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In-Church & Online Sunday Worship 10:00 am asburyduluth.org/about-us/worship/

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 10:00 am to 3:30 pm Closed Friday

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SEASON OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS





1st Sunday of Advent/HOPE November 28 10:00 am Worship

2nd Sunday of Advent/PEACE December 5 10:00 am Worship/ Communion







4th Sunday of Advent/LOVE December 19 10:00 am Worship/Praise Children's Christmas Program



3rd Sunday of Advent/JOY

December 12

10:00 am Worship/

Birthday

Our beautiful mosaic Advent trees were created by Phyllis Kruell. Thank you, Phyllis. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24 — 4:00 pm Candlelight Worship



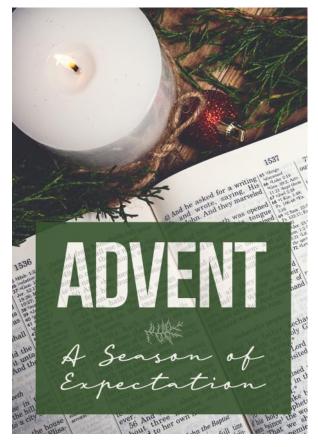
Take Time To Be Present

his past Sunday, we celebrated the First Sunday in Advent. We lit a candle symbolizing Hope, and we spoke about how we can look for and recognize Hope, or signs of the kingdom of God in our lives. In the next three weeks we'll talk about Peace, Joy and Love as we prepare for the celebration of God in our midst — Emmanuel, God with us. Jesus' birth offers us time each year to think about how God chose to enter our world and be present among us.

We worship God who did not choose to stay distant from us and leave us to our own doing, but rather chose to be present, instructing, guiding, giving strength and support, but also transforming and changing us if we allow and are willing. We worship God who for our sake came to live, die, defeat death with life eternal and is coming again.

I know that we think of the second coming of Christ as something in a far off time and place, and it's true that we do not and cannot know when or exactly how the world will end. However, as I spoke about on Sunday, there are signs of God's kingdom every day. The fact that God chose to enter into our world of human flesh tells us that we do not need to wait until the final day to partake in God's kingdom. We can and should experience that kingdom here and now.

The word Advent means "Coming" and traditionally we have used this time as one of preparation. Get ready to celebrate. And just as many of us prepare our homes with decorations or prepare for guests to come or prepare for presents to be given, we are always asked to work on our hearts and lives to receive more and more of God's goodness, love and transformation. But here's the amazing grace that God provides for us, God's love and



presence with us WILL COME! Ready or not. God said, it doesn't matter that there was no room at the inn or no place at the table, I am making a new way. And all you need to do is show up. The shepherds were on the hillside just doing their job and the angels came to them. They showed up and received the grace God offers.

So in this Advent, amidst the preparation and work, I encourage you to take time to be present. Just receive the gift that God wants to walk with you. God wants to give you strength, courage, a new beginning and most of all, God wants you to know that you are loved. Come, join us this season and receive God's gift with us!

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.

Asbury News

Thank You!

Dear Asbury Family,

Thank you to everyone for your cards, well wishes and prayers as I had hip replacement surgery and now as I recover. Surgery went well and the healing progresses. I am ever grateful for my Asbury family. — Cathy Sampson

Dear PastOr Katherine and Asbury Members,

Thank you so much for your donation. Your support helps us provide shelter, transitional living and emergency services to homeless women and families. We have been spending a lot of time in the community sharing about Harbor House and our services. It has been empowering to share with others the difference that we make in the community. We are thankful for partnerships we continue to gain. As the seasons change, we will continue to offer warm hospitality at our shelters. We are blessed by our partnership with YOU!

