



Asbury

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
A Place For All. No Exceptions.

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

# Messenger

## Take-Out-Only Meatball Dinner — April 30

Asbury's Take-Out-Only Meatball Dinner will be held on April 30 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. (ADVANCE TICKET SALES PREFERRED. LIMITED TICKETS AT THE DOOR!).

Please get your tickets from Asbury members selling tickets or call the church office at 218-624-0061. Tickets need to be **picked up and paid for by April 21**. A check made out to Asbury UMC or **exact cash** would be appreciated.

Tickets are **\$14.00**. Get your tickets and bring the family and your friends! Please return all unsold tickets to Gary W. by April 21.

**NEW! \$5.00 for container of five meatballs. Prepayment required.**

Our popular meatball dinner requires a lot of workers. We need your support and your help so please also consider volunteering some of your time. There will be a sign-up board in the Narthex. Dinner profits will go towards paying our 2024 MN Annual Conference Apportionments.



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## Why Do United Methodists Give Apportionments?

Apportionments are the way that congregations are connected to the conference and the world. They are used to fund the global mission and witness of our church, to help provide the necessary structure to respond in moments of crisis locally, nationally, internationally, and to develop and nurture the leaders we need today and tomorrow.

With over 12 million members working in 136 countries, The United Methodist Church's global reach is made possible through these 7 funds: World Service Fund, Episcopal Fund, Ministerial Education Fund, Black College Funds, General Administration Fund, Africa University Fund and Interdenominational Cooperation Fund.

The basic idea behind apportionments is that local congregations send some of the money they collect to accomplish things that are either beyond their ability to do as individual congregations or that can be done more effectively or efficiently together. Apportionments allow the church to produce goods and services funded by all for the benefit of all – collective goods.

Connectional Giving demonstrates our connectedness to one another, to God and to the body of Christ. The connections of the church are more than institutions; the connections are the means God uses to convey grace to the world. It is one of the founding ideas that the United Methodist Church was built upon. Participating in connectional giving helps us to be in mission with people and congregations around the world — giving every church, regardless of size, a larger mission footprint.

Apportionments allow us to do together what no church, district, or annual conference could do alone.

*excerpt from a story by Anne Maria Gerhardt,  
Director of Communications, Northern Illinois Annual Conference*



# A Penny For Your Thoughts



**C**hrist is Risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Timing is a funny thing. In the midst of the mildest Duluth winter ever, you might have been thinking we'd have an early spring.

I know our track team was looking forward to practicing outside. Yet the start of the week found them participating in the time-honored Esko tradition of shoveling snow as the track workout for the start of the season. As I write this article, the snow is STILL falling and it looks like Easter will be white all around.

Even with snow, Easter will arrive and we will proclaim "Christ is alive, Alleluia!" No matter the timing, snow or no snow, God's love cannot be held back. This is the message we proclaim. This is the hope we have. And, these are the lives we live in witness; when the world looks dormant and dark, the Jesus who couldn't stay in a grave is the Christ we proclaim in our living.

That is what Asbury is about! Our vision statement proclaims: "At Asbury UMC, we believe God's words and ways are key to abundant life for ourselves and

our community." God's words are words of abundant love. God's ways include working for justice and mercy as we care for our neighbors and build community.

Our mission statement continues to spell out our vision: "Asbury UMC is a welcoming, active church that exists to serve, grow, build, and bless our congregation, community, and the world." All we do in Asbury — from our meatballs to pasties, donuts and pies to our serving at the Damiano Center and Laura MacArthur Elementary School — is designed to serve, grow, build, and bless those around us.

And just as Easter will come — no matter the temperature or the weather — so we of Asbury UMC will continue to walk together and welcome everyone to join us on this journey of faith, service, and love as we proclaim the great good news that Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

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](mailto:kcornell@wnccumc.net).  
Pastor's day off is on Friday and she works from home on Mondays.

