

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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In-Church & Online
Sunday Worship 10:00 am
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Monday-Thursday: 10:00 am to 3:30 pm
Closed Friday

Messenger

SEASON OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS



1st Sunday of Advent/HOPE
December 3 — 10:00 am
Worship/Communion



2nd Sunday of Advent/PEACE
December 10 — 10:00 am
Worship/Birthday
Asbury Singers



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
3rd Sunday of Advent/JOY
December 17 — 10:00 am
Worship/Praise



4th Sunday of Advent/LOVE
December 24
10:00 am Worship

Our beautiful Advent & Christmas art was created
by Phyllis Kruell. Thank you, Phyllis.

CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24
10:00 am Worship
4:00 pm
Candlelight Worship
Lessons & Carols

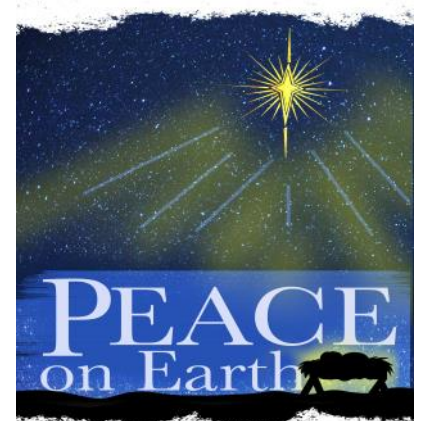


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A Penny For Your Thoughts

Let Love Light Our Lives

This Sunday, thanks to the work of many hands, the Sanctuary and church building have undergone a beautiful transformation! All of the Christmas decorations are up and there is beauty everywhere as we prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world.

Each year, we choose a theme for our decorations to focus our thoughts during this time of waiting. Our theme this year is "Incarnation" which means to become flesh or to become part of this world. We celebrate God's "incarnation" as Jesus who came and made real to us God's love for us and God's creativity in creation. The stars you see around you remind us of God's desire to shine light and love in this world. God came to Earth as a baby to shine light and love.

As we journey through each week of Advent, I invite you to notice how the story of Mary and Joseph traveling to Bethlehem unfolds through the figures on the table in front of the pulpit. Currently, Mary, Joseph and the donkey are on their way to Bethlehem with the shepherds far off and nary a king in sight. We will follow them as they arrive in Bethlehem, and then make their way to the stable and finally are joined by the shepherds and kings.

We also have our medallions representing the four Sundays of Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. When you are here and through the week, I encourage you to see how many connections you can make between these pieces of art and what they symbolize. In this way we can be "fleshing" out how our faith is demonstrated and made real in the world around us. How do these connections help you apply your faith to your everyday life, so that you can be God's love "incarnate", made real each day?

Finally we look forward to our special events to prepare our hearts for receiving God in this world.



From the Advent Tea to the special music of Vince Osborn and Billy Barnard, our Asbury Singers, the Praise Team, the Christmas program and lunch, and our Christmas Eve candlelight service: we celebrate throughout the month!

As you can tell, there is a lot to see and experience at Asbury this Advent and Christmas season. I hope you will join us as we continue to let our lights shine brightly and proclaim that God has come to be with us. Incarnation, the embodiment of love, means that we too can let love light our lives.

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!

Socktober Thank You!

The Asbury Outreach Team would like to thank all those who donated socks to our “Sock”tober collection. We collected 124 pairs of socks which were delivered to the Damiano Center to distribute to those in need. — Outreach Team

Volunteer Opportunity At the Damiano — December 30

The Damiano Center is looking for volunteers to help in their community kitchen! They are looking for 2-3 volunteers per shift, split into two shifts. The shift from 8:30 to 10:30 am will be for food prep and the shift from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm will be for serving.

Volunteers are needed December 30. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for anyone interested in helping. Volunteers must be 16 or older.

2024 Offering Envelopes Available Soon

Offering envelopes for 2024 will be out on the credenza by the church office soon. They will be available for pickup starting December 17.

If you have envelopes, but prefer not to have them (i.e., your offering is EFT), please let Shirley know. If you don't have envelopes but would like them, please also let Shirley know.

PLEASE NOTE: For tax purposes, all 2023 year-end giving must be in the church office no later than December 31, 2023. Thank you!

