



**Asbury**

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**The Reverend Katherine Cornell**

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**Sunday Worship 10:00 am**  
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**Office Hours**  
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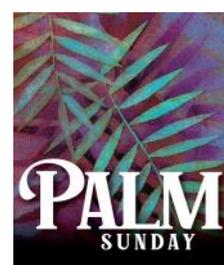
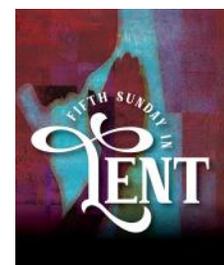
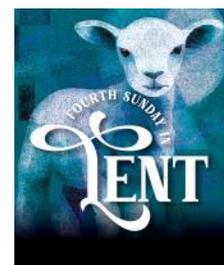
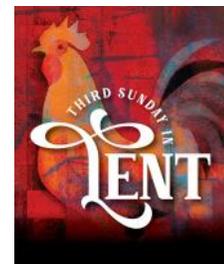
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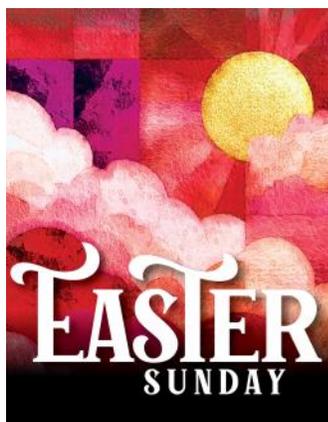
# Messenger

## The Season of LENT

**L**ent is a season of 40 days (and six Sundays) beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Saturday. It is a time of self examination, reflection and preparation for the coming of Easter . . . a time to focus on our relationship with God. The use of ashes at our **February 18, Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 pm** is a sign of our mortality and repentance. Knowing and experiencing God's forgiveness allows us to honestly reflect on our lives in preparation for the renewal and the resurrection of Easter.



- Feb. 18** Ash Wednesday, 6:30 pm
- Feb. 22** First Sunday in Lent
- March 1** Second Sunday in Lent/Communion
- March 8** Third Sunday in Lent/Birthday
- March 15** Fourth Sunday in Lent/Praise UMCOR Sunday
- March 22** Fifth Sunday in Lent/Asbury Singers
- March 29** Palm/Passion Sunday
- April 2** Maundy Thursday, 6:30 pm
- April 3** Good Friday Ecumenial Service, 6:00 pm  
ELIM Lutheran, 6101 Cody Street, Duluth
- April 5** **EASTER SUNDAY/Communion**





# A Penny For Your Thoughts



**M**arch is an in-between kind of month. Much of the country is heading solidly into spring, but here in Duluth, we know it's not quite time for flowers, tree buds and tender shoots. We're still solidly in winter snow and cold.

But ... we can sense that spring will come. Light is dawning earlier and staying later each day. And, we are in the middle of Lent — a time of introspection, reflection and intention. Easter, and the remembrance of new birth, is almost here!

We continue the intentions we set forward in the wilderness. Whether giving something up or taking something on — acts of kindness, or asking, "What is love asking of me today?" — we recognize that we are not done yet. There is still time to recommit (or perhaps commit for the first time) to welcoming the wilderness journey.

Hopefully, you have already found moments that shine with God's grace and providence in your life. Hopefully, you have been encouraged and renewed in your relationship with God, your church and your community.

As we near the end of this journey, we will talk about God's guiding promise. We will remember again that no one travels this road alone. We will acknowledge our own frailty, but find hope in God's actions. The final Sunday of March is Palm/Passion Sunday. It is a day that begins in triumph, but leads us into Jesus' last earthly days.

I am sensing these in-between feelings as I prepare for my sabbatical time, which will begin right after Easter. I know that you will be in good hands with Rev. MaryAnne Korsch. I will say more about my hope for this sabbatical time next month, but for now, especially in Lent, this is a season for intention, planning, and preparation.

Are there places in your life that could benefit from some intention, planning, and preparation as well? Join us in worship and on Thursdays in our Lenten Study as we encourage each other and walk with one another, no matter what the journey looks like.

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



## Thank You!

Dear Asbury Members and Friends:

Thanks to this wonderful and caring congregation for all the prayers offered up for my daughter Stacy. She has made significant progress and is now able to walk and return to work for 1 hour, three times a week. God Bless you all.

