



Asbury

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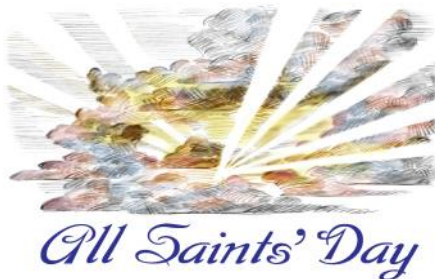
**In-Church & Online
Sunday Worship 10:00 am**
asburyduluth.org/about-us/worship/

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

Messenger

All Saint's Day Service of Remembrance

On Sunday, November 5, 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:



*Louise Anderson
Mike Barry
Barbara Downs
Phyllis Faue
Patrick Johnson
Carl Larson
Sharon Packingham
Sue Stebner*

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

Second Saturday CHUM Event

As part of our work with the West Duluth area churches, Asbury will be hosting a 2nd Saturday CHUM Event on Saturday, November 11 as a service opportunity. Our project will be making breakfast bags for the Lincoln Park Warming Center. We will put them together in two parts.

Part 1 will be the 2nd Saturday CHUM Event on Saturday, November 11 from 9:00 am until noon. We will begin work on making the breakfast bags and be led by Patricia Benson of CHUM in a learning session about the challenges those who are homeless face. We will need many items brought to make muffins and fill the bags. Please go to (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090845ADAC22AAFD0-44613704-2ndsaturday>) for an online signup through Sign Up Genius. Even if you can't make the event, we would love to have your help and support!

Part 2 of our project will happen after our Community Thanksgiving Service on November 21. We look forward to this opportunity to work with our neighboring churches and support our community.



SCAN ME



Community Thanksgiving Service

Asbury UMC will be joined by other West Duluth churches on November 21 at 6:00 pm as we celebrate and give thanks! If you would like to join the choir to sing, please arrive by 5:30 pm. We will have fellowship and Part 2 of our service project for the Second Saturday CHUM Event after the service.

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A Penny For Your Thoughts

Being Thankful

Often times November is considered the month of gratitude, so I wanted to share with you some things on my list for which I am thankful.

First I am thankful for the witness and lives of those going before us in the faith. We celebrate by lighting candles and placing heart stones as a way of acknowledging them and the love they shared forward while with us. Our lives are rich and full because of the lives they led. I am thankful.

I am thankful for those who care for the homeless and downtrodden. As an individual, I am unable to encounter every need, but when we come together as a congregation or as many congregations (CHUM) in Duluth, we have resources to help others as the beloved children of God we all are.

I am thankful for collaboration with the West Duluth churches around us. I know community and relationships are crucial to God, so I am excited by the growing relationships between congregations in our area.

We have two opportunities to get to know each other better this month. The first is the 2nd Saturday Chum Event at Asbury on November 12 (9:00 am) where we will be baking muffins, decorating bags, and learning about the challenges of homelessness.

The second is our Community Thanksgiving Service at Asbury UMC on November 21 (6:00 pm service - 5:30 pm for choir practice if



you would like to sing with the choir). After worship, we will fellowship and assemble the breakfast bags for the Lincoln Center Warming House the next morning. I am grateful for these opportunities.

Finally, I am thankful for you, our congregation. Each week we get to worship and fellowship together. Throughout the months we come together for work projects and outreach, times of sharing stories of God in our midst, and times when we support one another in living life together. I am thankful for the laughter always ready. I am thankful for the grace we carry for one another. I am thankful for you.

Thank you for being the arms and hands, voice, and presence of God in this world!

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!

My Dear Asbury Friends:

Thank you for your faithful prayer support for my sister and her family and for your kind caring for me at the time of my niece Kim's death. Your support made a very important difference to our wellbeing. You are a wonderful blessing to all who ask for prayer. Blessings of love. — Barb Rigstad

Dear Asbury UMC and UWF:

Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls and visits while I was recuperating from my knee replacement surgery. I have made steady progress and I know your prayers have helped immensely. — Shirley Brandt

Dear Friends at Asbury UMC:

We are grateful for your generous contribution and solidarity with unstably housed and under-resourced youth in our community. You are an influential part of shaping our community and nation's future. Your gift will help us continue engaging youth on their healing journey and providing them unconditional support in the pursuit of their goals.

— Sophie Hillmeyer, Philanthropy Associate, Life House.

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

Attendance . . .

Oct. 1	48 In-church/28 views
Oct. 8	53 In-church/28 views
Oct. 15	76 In-church/21 views
Oct. 22	76 In-church/25 views
Oct. 29	58 In-church/29 views

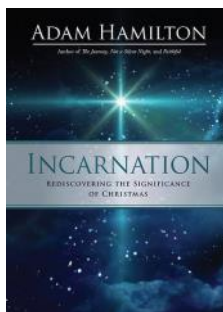


Scripture Readers . . .

