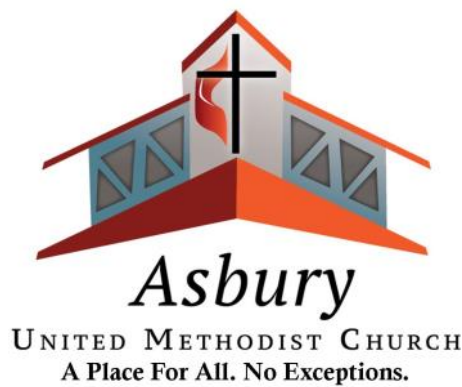




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Closed each Friday
and the 1st Monday of the month.

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Messenger

September 13



Rally Sunday is September 13, 2026. Letters and registration forms for Sunday School have been emailed to current families. Copies of the forms will be available at registration table on September 13.

Potluck and Birthday Cake

Everyone is invited to join us after worship on Rally Sunday for a family potluck in Fellowship Hall. A sign-up sheet will be on the table in the Narthex. September 13 is also Birthday Sunday. For our Sunday School kids with a summer (June-August birthday), as well as those in September, remember to bring your pennies for the birthday cake! The money raised through birthdays is sent to our sponsor child, Genesis!

The Beatitudes

The children enrolled in Sunday School for 2026-2027 will be working on the Beatitudes taught by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. The lessons learned will be shared with the congregation throughout the Sunday School year.

Christmas Program

Our Asbury Christmas program is scheduled for Sunday, December 13, 2026. If you are interested in being a part of the program either as a cast member or behind the scenes helper, please contact a member of the Christian Education Team, now.





A Penny For Your Thoughts

Spending Time

Last month I wrote about lessons I learned on Sabbatical. One of them involved taking time for tea. This practice of pausing in the day is close to practices of Sabbath and rest-taking that we know are vital to our formation and survival as people of relationship and community created by God.

Many places in the Bible remind us of God's desire that we not be creatures who labor all the time. In our Scriptures from Exodus for September, we follow the story of the Israelites' liberation from slavery in Egypt and their formation as the people of God, with commandments for rest and patterns of renewal.

I am feeling God's pull toward abundance in how we spend time each day. The challenge that accompanies this Good News of abundant time for God's purposes is to live into that abundance daily. With the coming of Fall, we pick up our normal activities that come with the changing seasons. For some, that means a rhythm of school, work, sports, or civic responsibilities. At Asbury, we have several weeks of high activity for pasties, pies, donuts, and pantry items. So the question becomes: How do we find a balance between rest and renewal amid the flurry of possibilities?

When I was welcomed into the United Methodist Church as an ordained Elder, I was asked the historical questions that John Wesley poses to every pastor. Two of these questions seem especially relevant to this challenge of time, balance and rest. The first is, "Are you determined to employ all your time in the work of God?" The second is, "Will you observe the following directions: Be diligent. Never be unemployed. Never be triflingly employed."



Never trifle away time; neither spend any more time at any one place than is strictly necessary."

John Wesley was concerned that we be intentional in the way we use our time. Not just certain hours, but all of our time can be brought into the light of God's love for God's good use.

So I invite you to step into intentionality as you enter this season of our year. May you find blessings as you decide where to spend your time. May you find joy. And may you find rest and renewal even in the midst of activity.

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 Friends and Family at Asbury,

We sincerely thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the prayers and kind wishes you have extended to our family at this difficult time. It helps so much to know God has worked through you to wrap his loving arms around us. We know your prayers are continuing for our Chris and family as he battles pancreatic cancer. Chris and family have been in turmoil but know you are praying. May God's blessings embrace each and every one of you. Our deepest love.

— Linda and Dick Warner

Letter From Our Sponsored Child

Dear Friends, the little girl is very happy to be able to send you this beautiful letter. Genesis says she would like to hug you with excitement and also thank you for the sponsorship you provide. Genesis wants to know what thing you like to do on your birthday. She asks you to keep the blessing in the girl's life, in your prayers always so that God will watch over her and guide her on the right path. She says goodbye with a huge hug. Your beautiful little girl, Genesis.

Translated verbatim by Denisse M.

