

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
A Place For All. No Exceptions.

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In-Church & Online
Sunday Worship 10:00 am
asburyduluth.org/about-us/worship/

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

Messenger

All Saint's Day Service of Remembrance

On Sunday, November 2, we are giving loving tribute to the members and friends of Asbury United Methodist Church who have died this past year. In Christ's love and with deep gratitude for the lives of our loved ones, we will light a candle in remembrance of:



*Jean Elizabeth Devich Abramson
Ruth Viola Bloomquist
Melvin Gregory Dunkin
Florace "Flossie" Vivian (Larkins) Johnson
Joyce Mae Park
William (Bill) T. Schultz
Michael Philip Town
Barbara Edith Pender Walton*

Family members are invited to take the candle home with them following the worship service.



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CHUM Event Breakfast Bags

As part of our work with the West Duluth area churches, Asbury will be hosting a CHUM Event on Saturday, November 15 as a service opportunity. Our project will be making breakfast bags for the Lincoln Park Warming Center. We will put them together in two parts.

Part 1 will be the CHUM Event on Saturday, November 15 from 9:00 am until noon. We will begin work on making the breakfast bags and make muffins.

Part 2 of our project will happen after our Community Thanksgiving Service on November 25 at Norton Park UMC.

We look forward to this opportunity to work with our neighboring churches and support our community.

Community Thanksgiving Service

Asbury UMC will join other West Duluth churches on November 25 at 6:00 pm at Norton Park UMC, 436 N 79th Ave W, Duluth as we celebrate and give thanks!

Please come at 5:30 pm if you would like to join the choir.

We will have fellowship and Part 2 of our service project for the CHUM Event Breakfast Bags after the service.





A Penny For Your Thoughts

Have You Named Your Blessings?

I often think of November as a month for gratitude. This season is usually associated with harvest and plenty, and so November is a great time to pause and name blessings. I have many blessings to count, such as my family, living in a beautiful place, having enough food, shelter and warmth for health, and a wonderful community of faith in which to serve and grow. How about you? What are your blessings?

Spiritually healthy people work at naming gratuities — some name gratuities daily. One way of being intentional in gratitude is through a gratitude journal. My husband, Brian, and I meet together weekly to ask one another “where have I seen God, need God, find joy and gratitude.” It is a practice that sustains us, especially in stressful and difficult times, by remembering God’s presence and blessings.

I am perpetually grateful for the family of Asbury UMC and the regular expression of generosity displayed throughout the year. For example: this month, we can join together with other West Duluth churches to offer a blessing of breakfast bags for the guests at the warming center the day before Thanksgiving. We will make muffins on Saturday, November 15 and have an opportunity to hear from the director of the warming center Drew Filkins. We will then gather on November 25 with our neighboring churches to worship together. There will be a collection for Laundry Love taken at the service and the breakfast bags will be completed after the service.

We will also welcome United Methodist churches to Asbury UMC on November 16 at 4:00 pm to celebrate God’s work in our Duluth



area in our Annual Charge Conference meeting led by our Conference Superintendent, Laurie Kantonen. Towards the end of the month, as we turn our attention to Advent, we will then have the opportunity to demonstrate our gratitude through our generosity in the toy collection for the Salvation Army and the children’s sock collection under our Mitten Tree.

I hope that you will join us in our times of gathering and fellowship as we emphasize practices of gratitude. Through our practice of gratitude, highlighted by a month marked by giving thanks, I invite you to consider: What are ways to be grateful throughout the year? As your practices of gratitude broaden and deepen, consider sharing them among our congregational family.

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.

Thank You!

Dear Asbury UMC Family and Friends:

My sincere thank you to everyone involved in the making of our apple pies' and pasties' success. Everyone brings something unique to the church "family." I have been blessed by so many wonderful mentors. I find that it's just not about standing until we can't stand another minute, but the time spent sharing laughter and forever friendships. To that end, I would like to share a couple more thoughts. Bringing something to share at break time is something I like to do out of joy and friendship. I have decided to purchase new rolling pins and new towels to cover pies as a thank you for the money collected for treats and given to me. Maybe you are the person that buys insurance, does the budget, greets the people at the front door for worship, fills the candles, decorates the church, cleans the church, fixes what's broken, mows the grass, tends the gardens — just to name a few of the things that take a village. I continue to pray that we make a difference. Thank you all for being a part of my church family.

