



**Asbury**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
A Place For All. No Exceptions.

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10:00 am to 3:30 pm  
Closed Fridays & 1st Monday of each month.

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# Messenger



## Remaining Schedule for LENT

**April 6** Fifth Sunday in Lent/Communion  
**April 13** Palm/Passion Sunday/Asbury Singers  
**April 17** Maundy Thursday, 6:30 pm  
**April 18** Good Friday Ecumenial Service, 6:00 pm  
ELIM Lutheran, 6101 Cody Street, Duluth

**April 20 EASTER SUNDAY**



## Take-Out-Only Meatball Dinner — April 29

Asbury's Take-Out-Only Meatball Dinner will be held on April 29 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 **\$15.00**. Get your tickets and bring the family and your friends! Please return all unsold tickets to Gary W. by April 21.

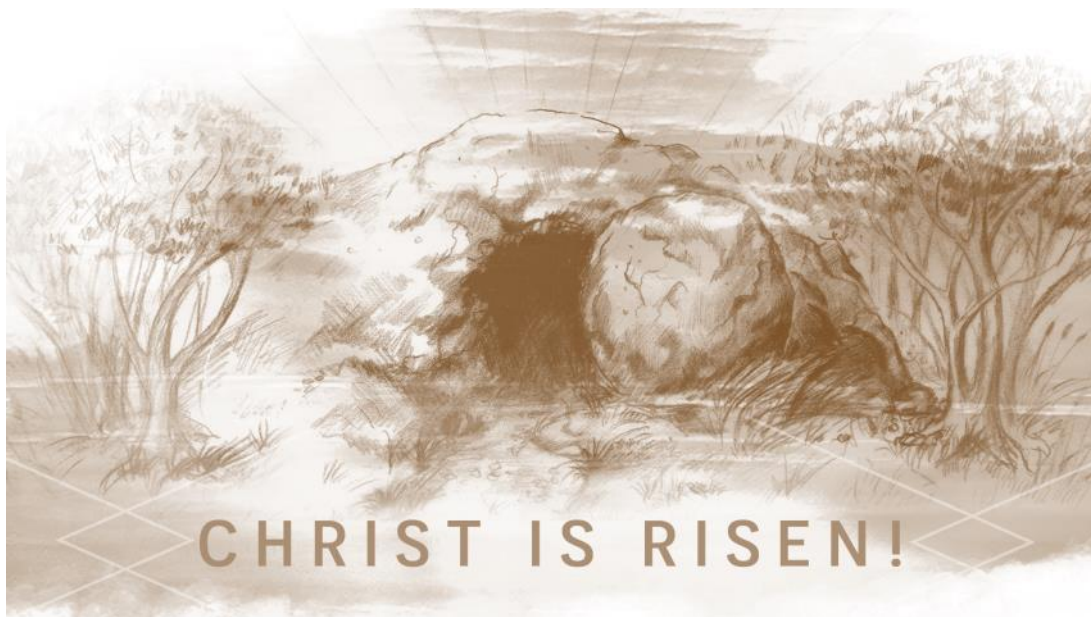
**NEW! \$7.00 for container of five meatballs. Prepayment required.**

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 2025 MN Annual Conference Apportionments.





# A Penny For Your Thoughts



## “Christ Is Risen! Christ Is Risen, Indeed!”

**T**hese are the classic lines for celebrating Easter Sunday. We acknowledge that what we thought was final and unbeatable is now in God's hands and control. Death does not have the final say in our lives!

And the miracle of the Resurrection is that it is not just about victory over our physical death. The resurrection of Jesus invites us to live our lives today and every day, knowing nothing is impossible for God! That means our fears, doubts, inadequacies, and poor choices can be reconciled and made new in God's redeeming love. We do not need to be held captive by whatever holds us back. Instead, we can grow and change and live in the faith community around us.

This joy and freedom can be experienced in our lives individually, but it is also experienced in the ways that we gather together and live out our vision and mission in this world. We acknowledge that we are people who celebrate the diversity of our communities. We hold space for one another, honoring and valuing each person.

The Twin Ports United Methodist Ministries (TPUMMs) recently sponsored a conversation with Rabbi David Steinberg. While there, a quote was mentioned from a mentor of his, Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan. *“We short-circuit religion when we treat it as an affair between the individual and God. To function normally, the religious current connecting the individual with God must pass through the life of a people.”* — Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan (founder of Reconstructionist Judaism) in *Not So Random Thoughts* (Reconstructionist Press, 1966, p. 133) This quote underscores the importance of community and a group of people gathering together to live out their faith.

