

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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The Reverend MaryAnne Korsch

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

NEW Office Hours
Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am to 2:30 pm
Closed each Friday
and the 1st Monday of the month.

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Messenger

Scholarship Sunday — May 3



From L to R: Todd Harrington, Renee Randa, Jeanne Rychlak, Nolan Randa, Ruth and Dale Thorpe.



From L to R: Amy Kokotovich standing in for Ale Kokotovich, Ruth Thorpe, Sam Maida, Carla Skull, Nathan Nylund, Shelly Vanneste, David Cornell and Jeff Maida

Scholarship Sunday was held on Sunday, May 3. This year we were excited to award four, \$1,000 scholarships!

Nolan Roy Randa was one of two recipients of the Robert S. & H. Aileen VanKleek Memorial Scholarship, which was presented by Ruth Thorpe, Robert & Aileen's daughter. Nolan recently finished his junior year at Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) in Milwaukee, WI. He is majoring in Electrical Engineering. He is active in Supermileage, plays in two bands — a small jazz combo and concert band. He also spends his free time tutoring other students at MSOE. Before leaving the Duluth area for college, Nolan was instrumental in helping with the live streaming of worship services. He was confirmed in 2021.

David Alonzo Cornell was the second recipient of the Robert S. & H. Aileen VanKleek Memorial Scholarship. David is a recent graduate of Esko High School, where he ran track and cross country, and was a member of the robotics team. He plans to attend Lake Superior College in the fall and work on his generals. He has attended Asbury UMC for

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Sharing the Journey

Dear Friends at Asbury,

I have never been a person tempted to get a tattoo. I'm not opposed to tattoos, and some of my very favorite people have one — or more! I understand that for some folks, it's an important way to communicate priorities or identity. It's just not something I've ever considered for myself.

A few years ago, I was introduced to the work of Wendell Berry by a good friend from high school. Wendell Berry is an American novelist, poet, environmental activist, and farmer from Kentucky. He's now in his 90s, still writing and still advocating for sustainable practices in agriculture and conservation. While commenting on the book "A River Runs Through It" by Norman Maclean (1976), Berry says this:

The relentlessness of tragedy is redeemed by the persistence of grace.

And that, my friends, hit me. Hard.

The first thing I thought was, "If I were ever to get a tattoo, that's what it would say."

No, I haven't made an appointment at a local tattoo parlor and probably won't. But I carry this quote with me, and think about it almost every day. We are surrounded by tragedy, AND we are lifted by grace.

II Corinthians 4:8-10 says this: *We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.*

God's promise to us is that "Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning." (Psalm 30:5b)

What a source of comfort. Whatever we encounter,

Weeping may linger
for the night,
but joy comes
with the morning.



wherever we are, we are held in God's loving embrace. The tragedies we face, whether individual or communal, are no match for the persistent grace of God, which encircles us on every side.

We have just celebrated the Feast of Pentecost, where the Holy Spirit sweeps through the disciples and those around them, surrounding them with the very breath of God, encouraging and supporting them — and us! — as we navigate through the joys and difficulties of every day. The power of that breath cannot be measured, and will not leave us abandoned. We may not be able to control the **relentlessness of tragedy** in our world, but we can lean on the **persistence of grace** to carry us through it.

Sharing the Journey,

Rev. MaryAnne

PS: If you'd like to hear a musical version of this verse from II Corinthians, check out the song "Trading My Sorrows" by Darrell Evans:

<https://youtu.be/W1cv1tzzgbk?si=JWMUGN1hGv16m9IO>

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 Rev. MaryAnne Korsch at 218-343-8813 or email at maryanne.korsch@gmail.com
Rev. Korsch will be in the office on Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.

Asbury News

Thank You!

Dear Asbury Members:

Thank you so much for the Carol B. Maida Scholarship. I am still attending Lake Superior College's nursing program to become an RN. — Ale Kokotovich

Dear Asbury Members and Friends:

Good news! My tumor was successfully removed. There were some cancer cells found in lymph nodes but those have also been successfully removed. I will need to go through chemotherapy to get rid of any possible lingering cells but I can totally do this! Thank you so much for all of the love and prayers and support from Asbury. It has meant so much to me and my boys.

