

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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Office Hours  
Monday-Thursday: 10:00 am to 3:30 pm  
Closed Fridays and  
1st Monday of each month.

# Messenger

Dear Family and Friends  
of Asbury UMC,

In our **Vision Statement** we claim "At Asbury UMC, we believe God's words and ways are key to abundant life for ourselves and our community." One place where we set our intentions to put these

words into action is every year during our stewardship time. Our **Mission Statement** then follows: "Asbury UMC is a welcoming, active church that exists to serve, grow, build, and bless our congregation, community, and the world." This year, we are living into these statements as we "**Break Free From the Culture of More.**"



Your giving provides so much to the outreach in our community: the work that lovingly goes into each project done throughout the year, the bills getting paid on time, the thought-provoking sermons we are blessed with each week, the smile that can brighten someone's day — the list could go on and on. Our individual contributions may seem small, but every one of them counts! We as a church have shown much generosity in our giving to support the many programs of Asbury. This year we are learning to "**Break Free From the Culture of More**" as we set our stewardship intentions.

You are invited to join us each Sunday in October to worship and hear a Stewardship Moment. On Sunday, October 26, we celebrate Commitment Sunday. As part of worship, we will offer our 2026 pledge card indicating our estimate of giving for the next year. On a very practical level, we ask for an estimate of giving so that our Finance Team is able to set an accurate ministry budget for the coming year. **Remember to look at the back of the pledge card** where you can add your intentions of giving your time to the church through ministry opportunities. Please bring your completed pledge card with you on Sunday, October 26. If you are not able to attend worship that Sunday, please mail your pledge card to the church office at 6822 Grand Ave., POB 7135, Duluth, MN 55807.

As always, we understand it may be difficult to know what the year ahead holds. Know that if your situation changes, you can easily make adjustments by contacting our Finance Chair or the church office. One option that has been helpful to our budget in recent years is electronic giving. It is very easy to set

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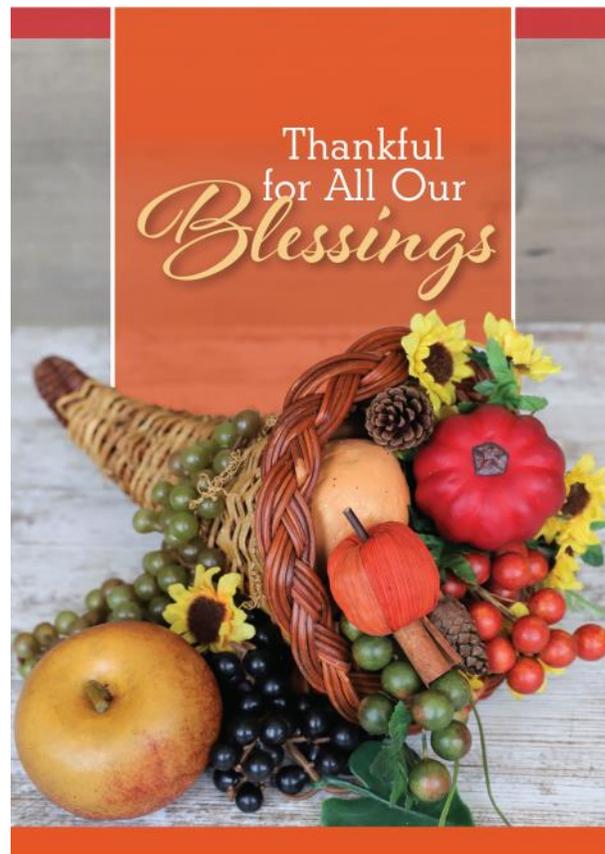
# A Penny For Your Thoughts

## The Spirit of Abundance

**W**hen people first hear about the early Methodist circuit riders, they often imagine a lone preacher on horseback, traveling dusty roads with little more than a Bible and a burning desire to share God's love. Those riders brought good news into towns and villages that had no church of their own. Their presence reminded scattered communities that God's grace and provision could reach them right where they were.

That spirit of abundance and outreach still shapes who we are at Asbury. Just as circuit riders carried God's love across the countryside, and in Asbury's history, Rev. James Peet travelled across the bay in a canoe, we are carrying God's goodness into our community through our pasty, apple pie and donut making, through the Fall Pantry on October 11 from 9:00 -11:00 am with its tables full of homemade items (**we are also featuring a silent auction this year**), and through every opportunity we have to gather in fellowship, encouragement, learning, and growth. Each act of ministry is a reminder that God's abundance is not meant to be hoarded but shared.