Nov. 5	Jan Akervik
Nov. 12	Terry Olson
Nov. 19	Candy Kokotovich
Nov. 26	Sue Soder

Advent Book Study

Our Advent Book Study this year will be Adam Hamilton's *Incarnation*. His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels addressed him by other names. They called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh.



In *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*, best-selling author Adam Hamilton examines the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of his birth.

We will begin our four-week study on Thursday, November 30 at 11:00 am and continue December 7, 14 and 21. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex starting November 5. Books will be \$14.00 each.


Welcome to our newest member, **Robin Williams!** Robin joined Asbury UMC on September 17. Yes, he has had many comments regarding his name but is no relation to the comedian/actor as far as he knows.



Robin has a private practice in outpatient mental health and enjoys the outdoors, bicycling and bible study. When asked if there was a special reason he chose Asbury, Robin said, "I felt accepted and loved as a brother in Christ." He is so glad to be at Asbury and feels blessed.

Hanging of the Green — November 26

Please join in the Hanging of the Green following services on Sunday, November 26. Many hands and helpers will make our Sanctuary ready for the first Sunday of Advent which is December 3. We appreciate all who stay to help and all who help with take down.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Stella Nickila
- 3 Chris Nylund
Matt Wrazidlo
- 4 Steve Kokotovich
- 5 Kale Hanson
- 7 Nancy Olson
Avon Power
- 8 Jenean Nelson
- 10 Cheryl 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
- 28 Scotty Lund-Delvecchio
- 29 Bobbie Gimpel

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

Worship

In November

There are three ways to participate in worship:

- 10:00 am at Asbury UMC on Sundays. Join us live at 10:00 am and join us for fellowship, coffee and treats in the Fellowship Hall after worship.
- 10:00 am livestream service on Sundays via YouTube as the live service is taking place. An email with the YouTube link and an online worship bulletin is sent out prior to each Sunday.
- Or, you can watch the YouTube service at anytime by logging in using the link provided for each Sunday.

November Worship Theme: In November we have a variety of different worship themes. Our first Sunday is a celebration of the saints who have gone before us. On the second Sunday, we will have a representative of CHUM come to celebrate CHUM's 50th Anniversary. On the third Sunday, we'll explore the Parable of the Talents. We then have a chance to celebrate our community with our shared Thanksgiving Service, and finally we recognize Christ's reign among us. Please join us!

November 5

Scripture Passages:

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

Message: "Happy Are . . ."

November 12

Scripture Passages:

Psalms 78:1-7

Matthew 25:1-13

CHUM 50th Celebration —

Loren Anderson-Bauer preaching

November 19

Scripture Passages:

Psalms 123

Matthew 25:14-30

Message: "Half Empty or Half Full"

November 26

Scripture Passages:

Psalms 100

Matthew 25:31-46

Message: "All the Good"

Asbury News

Asbury Mitten Tree — Socks

This year the Asbury Mitten tree is taking on a new approach. We have heard from the elementary schools that they are especially in need of children's socks. Therefore, we have decided to make children's socks be the major emphasis of our collection this year. Scarves, mittens and hats are also happily accepted.

The "Mitten Tree" will be put up in the Narthex during the Hanging of the Green on Sunday, November 26. We look forward to helping keep our area school children warm this winter. Thanks for your



FILL THE TREE!

Salvation Army Toy Drive

New, unwrapped gifts for infants/toddlers/children/teenagers may be placed under the Christmas tree (the tree will be up on November 26) at the front of the sanctuary. They will be brought to the Salvation Army on December 18. As in year's past, please no toys suggesting violence such as guns or war toys.

— Outreach Committee

Asbury Christmas Program

Planning for the Asbury Christmas program "It Happened One Star-Filled Night" has begun. All members of the Asbury Family are invited to be a part of this program (speaking, non-speaking, behind the scenes, etc.) The program will be held December 17, 2023, during worship. Come join us for a family meal of hot dogs and sloppy joes following the program. More information to come in upcoming announcements and the December Messenger! Please let a member of the Christian Education team (Amy Kokotovich, Candy Kokotovich, Sandy Winklesky or Alice Brenny) know of your interest in participating so your name can be added to our cast! — Christian Education




WANTED

**Actors and non-actors OF ALL AGES
for roles in the Asbury Christmas Program!
No experience necessary.
Immediate openings for cast and crew.
Contact Alice Brenny for details**

