

A Place For All. No Exceptions.

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> The Reverend Katherine Cornell

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Dear Family and Friends of Asbury UMC,

here is no question that this year has been a year full of challenges that many of us thought we would never have to face in our lifetime. We found ourselves being forced to physically distance from each other, which is contrary to what we as a congregation have experienced in the past. We are Asbury and we gather together to worship and to share experiences not meet each other through Social Media channels or see each other on our computer screens!

As difficult as it all has been, we have done it and remained strong. We found a way to worship and pray together while maintaining an appropriate distance. We are Asbury and we are "Committed to Christ" and that is how things get done.

You are invited to join us on **Sunday, November 15**, for our Commitment Sunday. As a part of worship, we will offer our 2021 pledge cards indicating our estimate of giving for the next year. Our Stewardship mailing went out on October 26.

If we are able to gather in person (please see page 3 regarding Bishop Ough's request to revert back to the Orange Phase of re-gathering), please bring your completed pledge cards with you that Sunday. If we are not able to meet, or if we are back in the Yellow Phase at that time and you are not able to attend worship that day, please mail the pledge card to the church office at 6822 Grand Ave, PO Box 7135, Duluth, MN 55807.

We know that as you estimate your giving for next year, it may be very difficult during these uncertain times. Know that if your situation changes, you can easily make adjustments by contacting Judi VanDell, our Finance chair, or the church office.

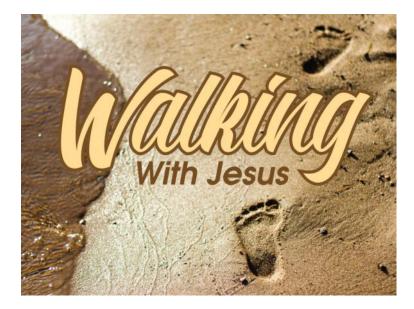


We Do Not Travel Alone

Recently I have been enjoying meditations from the Center for Action and Contemplation by Richard Rhor. It is a site that offers daily devotions based out of a desire to combine both contemplation and action in the Christian life and journey. Each day we are asked to read a devotion and consider "What word or phrase resonates with or challenges me? What sensations do I notice in my body? What is mine to do?" I believe these are great questions to encounter as we look for God's guidance in our everyday lives.

As we continue our journey of stewardship and commitment to Christ through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, it is helpful to remember that in all of these areas we do not travel alone. Cynthia Bourgeault reflects that "We are neither isolated nor helpless but immersed in a great web of belonging in which divine intelligence and compassion are always at our disposal if our courage does not fail us." So in this time that continues to present challenges, I pray that you will have the courage to reach out for God's presence and help.

How do we tap into that help? We can be encouraged by the witness of the saints who have travelled before us. We remember them on the first of November with candles and reading their names. We also take time to remember others in our lives who have given us direction and demonstrated God's love and activity in life.



We can lift up our newly forming confirmation class as our youth seek to claim their own journey with God. Please pray for God to guide and direct these youth in the coming months so that they might grow in their love of God and in their understanding of how to claim faith for themselves.

We can step boldly and intentionally into our commitment to walk more fully with Christ. Where is God calling you to prayer? Where is God asking you to show up with your full attention and presence? What are the gifts that God is asking you to bring forth? Where is God asking for more of your time to serve? What ways can you be a witness for God's love? As we grow in all of these areas, we will find that God is truly walking with us.

May you be blessed on your journey!

Blessings and Peace, Katherine

Pastoral Care: 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 United Methodist Church:

Because of your donation, homeless and street youth in the region have somewhere to turn when they are left to fend for themselves. Through comprehensive services and a holistic program model. Life House provides a place of acceptance and belonging where youth can reclaim a positive future. We are here for them providing unconditional support and a safe alternative to the streets. Your support makes a huge difference. Thank you for your generous gift.

Amber Sadowski, Development Director, Life House

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On a very practical level, we ask for an estimate of giving so that our Finance Committee is able to set an accurate ministry budget for the coming year. An option to consider for this year is giving electronically. It's easy to do and can be changed anytime. There is a box to check on the pledge card if you are interested in more information on this option.

We showed a strong commitment to Christ this year by finding different ways of continuing to be the vital, spirit-filled community of faith that we have always been even during these unprecedented times. Through the fulfillment of our baptismal and membership vows of offering our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, we demonstrate that we are "Committed to Christ." As a result, our ministries continue to touch, support, and change lives. Thank you for your support.