# Asbury News



## Thank You!

Dear Asbury UMC Family:

A huge THANK YOU to the Awesome Asbury Secret Keepers! I'm in awe of the fact that I didn't have a hint of anything that was to happen, like a surprise birthday party after church on March 3. Thank you for your greetings, kind words, cards, singing and sharing in my big "85"! And, thank you to Phyllis and Kim for delaying my arrival in the Fellowship Hall. What an awesome church family we have! A special thanks to Phyllis and Shirley for working with Mike and Teri who made this special time happen for me. And, to Sandy who helped with kitchen work and to everyone lending a hand. It is a day I will always remember and hold in both my memory and heart. Blessings to each of you.

— Jan Akervik



Jan Akervik (CTR) with her son Mike and daughter-in-law Teri.

Dear Asbury UMC Family:

Thank you everyone for your prayers, care and concern as I recovered from my injuries sustained from a fall while out hiking with friends. We are looking forward to spending some upcoming time with our daughter and grandson in Florida as I continue to heal. Asbury is a wonderful, caring church family.

— Larry Sampson

Dear Asbury UMC Family:

I wanted to thank all of you for the support and acceptance for me to open a new office at the Asbury location on December 1, 2023. The space is professional and spacious and just what I need in working with more people in our community. So thank you again for your graciousness and prayers on my behalf in making a difference for those in need of Mental and Emotional Health services.

Luke 4:18-19

— Robin Williams, Ph.D., Licensed Psychotherapist

Dear Asbury United Methodist Church

On behalf of the Duluth Public Schools we wish to thank you for the donations for Laura MacArthur School and Stowe School. — John Magas, Superintendent

Dear Asbury United Methodist Church

Thank you for your generous gift of \$195 for the Duluth Crisis Nursery.

— Jesse M. Sremcha, VP of Development, Lutheran Social Service

Dear United Women in Faith:

Thank you for supporting the Denfeld Class of 2024! The seniors appreciate your generosity.

— The Denfeld Grad Party Committee

Our April Free Will Outreach Offering collection is for UMCOR

### Attendance . . .

Mar. 3	81 In-church/23 views
Mar. 10	68 In-church/29 views
Mar. 17	69 In-church/24 views
Mar. 24	51 In-church/30 views



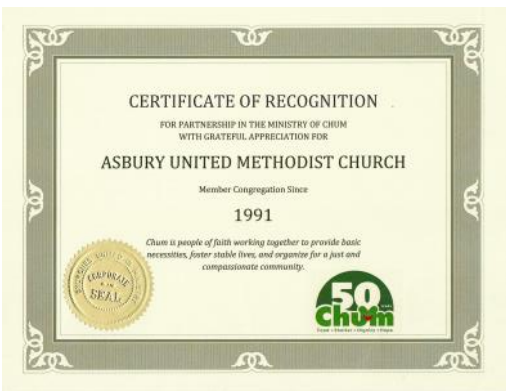
### Scripture Readers . . .

April 7	Ruth Thorpe
April 14	Candy Kokotovich
April 21	Sue Soder
April 28	Terry Olson

**APRIL Birthdays**

- 1 Sheila Fox
- 3 Larry Scanlon
- 9 Patty Bennett  
Alexandra Kokotovich  
Sharon Picconatto  
Dick Wolden
- 12 Bev LeClair
- 14 Sarah LeClair-Erola
- 20 Bill Schultz
- 23 Keith McGraw  
Peter Thibault
- 27 Sue Carlson  
Judy Pearson

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



Asbury United Methodist Church recently received a Certificate of Recognition from CHUM for partnership in the ministry with CHUM.

# Asbury News

## Scholarship Applications Available NOW!

Scholarship Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 5, 2024. Scholarship information is listed below. Completed applications are **due by Saturday, April 20, 2024**. Applications may be downloaded from the website at [www.asburyduluth.org](http://www.asburyduluth.org), obtained in the church office or please submit a request at [asburyumcduluth@hotmail.com](mailto:asburyumcduluth@hotmail.com).

**The Carol B. Maida Memorial Scholarship** is financed through the permanent Endowment Fund of the Asbury United Methodist Church. This Award is named in honor of Carol B. Maida, who was active in her Church and her Community. The purpose of the scholarship is to recognize members of Asbury who possess the qualities of Compassion, Perseverance, and Positive Attitude through support and encouragement with their post-high school and adult education.