Additionally, Genesis wrote about her birthday and what she likes to do. Her birthday is May 17 and she is 8 years old now. On her birthday she loves having fun and hitting a piñata. Her favorite things to do on her birthday are playing musical chairs, staying home and spending time with her sister. Genesis likes having a cake, blowing out candles and eating cake with her sister. Her prayer request for her birthday is to thank God for her birthday and ask God at church to allow her a new year of life as she hopes to keep turning more years.



Church School Partnership Team Report

Our Church School Partnership Team will meet in September to prepare for the 2026-2027 school year. We will review last year's events and look at what we can do this year. We will also have an update on necessary background checks. At this time, no update has been received regarding funding cuts to the food distribution program for this school year.

A Food Security Grant application has been submitted to the Minnesota Conference. If approved, grant funds will be used for the food distribution program if the program is continued this year.

If the food program is not continued this year, grant money would be used in part to set up an Emergency Food Shelf at Laura MacArthur Elementary School for families with children attending the school. This would be done with the approval and assistance of the school administration and staff. The Emergency Food Shelf would be run and manned by members of our Church-School Partnership Team.

Another option for use of the grant money would be to supply healthy/gluten free snacks to be distributed by the teachers.

— Alice Brenny, Church-School Partnership Team

Our September free-will Outreach Offering collection is for LifeHouse.

Attendance . . .

Aug 2	64 In-church/55 views
Aug 9	50 In-church/51 views
Aug 16	50 In-church/42 views
Aug 23	59 In-church/27 views



Scripture Readers . . .

September 6	Dave Stromgren
September 13	Ruth Thorpe
September 20	Jan Akervik
September 27	Carol Johnson



1	Donna Mickelson
5	Isadora Blazevic
	Nathan Nylund
9	Duane Palmi
	Mary Jo Plys
	Ted Plys
12	Beth Peterson
15	Shirley Brandt
17	Nancy Wagner
20	Jerry Smith
21	Ronan Miller
29	Ryder Wrazidlo
30	Jill Lepisto

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

Asbury News

Ministry Fair — September 20, 27, Oct. 4

There will be a Ministry Fair at church on Sunday, September 20, 27 and October 4. Several tables will be set up in the Narthex highlighting all of Asbury UMC's different ministries. Asbury exists to serve, grow, build, and bless the congregation, community, and the world. We would love for you to join with us on our different ministry teams!

There will be ministry members available to speak with about each ministry's activities. They will be able to answer any questions you may have. Please take a moment or two after the service to walk around and explore!

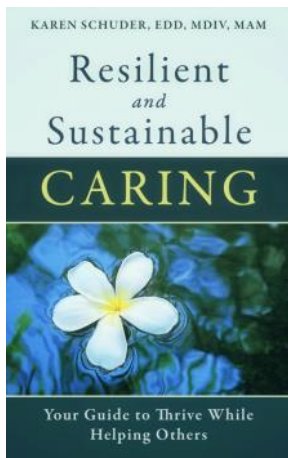
Stewardship Theme: "Caring and Sharing"

This year our Stewardship theme for October is "Caring and Sharing." In support of that theme we

will be reading Reverend Dr. Karen Schuder's book *Resilient and Sustainable Caring* for our book study in October on Thursdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in the Wesley Room. In November, we will be offering a workshop with Reverend Dr. Schuder using her book as a reference.

In preparation for these events, we have ordered 50 of the books. They will soon be available in the Narthex for a free-will donation of \$5.00 each.

If you are unable to attend the book study, we encourage you to please get a book and join in our learning time with Rev. Dr. Schuder. More info on the book study and the worship will in the October Messenger!



October Messenger Highlights . . .

- Asbury UMC's Stewardship Drive kicks off in October. Read all about it on the front page of the October Messenger!
- Special feature: "A Hot Time Sailing On the Mediterranean Sea!" by Shirley Brandt
- We welcomed 6 new members on August 23. See their photos and read their short bios!
- Our 80+ luncheon was held on August 20. We had close to 100% attendance from invited participants! This event is always a highlight of the church year.
- The National Night Out Picnic was attended by a record 117 guests/church members. Fun photos will reveal the great time had by all.

Check out these stories and much more in our October Messenger!

Worship In September

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.

September Worship Theme:

As we head into September, we continue to follow the Israelites as they are formed into God's people. We meet Moses grown up and encountering God on September 6. Then on September 13 we welcome back our Sunday School kids for Rally Sunday and talk about God's preferences for those who are oppressed. September 20 brings us to a dedication of our teachers as well as looking at God's provisions. Finally, on September 27, we are faced with our own complaints and questions about God's continued presence among us.