In the midst of this abundance, we are invited to consider how we are being good stewards of what God has placed in our hands. Our stewardship study this year, "Defying Gravity" — Break Free from the Culture of More, invites us to reflect on our attachments and the "culture of more" that surrounds us. Like the circuit riders of old, who traveled lightly so they could serve more freely, we are challenged to ask: what weighs us down, and what helps us travel faithfully with Christ?



Other exciting events planned for October at Asbury include giving Bibles to our third graders on Children's Sabbath, October 12 and celebrating with all of our children at the Family Fall Festival and potluck lunch on October 26. In all these things, we live into the abundant, overflowing grace of God: a grace that sustained Methodists from the beginning and still carries us forward today.

I hope you will continue this exciting journey with us!

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



Our October Outreach  
Free-Will Offering  
collection is for  
World Communion Sunday

## Thank You!

Dear Asbury UMC:

Thank you to everyone at Asbury UMC for your kindness and professionalism in helping us celebrate the life of our beloved Barbara Walton. We can't express what a tremendous comfort and feeling of peace you provided us all.

— Walton Family

Dear Asbury UMC:

Thank you for your donation and for keeping the Valley Youth Center and the children in your thought and prayers. — Russ Salgy

Dear Asbury UMC:

Thank you for Asbury UMC's contribution of hygiene kits and cans of bug spray. In uncertain times, your support shines even brighter. Every donation to CHUM is a powerful act of compassion helping our neighbors find shelter, food, stability and dignity when they need it most.

— Gracia Swensen, CHUM Donor Relations Manager.

### Attendance . . .

Aug. 31 51 In-church/49 views  
Sept. 7 77 In-church/34 views  
Sept. 14 120 In-church/50 views  
Sept. 21 72 In-church/48 views  
Sept. 28 61 In-church/28 views

### Scripture Readers . . .

Oct. 5 Terry Olson  
Oct. 12 Dale Thorpe  
Oct. 19 Ruth Thorpe  
Oct. 26 Carol Johnson

### Stewardship from page 1 . . .

up and can be modified at any time if necessary. There is a box to check on the pledge card if you are interested in more information on this option.

So many things factor into preparing a church budget. We believe that with our continued commitment to **“Break Free From the Culture of More.”** we can meet the needs of our budget and continue to demonstrate the love of God and neighbor by expanding our ministries to this community. With your help we can live into our mission to be a welcoming, active church that exists to serve, grow, build, and bless our congregation, the community, and the world. Thanks for your continued support.

With you in Christ's service,  
The 2026 Stewardship/Finance Committee



Welcome to David Alonzo Cornell who became a new member on September 28, 2025.

David is in his senior year at Esko High School. His areas of interest include running (he reached his goal of running 300 miles this past summer), robotics and playing games. David transferred from Northwood UMC and when asked why he chose Asbury UMC, he said, “Because I've been here a long time and I love the community.” Plus his mom is the Pastor!



- 3 Tom Houle
- 4 Sue Newberry
- Michael Smisek
- 5 Melissa Abbett
- Gloria Schultz
- 7 James Cornell
- Sage Cornell
- Larry Sampson
- 10 Stan Johnson, Jr.
- 12 Logan Peterson
- 13 Sue Baker
- 15 Sheri Scanlon
- 21 Jordan Nickila
- 22 Pat Anscorb
- Carol Johnson
- 23 Julien Melgarejo
- 25 Judi VanDell
- 26 David Cornell
- 28 Macy Duncan

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



## Worship In October

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.

### October Worship Theme:

Join us for worship this month as we learn and grow in our stewardship through our campaign to “Break Free From the Culture of More.” We celebrate diversity in our Christian faith through World Communion Sunday on October 5 as we also recognize the pull that our possessions have on us. We then celebrate our October birthdays on October 12 while also looking at how we can take steps towards the life God is calling us to live. October 19 brings us to praise Sunday and a time to remember how we are all intimately tied to God. Finally on October 26, we celebrate Commitment Sunday and our Asbury Singers will sing special music. We hope you will join us!