**The Robert & Aileen VanKleek Memorial Scholarship** is financed through the permanent Endowment Fund of the Asbury United Methodist Church. This Award is named in honor of Robert & Aileen VanKleek who were active members of Central Avenue and Asbury UMC. Robert was also principal at Denfeld High School. The purpose of this scholarship is to recognize the academic accomplishments and participation in the

congregational life of members of Asbury UMC through support of their post-high school and adult education.

### Requirements for Eligibility

Applicants must be **Full Members** of Asbury UMC on the date of application. They must also have been a Full Member of the congregation for at least one year prior to the application deadline date. Applicants must also be enrolled or accepted into a post-high school degree or certificate program either full-time or part-time.

### Selection Criteria

An application for these scholarships is available:

- ◆ in the church office, 218-624-0061
- ◆ via e-mail at [asburyumcduluth@hotmail.com](mailto:asburyumcduluth@hotmail.com) or
- ◆ via [www.asburyduluth.org](http://www.asburyduluth.org)

Applicants must complete and submit an Application Form along with supporting material, which must include:

- ◆ Final or most recent official high school transcript
- ◆ Evidence of enrollment or acceptance into a post-high school degree or certificate program
- ◆ Most recent transcript of grade report form if already in a post-high school program
- ◆ Description of their Leadership and Participation in Community, School, Asbury UMC, and statement of future goals

Applicants may be required to have a personal interview with the Scholarship Committee.

### Application Deadline

In order to receive consideration for these scholarships, application and supporting material **MUST** be received in the church office by **April 20, 2024**. Recipients will be announced on Scholarship Sunday on May 5, 2024.



Pastor Katherine and the Christian Education team encourage all children and youth to attend camp this summer. Many opportunities will be available, and it would be fun if Asbury UMC children attend the same camp (not necessary, but fun).

Camp Minnesota has let Asbury UMC know that a camp scholarship is available for summer camp. As part of their legacy, Lester Park UMC (closed in 2018) established a fund through the Minnesota UM Foundation to help send area youth to summer camp. The fund provides up to four \$200 camp scholarships per year and will be given to campers who meet ALL of the following requirements:

- Camper must be in 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Camper must be affiliated with Asbury UMC.
- Camper must attend a camp at Northern Pines Camp, Paynesville, MN; Koronis Ministries, Park Rapids, MN; or KoWaKan Adventures, Ely, MN.

Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come/served basis. After registering for camp, please contact Camp Minnesota at 855-622-1973 to have the scholarship applied.

Additional scholarships are available through Asbury. Contact Pastor Katherine for more information.

Application forms and informational brochures are available on the table in the Narthex. For more camping information, including details on all events, retreats and how to get involved please visit: [www.campminnesota.org/campsessions](http://www.campminnesota.org/campsessions)

# Calendar

## April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>  EASTER MONDAY  Office Closed	<b>2</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH  11:30 am MS Support Group, FH	<b>3</b> 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH  9:30 am UWF Board Meeting, WR  5:30 pm, YOGA, FH  6:30 pm, Praise Team	<b>4</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH  10:00 to 10:45 am, 2nd Harvest Food Distribution 2:00 pm Advent Tea Mtg., WR	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:00 am, Asbury Singers 10:00 am, Worship Sue Soder preaching Debbie Merrick/ Children's Time 10:15 am, Sunday school 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH 6:00 pm, Yoga, Narthex	<b>8</b> 9:00 am Garden Team, FH  2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR	<b>9</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH	<b>10</b> 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH  5:30 pm, YOGA, FH  6:30 pm, Praise Team	<b>11</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH	<b>12</b>    Dumpster	<b>13</b> 8:30—10:30 am 11:00 am-1:00 pm Damiano Center Volunteers  11:00 am -3:00 pm Mickelson baby shower, FH
<b>14</b> 9:00 am, Asbury Singers 10:00 am, Worship/ Communion/Birthday 10:15 am, Sunday school 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH 6:00 pm, Yoga, Narthex	<b>15</b> 9:30 am Green Door Book Group, WR	<b>16</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH  1:00 pm Love/Hope Circle, WR	<b>17</b> 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH  5:30 pm, YOGA, FH  6:30 pm, Praise Team	<b>18</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH  1:00 pm Faith Circle, WR	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>    SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE
<b>21</b> 9:00 am, Praise Team 10:00 am, Worship/Praise 10:15 am, Sunday school 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH NOON-4:00 pm, CPR Class 6:00 pm, Yoga, Narthex	<b>22</b>  MESSENGER DEADLINE	<b>23</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH  5:30 pm, Worship, WR  7:00 pm Ad Council, WR & Zoom	<b>24</b> 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH  5:30 pm, YOGA, FH  6:30 pm, Praise Team	<b>25</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH  1:00 pm Finance, WR	<b>26</b>    Dumpster Pick Up	<b>27</b> 9:00 am—1:00 pm CPR Class  9:00-10:30 am Free Community Breakfast, Our Savior's Lutheran
<b>28</b> ASBURY SINGERS 9:30 am, Asbury Singers 10:00 am, Worship 10:15 am, Bible Bingo 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH NOON-4:00 pm, CPR Class 6:00 pm, Yoga, Narthex	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH  4:30—6:00 pm Drive-Through Meatball Dinner  MESSENGER EMAILS/MAILS	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.  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.  The Praise Team practices each Wednesday at 6:30 pm and on Praise Sunday at 9:00 am.			

