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o you consider your pet as a member of your family? Please join us on Wednesday, July 17 at 6:00 pm in celebrating and blessing pets by bringing a picture(s) of your pet to our Asbury Summer worship! God's care for all of creation includes our beloved animals.

We will join together and share a bit about our pets during a time of worship outside, and then go inside the Fellowship Hall for a potluck meal of delicious foods. Bring your favorite

A sign-up sheet for the potluck is on the table in the Narthex.

dish to share!





ASBURY UMC HOSTING NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PICNIC

Tuesday, August 6 5:00 to 6:30 pm

Enjoy: Sloppy Joes, Baked Beans, Beverages, and more . . .

> Games for the kids. **Special Project: Shower Kits for CHUM**

Meet your neighbors and get a renewed sense of community.





ummertime, and Independence Day in particular, has always been a time to celebrate with family for me. When I was young, we would watch my Dad and 25,000 other people run the Peachtree Road Race. We would park at our church located on the route and cheer and pass out water with others.

For the last 20 years, I have spent the 4th of July with my family at Wrightsville Beach, NC. We dress patriotically, eat Aunt Louise's special "Tooti Fruiti" cake, and then head to the beach to watch fireworks.

In all these celebrations, family and relationships are the constant. Through this, I am reminded God's main priority with us is relationships. God's love for us throughout all time especially as demonstrated in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, is to create, maintain, and repair God's relationship with us and all of creation.

God also invites us to consider our adopted family of church and neighbor as important as our given

family at birth. So we place emphasis on joining together and celebrating our ties together. I hope you will join us as we celebrate our connections with one another and our pets during Summer Worship on Wednesday, July 17, at 6:00 pm followed by a potluck meal. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Join us again to celebrate the wonder of transformation by learning more about the Monarch butterflies at United Protestant Church in Morgan Park on July 31 at 5:30 pm.

Finally, join us as we welcome our neighbors and celebrate National Night Out on August 6 at 5:00 pm.

No matter how or where you celebrate this summer, remember that we at Asbury UMC cherish our connections and relationship with you. I look forward to seeing you soon!

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.

Thank You!

Dear Asbury Singers:

Thank you with all my heart for the generous gift cards. I am working hard to get strong, healthy, and back in shape. I have some great song ideas for us and looking forward to our fall sessions. You all bring me such joy and gratitude to be a part of your lives.

— Phyllis Kruell

Church-School Partnership Report

The Church-School Partnership Team will meet in July to review the past school year and re-assess what the Team's ability and availability for the new school year might be. Laura MacArthur Elementary School is scheduled to get a new principal for the new school year. We will work with the new principal to review how Asbury's Church-School Partnership Team can assist the school in 2024-25.

— Alice Brenny

Garden Team Thanks

The Garden Team would like to thank everyone who purchased plants at our yearly perennial sale. A huge thank you also to those who contributed plants for the sale. This annual sale is an important way the Garden Team raises money to help maintain the grounds at Asbury UMC. We were able to raise \$162. We greatly appreciate your donations and your purchases!

PLEASE NOTE: Judy Pearson has decided to retire as Landscape/Garden Team chair. Pam Perich will be taking her place.



Asbury's first Biking With Asbury UMC included: L to R: Charles Crumb, Steve Hill, Pastor Katherine, Robin Williams and Judy Hill. An enjoyable time was had by all!

Biking With Asbury UMC

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. Our next ride is TBD. Information will be in upcoming announcements. 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



Our July Free Will
Outreach Offering
is for the Damiano Center.



Attendance . . .