— Pam Perich and Stacy

Dear Asbury United Methodist Church:

On behalf of the Duluth Public Schools, we wish to thank you for the donation of 63 pairs of socks, 9 hats, 1 scarf, 12 gloves/mittens and 6 pairs of underwear for Piedmont School.

— John Magas, Superintendent

Dear United Women in Faith:

Thank you for your donation to Companies to Classrooms. Because of you, teachers like me can obtain essential items for our classrooms. This month I was able to pick up cardstock, markers, staples and many other useful items I needed without the cost coming out of my pocket. I cannot tell you how much that means to me. Times are certainly tough but you have made a positive impact. Please continue supporting and know we are grateful and blessed by you.

— Sara Bacon, Cloquet Pre-K Teacher

Dear United Women in Faith:

Thank you very much for supporting Companies to Classrooms! You are helping us grow.

— Ms Rowland's Second Grade Class (signed by all the students)

Our March free-will Outreach Offering collection is for CHUM Foodshelf/ March Foodshare Campaign

### Attendance . . .

Feb. 1	58 In-church/38 views
Feb. 8	68 In-church/39 views
Feb. 15	57 In-church/35 views
Feb. 22	68 In-church/38 views

### Scripture Readers . . .

March 1	Candy Kokotovich
March 8	David Stromgren
March 15	Anita Fagerstrom
March 22	Carol Johnson
March 29	Ruth Thorpe



- 1 Zak Tollefson
- 7 Jan Akervik  
Katherine Cornell  
Lynn McGraw
- 9 Julie Arnt  
Karina Kokotovich
- 13 Donna Seger-Olsen
- 15 Janessa Brackett  
Allison Finnely
- 19 Teri Akervik  
Ruby Nelson
- 22 Joe Mickelson  
Steve Mickelson  
Taylor Robinson
- 23 Mick Levinski
- 25 Lynn Tollefson
- 28 Stephanie Peterson  
Nolan Randa  
Renee Randa
- 31 Mylah Duncan

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



Our Asbury Team at the recent CHUM extravaganza. From L to R: Terry Olson, Julie Brackett, Cathy Sampson, Dawn Jones, Sandy Winklesky, Pastor Katherine and Steve Kokotovich.

# Asbury News

## CHUM March Food Drive

Every March, donations to CHUM's Food Shelf are proportionally matched by the Greater Minnesota Council of Churches. CHUM will be accepting donations from **March 1 to April 6** this year.

To help, Asbury will be collecting food and monetary donations.

Cash donations are preferred as the Food Shelf is able to stretch cash further by working with their partners to purchase more food. For every \$1 that gets donated, CHUM can buy \$3 worth of food!

Please mark your monetary donations for "CHUM Foodshare" on the memo line of your check or offering envelope and drop into the basket on the table in the Narthex or mail

to the office at 6822 Grand Ave., POB 7135, Duluth, MN 55807.

CHUM aims to raise \$80,000 and 40,000 pounds of food to combat rising food insecurity in the Northland. This is the largest, most critical food drive of the year for the Duluth-based non-profit as it seeks to stock food shelves for the year ahead.

Foods most needed at this time include: shelf-stable proteins (canned meat/fish, peanut butter), canned soups, chili, stew, beans, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, rice, and cereal. Thank you for your continued support. — Asbury's Outreach Team

## Scholarship Information

Scholarship Sunday has been set for Sunday, May 3 this year. **Applications will be due by Sunday, April 19.** More information on the VanKleek and Maida scholarships will be in the April Messenger.

**The application will be available soon.** It may be obtained in the church office or please submit a request at [asburyumcduluth@hotmail.com](mailto:asburyumcduluth@hotmail.com) or download from the website at [www.asburyduluth.org](http://www.asburyduluth.org)

— Shelly Vanneste, Scholarship Chair



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FOOD SHELVES



# Worship In March

There are three ways to participate in worship:

- 10:00 am at Asbury UMC on Sundays. Join us live at 10:00 am and join us for fellowship, coffee and treats in the Fellowship Hall after worship.
- 10:00 am livestream service on Sundays via YouTube as the live service is taking place. An email with the YouTube link and an online worship bulletin is sent out prior to each Sunday.
- Or, you can watch the YouTube service at anytime by logging in using the link provided for each Sunday.