# Asbury News

## Ad Council Meeting Minutes — 3-19-24

### Opening

- Sandy Winklesky, Ad. Council Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. The council met in the Wesley Room.
- Pastor Katherine led us in prayer.

### Secretary's Report:

- Minutes of the February 20, 2024, Administrative Council were reviewed.

Pat Anscomb made a motion to accept the minutes as read.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

M – Pat Anscomb, S – Pastor Katherine

### Lay Leader's Report – no report

### Treasurer's Report – Pat Anscomb

- The February monthly summary was presented. Balance on Hand, 2/29/2024 is \$12,537.86.
- As of 2/29/2024 we have paid 0% of our 2024 Conference Apportionments with a balance due of \$20,125.00.

### Staff Parish Relations Committee – no report

### Trustee's Report – no report

### United Women of Faith – Sandy Winklesky for Bev LeClair

- The Spring meatball dinner is April 30. The committee will be setting a date for making bread and cupcakes. There will be a sign-up sheet for working Monday and Tuesday.
- The Diaper Drive will happen in May. A Pack & Play will be set up in the Narthex May 1 to 12, to collect diapers.

### Outreach and Missions Team – no report

### Education Team – Sandy Winklesky for Alice Brenny

- The Sunday School now has 9 children attending.
- The children will participate in the Palm Sunday service.
- Easter cards will be made for shut-ins.

### Worship Team – Pastor Katherine for Renee Randa

- The Maundy Thursday Service is March 28, at 6:30 PM.
- Good Friday Ecumenical Service is March 29, 6:00 PM, at ELIM Lutheran.
- Easter Sunday Service is March 31, 10:00 AM.

### Nurture/Congregational Care Team – Sandy Winklesky

- Visitation Committee – Karen Gokey - The committee will meet on May 22, to plan for the 80 Plus Luncheon in August.
- Scholarship Committee – Shelly Vanneste - Scholarship Sunday is May 5, with scholarship applications due April 20.
- Membership Committee – Candy Kokotovich - A membership

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

2/29/24

### GENERAL FUND:

Balance on Hand 1/31/24	\$	10,093.72
Deposits	\$	<u>15,301.50</u>
Total to Account for	\$	25,395.22
Checks Written		<u>&lt;12,857.36&gt;</u>
Balance on Hand, 2/29/24	\$	12,537.86
Unpaid Bills through 2/29/24		
(includes apportionments)		<\$4,738.48>
Net Ending Balance at 2/29/24		<u>\$7,799.38</u>

informational meeting was held last Sunday. Four people will be joining the church on Easter Sunday.

### Pastor's Report – Katherine Cornell

- The Lenten Bible Study is going well with two sessions left.
- Our church is preparing for Holy Week.
- Health Equity Northland will hold a vaccine clinic at our church this Thursday, March 21, 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Also on that day, they will sponsor an informational meeting at 5:00 PM in the church sanctuary. The topic of discussion will be "Academic Effects of the Pandemic on Youth in the District: Updates and Future Planning".
- Carrie Sutherland, at-large Ad. Council member, has moved to Iowa for a new work opportunity. We thank her for her service to the church.

