every day? Take time today to notice the peace and joy that comes



from spending some time offering your heart to God. Take some time today to tell someone else where you saw the work of God in your life or in the world. For me, I am thankful for the lilies planted around my home. They are beautiful and resilient. I also see God's love in interactions with my family — even though we have rough spots, we are asking about where there is joy each day and working towards contributing to that joy. God's grace is present with us.

If you are needing help with finding a meaningful practice, or if your spirits are just flagging a little, please reach out to me at 828-263-2035. I would love to talk with you.

The Lord is still walking with us through this time, so make sure to connect with God and one another. You continue to be in my thoughts and prayers each day.

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.

Thank You!

Dear Asbury Church Family:

Thank you for the many prayers, meals, cards and well wishes that I received after my emergency surgery. I am feeling better each day and I am certain that the support that I have received from my Asbury family has greatly helped with my healing. God bless all of you dear friends! — Patty Bennett

Dear Pastor Katherine and Asbury UMC:

Thank you for Asbury UMC's contribution of \$1,648.85 to CHUM. Your gift has been designated for the CHUM's Food Shelf FoodShare Campaign. Your support means so much to us in times like these. Our essential services continue and the health and safety of our clients, staff and volunteers is our top priority. Together we can continue to make a dent in homelessness and food insecurity in Duluth and come out on the other side of the COVID-19 crisis with strength and unity. — Scott Van Daele, CHUM Distributive Services Director

God Amid Pandemic

Last spring, life changed as we became familiar with terms such as social distancing, flattening the curve and self-quarantining. We could hardly believe the closed schools, businesses and especially churches — just as Holy Week and Easter drew near! The coronavirus ran rampant in the world. Where



was God?

But as the spread continued, many civic leaders stepped up, calmly informing us of the facts, of actions being taken to mitigate the crisis and of how we could help. Healthcare professionals risked their lives and endured separation from families; teachers drew on astounding stores of creativity to teach online; pastors delivered sermons and lessons to empty sanctuaries as members listened and prayed while living in lockdown.

Surely God was present — through them!

Then I remembered how God assures us through Isaiah, "Fear not! When you pass through the waters, the fires, yes, even the pandemics of this world, I will be with you" (43:1-2, paraphrased). And Jesus echoes, "I am with you always" (*Matthew 28:20*).

- Sandy Hyland, The Newsletter Newsletter August 2020



Small Laughs

"God warned a man named Lot to take his wife and flee out of the city," said the Sunday school teacher, "but Lot's wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt." A curious boy asked, "What happened to the flea?"

In South Carolina, the Greenville County Department of Social Services sent the following letter to a man named Philip Fleming: "Dear Mr. Fleming, your food stamps will be stopped because we have received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reply if there is a change in your circumstances."



Our August Outreach/ Communion Offering collection is for the Valley Youth Center.

Attendance . . .

June 28	61 views
July 5	48 views
July 12	60 views
July 19	56 views
July 26	69 views

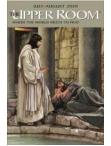
EXAUGUST Birthdays

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

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

Tools and Resources

A s we continue our journey together as disciples, it is important to have the right resources and tools



to help along the way. I know that many of the touchstones that previously sustained us have been interrupted. Even as we are making plans to gather and put some of those events and groups back in place, it is still challenging.

Here are some resources from the Upper Room that are being offered to us. I encourage you to look through the resources and choose at least one to explore. Know that you are all in my

thoughts and prayers. Please keep reaching out for connections with one another!

Blessings and Peace, Katherine

Upper Room Resources: (Please type in the entire URL address to access each resource.)

The Upper Room Morning Prayer via Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/UpperRoomCenter? utm_source=Standing%20Order%20Contacts% 208&utm_campaign=16c65fd5c1

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 11 a.m. (CT). These guided prayer experiences are archived so you may join at your convenience if you miss it live.

Spiritual Wellness in Anxious Times

https://www.upperroom.org/covid-19? utm_source=Standing+Order+Contacts+8&utm_ campaign=16c65fd5c1

For navigating the pandemic, this link makes available a list of timely practices including digital devotionals, videos, eCourses, podcasts, etc., all of which can be accessed for free.

The 2020 July/August The Upper Room

https://www.upperroom.org/standingorderchurches? utm_source=Standing+Order+Contacts+8&utm_ campaign=16c65fd5c1 A_PDF_file_of_the_2020_lulu/August_issue

A PDF file of the 2020 July/August issue.

