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PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Power of Pentecost

Fifty days after the Resurrection, the first Christians, most of them Jews, gathered to celebrate the Jewish harvest festival known as Pentecost.

At that gathering something happened that was so awesome and indescribable that when writing about it, St. Luke could only use metaphors. A sound like the rush of a violent wind seemed to fill the entire house where they were meeting. Something like tongues of fire appeared among them — a tongue rested on each of them.

It was then that they “were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability” (Acts 2:4, NRSV). The crowd that gathered outside was amazed and perplexed. They wanted to know what it meant.

But Peter interpreted it all correctly to anyone who would listen. He told of Christ, his life, his mission, his death and his Resurrection. Most importantly, Peter explained that God had made Jesus both Lord and Messiah. The proof of that was the Resurrection.

Three thousand people were so moved by Peter’s words that they were baptized that day and “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42, NRSV).

“And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved” (Acts 2:47, NRSV). The Church was born that day.

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A Penny For Your Thoughts



Celebrating New Beginnings

I grew up hearing that “April showers bring May flowers”. Up here in the Northland I wonder what this year’s April snowstorms bring? Perhaps they tell us in this topsy turvy world we live in, hang on because ... God’s got this!

We have already had some wonderful events in April from the celebration of Easter and the Asbury Singers to the meatball dinner and relocated meetings. Through it all, God’s presence is here with us. Recently a visitor was here for a group meeting and asked if I had ever noticed how peaceful it is up in the Sanctuary? Yes, I have noticed. And I was glad they had the opportunity to notice as well. Asbury is a special place for God’s presence and a wonderful place for people to reach out into the community with God’s love.

The joy of God’s presence continues in May with a Bible Study on the Beatitudes, singing opportunities, a diaper drive sponsored by the UWF, and our Garden Team will be actively beautifying Asbury’s gardens.

At the end of the month, May 28, we celebrate Pentecost and the presence of God’s Spirit among us, igniting our faith and sending us out into the world (it’s a great time to wear red!).

And as we look for the signs of spring and flowers reminding us of new life and new beginnings, we know that God’s work in us is not done either. We might not know what the future holds (weather not withstanding) yet God still chooses to work in us and through us. So join us this month to celebrate new beginnings, traveling together, and the beauty of a community of love.

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.

Pastor’s day off is on Friday and she works from home on Mondays.

Asbury News



Thank You!

Dear Pastor Katherine and Asbury UMC:

Thank you for your donation to Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank. Your generous contribution during the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign leverages a proportionate match making your donation go even further. Thank you for connecting our neighbors facing hunger with the nutritious food they need to live happy and healthy lives.

— Shaye Morris, Executive Director, Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank

Dear Asbury United Methodist Church:

Thank you for your recent donation of \$2,362.51 for CHUM's Food Shelf. Your donation will be matched proportionally for the March Minnesota FoodShare drive. Homelessness and food insecurity in Duluth are increasing and because of you we are able to continue to find innovative ways to respond and serve our neighbors in need. —Scott Van Daele, CHUM Distributive Services Director

Dear Pastor Katherine, Asbury Prayer Chain Members and Asbury friends:

Thank you so much for your prayers during my brother, Carl's, triple bypass surgery. Thankfully he did not have a heart attack, rather it was caught at his recent physical and they were able to fix the blockages prior to having heart damage. He is on a long road to recovery but is doing as well as expected. Your prayers have helped and are very much appreciated. — Shirley Brandt

Our May Outreach/
Communion Offering
collection is for the
MN Annual Conference
Love Offering

Attendance . . .

Apr. 2	54 In-church/46 views
Apr. 9	93 In-church/49 views
Apr. 16	39 In-church/24 views
Apr. 23	56 In-church/22 views

Scripture Readers . . .

May 7	Dave Stromgren
May 14	Dale Thorpe
May 21	Axel Tomaino
May 28	Terry Olson



Garden Team Meetings Start May 8

The Garden Team will begin meeting at 8:30 am on May 8. They will meet each Monday at 8:30 am (unless it is raining or a holiday) until the end of September.

The annual plant sale is in the works and a date will be announced soon. If you have plants you would like to share, please bring them to Asbury or if you need help splitting plants, please contact a Garden Team member.