— Stephanie Reinsch-Peterson



Our June free-will Outreach Offering collection is for the Union Gospel Mission.

Attendance . . .

May 3	74 In-church/56 views
May 10	89 In-church/131 views
May 17	72 In-church/67 views
May 24	54 In-church/ views
May 31	53 In-church/46 views



Scripture Readers . . .

June 7	Dale Thorpe
June 14	Anita Fagerstrom
June 21	Candy Kokotovich
June 28	Ruth Thorpe



Our Sunday School group from L to R: Ellie Lundgren, Everly Blazevic, Maggie Town, Bella Waters and Ben Lundgren.

Christian Education Report

May 17 brought a close to our 2025-26 Church School year with our Sunday school kids singing "Who Built the Ark?" The song ended with a question for the congregation about the ark's builder. Thankfully many responded with Noah!

The Christian Education Team was also recognized during Children's Time with a show of appreciation from the congregation and plants given to each Team member.

Of course, we could not end our year without our traditional Ice Cream Social and video! This year was a bit of a challenge when it came to working on music and lessons due in most part to the weather! We got it done and are now moving on to another important and interesting part of Jesus' teachings for next year. More information to come in the August Messenger! Another part of our weekly Sunday School class this year has been ending our class time with the Lord's Prayer and our unique blessing for each other. Hopefully, everyone will continue to include the Lord's Prayer in their daily routine.

Ruby Slennes and I are beginning work on music for next year including our Christmas program. In July or August, Donna Mickelson and I will be looking at costumes, props, and decorations for the Christmas program.

If you run out of things to talk about with your young person over the summer, ask them about the miracles we've studied — which one(s) do they remember and why. You might be surprised by their response, I know I was!

Our next Christian Ed meeting will be August 12, 2026 at 4:00 pm in the Wesley Room. We invite anyone interested in being a part of the Christian Ed. Team, or wanting to know more about us, to please join the meeting that day.

Blessings to all, Alice Brenny



- 3 Carrie Sutherland
- 8 Cherie Blazevic
- Teresa Green
- Brian Herrick
- 9 Cayden Winklesky
- 10 Phyllis Kruell
- Cindy Yewell
- 16 Debbie Houle
- 21 Emily Lundgren
- 25 Barbara Rigstad
- Lois Stromgren
- 30 Mary DeMars
- Trevor Robinson
- Erik Winklesky

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

Asbury News



Our Sunday School group sang on Scholarship Sunday. From L to R: Everly Blazevic, Bella Waters, Maggie Town, Ellie and Ben Lundgren.

the last 10 years and was confirmed in September 2025. David is always lending a hand at Asbury, whether it is helping with decorating the church, being an acolyte or running the live streaming!

Alexandra “Ale” Angelina Gracia Kokotovich was awarded a Carol B. Maida Memorial Scholarship which was presented by Carol’s daughter, Carla Skull. Ale has attended Asbury UMC since birth and became an official member when she was confirmed in June of 2021. She is finishing her first year at Lake Superior College where she is studying to be a Registered Nurse. Ale has helped with the live streaming of Asbury’s Sunday services, assisted with Sunday School, attended Youth Group and sang in the Youth Choir before joining the Adult Choir. She is active in the Trio in College Program at Lake Superior College and attends Sunday worship when her work schedule allows.

Nathan Jon Nylund was also awarded a Carol B. Maida Memorial Scholarship. Nathan has attended Asbury since birth and was confirmed in 2021. He can be found running the live streaming two Sundays a month and is always willing to help with tech issues at the church. Nathan graduated from Proctor High School at the end of May. He was active in the Special Olympics Unified Swim Team at PHS. He plans to attend Lake Superior College in the fall to work on his generals.

Congratulations to these wonderful young adults. We wish them all the best in their ongoing studies.

— Shelly Vanneste, Scholarship Chair

Worship In June

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.

June 7:

We wrap up our deep dive into the hymn “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” with a focus on forgiveness. Where in your life is forgiveness necessary?

