

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Sunday Worship 10:00 am
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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

Summer Worship/Blessing of the Pets/Potluck

Do you consider your pet as a member of your family? Please join us on Wednesday, July 23 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 dish to share!

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



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POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

**ASBURY UMC HOSTING
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PICNIC**
Tuesday, August 5
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.**



A Penny For Your Thoughts



Time To Slow Down

The month of July in the church is traditionally a time to slow down, take a breath, decide that we don't need that extra meeting, and generally pause. At Asbury we do a bit of that by not having our Administrative Council Meeting, as well as other Team meetings. Our Bone Builders and UWF's Love/Hope and Faith Circles take a break, and we (hopefully) have a bit slower pace.

There are two notable exceptions. The first is worship. We continue with our gathering as community to worship God and even add an additional Wednesday Summer Worship, Blessing of the Pets and Potluck on July 23 at 6:00 pm. We will be blessing our animals virtually, so bring a picture of your beloved pet(s) to show and share.

Secondly, in conjunction with Norton Park and Hillside UMC we are taking our youth to Minneapolis from July 28-31. We will stay at Hamline UMC and participate in service and learning projects through the Opportunity St Paul Interfaith Action Team, as well as support from Hamline University through their UM campus minister.

Both these activities allow us to stay connected, learning, and growing in this time of relative rest. I hope you will join us for worship and ask our youth about their time together in the cities.

I am thankful for times of rest, learning, and spiritual renewal, because though we might not have lots of events, God is still inviting us to join in God's work of love and care in this world.

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



Duluth Youth Summer Service Week

Youth from Asbury UMC, Norton Park UMC, and Pilgrim UCC spent time in Duluth/Superior for a service learning opportunity, June 16-19 starting at 8:00 am and ending at 4:00 pm each day.

We started our week at the University of Wisconsin Superior for some team building exercises. We then went to the Harbor House to learn about their ministry and to help organize, clean up, tend the garden, and bake cookies.

On Tuesday we began with an Expanding Horizon's tour organized by CHUM that took us through downtown Duluth to meet representatives from different agencies explaining what they do and gaining a better understanding of challenges for those who are homeless. We ended the tour by visiting the American Indian Community Housing Organization (AICHO), and learning about their ministry.

That afternoon we experienced playing different musical instruments and learned that music is accessible for all of us. Wednesday began with "Under the Bridge," a movie on homelessness and a discussion around homelessness in Duluth. We then

packed food bags for children through Project Joy which is the Union Gospel Mission's outreach and created hot meals for four with only \$11.

We ended our day clearing an outdoor labyrinth at a local cemetery. Finally on Thursday, we spent the morning learning about Juneteenth and the afternoon setting up for and serving food at the Juneteenth celebration. We ended our time with a lock-in at Pilgrim UCC Thursday evening into Friday morning, playing games and enjoying free time together.

Thank you to all the adults who made this week possible. We look forward to our next trip at the end of July!



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

Attendance . . .

June 1	54 In-church/35 views
June 8	65 In-church/34 views
June 15	65 In-church/40 views
June 22	51 In-church/21 views
June 29	63 In-church/29 views

Scripture Readers . . .

July 6	Carol Johnson
July 13	Dave Stromgren
July 20	Terry Olson
July 27	Candy Kokotovich



- 4 Karen Gokey
- Cindy Kari
- 4 Axel Tomaino
- 7 Bonnie Schroeder-Palmi
- Gary Winklesky
- 11 Don DeMars
- 15 Leo Lambert
- 16 Piper Smisek
- 17 Dawn Parendo
- 19 Tom Yewell
- 20 Julie Hanson
- Danyl 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.*

Here are a few of the volunteers from the Grandmas Marathon Michelina's All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, June 20.

Thank you to all of our hard-working volunteers!

From L to R: Barbara and Steve Kokotovich, Charles Crumb, Larry Scanlon, Ruby Nelson and Pastor Katherine.



Asbury News

Worship 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.
- 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.