— Chelsea Branley, Executive Director, Harbor House Crisis Shelters

Dear Asbury United Methodist Women,

Thank you for your recent, most-generous donation and your compassion for those who are hurting. The Christmas season brings joy to so many of us, yet, unfortunately this time of year seems very different for our neighbors overcome with despair, anxiety and fear. In communities we serve, the number of people experiencing homelessness is at an all-time high and continues to rise. Additionally, a staggering 630,000 Minnesotans are facing daily hunger. Your life-changing gift of hope will provide safe shelter, nutritious food and loving care.

— Craig Schmalz, Senior Director of Donor Relations, The Salvation Army



Knitting Klub To Resume Meetings

I nitting Klub members will meet on the second Monday of each month in the West D each month in the Wesley Room. The next meeting is December 13 at 2:00 pm in the Wesley Room. Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting? Want to learn how? Klub members make prayer shawls and many other projects. Come join them!

Communion Elements Available

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.

Lay Readers For First Half of 2022

Te are updating our list of people who are willing to read Scripture during live stream Worship. If you would like your name to be added to, or remain on the Lay Reader list please call 624-0061 or email Shirley at: asburyumcduluth@hotmail.com.

Thank You For Your Pledge Cards!

Te have a total of \$101,162 pledged so far for our 2022 Operating Budget from 45 pledge units! If you have not returned your pledge card yet, please do so as soon as possible. The deadline is December 5. Pledges cards are available on the back table.



Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the ministry, people and programs of Asbury United Methodist Church!



Our December Outreach/ Communion Offering collection is for the **Damiano Center**



Attendance . .

Nov. 7 42 in-church/32 views Nov. 14 43 in-church/47 views Nov. 21 38 in-church/38 views

Nov. 28 48 in-church/22 views



- Scott Plvs
- Dawn Jones
- Carol Smith
- 9 Sandy Winklesky
- 13 Carol Peters
- 15 Alayna McGraw
- 16 Ruth Thorpe
- 17 Finnegan Miller
- 18 Bill Guldner Dale Thorpe
- 19 Rod Ridgewell Max Thibault
- 23 Judy Skorich Shelly Vanneste Willie Winklesky
- 29 Max Tollefson

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

Asbury News

Ad Council Meeting Minutes — 11-16-21

Opening

Steve Kokotovich called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. The council met in the Fellowship Hall of the church and also on Zoom.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the October 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 – Carrie Sutherland

Lay Leader's Report - Steve Kokotovich

Steve mentioned that we have had a very busy Fall with events and meetings. He commented that Pastor Katherine has a very busy schedule with attending all of the meetings as well as the course classes.

Treasurer's Report - Pat Anscomb

The October monthly summary was given. Balance on Hand, 10/31/2021 is \$5,177.60.

As of 9/30/2021, we have paid 50% of our 2021 Conference Apportionments. The balance we owe is \$10,337.58. Donna Mickelson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

M - Donna Mickelson, S - Sandy Winklesky

Staff Parish Relations Committee

The committee has been busy with staff reviews and working on reports for the District Superintendent.

Trustee's Report - no report

United Methodist Women – Jan Akervik

Pantry was a success. Over \$7,000 was made.

Meatball Dinner was a success as well.

UMW will be collecting hat, scarves, mittens and children's socks again this holiday season.

UMW is planning UMW's Women's Sunday which will be held early next year.

Outreach and Missions Team - Steve Kokotovich

The church collected 64 pairs of warm socks that were given to the Damiano Center.

There will be a Salvation Army Toy Drive again this year.

Education Team - Sandy Winklesky

The Fall Fest went well and the children had a lot of fun. Alice Brenny will be in charge of the Sunday School Christmas program.

TREASURER'S REPORT: 10/31/21

GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Cash Balance, 9/30/21 4,872.05 **Deposits** 13,235.79 Total to Account for \$ 18,107.84 **Checks Written** <\$ 12,930.24> Balance on Hand, 10/31/21 5,177.60

Unpaid Bills through 10/31/21

(includes apportionments) <\$ 6.891.72> Net Ending Balance at 10/31/21 <<u>\$1,714.12></u>

The next meeting, set for November 22nd, will be postponed to a later date.