With you in our commitment to Christ,

The 2021 Stewardship/Finance Committee

Bishop Ough's Request To Move Back to Orange Phase

ue to the rise in COVID-19 cases, Bishop Ough has moved our conference back to the Orange Phase of regathering. This means that we need to move back to livestreaming worship only with no in-person worship.



The Orange Phase also means that our in-person small group gatherings are limited to 10 people.

If you would like to read more from the Bishop, here is a link to his letter: https:// www.minnesotaumc.org/newsdetail/conference-regathering-plan-moves-to-orange-phase-14353744

In the face of these difficult situations, we do know that God walks with us. I encourage you to take the time to connect with God and with your church friends and family. As always, feel free to reach out to me at (828) 263-2035.

Blessings and Peace, Pastor Katherine



Our November Outreach/ Communion Offering collection is for the Bethany Crisis Nursery.

Attendance . . .

Oct. 4	61 views/27 in-church
Oct. 11	51 views/29 in-church
Oct. 18	41 views/19 in-church
Oct. 25	59 views/20 in-church

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- 1 Stella Nickila **Bill Swanstrom**
- 3 Chris Nylund Matt Wrazidlo
- 4 Steve Kokotovich
- $\mathbf{5}$ Kale Hanson
- 7 Nancy Olson Avon Power
- 8 Jenean Nelson
- 10 Chervl Lambert
- 12 Cathy Sampson 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
- 27Kendra Sharkey
- 28 Scotty Lund
- 29 Bobbi Gimpel

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

Backpack Collection Report

Congratulations Asbury members and friends! This was a record-breaking year for backpack



donations! We received \$505 in donations which was used to purchase backpacks plus we received several backpack donations. All-in-all we had 77 backpacks that were brought to our area elementary schools! Having a backpack is essential for all school children and because of your generosity, 77 area children will have a more

successful year. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.



Food • Shelter • Dignity • Hope

CHUM Wish List

For Those Who Are Homeless

Warm winter socks, hand warmers, sewing kits, blankets, waterproof hats and gloves, pillar candles, gas cards, bath towels and wash cloths, wallets, solar lights, tents, sleeping bags, tarps (not blue).

For Those Who are Hungry

Fruits and Vegetables: Canned vegetables, canned or dried fruit, 100% fruit or vegetable juice. **Whole grains:** Brown and wild rice, pasta (first ingredient listed is whole grain), whole grain crackers, whole grain cereals (e.g. shredded wheat, toasted oats, raisin bran, oatmeal, cream of wheat, grits).

Protein: Peanut butter, sunflower butter, almond butter, canned meats and fish packed in water (tuna, chicken, salmon, sardines), dried beans and peas, black-eyed peas, chickpeas, kidney beans, lentils, canned beans, nuts and seeds (almonds, peanuts, sunflower seeds, pecans).

Dairy: Low-fat or non-fat, shelf-stable milk, powdered or evaporated milk, non-refrigerated low-fat soy, almond or rice milk.

Other items: Spaghetti or tomato sauce, vegetable oil, cooking spray, condiments, canned and shelf-stable soups and broths, dressings, marinades, dip, mixes.

For Households Moving from Shelter to Housing

Cleaning Supplies: two-gallon cleaning buckets filled with cleaning supplies including; dish soap, all purpose kitchen and bathroom cleansers, window cleaner.

Kitchen Supplies: Pots and pans, baking sheet, dishes and utensils.

Laundry Supplies: Sturdy laundry baskets/bags, laundry detergent, bleach, dryer sheets.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Lisa Greene Jim & Bobbi Gimpel Ray & Carol Peters Roy & Sherry Peters Nathan Peters Anna & Bill Guldner Pat Anscomb Pat Ballantine Ron Brosdal Floss Johnson Amy Applebee Louise Anderson Ed Lone Shirley Brandt Dick & Karen Holm Fred Little Barb & M. George Downs Vivian Simmons Karter Lauderville Barbara Larson **Bill Swanstrom** Bob Cherne Ardelle Peterson Jill Spencer Colleen Carlson Our Nation General Conference 2021 Our sponsored child, Katerin Bill Schultz Marshall & Florence Froland Mike Soder's Aunt Martha Donna Mickelson Brian Herrick Rodger Parendo



Clark &Patty Bennett Ted & Mary Jo Plys Pat Nelson Carl Larson Phyllis Kruell's son & grandson, Ben & Angelo Veteran John Family of Marilyn Lutz

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

Health & hygiene: Family-sized shampoo, hair conditioner, bath soap, lotion, toothpaste/toothbrushes. **Furniture:** Dressers, beds, tables and chairs.