### October 5

Scripture Passages:

*Proverbs 3:13-14; Matthew 19:16, 20-24*

Message: “Discovering Gravity”

### October 12

Scripture Passages:

*Philippians 2:3-8; Luke 15:11-13, 17, 20*

Message: “Breaking Free”

### October 19

Scripture Passages:

*1 Timothy 6:17; Matthew 6:24*

Message: “Tethered To God”

### October 26

Scripture Passages:

*Psalms 116:4-7; Matthew 10:38-39*

Message: “When We Get It Right”

### **“Sock” tober Collection**

The Outreach Team will be conducting another “Sock” tober sock collection during the month of October. This year the socks collected will be brought to CHUM. They have requested mens’ or womens’ regular or winter socks. Please place your donations in the basket in the Narthex on Sundays in October.

### **Congregational Photo — October 26**

Please stay after church on October 26 as we would like to take a congregational photo. Thank you for your participation.

### **Companies To Classrooms Program**

Congratulations Asbury members and friends. We had a great year for our “back to school” collection. We collected \$462.45 which we donated to the Companies to Classrooms Program. Because of your generosity, the area children will have a more successful school year. Thank you!

### **Church-School Partnership Team Report**

The Church-School Partnership Team met on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 10:00 am in the Wesley Room. They updated their contact list, as well as getting updates from Sue Baker that she received during a meeting with Laura MacArthur Elementary School.

Background information has been sent to Laura MacArthur. The Team will each receive an email from IDS 709 Human Resources with next steps.

Anyone interested in being a part of this very rewarding program, let us know!

Alice Brenny

Church-School Partnership Coordinator

Our very own Sandy Winklesky was inducted into the Denfeld Hall of Fame on Saturday, September 20, 2025. She was chosen for her abundant service to the community including countless hours picking up litter, painting fire hydrants, delivering Meals on Wheels and hosting a spectacular National Night Out party each year. Her service at Asbury UMC throughout the years teaching Sunday School, serving as Administrative Chair, working on all the work projects and being a greeter at the front door on Sunday mornings were also highlighted. Congratulations, Sandy, on your recognition, and thank you for your abundant service!



# Calendar

# October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>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.</p> <p><b>Asbury Singers practice each Sunday except Praise Sunday from 9:00 to 9:30 am in the FH. They practice at 9:30 am on Sundays they sing.</b></p> <p><b>The Praise Team practices each Wednesday at 6:30 pm and on Praise Sunday at 9:00 am.</b></p>			<p><b>1</b> 7:45 am, Pie Making</p> <p>8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:30 am UWF Board Mtg, WR</p> <p>5:30 pm, YOGA, Narthex 6:30 pm, Praise Team</p>	<p><b>2</b> 7:45 am, Pie Making</p> <p>9:30 am, Bone Builders, WR 10:00 to 10:45 am, 2nd Harvest Food Distribution 11:00 am, Stewardship Book Study</p>	<p><b>3</b> 7:45 am, Pie Making</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>5</b> WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY/Stewardship 1 Kickoff 9:00 am, Asbury Singers, FH 10:00 am, Worship/Comm. 10:15 am, Sunday school 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH 5:00-7:00 pm Youth Group at Hillside UMC, dinner included</p>	<p><b>6</b> OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>7</b> 8:30 am Landscape/Garden, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 11:30 am MS Support Group, FH</p>	<p><b>8</b> 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:30 am Trustees, FH 2:00 pm, Christian Ed, WR 4:00 pm, Worship Team Meeting, WR 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH 6:30 pm, Praise Team</p>	<p><b>9</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 11:00 am, Stewardship Book Study</p>	<p><b>10</b> 8:30 am Donut Making 4:30 pm Kraft Wedding Rehearsal OFFICE CLOSED Dumpster Pick Up</p>	<p><b>11</b> 6:00 am Donut Making, FH 9-11 am <b>FALL PANTRY</b> 4:15 pm Kraft Wedding</p>
<p><b>12</b> CHILDREN'S SABBATH/ Presentation of Bibles/ Stewardship 2 9:00 am, Asbury Singers Practice, FH 10:00 am, Worship/Birthday 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH</p>	<p><b>13</b> 2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR</p>	<p><b>14</b> 8:30 am Landscape/Garden, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 2:00 pm, Advent Tea Meeting</p>	<p><b>15</b> 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH 6:30 pm, Praise Team</p>	<p><b>16</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 11:00 am, Stewardship Book Study</p>	<p><b>17</b> OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>
<p><b>19</b> Stewardship 3 9:00 am, Praise Practice 10:00 am, Worship/Praise Sunday school will share with congregation 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH 5:00-7:00 pm Youth Group at Hillside UMC, dinner included</p>	<p><b>20</b> 9:30 am, Green Door Book Group, WR</p>	<p><b>21</b> 8:30 am Landscape/Garden, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 6:00 pm Ad Council, WR</p>	<p><b>22</b> 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 10:00 am Membership Mtg., WR 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH 6:30 pm, Praise Team <b>MESSENGER DEADLINE</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 11:00 am, Stewardship Book Study</p>	<p><b>24</b> OFFICE CLOSED Dumpster Pick Up</p>	<p><b>25</b> 9:00-10:30 am Free Community Breakfast, Our Savior's</p>
<p><b>26</b> FAMILY FALL FEST COMMITMENT SUNDAY ASBURY SINGERS 9:30 am, Asbury Singers Practice, FH 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH Come join us for potluck lunch. Everyone welcome!</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> 8:30 am Landscape/Garden, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH</p>	<p><b>29</b> 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH 6:30 pm, Praise Team</p>	<p><b>30</b> 11:00 am, Stewardship Book Study 4:30, SPRC, WR <b>MESSENGER EMAILS</b></p>	<p><b>31</b>  OFFICE CLOSED</p>	