The Team is seeking more volunteers. Please attend a meeting if you are interested in helping out.

Staff-Parish Relations Committee Update

After 29 years of service, Dan Mokros, our custodian, is retiring at the end of this summer. SPRC is in the process of finding and hiring a new custodian.

Beatitudes Bible Study Starts May 4

Join us on Thursdays in May at 11:00 am in the Wesley Room for a study on the Beatitudes! We will be looking at the Beatitudes from Matthew 5:1-11, as well as Luke 6:20-26. Bring yourself, a Bible and your curiosity. I look forward to exploring these verses with you! A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Greg Fox
- 3 Caroline Carlson
Matt Nylund
Emily Rager
- 5 Julie Brackett
Terry Olson
- 6 Brendyn Peterson
- 8 Sharon Parendo
Rod Ridgewell
- 9 Terrie Gimpel
- 10 Daniel Barry
- 12 Jack Ancomb
- 14 Arianna Thieling
- 16 Ruby Slennes
Phyllis Wolden
- 17 Barb Downs
Our sponsored child,
Genesis
- 25 Candy Kokotovich
- 29 Ben Nylund
- 30 Trevor Robinson

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

Save the Date for TPUMMs VBS at First UMC July 17-21, 9:00 am to NOON

Asbury News

Ad Council Meeting Minutes — 4-25-23

Opening

Sandy Winklesky, Ad. Council Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. The council met in the Wesley Room and also on Zoom. Pastor Katherine led us in prayer.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the March 21, 2023, 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 – Pat Anscorb**

Lay Leader's Report – Written report from Steve Kokotovich Steve is planning on attending Annual Conference on May 31 — June 1, but if someone else would like to attend to experience Annual Conference, they are welcome to go in his place.

Treasurer's Report – Pat Anscorb

A revised February monthly summary was given. Balance on Hand, 2/28/2023 is \$17,456.33.

The March monthly summary was given. Balance on Hand, 3/31/2023 is \$1,520.30.

As of 3/31/2023 we have paid 0% of our 2023 Conference Apportionments with a balance due of \$19,813.00.

Pat Anscorb made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. **M – Pat Anscorb, S – Jan Akervik**

Staff Parish Relations Committee – Written report from Barb Kokotovich

Dan Mokros will be retiring at the end of September. He will contact his co-worker who has shown an interest in the position.

An appreciation card with a gift card was given to Shirley for Administrative Assistant Day.

Trustee's Report – no report

United Women of Faith – Jan Akervik

David Cornell and Ali and Kari Kokotovich were each awarded a \$100 camp scholarship.

302 Tickets were sold for the meatball dinner. \$2,584.43 will be going to pay for apportionments.

Rummage Sale is June 21.

Donuts are on June 2.

The kitchen will be cleaned on April 29.

The kitchen hood was fixed and is now up to code.

The Diaper Drive starts this Sunday and will go through May.

Outreach and Missions Team – Written report from Steve Kokotovich

Steve delivered around \$2300 and 2/3 trunk full of food to CHUM for the Food Shelf Drive.

In later June, CHUM will host the Rhubarb Festival.

On August 1, Asbury will host the National Night Out.

Asbury will be serving at the Damiano this Saturday.

Leftover food from the meatball dinner was given to the Damiano.

Sandy Winklesky gave a report on the last TPUMM meeting.

Education Team – Sandy Winklesky

An Education meeting was held on April 12.

Asbury has a nice group of volunteers for Laura MacArthur.

There are only a few Sundays left of Sunday School for this school season.

Worship Team – no report

TREASURER'S REPORT:

3/31/23

GENERAL FUND:

Balance on Hand 2/28/23	\$17,456.33
Deposits	<u>\$30,222.77</u>
Total to Account for	\$47,679.10
Checks Written	<u><\$46,158.80></u>
Balance on Hand, 3/31/23	\$ 1,520.30

Unpaid Bills through 3/31/23 (includes apportionments)	<\$4,953.24>
Net Ending Balance at 3/31/23	<u><\$3,432.94></u>

Nurture/Congregational Care Team – Sandy Winklesky

Visitation Committee – There will be a meeting tomorrow, April 26, to discuss the 80 Plus luncheon on August 8th.

