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The Reverend Katherine Cornell

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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# Messenger



Dear Family and Friends of Asbury UMC,

nother year has passed where there were challenges in doing things the way we were accustomed to doing them, and we graciously thank you for your continued support. We found ourselves still without the ability to worship fully the way we wanted to. However, we made it through and are stronger because of it. A lot of that has to do with continually "Loving God with Heart, Mind, Soul, and Strength." It is through God that we are able to keep going even in uncertain times.

Knowing the pandemic continues to evolve, we ponder our annual Stewardship Campaign asking you to consider the opportunities that your giving has provided over the last year. We have had the opportunity to worship and connect in new ways, and to explore technology like never before. We may never know how far we reached people through services online, but what a wonderful opportunity it has provided to create community with individuals.

Over the next couple of weeks, you will have the opportunity to hear from members of our congregation on how your gifts impact the church and community. You are invited to join us on **Sunday**, **November 14**, **for our Commitment Sunday**. As a part of worship, you will offer your 2022 pledge card indicating your estimate of giving for the next year. (*Our Stewardship mailing went out on October 27*.) Please bring your completed pledge cards with you that Sunday. If 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.

Especially in these times, we understand it may be difficult to know what the year ahead holds. Know that if your situation changes, you can easily make adjustments by contacting Judi VanDell, our Finance Chair, or the



# **Your Stories Matter**

s I said in an email that went out a few days ago, I have loved hearing the stories coming in from the Connections Project. But I know there are many more of you who have yet to share. Can I tell you why it's important?

First of all, let me tell you about the project itself. As you might know, I am taking classes with Dakota Wesleyan University for a Church Leadership Program. One of the classes is not really a class at all. It is a project that I implement in my congregational setting. Which brings us to this Connections Project.

When I think about the past two years, I know that they have been a struggle for everyone, myself included! I know that our normal ways of meeting together and being connected to one another were interrupted if not entirely broken. In fact, we are not and may never get entirely back to what we used to do. Things have changed and continue to change. And, I know that we as human beings need to be connected — both to God and to one another especially during changing and challenging times. So I gathered a few people to guide the Project and we together thought that if we could tell our stories, it might help.

Sometimes reflection is hard to do. It can bring up painful times and memories. It can remind us that we're not exactly where we might want to be in our relationships with God or the church or one another. But reflection is also important! We can learn and grow and change and do things differently.

One of the Saints of the church, St. Ignatias said "all the things in this world are gifts of God, created for us, to be the means by which we can come to know him better, love him more surely and serve him more faithfully." As we think about our stories of connection, or perhaps disconnection, my hope is that the reflection can lead each of us to understand better how to connect and grow in the future.

The four questions we're asking are:

 In what ways did you connect with the Asbury community and God in the past and how did



that connection change due to COVID?

- 2) How are you currently connecting with God and the Asbury community?
- 3) How can your connection be strengthened going forward?
  - 4) Why Asbury?

In thinking about these questions, you might start with the fourth one of why you connect with Asbury first, and then in remembering those times and events, perhaps the other stories will flow.

No matter what, I do hope you will consider your relationships so that they may be strengthened and grown for God's glory and abundance in your life. Your stories matter to us at Asbury and I look forward to hearing more of them!

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 Paster Katherine and Asbury Members,

Thanks for being a continuing supporter of the activities at the Valley Youth Center. Your donation is very much appreciated.

— Russ Salgy, Valley Youth Center Executive Director and Staff

Dear Asbury UMC,

Thank you for the generous donation which will help 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 to each of the 800+youth we work with every year. — Amber Sadowski, Office Manager, Life House

Dear Asbury Methodist Congregation,

On behalf of the Duluth Public Schools, we wish to thank you for the donation of backpacks and school supplies for Stowe School. The entire staff at the Duluth Public Schools works to inspire every student to achieve their potential and prepare students to lead productive, fulfilling lives as citizens of Duluth and the wider world. Your thoughtfulness will help us in our efforts to provide the highest quality of education to our students.

— John Magas, Duluth Public Schools Superintendent



# **Knitting Klub To Resume Meetings**

Initing Klub members will resume meeting on the first Monday (please note change of date) of each month in the Wesley Room. The first meeting will be November 8 at 2:00 pm. The Klub will continue meeting the first Monday of each month at 2:00 pm. Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting? Want to learn how? Klub members make prayer shawls and many other projects. Come join them!

### Loving God from page 1...

church office. An option to consider for this year is giving electronically. It is very easy to do and can be modified at any time. There is a box to check on the pledge card if you are interested in more information on this option.

