



Asbury

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Messenger

**DIVIDED TONGUES,
AS OF FIRE,
APPEARED AMONG THEM,
AND A TONGUE RESTED
ON EACH OF THEM.**



Acts 2:3, NRSV

Pentecost power

Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the Holy Spirit descended onto Jesus' disciples. While they were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish festival of Pentecost, the disciples saw flames among and on them, heard a rushing wind and began talking in many languages. As a result, the disciples were able to share the good news of Jesus in the native tongues of all the pilgrims assembled in the city.

Even today, the power of the Holy Spirit fuels the "flame" that ignites Christians' outreach efforts. Only by the Spirit's power can we know Christ and make him known throughout the world.

Poet William Blake (1757-1827), who's been described as a passionate, Pentecost kind of person, wrote this poem about the Spirit's power:

*Unless the eye catch fire,
The God will not be seen.
Unless the ear catch fire,
The God will not be heard.
Unless the tongue catch fire,
The God will not be named.
Unless the heart catch fire,
The God will not be loved.
Unless the mind catch fire,
The God will not be known.*

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Pentecost Sunday is on May 19. Please wear red that Sunday.



A Penny For Your Thoughts

Asbury's Spring Activities

As you have heard, many exciting things are happening at Asbury UMC! We are in the middle of our Spring activities with meatballs, collecting diapers for moms and babies, distributing food to school children, and giving away scholarships. These activities, driven by our shared values and commitment, bring us joy and fulfillment. We are hoping to venture into new places with biking and Laundry Love. And, we also have irons in the fire for June events coming up!

In the midst of all the activity one might ask how do we keep at it? I think there are two mainstays for continued activity. The first is taking time to return again and again to the source of all life, relationship with God, and as an extension of that relationship, participation in the community of faith. Our faith is not just a Sunday ritual, but a guiding light in our daily lives. We gain strength from our time of worship together each Sunday as we pause from everything to gather together and praise God. We can be refreshed for the week, being reminded of God's love for us and the new beginnings God offers each day.

We gain strength and refreshment from our daily devotions and prayers as well. Building our connections with God through time spent in prayer and study is vital as is building our connections with the community of faith through time spent in fellowship and service.

The second source of energy for sustaining active ministry is being reminded of the church's mission and vision. I spoke about mission and vision last month, and it bears repeating. At Asbury UMC, we believe **God's words and ways** are key to abundant life for ourselves and our community. Asbury UMC is a welcoming, active church that exists to **serve, grow, build, and bless** our congregation, community, and the world.

When we take a longer, larger view of why we have work projects and times of service and activity, we



can trace them back to our larger mission and vision that fits into God's calling for each of us. Why do we make meatballs? To help support the connectational ministry of the larger church — sharing God's love with the world so that more people can participate in **God's words and ways**. Why do we collect diapers? Because we want to **bless** the people around us. Why do we distribute food to students at Laura MacArthur Elementary School? Because we want to **serve** our neighbors and be a blessing to them. Why are we gathering to bike together? Because we want to **build** our relationships and **grow** our health. Our vision and mission energize us to jump in and find our purpose each day.

Taking time to connect with God and one another and seeing how our bigger picture of service and love keeps us energized and engaged. Join us and see for yourselves!

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 generous donation to help feed Northland families, children and seniors. Through our network of agency and community partners and our own direct service programs you are helping provide equitable food access to thousands of Northland neighbors facing hunger.

— Shaye Morris, Secnd Harvest Northland president/CEO

Dear Asbury United Methodist Church:

This year brought significant challenges for our family. Thank you so very much for your prayers for Janae and our family. Janae is making strides in her recovery so please continue to pray for her and our family. It means everything to us! Love to all of you.

— The Sjodin Family (Erick, Angela, Janae, Judah, Jeshua & Jaela)

Dear Asbury UWF/UMC Friends and Family:

Thank you so much for the generous gift of Stride tickets. I am so appreciative of you all and certainly will use them since that is the only way I get around. God bless you all.