July Worship Theme:

This month we are thrilled to welcome Reverend Evelyn Erbele to join us on July 6 and preside over Communion. We will then explore themes of Mercy and Justice on July 13, followed by Conversations Of Wholeness on July 20. Our Wednesday Summer Worship is on July 23 at 6:00 pm. We will have a virtual Blessing of the Pets (please bring a picture of your pet[s]) and will enjoy a potluck after the short service. A sign-up sheet for the potluck is in the Narthex. We close the month on July 27 with a conversation centered around the Lord's Prayer. Please join us!

July 6

Scripture Passages:

Exodus 3:7-10, 16-17; 1 Corinthians 11:20-28

Reverend Evelyn Erbele preaching

Message: "The Cups of Promise"

July 13

Scripture Passages:

Luke 10:25-37; Psalm 82

Message: "Mercy and Justice"

July 20

Scripture Passages:

Psalm 52; Luke 10:38-42

Message: "Wholly Distracted? Or Holy Distracted?"

July 27

Scripture Passages:

Psalm 85; Luke 11:1-13

Message: "Teach Us To Pray"



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. A job well done!

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 a candy store on the way home!

UPCOMING

Mark your
Calendars!

AUMC 2025 Events

September 12-13, 2025 PASTY SALE
Pasties are \$7.00 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

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:30 am Landscape/Garden, FH 11:30 am MS Support Group, FH	2 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH UWF Board will not meet in July 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	3 10:00 to 10:45 am, 2nd Harvest Food Distribution OFFICE OPEN 1:30 TO 3:30 PM	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5
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.						
6 10:00 am, Worship/ Communion Reverend Evelyn Erbele preaching 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8 8:30 am Landscape/Garden, FH	9 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:30 am Trustees, WR 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	10 OFFICE OPEN 1:30 TO 3:30 PM	11 OFFICE CLOSED Dumpster Pick Up	12 Damiano Volunteers 8:30-10:30 am 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
13 10:00 am, Worship/Birthday 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	14 2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR	15 8:30 am Landscape/Garden, FH Ad Council will not meet in July	16 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	17 OFFICE OPEN 1:30 TO 3:30 PM	18 OFFICE CLOSED	19
20 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	21 Green Door Book Group will not meet in July or August 4:00 pm, SPRC, WR	22 8:30 am Landscape/Garden, FH MESSENGER DEADLINE	23 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH 6:00 pm, Summer Worship, Blessing of the Pets, Potluck	24 OFFICE OPEN 1:30 TO 3:30 PM 1:0 pm, Finance, WR	25 OFFICE CLOSED Dumpster Pick Up	26 9:00-10:30 am Free Community Breakfast, Our Savior's
27 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	28	29 8:30 am Landscape/Garden, FH	30 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	31 OFFICE OPEN 1:30 TO 3:30 PM MESSENGER EMAILS/MAILS	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.	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Youth Trip to Hamline University. July 28-30 </div>						

Asbury News

Ad Council Meeting Minutes — 6-17-25

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 May 27, 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 – Pat Anscomb

Lay Leader's Report – Steve Kokotovich

Steve asked how Annual Conference went. Pastor Katherine reported that it went very well.

At last Sunday's worship service, Debbie Johnson gave a report on Annual Conference.

Treasurer's Report – Pat Anscomb

The May monthly summary was presented. Balance on Hand, 5/31/2025, is \$1,912.67.

As of 5/31/2025 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 – Dawn Jones

Staff Parish Relations Committee – no report

Trustee's Report – Nancy Wagner

The church siding will be repaired before the Rhubarb Festival. Terry Olson is busy getting ready for the Rhubarb Festival.

United Women of Faith – Dawn Jones

The Donut Sale was a success. All donuts were sold that day. The book sale is this Thursday and Friday. We will be selling our left over frozen meatball containers at the sale. Work on resurfacing the church parking lot 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 with Norton Park UMC went very well. The CHUM Rhubarb Festival is June 28, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. People can go online to volunteer.