September 6

Scripture Passages:

Romans 13:8-14; Exodus 12:1-14

Message: "The Ultimate Labor Day"

September 13

Scripture Passages:

Matthew 18:21-35; Exodus 14:19-31

Message: "When Empire Meets the Oppressed"

September 20

Scripture Passages:

Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:2-15

Message: "Closer Than a Mother's Whisper"

September 27

Scripture Passages:

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16; Exodus 17:1-7

Message: "Is God With Us?"

Calendar

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 TEA TIME	Please join Pastor Katherine for Tea Time on MOST Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 2:00 pm.	1 8:30 am Landscape/Garden Team, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH	2 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:30 am UWF Board meeting, WR Advent Tea Meeting, WR 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	3 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 12:00 pm, PASTY ORDER DEADLINE	4 OFFICE CLOSED Dumpster Pick Up	5
6 10:00 am, Worship/ COMMUNION 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	7  OFFICE CLOSED	8 8:30 am Landscape/Garden Team, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 4:30 pm, Outreach, WR	9 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH	10 8:00 am Pasty Prep, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR	11 OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 am Pasty Prep, FH PASTY SALE Noon to 2:00 pm	12 6:30 am Pasty Prep, FH PASTY SALE 10:00 am to NOON Damiano Center Volunteers 8:30—10:30 am 11:00 am—1:00 pm
13  RALLY DAY/POTLUCK 10:00 am, Worship/ BIRTHDAY 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	14 2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR	15 8:30 am Landscape/Garden Team, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 1:00 pm, Love/Hope Circle, WR 4:30 pm Ad Council, WR	16 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, Yoga, FH 6:30 pm, Praise Team	17 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH 1:00 pm Faith Circle, WR	18 OFFICE CLOSED Dumpster Pick Up	19
20 TEACHER RECOGNITION MINISTRY FAIR 9:00 am, Praise Practice 10:00 am, Worship/PRAISE 10:15 am, Sunday School 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	21 9:30 am, Green Door Book Group, WR MESSENGER DEADLINE	22 8:30 am Landscape/Garden Team, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH	23 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH 6:30 pm, Praise Team	23 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 9:00-10:30 am Free Breakfast, Our Savior's Lutheran
27 MINISTRY FAIR 9:00 am, Asbury Singers 10:00 am, Worship 10:15 am, Sunday School 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH	28	29 8:30 am Landscape/Garden Team, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, FH	30 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH 6:30 pm, Praise Team 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. 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. The Praise Team practices each Wednesday at 6:30 pm and on Praise Sunday at 9:00 am.		

Asbury News

Ad Council Meeting Minutes — 8-18-26

Opening

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

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the June 23, 2026 Ad. Council were reviewed. Steve Kokotovitch made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

M – Steve Kokotovitch S – Pat Anscomb

Lay Leader's Report – Steve Kokotovitch

No report.

Treasurer's Report – Pat Anscomb

The monthly summary was presented. Balance on Hand, 7/31/2026, is \$30,335.17.

As of 7/31/2026 we have paid 31% of our 2026 Conference Apportionments with a balance due of \$13,317.93.

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

M – Pat Anscomb, S – Barb Kokotovitch

Finance Report – Larry Sampson

The Finance committee is working on the internal audit. The committee is also preparing for the Stewardship Campaign for this Fall.

Staff Parish Relations Committee – Barb Kokotovitch

Shirley is back from her two-week vacation. Yippee! The next meeting will be August 24 at 4:30 pm. They will be working on staff reviews and annual Conference forms.

Trustee's Report – Steve Kokotovitch for Terry Olson and Nancy Wagner
A leak in the church has been discovered and fixed.

United Women of Faith – Patty Bennett for Dawn Jones and Bev LeClair
The UWF Board met on August 5 and discussed in detail all activities for Fall. Dates and plans were set for pasties, pies, pickles and Pantry. These dates and items are found in the Messenger and the Sunday announcements. Our busy Fall time has begun in full force.
The UWF is collecting money for Companies to Classrooms.

Outreach and Missions Team – Steve Kokotovitch
The CHUM Rhubarb Festival held at Asbury this past June was a big success.
National Night Out held on August 4 was well attended with 117 people. Once again, attendees worked on a project for CHUM.
Our church now works at Damiano on the second Saturday of each month.
The next meeting is set for September 8.