— Lisa (Winklesky) Greene

March CHUM Food Drive Thank You

The Outreach Team would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's food drive for the March FoodShare campaign a huge success. Asbury UMC delivered 163 pounds of food to CHUM as well as a check for \$3134.88. This record monetary donation came from: 1) \$536 from the "Soup"er Bowl free-will offering, 2) \$1,415.88 from pasty proceeds, and 3) \$1,183 from congregational donations.



Biking With Asbury UMC

Join us for an Asbury UMC bicycle ride on the Willard Munger Trail spearheaded by Asbury member Robin Williams. We would like to meet on Saturday, May 18 at 1:00 pm We will gather at the church.

As more people show interest, dates can be adjusted based on preference or personal need. Participants can go at their own pace according to ability and comfort level. Join us to enjoy the outdoors, have some fellowship, fun and movement all with some low impact exercise. All are welcome!

For more details, please speak with Robin Williams in person, by phone or text (218.341.9158) or email rawilliams7713@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you on the trail!

Scholarship Sunday — May 5

The Scholarship Team is excited to offer two scholarships to two well-deserving high school graduates during worship on Sunday, May 5! Please join us!

— Shelly Vanneste, Scholarship Team Chair



Our May Free Will Outreach Offering is for the Love Offering of the MN Annual Conference

Attendance . . .

Mar. 28	35 In-church/108 views
Mar. 31	91 In-church/52 views
Apr. 7	57 In-church/40 views
Apr. 14	66 In-church/34 views
Apr. 21	70 In-church/31 views
Apr. 28	78 In-church/25 views

Scripture Readers . . .

May 5	Dale Thorpe
May 12	Carol Johnson
May 19	Jan Akervik
May 26	Dave Stromgren



- 2 Greg Fox
- 3 Patti Barber
Caroline Carlson
Matt Nylund
Emily Rager
- 5 Julie Brackett
Terry Olson
- 6 Brendyn Peterson
- 8 Sharon Parendo
Rod Ridgewell
- 9 Terrie Gimpel
- 12 Jack Anscorb
- 13 Margaret Rogers
- 14 Arianna Thieling
- 16 Ruby Slennes
Phyllis Wolden
- 17 Daryl Barber
Our sponsored child,
Genesis
- 25 Candy Kokotovich
- 29 Ben Nylund
Asher Waters
- 30 Trevor Robinson

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

Asbury News

Ad Council Meeting Minutes — 4-23-24

Opening

- Sandy Winklesky, Ad. Council Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. The council met in the Wesley Room.
- Pastor Katherine shared the prayer that is being used for the General Conference this year.

Secretary's Report

- Minutes of the March 19, 2024, Administrative Council were reviewed. Steve Kokotovich made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. M – Steve Kokotovich, S – Dawn Jones

Lay Leader's Report – Steve Kokotovich

- It's wonderful to have new members and new attendees in church. Steve reminded us to engage with them in conversations and to sit with them during coffee hour.

Treasurer's Report – Pat Anscorb

- The March monthly summary was presented. Balance on Hand, 3/31/2024 is \$10,229.80.
- As of 3/31/2024 we have paid 0% of our 2024 Conference Apportionments with a balance due of \$20,125.00.
- Bev LeClair made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. M – Bev LeClair, S – Steve Kokotovich

Staff Parish Relations Committee – Steve K. for Barb Kokotovich

- A card and gift card will be given to Shirley for Professional Administrative Assistant Day.

Trustee's Report – Nancy Wagner

- The Trustees are meeting on May 8. One of the topics that they will discuss is painting the walls in the Fellowship Hall.

United Women of Faith – Bev LeClair and Dawn Jones

- The Spring meatball dinner is April 30. Breadmaking for the dinner was done last week. Making the cupcakes will be done next Monday at 1:00 PM. We are encouraging people to come help next Monday and Tuesday for the dinner. A sign-up sheet is in the church Narthex.
- The Diaper Drive will happen in May. A Pack & Play will be set up in the Narthex from May 1 to 12 to collect diapers.
- Camp scholarships are available.
- The Donut Sale is June 7.
- The Rummage Sale is June 20.