Worship Team - Donna Mickelson

The committee has been busy with making a list of ushers' duties and creating a rotating schedule for acolytes. November 28th, is the First Sunday of Advent. The schedule for readers is near complete.

Nurture/Congregational Care Team – Sandy Winklesky No reports from The Visitation, Scholarship or Membership Committees

Pastor's Report - Katherine Cornell

Pastor Katherine is looking forward to the Advent Season. There will be one Christmas Eve service at 4:00 p.m. A leadership retreat is being planned for late January. Pastor Katherine is enjoying the leadership program classes that she is taking. She is eager to try some leadership ideas that have been presented in class.

Old Business

Hanging of the Green is this coming Sunday, November 21st.

New Business - none

Closina

A guick Ad. Council meeting to approve the church budget will be planned for some time in December after the church service.

The next Ad. Council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Jan Akervik made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. M -Jan Akervik, **S – Pat Anscomb.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted. Patricia Bennett, Recording Secretary

Calendar

December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
In-church worship has bee Phase. COVID-19 precautic continue online at 10:00 at Sunday's service. All online bury's website at https://asbi. Boy Scout Troop 16 meets in the Fellowship Hall. Cub Scout Troop 16 meets in the Fellowship Hall.	ons are in place. Live stre m. A link will be emailed out worship services may also uryduluth.org/about-us/wors s on Sundays, 6:00 to 7:30	am worship will t prior to each be viewed on As- ship/	1 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:30 am UMW Board Meeting, WR 5:00 pm, YOGA, FH	2 10:00 am Bone Builders, FH 10:00 to 11:00 am, 2nd Harvest Food Dist	3	4
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12 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:00 am/Birthday In-church & On-line Worship Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal	13 2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR	14 9:00 am, SVFC, WR 10:00 am, BB, FH 1:00 pm Finance, WR	15 8:30 am Men's Coffee, WR 5:00 pm, YOGA, FH	16 10:00 am Bone Builders, FH	17	18 10:00 am— 2:00 pm, Christmas Program Rehearsal and Pizza, FH
19 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 10:00 am/Praise In-church & On-line Worship	20	9:00 am, SVFC, WR 10:00 am Bone Builders, FH MESSENGER DEADLINE	8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:00 pm, YOGA, FH	23 10:00 am Bone Builders, FH	Candlelight SERVICE 4:00 pm, Worship	25
26 10:00 am In-church & On-line Worship	27	28 9:00 am, SVFC, WR 10:00 am Bone Builders, FH	8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:00 pm, YOGA, FH	10:00 am Bone Builders, FH MESSENGER EMAILS/MAILS	31 Watch Night	

Kid's Corner



A measure of love

Jesus says one golden rule sums up the law.

Directions: Match the word parts from the ruler to the incomplete words in the first three Bible verses. Then add the bolded letters (in order) to Matthew 7:12 to complete that verse.

Do not seek re_____ or bear a grudge against anyone among your __ople, but love your neig____ as yourself.

LEVITICUS 19:18, NIV

Learn to do right; seek jus____. Defend the __pressed. Take up the cause of the __less; plead the ___e of the widow.

He has shown you, 0 mortal, what is go__. ...

To act justly and to love me___ and to walk ____ly with your God.

MICAH 6:8, NIV

ISAIAH 1:17, NIV

So in ____ ything, do to ot ____ what you would __ ve them d _ to you, for this s _ ms up the _ _ w and the Proph _ _ s.

