

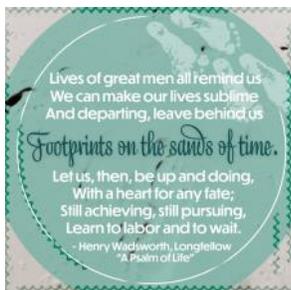
Asbury
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
A Place For All. No Exceptions.

6822 Grand Avenue, PO Box 7135
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The Reverend Katherine Cornell

In-Church & Online
Sunday Worship 10:00 am
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.



Messenger



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National Night Out Picnic August 5 — 5:00 to 6:30 pm

National Night Out is just a few days away and we hope you will join us for a great night of visiting, eating, games and our Special Outreach Project of filling hygiene kits for CHUM!

CHUM has mentioned the need for bug spray for the people they serve. This year at the picnic, besides assembling the hygiene kits, we will also be collecting bug spray for CHUM to distribute. If you would like to donate some spray, there will be a box at the picnic.

We will deliver Door Hanger Invitations after church on Sunday, August 3 and are looking for volunteers to help distribute them.

We could also use help with set up, take down and serving food. Please call Steve Kokotovich if you would like to help, 218-722-4340.

Thanks to all of the people who have already signed up to contribute food products. Hope to see you there! — The Outreach Committee



Mark the date!
RALLY SUNDAY
September 7
More info to come in the
September Messenger.

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Back to School Supplies Collection

This Fall we will once again support our area schools with donations by uniting with Duluth's Companies to Classrooms, a free supply store for teachers. **Throughout the month of August**, we are accepting monetary donations which we will then pass on to Companies to Classrooms. During the month of August, we will have a collection basket in the church Narthex to drop in your donation. Or, you may mail your donation to the church office at 6822 Grand Avenue, PO Box 7135, Duluth, MN 55807 and designate it for our back to school supplies collection. **If writing a check, please make it out to Asbury United Women of Faith.**

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have questions, please contact Patty Bennett at 218-349-5547.





A Penny For Your Thoughts

Being Intentional

As usual, summer is flying by, and our congregation will soon turn our attention to Fall activities and events. In my own family, our college-aged children are packing bags to return to school, the remaining high schooler is beginning cross-country season, and I'm left to wonder, "Where did all the time go?"

So, before we jump into fall and all the activities that come with it, I encourage you to be **intentional** in this month of August. When we bring intention into our lives, it helps us notice God's presence and activity around us.

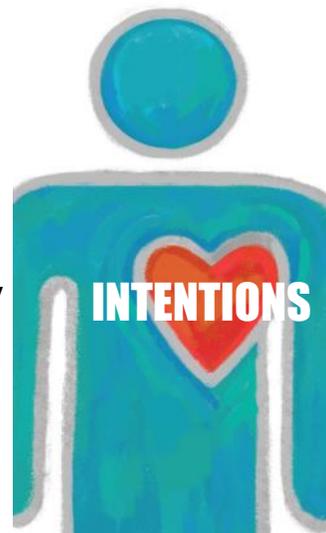
What does intentionality look like? For me it means remembering to put down my phone or close my computer and engage with the people or animals around me. It means taking time to watch the birds at the bird feeders or pet our family dog Dino. It means gathering with my community of faith to worship and grow in my faithful living. It means remembering to find

places of laughter and joy each day, because we serve God, who names love, joy, and kindness as fruits of God's Spirit being present. What does being intentional with your time mean to you?

I hope love, laughter, and joy will bring you to join us at Asbury UMC for our National Night Out picnic and service project on August 5 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. I hope you will also join us for worship each week at 10:00 am as we celebrate God's love and invitation to join God in building relationships and community.

Regardless of what happens, know that you are loved in every moment.