Education Team – Alice Brenny

The committee met on Tuesday, June 3, and made plans for next year. The curriculum is being developed and will focus on The Miracles of Jesus, Part Two. There will be sharing with the congregation 3 to 4 times next year. Three children will be receiving their Bibles on the Children's Sabbath, October 12. The Fall Festival will now be changed to the Family Fall Festival. There will be a children's book lending library set up in the classroom

TREASURER'S REPORT:

5-31-25

GENERAL FUND:

Balance on Hand 4/30/25	<\$ 41.15>
Deposits	\$ 16,264.86
Total to Account for	\$ 16,223.71
Checks Written	<\$ 14,311.04>
Balance on Hand, 5/31/25	\$ 1,912.67
Unpaid Bills through 5/31/25 (includes apportionments)	<\$ 9,364.00>
Net Ending Balance at 5/31/25	<\$ 7,451.33>

for our children.

The Education Team will meet in mid-August to continue planning for next year.

Worship Team – Pastor Katherine

At the Fathers' Day Sunday service, the men were given flashlights. Pentecost Sunday went well. Many people wore red.

Asbury Summer Worship is July 23 at 6:00 pm There will be a short service, a virtual blessing of the animals and a potluck.

Nurture/Congregational Care – Sandy Winklesky

Membership Committee – no report

Visitation Committee – The committee will meet on August 14 to finalize plans for the 80 Plus Luncheon to be held on August 21.

Scholarship Committee – no report

Pastor's Report – Katherine Cornell

The youth have planned service learning projects this week in the Duluth area and a youth mission trip in the Cities on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday on the last week of July. 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. Reverend Evelyn Erbele will be preaching on July 6.

Pastor Katherine commented that it is amazing that Asbury is doing the Rhubarb Festival. It is such wonderful outreach in our community.

Old Business

We will be selling meatballs at the book sale this week. \$7.00 for one, \$12.00 for two.

New Business

None.

Closing

The next Ad. Council meeting will be on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 6:30 pm.

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

M – Steve Kokotovich, S – Dawn Jones

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Bennett, Recording Secretary

Kid's Corner



TINY TEAMWORK

The focused teamwork of ants is astounding! How can we learn from them?

Directions: Answer the clues. Then write the words in order below to complete Proverbs 6:6-8, NIV.

- This 6-legged arthropod can carry 20 times its own weight. _____
- A sleepy, sloth-like and slow-moving person. _____
- Having deep understanding and sound judgment. _____
- A person in charge of military troops. _____
- A person in authority. _____
- The season when daylight hours are longest. _____
- A substance you eat for nutrition. _____
- When farmers reap the rewards of hard work. _____



Go to the _____, you _____;

consider its ways and be _____!

It has no _____, no overseer or _____,

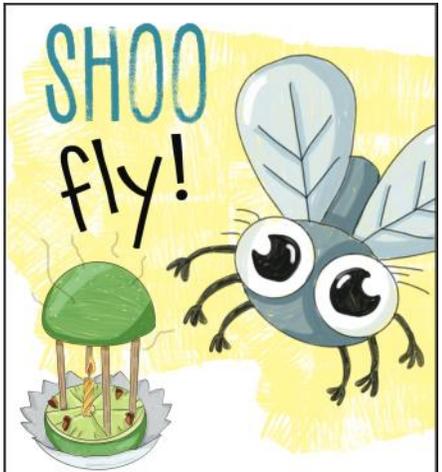
yet it stores its provisions in _____

and gathers its _____ at _____.

Proverbs 6:6-8, NIV



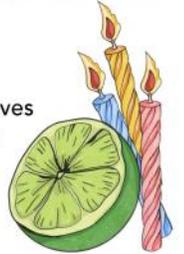
Answers: ant, slugard, wise, commander, ruler, summer, food, harvest; Go to the ant, you slugard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.



Make this candle to keep uninvited insects from your outdoor summer meals.

What you need:

- Lime
- 10-20 whole cloves
- Birthday candle
- 4 toothpicks
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Have an adult slice the lime in half. Cut off the rounded end of one half so it can stand without rolling.
2. Insert 10 cloves into the cut sides of each half.
3. Stand the bottom half on a plate. Insert the candle in the center.
4. Insert the 4 toothpicks in the cut side of the bottom half. Then place the other half atop the toothpicks.
5. Before dinner, have an adult light the candle that's between the two lime halves. The flame's heat will warm the lime and create a smell that insects don't like.
6. Supervise the flame. Blow it out when it reaches the bottom lime.