Resources for the Spiritual Work of Overcoming Racism

https://www.upperroom.org/resources/the-spiritualwork-of-overcoming-racism?

<u>utm_source=Standing+Order+Contacts+8&utm_camp</u> <u>aign=16c65fd5c1</u>

For addressing the spiritual virus of racism that continues to tear our society apart. More content is added each week to this list of helpful resources. Also, included is a blog which sets the context for the formational work of anti-racism — Reaching In, Reaching Up, Reaching Out: The Spiritual Work of Overcoming Racism.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Lisa Greene Jim & Bobbi Gimpel Rav & Carol Peters Roy & Sherry Peters Nathan Peters Anna & Bill Guldner Pat Anscomb Pat Ballantine Ron Brosdal Floss Johnson Amy Applebee Marilvn Lutz Louise Anderson Ed Lone Shirley Brandt Dick & Karen Holm Fred Little Barb & M. George Downs Vivian Simmons Karter Lauderville Mary Jo Plys Barbara Larson Bill Swanstrom Bob Cherne Ardelle Peterson

Jill Spencer Colleen Carlson Our Nation General Conference 2021 Our sponsored child, Katerin Tom & Kendra Sharkey Bill Schultz Marshall & Florence Froland Tim Froland Mike Soder's Aunt Martha Darlene Rowan Donna Mickelson Michael Cornell Brian Herrick Clark &Patty Bennett Family of Louise Taraldsen

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 Roger Reinert Renee Ruppel Scott Stumbo



CONGRATULATIONS! Ruth Bloomquist will be 100 years young on August 1, 2020!

Calendar

August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship will continue online at 10:00 am.* In-church worship TBD. Please join us Sunday at www.facebook/asburyduluth or 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 Bone Builders exercise group will resume meetings in September.						1
2 0:00 am Share the Meal/Love Feast Vorship Please use Asbury's Face- book and YouTube links.	3 8:30 am (weather permitting) Garden Team	4 9:00 am, SVFC, FH Wear your mask!	5 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH Wear your mask! 9:30 am UMW Board Meeting, FH Wear your mask! 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	6 10:00 to 11:00 am, 2nd Harvest Food Dist	7 Dumpster Pick Up	8
9 I0:00 am Birthday Worship Please use Asbury's Face- book and YouTube links.	10 8:30 am (weather permitting) Garden Team	11 9:00 am, SVFC, FH	12 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	13	14	15
16 I0:00 am Norship Please use Asbury's Face- book and YouTube links.	17 8:30 am (weather permitting) Garden Team 9:30 am Green Door Book Club, FH Wear your mask!	18 9:00 am, SVFC, FH 6:30 pm Ad Council Zoom Meeting—link will be sent.	19 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	20 MESSENGER DEADLINE	21 Dumpster Pick Up	9:00-10-30 am Free Community Drive-Through Breakfast, Our Savior's Lutheran
23/30 10:00 am Norship Please use Asbury's Face- book and YouTube links.	24/31 8:30 am (weather permitting) Garden Team MESSENGER EMAILS/MAILS	25 9:00 am, SVFC, FH	26 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	27	28	

Ad Council Meeting Minutes — 7-28-20

Opening

Steve Kokotovich called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Administrative Council used Zoom to virtually meet.

Pastor Katherine offered a prayer for inspiration as we lead the people at Asbury, in our community and throughout the world.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the June 16, 2020, Administrative Council were reviewed. Sandy Winklesky made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

M – Sandy Winklesky, S – Jan Akervik

Lay Leader's Report – Steve Kokotovich

Steve presented the updated Asbury Reopen Team Report. This report is printed on the first page of the August, 2020 Messenger. Jan Akervik made a motion to accept the report with the understanding that it could change when more information about COVID-19 is made known. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

M – Jan Akervik, S – Dale Thorpe

Once again, Steve reminded us that as leaders of the church, we need to understand the steps we are taking to navigate the church through the coronavirus epidemic so they can explain to others the reasons behind our planning.

Treasurer's Report – Pat Anscomb

The June monthly summary was given. Balance on Hand, 6 /30/2020 is \$24,172.18.

Pat presented the Half Year Income Statement for 2020 prepared by Larry Scanlon. The church income looks favorable due to the Paycheck Protection Program grant, unpaid apportionments and pledges and other giving is holding up.