MATTHEW 7:12, NIV

Answer: revenge, people, neighbor, justice, oppressed, fatherless, case, good, mercy, humbly, everything, others, have, do, sums, Law, Prophets

Golden GIVING

Live out Jesus' golden rule by preparing gift bags for people in peed



What you need:

- · Gallon-size zip bags
- · New socks
- Hand warmers
- · Bus fare or tokens
- · Bottled water
- · Nonperishable food
- Toiletries and firstaid items
- Paper and markers

What you do:

- Gather supplies, using the ideas above. Fill bags to make care packages.
- 2. Write notes or draw pictures for recipients, placing one in each bag.
- 3. Zip bags and keep them in a vehicle to distribute. Or deliver them right away to people in need (or to sick or homebound people, nursing home residents, a homeless shelter and so on).
- 4. Pray that God will use your gifts to help and encourage each recipient.



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Asbury News

Toy Drive — **December 19 Deadline**

ew, unwrapped gifts for infants/toddlers/children/
teenagers may be placed under the Christmas
tree at the front of the sanctuary **through December**19. They will be brought to the Salvation Army on
December 20 as per their request. As in year's past,
please no toys suggesting violence such as guns or war
toys.

— Outreach Committee

FALL FESTIVAL 2021







Asbury Mitten Tree

A sbury is collecting winter accessories for the children in our area elementary schools. The cold winter months are upon us and many children are unprepared for the outdoors. The children are especially in need of mittens, gloves and socks. This year, we are adding a request for children's winter boots.

We are happy to have the Mitten Tree back this year. It is located in the Narthex and ready for your donations.

Monetary donations for this project are another option that would be greatly appreciated. Please write the check to Asbury and note "Mitten Tree Project" in the memo. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

FIRST EVER DRIVE THROUGH MEATBALL SUPPER 2021







United Methodist Women





UMW Awards for 2021

The following persons will receive the following awards on UMW Sunday (date TBD) in January to honor all they have done in 2021. All awards have a monetary gift made to Missions in their names.

The persons to be recognized with **Special Recognition Awards** are Kim Herrig and Debbie Merrick. They have given their time and talents to help provide music each Sunday. They have worked with Phyllis Kruell to select music that will enhance each service and make themselves available each Sunday to support Asbury in worship.

Thank You Awards will be presented to Sue Soder, Pam Perich, and Charles Crumb. Sue makes sure we register each Sunday, guides our candle lighters and acts as our Head Usher. Pam is one of the Tech Team members and also works to provide streaming of funeral services. Charles Crumb has been a valuable member of the Landscape Team and has been involved in so many projects since attending Asbury. We appreciate the time each of these persons gives to Asbury.

Gifts in Memory for those we have lost will recognize: Barbara Little, Paulette Ozzello, Jan Evans and Vivian Simmons.

Congratulations to our 2021 Award recipients. We are looking forward to celebrating these persons on UMW Sunday.

UMW Meetings

- UMW board members meet at 9:30 am on the first Wednesday of each month. The UMW Board meeting will be on December 1 at 9:30 am in the Wesley Room. Jan Akervik will share devotions.
- Love/Hope Circle meets at 1:00 pm on the third
 Tuesday of each month. The Love/Hope Circle
 will meet on December 7 at 1:00 pm for lunch
 at G.B. Schneider & Co., 4602 Grand Ave.,
 Duluth. Please let Phyllis Wolden know by
 December 6 if you plan to attend so
 reservations can be made. A monetary
 donation will be collected for The Salvation Army.
- Faith Circle meets at 1:00 pm on the third
 Thursday of each month. The Faith Circle will
 not meet in December. The next meeting is
 on January 20 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship
 Hall. Ruth Thorpe will share devotions. Pledges
 for 2022 will be collected.
- Knitting Klub meets on the second Monday of each month at 2:00 pm in the Wesley Room. The next meeting is on December 13.
- Green Door Book Club members meet at 9:30 am on the third Monday of each month. The Book Club will NOT meet in December. The next meeting is January 17 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Asbury News

2022 Offering Envelopes Now Available

offering envelopes for 2022 are available. They will be available for pickup starting December 5.

PLEASE NOTE: For tax purposes, all 2021 year-end giving must be in the church office no later than January 2, 2022. Thank you!