— Nancy Wagner, Trustees co-chair

Our October Outreach Free-Will Offering collection is for Bethany Crisis Nursery

Attendance . . .

Oct. 5	62 In-church/48 views
Oct. 12	74 In-church/35 views
Oct. 19	65 In-church/41 views
Oct. 26	72 In-church/27 views

Scripture Readers . . .

Nov. 2	Dave Stromgren
Nov. 9	Candy Kokotovich
Nov. 16	Jan Akervik
Nov. 23	Sue Soder
Nov. 30	Ruth Thorpe

A Message From Our Sponsored Child Genesis

Hello sponsor Friends, Genesis greets you, hoping you are very well. Genesis appreciates the letter you sent her and appreciates the sponsorship you are giving her. She feels very happy. Her last medical checkup was in November. She walked to the health clinic with her Mom and Dad. The doctor told her she's growing very well and she's very healthy. Genesis has learned to take care of her teeth and her body. She washes her hands before she eats, drinks enough water, eats lots of fruits and vegetables and brushes her teeth. Genesis' drawing at left shows some of the fruits she eats. Genesis would like to ask you, do you like fruits? She always asks for your prayers for her lovely family. May God always take care of them. Genesis and her family pray for you. May God always keep you and bless you.



Genesis says goodbye with many hugs full of blessings. *Translated verbatim.*

Hanging of the Green — November 23

Please join us in the Hanging of the Green after worship on Sunday, November 23 to prepare our Sanctuary for Advent, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The first Sunday of Advent is November 30. We are looking for help in getting our gift tree for the Salvation Army and our Mitten Tree up, hanging the Christmas wreaths, and getting the Christmas banners up. These and other touches will beautify our Sanctuary for the season. Every person's help makes the time fly and provides a wonderful time of fellowship. Please note the date and plan to stay to help. Thank you.



Hanging of the Green



- 1 Stella Nickila
- 3 Chris Nylund
Matt Wrazidlo
- 4 Steve Kokotovich
Glenn Paulick
- 5 Kale Hanson
- 7 Nancy Olson
Avon Power
- 8 Jenean Nelson
- 10 Cheryl Lambert
- 11 Raymond Olsen
- 12 Cathy Sampson
- 15 Jim Anderson
Taelor Rolland
- 19 Jeff VanDell
- 20 Pat Nelson
- 21 Bill LeClair
- 22 Cody Carlson
- 24 Jim Faue
Jane Herrick
Fletcher Wrazidlo
- 25 Brian Cornell
- 28 Scotty Lund-Delvecchio
- 29 Bobbi Gimpel

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



Asbury News

Worship In November

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.

November Worship Theme:

We begin November with a celebration of the Saints who have gone before us. We especially lift up those from our congregation in the past year by lighting a candle, saying their names, and sounding a bell. On November 9 we will recognize our November birthdays in conjunction with our Praise Sunday. We welcome our Sunday school children as they perform and share with us on November 16. Deaconess Amanda Zbacnik will lead services for us on November 23, as well as having the Asbury Singers perform. Our community Thanksgiving service at 6:00 pm will be celebrated at Norton Park UMC on Tuesday, November 25. We round out the month on November 30 with our First Sunday of Advent and our Hymn Sing. Please join us.

November 2

Scripture Passages:

Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Message: "Giving Thanks for the Saints"

November 9

Scripture Passages:

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Luke 20:27-38

Message: "Accent On the Wrong sy-LLA-ble"

November 16

Scripture Passages:

Isaiah 65:17-25; Luke 21:5-19

Message: "Sign Of the Times"

November 23

Scripture Passages:

Isaiah 65:17-25; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Message: "Hope and Hope Again!"