**March Worship Theme:** This month we continue our Lenten journey towards Easter beginning on March 1 with communion as we consider how we are guided by God's promise and grace. We then celebrate March birthdays on Sunday, March 8 as we remember that we are never alone in our journey. Our Praise Team leads us on our third Sunday, March 15 while we look for grace along the way. On March 22, we celebrate with our Asbury Singers and speak about redemption. Finally we are invited to parade with our palms and the children for our Palm Sunday processional on March 29. We hope you will join us!

### March 1

Scripture Passages:

*John 3:1-17; Genesis 12:1-4a*

Message: "Guided By the Promise"

### March 8

Scripture Passages:

*Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11*

Message: "Companion For the Journey"

### March 15

Scripture Passages:

*Ephesians 5:8-14; Psalm 23*

Message: "Journeying In Grace"

### March 22

Scripture Passages:

*Romans 8:6-11; Ezekiel 37:1-14*

Message: "Redemption Road"

### March 29

Scripture Passages:

*Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11*

Message: "Journey's End"

# Calendar

## March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT</b> 9:00 am, Asbury Singers 10:00 am, Worship/ <b>COMMUNION</b> 10:15 am, Sunday School 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH 5:00-7:00 pm Youth at Norton Park UMC	<b>2</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>3</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH  11:30 am MS Support Group, FH	<b>4</b> 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH  9:30 am UWF Board Meeting, WR  5:30 pm, YOGA, FH  6:30 pm, Praise Team	<b>5</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR  11:00 am Lenten Study	<b>6</b> OFFICE CLOSED   Dumpster Pick Up	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT</b> 9:00 am, Asbury Singers 10:00 am, Worship/ <b>BIRTHDAY</b> 10:15 am, Bible Bingo 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	<b>9</b> 2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR	<b>10</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH	<b>11</b> 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH  5:30 pm, YOGA, FH 6:30 pm, Praise Team	<b>12</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH  11:00 am Lenten Study	<b>13</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>14</b> Damiano Center Volunteers 8:30—10:30 am 11:00 am—1:00 pm
<b>15</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT</b> <b>UMCOR SUNDAY</b> 9:00 am, Praise Team 10:00 am, Worship/PRAISE 10:15 am, Sunday School 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH 11:15 am, Membership Info 5:00-7:00 pm Youth at Norton Park UMC	<b>16</b> 9:30 am Green Door Book Group, WR	<b>17</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 1:00 pm, Love/Hope Circle, WR  4:30 pm Ad Council, WR & Online	<b>18</b> 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH  5:30 pm, Yoga, FH 6:30 pm, Praise Team	<b>19</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH  11:00 am Lenten Study  1:00 Faith Circle, WR	<b>20</b> OFFICE CLOSED   Dumpster Pick Up	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT</b> <b>ASBURY SINGERS</b> 9:30 am, Asbury Singers 10:00 am, Worship 10:15 am, Sunday School 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	<b>23</b> MESSENGER DEADLINE	<b>24</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH	<b>25</b> 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH  3:30 pm Communications Team Mtg., WR  5:30 pm, YOGA, FH  6:30 pm, Praise Team	<b>26</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH  11:00 am Lenten Study  4:30 pm SPRC, WR	<b>27</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>28</b> 9:00-10:30 am Free Community Breakfast, Our Savior's
<b>29</b> <b>PASSION/PALM SUNDAY</b> 9:00 am, Asbury Singers 10:00 am, Worship 10:15 am, Sunday School 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH 5:00-7:00 pm Youth at Norton Park UMC	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH  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.  <b>Asbury Singers practice each Sunday except Praise Sunday from 9:00 to 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. They practice at 9:30 am on Sundays they sing.</b>  <b>The Praise Team practices each Wednesday at 6:30 pm and on Praise Sunday at 9:00 am.</b>			

# Asbury News

## Camp Minnesota

Pastor Katherine and the Christian Education team encourage all children and youth to attend camp this summer.

Camp Minnesota has let Asbury UMC know that a camp scholarship is available for summer camp. As part of their legacy, Lester Park UMC (closed in 2018) established a fund through the Minnesota UM Foundation to help



send area youth to summer camp. The fund provides up to four \$200 camp scholarships per year and will be given to campers who meet ALL of the following requirements:

- Camper must be in 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Camper must be affiliated with Asbury UMC.
- Camper must attend a camp at Northern Pines Camp, Paynesville, MN; Koronis Ministries, Park Rapids, MN; or KoWaKan Adventures, Ely, MN.

Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come/served basis. After registering for camp, please contact Camp Minnesota at 855-622-1973 to have the scholarship applied.

Additional scholarships are available through Asbury UMC. Contact Pastor Katherine for more information.

Application forms and informational brochures are available on the table in the Narthex. For more camping information, including details on all events, retreats and how to get involved please visit: [www.campminnesota.org/campsessions](http://www.campminnesota.org/campsessions)



## Laundry Love Event

On Thursday, April 23 from 3:30 to 5:30 pm all churches and volunteers involved in Laundry Love will be having a "Connect & Learn" event in Asbury UMC's Fellowship Hall.

This event will be a time of learning about the mission of Laundry Love and will provide a getting acquainted opportunity for the many volunteers throughout Duluth who work hard at making this service sustainable and successful.

Anyone who has an interest in learning more about Laundry Love, please plan to attend.

Please see or call Sue Baker, 320-297-1400 with questions.



Destination Duluth, a social media site which promotes Duluth, held their 6th Annual Celebration of Photographers on January 26, 2026. Congratulations to Dawn Parendo who received an award from Destination Duluth for having 1,906,015 views of her photographs on their Facebook and Instagram sites. For more information on Destination Duluth go to [destinationduluth.org](http://destinationduluth.org)



## AUMC 2026 Events

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 meatballs.\*

Preorders call 218-624-0061.  
Deadline to preorder and pay:  
April 12

Checks made out to Asbury UWF or exact cash please!

June 5, 2026

**DONUT SALE**

Preorders recommended.  
Call 218-624-0061.  
Deadline to order: TBD

June TBD, 2026

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

**RHUBARB FESTIVAL**  
Asbury UMC Parking Lot

September 11-12, 2026

**PASTY SALE**

Call 218-624-0061 to order.  
Deadline to order:  
NOON on September 7

October 1-2, 2025

**APPLE PIE SALE**

Preorders recommended.  
Call 218-624-0061.  
Deadline to order: TBD

October 10, 2026

**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

October 10, 2026

**DONUT SALE**

Preorders recommended.  
Call 218-624-0061.  
Deadline to order: TBD

December 5, 2026

**ADVENT TEA**

# Asbury News

## Ad Council Meeting Minutes — 2-17-26

### Opening

Sandy Winklesky, Ad. Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm. The council meeting followed the Charge Conference. Both meetings were held in the Wesley Room.

### Secretary's Report

Minutes of the January 20, 2026 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 – Alice Brenny**

### Lay Leader's Report – Steve Kokotovich

No report,

### Treasurer's Report – Pat Anscomb

The monthly summary was presented. Balance on Hand, 1/31/2025, is \$10,787.76.

As of 1/31/2026 we have paid 0% of our 2026 Conference Apportionments with a balance due of \$19,349.00. Pat made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. **M – Pat Anscomb, S – Bev LeClair**

### Finance Report – Larry Sampson

No report.

### Staff Parish Relations Committee – Barb Kokotovich

No report.

### Trustee's Report - No report

### United Women of Faith – Bev LeClair

Pasties went well. A meeting will be held to reorganize the pasty making process.

The meatball dinner and the donut sale will be coming up next.

### Outreach and Missions Team – Steve Kokotovich

Asbury participated in the Winter Out West on January 31. Seven Asbury members went to the CHUM Winter Extravaganza. Our CHUM food drive will be coming up soon.

### Education Team – Alice Brenny

There have been many favorable comments about the Sunday School Christmas program. There are plans for the children to make presentations in March and April.

Going to church camp will be promoted at Sunday School.

The meeting scheduled for this week will be canceled due to weather.

### Worship Team – Pastor Katherine

To save huge costs on colored ink, **most** of our Sunday bulletins will be printed in black and white.

Because of the snow storm forecasted for tomorrow, our Ash Wednesday service may need to be canceled. The decision will be made tomorrow and if it is canceled, Shirley will email a message. The children will participate in the Palm Sunday Service.

### Nurture/Congregational Care – Sandy Winklesky

Membership Committee – The committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow is canceled due to weather.

Visitation /Committee – a meeting will be scheduled soon.