Calendar

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Boy Scout Troop 16 meets on Sundays, 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.</p> <p>Gentle Yoga meets on Wednesdays, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall and Sundays, 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the Narthex (unless otherwise specified). Call Cheryl Zupec at 218-343-4478 for more info.</p> <p>Asbury Singers practice each Sunday except Praise Sunday from 9:00 to 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. They practice at 9:30 am on Sundays they sing.</p> <p>The Praise Team practices each Wednesday at 6:30 pm and on Praise Sunday at 9:15 am</p>			<p>1</p> <p>8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH</p> <p>9:30 am UWF Board Meeting, WR</p> <p>5:30 pm, YOGA, FH 6:30 pm, Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 10:00 to 10:45 am, 2nd Harvest Dist 11:00 am Book Study, WR 1:00 pm Communications Team, WR</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Dumpster Pick Up</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME 9:00 am, Asbury Singers, FH 10:00 am, Worship/ Communion 10:15 am, Sunday school 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH</p> <p>6:00 pm, YOGA, Narthex</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 am to 8:00 pm VOTING, FH</p> <p>11:30 am MS Group, WR</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH</p> <p>1:00 pm Membership, WR</p> <p>5:30 pm, YOGA, Narthex</p> <p>6:30 pm, Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, FH</p> <p>6:30 pm, Christian Ed., WR</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00—NOON 2nd Saturday CHUM Event</p>
<p>12</p> <p>CHUM 50TH CELEBRATION CHUM rep Loren Anderson– Bauer preaching 9:00 am, Asbury Singers, FH 10:00 am, Worship/Birthday 10:15 am, Sunday school 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH 6:00 pm, YOGA, Narthex</p>	<p>13</p> <p>2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, FH</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH</p> <p>1:00 pm, Finance, WR</p> <p>5:30 pm, YOGA, FH 6:30 pm, Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, FH</p> <p>1:00 pm Faith Circle, WR</p> <p>6:30 pm Christian Ed, WR</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Dumpster Pick Up</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:15 Praise Team Practice 10:00 am, Worship/Praise 10:15 am, Bible Bingo 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH</p> <p>6:00 pm, YOGA, Narthex</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30 am Green Door Book Group, WR</p> <p>MESSENGER DEADLINE</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, FH</p> <p>1:00 pm Love/Hope Circle, WR</p> <p>6:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH</p> <p>5:30 pm, YOGA, FH</p> <p>6:30 pm, Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>23</p> <p> OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>24</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00-10:30 am Free Community Breakfast, Our Savior's Lutheran</p>
<p>26</p> <p>REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY ASBURY SINGERS HANGING OF THE GREEN 9:30 am, Asbury Singers, FH 10:00 am, Worship 10:15 am, Sunday school 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH</p> <p>6:00 pm, YOGA, Narthex</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, FH</p> <p>5:00 pm Worship, WR</p> <p>6:30 pm Charge Conference Ad Council, WR & Zoom</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH</p> <p>5:30 pm, YOGA, FH</p> <p>6:30 pm, Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>30</p> <p>11:00 am Advent Bible Study, WR</p> <p>MESSENGER EMAILS</p>		

Asbury News

Ad Council Meeting Minutes — 10-17-23

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 read a poem titled *Fire* and then led us in prayer.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the September 19, 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 – Steve Kokotovich

Lay Leader's Report – Steve Kokotovich

No report

Treasurer's Report – Pat Anscorb

The September monthly summary was given. Balance on Hand, 9/30/2023 is \$2,298.38.

As of 8/31/2023 we have paid 39% of our 2023 Conference Apportionments with a balance due of \$12,036.82.

The bill for the lights is totally paid. We will be receiving a large rebate.

Barb Kokotovich made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

M – Barb Kokotovich, S – Donna Mickelson

Staff Parish Relations Committee – Barb Kokotovich

The committee met today to discuss staff reviews.

The new custodian, Martin Larson, is working out very well.

Staff wages will be approved at the next Finance meeting and the November Charge Conference.

The committee will be meeting with the District Superintendent on Saturday, October 28, at 10:00 a.m.

Trustee's Report – Nancy Wagner

The Trustees met on September 27.

We are anticipating about a 20% increase in our insurance.

Since the Asbury Singers will now be practicing in the church basement, a cart was made to hold the choir music.

The committee decided that the \$2,461 lighting rebate will go back to Memorials.

The church is changing our elevator company to the Larson Elevator Company, which is locally owned.

United Women of Faith – Jan Akervik

The Fall Pantry was a success. As of last Sunday, \$8,000.09 was made, with more money coming in.

We will now focus on the Meatball Dinner, October 24.