# Asbury News

## Ad Council Meeting Minutes — 9-16-25

### Opening

Sandy Winklesky, Ad. Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The council met in the Wesley Room and also on Elevate, a Zoom-like feature included in our new telephone system.

Pastor Katherine led us in prayer.

### Secretary's Report

Minutes of the August 19, 2025, Administrative Council were reviewed.

Steve Kokotovich made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**M – Steve Kokotovich, S – Dawn Jones**

### Finance – Larry Sampson

The Stewardship Campaign begins on October 5.

### Lay Leader's Report – Steve Kokotovich

No report

### Treasurer's Report – Pat Anscorb

The August monthly summary was presented. Balance on Hand, 8/31/2025 is \$4,105.34.

As of 8/31/2025 we have paid 30% of our 2025 Conference Apportionments with a balance due of \$13,194.28.

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

**M – Pat Anscorb, S – Larry Sampson**

### Staff Parish Relations Committee – Barb Kokotovich

The SPRC committee met yesterday. They will be conducting staff reviews in September and October.

The non-salary budget was discussed and passed. It will now go to the Finance Committee.

Pastor Katherine did not receive the Lilly Grant, but she did receive a 15-week sabbatical grant from the Conference. It will start after Easter, 2026.

### Trustee's Report – Nancy Wagner

The Trustees will be meeting tomorrow at 9:30 am.

### United Women of Faith – Dawn Jones

Pasties went well with 2,718 made; 336 have been saved for the Fall Pantry.

Pies – October 1-3

Donuts – October 10 -11

Fall Pantry – October 11

### Outreach and Missions Team – Steve Kokotovich

The committee met September 4.

Damiano is on November 29.

We will be doing "Sock"tober again this October.

The Thanksgiving Bag project for CHUM will happen again this year.

Baking the muffins will be done at Asbury and assembling the bags will be at Norton Park after the Thanksgiving service.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

8-31-25

### GENERAL FUND:

Balance on Hand 7/31/25	\$ 3,468.27
Deposits	\$ 19,031.96
Total to Account for	\$ 22,500.23
Checks Written	<\$ 18,394.89>
Balance on Hand, 8/31/25	\$ 4,105.34

Unpaid Bills through 8/31/25 (includes apportionments)	<\$ 8,356.28>
Net Ending Balance at 8/31/25	<\$ 4,250.94>

### Education Team – Sandy Winklesky for Alice Brenny

The Sunday school had many children return to Sunday school this year.

### Worship Team – Pastor Katherine

The team is gearing up for stewardship time.

### Nurture/Congregational Care Team – Sandy Winklesky

Membership Committee will be meeting September 24 at 10:00 am. Visitation Committee has an album of past 80 Plus Luncheons in the Narthex.

Scholarship Committee has no report.

### Pastor's Report – Katherine Cornell

Pastor Katherine mentioned how happy she is that the congregation celebrates children. Their presence in the worship services bring joy to all. A heads up that we will be having a ministry fair in October of 2026. The Conference has asked Asbury to host the Cluster Charge Conference on the afternoon of November 16. We will provide coffee and treats for the attendees. Pastor Katherine made a motion that we will host the Cluster Charge Conference here at Asbury at 4:00 pm on November 16. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**M – Pastor Katherine, S – Dawn Jones**

### Old Business - none

### New Business

The new phone system is in and will be great once we work out the kinks. We now have caller ID and voice mail can be checked more easily. We also have a new door bell with video camera and Elevate, a Zoom-like feature included in our new phone system.

