



**Asbury**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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Katherine Cornell**

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# Messenger



## Schedule For LENT

**March 7 — 10:00 am**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent, Communion

**March 14 — 10:00 am**  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, UMCOR Sunday, Birthday  
Daylight Savings Time begins

**March 21 — 10:00 am**  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, Praise

**March 28 — 10:00 am — Palm/Passion Sunday**

**April 1 — 6:30 pm — Maundy Thursday**

**April 2 — 6:30 pm — Good Friday**

**April 4 — 10:00 am — EASTER SUNDAY!**  
Communion

### March FoodShare Campaign 2021

Minnesota FoodShare began its work in 1982 with a campaign to restock food shelves in the 7-county Twin Cities Metro Area. It was so successful and the need was so evident, the Campaign became a statewide program just one year later. During the 2020 Campaign, more than \$21.5 million dollars and over 7.4 million pounds of



food shelf items were raised by Minnesota food shelves. Minnesota FoodShare envisions a future where all Minnesotans have access to healthy food and no one struggles with food insecurity. The March Campaign addresses these issues directly and invites you to join their efforts and advocate for long-term solutions to food insecurity and poverty in our communities.

During all of March, 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. There is a table set up in the Narthex for food donations. **We will collect through April 1.** Due to the pandemic, it may be easier this year to mail in a monetary donation. If you would like to make a food donation, please drop items off on Sunday mornings or during the week (always best to call first to confirm someone is in the office, 624-0061).

Thank you for your support, Asbury's Outreach Team



# A Penny For Your Thoughts

## Dreaming Together

**A**s we continue through Lent, we are studying the book “Love Is The Way” by Bishop Michael Curry. I am thankful for this time to delve deeply into what love is and how love influences and affects our lives. A connection Bishop Curry makes is between love and our dreams. Love helps us dream.

In the history of the Civil Rights movement, the reality for Black people was continued oppression and discrimination. In spite of these realities, the dream of a society without those biases helped the movement forward. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I have a dream” speech continues to resonate through our society providing vision and hope for how our society could be. Though we have a long way to go yet, for many groups of people, love can be expressed through our visioning of a different kind of future. It is important to speak the dream.

So if dreaming is so important, how often do you sit and dream — about your life, about your work, or your church?

Our Minnesota Conference has a vision for who we as the church can be. We are to be people who grow in the love of God and neighbor, reach new people, and heal a broken world. And Asbury has a statement of mission: Asbury United Methodist is a caring, Christian community that 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. I would love to see these visions grow



to specific dreams for different groups in our congregation.

I invite you, as we begin to gather back together to do a little dreaming. What could our church or your specific group become? How could you live into Asbury’s dream of bringing hope, love, and peace into this community?

I know that I am excited to see Asbury as a light of hope and love as we open our parking lot to be a COVID-19 mobile testing site and our Fellowship Hall as a place for BIPOC and people with disabilities to receive a vaccine. I see these events as continuing to live into the dreams of Asbury. What are other needs for the community that we could sponsor or promote?

We are all people on a journey, connected through the love of God for us and one another. As we dream together, we can remember that Easter is around the corner. Love that does not let us go, that is stronger than even death is the author of our dreams and the One who works through us to bring them into reality. So how about it, will you dream with me?

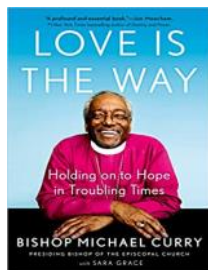
Blessings and Peace,  
Katherine

**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](mailto:kcornell@wnccumc.net).

# Asbury News

## Lenten Study: "Love is the Way" —It's Not Too Late To Join!

For our Lenten study this year, we will be joining the conference-wide study on Bishop Michael Curry's book "Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times." It's not too late to join!



The study is being offered via Zoom each Thursday at 11:00 am continuing through April 1. On Thursday, February 25, we are beginning the study of Chapters 1&2. Thereafter, we will cover two chapters a week. Each week will be introduced with a video from one of the MN Conference leaders. A link to each meeting will be emailed. Books can be purchased online or at any local bookstore.