Lay Readers For First Half of 2024

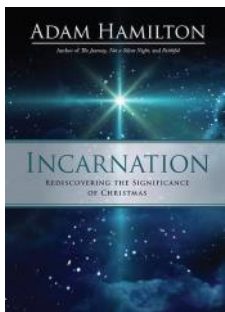
We are updating our list of people who are willing to read Scripture during Worship. **If you would like your name to be added to, or remain on the Lay Reader list** please call 624-0061 or email Shirley at: asburyumcduluth@hotmail.com. Thank you!

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.

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 will continue December 7, 14 and 21. It is not too late to join the group. Books have been paid for by an anonymous donor.



Welcome to our newest member, **Glenn Paulick!** Glenn joined Asbury UMC on November 19. He attended Denfeld High School and had a US Steel apprenticeship. He is a retired maintenance mechanic.

Glenn is a dog lover and enjoys cars and interior decorating. When asked if there was a special reason he chose Asbury UMC, he said, “I felt and experienced friendship the moment I entered the door. I really enjoy the worship format and ‘down to earth’ Sunday worship service and the special music!”



Our December Outreach/ Communion Offering is for the Asbury Discretionary Fund.

Attendance . . .

Nov. 5	60 In-church/21 views
Nov. 12	60 In-church/42 views
Nov. 19	76 In-church/33 views
Nov. 21	57 In-church/34 views
Nov. 26	55 In-church/ 7 views



Scripture Readers . . .

Dec. 3	Dave Stromgren
Dec. 10	Ruth Thorpe
Dec. 17	Dale Thorpe
Dec. 24	Jan Akervik
Dec. 31	Axel Tomaino



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Scott Plys
- 6 Dawn Jones
- 7 Carol Smith
- 9 Sandy Winklesky
- 13 Carol Peters
- 15 Alayna McGraw
- 16 Ruth Thorpe
- 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.*

Worship In December

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.

December Worship Theme:

For December, we are following Adam Hamilton's "Incarnation" as we explore who Jesus is through the titles he has been given.

On December 3 we begin with his royal titles of "Christ, Messiah, King." On December 10 we explore the title "Savior." In the third week of Advent on December 17 we will enjoy our Christmas Program "It Happened on a Star-Filled Night," and we will close out our Advent time with seeing how Jesus is the "Light of the World" at 10:00 am on December 24. The Christmas Eve Candlelight service of Lessons and Carols is at 4:00 pm on December 24.

Finally, on December 31, we will continue our tradition of celebrating Christ's birth through "Stories and Songs." Since it is also a fifth Sunday, be prepared to choose your favorite hymns for our 5th Sunday Hymn Sing! Please join us!



Poinsettia Orders

A poinsettia order form will be on the table in the Narthex soon and will also be included in your December 10 bulletins.

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" is in the Narthex. We look forward to helping keep our area school children warm this winter. Thanks for your generosity and kindness.



FILL THE TREE!

Salvation Army Toy Drive

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

"It Happened One Star-Filled Night" is the theme of the Asbury Christmas program this year. **All members of the Asbury Family** are invited to be a part of this program (speaking, non-speaking, behind the scenes, etc.)

On Saturday, December 16 there will be a Christmas Program rehearsal from 10:00 am to Noon. Pizza will be served!

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.

Please let a member of the Christian Education team (Amy Kokotovich, Candy Kokotovich, Sandy Winklesky or Alice Brenny) know of your interest in participating!



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

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:00 am, Asbury Singers, FH 10:00 am, Worship/ Communion 10:15 am, Sunday school 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH 6:00 pm, YOGA, Narthex	4	5 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH	6 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:30 am UWF Board Meeting, WR 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH 6:30 pm Christian Ed., WR 6:30 pm, Praise Team Practice	7 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 10:00 to 10:45 am, 2nd Harvest Dist 11:00 am Book Study, WR	1 Dumpster Pick Up <hr/> 8	2 <hr/> 9 2:00 pm Advent Tea, FH
10 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ASBURY SINGERS 9:30 am, Asbury Singers, FH 10:00 am, Worship/ Birthday 10:15 am, Christmas Program Rehearsal 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH 6:00 pm, YOGA, Narthex	11 2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR	12 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH	13 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, Narthex 6:30 pm, Praise Team Practice	14 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 11:00 am Book Study, WR	15 Dumpster Pick Up	16 10:00 am—NOON Christmas Program Rehearsal and Pizza!
17 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:15 Praise Team Practice 10:00 am, Worship/Praise 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH Please join us for lunch! 6:00 pm, YOGA, Narthex	18 9:30 am Green Door Book Group, WR	19 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 12:30 pm Love/Hope Circle, Sammies Pizza MESSENGER DEADLINE	20 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH 6:30 pm, Praise Team Practice	21 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 11:30 am Faith Circle, potluck at Ruth Thorpe's home 11:00 am Book Study, WR	22	23 9:00-10:30 am Free Community Breakfast, Our Savior's Lutheran
24 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:00 Asbury Singers 10:00 am, Worship LESSON & STORIES 10:15 am, Bible Bingo 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 4:00 pm, Worship	25  OFFICE CLOSED	26 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH	27 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH 6:30 pm, Praise Team Practice	28 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH MESSENGER EMAILS	29 Dumpster Pick Up	30
31 9:00 am, Asbury Singers, FH 10:00 am, Worship/ STORIES & SONGS 10:15 am, Sunday school 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	<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>					