Scholarship Committee – No report.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

1-31-26

### GENERAL FUND:

Balance on Hand 12/31/25	\$ 6,251.66
Deposits	\$ 20,001.57
Total to Account for	\$ 26,253.23
Checks Written	<\$ 15,465.47>
Balance on Hand, 1/31/26	\$ 10,787.76

### Unpaid Bills through 1/31/26

(includes apportionments)

<\$ 2,360.18>

### Net Ending Balance at 1/31/26

\$ 8,427.58

### Pastor's Report – Katherine Cornell.

For the Lenten Bible Study, we will be participating in the Conference Lenten Bible Study.

Dale Rogers asked if the church parking lot could be used to host a Wednesday night vintage car gathering.

**Old Business - None.**

**New Business – None.**

### Closing

The next Ad. Council meeting will be on March 17, at **4:30 pm.**

Pat Anscomb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**M – Pat Anscomb, S - Barb Kokotovich**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Bennett, Recording Secretary

## Charge/Church Conf. Minutes — 2-17-26

### Opening

The Charge/Church Conference was called to order by Pastor Katherine Cornell at 4:30 pm. Pastor Katherine led us in prayer.

Pastor Katherine presented the Mission and Ministry Plan. The plan was discussed and a few changes and additions were made.

The 2026 Budget was presented. Steve Kokotovich made a motion to pass the 2026 Budget. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. **M – Steve Kokotovich, S – Pat Anscomb**

The following Receiving Reports were presented:

Trustee Report

Protection of Church Finances

Accountable Reimbursement Policy

Lay Speaker Report (Sue Soder)

Church Historian Report

2026 Mission and Ministry Plan Report

Steve Kokotovich made a motion to receive all reports as amended.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**M – Steve Kokotovich, S – Alice Brenny**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Bennett, recording secretary

# Kid's Corner



## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

It's time to tune up your Bible brain!

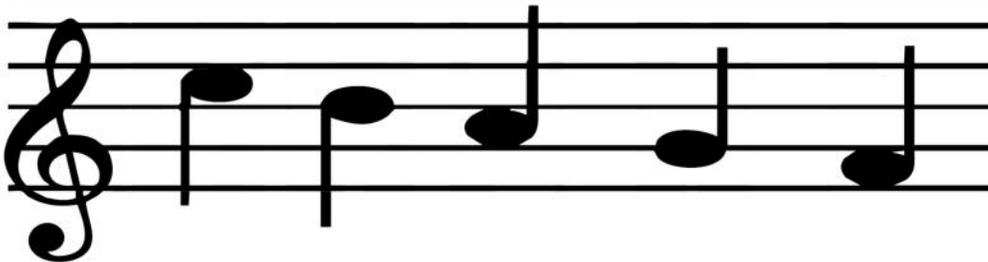
Decode the notes to discover a verse that sings with joy.

Using the musical note code, write the words of Psalm 100:2 (NIV) in the correct order below.

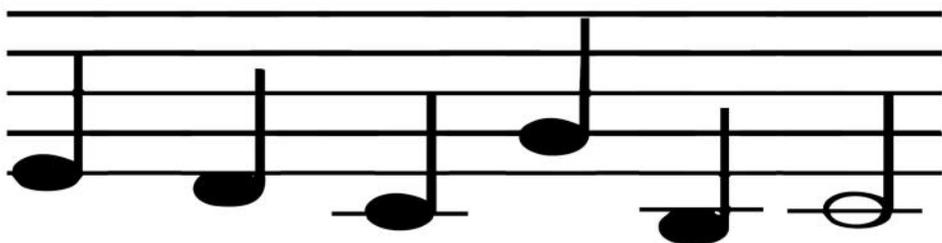
CODE: before come gladness him joyful LORD songs the with Worship



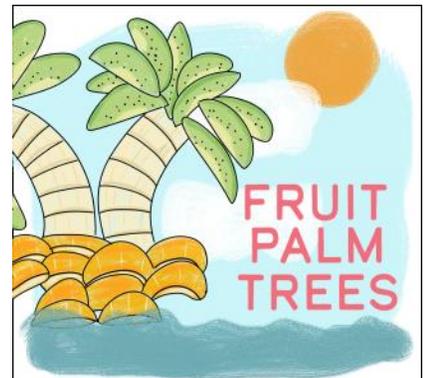
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Answer: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.



These cheerful "palm trees" make a bright reminder of the celebration that greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem.