Hanging of the Green Thank You

A terrific crew of helpers worked together following services on November 21 to make our sanctuary ready and beautiful for Advent and Christmas!

We must first say THANK YOU to Sandy and Gary Winklesky for bringing in all the decorations on the prior Saturday.

Sunday's appeal "for many hands making work easier" was met! THANKS to the following who were

able to stay and work: Pastor Katherine and James Cornell, Phyllis and Dick Wolden, Jim Anderson, Steve Kokotovich, Candy and Joe Kokotovich, Dawn Parendo, Kim Herrig, Charles Crumb, Barb Rigstad, Dawn Jones, Donna Mickelson, and Pat Nelson.

Monday, November 22, brought Phyllis Kruell and Dennie Elder in for further decorating around the altar. We truly appreciate everyone's time and help!

-Blessings . . . Jan and Judy

Thank You for "Socktober" Donations

The Outreach Team would like to thank everyone who donated socks or money to our October sock drive. We delivered 64 pairs of warm socks to the Damiano Center. They were very appreciative!

— Asbury Outreach Team

2022 Elected Leadership

Thank you to all who serve – both those who are going off committee membership and those who are continuing or beginning!

You are an important part of the ministry and organization of our church!

Administrative Council

Facilitator ·····	·····Sandy Winklesky
Recording Secretary ······	····· Patty Bennett
Treasurer ·····	·····Pat Anscomb
Lay Leader ·····	······ Steve Kokotovich
Lay Delegate to Annual Conference ······	······ Steve Kokotovich
Pastor ·····	······ Katherine Cornell

Ministry Team Facilitators

	······ Nancy Wagner, Terry Olson
Finance ·····	·····Judi VanDell
Finance Facilitator-Elect ······	····· Judy Skorich
Staff/Pastor Parish Relations	····· Barb Kokotovich, Ted Plys
Scholarship	·····Shelly Vanneste
Outreach	····· Steve Kokotovich
Membership ·····	····· Candy Kokotovich
Worship	Donna Mickelson
Christian Ed	·· Cheryl Parendo, Sandy Winklesky
Visitation ·····	······Karen Gokey
UMW President ·····	····· Jan Akervik
At-Large Member ······	····· Carrie Sutherland
Landscaping ······	····· Judy Pearson

Christian Education Team

Facilitators ······	Cheryl Parendo, Sandy Winklesky
Children's Church ·····	
Fall Festival ·····	·····Cheryl Parendo
Christmas Program ·····	···· Christian Education Committee
SS Teachers Sandy Winkles	ky, Cheryl Parendo, Ruby Slennes
Adult Education ·····	Pastor Katherine
At Large Members ·····	····Missy Finnelly, Amy Kokotovich
····· Candy Kokotovich, Alice Bre	enny, Renee Randa, Pat Anscomb

Worship Team

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	Donna Mickelson
Members: ·····	Ruby Slennes, Phyllis Kruell, Alice Brenny
	r, Kim Herrig, Cherie Blazevic, Pam Perich
Children's Music ·····	·····Ruby Slennes
	····· Phyllis Kruell
	······Kim Herrig, Phyllis Kruell
	·····Pat Nelson
Certified Lay Speaker ········	Debbie Merrick
Communion Stewards·······	····· Mick & Kathy Levinski, Dawn Parendo
Ushers	······Mick & Kathy Levinski, Sue Soder
Technology ······	·····Kim Herrig, Phyllis Kruell, Pam Perich
	Katherine Cornell

Fine Arts Team · · · · Jan Akervik, Judy Pearson

Visitation Team

Facilitator ····· Karen Gokey
Members·····Pat Anscomb, Phyllis Wolden, Ruth Thorpe, Patty Bennett
····· Cheryl Parendo, Jan Akervik, Judy Pearson, Sandy Winklesky
Sue Newberry, Kathy Levinski, Pastor Katherine

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NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: December 21 for January 2022 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.