### Closing

The next Ad. Council meeting will be on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

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

**M – Barb Kokotovich, S – Steve Kokotovich**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Bennett, Recording Secretary

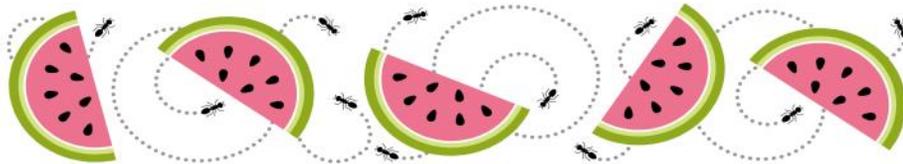
# Asbury News



## Successful National Night Out Picnic

Asbury's National Night Out Picnic was a huge success. There were many attendees including area neighbors, several police officers and a K9. We had to have four police officers surround an unruly attendee (photo at right). They were finally able to get her subdued.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped supply food, helped set-up and serve, and everyone who helped with the clean-up after the picnic. Everyone had a great time!



Photos by Katherine Cornell



## Christian Ed Team Report

Rally Sunday on September 7 was fantastic! Several children registered for Sunday school. Pastor Katherine gave all of us a wonderful opportunity to bless our children. We were also blessed with watching the baptism of Donna and Steve Mickelson's great grandson, Myles Steven Adair. The Kokotovich crew again did a great job feeding us with sloppy joes and hot dogs!

### Children's Sabbath

Bibles will be handed out to three of our kids on Children's Sabbath, October 12. If you have a child in third grade or higher who has not received a bible from Asbury, please let us know.

### Family Fall Festival

Plans are underway for Family Fall Fest Sunday, October 26 after worship. Everyone is invited.

Games, prizes, potluck, all kinds of fun! Everyone is encouraged to wear costumes.

### Christmas Program

We are getting all the parts for our Asbury Christmas program assigned and are working on the music. So far, all but one part will be done by our children. If you want to be a part of this (as a member of the cast or behind the scenes) please let us know! Costumes are being looked at for proper sizing. We hope to "make" the remaining costumes if possible and may reach out for help with minimal cutting/stitching. Watch the Messenger for updates!

### Next Meeting

The next Christian Education meeting will be Wednesday, October 8 at 2:00 pm in the Wesley Room.

Alice Brenny  
Christian Education Coordinator



## Fall Pantry — October 11

UWF's Fall Pantry will be held on October 11 from 9:00 to 11:00 am. 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.**

**NEW at the Fall Pantry this year will be a Silent Auction. Tables will be set up with items to bid on next to the check out line.**

Cash donations are also most welcome! **Please make checks out to Asbury UWF and give checks or cash to our UWF treasurer, Lynn Tollefson.**

All Pantry contributions should be brought to the Fellowship Hall on Friday, October 10 from 9:00 to 11:00 am as this is set-up day!

Saturday workers will be needed by 8:00 am and should park in the upper lot to allow easy parking in the lower lot for Fall Pantry guests. If you are bringing baked goods in on Saturday, please bring them in by 8:00 am. It would be helpful to have bars, cupcakes, in packages of 6 or 12.

We will make our scrumptious apple pies on October 2-3 starting at 7:45 am. Pies are \$16.00 each.

Donut making for our delicious donuts is October 10-11. We start at 8:30 am on October 10 to make the dough. On October 11 we start at 6:00 am (come when you can) to roll, cut out, fry and bag donuts. Please call Bev LeClair, 218-628-2680, if you can help. Donuts are \$7.00/dz. Order forms are on the back table in the Narthex. There is also a sign-up sheet for helpers.

There will also be 336 pasties for sale at \$7.00 each. **First come, first serve.**

Our Asbury Fall Pantry is UWF's major fundraiser for the 2026 budget. Thank you all for participating in this event as it helps us do many good ministries throughout the year. We appreciate everyone's special talent and gift. Please spread the word, bring your friends and get a jump start on the upcoming holiday season!

If you have jam, jelly or pickle canning jars, please leave them in the kitchen. There also is always a need for gallon ice cream buckets with lids.

## "Cookie Table" Cookies Needed

Our "Cookie Table" is an extremely popular part of UWF's Fall Pantry! We are asking for donations of homemade cookies and hope that you will be able to help us out this year.