Asbury News

Ad Council Meeting Minutes — 11-28-23

Opening

Following the Charge Conference meeting, Sandy Winklesky, Ad. Council Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. The council met in the Wesley Room and also on Zoom.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the October 17, 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

Our church is doing better financially.

Treasurer's Report – Pat Anscomb

The September monthly summary was corrected to reflect the payment of the state payroll tax. Balance on Hand, 9/30/2023 is \$2,046.38.

The October monthly summary was presented. Balance on Hand, 10/31/2023 is \$4,720.02.

As of 10/31/2023 we have paid 39% of our 2023 Conference Apportionments with a balance due of \$12,036.82.

Pat Anscomb made a motion to accept the Treasurer's reports. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

M – Pat Anscomb, S – Steve Kokotovich

Staff Parish Relations Committee – Steve K. for Barb Kokotovich

The committee met to approve staff wages and salaries.

Money was put into the budget for Christmas appreciation gifts for staff.

The meeting with the District Superintendent was changed from October to February.

Trustee's Report – no report

United Women of Faith – Jan Akervik

The committee met to elect new officers. Co-Presidents are Bev LeClair and Dawn Jones. Co-Treasurers are Lynn Tollefson and Pat Anscomb. Cathy Sampson is the new Secretary.

The Fall Pantry has so far made \$9,380.75, with more money still coming in.

The Meatball Dinner made \$3,175.14.

The committee discussed ways to improve both fund raisers.

The Advent Tea is on December 9, at 2:00 p.m.

The Christmas Tree in the Narthex is focusing on donating socks for school children this year.

The Hanging of the Green went very well.

Outreach and Missions Team – Steve Kokotovich

124 pairs of socks were donated to the Damiano Center for the Socktober event.

In December we will focus on the Salvation Army Toy Drive.

The Western Duluth Churches' service project, Second Saturday Food Bags, went very well. The project prepared 124 breakfast food bags which will be distributed at the Lincoln Park Warming Center.

After the Community Thanksgiving Service at our church on November 21, the food bags were assembled.

Highway Clean-up along Grand Avenue was held on October 28. We share this responsibility with Norton Park Methodist Church.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

October 2023

GENERAL FUND:

Balance on Hand 9/30/23	\$2,046.38
Deposits	<u>39,974.85</u>
Total to Account for	\$42,021.23
Checks Written	<u><\$37,301.21></u>
Balance on Hand, 10/31/23	\$4,720.02
Unpaid Bills through 10/31/23 (includes apportionments)	<\$9,297.62>
Net Ending Balance at 10/31/23	<u><\$4,577.60></u>

Education Team – Sandy Winklesky for Alice Brenny

The next meeting is Wednesday, December 6, at 6:30 p.m.

The Christmas Program is on December 17, with rehearsal set for Saturday, December 16.

More children are coming to the Sunday School classes.

Worship Team – Donna Mickelson

The new Worship Committee leader for next year is be Renee Randa.

Nurture/Congregational Care Team – Sandy Winklesky

Visitation Committee – no report

Scholarship Committee – no report

Membership Committee – Candy Kokotovich

The Committee met November 8, and the next meeting will be January 10.

A new member joined the church in November.

Pastor's Report – Katherine Cornell

The community Thanksgiving Service went very well.