We have not paid any of our 2020 Conference Apportionments so far this year. Balance due for the 2020 Apportionments is \$22,801.00. Pat will discuss apportionment payments with the Finance Team meeting this coming Thursday to decide if we should make any apportionment payments right now.

Staff Parish Relations Committee – Cathy Sampson

The committee met on June 22^{nd} , when Cathy presented an update on the church reopening plan.

Also at the SPRC meeting, the committee discussed the job description for the new technical support position. Cathy requested that there be a line item in the church budget for this position.

Trustee's Report – Dale Thorpe and Nancy Wagner

Plastic shields have been made for the church pulpit and lectern. Members of the Trustees will be meeting with the voting electorate to decide the procedure for the August elections. Due to COVID-19, the polling judges will not use the kitchen.

The committee will check to make sure that the fireplace in the Wesley Room is in working order.

United Methodist Women - Jan Akervik

The UMW have prepared a fundraiser plan that will be presented to the Finance Committee this coming Thursday.

TREASURER'S REPORT: 6/30/20

GENERAL FUND:	
Beginning Cash Balance, 5/31/20	<\$ 13,043.18>
Deposits	\$ 26,911.18
Total to Account for	\$ 39,954.36
Checks Written	<\$ <u>15,782.18></u>
Balance on Hand, 6/30/20	\$ 24,172.18
Unpaid Bills through 6/30/20	
(includes apportionments)	<\$ 11,400.18>
Net Ending Balance at 6/30/20	<u>\$ 12,722.00</u>

The UMW will be having a social distance meeting in the Fellowship Hall next Wednesday.

Outreach and Missions Team - Steve Kokotovich

Due to COVID-19, the church will **not** host a National Night Out this August.

Education Team – Sandy Winklesky and Cherly Parendo Because there will not be in-church services until 2021, creative ways to reach the children were discussed.

Worship Team – Debbie Merrick

The team will meet Wednesday, August 5th.

The Worship Team will explore the possibility of a parking lot church service where the people will stay in their cars and listen to the service via a FM radio station.

The committee will also discuss small group gatherings at the church. To control the group size, people will need to sign up to attend.

Nurture/Congregational Care Team – Sandy Winklesky No reports from any of the committees.

Pastor's Report – Katherine Cornell

Pastor Katherine thanked everyone for their prayers, cards, meals and support while they were ill. She said that both she and Brian are feeling better.

Pastor Katherine plans to meet individually with church committee leaders to discuss ways we can connect with our congregation. We will need to think creatively on ways to reach new people.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Closing

The next Adminstrative Council virtual meeting will be on Tuesday, August 18th, at 6:30.

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

S – Debbie Merrick. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Patricia Bennett, Recording Secretary



Food • Shelter • Dignity • Hope

CHUM Reopens West Food Shelf

O n Monday, July 13, CHUM once again began distributing food to neighbors in need at the West Food Shelf at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 4831 Grand Ave, Duluth.

"Due to COVID-19, the West Food Shelf has been shut down since late March," said Scott Van Daele, CHUM's Director of Distributive Services. "We know that families and individuals across Duluth continue to have a need for food. We are happy to continue our partnership with Our Savior's Lutheran Church to once again provide this service."

The CHUM West Food Shelf will operate on Mondays from 10:00 am to noon or until all pre-packed food boxes have been picked up. To maintain social distancing, CHUM has modified how food is distributed through its program:

- To take the precautions necessary to keep participants, staff, and volunteers safe, clients will be receiving a box of pre-packed food. CHUM continues to offer a wide variety of food. Each box includes fresh produce, dairy, meat and bread, along with non-perishable items.
- The on-site pantry is now a drive-through model. Clients will be asked to remain in their car, while staff and volunteers load food into the trunk. For clients who do not drive, they are asked to walk up but keep a six-foot distance when communicating with staff and volunteers.
- As a reminder to all of program participants, a friend, family member, or neighbor should be sent if you are not feeling well, and/or are experiencing any symptoms of illness (including symptoms associated with COVID-19).

This process will be evaluated monthly by Our Savior's Lutheran Church and CHUM will communicate any changes if this service will be discontinued due to an increase in COVID-19 cases.

Not Everything Is Closed Or Cancelled!