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in His
Sight**

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Donut Sale Thank You

Thank you to all the volunteers who showed up to work on the donut sale on Thursday and Friday, June 5-6. 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 \$1,279. Our profits will be the start of the UWF budget for 2026. Thanks, too, to everyone who purchased donuts.



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 donations to our UWF treasurer, Lynn Tollefson.

If you have jam, jelly or pickle canning jars, please leave them in the kitchen for our canning ladies to use.

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.

Successful Book Sale PLUS

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who helped in some way with Asbury UMC's first-ever Book Sale PLUS.

Thanks to everyone who brought donations of books, puzzles, games, movies, and music. We received a phenomenal amount.

Thanks to everyone who helped with set up, sales, cashiering and clean up. Thanks, too, to everyone who did any other odd job that needed to be done like creating/making signs, hanging signs, moving tables, helping customers, etc.

And, thank you to everyone who purchased a table to display and sell vintage, unique and collectible items in support of the Book Sale PLUS. This was a "new twist" for the sale.

The event netted almost \$1,400 in support of Asbury UMC's MN Annual Conference Apportionments for 2025.

— Cathy Sampson and Dawn Jones,
Book Sale 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 on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Wesley Room. New members always welcome. **Love/ Hope Circle will NOT meet in 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 July.** Our August meeting date has been changed to accommodate the 80 Plus Luncheon. **We will meet at 1:00 pm in the Wesley Room on August 28.** Leila Lundberg will be our hostess and provide devotions. We will start to get ready for Fall activities.
- 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 July 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 NOT meet in July or August.** Meetings will resume Monday, 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 July or August.** Meetings will resume on September 9. 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.



UWF Reading Library

Asbury Love and Faith Circle members, how are you doing with the Asbury UWF Reading Library friendly challenge? Between now and January 2026, the challenge will be to see which Circle will have the most members reading books from the Reading Library in the Wesley Room and completing a program plan.

Completing a program plan can be as easy as reading five Reading Library books, one from each category, and many of these books are children's books. Some take less than 10 minutes to read.

Because the two Circles have different size memberships, a percentage of membership will be figured into the final account.

We don't want to ignore other Asbury readers, they can also participate. Just read, complete a program plan and designate which Circle you want to support. You will also be figured into the percentage.

When you peruse the library books, you will find authors who may be familiar to you. Michelle Obama, Ruby Bridges, Melinda Gates, Chelsea Clinton, His Holiness Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu and poets Amanda Gorman and Maya Angelou are just a few.

Have fun reading our great books. Remember that Patty Bennett is always available to give you guidance on book selection or on completing the program plan. Call her at 218-349-5547.

Asbury News



Minnesota Annual Conference — June 11-13

Pastor Katherine and Debbie Johnson (who filled in for our Lay Leader Steve Kokotovich this year) attended the Minnesota Annual Conference along with about 500 other delegates on June 11-13 in St. Cloud, MN. Drawing on 1 John 4, this year's theme was "Created to Love Boldly."

To see highlights of the conference, please go to: <https://www.minnesotaumc.org/newsdetail/2025-ac-highlights-19121244>

Love Offering for Missions

Each year, churches in the Minnesota Conference take a Love Offering for missions in conjunction with Annual Conference. As of the end of this year's Conference, churches across the state had together given \$57,615 of which \$300 was donated by Asbury UMC's Outreach and congregation. This year's Love Offering recipients are: United Methodist-related Africa University for student scholarships, Immigration Law and Justice Network, OC Ministries (which ministers to children around the world), and Midwest Mission (a depot in the United Methodist Committee on Relief supply network).



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Meet Our Staff



Pastor:..... Katherine Cornell
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Treasurer:Pat Anscomb
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UWF President.....Bev LeClair, Dawn Jones
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NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: July 22 for August 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.