Education Team – Sandy Winklesky
The committee met on Wednesday, August 12.
Sunday School registration forms have been sent out.
The Asbury Church-School Partnership Team has applied for a Minnesota Conference grant. The grant is used for feeding people.
The children will be learning about the Beatitudes this year.
Rally Sunday is September 13. There will be a potluck after the worship service.

Worship Team – Pastor Katherine
No report

Nurture/Congregational Care – Sandy Winklesky
Membership Committee – No report.
Visitation Committee – The 80 Plus Luncheon is scheduled for August 20 at 11:00 am. A meeting to finalize plans for the luncheon was held on August 12. The next meeting is set for December 16.

TREASURER'S REPORT: 7-31-26

GENERAL FUND:

Balance on Hand 6/30/26	\$ 5,908.63
Deposits	\$ 37,321.57
Total to Account for	\$ 43,230.20
Checks Written	<\$ 12,895.03>
Balance on Hand, 7/31/26	\$ 30,335.17

Unpaid Bills through 7/31/26 (includes apportionments)	<\$ 6,003.63>
Net Ending Balance at 7/31/26	\$ 24,331.54

Scholarship Committee – No report.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Katherine

Pastor Katherine said it felt good to be back. Her leave affirmed the value of taking time for reflection and building relationships. There will be a book study this Fall using the book, *Resilient and Sustainable Caring* by Rev. Dr. Karen Schuder.

On September 20, September 27 and October 4 there will be a Ministry Fair at Asbury. People can learn more about opportunities for involvement in church programs and committees.

There will be new members joining the church this coming Sunday. Charge Conference will once again be a Cluster Charge Conference with other area Methodist Churches. Our Ministry Report should be submitted at this time.

Our church will be writing an inclement weather policy.

The date for the United Way babysitting clinic has been reset. Pastor Katherine made a motion that the new date will be November 14. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

M—Pastor Katherine, S—Steve Kokotovitch.

Old Business

Larry Sampson has been working on plans to take down the 8 dead emerald ash trees in front of the church. He has found Jeremy Fonseca of Deep Roots Tree Care who will take down the trees and remove them for \$900. Pending approval from the Trustees, Larry Sampson made a motion to hire Jeremy Fonseca to take down the trees for \$900. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. **M—Larry Sampson, S—Barb Kokotovitch**
Patty Bennett made a motion to allow the Western Duluth Alzheimer caregiver support group to meet at Asbury on the second Wednesday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. This would start this coming October. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

M—Patty Bennett, S—Pat Anscomb

New Business

Larry Sampson made a motion to get rid of some very old hearing devices that the church no longer uses. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

M – Larry Sampson, S – Steve Kokotovitch

Steve Kokotovitch presented the \$25,000 Ron Brosdal Maintenance Endowment Fund. He made a motion to set up the Ron Brosdal Endowment Fund with the Minnesota United Methodist Foundation. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

M – Steve Kokotovitch, S – Larry Sampson

Closing

The next Ad. Council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 15, at 4:30 pm. Steve Kokotovitch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

M – Steve Kokotovitch, S – Barb Kokotovitch

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Bennett, Recording Secretary