C HUM shared the following litany by David Haas, a leading composer of contemporary hymns. So much has been and will continue to be, for some time, cancelled: sports events, concerts, plays, worship services, rallies, travel, meetings, classes, family gatherings and so much more. **HOWEVER...** Love has not been cancelled. Mercy has not been cancelled. **Prayer** has not been cancelled. Attentiveness has not been cancelled. Goodness has not been cancelled. Thanksgiving has not been cancelled. Loving relationships have not been cancelled. **Kindness** has not been cancelled. Music has not been cancelled. **Conversations** have not been cancelled. Learning has not been cancelled. Poetry & storytelling has not been cancelled. Meditation & contemplation have not been cancelled. Painting & dancing have not been cancelled. Families have not been cancelled. Community & solidarity have not been cancelled. Faith has not been cancelled. Hope has not been cancelled.

And...God's presence with us, has not been cancelled.

CURRENT NEEDS

CHUM Needed Donations

The shelter needs men's boxers —all sizes, women's undergarments — all sizes, and socks.

Out Reach Services is still accepting any new or gently used camping equipment.

Steve O'Neil Apartments is in need of household items including: couches, chairs, loveseats, dressers, dinning room sets, cookware and any other items you can donate.

Please call 218-720-6521 to schedule a drop off.



Kid's Corner



USAKE-UP USORDS

Play this memory game to start each day in God's Word.



What you need:

- Paint and paint brushes
- Stickers
- An empty, clean tin can
- Permanent marker
- Bible
- Wooden craft sticks

What you do:

- 1. Paint and decorate the outside of the can.
- 2. With marker, write a Bible verse on several sticks (only two or three words per stick).
- 3. Put the sticks in the can, and set it in a spot you'll see daily. As you eat or brush your teeth, practice unscrambling the verse and placing sticks in the correct order.
- 4. When you've memorized the verse, repeat with a new one.



Answer: teeth, tie, sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice, iron, eggs; his compassions

POSTPONED:-(

Virtual Leadership Team meetings are scheduled as needed via Zoom or in-person.

Cancelled until further notice:

Asbury Singers Rehearsals Children's Choir Rehearsals Praise Team Rehearsals BS Troop 16 & CS Troop 16 meetings UMW meetings (some exceptions, please see below*)

Postponed until further notice:

Spirit Valley Fellowship Club Pancake Supper; Meatball Supper; Spring Fest; UMW Diaper Drive, Damino Center volunteers, Summer Donuts.

The National Night Out picnic has been rescheduled for October 6, 2020. Asbury has decided **not** to host the picnic in October due to COVID-19.

Cancelled for this year:

Wildfire Picnic & National Night Out Picnic at Winklesky home.

The decision also was made to cancel the Rummage Sale for this year. Please hold on to all the treasures you wanted to donate until next year! **No drop offs will be accepted this year.** Thanks!

- STAYING-

Additional Connection Opportunities!

Pastor Katherine has set up two new opportunities for us to connect while we are slowly phasing into in-church worship and our Fellowship connection.

The first is a Worship-by Phone option. If you would like to call in and hear the announcements, scripture and sermon, please call: **218-207-2156**. The message will be changed weekly on Sunday mornings

The second opportunity is to join us for Fellowship time through Zoom. Pastor Katherine will start Fellowship time after the on-line service ends each Sunday

Zoom Sunday Fellowship Time

Time: After Sunday worship (around 10:40 am) Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/93113000585 Maating ID: 021 1200 0585

Meeting ID: 931 1300 0585

One tap mobile +13126266799,,93113000585# US (Chicago) Meeting ID: 931 1300 0585

Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) Meeting ID: 931 1300 0585





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. The UMW Board will meet on Wednesday, August 5 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Social distancing rules will be followed. Please wear a mask. Phyllis Wolden will present devotions.
- Love/Hope Circle meets at 1:00 pm in the Wesley Room on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. No meetings in June, July and August.
- Faith Circle meets at 1:00 pm in the Wesley Room on the 3rd Thursday of each month. No meetings in June, July and August.
- Knitting Klub members meet at 2:00 pm in the Wesley Room on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Meetings are postponed until further notice.
- Green Door Book Club members meet at 9:30 am in the Wesley Room on the 3rd Monday of each month. The Club will meet on Monday, August 17 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Social distancing rules will be followed. Please wear a mask and bring your own coffee/beverage.

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Return service requested



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

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NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: August 20 for September 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.