June 2	86 In-church/37 views
June 9	57 In-church/17 views
June 16	61 In-church/21 views
June 23	53 In-church/35 views

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July 7	Jan Akervik
July 14	Dave Stromgren
July 21	Terry Olson
July 28	Carol Johnson



- 4 Karen Gokey
- 5 Axel Tomaino
- 7 Bonnie Schroeder-Palmi Gary Winklesky
- 10 Tom Yewell
- 11 Don DeMars
- 15 Leo Lambert
- 16 Piper Smisek
- 17 Dawn Parendo
- 20 Julie Hanson Danyel Winklesky
- 22 Tara Robinson
- 24 Steve Hanson
- 25 Lisa Greene
- 26 Bryan Green Eric Robinson
- 28 Dale Rogers
- 30 Stephanie Kujawa

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

Ad Council Meeting Minutes — 6-18-24

Opening

Sandy Winklesky, Ad. Council Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The council met in the Wesley Room. Pastor Katherine led us in prayer.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the May 21, 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 - Candy Kokotovich

Lay Leader's Report - Steve Kokotovich

Steve attended the Annual Conference in Minneapolis and gave a report of the conference at the following Sunday church service.

Treasurer's Report - Pat Anscomb

The May monthly summary was presented. Balance on Hand, 5/31/2024 is \$3,917.85.

As of 5/31/2024 we have paid 0% of our 2024 Conference Apportionments with a balance due of \$20,125.00.

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

M - Pat Anscomb, S - Steve Kokotovich

Staff Parish Relations Committee – Steve K. for Barb Kokotovich The committee will meet in August when they will begin staff reviews.

Trustee's Report – Nancy Wagner

The Trustees are having the walls painted in the Fellowship Hall. UWF will be paying for it. The lawn mower is fixed.

United Women of Faith -

Sandy Winklesky for Bev LeClair and Dawn Jones The Donut Sale was a big success with about \$1,500 made. The Rummage Sale is this week.

Outreach and Missions Team - Steve Kokotovich

The CHUM Rhubarb Festival is June 29. Again this year, Sandy Winklesky has made a family picnic basket as Asbury's donation for the festival auction.

August 6 is National Night Out.

Next meeting is July 11 at 4:30 PM to plan for National Night Out.

Education Team - Alice Brenny

The Sunday School had a very good year with nine children attending. Two camp scholarships were given.

Plans are already underway for the Christmas Program.

The Education team will meet this summer to plan for the next Sunday School year. Next year's theme will be *The Miracles of Jesus*.

Worship Team – Pastor Katherine for Renee Randa

The committee will be meeting on Monday, June 24, at 5:00 PM.

Nurture/Congregational Care Team – Sandy Winklesky

Visitation Committee – Karen Gokey - The 80 Plus Luncheon is on

TREASURER'S REPORT:

5/31/24

GENERAL FUND:

 Balance on Hand 4/30/24
 \$ 2,840.47

 Deposits
 \$ 17,004.94

 Total to Account for
 \$ 19,845.41

 Checks Written
 <15,927.56>

 Balance on Hand, 5/31/24
 \$ 3,917.85

Unpaid Bills through 5/31/24

(includes apportionments) <\$9,769.72>
Net Ending Balance at 5/31/24 <\$5,851.87>

August 22 at 1:00 PM.

Scholarship Committee – Shelly Vanneste – no report Membership Committee – Candy Kokotovich - Three people recently joined the church. The committee will be meeting on August 28.

Pastor's Report - Katherine Cornell

On June 16, members of the church met at Morgan Park United Protestant Church to learn how we can help save the endangered Monarch butterflies. The next meeting will be on July 31, at 5:30 PM. Members are working at the June 21, Spaghetti Dinner for Grandma's Marathon. There are two shifts: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM and 12:30 to 7:30 PM.

Pastor Katherine will be taking a continuing education class on June 25 to 28. She will then go on vacation from June 30 to July 10. She will back in the office on July 11.

Summer Worship will be on July 17, at 6:00 p.m. There will be a potluck. People are invited to bring a picture of their pet for a Blessing of the Animals.

June 23, at 12:00 PM is the church potluck picnic at the Winkleskys, 3216 Wellington Street.

Old Business

The plant sale made \$162. Pam Perich is taking over for Judy Pearson.

New Business

We will begin to discuss the frequency of the Ad. Council meetings.