Outreach and Missions Team – Steve Kokotovich

- 163 pounds of food and \$3,134.88 were given to CHUM for the March Food Drive.
- Asbury is now working at the Damiano Food Kitchen 10 times per year.
- August 6 is National Night Out.
- CHUM is sponsoring Laundry Love. Qualifying families can come to the West Duluth laundromat to wash and dry up to 3 loads of laundry for free each Tuesday. Asbury, along with the other West Duluth churches, will take on the 5th Tuesday of each month.

Education Team – Sandy Winklesky

- The Sunday School has 4 to 9 children attending each Sunday.
- The children will sing at the May 12 church service, which will be celebrating Mothers/Grandmothers Day.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

3/31/24

GENERAL FUND:

Balance on Hand 2/29/24	\$	12,537.86
Deposits	\$	<u>22,266.82</u>
Total to Account for	\$	<u>34,804.68</u>
Checks Written		<u><24,574.88></u>
Balance on Hand, 3/31/24	\$	10,229.80
Unpaid Bills through 3/31/24 (includes apportionments)		<5,031.24>
Net Ending Balance at 3/31/24		<u>\$5,198.56</u>

Worship Team – Pastor Katherine for Renee Randa

- May 5 is Scholarship Sunday.
- May 19 is Pentecost Sunday. Please wear red on that day!
- June 2 is Graduation Sunday. The Guest Speaker is from Harbor House.
- June 16 is Fathers' Day.

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. The committee met on April 21 to discuss the Scholarship applications.
- Membership Committee – Candy Kokotovich - Four people joined the church on Easter Sunday. The committee will be meeting on May 8.

Pastor's Report – Katherine Cornell

- People are encouraged to work at the June 21, Spaghetti Dinner for Grandma's Marathon. There is a sign-up sheet in the church Narthex.
- The Methodist General Conference is meeting this year. Pastor Katherine went to a briefing on topics that will be discussed. Three highlighted topics are regionalization, removal of harmful language and revision of our social principles.

Old Business

- Judy Pearson said that she will be gradually stepping down from her position as chair of the Landscaping and Garden Committee. Jeanne Rychlak will now be in charge of the financial position of the committee. Judy commented that there are many active volunteers on this committee.

New Business

- April 28 is the date of the TPUMMS meeting at Hope United Methodist Church.
- May 6 is the CHUM volunteer appreciation at Our Saviors Lutheran.
- June 23, at 12:00 PM is the church potluck picnic at the Winkleskys, 3216 Wellington Street.


Closing

- The next Ad. Council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 21, at 6:30 PM.
- Pat Anscorb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. M – Pat Anscorb, S – Steve Kokotovich
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Bennett, Recording Secretary