Scripture: Matthew 18:15-22

Sermon: Teach Me

COMMUNION SUNDAY

June 14:

We’ll begin another sermon series called “Faith Mentors” by taking a look at Old Testament figures who have 21st century lessons to offer. Today we’ll talk about Noah. How can one person make a difference?

Scripture: Genesis 6:5-22

Sermon : Faith Mentor: Noah

CELEBRATE JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 21:

Faith Mentors sermon series continues as we consider the life of Abraham. We say, “I need to be in control,” but God says, “Trust me.” What was it about Abraham that caused him to trust in God?

Scripture: Genesis 15:1-6, Proverbs 3:5-6

Sermon: Faith Mentor: Abraham

PRAISE SUNDAY

June 28:

We’re probably all familiar with the story of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” but there is so much more to Joseph’s life! How can we use difficult times to grow in our faith rather than to wallow in bitterness?

Scripture: Genesis 37:12-24

Sermon: Faith Mentor: Joseph

Calendar

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 8:30 am Landscape/Garden Team, FH	3 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:30 am UWF Board Meeting, WR 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	4 8:30 am Donut prep	5 7-11:00 am DONUT SALE 9-11:00 am PLANT SALE OFFICE CLOSED Dumpster	6
7 10:00 am, Worship/ HOLY COMMUNION 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	8 2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR	9 8:30 am Landscape/Garden Team, FH	10 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	11	12 OFFICE CLOSED Dumpster Pick Up	13 Damiano Center Volunteers 8:30—10:30 am 11:00 am—1:00 pm 1:00-4:00 pm, FH OPEN HOUSE Joe & Candy K 50th Anniversary
14 10:00 am, Worship/ BIRTHDAY 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	15 9:30 am Green Door Book Group, WR	16 8:30 am Landscape/Garden Team, FH	17 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, Yoga, FH	18	19 OFFICE CLOSED 	20 Summer Solstice
Annual Conference June 16-18, St. Cloud, MN ← Rhubarb Festival Work Week →						
21 10:00 am, Worship/PRAISE 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH 	22 MESSENGER DEADLINE	23 8:30 am Landscape/Garden Team, FH 4:30 pm Ad Council, WR	24 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	25 5:00-8:00 pm Rhubarb Fest CHUM Volunteers' Meeting, FH	26 OFFICE CLOSED Dumpster Pick Up	27 9:00 am—3:00 pm RHUBARB FEST Asbury Parking Lot 9:00-10:30 am Free Breakfast, Our Savior's Lutheran
28 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	29	30 8:30 am Landscape/Garden Team, 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. 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.			

Asbury News



**50th Anniversary
Open House
June 13 from
1:00 to 4:00 pm
Asbury Fellowship Hall**



AUMC 2026 Events

June 5, 2026
DONUT SALE \$7/DOZEN
Preorders recommended.
Call 218-624-0061.
Deadline to order: **June 4**

June 27, 2026
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
RHUBARB FESTIVAL
Asbury UMC Parking Lot

August 4, 2026
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PICNIC
5:00 TO 6:30 pm
Asbury UMC lower parking lot
Join us for a great night of
visiting, eating, games and our
Special Outreach Project!

September 11-12, 2026
PASTY SALE/\$7.00 EACH
Call 218-624-0061 to order.
Deadline to order:
NOON on September 3

October 1-2, 2025
APPLE PIE SALE/\$16 EACH
Preorders recommended.
Call 218-624-0061.
Deadline to order: **September 28**

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,
Silent Auction

October 10, 2026
DONUT SALE \$7/DOZEN
Preorders recommended.
Call 218-624-0061.
Deadline to order: **October 8**

December 5, 2026
ADVENT TEA

Minnesota Annual Conference

The 172nd Session of The Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will take place June 16-18, 2026 at the River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud, with additional pre-conference opportunities on Monday, June 15. These dates reflect an adjustment from what was initially shared as a "save the date" announcement so that the annual conference session does not overlap with Juneteenth. The theme of the Annual Conference is "Created to Serve Joyfully." The scripture focus will be Philippians 4. Rev. MaryAnne and Debbie Johnson will be attending the conference this year.