Scholarship Committee – Scholarship Sunday is this coming Sunday, April 30.

Membership Committee – The Membership informational meeting has been rescheduled for the fall.

Pastor's Report – Katherine Cornell

Pastor Katherine is still waiting to hear from Grandma's Marathon about providing people to work at the Friday night spaghetti dinner on June 16.

A Bible Study on The Beatitudes will begin in May. It will be on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.

The Asbury Leadership Retreat was on Sat., April 1, 9:00 to noon. The theme was Stories of Faith.

The "Welcome to Asbury" brochure is being updated and will be included in the Mother's Day bulletin.

Pastor Katherine will be preaching at Hillside UMC directly after our church service this coming Sunday.

VBS will be held on July 17 – 21, 9:00 to noon. More information will be coming.

Pastor Katherine will be attending Annual Conference in St. Cloud at the end of May.

Old Business

We need to decide where the Easter Offering will be going.

New Business

We discussed if we need to update the way we are doing pew pads, offering plates and communion offering. Perhaps these could be discussed at the next Worship Team meeting.

The toilets in the Fellowship Hall bathrooms need to be either fixed or replaced soon.

Closing

The next Ad. Council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m.

Pat Anscorb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. **M – Pat Anscorb, S – Jan Akervik**
The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Bennett, Recording Secretary

Calendar

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 10:00 am, SVFC, WR 11:30 am MS Support Group, FH Pastor Katherine on vacation May 1-2	3 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:30 am UWF Board Meeting, WR 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice	4 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 10:00 to 10:45 am, 2nd Harvest Food Dist 11:00 am Beatitudes Study, WR	5	6
7 9:30 am, Asbury Singers 10:00 am, Worship/ Communion/Asbury Singers 10:15 am, Sunday School 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	8 8:30 am Garden Team, FH 2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR	9 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 10:00 am, SVFC, WR 6:30 pm Worship Team, WR	10 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:30 am Trustees, WR 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice	11 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 11:00 am Beatitudes Study, WR	12 Dumpster Pick Up	13
14 MOTHER'S DAY TEACHER APPRECIATION 10:00 am, Worship/Birthday 10:15 am, Last day of SS 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	15 8:30 am Garden Team, FH 9:30 am Green Door Book Group, WR Pastor Katherine Continuing Education May 15-19	16 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 10:00 am, SVFC, WR 1:00 pm Love/Hope Circle, Tappa Keg	17 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice	18 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 11:00 am Beatitudes Study, WR 11:30 am Faith Circle MESSENGER DEADLINE	19 Carl Larson Memorial Service at Cremation Society 10:00 am visitation 11:00 am service with lunch following	20
21 ACENSION SUNDAY 9:15 am, Praise Team 10:00 am, Worship/Praise 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	22 8:30 am Garden Team, FH Pastor Katherine on vacation May 22-24	23 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 10:00 am, SVFC, WR 6:30 pm Ad Council, FH & Zoom	24 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice	25 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 11:00 am Beatitudes Study, WR 3:00 pm Communications, WR 4:30 pm Outreach, WR MESSENGER EMAILS	26 Dumpster Pick Up	27 9:00-10:30 am Free Community Breakfast, Our Savior's Lutheran
28 PENTECOST SUNDAY 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	29  HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY <i>Remember and Honor</i> OFFICE CLOSED	30 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 10:00 am, SVFC, WR MN Annual Conference May 30-June 1	31 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice MN Annual Conference May 30-June 1	<p>Boy Scout Troop 16 meets on Sundays, 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Scouts do not meet in June, July, August.</p> <p>Gentle Yoga meets on Wednesdays, 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall (unless otherwise specified). Call Cheryl Zupec at 218-343-4478 for more information.</p> <p>Asbury Singers practice each Sunday except Praise Sunday from 9:00 to 9:30 am. They practice at 9:30 am on Sundays they sing. The Singers will be on break June, July & August.</p> <p>The Praise Team practices each Wednesday at 6:30 pm and on Praise Sunday at 9:15 am</p>		

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Love Offering 2023

Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions in conjunction with the Annual Conference Session which will take place May 31 to June 1, 2023.