Calendar

May 2024

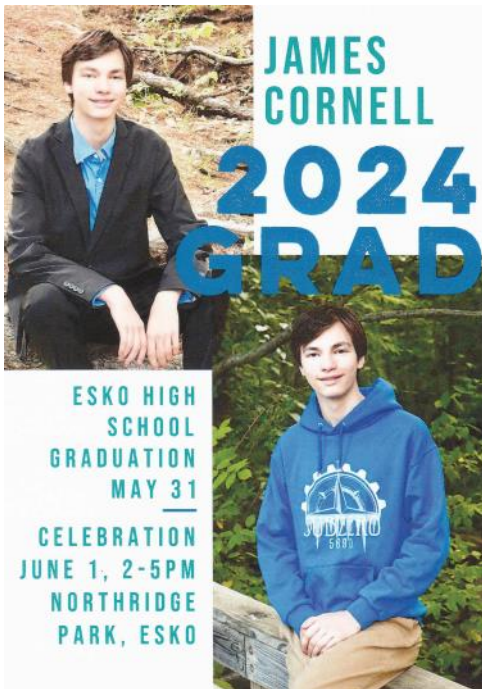
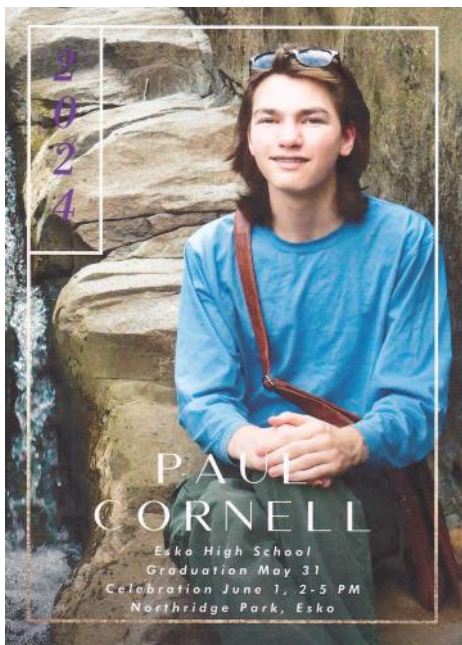
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
<p>Gentle Yoga meets on Wednesdays, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall and Sundays, 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the Narthex (unless otherwise specified). Call Cheryl Zupec at 218-343-4478 for more info.</p> <p>Asbury Singers practice each Sunday except Praise Sunday from 9:00 to 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. They practice at 9:30 am on Sundays they sing. The Singers will be on break June, July and August.</p> <p>The Praise Team practices each Wednesday at 6:30 pm and on Praise Sunday at 9:00 am. No Wednesday practice June, July, August.</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</p> <p>6:30 pm, Praise Team</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, FH</p> <p>10:00 to 10:45 am, 2nd Harvest Food Distribution</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>← UWF Diaper Drive, May 1-12 →</p>	
<p>5</p> <p>SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY 9:00 am, Asbury Singers 10:00 am, Worship/ Communion 10:15 am, Sunday school 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH 6:00 pm, Yoga, Narthex</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:30 am Landscape/ Garden Team, FH</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, FH</p> <p>11:30 am MS Support Group, FH 4:30 pm Outreach Meeting, WR</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH</p> <p>9:30 am, Trustees, WR 2:30 pm Membership, WR</p> <p>5:30 pm, YOGA, FH 6:30 pm, Praise Team</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, FH</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Dumpster Pick Up</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11:00 am Clark Bennett Memorial Service</p> <p>Visitation at 10:00 am</p> <p>Lunch following service</p>		
<p>12</p> <p>ACENSION SUNDAY ASBURY SINGERS 9:30 am, Asbury Singers 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>8:30 am Landscape/ Garden Team, FH 9:00 am—1:00 pm CPR Class</p> <p>2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00 am to 8:00 pm VOTING, FH</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH</p> <p>5:30 pm, YOGA, FH</p> <p>6:30 pm, Praise Team</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, FH</p> <p>11:30 am Faith Circle, Black Woods on London Road</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1:00 pm Biking on the Munger Trail w/ Asbury</p> <p>Gather at the church.</p>		
<p>19</p> <p>PENTECOST SUNDAY TEACHER APPRECIATION LAST DAY OF SS 9:00 am, Praise Team 10:00 am, Worship/Praise 10:15 am, Sunday school 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH 6:00 pm, Yoga, Narthex</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:30 am Landscape/ Garden Team, FH</p> <p>9:30 am Green Door Book Group, WR</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, FH</p> <p>1:00 pm Love/Hope Circle, Tappa Keg</p> <p>6:30 pm Ad Council, WR & Zoom</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 1:00 pm Visitation, WR 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH</p> <p>MESSENGER DEADLINE</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, FH</p> <p>1:00 pm Communion Team, WR</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Dumpster Pick Up</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00-10:30 am Free Community Breakfast, Our Savior's Lutheran</p>		
<p>26</p> <p>TRINITY SUNDAY 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH NOON-4:00 pm, CPR Class</p>	<p>27</p>  <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, FH</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH</p> <p>5:30 pm, YOGA, FH</p> <p>MN Annual Conference May 29-30</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, FH</p> <p>MN Annual Conference May 29-30</p> <p>MESSENGER EMAILS/MAILS</p>	<p>31</p>			

Asbury News



Graduate Sunday — June 2

Please join us on Sunday, June 2 to congratulate our graduates for 2024: Paul and James Cornell, Kaylee Randa, Lily Ann Vanneste, Ryder Wrazidlo. Asbury members are invited to Open Houses for the graduates. Information on each follows:



Christian Education Team Report

On May 12 the Sunday school children will be sharing the final “step” from Wesley’s Three Simple Rules: Stay in Love with God, during the Children’s Message. Please join us as the children will also be singing, and you won’t want to miss that!