Blessings and Peace,
Katherine



Summer Worship/Potluck/Blessing of the Pets

On Wednesday, July 23 at 6:00 pm we celebrated Summer Worship and the Blessing Of the Pets. Attendance was great and everyone joined together and shared a bit about their pets during a time of worship outside. Rico, Asbury's office dog, was also in attendance. Afterwards, everyone went inside the Fellowship Hall for comradery and a potluck meal of delicious foods.

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 Pastor Katherine, Shirley and Asbury Congregation:

Thank you so much for all your support in the loss of my mom "Flossie" Johnson. I could feel the love of the Asbury congregation with the monthly cards sent and with the attendance at my mom's funeral. Thank you, Shirley, for the funeral bulletins and Pastor Katherine for your pastoral services. Much appreciated.

— The Johnson Family — Stan, Tina, Annette, Sue and Georgia

Our August Outreach Free-Will Offering collection is for the Valley Youth Center.

Attendance . . .

July 6	54 In-church/33 views
July 13	56 In-church/48 views
July 20	67 In-church/27 views
July 27	42 In-church/35 views

Christian Education Team Report

Rally Sunday is coming up on September 7, 2025. Sunday School letters and registration forms have been emailed to families and will also be available in the Narthex on Rally Sunday. A lunch will be held in the Fellowship Hall after worship to welcome everyone back.

Our Sunday School will continue their study of miracles in the bible — Old and New Testaments! Again, this year, the children will share what they have learned with the congregation during the year. As in past years, cards will be sent to our list of shut ins throughout the year.

This year, Fall Fest will have a name change, as well as a slight change in what to expect! The new name is Family Fall Fest and will be held on Sunday, October 26 after worship. There will be games for both the children and adults, along with prizes and a potluck! Everyone is invited and costumes are encouraged — just not scary ones!

Asbury's Christmas Program and music have been selected. This year's Program is a fun, unique re-enactment of the Nativity. We are in the process of assigning parts and asking adults to participate. If you are interested in being in the Program or helping behind the scenes, please let the Christian Education Team know.

The dress rehearsal is on Saturday, December 13 at 10:00 am with pizza at noon. The Christmas Program is on Sunday, December 14 during worship. There will be a potluck in the Fellowship Hall following the program. Watch upcoming Messengers for updates!
Alice Brenny, Christian Education Coordinator

Scripture Readers . . .

August 3	Jan Akervik
August 10	Sue Soder
August 17	Dale Thorpe
August 24	Ruth Thorpe
August 31	Carol Johnson



- 4 Cory Plys
Eric Stromgren
- 11 Sarah Herrick-Smisek
Chris Rager
- 16 Barb Kokotovich
- 17 Ian Lewandowski
Mallorie Schwartz
- 18 Dan Herrick
- 20 Kathy Behn
- 22 Leanne Stauduhar
- 25 Amy Kokotovich
Joe Kokotovich
- 27 Steve Bennett
Dennie Parendo
- 30 Al Fagerstrom
Georgia Rager
Lily Ann Vanneste
Emma Jo Vanneste

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

Letter From Our Sponsored Child Genesis

Hello dear friends. Genesis greets you and she hopes you are healthy. She thanks you for the sponsorship. She feels happy for the letter you sent her. She wishes to know if you like going to the park. She says her favorite teacher in school is Carmen, her best friend is Claudia and the story she likes most is Rapunzel. Her favorite place to visit is the beach.

She wants you to pray for her family that God will always bless them. She says she prays for you that God will keep you every day. Genesis says bye with a big hug filled with much love.

Translated verbatim by Melquiades M.



Photo at upper right:
Genesis in class at the Child Development Center.
She likes going because she learns something new each time.



Photo at lower right: Drawing by Genesis.

Worship In August

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.
- 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.

August Worship Theme:

We begin on August 3 with Communion and a look at how we are to be dressed as Christians. Our second Sunday, August 10 explores where we store our treasures. On August 17 we welcome the Ripple Effects singers as we talk about where our faith leads us. We remember where we find our own shelter and refuge on August 24. The last Sunday of the month, August 31, we will have a hymn sing and special music from Dale and Margaret Rogers, as well as Daryl and Carol O'Day. It will be a wonderful month filled with joy and great music. Please join us!

