

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
A Place For All. No Exceptions.

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In-Church & Online
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asburyduluth.org/about-us/worship/

SUMMER Office Hours

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



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Messenger

Fifty days after the Resurrection, a number of people who believed that Jesus was the long-awaited Christ gathered in a Jerusalem home. Suddenly, a sound like a violent wind filled the house and something like tongues of fire rested on each person. They became filled with the Holy Spirit and their faces glowed with holiness. They began to utter other languages that the Spirit had given them the sudden ability to speak. It was an uncanny occurrence, one which the church recalls with awe and appreciation every Pentecost.



In a way, the unique and powerful experience was the birthday of the church. So many people were filled with the Spirit that their enthusiasm and charisma influenced a large number of other people to become Christians that very day.

On that day how many people “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship?” A. 2,000; B. 3,000; C. 4,000; D. 5,000. The answer can be found in Acts 2:41.

Use Charles Wesley’s hymn “O Thou Who Camest From Above” as a prayer that the Holy Spirit will burn brightly in your heart and life today:

*O Thou who camest from above,
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
upon the mean altar of my heart.*

*There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.*

*Jesus, confirm my heart’s desire
to work and speak and think for Thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me.*

Please wear red on Pentecost Sunday, June 8.



A Penny For Your Thoughts

The Birthday of the Church

For most people, birthdays are wonderful celebrations. I recall an enjoyable birthday party I had when I was young, featuring a cake in the shape of a horse's head and a trip on an indoor Ferris wheel. It was a magical time.

Birthdays are also times when we take stock and see where we are. Often, as people age, they look back on their lives and remember the highlights, or perhaps look forward to upcoming events. Birthdays can also be a time for starting anew, gaining new insight, courage, and determination for the year ahead.

Recently, I attended the 100th birthday celebration of my home church, Peachtree Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). It was a wonderful celebration of where they had been, but also a time to look ahead to the ministry that will continue in the heart of Atlanta, GA.

But why all this talk about birthdays? Well, because on June 8 we celebrate Pentecost, which is seen as the birthday of the church. It is when many people saw the disciples speaking in different tongues and the church multiplied in a moment.

From the relatively small group that started with Jesus came a movement that grew and spread through the years. (Were you able to guess from the question on page 1 of this Messenger how many were in the group?)

We at Asbury have been on Grand Avenue for 33 years now. This is our second to last Pentecost before our 35th birthday in 2027. We view our mission as an active and welcoming church that exists to serve, grow, build, and bless our congregation, the community, and the world.

We celebrate our efforts to reach out to the community. Particularly this June, we reach out with



our donut sales, our Book Sale PLUS (a new twist on our rummage sale), and we will be hosting the Rhubarb Festival with CHUM (see page 7 of this issue).

My hope is that this Pentecost birthday and each day following will be a building of excitement and enthusiasm for our own approaching celebration of 35 years on Grand Avenue, sharing the Good News of Jesus in our community. Thanks be to God.

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

Sunday School Wrap Up/Thank You!

Our 2024-2025 Sunday School year was a huge success! Asbury UMC has an amazing group of children! We, as teachers, never know what to expect each week and are always surprised by what happens in class.



Teaching
is a work of
heart.

It is always encouraging, heartwarming, and a blessing to hear a child respond to a question or comment with something that was studied a year or more ago, a few months ago, or maybe last week. This lets us know they are listening and learning.

On behalf of the Christian Education team, thank you to our Asbury family for embracing, encouraging, and hopefully enjoying our sharing with you in worship what the children have learned every 2-3 months. This was a new concept and has grown into a quarterly event. We look forward to continuing this in the 2025-2026 school year.

A note to our Sunday School attendees: Remember miracles are all around you; take time this summer to notice the miracles of nature and daily living.

Continue saying the Lord's Prayer and remember and

practice the 10 Commandments.

Have a safe, fun, and blessed summer; We are looking forward to seeing you at church during the summer and in September for Sunday School! God Bless All.

— Alice Brenny

JUNE

Our June Outreach
Free-Will Offering
collection is for the
Union Gospel Mission.

Attendance . . .


May 4	62 In-church/33 views
May 11	79 In-church/41 views
May 18	60 In-church/30 views
May 25	49 In-church/27 views



Scripture Readers . . .