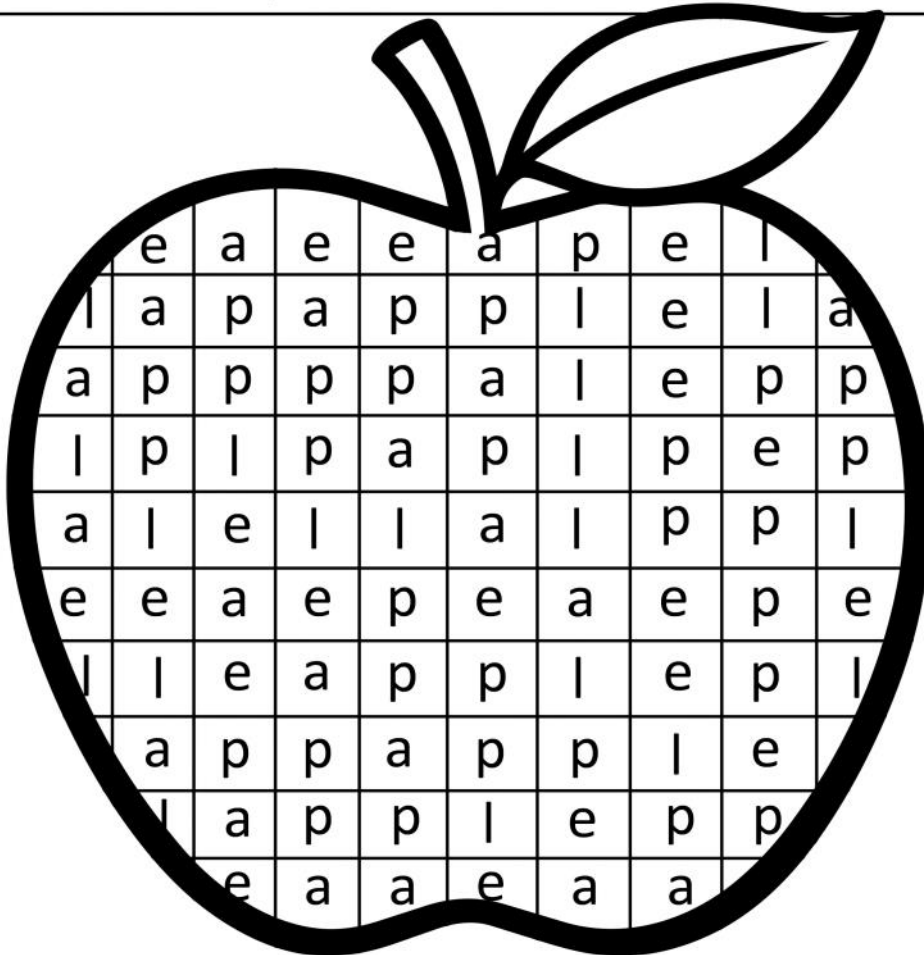
Kid's Corner



Apple of Your Eye

“Apple of your eye” means something very special that you protect. As school starts again, remember what God says in Proverbs 7:2 (NIV): “Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye.”

*Can you find the word “apple” 12 times in the puzzle?
Look up, down, across, and even backward!*



A sweet reminder that God is always growing something new, no matter the season. As summer winds down and a new school year begins, remember He is at work in your life, helping you grow in faith, kindness and courage. With His help, you can grow in wisdom, build friendships and shine His love wherever you go.

What you need:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving) box chocolate instant pudding mix
- 1 (8 oz.) tub whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) clear plastic cups
- Gummy worms or frogs (optional)

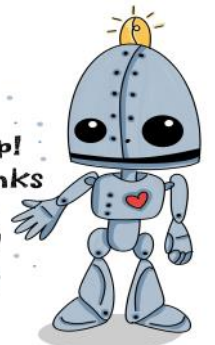


What you do:

1. In a large bowl, whisk together milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes until thickened.
2. Gently fold in the whipped topping.
3. Add a layer of crushed cookies to the bottom of each cup.
4. Spoon pudding mixture on top, filling the cups about $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
5. Sprinkle more crushed cookies on top to look like “dirt.”
6. Add gummy worms or frogs for fun.
7. Chill until ready to serve, or enjoy right away.

*See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not
perceive it? — Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)*

**Beep boop!
Jesus thinks
you're
awesome!**





Fall Pantry — October 10 — New Hours — Add-On Sale

UWF's Fall Pantry will be held on October 10 from **9:00 am to 12:00 pm**. 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. We also need baskets for the Silent Auction. If you would like to donate a Silent Auction basket, you can bring it to the church October 2-3. We will be promoting these items for a week before the Fall Pantry.**

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 9 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 packs of 6 or 12.

We will make our scrumptious apple pies on September 30 and October 1-2 starting at 7:45 am. There will be a sign-up sheet for help and an order form on the table at the back of the church. Pies are \$16.00 each.

Donut making for our delicious donuts is October 9-10. We start at 8:30 am on October 9 to make the dough. On October 10 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 will be on the back table in the Narthex.

There will also be 300 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!