Deaconess Amanda Zbacnik preaching

November 30

Scripture Passages:

Psalm 51; Luke 3:1-8a

Message: "Practicing Advent: Preparing the Way"



Landscaping/Garden Team News

Our Landscaping/Garden Team has completed another successful season in maintaining and beautifying the landscaping and gardens of Asbury UMC. We are planning to have a plant sale next year, date yet to be determined.

Our Team is always welcome to any landscaping/garden suggestions and we would love to have a few new people share their talents and digging skills.

Many thanks to our current volunteers for their hard work and dedication. And, thanks to the kitchen gang for always saving us treats.

— Pam Perich, Landscaping/Garden Team chair



**DON'T FORGET
TO VOTE!
NOVEMBER 4**

**Asbury UMC is an
election site.
7:00 am to 8:00 pm**



Calendar

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY 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	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 7:00 am—8:00 pm ELECTION, FH 11:30 am MS Support Group, WR	5 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:30 am UWF Board Mtg, WR 1:00 pm, Communica- tion Team, WR 4:30 pm Lay Leadership, WR 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH 6:30 pm, Praise Team	6 9:30 am, Bone Builders, WR 10:00 to 10:45 am, 2nd Harvest Food Distribution 11:00 am, Stewardship Book Study	7 OFFICE CLOSED	1 <hr/> 8 8:30—10:30 am 11:00 am-1:00 pm Damiano Center Volunteers
9 PRAISE SUNDAY/ORGAN & TISSUE DONOR SUNDAY 9:00 am, Praise Team 10:00 am, Worship/Birthday 10:15 am, Bible Bingo 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	10 1:00 pm Finance, WR 2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR	11 VETERAN'S DAY 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH	12 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:30 am Trustees, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH 6:30 pm, Praise Team	13 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 1:00 pm Membership, WR	14 OFFICE CLOSED Dumpster Pick Up	15 9:00 am—NOON Breakfast Bags/ make muffins at Asbury UMC
16 9:00 am, Asbury Singers, FH 10:00 am, Worship/Sunday school presentation 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH 4:00 pm, Cluster Charge Conference	17 9:30 am, Green Door Book Group, WR	18 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 1:00 pm Love/Hope Circle, WR 2:30 pm, Advent Tea Meeting, WR 6:00 pm Ad Council , WR & Zoom	19 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 1:00 pm Visitation, WR 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH 6:30 pm, Praise Team	20 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 1:00 pm Faith Circle, WR MESSENGER DEADLINE	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22 9:00-10:30 am Free Community Breakfast, Our Savior's
23 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY/ ASBURY SINGERS 9:30 am, Asbury Singer, FH 10:00 am, Worship Deaconess Amanda Zbacnik preaching 10:15 am, Sunday school 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH 11:00 am Hanging of the Green	24	25 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 6:00 pm, Community Thanksgiving Service at Norton Park UMC. Come at 5:30 pm to sing with choir. Breakfast bag assemble after worship.	26 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH 6:30 pm, Praise Team	 OFFICE CLOSED	28 OFFICE CLOSED Dumpster Pick Up	29 8:30—10:30 am 11:00 am-1:00 pm Damiano Center Volunteers
30 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT HYMN SING 9:00 am, Asbury Singers, FH 10:00 am, Worship 10:15 am, Sunday school 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	MESSENGER EMAILS ON DECEMBER 2		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. 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. The Praise Team practices each Wednesday at 6:30 pm and on Praise Sunday at 9:00 am.			

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Ad Council Meeting Minutes — 10-21-25

Opening

Sandy Winklesky, Ad. Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:59 pm. The council met in the Wesley Room. Pastor Katherine led us in prayer.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the September 16, 2025 Ad. Council were reviewed. Pat Anscomb made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. **M – Pat Anscomb, S – Bev LeClair**

Lay Leader's Report – no report

Treasurer's Report – Pat Anscomb

The monthly summary was presented. Balance on Hand, 9/30/2025, is <\$1,145.07>.

As of September 30, 2025 we have paid 40% of our 2025 Conference Apportionments with a balance due of \$11,294.28.

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

M – Pat Anscomb, S – Nancy Wagner

Staff Parish Relations Committee – written report from Barb Kokotovich

The committee met on September 15.