June 1	Sue Soder
June 8	Dale Thorpe
June 15	Ruth Thorpe
June 22	Carol Johnson
June 29	Jan Akervik

CLASSES of 2025



Alexandra Garcia Kokotovich

Celebration
June 21, 2025 1 - 4pm
Asbury United Methodist Church
6822 Grand Ave. Duluth, MN 55807

Congratulations!

Congrats to Alexandra Garcia Kokotovich who is graduating from Denfeld High School this year. Ale is the daughter of Amy Kokotovich, granddaughter to Candy and Joe Kokotovich and sister to Karina (Kari) Garcia Kokotovich.

Ale has enrolled in Lake Superior College's Registered Nurse program starting in the fall.

Her family invites everyone to come celebrate with Ale for her open house on June 21, 2025 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Asbury UMC.



- 3 Carried Sutherland
- 8 Cherie Blazevic
Teresa Green
Brian Herrick
- 9 Cayden Winklesky
- 10 Phyllis Kruell
Cindy Yewell
- 15 Floss Johnson
- 16 Debbie Houle
- 21 Emily Lundgren
- 25 Barbara Rigstad
Lois Stromgren
- 30 Mary DeMars
Trevor Robinson
Erik Winklesky

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

Asbury News

Worship In June

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.

June Worship Theme:

Join us for worship this month! We begin with Ascension Sunday, a celebration of our graduates and communion on June 1. Then on June 8 you are invited to wear red as we celebrate Pentecost and the birth of the church. On June 15 we celebrate Trinity Sunday, Peace w/Justice Sunday and Father's Day. We turn our attention to how we have hope as we work for peace and justice. June 22 will be regular worship. We then close the month with a 5th Sunday Hymn Sing and welcome Debbie Merrick to lead our services.

June 1

Scripture Passages:

John 17:20-26; Acts 16:16-34

Message: "Eye on the Prize"

June 8

Scripture Passages:

Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:14-17

Message: "Adoption"

June 15

Scripture Passages:

John 16:12-15; Romans 5:1-5

Message: "The Shape of Hope"

June 22

Scripture Passages:

Galatians 3:23-29; 1 Kings 19:1-15a

Message: "Hide and Seek"

June 29

Scripture Passages:

TBD

Message: "TBD"

Debbie Merrick will lead us in Worship

Save the Date –Youth Trip July 28-31

The youth, grades 7-12, from Asbury UMC, Norton Park UMC and Hillside UMC will be going to Minneapolis from July 28-31 to stay at Hamline UMC for a service learning trip. We will be participating in several service projects as well as touring Hamline University. There will also be time for fun and fellowship, and of course a stop at the largest candy store on the way home! More details will be sent out soon!



AUMC 2025 Events

June 6, 2025 **DONUT SALE**

Preorders recommended. Call 218-624-0061.

Deadline to order: June 1

June 19 & 20, 2025 **BOOK SALE PLUS**

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

9:00 am to NOON, Fellowship Hall

ALSO NEW THIS YEAR!

Rent a \$30 table for the

Vintage, Collectibles and Unique Section.

Call the church office at 218-624-0061.