Outreach and Missions Team – Steve Kokotovich

The committee met last week.

The Western Duluth Churches are beginning a service project called Second Saturday Food Bags. The project will begin November 11. They will be preparing breakfast food bags which will be distributed to the Lincoln Park Warming Center. Pastor Katherine taught the committee how to sign up for volunteering or contributing through Sign-up Genius.

After the Thanksgiving Service at our church on November 21, the food bags will be prepared.

A speaker from CHUM will speak at a Sunday service on November 12.

“Socktober is held in October. We will be collecting children's, women's and men's socks.

The Laura MacArthur back pack food distribution, which is every Thursday during the school year, is going well.

Highway Clean-up along Grand Avenue will be on October 28, at 11:00 a.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

September 2023

GENERAL FUND:

Balance on Hand 8/31/23	\$4,712.83
Deposits	15,498.64
Total to Account for	\$20,211.47
Checks Written	<\$17,913.09>
Balance on Hand, 9/30/23	\$2,298.38
Unpaid Bills through 9/30/23 (includes apportionments)	<\$7,083.58>
Net Ending Balance at 9/30/23	<\$4,785.20>

We share this responsibility with Norton Park Methodist Church.

Education Team – Sandy Winklesky for Alice Brenny

The Fall Festival is October 29.

The Christmas Program is in December.

The Sunday School children are making holiday craft projects for the shut-ins.

The next meeting is set November 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Worship Team – Donna Mickelson

All Saints Day is November 5.

Nurture/Congregational Care Team – Sandy Winklesky

Visitation Committee – no report

Scholarship Committee – no report

Membership Committee – The committee will be meeting in November.

Pastor's Report – Katherine Cornell

TPUMMS met last Sunday and will meet again in January.

Lay Leadership will be meeting soon.

The stewardship campaign will end on October 22, Stewardship Sunday.

The Worship Committee decided that there will be a hymn sing on the fifth Sunday of the month. The congregation will choose the first and last songs of the church service.

All Saints Sunday is November 5.

The community Thanksgiving Service will be on November 21.

Hanging of the Green will be on the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

The Advent Bible Study will begin the last Thursday in November. The book is *Incarnation* by Adam Hamilton.

Old Business - none

New Business

The Trustees approved the requests by two church members to use the church for personal profit sessions during the week. The sessions will be at times when the church is not in use. They will pay a nominal fee. This arrangement will be on a trial basis. The Trustees have requirements that will need to be met before the sessions begin. Steve Kokotovich made a motion that barring any objection from the Conference, the Ad. Council approves the policy from the Trustees. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. **M – Steve Kokotovich, S – Barb Kokotovich**

Closing

The November Ad. Council meeting will be on November 28, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will begin with a Charge Conference and the Ad. Council meeting will follow.

Steve Kokotovich made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

M – Steve Kokotovich, S – Pat Anscorb.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Bennett, Recording Secretary

Asbury News

Christian Education Team News

Sunday school has been going well with five kids in attendance on several Sundays. Halloween magnet craft gifts have been completed by the Sunday school and will be delivered to our shut ins. Fall Festival was on Sunday, October 29 and was well attended. After worship, everyone enjoyed a potluck meal and fellowship downstairs. The "Generosity" bible study is going well with a good group of participants.

Our Church School Partnership with Laura MacArthur continues to grow and solidify Asbury's relationship with Laura MacArthur. On October 10, we had the opportunity to serve a pasta dinner to the teachers and staff during conferences. The PTO group provided the pasta and sauce, Olive Garden donated salad and our Team provided the bread and desserts. The Team is also busy weekly with the food distribution program (former Backpack Program) through 2nd Harvest Food Bank. Anyone interested in this program, please contact Alice Brenny or Sue Baker.

CHUM 50th Anniversary

On Sunday, November 12, Asbury will recognize the 50th anniversary of CHUM and the ministry our church engages in through CHUM. CHUM was founded in 1973 when 10 churches in Duluth's Central Hillside neighborhood pooled their resources to meet the needs of the neighborhood's many low-income residents. Today, our congregation's ministry through CHUM programs serves more than 8,000 low-income, homeless, hungry, isolated, or otherwise marginalized community members in Duluth each year and it is the largest service safety net in the Northland for those experiencing homelessness.

Rev. Loren Anderson-Bauer, CHUM Board Vice-president, will be with us to talk about how people of faith, working together, are able to make a significant difference of those who are homeless and hungry in our community. Loren will speak during our worship and will also be available to answer questions during fellowship/coffee time.



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

Pledge Cards Thank You!