Closing

The next Ad. Council meeting will be on Tuesday, August 20, at 6:30 PM.

Pat Anscomb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

M - Pat Anscomb, S - Steve Kokotovich

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted.

Patricia Bennett, Recording Secretary

Calendar

July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
Pastor Katherine will be out of the office June 30 to July 10. Please call Jan Akervik, 218-390-5866 for pastoral emergencies.	1 8:30 am Landscape/ Garden Team, FH	NO Bone Builders until September 11:30 am MS Support Group, FH	3 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	TINDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6	
7 10:00 am, Worship/ Deaconess Amanda Zbacnik preaching 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	8:30 am Landscape/ Garden Team, FH 2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR	9	8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:30 am Trustees, WR 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	11 4:30 pm Outreach, WR	12 Dumpster Pick Up	8:30—10:30 am 11:00 am-1:00 pm Damiano Center Volunteers	
14 10:00 am, Worship/ Communion/Birthday 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	8:30 am Landscape/ Garden Team, FH No Green Door Book Group until September	16	8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH 6:00 pm Summer Worship/Potluck	18	19	20	
9:00 am, Praise Team 10:00 am, Worship/Praise 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	8:30 am Landscape/ Garden Team, FH MESSENGER DEADLINE	23	24 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 1:00 pm Visitation, WR 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	25	26 Dumpster Pick Up	9:00-10:30 am Free Community Breakfast, Our Savior's Lutheran	
28 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	29 8:30 am Landscape/ Garden Team, FH	30	MESSENGER EMAILS/MAILS 5:30 pm The Monarch Whisperer, United Protestant Church Morgan Park	Gentle Yoga meets on Wednesdays, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall (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 Singers will be on break June, July and August. The Praise Team practices each Wednesday at 6:30 pm and on Praise Sunday at 9:00 am. No Wednesday practice June, July, August.			

In July

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 or on our website at: https://asburyduluth.org/about-us/worship/

July Worship Theme: Please join us for worship in July as we begin our worship on July 7 with Deaconness Amanda Zbacnik preaching and leading services. Then we talk about how God adopts us (July 14), invites us to join together in compassionate care (July 21), and fills us as we go about the work of filling others (July 28). We will also celebrate Summer Worship on July 17 at 6:00 pm followed by a potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

July 7

Scripture Passages:

Psalm 20:4-5; Psalm 37:36; Acts 2:17-19 Message: "What God Says About Dreams: Dreams. Wounds and Baseball

Deaconess Amanda Zbacnik preaching"

July 14

Scripture Passages:

Psalm 24: Ephesians 1:3-14

Message: "Adoption and Overflowing Grace"

July 21

Scripture Passages:

Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Message: "Resting With Jesus?"

July 28

Scripture Passages:

Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21 Message: "Being Filled By Jesus"

Christian Education Report

The Christian Education team ■ will meet in July to review the 2023-2024 Sunday School year and plan for 2024-25. Our theme for next CHRIS 2023-2024 Sunday School year and year will be The Miracles of Jesus. Donna Michelson and Alice Brenny will meet in July to take stock of costumes for Asbury UMC's Christmas Progam and order



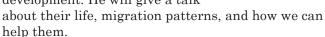
replacements where needed. Planning for the Christmas Program is underway. More information will be in upcoming announcements and Messengers.

— Alice Brenny, CE Coordinator

The Monarch Whisperer - July 31

id you enjoy learning about how we can help Monarch butterflies on Sunday, June 16 at United Protestant Church? Want to learn more? Please join us for more educational time about Monarchs on July 31 at 5:30 pm at UPC, 830 88th Ave West, Morgan Park.

Tom the Monarch Whisperer will bring examples of the butterflies in all their stages of development. He will give a talk



As disciples of Jesus, we know that God's love and care extends to all of creation. Here is an opportunity to grow in our stewardship of creation. Come and join us for this fascinating education program!