The theme of the 2023 Conference is “Encounter. Transform. Respond. The Emmaus Experience.”

Bishop Lanette Plambeck invites congregations to pray about and participate in the Love Offering as an expression of our gratitude for God’s blessings in our lives. Our Love Offering this year will tangibly share God’s extravagant love

with a hurting world by addressing the growing mental health needs in Minnesota.

Sixty percent of the Love Offering will fund a new grant that will support churches that have partnerships with mental health services offered in local schools or communities.

Thirty percent of the Love Offering will go to three Minnesota nonprofits engaged in mental health education and advocacy: Mental Health Connect, Mental Health Minnesota, and Minnesota Association for Children’s Mental Health.

Finally, 10 percent of the Love Offering each year goes to Volunteers in Mission scholarships, which support first-time mission trip participants.

The Love offering is Asbury UMC’s May Outreach/ Communion offering. Please place your donation made out to Asbury UMC with Love Offering in the memo line in the Communion offering plate at the back of the church on May 7.



plants and volunteers to help.

Additionally CHUM is working on plans for spring cleaning, once the weather permits! Volunteers are needed to help clean the inside, as well as the outside of the building. The day won't just be work; there will be a BBQ and outdoor games for everyone!

The St. Francis Apartments for seniors features UNO on Friday evenings at 5:30 pm and BINGO on Saturdays at 5:30 pm. When CHUM has staff and supplies, craft days are available. If you would like to volunteer to come to hang out and have fun with tenants, you would be most welcome!

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the opportunities listed above, please go to <https://www.tfaforms.com/5008132> to indicate your interest. Make sure to indicate you would like to volunteer at St. Francis!



A Prayer For Memorial Day

We remember, O Lord, all those people throughout the years who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country, for liberty, for us.

Whenever we breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship, fill us with gratitude or those who selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion – their very lives – for our benefit.

May these brave men and women now know the joy of eternity and your presence. And may the families of the fallen receive comfort and peace amid their grief. Help us as we minister to their needs. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Volunteers Needed at St. Francis

At St. Francis Apartments (formerly the Downtown Duluth Inn) seniors experiencing homelessness are enabled to achieve their late-stage life goals. Currently, many tenants have expressed their hopes to beautify their living space and put some flowers in flower boxes. CHUM is seeking seeds and

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Serving Up Lots of Spaghetti!

Grandma's Marathon is seeking volunteers for two different shifts for their Michelina's All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, June 16: the **1st Shift is 9:00 am to 3:30 pm** and the **2nd Shift is: 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm**. Grandma's Marathon will provide



Asbury United Methodist Church with a \$7.00/ hour honorarium per hour for each volunteer which will go toward paying Asbury's MN Annual Apportionments for 2023.

The dinner is a self-serve setup with people coming to the food service line and

providing a ticket. The volunteer then provides a plate of spaghetti and marinara sauce, with or without meatballs, salad, bread and cookies. Volunteers also are needed for milk, ice cream and coffee during the dinner. Lots of moving parts, but really simple tasks, with no real food service experience needed.

If possible, the DECC is asking those individuals who sign up to attend a **brief tutorial food service meeting on Thursday, June 15 at 5:30 pm** (attendance at the meeting will also receive the honorarium). This will help everyone on Friday, when they arrive for their shift to know where to go and what to expect.

Each volunteer will receive a packet with their name on it which contains a Michelina's All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner T-shirt, a pair of Fitsoks, plus other volunteer goodies. You will also receive dinner, two beverage tickets to use on Saturday, June 17 at Bayfront Park, and an invitation to the Volunteer Appreciation Party at Wade Stadium on Thursday, June 22. Enjoy watching the Duluth Huskies take on the Waterloo Bucks (ticket to game included), an all-you-can-eat-meal and lots of fun.

Parking at the DECC will be paid on Thursday, June 15 for the meeting, as well as on Friday, June 16. Each volunteer will have his/her name on a list that the parking lot attendant will have. Just give the attendant your name.