Please email or call the church office to sign up and receive an email reminder with the discussion questions for each week.

## 2021 Offering Envelopes Now Available For Pickup

Offering envelopes for 2021 are available for pickup Monday through Thursday from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. Please call to confirm Shirley will be in the office, 624-0061.

## Communion Elements Available

Communion elements are available for pickup Monday through Thursday from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. Please call the office, 624-0061 to make certain Shirley is there. You may also gather your own elements (a piece of bread and some grape juice) if you wish. Communion Sunday will be March 7.

## Easter Flowers Deadline To Order March 4

Time to order Easter flowers! Please call Shirley at 624-0061 to let her know what you would like to order (Easter Lily, \$13; Mum, \$19; Begonia, \$19). Please send payment (made out to Asbury UMC) to the church office at 6822 Grand Ave., Duluth, MN 55807. All orders need to be called in by Thursday, March 4. Flowers may be taken home following worship on Easter Sunday, April 4, picked up on Monday, April 5 between noon and 2:00 or please let Shirley know if you would like them delivered.

## THE POWER OF PRAYER

### 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  
 Shirley Brandt  
 Dick Holm  
 Fred Little

Barb & M. George Downs  
 Vivian Simmons  
 Karter Lauderville  
 Mary Jo & Ted Plys  
 Barbara Larson  
 Bill Swanstrom  
 General Conference 2021  
 Our Nation  
 Our sponsored child, Katerin  
 Bob Cherne  
 Ardelle Peterson  
 Jill Spencer  
 Colleen Carlson  
 Florence Froland  
 Mike Soder's Aunt Martha  
 Rodger & Cheryl Parendo  
 Clark & Patty Bennett  
 Pat Nelson  
 Carl Larson  
 Veteran John  
 Phyllis Bazso  
 Bill Simmons  
 Alice Brenny

Ruby Slennes  
 Barb Rigstad  
 Karen Gokey  
 Greg Fox

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

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

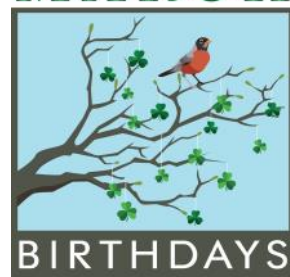


Our March Outreach/  
 Communion Offering  
 collection is for the  
 Second Harvest Food Bank

## Attendance . . .

February 7 80 views  
 February 14 68 views  
 February 17 42 views  
 Feb. 21 20 in-church/37 Views

## MARCH



- 1 Zak Tollefson
- 7 Jan Akervik  
 Katherine Cornell  
 Lynn McGraw
- 9 Julie Arnt
- 11 Karina Kokotovich
- 13 Lloyd Simich
- 15 Allison Finnely
- 19 Teri Akervik  
 Ruby Nelson
- 22 Steve Mickelson  
 Taylor Robinson
- 23 Mick Levinski
- 25 Lynn Tollefson
- 28 Stephanie Peterson  
 Nolan Randa  
 Renee Randa
- 30 Marc Kujawa, Jr.

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

# Asbury News

## Ad Council Meeting Minutes — 2-16-21

### Opening

In Bonnie Schroeder-Palmi's absence, Steve Kokotovich called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the Ad. Council used Zoom to virtually meet. Pastor Katherine provided a prayer.

### Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the January 19, 2021, Administrative Council were reviewed. Jan Akervik made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**M – Jan Akervik, S – Sandy Winklesky**

### Lay Leader's Report – Steve Kokotovich

Opening the church to small groups was discussed. Cathy Sampson made a motion that we would open the church to groups provided that we wear our masks, follow social distancing, offer no food or beverages, limit attendance to 50 people in the sanctuary, 10 in the Fellowship Hall and 4 in the Wesley Room, and that the meeting must be scheduled with Shirley. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. **M – Cathy Sampson, S – Dale Thorpe** Steve asked if anyone heard comments about the church being cancelled the past two Sundays due to cold weather. No comments were heard.