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

Calendar

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ASCENSION SUNDAY GRADUATE SUNDAY 10:00 am, Worship/ Communion 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH 6:00 pm, Yoga, FH	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 8:30 am Landscape/Garden, FH 11:30 am MS Support Group, FH 1:00 pm Christian Ed., WR 6:00 pm, Worship, WR	4 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:30 am UWF Board Mtg, WR 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	5 8:30 am Donut Prep, FH 10:00 to 10:45 am, 2nd Harvest Food Distribution 10:30 am Book Study, WR 3:30 pm, Communica- tions Team Mtg. OFFICE OPEN 1:30 TO 3:30 PM	6 6:00 am Donut Prep, FH 7:00—11:00 am DONUT SALE OFFICE CLOSED Dumpster Pick Up	7
8 PENTECOST (Please wear red.) 10:00 am, Worship/Birthday 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH 6:00 pm, Yoga, FH	9 2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR	10 8:30 am Landscape/Garden, FH 6:00 pm CHUM volunteers	11 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:30 am Trustees, WR 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	12 10:30 am Book Study, WR OFFICE OPEN 1:30 TO 3:30 PM	13 OFFICE CLOSED Dumpster Pick Up	14
MN Annual Conference, St. Cloud, MN						
15 TRINITY SUNDAY FATHER'S DAY PEACE W/JUSTICE SUNDAY 10:00 am, Worship/Praise 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	16 9:30 am Green Door Book Group, WR Book Group will not meet in July or August	17 8:30 am Landscape/Garden, FH 6:30 pm Ad Council, WR	18 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	19 JUNETEENTH 9:00 am to NOON Book Sale Plus, WR OFFICE OPEN 1:30 TO 3:30 PM MESSENGER DEADLINE	20 OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 am to NOON Book Sale Plus, WR	21 1:00-4:00 pm Ale Kokotovich Grad Party Asbury, FH 9:00-10:30 am Free Community Breakfast, Our Savior's
Youth Service Learning Trip. June 16-19. Each day starts at 8:00 am						
22 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	23	24 8:30 am Landscape/Garden, FH	25 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	26 OFFICE OPEN 1:30 TO 3:30 PM Set up for Rhubarb Festival 6:00 pm CHUM volunteers MESSENGER EMAILS/MAILS	27 OFFICE CLOSED Dumpster Pick Up	28 10:00 am to 3:00 pm RHUBARB FESTIVAL at Asbury UMC
Pastor Katherine Continuing Education June 23-26 Pastor Katherine vacation June 27-July 9						
29 10:00 am, Worship Debbie Merrick preaching 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	30	31 8:30 am Landscape/Garden, FH	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. Our Asbury Singers will be back in September. Praise Team practice will begin again in September. Bone Builders will resume meeting in September. Faith Circle will resume meeting in August. Hope/Love Circle will resume meeting in September.			

Asbury News

Ad Council Meeting Minutes — 5-27-25

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 April 15, 2025 Ad. 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 – Barb Kokotovich

Lay Leader's Report – Steve Kokotovich

Debbie Johnson will be replacing Steve Kokotovich at Annual Conference in St. Cloud on June 11-13.

Treasurer's Report – Pat Anscomb

The April monthly summary was presented. Balance on Hand, April 30, 2025, is **-\$41.15**.

As of April 30, 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 – Steve Kokotovich

Staff Parish Relations Committee – Barb Kokotovich

The committee will be meeting on Monday, July 21, at 4:30 pm to work on a new assessment performance form from the Minnesota Conference.

For the summer office hours, Shirley will be working 1:30 to 3:30 pm on Thursdays.

Trustee's Report – Nancy Wagner

A water leak in the Fellowship Hall has been repaired.

Plans are being made to repair a few pieces of the church siding.

Plans are also being made to repair a loose carpeting spot on the stairway leading to the basement.

United Women of Faith – Bev LeClair

The Diaper Drive was a success. 2,509 diapers were collected. They were distributed to West Duluth YWCA, Bethany Crisis Shelter and Star of the North Maternity.

24 meatball containers are left to sell.

The Donut Sale is on Friday, June 6.

A \$13,600 contract has been signed to fill in cracks and sealcoat the church parking lot blacktop. Upper and lower levels will be done. Work will begin after the Rhubarb Festival on June 28.

Outreach and Missions Team – Steve Kokotovich

August 5 is set for Asbury's National Night Out.

The Highway Clean Up is this Thursday, May 29, at 5:00 pm. It will begin at Norton Park UMC and there will be a meal there afterwards.

Laura MacArthur School volunteering is going well.

The CHUM Rhubarb Festival is June 28, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

People can go online to volunteer.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

4-30-25

GENERAL FUND:

Balance on Hand 3/31/25	\$ 2,295.05
Deposits	\$ 16,199.04
Total to Account for	\$ 18,494.09
Checks Written	<\$ 18,535.24>
Balance on Hand, 4/30/25	<\$ 41.15>
Unpaid Bills through 4/30/25 (includes apportionments)	<\$ 7,049.00>
Net Ending Balance at 4/30/25	<\$ 7,090.15>

Education Team – Sandy Winklesky for Alice Brenny

The committee plans to meet Tuesday, June 3, at 1:00 pm to make plans for next year.