### Old Business - none

### New Business

- Sandy Winklesky mentioned that she would like to have a church picnic at her house this summer.

### Closing

- The next Ad. Council meeting will be on Tuesday, April 23, at 6:30 PM.
- Pat Anscomb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**M – Pat Anscomb, S – Pastor Katherine.**

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Bennett, Recording Secretary

# Asbury News

## Worship In April

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.

**April Worship Theme:** In April we look at some stories of Jesus appearing to his disciples and then we turn our attention to the core of God's concerns. On April 7 we will have Sue Soder preaching and leading worship. Debbie Merrick will have Children's Time. On April 14 will be celebrate Communion and Birthday Sunday. On April 21 will be Praise Sunday. On April 28, our Asbury Singers will be part of worship singing "Down By the Riverside Medley". Join us as we explore God's true nature!

### April 7

Scripture Passages:

1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

Message: "Our Doubts"

### April 14

Scripture Passages:

1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

Message: "Do Ghosts Eat Fish?"

### April 21

Scripture Passages:

Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24

Message: "Let's Get This Party Started"

### April 28

Scripture Passages:

Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21

Message: "God Is . . ."



New Asbury members from L to R: Tom and Cindy Yewell, Margaret and Dale Rogers.  
Photo by Dawn Jones

### Welcome New Members!

Four new members joined Asbury UMC on February 25, 2024: Tom and Cindy Yewell and Dale and Margaret Rogers.

**Tom Yewell** attended school at Amphitheater High School, Tucson, AZ. He is a bus driver for special needs children for the Voyageur Bus Company. Tom likes old classic movies, puzzling and anything to do with flying documentaries.

**Cindy Yewell** attended school at Duluth Cathedral High School. She works for Altec Industries and likes spending time with her grandchildren, cooking and traveling to warm places. Cindy says she and husband, Tom, joined Asbury UMC because it feels like home. She loves the members as they are so welcoming.

**Dale Rogers** attended Superior Central High School and UWS. He is retired from ISD 709 and currently works for the Voyageur Bus Company. Dale likes deer hunting and wood harvesting. He enjoys his classic car. Dale chose to join Asbury with his wife Margaret as he wanted a friendly church that is on track.

**Margaret Rogers** is a retired RN who worked at Essentia/St. Mary's for 58 years. She attended East High School and enjoys baking and flower gardening. Margaret feels very welcomed at Asbury UMC.



### Asbury Garden Team First Meeting 2024

There will be a short meeting of the Garden Team on Monday, April 8 at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss last year's projects, spending, income and decide on a plant sale this year.

The Garden Team is open to all who enjoy working outdoors and maintaining Asbury's grounds and beautiful gardens. If you are interested, please join us at our first meeting or at any time during the growing season. We always welcome willing volunteers!

Thanks again, to our current team for their past work and devotion to Asbury. It is very much appreciated. — Judy Pearson, Garden Team Chair

# Kid's Corner

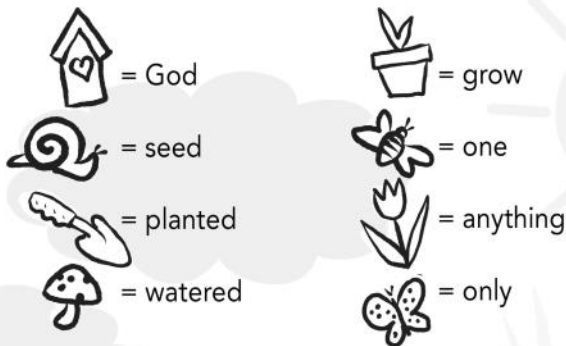


## PLANT, WATER, GROW

Building a faith community takes work. How did the church in Corinth come to be?

Directions: Use the code to fill in the words and complete a teaching of the apostle Paul.

### KEY



I \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, Apollos \_\_\_\_\_ it,

but \_\_\_\_\_ has been making it \_\_\_\_\_.

So neither the \_\_\_\_\_ who plants nor the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ who waters is \_\_\_\_\_,

but \_\_\_\_\_, who makes things \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Corinthians 3:6-7, NIV

Answer: planted, seed, watered, God, grow, one, anything, only, God, grow

SOMETHING OLD,

Something New

Use scrap paper to fuel new growth and make a gift that keeps on giving.