As we approach Easter and the life-changing miracle of the Resurrection, may we connect more fully with our congregation and, through that connection, reach out to the community of West Duluth and the world beyond with our service, love, and presence.

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 Friends and Family:

Thank you so much for all the lovely cards, words of sympathy, and support shown to us after the passing of our mother / mother-in-law Eleanor (Nora) Cich. We really appreciate our Asbury friends who are always there for us during our times of need.

— Steve and Donna Mickelson

Dear Asbury UMC Friends and Family:

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to Asbury for allowing me to utilize the Green Room space to provide Reiki services. This has been such a blessing to both my clients and myself to allow me to continue my work in this manner and in this space. I will no longer be using the space, and I want you to know that your generosity and support will not be forgotten! Thank you so much!

— Debbie Merrick

Dear Asbury United Methodist Church:

Thank you so much for your generous \$123 donation to the Crisis Nursery of Duluth. We really appreciate your continued support.

— Jesse M. Stremcha, Lutheran Social Service Vice President of Development

Dear Asbury United Women in Faith:

Thank you for your donation of \$650 for young people experiencing unstable housing and navigating life transitions in our community. Youth who access our comprehensive services engage in our Youth Center, stabilize in our Housing Program, heal with our Mental Health and Wellness team and thrive in our Futures Education and Employment program.

— Sophie Clock, Life House Community Impact Director

### Unafraid Book Study

Learn how to face and overcome the fears we feel about loneliness, illness, financial insecurity, disappointing others, failure, insignificance, and aging. You would be hard-pressed to overstate the extent to which fear, anxiety and worry permeate our lives today. Fear wreaks havoc on our relationships and communities. It leads us into making bad decisions. It holds us back from the very pursuits that promise fulfillment and joy.

*Unafraid* is Reverend Adam Hamilton's insightful and impassioned response. Drawing on recent research, inspiring real-life examples, and fresh biblical insight, Hamilton uses a mixture of facts and faith to help readers understand and counter fears related to such outside perils as death and illness, as well as the everyday anxieties all of us encounter.

Led by Cathy Sampson and Pastor Katherine, we will begin our five-week study on Thursday, May 8 at 11:00 am and conclude on June 5. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex in mid-April. We hope you will join us!

### Maundy Thursday Service Help Needed

Please join us for our Maundy Thursday Service on April 17 at 6:30 pm. We will remember Jesus' emphasis on service as we wash one another's hands, as well as remembering his love for us and the grace offered each of us through our participation in Communion.

We will need help at the end of the service as we strip the altar reminding us of the emptiness of death on Good Friday. If you would like to help, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex and plan on coming to the service at 6:00 pm for a short planning meeting before the service. Also, if you would like to read scripture during the service, please let Pastor Katherine know.



Our April Outreach  
Free-Will Offering  
collection is for UMCOR.

### Attendance . . .

Mar. 2	64 In-church/34 views
Mar. 5	31 In-church/33 views
Mar. 9	80 In-church/24 views
Mar. 16	65 In-church/39 views
Mar. 23	56 In-church/81 views
Mar. 30	43 In-church/61 views



### Scripture Readers . . .

April 6	Sue Soder
April 13	Dale Thorpe
April 20	Ruth Thorpe
April 27	Candy Kokotovich



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

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



# Asbury News

## Scholarship Applications Available NOW!

Scholarship Sunday will be held on Sunday, April 27, 2025. Scholarship information is listed below. Completed applications are **due by Saturday, April 19**. 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.



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### 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 19, 2025**. Recipients will be announced on Scholarship Sunday on April 27, 2025.

**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



Pastor Katherine and the Christian Education team encourage all children and youth to attend camp this summer.