Book Plus and "Mini" Rummage Sale

The UWF like to shake things up so there will be an add-on to the Fall Pantry this year: A Book Plus AND "Mini" Rummage Sale to be held

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 September 2.** Jan Akervik will share devotions and be our hostess.
- 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 September 15.** A busy Fall season will be discussed.
- 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 at 1 pm on Thursday, September 17, in the Wesley Room.** Cindy Yewell will share devotions and be our hostess. We will discuss our pasty sale and continue our preparations for apple pies, donuts, and the Fall Pantry on October 10.
- 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 September 14.**
- Green Door Book Group meets at 9:30 am in the Wesley Room on the 3rd Monday of each month. **The Green Door Book Group will meet on September 21.**
- **Bone Builders Plus will resume its Tuesday and Thursday sessions from 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.** Our first meeting will be September 1 and each Thursday and Tuesday following. If the schedule changes the group will be notified by email. On Thursday, September 10, we will meet in the Wesley Room due to the pasty work schedule. Call Jan at 218-626-1539 for more info.

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Pasty Sale — September 11-12

It's time for pasties again! September 8-12 will be pasty making time. Sale days are the 11th and 12th. Your help is needed for this huge project.

We peel veggies and make dough on Thursday, September 10. On September 11 and 12 the crew will roll out crusts, fill crusts, crimp, bake, cook and package.

We also need a clean-up team—not hard but necessary! Please see schedule below for times to help!

There is a sign in the Narthex to sign-up plus an order form on the table where you can place your order for pasties. Be sure to order your pasties early by the deadline. Pasties are \$7.00 each/gravy \$1.00 each.

**ORDER DEADLINE is by
NOON on September 3.**

Pick Up Times:

Friday, September 11 from NOON to 2:00 pm

Saturday, September 12 from 10:00 to NOON

**All pasty orders need to be picked up by
NOON on September 12.**

Pasty Sale Work Schedule

Thursday, September 10

8:00 am Mix crust. This is not hard and we will teach you.

Men and women peel veggies.

8:30 am Rollers roll out crusts.

Friday, September 11

6:00 am — 2:00 pm

Preparation and baking of pasties.

10:00 am Four people are needed for clean up,
six volunteers would be great!

Saturday, September 12

6:30 am — NOON

Pasty baking—come and learn
how to bake pasties.

10:00 am Six people needed for clean up,
8 or more would be terrific!

**COME WHEN YOU CAN AND STAY
FOR AS LONG AS YOU CAN!**

UWF Reading Library Challenge

Hello Asbury Circle members, I would like to once again offer the friendly challenge of completing a UWF Reading Library program plan for 2026. The challenge is to see which Circle could have the most completed program plans. And remember, other readers in the church can participate too. I welcome you to read, complete the program plan form and designate which Circle (Faith or Love/Hope) you wish to help. You have until January 2027 to complete the plan.

I have a suggestion that may boost your book reading numbers. Many of the books are short and written for children, but they each have a message of how God's love is at work in our lives. Perhaps it is your turn to read the devotional at a Circle meeting. Select a short children's book from the library and read it for your devotion. Everyone at the Circle meeting can get credit for reading that book!

Just remember that when you select your book, keep in mind that there are different reading categories to complete. The reading categories are clearly labeled in our reading library, which is located in the Wesley Room.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to ask me, Patty Bennett, 218-349-5547, and I will be happy to assist you.

Fall Pantry from page 8 . . .

upstairs in the Green Room and the Narthex while the Fall Pantry with all its usual sale items of fresh donuts, pies, pasties, pickles, jams, cookies, breads, crafts and Silent Auction items will be in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

The sale upstairs will include books, puzzles, DVDs (no VHS please), CDs, games plus a "mini" rummage sale which will focus on seasonal décor items (fall, Halloween, Christmas), good, used household items, small but still working appliances such as irons, toasters, food processors, bakeware, gently used towels, rugs and placemats. Please call Cathy Sampson, 218-349-5307, for other ideas of what to donate to the "mini" rummage sale.

Books, puzzles, DVDs, CDs, and games can be dropped off anytime in the Green Room. Please have them contained in a box or bag. Sort through your holiday decorations to see what you might want to donate. Drop-off times for "mini" rummage items will be posted in the October Messenger and upcoming announcements.

Proceeds from the Book Plus and "Mini" Rummage Sale will be combined with Fall Pantry sales and used to support organizations in our community.

Asbury United Methodist
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Return service requested

Meet Our Staff



Reverend 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
Trustees: Nancy Wagner, Terry Olson
UWF President..... Bev LeClair, Dawn Jones
SPRC Chair Barb Kokotovich
Worship Chair Renee Randa
Christian Ed.: Alice Brenny/Sandy Winklesky
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NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: September 21 for October 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.