We certainly demonstrated this year that we "Loved God with Heart, Mind, Soul, and Strength" by persevering and continuing to be the vital, spirit-filled community of faith that we have always been. With God's sustenance, we fulfill our baptismal and membership vows by offering our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness to our Asbury family and our community. With your gifts, you have the opportunity to demonstrate love of God and neighbor through sustaining our wonderful church. With all we receive in return we truly see "Giving as Opportunity," especially in uncertain times. Thank you for your support.

With you in recognizing our opportunity to give,

The 2022 Stewardship/Finance Committee Judi VanDell, Chair – (218) 340-1206

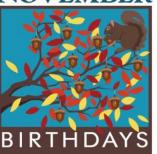


Our November Outreach/ Communion Offering collection is for Bethany Crisis Nursery

### Attendance . . .

Oct 3 49 in-church/10 views Oct 10 44 in-church/14 views Oct 17 54 in-church/25 views Oct 24 44 in-church/12 views

# NOVEMBER



- 1 Stella Nickila
- 3 Chris Nylund Matt Wrazidlo
- 4 Steve Kokotovich
- 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
- 22 Cody Carlson
- 24 Jim Faue Jane Herrick Fletcher Wrazidlo
- 25 Brian Cornell
- 27 Kendra Sharkey
- 28 Scotty Lund
- 29 Bobbi Gimpel

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

# Ad Council Meeting Minutes — 10-19-21

#### Opening

Steve Kokotovich called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. The council met in the Fellowship Hall of the church and also on Zoom. Pastor Katherine provided a prayer.

### Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the September 21, 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

The Ad. Council confirmed that we are still following the Bishop's guidelines for sanctuary seating.

Steve mentioned that we have sold around 330 meatball dinner tickets. Even though the meatball dinner is takeout only, we still need all of the help for preparing the meal and also for clean-up.

### Treasurer's Report - Pat Anscomb

The September monthly summary was given. Balance on Hand, 9/30/2021 is \$4.872.05.

As of 9/30/2021, we have paid 50% of our 2021 Conference Apportionments. The balance we owe is \$10,337.58. Jan Akervik made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The

motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

M - Jan Akervik, S - Carrie Sutherland

# **Staff Parish Relations Committee**

The committee will meet next week to discuss recommendations for the pastor's salary.

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

The Trustees met tonight to discuss plans for Election Day. November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The non-profit men's group that meets weekly at the church does not need to have their own liability insurance.

The weekly exercise group has met their requirements needed for meeting at the church.

The Trustees are still trying to get someone to do siding repair at the church.

### United Methodist Women - Jan Akervik

Pantry was last Saturday. About \$7,500 was made. Meatball Dinner is October 26th, 4:30-6:30 pm, take out only. Jan commented on how blessed we are to have so many people willing to help on church projects.

### Outreach and Missions Team - Steve Kokotovich

Socktober is here. We will be collecting warm socks that will be given to the Damiano Center.

### Education Team - Sandy Winklesky

A Fall Fest during Sunday School time is being planned for October 31st.

The next meeting is on November 22nd.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT: 9/30/21

GENERAL FUND: Beginning Cash Balance, 8/31/21 \$ 29,487.85 **Deposits** 45,256.95 **Total to Account for** \$ 74,744.80 **Checks Written** <\$ <u>69,872.75></u> Balance on Hand, 9/30/21 4,872.05

Unpaid Bills through 9/30/21

(includes apportionments) <\$ 5.902.81> Net Ending Balance at 9/30/21 <<u>\$1,030.76></u>

#### Worship Team - Donna Mickelson

Thank you to Dale Thorpe for making a candlelight stand to be used on November 7th, All Saints Day.

November 28th, is the first Sunday of Advent.

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

### Pastor's Report - Katherine Cornell

Pastor Katherine is pleased with the responses that she has received for her project themed around regathering. She is looking forward to receiving more.

The stewardship campaign begins this Sunday and Commitment Sunday is November 14th.

Pastor Katherine is enjoying the leadership program that she is taking and is finding the classes very energizing.

#### Old Business - none

### **New Business**

Our church is in need of a new copier and printer. Shirley has written the Ad. Council a letter informing us on information she is receiving concerning the printer. Pat Anscomb made a motion that the Ad. Council gives Shirley permission to move forward on the purchase of the printer. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

# M -Pat Anscomb, S - Dale Thorpe

Jan Akervik made a motion that the money for the printer come from Church Memorials. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. M -Jan Akervik, S - Pat Anscomb

Jan Akervik made a motion that the Worship Team has permission to donate the coat rack that was used to hold choir robes to an organization that could use it. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

### M -Jan Akervik, S - Nancy Wagner

#### Closing

The next Ad. Council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 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 - Sandy Winklesky. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