Worship Team – Pastor Katherine

Graduation Sunday is this coming Sunday, June 1.

Pentecost Sunday is June 8. Please wear red.

Asbury Summer Worship is July 23.

Nurture/Congregational Care – Sandy Winklesky

Membership Committee – no report

Visitation /Committee – The committee met on May 21 to make plans for the 80 Plus Luncheon to be held on August 21, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Another meeting is planned for August 14, to finalize plans.

Scholarship Committee – no report

Pastor's Report – Katherine Cornell

Pastor Katherine's husband Brian will now be serving Norton Park UMC and Hope UMC.

Pastor Katherine and Sandy Winklesky attended the CHUM Assembly and welcomed them to use our church for the 2025 Rhubarb Festival.

Pastor Katherine will be attending Annual Conference on June 12 and 13.

The youth have service learning projects on June 16 to 19.

We have many volunteers for working Grandma's Marathon Spaghetti Dinner June 20.

On June 23 to 27, Pastor Katherine will be working on Continuing Education and Spiritual Renewal in South Carolina.

Pastor Katherine will be on vacation June 28 to July 9.

Debbie Merrick will be preaching on June 29.

Evelyn Erbele will be preaching on July 6.

Old Business

Paper shredding on May 10 went well.

New Business

none

Closing

The next Ad. Council meeting will be on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

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

M – Barb Kokotovich, S – Bev LeClair

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Bennett, Recording Secretary

Asbury News



CHUM Rhubarb Festival — June 28

For the first time ever, CHUM's beloved Rhubarb Festival is coming to Asbury UMC, 6822 Grand Ave. on Saturday, June 28 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm across the Asbury UMC grounds and surrounding neighborhood.

This joyful celebration of creativity, generosity, and community is a family-friendly event featuring rhubarb pies and baked goods, a café, live music, kids' games, contests, and community fun. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

A New Home, A Familiar Spirit

The move to Asbury UMC reflects not only a change in venue, but a powerful collaboration between CHUM and the Asbury UMC congregation.

Asbury has long been known for its heart for service, and hosting the Rhubarb Festival is a natural extension of that spirit. The church grounds will be transformed into a bustling village of pie bakers, artists, musicians, kids' games, food vendors, and community organizations — all rallying to support CHUM's vital work with people experiencing homelessness and food insecurity in Duluth.

What to Expect

If you've never been to the Rhubarb Festival, you're in for a treat — literally! Festival-goers can purchase fresh rhubarb pies, crisps, jams, and sauces. There's a full rhubarb café with hot meals, rhubarb lemonade, and coffee for sale, plus live music all day, a scavenger hunt for kids, crafts, contests, a raffle, and the ever-popular pie eating competition.

This year's entertainment lineup includes a cooking demonstration, family games, local performers, and a rhubarb recipe contest that promises to be both delicious and fiercely competitive. Children can enjoy yard games, a rhubarb relay race, and a community-wide art project organized by the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

Rooted in Purpose

Behind the fun lies a deeper mission. The Rhubarb

Festival is one of CHUM's largest fundraisers, with all proceeds supporting its emergency shelter, street outreach, food shelf, and advocacy programs. Last year's event helped raise tens of thousands of dollars — a testament to what's possible when the community comes together around a common purpose.

Volunteers Still Welcome

Many hands make rhubarb work! Whether you can serve pie, help with setup, greet guests, or take down tents, your time and energy make a difference. If you'd like to volunteer, visit www.chumduluth.org for more information. Asbury UMC also has a link to the volunteer form on its website at asburyduluth.org

Where Do I Park?

We kindly ask that guests with limited mobility or special accessibility needs park at: Bethany Community Church, 6700 Grand Avenue. From Bethany, you can enter through the secondary festival entrance off of 67th Avenue W.

All other guests are encouraged to park at: Spirit Mountain Bike Park and Trailhead, 8551 Grand Avenue. A free shuttle to the festival grounds will run regularly from the trailhead, starting at 9:30 am, and ending at 3:30 pm. The shuttle will drop passengers off at the main festival entrance off of Grand Avenue.