### Treasurer's Report – Pat Anscomb

The January monthly summary was given. Balance on Hand, 1/31/2021 is \$8,321.25.

As of 1/31/2021, we have paid none of our 2021 Conference Apportionments. We have a balance due of \$20,675.16. \$150 of our Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings was sent to TPUMMS. The balance of the remaining offering is \$630. Pat Anscomb made a motion to equally divided the \$630 between the Salvation Army Heat Share Program and CHUM. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**M – Pat Anscomb, S – Sandy Winklesky**

### Staff Parish Relations Committee – Cathy Sampson

No Report

### Trustee's Report – Dale Thorpe and Nancy Wagner

Stack Brothers is coming tomorrow to work on the boiler, which they say will get us through this winter. They suggested that we install 2 smaller boilers instead of the larger boiler that we currently have because it could be more economical.

Steve Kokotovich has bought a lockable mailbox which will be mounted to our front entry door.

The mobile COVID-19 testing site held in the church parking lot went well. Another testing event will be held tomorrow.

### United Methodist Women – Jan Akervik

UMW Sunday was held on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

UMW held no February meeting but they are hoping to have a March meeting in the sanctuary of the church.

\$175 has so far been donated to our "Soup"er Bowl cause. This money will be given to CHUM Food Shelf in March during the matching donations drive.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

1/31/21

### GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Cash Balance, 12/31/20	<\$ 4,624.46>
Deposits	\$ 16,014.15
Total to Account for	\$ 20,638.61
Checks Written	<\$ 12,317.36>
Balance on Hand, 1/31/21	\$ 8,321.25

Unpaid Bills through 1/31/21 (includes apportionments)	<\$ 2,456.95>
Net Ending Balance at 1/31/21	<u>\$ 5,864.30</u>

### Outreach and Missions Team – Steve Kokotovich

Second Harvest food distribution is ongoing. They need two volunteers from the church.

The committee will be collecting monetary and food donations for the CHUM March food drive.

### Education Team – Sandy Winklesky

The Education Committee send out a February Sunday School packet to the children. A combined Lent and Easter packet will be sent for March and April.

### Worship Team – Donna Mickelson

No report.

### Nurture/Congregational Care Team – Sandy Winklesky

No reports.

### Pastor's Report – Katherine Cornell

Confirmation continues to meet on Zoom. Pastor Katherine is hoping to begin meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

The council discussed the possibility of our church Fellowship Hall being used as a COVID-19 vaccination site. Cathy Sampson made a motion that Pastor Katherine meet with a St. Louis County representative to discuss the logistics. If everything looks good, Pastor Katherine can give our approval. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. **M – Cathy Sampson S – Dale Thorpe.**

There is a 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday service tomorrow at our church. This is a combined worship service with Norton Park and Northwoods. A Zoom Lenten book study will be held on Thursdays at 11:00 am. The book, *Love is the Way*, will be discussed. Please let Pastor Katherine know if you would like to take part in the study.

### Old Business - none

### New Business - none

### Closing

The next Virtual Ad. Council meeting will be on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Dale Thorpe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. **M – Dale Thorpe, S – Jan Akervik.** The meeting was adjourned at about 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patricia Bennett, Recording Secretary