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 UMC. 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 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH  11:30 am MS Support Group, FH	<b>2</b> 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH  5:30 pm, YOGA, FH  6:30 pm, Praise Team	<b>3</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH <b>9:30 am*</b> <b>UWF Board Meeting, WR</b> *due to weather forecast 10:00 to 10:45 am, 2nd Harvest Food Distribution <b>11:00 am-12:30 pm</b> <b>Lent Study, WR</b>	<b>4</b>          OFFICE CLOSED          Dumpster Pick Up	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT</b> 9:00 am, Asbury Singers 10:00 am, Worship/ Communion 10:15 am, Sunday School 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH 5:00 pm, Yoga, FH 5:00-7:00 pm, Confirmation/ Youth at Norton Park UMC	<b>7</b>          <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>8</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH	<b>9</b> 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH  9:30 am Trustees, WR  5:30 pm, YOGA, FH  6:30 pm, Praise Team	<b>10</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH  <b>11:00 am-12:30 pm</b> <b>Lent Study, WR</b>	<b>11</b>          OFFICE CLOSED	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <b>PASSION/PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>ASBURY SINGERS</b> 9:30 am, Asbury Singers 10:00 am, Worship/Birthday/ Sunday School Presentation 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH 5:00 pm, Yoga, FH	<b>14</b> 2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR	<b>15</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH  1:00 pm Love/Hope Circle, WR  6:30 pm Ad Council, WR & Zoom	<b>16</b> 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH  5:30 pm, YOGA, FH  6:30 pm, Praise Team	<b>17</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH <b>11:00 am-12:30 pm</b> <b>Lent Study, WR</b>  <b>6:30 pm</b> <b>Maudy Thursday</b>	<b>18</b>          OFFICE CLOSED  <b>6:00 pm</b> <b>Good Friday Service</b> <b>ELIM Lutheran Church</b>  Dumpster Pick Up	<b>19</b> 9:00-10:30 am Free Community Breakfast, Our Savior's  <b>Scholarship            Applications            Due</b>
<b>20</b> <b>EASTER</b> <b>CONFIRMATION SUNDAY</b> Praise Sunday 9:00 am, Praise Team 10:00 am, Worship	<b>21</b> 9:30 am Green Door Book Group, WR  3:00 pm Scholarship Mtg., WR  <b>MESSANGER            DEADLINE</b>	<b>22</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH	<b>23</b> 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 10:00 am Membership, WR 3:30 pm, Communications Team Mtg., WR 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH 6:30 pm, Praise Team	<b>24</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH  10:00 am Finance, WR  1:00 pm Faith Circle, WR	<b>25</b>          OFFICE CLOSED	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>SCOLARSHIP SUNDAY</b> 9:00 am, Asbury Singers 10:00 am, Worship 10:15 am, Sunday School 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH  <b>4:30-6:00 pm</b> <b>Drive Through Only</b> <b>Meatball Dinner</b>	<b>30</b> 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH  5:30 pm, YOGA, FH  6:30 pm, Praise Team  <b>MESSANGER            EMAILS/MAILS</b>	<b>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.</b>  <b>The Praise Team practices each Wednesday at 6:30 pm            and on Praise Sunday at 9:00 am.</b>		

# Asbury News

## Ad Council Meeting Minutes — 2-25-25

### Opening

Sandy Winklesky, Ad. Council Chair, 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 February 25, 2025 Ad. Council were reviewed. Steve Kokotovitch made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**M – Steve Kokotovitch, S – Alice Brenny**

### Lay Leader's Report – Steve Kokotovitch

Steve mentioned that he would like someone to go to Annual Conference in St. Cloud on June 11-13. Please let him or Pastor Katherine know if you are interested.

### Treasurer's Report – Pat Anscomb

The February monthly summary was presented. Balance on Hand, 2/28/2025, is \$5,992.12.

As of 2/28/2025 we have paid 0% of our 2025 Conference Apportionments with a balance due of \$18,936.00.

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

**M – Pat Anscomb, S – Candy Kokotovitch**

### Staff Parish Relations Committee – Barb Kokotovitch

The SPRC committee met and discussed the Lilly Grant. The congregation voted and there is unanimous support for Pastor Katherine to submit the Lilly Grant application. The grant was submitted and she will receive a response in August.

### Trustee's Report – Terry Olson

The lights in Shirley's office have been repaired. Two pictures will be hung in the Fellowship Hall tomorrow morning.

### United Women of Faith – Bev LeClair and Dawn Jones

The Meatball Dinner will be held on April 29. UWF has organized cupcake and bread baking dates to prepare for the dinner. New window coverings are up in the Wesley Room.

### Outreach and Missions Team – Steve Kokotovitch

The March Food Drive for CHUM will continue through April 6. The next meeting will be on May 13, at 4:30 pm.

### Education Team – Alice Brenny

At last Sunday's worship service the Sunday School children presented what they have learned about the miracles of Jesus. They will also be participating during the Palm Sunday worship service. The committee will meet next week.