Please sign up or call the church office by May 11. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. Grandma's Marathon needs about 80 volunteers for the dinner so your help will be very much appreciated. Plus it should be a lot of fun!



A huge thank you to our Asbury Singers. They will be singing at the May 7 worship service and then taking a break until September.

Happy Mother's Day

In 1907, a lady in Philadelphia, Anna Jarvis, began lobbying for a day when our nation would honor mothers. She persuaded the leaders of the church her mother attended to designate the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day.



After Mrs. Jarvis had written countless letters to political authorities across the nation, by 1911 Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state.

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Mother's Day a national holiday. He chose the second Sunday in May for the annual celebration. The second Sunday in May was the anniversary of the death of Mrs. Jarvis' mother.

Upcoming Events

April 30—May 14 UWF Diaper Drive

June 2 Donuts (National Donut Day)

June 22 Rummage Sale

August 1 National Night Out Picnic

August 10 80+ Luncheon

September 15-16 Pasty Sale

October 5-7 Apple Pies

October 14 Fall Pantry
Donut Sale (Donut prep Oct. 11-14)

October 24 Drive Through Meatball Dinner

More information on all of these events to come in upcoming announcements and Messengers.

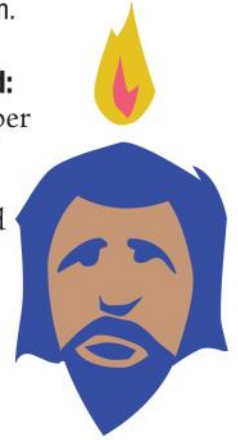
Kid's Corner

Spirit SPINNER

For Pentecost, make a thaumatrope, a spinning toy that creates an optical illusion of motion.

What you need:

- White paper
- Cup
- Scissors
- Pencil and markers
- Plastic drinking straw
- Glue



What you do:

1. Using the cup's circular shape, trace two identical circles on the paper. Carefully cut them out.
2. In pencil, draw a person's head on one circle. Then place the blank circle on top and use the image beneath to guide you in drawing a flame above the head.
3. Color the two images with markers.
4. Apply glue to the backs of the circles and sandwich the top of the straw between them so it looks like a lollipop. Let dry.
5. Roll the straw quickly between your hands to view a mini motion picture.



Wind, fire & spirit

Acts 2 describes the amazing events of Pentecost, when the apostles received the Holy Spirit.

Directions: The last letter(s) of each word is the beginning letter of the next. Fill in the missing words to complete Acts 2:1-4, NIV.

1. HEAV	6. OGETHE
2. ABLE	7. ES
3. AY OF PENTECOS	8. ONGUE
4. ONGUE	9. A
5. PIRI	10. IND



“When the _____₃ came, they were all _____₆ in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent _____₁₀ came from _____₁ and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They _____₉ what seemed to be _____₄ of fire that separated and came to _____₇ on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy _____₅ and began to speak in other _____₈ as the Spirit _____₂ them.”

ACTS 2:1-4, NIV

Answer: 1. heaven, 2. enabled, 3. day of Pentecost, 4. tongues, 5. Spirit, 6. together, 7. rest, 8. tongues, 9. saw, 10. wind





UWF Diaper Drive — April 30 to May 14

The UWF diaper drive for moms and babies started on Sunday, April 30 and will run through Sunday, May 14. A Pack and Play is set up in the Narthex to collect diapers. Sizes 1 - 5 are preferred.

If you would rather send a check made out to UWF, please note on the memo line “diaper drive” and a UWF member will purchase diapers for you.

Diapers will be donated to Bethany Crisis Shelter, the Food Shelf, and the YMCA West Duluth. Thank you for your generosity. — United Women in Faith

Summer Donut Sale — June 2

Our summer donut sale (\$6.00 per dozen) will be the morning of Friday, June 2 from 7:00 to 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Order sheets will be in the Narthex soon. Donuts can also be purchased on the day of the sale from 7:00 to 11:00 am.

Workers are needed to mix batter on Thursday, June 1 at 8:30 am. On Friday, June 2, we need help for donut rolling/cutting out, frying and bagging the donuts. We start at 6:00 am, but please come when you can.