Our last day of Sunday school for the 2023-2024 year is May 19. The encouragement and support we have received from our Asbury family has been awesome. Everyone seems to enjoy the kids sharing what we are doing. We will have Teacher Appreciation and will have our Ice Cream Social during Sunday school. Next year our class focus will be on the Miracles of Jesus.

We were excited to have so many children in Sunday school this year and will be looking for them to return next year. Rally Sunday is September 9, 2024.

Our Christmas program to include all our children with assistance from the congregation as needed is in the works. More info will be in date-appropriate announcements and Messengers.

The Christian Education Team continues to send cards to Asbury’s shut-ins for holidays and birthdays. Genesis, our sponsored child in El Salvador, will be six on May 16. Birthday wishes via a birthday card signed by all of the Sunday school children along with a check for \$30 were sent to her.

— Alice Brenny, Christian Education Team Co-Chair



Kaylee Randa will be graduating from The College of St. Scholastica on May 11, 2024 with a major in Elementary Education.

There will be an “informal open house” on May 11 at the Log Cabin Tavern, 2821 County Road E, South Range (right outside of Superior) from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Pizza and cupcakes will be served during that time.

Starting at 8:00 pm, Renee Randa’s fiancé Todd Harrington’s band, SoundCheck, will be rocking the stage until midnight. Please feel free to stay longer and continue to enjoy the celebration.



Congrats to Lily Ann Vanneste for completing her Disney College Program! She’ll return home in the next month where she’ll continue her Associates of Arts degree at Lake Superior College!

Asbury News

Welcome, New Members

Four new members joined Asbury UMC on March 31, 2024: Leila Lundberg, Patti and Daryl Barber, and Beth Peterson.



Leila Lundberg attended Two Harbors High School and the University of Minnesota/Duluth. She lives in Duluth and enjoys gardening, reading, stitching and some crafts. Leila has enjoyed helping Jan Akervik with church decorations — hanging banners, wreaths and draping the altar. She also enjoys helping with donuts, apple pies and the meatball dinner. Leila says,

“When Linda Warner brought me to Asbury to help with pasties, I felt at home and was welcomed by many members of the church. I like the activities, the welcoming friends and the Sunday ministry. I feel at home and among friends.”



Patricia (Patti) Barber was formerly a member of Riverview Methodist. She had been looking for a new church for a long time when her grandson picked Asbury UMC. Patti says, “I am glad he picked Asbury because it is very friendly. Pastor Katherine is a great minister and makes people feel very welcome.” Patti enjoys

bowling and camping. Her significant other is Daryl Barber.

Daryl Barber attended school at Morgan Park and DAVTI. He is currently retired and enjoys fishing/hunting and camping.



Beth Peterson attended Denfeld High School and currently works for ISD 709. Her significant other is Mark McDonald. She likes to spend time with her grandchildren and family. Beth is grandmother to Mylah Ann and Macy Jo Duncan. Both grandchildren were baptized at Asbury UMC on March 31. Beth says, “Everyone at Asbury is so

welcoming and friendly. I am very proud of becoming a member of Asbury UMC as I was confirmed Methodist.”



Gardening For CHUM

Second Saturday Volunteer Event: Gardening for CHUM on May 11, 9:00 am to NOON. Let’s bring spring to the CHUM building! We’re calling on volunteers to join us for a day of flower planting to brighten our surroundings. No prior experience is necessary. Whether you’re a seasoned gardener or just eager to get your hands dirty, everyone is welcome to join in the fun. It’s a fantastic opportunity to bond with fellow volunteers and make a positive impact on our community. If you have gardening equipment such as gloves, small shovels, or garden forks, please bring them along with you. Let’s make this planting day a blooming success! Refreshments provided.