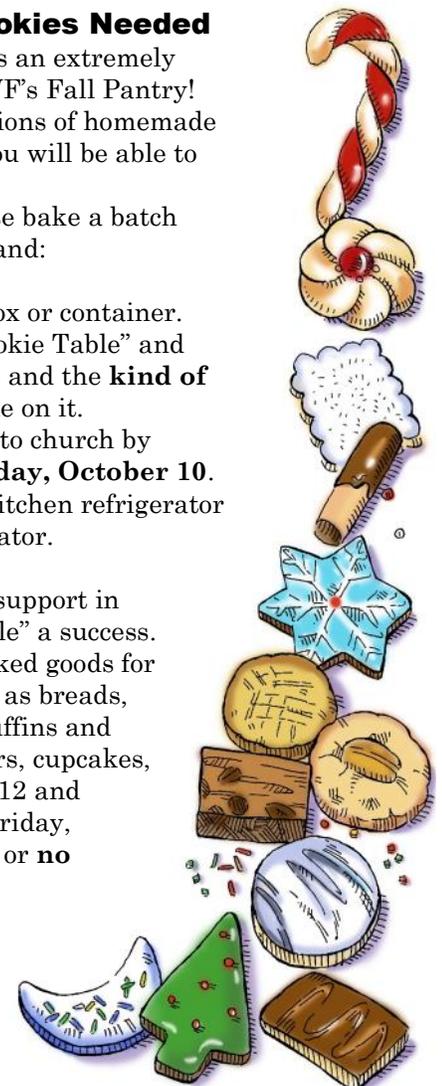
To participate, please bake a batch of your favorite cookies and:

1. Place them in a box or container.
2. Mark the box "Cookie Table" and **put your name** and the **kind of cookie** you made on it.
3. Bring the cookies to church by **9:00 am on Friday, October 10.**
4. Put them in the kitchen refrigerator or salad refrigerator.

Thank you for your support in making the "Cookie Table" a success.

We also welcome baked goods for the bake sale table such as breads, dessert breads, bars, muffins and cupcakes. Please put bars, cupcakes, muffins in packs of 6 or 12 and drop off by 8:00 am on Friday, October 10 (**preferred**) or **no later than 8:00 am** on Saturday, October 11.

Thank you!





## Advent Tea — December 6

The Advent Tea on Saturday, December 6 at 2:00 pm will have a new look this year! An open invitation is being extended to all ladies of the church and their friends. The theme will be “Star Child” and Ripple Effect will provide special music. We expect this to be an elegant afternoon with seating at festive tables and a “delicates and dainties” dessert buffet. There are several options to RSVP including an opportunity to help us with a dessert, and help with set up and/or clean up.

We will have an “Advent Tea Table” in the Narthex set up from Sunday, November 2 until Sunday, November 23 with invitations and more information.

We are looking forward to your participation as we kick off the Advent

Season in this new manner.

— Donna Mickelson, Leila Lundberg, Pat Anscorb,  
Patty Bennett and Phyllis Kruell



## 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 October 1 at 8:30 am.** Dawn Jones will share devotions and be our hostess.
- 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 October.** The Circle will work on Fall projects and resume meeting in November.
- Faith Circle meets at 1:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Wesley Room. New members always welcome. **Faith will NOT meet in October.** The Circle will be working on the Fall projects of making apple pies and donuts and the Fall Pantry sale on October 11. They will resume meeting in November.
- 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 October 13.**
- 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 October 20.**
- Bone Builders Plus meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to 10:30 am. **The exceptions this month will be October 2 and 9 when they will meet in the Wesley Room because the Fellowship Hall is being used for preparation of apple pies and donuts for the Fall Pantry.** 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. New members always welcome. Call Jan Akervik at 218-390-5866 for more information.

## Upcoming AUMC 2025/2026 Events

**November 15, 2025 9:00 am to NOON**

Chum Event Service Opportunity.

Make breakfast bags for the  
Lincoln Park Warming Center.

Hosted by Asbury UMC.

All are welcome to join this special service project.

**February 6-7, 2026 PASTY SALE**

Call 218-624-0061 to order.

Deadline to order: **January 29**

**April 21, 2026, 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 12**

**Checks made out to Asbury UMC  
or exact cash please!**

**June 5, 2026 DONUT SALE**

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

**Deadline to order: May 31**

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Return service requested

## 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  
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**NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: October 22 for November 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.