The newspaper ad for the Christmas Services was discussed. Jan Akervik made a motion to purchase a smaller, less expensive ad. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

M – Jan Akervik, M – Steve Kokotovich

The Advent Bible Study will begin this Thursday. The book is *Incarnation* by Adam Hamilton.

The Christmas Eve Service is at 4:00 p.m.

Old Business - none

New Business

The Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings were decided. Steve Kokotovich made a motion for \$150 to TPUMMs. The remaining balance will go toward Apportionments. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. **M – Steve Kokotovich, S – Donna Mickelson**

Closing

The next Ad. Council meeting will be on January 30, at 7:00 p.m.

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

M – Steve Kokotovich, S – Pat Anscomb.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Bennett, Recording Secretary

Asbury News

Christian Education Team News

Christmas is coming! Are you ready? Our Asbury Christmas program, "It Happened One Star Filled Night," is a fun, beautiful message program with adults and children involved. The program will be shared with the congregation on Sunday, December 17 during worship. Everyone is encouraged to attend in person or online. A family meal will be available after worship during Fellowship time. Anyone wanting to help with the program, please let the Christian Education team know!

John Wesley's "Three Simple Rules" is our theme for Sunday school this year. We are exploring the "Do No Harm" rule. We have defined what Do No Harm means from the Sunday school participant's view. Once everyone understood the definition of Do No Harm, we began discussing what we do and what others may have done to us to cause harm. We also discussed what to do to not cause harm and what to do if we have caused harm or been harmed. In January we will start looking at the "Do Good" rule.

The Church-School Partnership program with Laura MacArthur Elementary School continues to grow and solidify Asbury's relationship with Laura MacArthur. The Church-School Partnership Team continues to be busy weekly with the food distribution program (formerly Backpack Program) through 2nd Harvest Food Bank, as well as volunteering in classrooms. Anyone interested in the Church-School Partnership program please contact Alice Brenny or Sue Baker.



Thank You For Your Pledge Cards!

We have a total of \$125,604 pledged so far for our 2024 Operating Budget from 62 pledge units! 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

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 SALE**

Preorders recommended. Call 218-624-0061.

Deadline to order: **June 2**

Upcoming Area Events

December 2 4:30 to 6:30 pm

Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner

ELIM Lutheran Church, 6101 Cody St, Duluth

December 7 7:00 pm

The Superior Singers — Christmas & All That Jazz

Christ Lutheran Church, 320 N 28th St, Superior

December 8 7:00 pm

The Superior Singers — Christmas & All That Jazz

Journey Christian Church, 1400 Washington Ave, Cloquet

December 9 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Norton Park UMC Christmas Cookie, Craft, Vendor Fair

Norton Park UMC, 436 N 79th Ave W, Duluth

December 9 1:00 pm

Bill Bastian and the Highland String Quartet

United Protestant Church, 830 88th Ave W, Duluth

December 9 7:00 pm

Strikepoint & Friends — A Bell Noel

First United Methodist Church, 230 E Skyline Pkwy, Duluth

December 12 7:00 pm

The Superior Singers — Christmas & All That Jazz

Salem Lutheran Church, 4715 Hermantown Rd, Hermantown

December 16 1:00 pm

The Superior Singers — Christmas & All That Jazz

Bong Veterans Historical Center, 405 Harborview Pkwy, Superior

December 17 4:00 pm

The Superior Singers — Christmas & All That Jazz

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1924 Wyoming Ave, Superior

**More information on these events can
be found on flyers posted on the
Community Board in the foyer.**



UWF 2023 Awards

The UWF 2023 awards will be presented on UWF Sunday (date TBD). The Special Mission Award will be awarded to Dawn Jones. Gifts to Missions honorees are Steve Kokotovich and Terry Olson. Gifts in Memory will remember Phyllis Faue, Barbara Downs, Louise Anderson, Sharon Packingham and Sue Stebner.

New Leadership for UWF

Beginning in January 2024 new officers are taking on leadership of the United Women in Faith. Bev LeClair and Dawn Jones will be Co-Presidents; Lynn Tollefson and Pat Anscomb will share the Treasurer's position and our new Secretary will be Cathy Sampson.

New board members will be Candy Kokotovich and Phyllis Kruell.

We are grateful to these persons who have accepted their new positions to bring UWF into the future.



The Green (and Blue) Have Been Hung

Many, many THANKS to all those who stayed after services Sunday, November 26 and helped to get the Sanctuary ready for our Advent/Christmas season.