# Calendar

## March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Dates TBD</b> 10:00 am-2:00 pm <b>COVID-19</b> mobile testing, Asbury parking lot</p>	<p><b>1</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders <b>POSTPONED</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> 9:00 am, SVFC, FH</p>	<p><b>3</b> 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:30 am UMW Board Meeting, Sanctuary 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH <b>POSTPONED/Resumes</b> in April. Call Cheryl at 218-343-4478 to join.</p>	<p><b>4</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders <b>POSTPONED</b>  10:00 to 11:00 am, 2nd Harvest Food Dist 11:00 am Lenten Study via Zoom</p>	<p><b>5</b>  Dumpster Pick Up</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>
	<p><b>7</b> 3rd SUNDAY IN LENT 10:00 am In-church &amp; On-line Worship/ Communion</p>	<p><b>8</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders <b>POSTPONED</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> 9:00 am, SVFC, FH  2:00 pm Knitting Klub <b>POSTPONED</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH  5:30 pm, YOGA, FH <b>POSTPONED</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders <b>POSTPONED</b> 11:00 am Lenten Study via Zoom</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>
<p><b>14</b> 4th SUNDAY IN LENT UMCOR SUNDAY Daylight Savings Starts 10:00 am In-church &amp; On-line Worship/ Birthday 3:00 -5:00 pm Confirmation Class, Zoom</p>	<p><b>15</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders <b>POSTPONED</b>  9:30 am Green Door Book Club, FH</p>	<p><b>16</b> 9:00 am, SVFC, FH  1:00 pm Love/Hope Circle, FH  6:30 pm Ad Council, Zoom</p>	<p><b>17</b> 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH  5:30 pm, YOGA, FH <b>POSTPONED</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> 9:30 am BB, <b>POSTPONED</b>  11:00 am Lenten Study via Zoom  1:00 pm, Faith Circle, Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>19</b> <b>MESSENGER DEADLINE</b>  Dumpster Pick Up</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>
<p><b>21</b> 5th SUNDAY IN LENT 10:00 am In-church &amp; On-line Worship/ Praise</p>	<p><b>22</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders <b>POSTPONED</b>  <b>MESSENGER DEADLINE</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> 9:00 am, SVFC, FH  2:00 pm Knitting Klub <b>POSTPONED</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH  5:30 pm, YOGA, FH <b>POSTPONED</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders <b>POSTPONED</b>  11:00 am Lenten Study via Zoom  <b>MESSENGER EMAILS/MAILS</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b>  9:00-10:30 am Free Community Drive-Through Breakfast, Our Savior's Lutheran</p>
<p><b>28</b> PASSION/PALM SUNDAY 10:00 am In-church &amp; On-line Worship  3:00 -5:00 pm Confirmation Class, Zoom</p>	<p><b>29</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders <b>POSTPONED</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> 9:00 am, SVFC, FH</p>	<p><b>31</b> 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH  5:30 pm, YOGA, FH <b>POSTPONED</b>  <b>MESSENGER EMAILS/MAILS</b></p>	<p><b>In-church worship has been re-instated (50 or less). Live stream worship will continue online at 10:00 am.</b> A link will be emailed out prior to each Sunday's service. All online worship services may also be viewed on Asbury's website at <a href="https://asburyduluth.org/about-us/worship/">https://asburyduluth.org/about-us/worship/</a>  Boy Scout Troop 16 meets via Zoom at 6:00 pm Sundays Cub Scout Troop 16 meets via Zoom at 6:00 pm Mondays  TBD: Pasty Sale, Meatball Supper, Rummage Sale, SVFC Pancake Supper</p>		

# Kid's Corner

# Puzzle!

Use the code to complete the blanks — and find out how God wants us to treat people.

CODE:



1,2 3 6 5 7,8 2,3 1 7,8 2,3

2 8 7 8,9 1 10 10 5 8 7,8 1 10,11 3

10,11 8 8 7,8 3 1 7,8 8 10,11 4,5 3 9,10'

3,4 8 9,10 4 5 11,12 5 7,8 4 3 1 2 4,5

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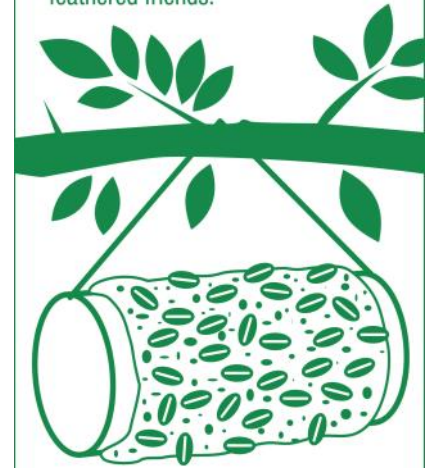
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EPHESIANS 4:32, NIV

Answer: Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, NIV

## FOR THE BIRDS

Display this recycled craft to care for feathered friends.