They set up staff reviews for 2025 and developed a non-salary budget for 2026.

The next meeting is October 30, at 4:30 pm.

Trustee's Report - Nancy Wagner

The Trustees met October 21.

Exhaust from the kitchen range hood damaged a piece of our outdoor siding. The issue has been resolved.

The church toilet problems have been fixed.

The Trustees will be taking down the Boy Scout shed.

City elections will be held at the church on November 4.

United Women of Faith – Bev LeClair

The Pantry was held on October 11. We still have pasties and pies left to sell. Advent Tea is December 6.

The church will be making meatballs on October 27 and 28. The proceeds will go to Apportionments.

Outreach and Missions Team – written report from Steve Kokotovich

The committee met September 4.

The usual activities continue.

The Thanksgiving food bags will be made and distributed again this year.

The church is collecting socks in October.

The Salvation Toy Drive will start in December.

Education Team – written report from Alice Brenny

The Family Fall Fest is this Sunday, October 26, after the worship service and pictures. There will be a potluck and games with prizes.

The Church-School Partnership has begun with clothing closet reorganized, food bag distribution, and the Team will be serving a light meal for the staff during conferences Tuesday, October 28.

Worship Team – Pastor Katherine

The All Saints worship is on November 2.

Advent begins November 30.

Hanging of the Green is on November 23.

Nurture/Congregational Care – Sandy Winklesky

Membership Committee – The committee will meet tomorrow. A church group picture will be taken after next Sunday's worship service.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

9/30/25

GENERAL FUND:

Balance on Hand 8/31/25	\$ 4,105.34
Deposits	\$ 15,223.96
Total to Account for	\$ 19,329.30
Checks Written	<\$ 20,474.37>
Balance on Hand, 9/30/25	<\$ 1,145.07>

Unpaid Bills through 9/30/25

(includes apportionments)

<\$ 6,560.28>

Net Ending Balance at 9/30/25

<\$ 7,705.35>

Visitation /Committee – no report

Scholarship Committee – no report

Pastor's Report – Katherine Cornell

The All Saints worship is on November 2.

Advent begins November 30.

Hanging of the Greens is on November 23.

The Thanksgiving bag project begins on Saturday, November 15 from 9:00 am to noon at Asbury and will be completed Tuesday, November 25 after the Community Thanksgiving Service at Norton Park UMC.

On Sunday, November 16, Asbury will host the Cluster Charge Conference at 4:00 pm for several area United Methodist churches. This is when Asbury will hold their Charge Conference. The Youth Group will provide the hospitality. Pastor Katherine will not be at the November 23 worship service.

Old Business

none

New Business

Phyllis Kruell reported that the church has been offered two pianos from separate parties: A Yamaha Baby Grand piano has been offered by a local church. Our present grand piano plays well and has meaningful history to us. Exchanging it for the Yamaha Baby Grand would be expensive and not necessary.

The Cornell family has offered their family's Steinway piano to replace the piano in the Fellowship Hall. Since Steinways are widely considered to be the best piano in the world, this would be an excellent addition to the church. CHUM has sent a letter informing us that SNAP benefits will soon not be available because of the government shutdown. Pastor Katherine mentioned that if people need help during this time she is prepared to give them information on resources available.

Closing

The next Ad. Council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

Nancy Wagner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

M – Nancy Wagner, S -Pat Anscomb

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Bennett, Recording Secretary

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Asbury “Mitten” Tree

It's time to start shopping for the Mitten Tree that will be in the church Narthex on November 23 for the Advent season. Many elementary school students come dressed unprepared for the cold winter weather. Once again, socks for both young boys and girls are of the greatest need, so we will be focusing on socks again this year. Other winter accessories are helpful and will be happily received. Please shop for donations in children's sizes.



We will gratefully be collecting donations through December. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Salvation Army Toy Drive

New, unwrapped gifts for infants/toddlers/children/teenagers may be placed under the Christmas tree (the tree will be up on November 23) at the front of the sanctuary. They will be brought to the Salvation Army on December 15. **The deadline for dropping off toys is Sunday, December 14.**



As in year's past, please no toys suggesting violence such as guns or war toys.