### What you need:

- Bananas (for the tree trunks)
- Kiwis or green grapes (for the palm leaves)
- Mandarin oranges (for the ground)



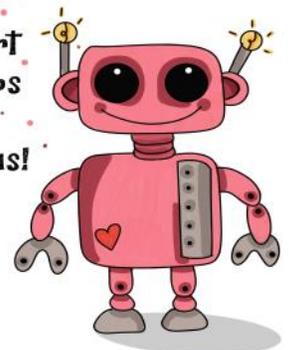
### What you do:

1. Slice bananas in half lengthwise and place vertically on a plate.
2. Arrange kiwi slices or grapes at the top to form palm fronds.
3. Add oranges at the base.
4. Serve immediately or chill until ready to serve.

### Scripture Tie-In:

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"  
—Matthew 21:9 (NIV)

My heart beeps for Jesus!



# United Women in Faith



United  
Women  
in Faith



## Successful Pasty Sale

Our spring pasty sale was extremely successful. We made and sold 2000 pasties! Profits from the sale will be divided as such: \$500 will go to church utilities, 10% to Missions, \$1,450.00 for the March FoodShare Campaign benefitting the CHUM Food Shelf and \$10,061.78 for the UWF church project fund. A huge thank you to all who worked on this immense project and to everyone who purchased pasties!

## UWF Asbury Reading Library Challenge

Congratulations! The 2025 Asbury Reading Program has now ended, and with great success! Faith Circle had the most Reading Plans submitted, but all participants are winners. Because of the wonderful participation by all, Asbury UMC submitted 10 Reading Plans to the Minnesota UWF Reading Library Program. That's over three times our average number of yearly submissions! Thank you readers!

Most rewarding were the comments from the readers. Many could not believe the depth and variety of our collection. They found books that were of interest to them. Additionally, because the program requires one to read in a variety of categories, books were selected and enjoyed that otherwise would have been passed by. Some readers commented that the books were very connected to our world events and how this gave them a greater understanding of different points of view. The most frequent comment from the readers was that because many of the outstanding books were written for children, it did not require a lot of effort to complete a program plan. Thank you again readers!

Because of its great success, the UWF Reading Challenge will go on another year. Hopefully more people will discover the wealth of our UWF Reading Library. Patty Bennett is always happy to help you get started on your fun reading journey.

Please feel free to check out the UWF Reading Library books located in the Wesley Room and complete the reading log form available there. If you have questions, please contact Patty Bennett, 218-349-5547.

## Take-Out-Only Meatball Dinner — April 21

Mark your calendar. Asbury's Take-Out-Only Meatball Dinner will be held on April 21 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. **(ADVANCE TICKET SALES PREFERRED. LIMITED TICKETS AT THE DOOR!).**

Please get your tickets from Asbury members selling tickets or call the church office at 218-624-0061.

**More information will be in the April Messenger.**

Our popular meatball dinner requires a lot of workers. We need your support and help so please consider volunteering some of your time. There will be a sign-up board in the Narthex. Dinner profits will go towards paying our 2026 MN Annual Conference Apportionments.



## Thank You — We Have Enough!

Thank you for sharing your canning jars and gallon ice cream buckets with lids. At this time we have enough. **Please save your jars and buckets for our next request after Fall Pantry.**

## 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 March 4.** Pat Anscomb will be our hostess and provide devotions.
- Love/Hope Circle meets at 1:00 pm in the Wesley Room on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME. Love/Hope Circle will meet on March 17.** Phyllis Wolden will be hostess and share devotions.
- Faith Circle meets at 1:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Wesley Room. **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME. Faith Circle will meet on March 19.** Pat Anscomb will share our devotions and be our hostess. We will review our pasty sale and discuss our April 21 Meatball Dinner.
- Knitting Klub meets at 2:00 pm in the Wesley Room on the 2nd Monday of the month. **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME. The Knitting Klub will meet on March 9.**
- Green Door Book Group meets at 9:30 am in the Wesley Room on the 3rd Monday of each month. **The Green Door Book Group will meet on March 16.**
- **Bone Builders Plus meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to 10:30 am. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.** They do not meet on holidays or if there is a special event at Asbury. Bone Builders Plus is a program to improve balance, muscle strength, bone density and increase energy. It helps to prevent falls and improve dexterity. Participants enjoy increased socialization. Call Jan at 218-626-1539 for more info.

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## Meet Our Staff



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**NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: March 23 for April 2026 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.