The joint-effort highway cleanup project on June 10 at 5:00 pm was very successful. Thank you to all the volunteers from Asbury UMC and Norton Park UMC coming together to help pick up litter around Grand Avenue. The group finished in an hour and enjoyed sloppy Joes afterwards. A job well done!

United Women in Faith





Rummage Sale Thank You

Annual Rummage sale a huge success. This sale could not happen without all of the great "rummage" donations, the volunteer workers both inside and outside setting up the Fellowship Hall and garage and helping with clean up after the sale, the donations of food, and the loading of multiple vehicles to get the remaining stuff to other places. We were able to make over \$2,000 for this one-day event.

— Cathy Sampson & Dawn Jones, Co-Chairs





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 not meet in July.
- Love/Hope Circle meets at 1:00 pm in the Wesley Room on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME! The Circle will not meet in July or August.
- Faith Circle meets at 1:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month. NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME! Faith Circle will not meet in July. Members will resume meeting in August with a salad luncheon at Sandy Winklesky's home. More information will be in the August Messenger.
- Knitting Klub meets at 2:00 pm in the Wesley Room on the 2nd Monday of the month. NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!
 Knitting Klub will meet July 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 not meet in July or August.
- 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. No meetings in July or August. 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.

Some of the rummage sale volunteers TOP PHOTO (L to R): Sandy Winklesky, Karen Gokey, Candy Kokotovich and Pat Anscomb. BOTTOM PHOTO (L to R): Sue Baker, Jan Akervik, Bev LeClair, Sharon Picconatto and Cathy Sampson.





The rummage sale was busy both outside (L) and inside the Fellowship Hall.

United Women in Faith





Donut Sale Thank You

Thank you to all the volunteers who showed up to work on the donut sale on Thursday and Friday, June 6-7. It was so much fun to be together again working and socializing. We had an amazing group who worked hard and were a part of a very successful donut sale. We made approximately \$1,500.

Our profits will be the start of the UWF budget for 2025. Thanks, too, to everyone who purchased donuts.

Fall Pantry Planning Ahead

lease mark your calendars for UWF's Fall Pantry from 9:00 to 11:00 am on October 12. We are planning ahead and are asking for help with pie making, donut making or share your special talent in baking, knitting or crafting.

As you are growing your gardens this summer, please think about making a batch of jam or perhaps

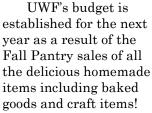


some pickles or other canned delicacy, or a batch of zucchini muffins or bread. We especially need jams and jellies and items for the bake sale table plus cook-

ies for the cookie table. Cash donations are also most welcome! Please make checks out to Asbury **UWF** and give checks or cash donations to our UWF treasurer, Lvnn Tollefson.



If you have jam, jelly or pickle canning jars, please leave them in the kitchen.



Thank you all for participating in this event as it helps us do many good ministries throughout the year. We appreciate everyone's talent.



Christmas in July

he 2024 Advent Tea will be Saturday, December 7 ▲ at 2:00 pm. The theme will be "Advent." A free-will offering will go to the Ronald McDonald House.

Please consider being a hostess for this event. Each hostess invites up to 7 guests, sets her table and serves a treat of her choice. Some ladies prefer to co-hostess.

More information on the Advent Tea will be in upcoming Messengers and Sunday announcements. A sign-up sheet will be put out in the Narthex as we get closer to the event. You may also contact: Donna Mickelson, 218-606-0772, Pat Anscomb 218-624-4554, or Leila Lundberg 218-348-3074.

Asbury News

Welcome New Members!

Three new members joined Asbury UMC on ■ May 19, 2024: Raymond and Donna Seger-Olsen and Betty Conklin.

Raymond Olsen attended school at Duluth Denfeld High School and is retired from the City Water & Gas company. His areas of interest are watching TV and remodeling houses, although he has retired from remodeling houses! Raymond chose Asbury UMC because his wife



Donna chose it. They both like the people.