### Worship Team – Pastor Katherine

This coming Sunday is the fifth Sunday of the month, therefore we will have extra hymn singing during the worship service. The Maundy Thursday service, April 17, will be here at Asbury at 6:30 pm.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

2-28-25

### GENERAL FUND:

Balance on Hand 1/31/25	\$ 8,093.80
Deposits	\$ 17,441.41
Total to Account for	\$ 25,535.21
Checks Written	<\$ 19,543.09>
Balance on Hand, 2/28/25	\$ 5,992.12
Unpaid Bills through 2/28/25 (includes apportionments)	<\$ 4,630.00>
Net Ending Balance at 2/28/25	\$ 1,362.12

### Nurture/Congregational Care – Sandy Winklesky

Candy Kokotovitch reported that the Membership Committee will be meeting tomorrow to update the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Visitation /Committee – no report. The Scholarship Committee will be taking applications for the VanKleek and the Maida Scholarships until Saturday, April 19. Scholarship Sunday will be on April 27.

### Pastor's Report – Katherine Cornell

The Lenten Study is going well. On March 30, TPUMMs is sponsoring an event where Rabbi David Steinberg will present the Jewish perspective on current events in the Middle East. This will be held a 2:00 pm at Hope UMC. Confirmation Sunday is on Easter Sunday, April 20. The Good Friday Service, April 18, is at ELIM Lutheran at 6:00 pm.

### Old Business – none

### New Business

There will be no Sunday School or after church coffee on Easter Sunday. CHUM has asked Asbury to host the 2025 Rhubarb Festival at Asbury. Even though they gave us a detailed proposal, the Ad. Council still has questions they would like answered before we commit. When we have more information we will make a decision. Our phone system is antiquated and needs to be updated. We have received a quote from Loffler to install a new phone system with an intercom for about \$1,594. After the discussion, Bev LeClair made a motion to move forward with the phone update and added intercom system. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**M - Bev LeClair, S – Pat Anscomb**

Asbury has several boxes of sensitive papers that need to be shredded. The council is looking at options on how to go about this. A decision will be made at the April Ad. Council meeting.

### Closing

The next Ad. Council meeting will be on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 6:30 pm. Barb Kokotovitch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. **M – Barb Kokotovitch, S – Dawn Jones** The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 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:** This month we begin with our celebration of Communion as we enter the last few Sundays of Lent. On April 13 we will enjoy our Asbury Singers, as we are led by our Children in our Palm procession for Palm/Passion Sunday. Holy Week finds us washing hands and stripping the altar on Maundy Thursday, hearing the last words of Christ on Good Friday at ELIM Lutheran Church, and then celebrating the Resurrection on Easter Sunday! We will also celebrate the work of our confirmands on Easter Sunday. On April 27 we turn our attention to the work of the Holy Spirit and celebrate our youth who are receiving VanKleek or Maida scholarships. Come and join us for these celebrations of God's work in and through us!

### April 6

Scripture Passages:

*John 12:1-8; Philippians 3:4b-14*

Message: "Pressing On"

### April 13 Passion/Palm Sunday

Scripture Passages:

*Psalms 118:1-2; Psalm 31:9-16*

Message: "Both/And; Palms and Passion"

### April 20 EASTER Sunday

Scripture Passages:

*Acts 10:34-43; Luke 24:1-12*

Message: "What Does It Take?"

### April 27

Scripture Passages:

*Psalms Psalm 150; John 20:19-31*

Message: "Receiving the Spirit"



## Kid's Corner

# Puzzle!

First, write the word that fits each definition. Then transfer those letters to the correct numbered lines below, completing John 20:17 (NIV). Finally, unscramble the circled letters to complete the sentence at the bottom.

1. Water that falls from the sky 1 2 3 4

2. Birds lay these in a nest 5 6 7 8

3. A newly hatched hen 9 10 11 12 13

4. These bloom in spring 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

5. A caterpillar transformed 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

6. Dirt mixed with water 30 31 32

J 5 8 31 20 8 2 3 32 ... "I" 2 30

2 20 12 25 4 32 11 4 6 24 16 30 29

F 2 23 10 18 26 2 4 32 29 16 22 1

F 2 24 10 25 19 23 16 30 29 G 16 32

2 4 32 29 16 31 1 G 16 32 "

John 20:17, NIV

Jesus has \_\_\_\_\_ !

Answers: rain, eggs, chick, flowers, butterfly, mud, Jesus said ... "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." (John 20:17, NIV) Jesus has risen!





## Asbury Rummage Sale Changing To Exclusive Items

The Annual Asbury Rummage Sale will be changing in 2025 to a **“Book, Puzzles, DVD, CD and Games”** only sale. Prior rummage sales have entailed a tremendous amount of work in setting up and packing up after the sale. As our church body tries to scale back on the number of work projects, this is one of the projects that is being revamped to help lessen the load.