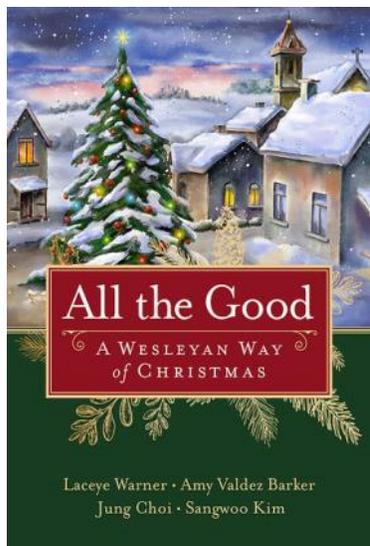
— Outreach Committee

Advent Book Study

In *All the Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas*, a group of diverse Wesleyan scholars (Lacey C. Warner, Amy Valdez Barker, Jung Choi, Sangwood Kim) will take you on an Advent journey guided by the practices in John Wesley's means of grace. John Wesley's emphasis upon practices of piety and mercy

—or good works— drew from the larger Christian tradition. Such practices are often referred to as means of grace.

Each chapter of the Advent study guides participants through one of the four weeks of Advent by reflecting on biblical passages in light of an aspect of Wesleyan means of grace highlighted by illustrations and stories. Readers will look at preparing the way for God, the impact and significance



Pastor Katherine presented Adventure Bibles to Everly Blazevic and Ellie Lundgren on Sunday, October 12 during worship. Not pictured are Meisha Schlies and Reese Gray who will receive their Adventure Bibles at a later date.

of prayer, the substance of good works and caring for others, and sharing God's mission to the world.

In this season of Advent as we await the birth of the Christ child remember and know God's goodness and love for us.

Our study will be on Thursdays, December 4, 11 and 18 at 11:00 am in the Wesley Room. Please **sign up by November 30** in order to receive your book. Once again, the books are being paid for by a most generous anonymous donor.

Introducing “Delight” — A Student-to-Senior Adoption Program!

We are excited to introduce *Delight*, a new program connecting students and senior adults across our congregations (Asbury, Norton Park, Hillside, and Hope UMCs). Through simple acts of friendship — a note, a visit, a shared meal, or a prayer — *Delight* builds bridges between generations, helping us all grow in faith and joy.

Each participant is paired with one person from another age group for the school year, with two celebration gatherings (January 25 and April 19).

Senior adults are invited to **sign up by November 30** to be matched with a young person. An informational sheet and sign-up form is available on the table in the Narthex. For additional information contact Pastor Katherine.

Together, let's discover the delight of God's love shared across generations!



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Thank You For Your Pledge Cards!

We have a total of \$122,198.00 pledged so far for our 2026 Operating Budget from 54 pledge units! If you have not returned your pledge card yet, please do so as soon as possible. There are pledge cards available on the back table in the Narthex or call the church office at 218-624-0061 and we will be happy to send you another pledge card.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the ministry, people and programs of Asbury United Methodist Church!

Asbury UMC

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 15, 2025 9:00 am to NOON
CHUM Event Service Opportunity.

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 6 meatballs — \$10
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



Order Deadline is Sunday, November 23

We will again be decorating our sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season with beautiful poinsettias. Flowers may be taken home following the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve worship. Please complete the order form and place it with your check for \$18.00 made out to Asbury UMC in the offering plate or return it to the church office. **Deadline to order is November 23.**

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

All poinsettias will be red.

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Celebration of: _____

Office Use Only Date paid: _____ Check #: _____
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Poinsettia - \$18.00 x _____ TOTAL = _____

Kid's Corner



GIVE PRAISE

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, circle the word that doesn't belong. Then write the circled words on the lines below.