Sign up at <https://www.tfaforms.com/5122459>



In-carnation

The official flower of Mother's Day is the carnation, the favorite flower of the mom of the holiday's founder, Anna Jarvis. Over time, the custom arose of wearing a white carnation on Mother's Day if your mother has died and a red one if she's living.

In fact, many carnation colors have special meanings. Pink carries the richest Christian symbolism. According to legend, carnations first appeared on earth as Mary wept while watching Jesus carry his cross. Where her tears fell, there appeared pink carnations, symbolizing a mother's undying love.

According to one theory, the English word for carnation comes from *carnis*, Latin for flesh. From the same root comes *incarnation*, God's coming to earth in flesh. Thus, carnations remind us of our loving mothers as well as our loving Savior.



Asbury News

Worship In May

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.

May Worship Theme: Join us this month as we celebrate the Spirit of God working in, among and through us! We will be awarding scholarships and celebrating communion on Sunday, May 5. On May 12 we'll recognize our May birthdays and enjoy the Asbury Singers and our Sunday school's presentation. May 19 is Pentecost Sunday being led by our Praise team, so we invite everyone to wear red to symbolize the Holy Spirit's alighting on the disciples like tongues of fire. Finally, on May 26 we recognize God's Triune nature as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who sends us out to do God's work. We hope you will join us!

May 5

Scripture Passages:

Psalm 98; Acts 10:44-48

Message: "The Holy Spirit Strikes Again"

May 12

Scripture Passages:

Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:44-53

Message: "A Change of Heart & Life"

May 19

Scripture Passages:

Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:22-27

Message: "Groaning"

May 26

Scripture Passages:

Romans 8:12-17; Isaiah 6:1-8

Message: "Send Me"

Serving Up Lots of Spaghetti! — June 21

Grandma's Marathon is seeking volunteers for three different shifts for their Michelina's All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, June 21: the **1st Shift is 9:00 am to 3:30 pm** for set up and serving the lunch crowd, the **2nd Shift is 12:30 to 7:30 pm** for additions as the crowd grows; and the **3rd Shift is 3:00 to 10:00 pm** for the dinner crowd and clean up.



Grandma's Marathon will provide Asbury United Methodist Church with a \$7.50/honorarium per hour for each volunteer which will go toward paying Asbury's MN Annual Apportionments for 2024. Last year we received \$1,465.

It is easy to participate as no real food service experience is needed. People come to the food service line and provide 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. Each volunteer will receive a Grandma's T-shirt, a delicious meal and a fun time serving the community.

Please sign up or call the church office by May 12. 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.



Asbury Landscape/Garden Team 2024

Asbury's Landscaping/Gardening Team will start a meeting Monday, May 6 at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Members meet each Monday from that date on through the end of September/beginning of October unless it is raining or it is a holiday.

The Team is always looking for more volunteers. You don't need any experience, just a willingness to help keep the landscaping/gardens at Asbury as beautiful as they are now.

PLEASE NOTE: Asbury's Landscaping/Gardening Team Chair, Judy Pearson, has a change of email. Her email in the Asbury Directory is incorrect. Please change to her correct email address which is judithg2622@gmail.com

For the future, Judy will be gradually stepping down from her position as chair of the Landscaping/Garden Team. Jeanne Rychlak will now be in charge of the financial position of the Team.

— Judy Pearson, Landscape/Garden Team Chair

Kid's Corner



UNFADING BEAUTY

Peter says beauty shouldn't come from outward adornment.
How does a godly woman adorn herself on the inside?