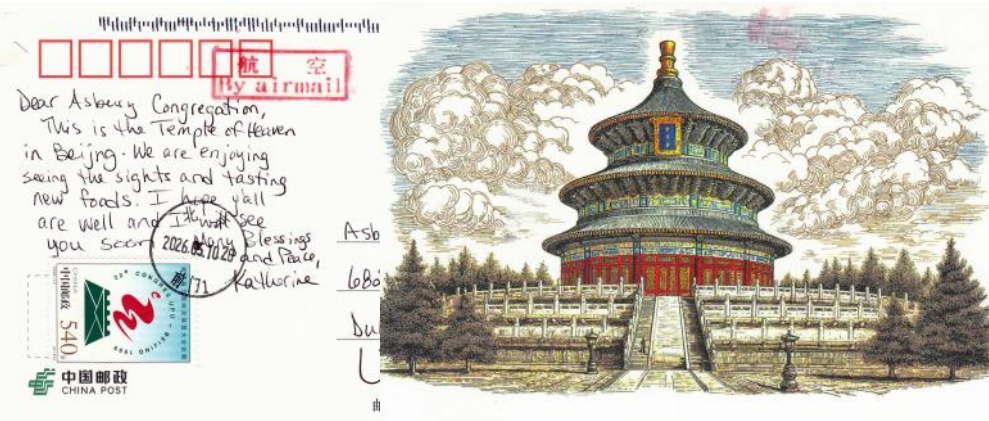


Love Offering

Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions in conjunction with our Annual Conference Session. Our Love Offering is not simply charity, but a shared ministry, a way of joining God's work in the world. Bishop Lanette Plambeck invites congregations to pray about and participate in the Love Offering. She shares, "This offering is more than a tradition. It is a tangible expression of our connectional life and our shared commitment to Christ's mission. When we give, we participate in ministry that reaches far beyond what any one congregation could do alone."

This year's Love Offering will go to:

- Midwest Mission (30%)
- Love Boldly Mental Health Ministries Grant for Minnesota Conference Churches (20%)
- Endowment for Ministerial Education (20%)
- Minnesota Conference's Emergency Response Fund (20%)
- Volunteers in Mission (VIM) Scholarships (10%)



Asbury News

Ad Council Meeting Minutes — 5-19-26

Opening

Sandy Winklesky, Ad. Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. The Council met in the Wesley Room. Interim Pastor, Reverend MaryAnne Korsch, led us in prayer.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the April 28, 2026 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 – Barb Kokotovich

Lay Leader's Report – Steve Kokotovich

Debbie Johnson and Rev. MaryAnne will be attending Annual Conference. They will bring our Love Offering.

Treasurer's Report – Pat Anscomb

The monthly summary was presented. Balance on Hand, 4/30/2026, is \$9,119.06.

As of 4/30/2026 we have paid 8.8% of our 2026 Conference Apportionments with a balance due of \$17,637.00.

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

M – Pat Anscomb, S – Barb Kokotovich

Finance Report – Larry Sampson

Larry reported that we are in the process of starting a routine internal audit.

Staff Parish Relations Committee – Barb Kokotovich

Phyllis Kruell is out for surgery. Debbie Merrick, Kim Herrig and Kathy Moland will fill in.

Trustee's Report - Terry Olson & Nancy Wagner

There was a discussion about the Mankato Youth staying in the church July 7-11.

United Women of Faith – Bev LeClair

Diaper Drive is complete. We collected 2542 diapers for YWCA, Bethany and Star of the North Maternity Home.

Donuts June 3-5.

Outreach and Missions Team – Steve Kokotovich

August 4 National Night Out. There will be a new sign going up. Rhubarb Festival June 27. Sign up to work is online. If you need help signing up see Steve Kokotovich. There will be a meeting June 25 from 5:00-8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Asbury is invited to join Norton Park UMC for highway clean up Thursday, May 21. There will be a dinner after. Meet at Norton Park at 5:00 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

4-30-26

GENERAL FUND:

Balance on Hand 3/31/26	\$ 16,469.47
Deposits	\$ 17,917.54
Total to Account for	\$ 34,387.01
Checks Written	<\$ 25,267.95>
Balance on Hand, 4/30/26	\$ 9,119.06

Unpaid Bills through 4/30/26 (includes apportionments)	<\$ 4,840.26>
Net Ending Balance at 4/30/26	\$ 4,278.80

Education Team – Sandy Winklesky

The School Board is recognizing the Laura MacArthur elementary school partnership volunteers at the Board Meeting on May 19 at 6:30 pm.