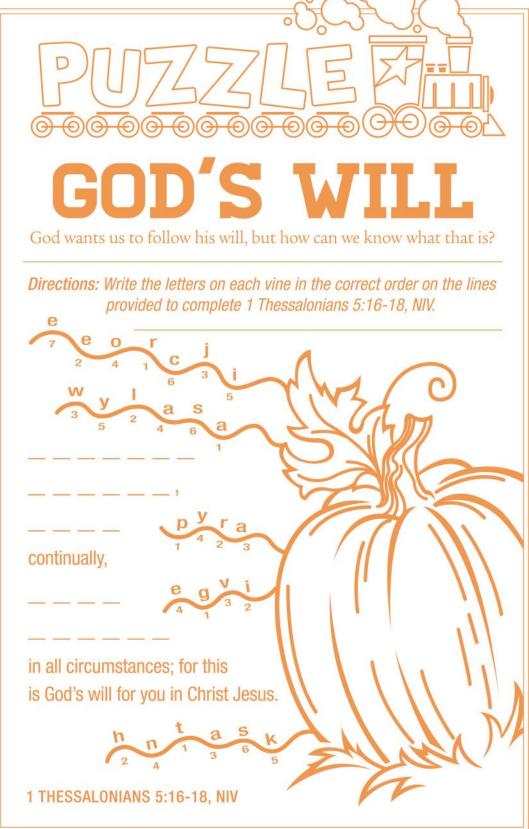
Respectfully Submitted, Patricia Bennett, Recording Secretary

# **Calendar**

# **November 2021**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Fall Back DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME	1	7:00 am to 8:00 pm PRIMARY VOTING, FH 9:00 am, SVFC, WR 10:00 am Bone Builders, WR	3 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:30 am UMW Board Meeting, WR 5:00 pm, YOGA, FH	4 10:00 am Bone Builders, WR 10:00 to 11:00 am, 2nd Harvest Food Dist	Dumpster Pick Up	6
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME 10:00 am/Communion In-church & On-line Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	8 2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR	9:00 am, SVFC, FH 10:00 am, BB, WR 3:00 pm Finance, WR 3:30 pm MS Support Group, FH 6:30 pm Trustees, WR	10 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:00 pm, YOGA, FH	11 10:00 am Bone Builders, WR	12	13
14 COMMITMENT SUNDAY 10:00 am/Birthday In-church & On-line Worship 10:15 am Children's Church	9:30 am Green Door Book Club, FH	9:00 am, SVFC, WR 10:00 am, BB, WR 1:00 pm Love Circle, WR 6:30 pm Charge Conference/ Ad Council FH & Zoom	17 8:30 am Men's Coffee, WR 5:00 pm, YOGA, FH	10:00 am Bone Builders, WR 1:00 pm Faith Circle, WR  MESSENGER DEADLINE	19 Dumpster Pick Up	20
21 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 10:00 am/Praise In-church & On-line Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11:00 am HANGING OF THE GREENS	22 6:30 pm Christian Ed, WR	9:00 am, SVFC, FH 10:00 am Bone Builders, WR	24 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:00 pm, YOGA, FH	25  Happy THANKS GIVING  OFFICE CLOSED	26	9:00-10:30 am Free Community Drive-Through Breakfast, Our Savior's Lutheran
28 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:00 am In-church & On-line Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	29	9:00 am, SVFC, FH 10:00 am Bone Builders, WR MESSENGER EMAILS/MAILS	In-church worship has been re-instated. We are currently in the Yellow Phase. COVID-19 precautions are in place. Live stream worship will continue online at 10:00 am. 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 https://asburyduluth.org/about-us/worship/  Boy Scout Troop 16 meets on Sundays, 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Cub Scout Troop 16 meets on Mondays, 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.			

# **Kid's Corner**



Answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks

# PRAISE-FILLED

Create an interactive display of God's provision for a Thanksgiving centerpiece.

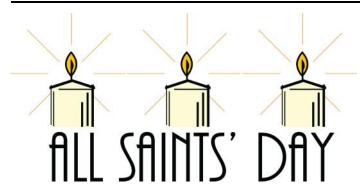


- Colorful sheets of thin paper
- Scissors
- Black pen
- Dish of water

# What you do:

- 1. From the paper, cut out various shapes and sizes of flowers and petals.
- 2. In the center of each flower, write a praise to God. Thank him for who he is and for answered prayers.
- 3. Fold petals inward, toward the center of each flower.
- 4. Gently place flowers on the water. Petals will slowly unfold to reveal the words.
- 5. Invite meal guests to participate in this centerpiece that blooms with thanks.





# **All Saint's Day Service of Remembrance**

On Sunday, November 7, 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:

Edwin Lone
Karen Hazel Holm
Ann Carol Smith
Janet Helen Evans
Allen Michael Wever
Paulette D. Ozzello
Donald Gene Kubis
Mark M. Bullyan
William "Bill" Kearns Swanstrom
Alma (Mokros) Smith
Murdeth "M George" Downs
Lloyd Simich

Family members are invited to take the candle home with them following the worship service.