For Personal Hygiene for Shelter Guests

New men's underwear in all sizes (boxers preferred); new women's underwear, sizes 5, 6, and 7; new or gently used bras all sizes; white crew socks for adult men and women; cough drops, reading glasses, denture adhesive/cleaning tablets;

feminine hygiene products; orthopedic supplies; bandages and dressings; flip-flops in various sizes for shower shoes.

Items We CANNOT use:

Mouthwash that contains alcohol, make-up, perfumes, nail polish, etc., stuffed animals, clothing, decorative pillows.

Communion Elements Available

A sbury celebrates communion on the first Sunday of the month. If you wish to pick up communion elements at the church, please come during open office hours. Please call the office prior to coming to make certain Shirley will be there, 624-0061.

You may also gather your own elements (a piece of bread and some grape juice) if so desired.

November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saint's Sunday Children's Sabbath 10:00 am On-line Worship/Communion Please use Asbury's YouTube link. DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS	2 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH	3 7:00 am to 8:00 pm Primary Election, FH	4 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:30 am UMW Board Meeting, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	5 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 10:00 to 11:00 am, 2nd Harvest Food Dist	6 Dumpster Pick Up	7
8 10:00 am On-line Worship/Birthday Please use Asbury's YouTube link.	9 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH	10 9:00 am, SVFC, FH	11 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	12 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH	13	14
15 Commitment Sunday 10:00 am On-line Worship/Praise Please use Asbury's YouTube link.	16 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH	17 9:00 am, SVFC, FH 1:00 pm Love/Hope Circle, FH 6:30 pm Charge Conference/ Ad Council, Zoom	18 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	19 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 1:00 pm Faith Circle, FH	20 Dumpster Pick Up	21
22 Christ the King Sunday 10:00 am On-line Worship Please use Asbury's YouTube link.	23 9:30 am Green Door Book Club, FH MESSENGER DEADLINE	24 9:00 am, SVFC, FH	25 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	26 HAPPY Thomks GIVING DAY	27	28 9:00-10-30 am Free Community Drive-Through Breakfast, Our Savior's Lutheran
29 1st Sunday of Advent 10:00 am On-line Worship Please use Asbury's YouTube link.	30 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH MESSENGER EMAILS/MAILS		In-church worship at 10:00 am has been postponed. Worship will continue online at 10:00 am. Please join us Sunday in-church or online. The YouTube link will be emailed out prior to each Sunday's service. All online worship services may also be viewed on Asbury's website at https://asburyduluth.org/about-us/worship/ Boy Scout Troop 16 meets at 6:00 pm on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall. Cub Scout Troop 16 meets at 6:00 pm on Mondays in the Fellowship Hall.			

Ad Council Meeting Minutes — 10-20-20

Opening

In Bonnie Schroeder Palmi's absence, Jan Akervik called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the Ad. Council used Zoom to virtually meet.

As the snow was falling outside, Pastor Katherine asked us to lean into the silence of the snow and listen to God.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the September 15, 2020, Administrative Council were reviewed. Pat Anscomb made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

M – Pat Anscomb, S – Sandy Winklesky

Lay Leader's Report - no report

Treasurer's Report – Pat Anscomb

The September monthly summary was given. Balance on Hand, 9/30/2020 is \$17,772.31.

We have paid half of our 2020 Conference Apportionments for a total of \$11,400.48, with a balance due of \$11,400.52.

Pat presented the 9 Month Income Statement prepared by Larry Scanlon. The budget shows a favorable variance primarily due to the \$18,000 PPP Grant and unpaid apportionments. Pledges and other giving continue to be strong, which helps due to the loss revenues from the meatball dinner and rummage sale.

Pat presented the Balance Sheet prepared by Larry Scanlon. We continue to have strong asset holdings and no liabilities.

Staff Parish Relations Committee -

Pastor Katherine for Cathy Sampson

All staff reviews are completed.

The committee met virtually with the District Superintendent. The next committee meeting will be in November.

Trustee's Report - Nancy Wagner

New handicap signs have been installed outside the church. The Trustees have hired Northland Fire & Safety to check church EXIT lights.

The fire marshal inspected the church and we received no citations. We do however, need to replace our extension cords with power strips.