August 3

Scripture Passages:

Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Colossians 3:1-11

Message: "Designer Jeans"

August 10

Scripture Passages:

Isaiah 1:16-20; Luke 12:32-40

Message: "Tears In Heaven"

August 17

Scripture Passages:

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29 12:2

Message: "Hiking the Trail"

August 24

Scripture Passages:

Luke 13:10-17; Psalm 71:1-6

Message: "Taking Refuge"

August 31

Scripture Passages:

Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Message: "Musical Chairs"

Beyond the "Unafraid" Book Study

In "Unafraid," Asbury's recent book study, Adam Hamilton said, "It is hard to overstate the extent to which fear, anxiety, and worry permeate our lives today. Not a week goes by when some new threat or calamity isn't dominating the headlines."

These words resonated with those of us who gathered weekly to learn coping mechanisms to manage our respective fears, anxieties and worries. Yet, in today's world and social, political, and economic climate, the fears and worries continue to plague our days and nights and to rob us of the peace and love God intended for us all.

Pastor Katherine and Cathy Sampson, as co-coordinators, would like to offer a weekly time of gathering for those who wish to participate in going beyond the "Unafraid" book study. We plan to gather to offer a time of sharing and caring for one another, prayer and seeking God's guidance.

We would meet on Thursdays at 11:00 am in the Wesley Room beginning September 18 and leading into the Stewardship and Generosity Study. Watch for more details in the September Messenger.

80+ Luncheon — August 21

The 80+ Luncheon will be held on August 21 in Asbury's Fellowship Hall. Gathering time will start at 11:00 am. The delicious chicken salad lunch followed by strawberry shortcake (yummy!) is at 11:30 am. There will be communion in the Sanctuary after the lunch.

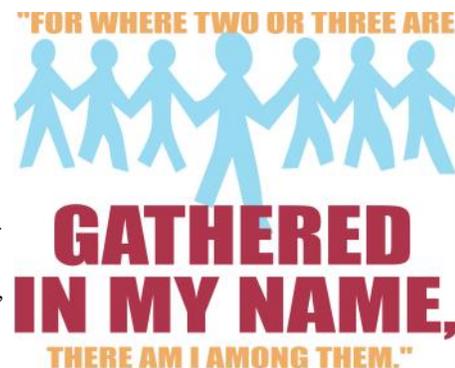
If you have not attended the luncheon in the past and would like to, please let us know if you are, or will be, 80 by August 21. Please call the church office at 218-624-0061. We look forward to hearing from you.

Church-School Partnership Team Report

The Church-School Partnership Team is gearing up for the new school year. Once again, we will be doing the food distribution program (backpack program) for those students identified by Laura MacArthur Elementary as eligible. More information to come once school starts!

Asbury Volunteer badges are available for anyone volunteering on behalf of Asbury. Please see Alice.

— Alice Brenny, Christian Education Coordinator



Calendar

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 10:00 am, Worship/ Communion 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 8:30 am Landscape/Garden, FH 11:30 am MS Support Group, FH 5:00 pm, National Night Out Picnic	6 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:30 am UWF Board Meeting, WR 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	7 10:00 to 10:45 am, 2nd Harvest Food Distribution OFFICE OPEN 1:30 TO 3:30 PM	1/8 OFFICE CLOSED	2/9
10 10:00 am, Worship/Birthday 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	11 2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR	12 7:00 am to 8:00 pm Election Day	13 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:30 am Trustees, WR 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	14 1:00 pm Visitation, WR OFFICE OPEN 1:30 TO 3:30 PM	15 OFFICE CLOSED Dumpster Pick Up	16
17 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	18 Green Door Book Group will not meet in August	19 8:30 am Landscape/Garden, FH 6:30 pm Ad Council , WR	20 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 10:00 am Membership, WR 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	21 11:00 am to 1:00 pm 80+ Luncheon, FH OFFICE OPEN 1:30 TO 3:30 PM MESSENGER DEADLINE	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23 9:00-10:30 am Free Community Breakfast, Our Savior's
24 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	25	26 8:30 am Landscape/Garden, FH 11:00 am Finance, WR	27 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	28 1:00 pm Faith Circle, WR OFFICE OPEN 1:30 TO 3:30 PM	29 OFFICE CLOSED Dumpster Pick Up	30 Damiano Volunteers 8:30-10:30 am 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
31 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	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.		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.	