### **Wednesday Evening Yoga Classes**

Join yoga instructer, Cheryl Zupec, on Wednesdays from 5:00 to 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Asbury UMC. Beginners are welcome!



Use mats if you have them or a chair to understand the benefits of a home yoga practice. NO experience is necessary. The key elements of yoga begin with your breath. The movements follow. You can never be too inflexible or too stiff for yoga.

Please call Cheryl at 218-343-4478 if you are interested in joining the class. The first class costs \$5.00.

Thereafter, classes are \$7.00 each or a six-time punch card is \$36.00. Come join us!

### **Harbor House Crisis Shelter**

Our guest speaker on Sunday, October 17, was Chelsea Branley, executive director of Harbor House Crisis Shelter in Superior, WI.

Chelsea has shared a list of Harbor House needs (listed below) and let us know that monetary donations would also be most appreciated. Please drop off items at or send monies to:

Harbor House Crisis Shelter 1531 Hughitt Ave, Superior WI 54880

### **Harbor House Needs:**

diapers (size 4 and larger) new towels new pillows full/twin fitted sheets laundry soap Clorox wipes hygiene products children size 5T-Youth jackets women size XS-5X jackets hats/mittens/ gloves gift cards gas cards



Harbor House Crisis Shelter's mission is to provide hospitable shelter, transitional living and services for homeless women and families. They are committed to ending homelessness by providing direct services for homeless single women and families, by conduction of public education, analysis of model programs and practices that create permanent housing opportunities, and by shaping policies to prevent future homelessness. Services offered include the SAMaritan Fund, emergency shelter, case management, a transitional living center and permanent supportive housing. For more information go to https://harborhousecs.org/



DON'T
FORGET
TO VOTE!
NOVEMBER 2
Asbury UMC is a primary
election site.
7:00 am to 8:00 pm

### Toy Drive — December 19 Deadline

ew, unwrapped gifts for infants/toddlers/children/teenagers may be placed under the Christmas



tree (the tree will be up on November 21) 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

### **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.



# **Hanging of the Green**

The Hanging of the Green is scheduled to take place on Sunday, November 21 at 11:00 am. Please stay after the service to help prepare the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Whatever time you can spare will be very much appreciated. Many hands make light work!

# **Advent Tea Postponed Until 2022**

The decision has been made to postpone the Advent Tea until 2022. Let's look forward to a wonderful get together next year!

— Pat, Donna, Cheryl and Nancy



# Order Deadline is Sunday, November 14

We will again be decorating our sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season with beautiful poinsettias. Flowers may be taken home following the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve worship. Please complete the order form below and place it along with your check for \$10.00 made out to Asbury UMC in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Additional forms will be available on the back table in the Narthex.

Your Name:	Phone:						
Color choice (please circle) Red	Marble (Red & White) — if available						
In Memory of:							
In Honor of:							
In Celebration of:							
Office Use Only Date paid: Check #:	Poinsettia - \$10.00 x TOTAL =						

# **United Methodist Women**



# **Thank You Fall Pantry Workers**

A big shout out to everyone who helped to make this year's Fall Pantry a huge success! It couldn't have happened without the cooperation and help of all those who came out to help make apple pies, donuts



and whose who baked and contributed to the baked goods table and the cookie table and/or made crafts. It is always amazing to open the door at 9:00 am and have a line waiting to come in and shop. At this time we have collected \$7,018. These monies made for UMW's budget cover 95% mission work.

The remaining canned goods and crafts are now in the Green Room and we encourage you to stop in and shop for a hostess gift for Thanksgiving or an early purchase for the holidays. Call Bev LeClair at 628-2680 or Pat Anscomb at 624-4554 and they will set a time to meet you at the church to shop. On Sundays, Jan Akervik will meet you in the Green Room for shopping.

# **UMW Meetings**

- UMW board members meet at 9:30 am on the first Wednesday of each month. The UMW Board meeting will be on November 3 at 9:30 am in the Wesley Room. Nancy Wagner will present devotions.
- Love/Hope Circle meets at 1:00 pm on the third Tuesday of each month. The Love/Hope Circle will meet at 1:00 pm on November 16.
- Faith Circle meets at 1:00 pm on the third Thursday of each month. The Faith Circle will meet on November 18 at 1:00 pm in the Wesley Room. Jan Akervik will present devotions.
- Knitting Klub meets on the second Monday of each month at 2:00 pm in the Wesley Room. The next meeting is on November 8.
- Green Door Book Club members meet at 9:30 am on the third Monday of each month. The Book Club will meet at 9:30 am on November 15 in the Wesley Room.

# **Asbury News**

### **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

**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.

**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:

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

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NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: November 18 for December 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.