So many of you helped to set up the tree, hang the banners and garland, get the altar ready with the change of the altar cloth and the placement of the Advent wreath and candles, hang the special lights and stars, and just everything! Many hands were working with lots of conversation and laughs and good fellowship. We were all done in an hour and a half!

This year we have been given a special gift by Debbie Johnson's Aunt of four new Christmas banners. The banners were made by Debbie's Aunt's late husband several years ago. They are hanging on both sides of the inside doors as you enter and exit the church. We are so appreciative of this beautiful gift.

Thanks Asbury Family for your help!

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, December 6 at 9:30 am in the Wesley Room.** Jan Akervik will be hostess and share devotions. The Board members will go to the Grand View restaurant for lunch following the meeting.
- 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 December 18 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, December 19 at 12:30 pm at Sammies Pizza.**
- Faith Circle meets at 1:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month. **NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!** **Faith Circle will meet at 11:30 am on Thursday, December 21 at the home of Ruth Thorpe at 118 Coffee Creek Blvd., Apt 306.** Bring a dish to share for a holiday potluck. Ruth will provide 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 December 11.**
- **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.



Photos by Dawn Jones

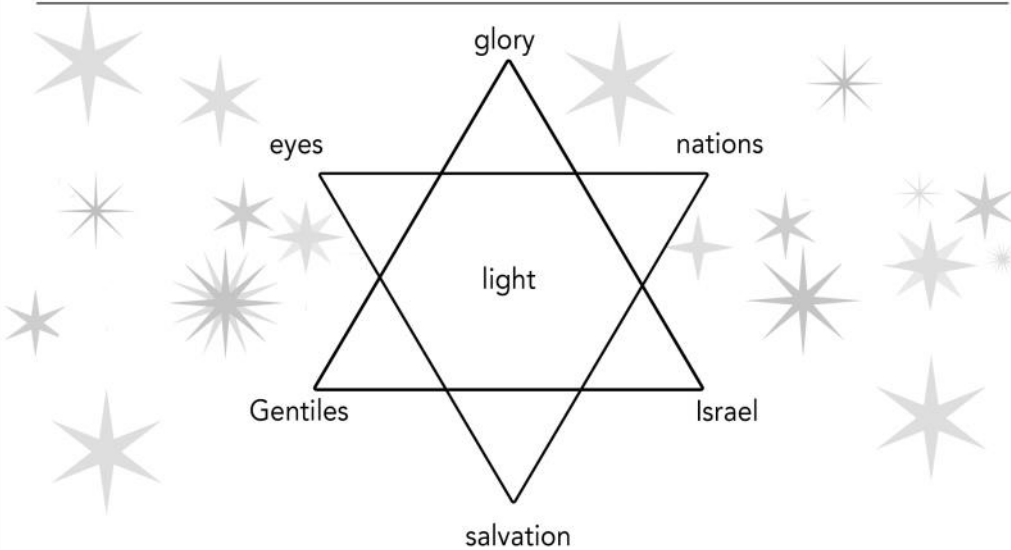
Kid's Corner



SIMEON'S SIGHT

When Joseph and Mary brought baby Jesus to the temple, they heard a special prophecy from Simeon.

Directions: Using the star key, write the words in the correct spaces to complete Luke 2:30-32, NIV.



"For my _____ have seen your _____, which you have prepared
in the sight of all _____: a _____ for revelation to the
_____, and the _____ of your people _____."

Luke 2:30-32, NIV

Answers: eyes, salvation, nations, light, Gentiles, glory, Israel

LIGHT-UP BOX

Christmas lights remind us that Jesus shines in the darkness. Here's a fun way to play with holiday lights.

What you need:

- A strand of Christmas lights
- A large clear plastic container and lid
- Green tissue paper
- Colorful beads



What you do:

1. Plug in the lights and place them in the container.
2. Put on the lid. (If the lid isn't transparent, flip the box over.)
3. Play with your light box, using these ideas as starters:
 - Cut tissue paper into triangles and arrange them in a tree shape. Decorate the tree with colorful beads.
 - Use the light box for tracing. Place a picture on it, with a clean sheet of paper on top. Then trace the drawing.
 - Use magnet tiles to build designs atop the light box.

Try building a 3-D Christmas tree!



Happy Birthday, Jesus!



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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: Martin Larson
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: December 19 for January 2024 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.