Last day of Sunday school is May 17. There will be an Ice Cream Social on the last day.

The Committee will meet in August.

Worship Team – Renee Randa

No report

Nurture/Congregational Care – Sandy Winklesky

Shelly Vanneste will have scholarship pictures and a write up to put in the Messenger.

There is a Visitation meeting May 20 to discuss planning for the 80+ luncheon to be held August 20 at 11:00 am.

Pastor's Report – Reverend MaryAnne Korsch

New members interested in joining will wait until Pastor Katherine returns.

Sunday, May 24 is Pentecost. Please wear red.

Old Business

None

New Business

Finance will set up a table for the Legacy brochures.

Closing

The next Ad. Council meeting will be on Tuesday, June 23, at 4:30 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 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Anscomb, Recording Secretary

Asbury News

CHUM Rhubarb Festival — June 27

Asbury UMC at 6822 Grand Ave will once again be hosting CHUM's beloved Rhubarb Festival. The 21st Annual Festival will be held on Saturday, June 27 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on the Asbury UMC grounds.

This family-friendly event features rhubarb pies and baked goods, a café, live music, kids' games, contests, and community fun. Admission is free, and all are welcome. **The festival is a smoke and pet free event.**

What to Expect

If you've never been to the Rhubarb Festival, you're in for a great time! Festival-goers can purchase fresh rhubarb pies, crisps, jams, muffins and scones along with rhubarb brats and burritos. The Rhubarb Café has rhubarb lemonade and coffee for sale along with a plethora of delicious treats. There will be live music, crafts, coloring, sidewalk chalk, a raffle, a pie eating contest, a rhubarb recipe contest, the Kids Zone plus the 2026 debut of several new competitions.

Rooted in Purpose

Behind the fun lies a deeper mission. The Rhubarb Festival is one of CHUM's largest fundraisers, with all proceeds supporting its emergency shelter, street outreach, food shelf, and advocacy programs. Last year's event helped raise tens of thousands of dollars — a testament to what's possible when the community comes together around a common purpose.

Volunteers Still Welcome

Many hands make rhubarb work! Whether you can serve pie, help with setup, greet guests, or take down tents, your time and energy make a difference. If you'd like to volunteer, visit www.chumduluth.org for more information. Asbury UMC also has a link to the volunteer form on its website at asburyduluth.org or call Steve Kokotovich at 218-213-0205 for more information

Where Do I Park?

We kindly ask that guests with limited mobility or special accessibility needs park at: Bethany Community Church, 6700 Grand Avenue. From Bethany, you can enter through the secondary festival entrance off of 67th Avenue W.

All other guests are encouraged to park at:



Spirit Mountain Bike Park and Trailhead, 8551 Grand Avenue. A free shuttle to the festival grounds will run regularly from the trailhead, starting at 9:30 am, and ending at 3:30 pm. The shuttle will drop passengers off at the main festival entrance off of Grand Avenue.

Thank You, Asbury

Bringing the festival to Asbury UMC is no small feat — and it couldn't happen without the support of the congregation. From opening the building for planning meetings to offering up parking space and electrical access, Asbury has gone above and beyond. We're deeply grateful to everyone who has helped make this partnership possible.

So mark your calendar, bring your appetite, and wear your best rhubarb red. Let's make this a festival to remember — together.

— Bud Trnka, CHUM volunteer and
Event Coordinator





Coppertop Welcomes You — Asbury Members and Friends In-person & Online — To Our May Gatherings

A Support Circle for Families & Friends of Loved Ones Living with Dementia

You are warmly invited to pull up a chair or pull up the link on Zoom.