We need to remember to keep the fire door at the bottom of the stairs and the two kitchen doors closed at all times.

The Trustees will be meeting before the elections.

United Methodist Women - Jan Akervik

The virtual Pantry was held on October 17th. Due to COVID-19 and the bad weather that day, sales were very low. If weather is good on election day, we will set up tables in the garage and hopefully sell the remaining items.

The Mother Hubbard's Cupboard letter has so far brought in \$1,800. More envelopes have been received but not yet counted.

Outreach and Missions Team

Jan Akervik's computer became disconnected. Pastor Katherine took over the meeting.

Socks for the Damiano Center are still being collected.

Second Harvest food distribution is ongoing. Due to the cold weather,

TREASURER'S REPORT:

9/30/20

GENERAL FUND:	
Beginning Cash Balance, 8/31/20	<\$ 13,484.68>
Deposits	\$ 19,088.15
Total to Account for	\$ 32,572.83
Checks Written	<\$ <u>14,800.52></u>
Balance on Hand, 9/30/20	\$ 17,772.31
Unpaid Bills through 9/30/20	
(includes apportionments)	<\$ 5,700.24>
Net Ending Balance at 9/30/20	\$ 12,072.07
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registration workers may set up in the church in a social distance manner.

The church collected 77 backpacks for school children. They have been delivered to the area elementary schools.

Education Team – Sandy Winklesky and Cheryl Parendo Members of the Education Committee have sent out Sunday School packets to the children. They will continue to do this on a monthly basis. A big thank you to Shirley for helping with this project. We now have 5 confirmation students and possibly 2 more. Classes will begin on November 8th, and go every other week through May. Pastor Katherine is looking for Mentors.

Worship Team – Pastor Katherine

Jan is now reconnected and resumed as chair of the meeting. This Sunday will be the beginning of the Stewardship campaign. Commitment Sunday will be on November 15th. November 1st will be All Saints Day, Communion and presenting 3rd Grade Bibles.

Nurture/Congregational Care Team – Sandy Winklesky

No reports from any of the committees.

Pastor's Report - Katherine Cornell

Since the group social distance size is limited to 12 in the Fellowship hall, it was decided that a larger group setting could take place in the church sanctuary.

With COVID-19 cases on the rise, it was noted that there may become a time when we will need to stop meetings at the church. We will follow the recommendations from the Conference and the CDC. The Scouts will be doing an outside camping experience at the church this coming weekend.

There will be a Charge Conference at the beginning of the November Ad. Council meeting. The purpose will be to approve the Pastor's Compensation and the Leadership Report.

A table will be set up at the back of the church for Commitment Sunday envelopes.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

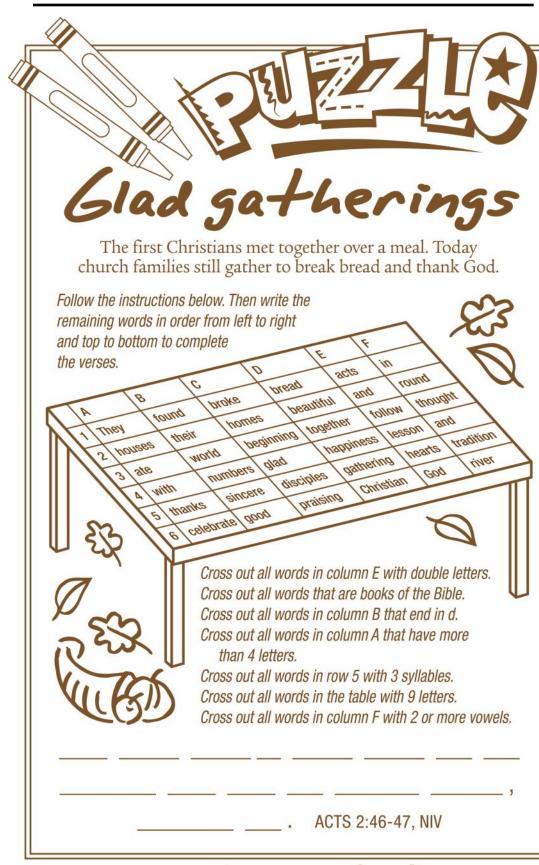
Closing

The next Virtual Ad. Council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 17^{th} , at 6:30 pm.