### What you need:

- Peanut butter or vegetable shortening
- Plastic knife
- Empty toilet paper tube
- Bird seed
- A plate
- String

### What you do:

1. Spread peanut butter or vegetable shortening on the tube, covering the entire outside surface.
2. Pour bird seed on a plate and roll the tube in the seeds.
3. Thread string through the tube and tie it to make a loop.
4. Hang the bird feeder outside. When seeds are eaten, coat the roll again.

*Apart for a Time,*



*Together in Spirit*

## UMW Meetings

- UMW board members meet at 9:30 am on the 1st Wednesday of each month. **The UMW Board will meet in the Sanctuary on March 3 at 9:30 am. Mask required. No food or beverages. Devotions will be presented by Lynn Tollefson.**
- Love/Hope Circle meets at 1:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. **The Love/Hope Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 16 at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Please enter from lower level, wear a mask and sign in.**
- Faith Circle meets at 1:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month. **The Faith Circle will meet on Thursday, March 18 at 1:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Masks required. Jan Akervik will present devotions. Pledges will be collected for 2021 and monies for the Sunshine Fund will also be collected.**
- 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 on the 3rd Monday of each month. **The Book Club will meet on Monday, March 15 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Masks required. No food or beverage.**

## Thank You From Faith Circle

The members of Faith Circle wish to thank all those who sent “Soup”er Bowl donations. To date \$200 has been collected. Thank you for your generosity. These funds will be added to the funds collected in March by the Outreach Team to support the CHUM Food Shelf during the March FoodShare Campaign. Monies will be proportionally matched by the Greater Minnesota Council of Churches when turned in to CHUM.

## “Mini” Pantry Items Available

Several items from our “Mini” Pantry are still available and set up boutique-style in the Green Room at Asbury If you wish to purchase apple butter, relish, bread in a jar or a handmade craft item, please call Pat Anscorb at 624-4554, Bev LeClair at 628-2680 or Cathy Sampson at 349-5307.



## Asbury News



### Small Group Meetings May Resume

Greetings Asbury family and friends! As COVID-19 numbers have continued to decrease, the Administrative Council has voted to open the building for small group meetings. We are still following COVID-19 protocols (physical distancing, wearing masks, and signing in for contact tracing) and also ask for no food or drink to be served at this time.

Groups of 10 or less can meet in the Fellowship Hall, 50 or less in the Sanctuary, and 4 in the Wesley Room. Please call Shirley, 624-0061, to schedule your small group, so that she can let you know if space is available.

Thank you for your continued efforts and understanding as we navigate our journey together as safely as possible.

Blessings and Peace, Katherine

### Creation Care Tips

The UMC Creation Justice Movement offers a Creation Care Tips resource on their website at [umcreationjustice.org](http://umcreationjustice.org). These tips are designed to actively involve individuals, families or teams in creation justice and environmental ministry! Each month, 10 tips are provided that are easy to implement, biblically and theologically sound, and educational. One of the tips for March offers a suggestion on keeping our water safe:

Wet your finger and touch it to your forehead. With a prayer of thanksgiving, remember your baptism. Every day is a call to care for God's good gift of water. Through the waters of baptism, we are reminded of God's renewing grace and gift of water that literally keeps us alive. Working to keep water safe, clean, and available to all is a sacred trust. On March 22, 2021, observe World Water Day (more information at [worldwaterday.org](http://worldwaterday.org)).



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## Meet Our Staff



Pastor:..... Katherine Cornell  
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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 ..... Donna Mickelson  
Christian Education: ..... Cheryl Parendo  
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**NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: March 22 for April 2021 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.*