Commitment Sunday was October 22. Thank you to everyone for your pledge cards. If you have not had a chance to return your pledge card yet, please do so as soon as possible. Please drop it in the offering plate on Sunday, drop it off in the church office or send it to Asbury UMC, 6822 Grand Ave, POB 7135, Duluth, MN 55807. Pledge cards also are available on the table in the Narthex.

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



AUMC Upcoming Events

November 11, 9:00 am to NOON

Second Saturday Chum Event
Service Opportunity.

Make breakfast bags for the
Lincoln Park Warming Center.

Hosted by Asbury UMC.

All are welcome to join this
special service project.

February 2-3, 2024 PASTY SALE

Call 218-624-0061 to order.

Deadline to order: **January 28**

April 30, 2024, 4:30 to 6:00 pm

DRIVE THROUGH MEATBALL DINNER

**Preorder tickets to reserve dinner —
limited tickets at door**

NEW! Preorder container of 5 meatballs

Preorders call 218-624-0061

Deadline to preorder and pay: **April 21**

Checks made out to Asbury UMC or
exact cash please!

June 7, 2024 DONUT ORDERS

Preorders recommended. Call 218-624-0061

Deadline to order: **June 2**



Hugely Successful Fall Pantry

A heartfelt thank you to all who worked, donated items and shopped at our Fall Pantry! We had a successful weekend! The money we collect for the Fall Pantry sets the UWF budget for 2024 and helps us help many local charities. Bless your generosity!

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 on Wednesday, November 1 at 9:30 am in the Wesley Room.** Pat Nelson will share devotions and be our hostess.
- 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 at 9:30 am on November 20 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!** — Call Pat Nelson, 218-391-0957 or Phyllis Wolden, 218-624-5042, if interested. **The Love/Hope Circle meets Tuesday, November 21 at 1:00 pm in the Wesley Room.** Sue Baker will share devotions and Pat Nelson will be hostess.
- Faith Circle meets at 1:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month. **NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!** **Faith Circle will meet on Thursday, November 16 in the Wesley Room.** Avon Powers is our hostess and will share devotions.
- 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 November 13.**
- **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. Come for an hour of low impact exercise. Call Mary Kay at 651-206-9874 or Jan at 218-626-1539 for more information.

Advent Tea — December 9

We had great success with the Advent Tea on a Saturday last year, therefore we are planning the Advent Tea for Saturday, December 9 at 2:00 pm. Our theme is “Precious Gifts.” Our free-will offering will go to Ronald McDonald House. Renee Randa will be sharing her gift of music with the flute.

Please consider being a hostess or co-hostess. Each table has capacity for eight guests. The hostess invites guests, sets and decorates a table, and provides and serves whatever treat she wishes. The sign-up sheet for hostesses will be in the Narthex on Sunday, November 5. A list of guests will need to be turned in by Sunday, December 3.

Any questions, please call Donna M. 218-606-0772, Pat A., 218-310-3505, or Leila L., 218-348-3074.


Kid's Corner





THANKS-FILLED GIVING


The virtues of gratefulness and generosity are connected. When we're truly thankful for all God provides, we want to sow generous seeds in other people's lives. What will be the harvest?


Directions: Solve the clues associated with each picture. Then write the words in the correct spaces to complete 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV.



This becomes a plant  _____



 Willing to give _____

The result of planting seeds  _____


 The act of gratitude _____


Food made from wheat  _____

Now he who supplies  to the sower and  for food will also

supply and increase your store of  and will enlarge the  _____

of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be

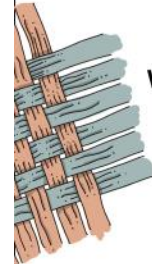
_____ on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result 

in  _____ to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV

Answers: seed, bread, harvest, generous, thanksgiving



Handicrafts can spark appreciation for simple items. Weave this basket as a gift.



What you need:

- Paper plate
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Yarn (different colors)

What you do:

1. In the center of the plate, trace something round. Draw 9 lines (evenly spaced) from the circle to the plate's edge.
2. Cut along each line, stopping at the center circle. Trim more of the plate off so the cuts make a gradual V shape.
3. Fold the plate's sides upward to form basket sides. Keep these upright as you weave a bowl-shaped basket.
4. Begin weaving a length of yarn at the circle's base. Hold the end of the yarn in place as you spread the length over and under each side of the plate.
5. Switch colors to make a pattern. Keep the yarn tight as you weave up the sides.
6. To finish, bend down any remaining paper. Leave a tail of yarn and tuck it under a woven portion. Share your craft with a friend!



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Return service requested

Meet Our Staff



Pastor:..... Katherine Cornell
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NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: November 20 for December 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.