*Directions: From each list, write the word that doesn't belong.
Then insert the circled letters in order below to complete 1 Peter 3:4, NIV.*

flower, stem, bee, leaf	— ○ —
pink, red, yellow, blue	— — — ○ —
mother, sister, brother, aunt	— — — — — ○ — — —
purple, dress, skirt, blouse	— — — — — ○ ○ — —
necklace, ring, bracelet, braid	— — — — — ○ — — —
diamond, emerald, heart, ruby	— — — — — ○ — — —
orange, cherry, potato, kiwi	— — — — — ○ — — —
my, our, she, your	— — — — — ○ — — —
faith, family, love, hope	— — — — — ○ — — —
sunny, rainy, snowy, temperature	— — — — — ○ — — —
cookie, cake, pie, sandwich	— — — — — ○ — — —
silver, white, gold, bronze	— — — — — ○ — — —

"Rather, it should be that of your inner self,
the unfading beauty of a g _ _ _ _ _
and qu _ _ _ _ p _ _ _ _ , which is
of great worth in God's sight." 1 Peter 3:4, NIV

Answers: bee, stem, yellow, blue, sister, purple, skirt, blouse, heart, cherry, kiwi, our, love, hope, temperature, sandwich, white, bronze

a fun Flower Frog

A flower frog sits atop a vase to help arrange flowers and hold stems in place. This personalized frog will become a favorite!

What you need:

- Air-dry clay
- Roller
- Vase (or jar)
- Plastic knife
- Straw
- Acrylic paint and brushes



What you do:

1. Roll out a portion of clay to about ½-inch thickness.
2. Cut out a circle that's slightly larger than the vase opening. (This will allow the finished frog to sit securely on top.)
3. To make holes for stems, use a straw to punch out circle shapes. If you make more than one frog, try arranging the holes in different patterns.
4. Let dry completely. Then personalize your work with acrylic paint.
5. When dry, place the frog atop the vase. Arrange flowers and greenery to make a Mother's Day bouquet.





UWF Diaper Drive — May 1-12

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

A Pack and Play is 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 Star of the North Maternity Home, Bethany Crisis Nursery and the YMCA West Duluth. Thank you for your generosity.

UWF Annual Rummage Sale

The UWF Annual Asbury Rummage Sale is Thursday, June 20, 2024 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

We depend on donations to have a great sale so please set aside items you no longer need or use to donate for this sale. Items that really seem to sell well include household items, books, DVDs, games, puzzles, craft and seasonal items. Good, used furniture is always welcome. Please make sure that small kitchen appliances such as coffee makers or crockpots are in working order.

Please **NO EARLY DROP OFFS** and 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.

DROP OFF SCHEDULE:

Sunday, June 16

before or immediately after

10:00 am worship

Monday, June 17, 1:00 – 6:00 pm

Tuesday, June 18, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
and again from 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, June 19,

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

If you need help getting donated items to church, please call the church office, 218-624-0061 and arrangements will be made for pick-up assistance.

Look for volunteer sign-up sheets in early June. They will be on the table in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed during drop-off hours and the day of the sale.

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



Donut Sale — June 7

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

Preorders are recommended.

Donuts may 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 6 at 8:30 am. On Friday, June 7, 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.

Canning Jars Needed

Did you save your jam jars? What about your pint pickle jars? The Fall Pantry will soon be here and we can use the canning jars to make our delicious jams, jellies and pickles to sell on October 12. Please bring your jars and leave them in the church kitchen to be used again. Our canning ladies will be happy to have them!

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 May 1.** Karen Gokey 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 May 21 at 1:00 pm at the Tappa Keg.** The Circle will not meet in June, July or August but will be assisting with donut making and the rummage sale in June.
- Faith Circle meets at 1:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Wesley Room. **Faith Circle will meet for lunch on May 16 at 11:30 am at Blackwoods on London Road.** Members will be asked to commit to a reservation closer to the date. The Circle will not meet in June or July but will be assisting with donut making and the rummage sale in June.
- Knitting Klub meets at 2:00 pm in the Wesley Room on the 2nd Monday of the month. **Knitting Klub will meet on May 13.**
- 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 May 20.**
- 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. **They will not meet on May 14 due to voting in the Fellowship Hall.** 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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NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: May 22 for June 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.