Donna Seger-Olsen also attended Duluth Denfeld. She is retired from county social service. Her area of interest is in needlework. When asked if she would like to share why she chose Asbury UMC, Donna said, "My sister, Roni Town, was a member and loved the church. The people seem so friendly and caring and I like the service. I also love the music."

Betty Conklin comes to Asbury UMC from Westminister Presbyterian. She and her husband Lionel (Pete) were married for 50 years prior to his passing and have 5 adult children. She is retired from Duluth Public Schools in clerical and accounting. Betty enjoys quilting, reading and sports on TV. She says she chose Asbury because it is similar to her previous church and the people are so friendly.





TOP (L to R): Terry Olson, Steve & Barb Kokotovich, Mark & Jill McCoon, Pat Anscomb, Patty Bennett, Sandy Winklesky, Nancy Wagner and Jan Akervik. RIGHT (L to R): Charles Crumb, Sheri & Larry Scanlon, Cathy Sampson and Judy & Steve Hill.

Grandma's Marathon Volunteers

E njoy these pictures from Grandma's Marathon where Asbury UMC members volunteered at the Michelina's All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, June 21. Thank you to our hard-working volunteers!



AUMC Upcoming Events

July 17, 2024 SUMMER WORSHIP/POTLUCK

Blessing of the Animals (bring picture) 6:00 pm, Lower Parking Lot

August 6, 2024 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PICNIC 5:00 to 6:30 pm, Lower Parking Lot

> October 12, 2024 FALL PANTRY

9:00 to 11:00 am, Fellowship Hall freshly fried donuts; homemade apple pies (frozen to take-and-bake); 350 pasties (come early!); pickles, jams, jellies and more; Cookie Table; breads, baked goods; craft/knit items

October 22, 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:
October 13

Checks made out to Asbury UMC or exact cash please!



A Chamber Music Concert

Northern Lights Music Festival presents
A Chamber Music Concert on Saturday, July 13
at 3:00 pm at First United Methodist Church, 230 E.
Skyline Pkwy., Duluth. The program includes piano trios by Johannes Brahms and Arno Babadjanian, Café Music by Paul Schoenfield and works for solo piano.
Performers will include musicians representing Indian University, Rowan University, University of Nebraska and the University of Cincinnati. Free-will donation.

Parking Lot Concert

Pirst United Methodist Church, 230 E. Skyline Pkwy., Duluth is sponsoring a summer parking lot concert on July 15 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. (Rain date is July 29). Big Wave Dave and the Ripples will be entertaining the crowd. Free-will donations will cover concert expenses and support CHUM. Chairs are available or bring your own. There will be activities for children and the Room at the Table food truck will begin serving at 5:30 pm.

Kid's Corner



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The gospels record Jesus' miracles, many of which involve water.

Directions: Using the illustrated equations, fill in the blanks to describe each miracle. Use the Bible references for help.



Water changes to

JOHN 2:1-11

Heals a man born

- k + d

JOHN 9

Calms a

MATTHEW 8:23-27

Catch of

LUKE 5:1-11

Walks on

2 - ch + er

MATTHEW 14:22-33

Answer: wine, blind, storm, fish, water



Why do stars appear to twinkle? Try this experiment to find out!

What you need:

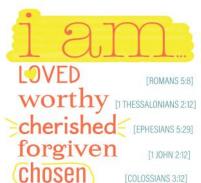
- Aluminum foil
- Large glass bowl
- Water



What you do:

- 1. Crumple the foil into a ball. Carefully unfold it and lay it flat on the ground.
- 2. Fill the bowl with water and place it on the foil.
- 3. Turn off the lights and make the room as dark as possible. Shine the flashlight about 1 foot from the water's undisturbed surface. Light will reflect onto the foil.
- 4. Then tap your finger on the water's surface. As the water moves, what happens to the light on the foil?
- 5. This flickering simulates scintillation, which happens when starlight enters Earth's atmosphere. As light passes through layers of gas and water, it refracts and appears to twinkle.





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Return service requested



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NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: July 22 for August 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.