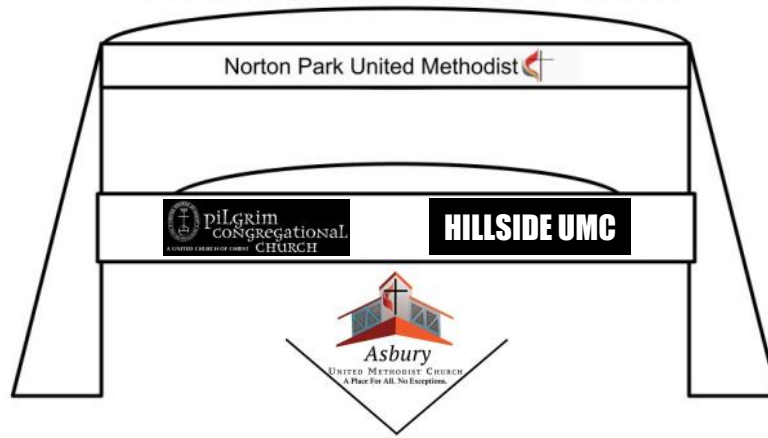
Thank You, Asbury

Bringing the festival to Asbury UMC is no small feat — and it couldn't happen without the support of the congregation. From opening the building for planning meetings to offering up parking space and electrical access, Asbury has gone above and beyond. We're deeply grateful to everyone who has helped make this partnership possible.

So mark your calendar, bring your appetite, and wear your best rhubarb red. Let's make this a festival to remember — together.

— Bud Trnka, CHUM volunteer and
Event Coordinator

DULUTH YOUTH Summer Service Week



WHEN: JUNE 16, 17, 18, 19 and lock in on Thursday night, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

WHERE: ALL OVER DULUTH (Drop off and pick up at Pilgrim UCC, 2310 E. 4th St.)

HOW: We will hang out with one another each day from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, learning about our city and the resources around us, having a lot of fun.

WHY: Because Jesus said... but also because as followers of Jesus, we seek to live out the great commandment: "Love God and Love Your Neighbors as Yourself."

WHO: Any youth, 6th grade and up, friends, family, and parents are invited. If an adult helps with transportation, children are invited.

Be sure to sign up at: <https://shorturl.at/G7Up8>

Each day will be unique, but you should bring the following: a daypack with water, a packed lunch, a layer or windbreaker, sunscreen, and any medications you need to take. Snacks are also welcome.

COSTS: We are looking to keep costs low, and a final amount has not been arranged, but you can plan for each day to cost no more than 25 dollars or 100 dollars for the week.

Yes, you can participate on some days if you can't make the whole week, but of course, we want you and your friends to come on as many days as possible!

Anticipated events so far are:

- **Project Joy.** Spend a day with Union Gospel Mission's outreach, **Project Joy**, assisting the community feeding program.
- **Expanding Horizons** Tour. Take the tour with CHUM to learn more about the challenges some of our neighbors face in our community.
- **Juneteenth.** Set up and participate in this expression of freedom for African Americans after the Civil War.
- **AICHO Indigenous Food and Arts Market.** We hope to learn about this important expression of care and community within this community.
- **Lock-In** at Pilgrim UCC on Thursday night into Friday morning. Pick up from 8:00-9:00 am.

Please note that scholarships are available each weekday and given out on a first-come, first-served basis. For further information, please contact pastors Brian, Cynthia, Jeremy, and Katherine.

Kid's Corner



FATHERS OF FAITH

Fathers do amazing things for their families, but the greatest gift our dads can share with us is their faith in God.

Complete this puzzle to read Isaiah's advice to fathers.

Directions: Working left to right, first write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's.

1 The	2 as	3 tell	1 living
2 I	3 their	1 the	2 am
3 children	1 living	2 doing	3 about
1 they	2 today	3 your	1 praise
2 parents	3 faithfulness	1 you	



_____, _____, _____,
 _____; _____
 _____.

Isaiah 38:19, NIV

IN MY FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

What you do:

1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same side) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.



Answers: The living, the living—they praise you, as I am doing today; parents tell their children about your faithfulness. Isaiah 38:19, NIV

United Women in Faith



United
Women
in Faith



UWF Diaper Drive Thank You

The May UWF diaper drive for moms and babies was very successful. We collected 2309 individual diapers which were divided and given to Star of the North Maternity Home, Bethany Crisis and the YWCA West Duluth. Thank you so much for your generosity.