Cheryl Parendo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. **M – Cheryl Parendo**, **S – Gary Winklesky.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Patricia Bennett, Recording Secretary

Kid's Corner



Answer: They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God. Acts 2:46-47, NIV

ALL ABOUT ME!

y name is Kale Hanson. I came into this world in a

place called Duluth, MN, on the 5th day of the month, November, in the year 2009. They thought about naming me Keegan. If I could





choose my own name, it would be Trevor.

In my family, I have zero brothers and zero sisters. My favorite thing to do is going to Twins games or playing Wiffle Ball. My favorite thing to eat is chili. I don't like it when I have to do homework.

My home is a building made of wood. It's located in Hermantown. At my home, when I look out the window, I can see grass. My favorite thing to do all by myself at home is play baseball.



All Saint's Day Service of Remembrance

On Sunday, November 1, 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:



Florence Brosdal Ron Stevens Henry "Hank" Arvid Linder Barbara Little Mable Evans Ridgewell Elmer Olson Thomas Joseph Sharkey, MD Darlene Susan Rowan Louise P. Taraldsen Marjorie D. Skafte Marilyn Lutz

Family members are invited to pick up the candle during office hours after November 1.



Confirmation Time!

We are excited to be having a confirmation class this year! We will begin mid-November and continue meeting through May.

Confirmation is a time for our middle and high school youth to learn about and explore their journey of faith through scripture, tradition, thought, and experience. It is an exciting time of growth

for the youth, parents, and mentors.

How can I support this journey? I'm glad you asked! Please keep the youth, parents, mentors, and Pastor Katherine in your prayers. If you would like to have a specific youth to pray for, please contact the church office and we will connect you. Thank you for your support as we take this journey together.





Order Deadline is Sunday, November 22

We will again be decorating our sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season with beautiful poinsettias. Flowers may be picked up on Monday, December 28 during office hours. Please complete the order form below and send it along with your check for **\$10.00 made out to Asbury UMC** to the church office, 6822 Grand Ave., PO. Box 7135, Duluth, MN.

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 =

<u> United Methodist Women</u>



Mother Hubbard's Cupboard Thank You!

A huge THANK YOU to all those who contributed to our Mother Hubbard's Cupboard fundraiser. We truly appreciate your support as we try to gather



funds to support all the mission projects that the UMW budget supports. You helped the UMW earn \$2,770.00!

Last year we had approximately \$8,000.00 in funds from our pantry and pledges. We know we will most likely not have those kinds of funds available this year, but we will

support as many projects as possible.

It is not too late to contribute if you would like to do so. Please send a check made out to Asbury to the church at 6822 Grand Ave, PO Box 7135, Duluth, MN 55807 and write Mother Hubbard's Cupboard in the memo line. Again, thank you so much.

"Mini" Pantry Hits Major Weather Bump!

Due to the inclement weather on Saturday, October 17, attendance at the UMW's "Mini" Fall Pantry was significantly low — the first wet, heavy snow forced many of their usual customers to stay home and they only raised \$1200.00.

The UMW had planned on putting out all the

goodies and craft items on November 3 while Asbury was open as a polling spot for the election. However,

the City of Duluth has let the UMW know there is an ordinance that there can be no sale held during election hours on November 3.

With Plan B also failing, the UMW are now on to Plan C. Please stay posted as they are formulating a new plan for the sale.

The UMW are committed to supporting missions and will do their best to make it happen.

Asbury Bone Builders

The Bone Builders exercise group will reconvene on Mondays (instead of Tuesdays) and Thursdays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Small group social distancing rules will be followed. Masks will be required. The group will be limited to 10

attendees. The next meeting will be on Monday, November 2.



UMW Meetings

- 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, November 4 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Small group guidelines will be followed. Please wear a mask.
- Love/Hope Circle meets at 1:00 pm in the Wesley Room on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.
 Love/Hope Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, November 17 at 1:00 pm.
 Small group guidelines will be followed. Please wear a mask.
- Faith Circle meets at 1:00 pm in the Wesley Room on the 3rd Thursday of each month.
 Faith Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, November 19 at 1:00 pm.
 Small group guidelines will be followed. Please wear a mask. Karen Gokey will present devotions. The Circle will collect for the World Thank Bank offering which is one of the items that helps them maintain their Five Star Unit status.
- 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, November 16 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.
 Small group guidelines will be followed. Please wear a mask and bring your own coffee/ beverage.

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Return service requested



Pastor: Katherine Cornell
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Treasurer:Pat Anscomb
Lay Leader: Steve Kokotovich
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UMW PresidentJan Akervik
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Worship Chair
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NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: November 23 for December 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.