Please start sorting and saving your books, puzzles, DVD movies, music CDs and games for the sale on **June 19. Time of sale TBD.** In the meantime, read all those books you have been meaning to read and save them for the sale. Take the time to watch your DVDS and listen to your CDs and save ones you no longer want for the sale. Challenge yourself by putting together a puzzle or two or more and then take them apart to bring to the sale. Tired of playing the same game over and over? Treat yourself to a new one and bring your old games in for the sale.

Contact Cathy Sampson, Rummage Sale Co-Coordinator, 218-349-5307, if you have any questions.

## Cookbook In the Works

As our Faith Circle gathered together for a holiday potluck, we started talking about all the good food that was brought to share. And so it began . . . a cookbook is in the works — the *Asbury Cookbook*.

Now we are asking you to please submit your favorite easy recipes. If you could print or type them we would appreciate it. Please add your name and phone number in case we need to contact you. Please submit them to our committee members: Cherie Blazevec, 218-390-1193, Dawn Jones, 218-340-0124 or Avon Power, 218-221-4701. Contact us for more information or any questions. We are excited to begin. Thank you!

## NEEDED!

The UWF is looking for family-size plastic ice cream pails and lids. We use them when extra food is brought to agencies we support following Asbury dinners. Additionally, we are looking for canning jars. Have you finished the jam/jelly or delicious pickles you bought at the Fall Pantry? How about returning any jars to be reused for the upcoming Fall Pantry on October 11. It won't be long before we will be picking berries and canning. Please bring pails/lids and canning jars to the kitchen.

We thank you!

## Reading Library Review

*The Book of Joy and The Little Book of Joy*  
by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and  
Archbishop Desmond Tutu

If you're looking for a book that can bring you or a young child strength and joy even during challenging times, *The Book of Joy* and/or *The Little Book of Joy* are the books to read. Written by two Noble Peace Prize winners, the spiritual masters tell a story of how they worked through their struggles to find peace and joy in their lives.

The United Women in Faith (UWF) welcome all readers to the UWF library located in the Wesley Room. Find a book that interests you, sign it out and enjoy your read. When you return the book to the shelf, write in the return date and find another good book to read. Take a reading log form to track your reading. UWF would love to have everyone in the church, including children, to participate in the Reading Program.



## 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 Thursday, April 3 due to weather forecast.** Patty Bennett will be hostess and will present devotions.
- Love/Hope Circle meets at 1:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Wesley Room. **Love/Hope Circle will meet at 1:00 pm on April 15.** Devotions will be shared by Barbara Rigstad and our hostess is Sharon Picconatto.
- Faith Circle meets at 1:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Wesley Room. **Please note** this change due to Holy Week: **Faith Circle will meet on April 24.** Cathy Sampson will present devotions and be the hostess. We will get ready to help with the Meatball Dinner on April 29 and will prepare for the May 1 -11 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 14.**
- 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 on April 21.**
- **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. The program helps 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.





## UWF Diaper Drive — Plan Ahead!

The UWF diaper drive for moms and babies will begin on Thursday, May 1 and run through Sunday, May 11.

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. Please make your checks out to United Women in Faith (UWF).

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

## 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 2020-2025.
- 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



**FRESH DONUTS  
JUNE 6!**

**More info to  
come in the May  
Messenger**



## AUMC 2025 Events

April 29, 2025, 4:30 to 6:00 pm

**DRIVE THROUGH MEATBALL DINNER**

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

**Preorder container of 5 meatballs.**

Preorders call 218-624-0061.

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

Checks made out to Asbury UWF  
or exact cash please!

June 6, 2025 **DONUT SALE**

**Preorders recommended.** Call 218-624-0061.

Deadline to order: **June 1**

June 19, 2025 **RUMMAGE SALE**

This year the sale will feature books, CDs, DVDs,  
puzzles and games only.

TIME TBD, Fellowship Hall



June 28, 2025  
**CHUM Rhubarb Fest**  
at Asbury UMC  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm



September 12-13, 2025 **PASTY SALE**

Pasties are \$6.00 each/Gravy is \$1.00 each  
Call 218-624-0061 to order.

Deadline to order: **NOON on September 7**

October 11, 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

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## 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 .....Larry Sampson  
Lay Leader/Outreach: ..... Steve Kokotovich  
Trustees: .....Nancy Wagner, Terry Olson  
UWF President.....Bev LeClair, Dawn Jones  
SPRC Chair .....Barb Kokotovich  
Worship Chair .....Renee Randa  
Christian Ed.: Alice Brenny/Sandy Winklesky  
Scholarship .....Shelly Vanneste  
Membership .....Candy Kokotovich  
Visitation .....Karen Gokey

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**NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: April 21 for May 2025 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.