A special thank you to Pastor Katherine and Jim Anderson for delivering the diapers to Bethany Crisis and the YWCA. A representative from Star of the North Maternity Home picked up their diapers.

— United Women in Faith

Donut Sale — June 6

Our summer donut sale (\$7.00 per dozen) will be the morning of Friday, June 6 from 7:00 to 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Order sheets are in the Narthex. **Preorders are recommended. Deadline is June 1.** 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 5 at 8:30 am. On Friday, June 6, 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.



Book Sale PLUS Accepting Donations

Asbury's **BOOK SALE, PLUS which will be on June 19 AND 20 from 9:00 am to Noon** is currently accepting donations of books plus puzzles, DVDs, CDs, VHS tapes, and games. Donations may be left in the Green Room. Please keep them neatly boxed or bagged in brown paper bags or tote bags.

We are also accepting donations of reusable cloth or vinyl bags for easy and sturdy bagging of purchases. Drop off before or after church or during office hours.

It is best to call ahead during the week, 218-624-0061, to make sure someone is available to open the door and accept donations. Please feel free to call or contact Cathy Sampson- 218-349-5307 with any questions.

A **NEW TWIST** to this year's sale is the addition of up to six, 6-ft. tables that can be rented for \$30.00 per table, first come, first served. The tables will be called the **"Vintage, Collectibles and Unique"** section. Each table will be managed (set up/clean up and money intake) by the person(s) renting the table. Please call or email Shirley in the church office at 218-624-0061, asburyumcduluth@hotmail.com with your request to rent one of the tables. There are two tables left to rent.

The \$30 table rent will be donated to overall Book Sale PLUS proceeds. If the table renter wishes to donate a portion or all of their proceeds to the overall sale, that would be wonderful.

Volunteer and Drop Off Schedule

Volunteers are needed the week of June 16 to June 20 to help sort, display and price books, games, puzzles, CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, and other miscellaneous media donations. Volunteers are also needed for the sale days of

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 June 4.** Phyllis Kruell will be hostess and present devotions.
- Love/Hope Circle meets at 1:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Wesley Room. New members always welcome. **Love/ Hope Circle will NOT meet in June, July or August.**
- Faith Circle meets at 1:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Wesley Room. New members always welcome. **Faith Circle will NOT meet in June or July.** We will work the donut sale and the Book Sale PLUS in June. Please sign up to help with these events. We will resume meeting in August.
- Knitting Klub meets at 2:00 pm in the Wesley Room on the 2nd Monday of the month. New members always welcome. **The Knitting Klub will meet on June 9.**
- 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 June 16.** We will not meet in July or August. Meetings will resume in September.
- Bone Builders Plus meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to 10:30 am. **The group will NOT meet in June, July or August.** Meetings will resume in September. New members always welcome. Members who want to go walking are to use the group text to notify other members so they might join them if available. Call Jan at 218-626-1539 for more information.

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June 19 and 20. We are especially in need of cashiers for check out.

Donations are coming in currently and will also be accepted during volunteer set-up hours on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 16, 17, 18.

The schedule is as follows:

- Monday, June 16 1:00-6:00 pm
- Tuesday, June 17 8:00 am-1:00 pm
4:00-6:00 pm
- Wednesday, June 18, 8-1 pm
- Volunteers for sale days, June 19-20, please arrive by 8:30 am.

Friends of the Superior Public Library will pick up all of our remaining materials on Friday to be used in their annual book sales and Friends Book Corner in support of the Superior Public Library. Please call Cathy Sampson, 218-349-5307 or Shirley in the office, 218-624-0061, with questions.



Fall Pantry Planning Ahead

Please mark your calendars for UWF's Fall Pantry from 9:00 to 11:00 am on October 11. 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 cookies for the cookie table. Cash donations are also most welcome! Please make checks out to **Asbury UWF** and give checks or cash to our UWF treasurer, Lynn Tollefson.

Did you save your jam jars? What about your pint pickle jars?

We can use the canning jars to make our delicious jams, jellies and pickles to sell on October 11. 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's budget is established for the next year as a result of the Fall Pantry sales of all the delicious homemade items including baked goods and craft items!

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



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Meet Our Staff



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NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: June 19 for July 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.