Please consider volunteering some time as it is a lot of fun! Please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you can help, or call Bev LeClair at 218-628-2680.

Meatball Dinner Thanks

A huge Thank You to all those who worked at and also purchased tickets for our delicious Take-Out Only Meatball Dinner. It was once again very successful. Our profit of \$2,584.43 will go toward paying our MN Annual Conference Apportionments for 2023. Special thanks to Terry Olson and Nancy Wagner for chairing the event.

UWF Supports Camperships

Ale and Kari Kokotovich and David Cornell were each given a \$100.00 Camp Scholarship from the United Women in Faith to attend Camp Minnesota this summer. The UWF wishes them a great time at camp!

Rummage Sale — June 22

The annual church rummage sale is Thursday, June 22 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

As you are doing your spring cleaning and organizing, think about setting aside items that you no longer use or need for donation to the sale. Items that sell well include household items, books, DVDs, games, puzzles, and craft items just to name a few. Good, used furniture also seems to sell well. If you donate small kitchen appliances such as coffee makers or crockpots, please make sure they work.

Please, **NO EARLY DROP OFFS** and **NO CLOTHING**, or **ELECTRONICS** such as microwaves,

TVs, or personal grooming or personal care items such as electric shavers, blood pressure cuffs or hair cutting sets.

Drop off days and times will be published in the June Messenger.

If you need help getting your donated items to church, please call the church office and arrangements will be made for pick up assistance.

Also, please be thinking about how and when you might volunteer during this event.

All proceeds go towards paying our 2023 MN Annual Conference apportionments.

UWF Meetings

- UWF board members meet at 9:30 am in the Wesley Room on the 1st Wednesday of each month. **The UWF Board will meet in the Wesley Room on May 3.** Lynn Tollefson is hostess and will present devotions.
- Green Door Book Group meets at 9:30 am in the Wesley Room on the 3rd Monday of each month. **The Green Door Book Group will meet on May 15 at 9:30 am in the Wesley Room.**
- Love/Hope Circle meets at 1:00 pm in the Wesley Room on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. **NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME! Love/Hope Circle will meet for lunch at the Tappa Keg at 1:00 pm on May 16.** Projects such as the June donut and rummage sales will be discussed. **The Love/Hope Circle will not meet in June, July or August.**
- Faith Circle meets at 1:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month. **NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME! Faith Circle will meet for lunch at 11:30 am on May 18. (Restaurant TBD).** Pat Anscomb will make the reservation and an email will be sent out for RSVPs. An offering will be taken for the World Thank Bank which is a mission supported by all UWFs. **Faith Circle will not meet June or July.**
- Knitting Klub meets at 2:00 pm in the Wesley Room on the 2nd Monday of the month. **NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME! The Knitting Klub will meet on May 8.**
- **Bone Builders Plus meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to 10:30 am.** **NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!** They do not meet on holidays or if there is a special event at Asbury. Bone Builders Plus is a program to improve balance, muscle strength, bone density and increase energy. It helps to prevent falls and improve dexterity. Participants enjoy increased socialization. Call Mary Kay at 651-206-9874 or Jan at 218-626-1539 for more information.

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Return service requested

Meet Our Staff



Pastor:..... Katherine Cornell
Administrative Asst.:Shirley Brandt
Music Coordinator/Organist:Phyllis Kruell
Praise Team Leaders.....varies
Custodian:Dan Mokros
Ad Council Chair:Sandy Winklesky
Treasurer:Pat Anscomb
Finance Judi VanDell
Lay Leader/Outreach: Steve Kokotovich
Trustees:Nancy Wagner, Terry Olson
UWF President.....Jan Akervik
SPRC Chair Barb Kokotovich
Worship ChairDonna Mickelson
Christian Ed.: Alice Brenny/Sandy Winklesky
Scholarship Shelly Vanneste
Membership Candy Kokotovich
Visitation Karen Gokey

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NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: May 18 for June 2023 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 Vision & Mission Statement

Vision: At Asbury UMC, we believe God's words and ways are key to abundant life for ourselves and our community.

Mission: Asbury UMC is a welcoming, active church that exists to serve, grow, build, and bless our congregation, community, and the world.