At the heart of the **Table of Eight** is the encouragement, support, and respectful space to express our feelings as we share our stories of how dementia and memory loss of our loved ones affects them and us. Sharing our stories, thoughts, feelings, frustrations, and fears can help provide insight and self-healing for ourselves and one another. We are fellow travelers navigating two unknown worlds, ours and theirs. In the end, sharing our stories is the most meaningful gift we can offer — to ourselves and to each other.

Growing Your Garden of Redirection

As the earth and sun redirect sunlight in the spring to bring forth the best of nature's beauty, their lessons can apply to us as family dementia caregivers when challenging situations arise, redirecting attention toward something more comforting or engaging.

Gardens Thrive With Variety

Creativity counts. No single flower defines a garden. No single technique works every time.

Meeting Times and Dates

Thursday, June 11 10:00 – 11:30 AM
In-Person in the Fireside Room at Coppertop

Saturday, June 13 10:00—11:30 AM
Online--Join the Zoom meeting at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83915425498?pwd=sd2OpaPKBAmQ8bc55adYrjPRocnsNk.1>

Meeting ID: 839 1542 5498 -- Passcode: 747818

**Family, Friends and Relatives
from other cities and states are welcome to join.**

Kid's Corner



REMEMBERING OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

Father's Day is a time to thank our father and father-figures who work hard to keep our families safe and loved. Let us also remember God, our heavenly Father, who gives life to us all.

Use the grid to fill out the blanks below. To find the letter for each number, look down the column to the dot, and then go to the left to the letter. Write the letter on the appropriate blank.

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1 John 3:1, NIV

WORDS THAT HONOR DAD!

Create this artwork to show your love and appreciation for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.



What you need:

- A white painting canvas, foam-core board or poster board
- Letter stickers or letter stamps

What you do:

1. Using the letters, spell out words that describe your dad's character (loving, honest, godly, etc.) and/or his roles (protector, provider, mentor, etc.).
2. Arrange the words in a crossword-style design, placing them both horizontally and vertically.
3. Once you're happy with the layout, stick the words onto the canvas or board.
4. Decorate the canvas as you like, then present it as a meaningful reminder of your love and appreciation for who he is.



Answer: What great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

United Women in Faith



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Women
in Faith



UWF Diaper Drive Thank You

The May UWF diaper drive for moms and babies was very successful. We collected 2542 individual diapers which were divided and given to Star of the North Maternity Home, Bethany Crisis and the YWCA West Duluth. Thank you so much for your generosity.

— United Women in Faith

Donut Sale — June 5

Our summer donut sale (\$7.00 per dozen) will be the morning of Friday, June 5 from 7:00 to 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Order sheets are in the Narthex. **Preorders are recommended. Deadline is June 4.** Donuts may also be purchased on the day of the sale from 7:00 to 11:00 am.



Workers are needed to mix batter on Thursday, June 4 at 8:30 am. On Friday, June 5, we need help for donut rolling/cutting out, frying and bagging the donuts. We start at 6:00 am, but please come when you can.

Please consider volunteering

some time as it is a lot of fun! Please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you can help, or call Bev LeClair at 218-628-2680.

Fall Pantry Planning Ahead

Please mark your calendars for UWF's Fall Pantry from 9:00 to 11:00 am on October 10. 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 to our UWF treasurer, Lynn Tollefson.

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! We also host a Silent Auction!

Thank you all for participating in this event as it helps us do many good ministries throughout the year. We appreciate everyone's talent.



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 May 3.** Phyllis Kruell 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 not meet again until September.**
- Faith Circle meets at 1:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Wesley Room. **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.** Faith Circle's June meeting is working on the Donut Sale. We need help on Thursday, June 4 at 8:30 am to mix the batter. On Friday we start at 6 am with rolling, cutting out, frying and bagging donuts. Our doors open at 7 am to the public. Come help us for as long as you can. Order your donuts or buy them on the spot! \$7.00 per dozen! We will not meet for a regular meeting in July and will resume meetings in August.
- 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 June 8.**
- 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 June 15.**
- **Bone Builders Plus will be taking the months of June, July and August off** from regular meetings on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Members are encouraged to walk and do exercising on their own. The group will restart after Labor Day. Questions, call Jan at 218-626-1539 for more info.

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Meet Our Staff



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NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: June 22 for July 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.