### What you need:

- Scrap paper
- Water
- Herb or flower seeds
- Blender
- Strainer
- Cookie sheet
- Towel
- Adult help



### What you do:

1. Tear the scrap paper into strips and place in a bowl. Cover the paper with water and let it soak overnight.
2. Pour the mixture into a blender and blend about 10 seconds.
3. Strain and squeeze the paper pulp to remove excess water. Place in a bowl.
4. Sprinkle seeds over the pulp and mix to incorporate them into the pulp.
5. Shape the pulp into a flat layer on the cookie sheet. Use a towel to soak up excess water. Allow the paper to dry completely.
6. Tear paper into shapes or fold into a card. You can plant the paper directly into soil. Water it and then watch your plants grow!







## Plan Ahead!

The UWF diaper drive for moms and babies will begin on Wednesday, May 1 and run through Sunday, May 12.



A Pack and Play will be set up in the Narthex to collect diapers. Sizes 1 - 5 are preferred. **Watch for sales on diapers!**

If you cannot be in church or drop them at the church, you may

send a check noting 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

## UWF Annual Rummage Sale

Are you doing some winter cleaning, closet organizing, purging and downsizing? Please keep the **UWF Annual Asbury Rummage Sale on June 20, 2024** in mind. Please set aside your items until June as Asbury does not have storage ability. A schedule of when to drop off items will be in upcoming announcements and Messengers.

A successful sale is dependent on donations – both large and small. We appreciate all donations. Please remember we do not accept clothing or electronics such as microwaves, TVs, or personal grooming/personal care items such as electric shavers, blood pressure cuffs or hair cutting sets.

All sale proceeds help with our 2024 MN Annual Conference apportionment payments.



## AUMC Upcoming Events

June 7, 2024 **DONUT SALE**

**Preorders recommended.**

Call 218-624-0061.

**Deadline to order: June 2**

June 20, 2024

**RUMMAGE SALE**

9:00 am to 2:00 pm,

Fellowship Hall

September 13-14, 2024

**PASTY SALE**

Call 218-624-0061 to order.

**Deadline to order: September 8**

October 12, 2024

**FALL PANTRY**

9:00 to 11:00 am, Fellowship Hall

homemade apple pies

(frozen to take-and-bake);

freshly fried donuts;

350 pasties (come early!);

pickles, jams, jellies and more;

Cookie Table; breads,

baked goods; craft/knit items

## Reading Program Resources

Did you know there are now a variety of ways to obtain credits within the Reading Program?

- Read books listed in any of the Reading Program catalogs from 2019-2024.
- Listen to an audiobook as listed above.
- Listen to podcasts for 1 credit for 2+ episodes from the same category. Faith Talks — Spiritual Growth; Voices in the Field — Education for Mission.
- Read *Response* one year's issues (6) for credit in Nurturing for Community.
- Read a Mission U study on your own for 1 credit in Spiritual Growth.
- Watch a movie to receive credit for any of the following using the category of the original book: Hidden Figures, Pushout and The Hate U Give.

— Louise Johnson, Resource Manager

## 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 April 3.** Judy Pearson is hostess and will present devotions.
- Love/Hope Circle meets at 1:00 pm in the Wesley Room on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. **Love/Hope Circle will meet on April 16.** Members are asked to share a Bible verse and why it is a favorite. Barbara Rigstad is hostess.
- Faith Circle meets at 1:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Wesley Room. **Faith Circle will meet on April 18.** Bev LeClair will share devotions and be our meeting hostess. We will discuss working for the meatball dinner and the upcoming Diaper Drive
- Knitting Klub meets at 2:00 pm in the Wesley Room on the 2nd Monday of the month. **The Knitting Klub will meet on April 8.**
- Green Door Book Club meets at 9:30 am in the Wesley Room on the 3rd Monday of each month. **The Green Door Book Club will meet on April 15.**
- **Bone Builders Plus meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to 10:30 am.** 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 ..... 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.....Bev LeClair/Dawn Jones  
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**NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: April 22 for May 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.