1 Give Take Grab	2 peanut praise pear	3 temple house LORD	4 proclaim past present	5 name boy lad	6 ruin destroy make
7 pine acorn known	8 train nations bus	9 done donut muffin	10 Sing Sleep Yawn	11 she him girl	12 sun praise moon
13 tell fast slow	14 red all blue	15 horrible dreadful wonderful	16 acts sisters aunts		



_____ to the _____, _____ his _____;
 1 2 3 4 5

_____ among the _____ what he has _____.
 6 7 8 9

_____ to _____, sing _____ to him; _____ of
 10 11 12 13

_____ his _____
 14 15 16

PSALM 105:1-2, NIV



Celebrate the season of gratitude by creating a colorful Thankful decoration.

What you need:

- Construction paper in a variety of fall colors
- Pencil, marker, or crayons
- Yarn, ribbon, or raffia
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Spray bottle filled with water
- Real leaves (Optional)
- Wooden or plastic beads, cereal with holes (Cheerios, Froot Loops, etc.), or any dried pasta with a hole (Optional)



What you do:

1. Draw or trace leaf shapes onto construction paper.
2. Lay the paper flat and spray with water until the paper is completely wet.
3. Crumple the wet paper into balls.
4. Open the paper and let the sheets dry flat.
5. When dry, cut out each leaf.
6. On each leaf, write the name of one person or thing you're thankful for.
7. Punch a hole in each leaf.
8. Lace the leaves, beads, cereal, and pasta onto the yarn, ribbon, or raffia.
9. Tie the ends and hang your garland.



Answer: Give, praise, Lord, proclaim, name, make, known, nations, done, sing, him, praise, tell, all, wonderful, acts



UWF Reading Library Challenge

Asbury Love and Faith Circle members, how are you doing with the Asbury UWF Reading Library friendly challenge? Because the challenge ends in December, you have two more full months to read and complete your reading log. In the UWF Reading Library, we have a number of books on the Best Sellers list. **If you have read any of the following books, or have watched a movie of the book, you may include it in your reading log:**

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek or

The Book Woman's Daughter by Kim Richele Richardson

The Hate You Give by Angie Thomas

Becoming or *The Light We Carry* by Michelle Obama

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly

Becoming Grandma by Leslie Stahl

Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult

The Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley

The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah

The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead

Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

If you are not a member of a Circle, you are also encouraged to participate in the challenge. Remember, if you have questions or have trouble filling out your reading log please ask Patty Bennett.



Hugely Successful Fall Pantry/Silent Auction

A heartfelt thank you to all who worked, donated items (especially for our silent auction) and shopped at our Fall Pantry! We had a very successful Saturday! A new feature at the Fall Pantry this year was a silent auction. We had many wonderful basket donations with a variety of themes. The silent auction helped boost our sales an extra \$770 for the UWF budget. The money we collect for the Fall Pantry sets the UWF budget for 2026 and helps us help many local charities. Bless your generosity!



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 November 3 at 9:30 am.** Pat Anscomb 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 meet on November 18.** Sharon Picconatto is our hostess and will share devotions.
- Faith Circle meets at 1:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Wesley Room. New members always welcome. **Faith will meet on November 20.** Cherie Blazevic will share devotions and be our hostess. We will collect for the World Thank Bank, discuss the Advent Tea, and make plans for our Christmas meeting.
- 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 November 10.**
- 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 November 17.**
- Bone Builders Plus meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to 10:30 am. **The exception this month will be November 4, Election Day** (resume meeting on November 6). 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.



**Ladies of Asbury UMC
You are cordially invited
to our Advent Tea on
Saturday December 6th
at 2:00 pm.**



**A short program with music provided by
Ripple Effect will be held in the Sanctuary with
dessert and fellowship to
follow in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Feel free to invite a neighbor,
friend or family member. Please include your
guests on your RSVP.**

**RSVP by Sunday, November 23 to
abrenny7@hotmail.com
or call Pat Anscomb at 218-310-3505.**

**Anyone willing to help with a dessert,
set up, or clean up
please respond to one of the contacts above.**

**As an outreach to the community,
we will be taking a free-will offering
for Laundry Love.**

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 this year is "Star Child." The group Ripple Effect will provide special music for our listening pleasure.

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
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Patty Bennett
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NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: November 20 for December 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.