Kid's Corner



WHO AM I?

Did you know that some Old Testament books are named after prophets? Use the clues to figure out each prophet's name and write it on the lines. Then unscramble, use the circled letters to complete the sentence at the bottom.

1. I was called to preach to Nineveh, but I ran from God instead. My book is number 32 in the Bible.
I am _____.
2. I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. My book is number 37.
I am _____.
3. Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. My book is number 28.
I am _____.
4. My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises of comfort. It is book 23.
I am _____.
5. I had dreams and visions. My book is number 27.
I am _____.
6. I was often in danger because of my prophecies. I angered officials. My book is number 24.
I am _____.
7. I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave their selfish lives. My book is number 30.
I am _____.
8. My book contains descriptions of strange visions. My book is number 26.
I am _____.

Prophets are _____.

Answers: Jonah; Haggai; Hosea; Isaiah; Daniel; Jeremiah; Amos; Ezekiel. Messengers.

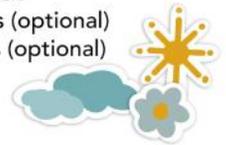
SHINE FOR Jesus



This easy and colorful craft helps kids remember that Jesus is their light—no matter where they go!

What you need:

- Clear plastic cup
- Battery tea lights
- Tissue paper squares (pre-cut)
- Glue stick
- Markers (optional)
- Stickers (optional)



What you do:

1. Use the glue stick to press colorful tissue paper squares around the outside of the cup.
2. Add a simple phrase like "Jesus is my Light" or use fun stickers to decorate.
3. Turn on the tea light and place it inside the cup.
4. Turn off the lights and let your lantern glow!

The Lord is my light
and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?
— Psalm 27:1, NIV



Precious in His Sight



Fall Pantry — Save the Date

Please mark your calendars for UWF's Fall Pantry from 9:00 to 11:00 am on October 11.

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 such as baked breads, bars and other treats which sell quickly, and 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.**

We also are planning ahead asking for help with pie making, donut making or share your special talent in baking, knitting or crafting.

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.** 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.

Kitchen Cleaned July 7

Asbury's kitchen was cleaned on July 7 by a professional cleaner in anticipation of upcoming Fall events. The UWF paid for this being done. Please help keep our kitchen clean by wiping up after your meeting and putting things away. Thank you.



THINK PASTIES!

The Fall Pasty Sale will be September 12-13.

**More info to come
in the September Messenger.**

**"Sign-up" board for helping and sign-up sheets for ordering
will be in the Narthex soon.**

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 August 6 at 9:30 am.** Bev LeClair will share devotions and be our hostess. Fall event planning will begin.
- 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 August.**
- Faith Circle meets at 1:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Wesley Room. New members always welcome. **We will meet at 1:00 pm in the Wesley Room on August 28.** Leila Lundberg will be our hostess and share devotions. We will start to gear up for our Fall events. Pasties, pies, the Fall Pantry and other events are coming up. What might you prepare for the Fall Pantry? Dawn and Patty will bring us news!
- 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 August 11.**
- 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 NOT meet in August.** Meetings will resume on September 15.
- 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 August.** Meetings will resume on September 9. New members always welcome.

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Meet Our Staff



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FinanceLarry Sampson
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UWF President.....Bev LeClair, Dawn Jones
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NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: August 21 for September 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.