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# ***Action at Asbury***



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## **Pastor's Ponderings**

October may very well be my favorite month of the year.

I enjoy watching the leaves change from summer green to the red and yellow and golden hues of autumn.

I enjoy the crisp air at night while still basking in the warmth of these Fall days.

I enjoy the honking of geese migrating in their grand "V" patterns and the sight of blackbirds flocking by the thousands.

I enjoy the crunch of leaves underfoot as I walk the Ice Age Trail and Farmers' Markets full of harvest produce.

And I enjoy the taste and the smell of pumpkin spice in so many seasonal dishes.

Even when indoors, I enjoy this time of year with football games being played and championship baseball being decided.

While the days are getting a bit shorter, there is still enough daylight to keep our spirits bright. The third chapter of the book of Ecclesiastes begins with the well-known words, "There is a time for everything, and a season for everything under heaven." When I watch God at work in nature this time of year, I give thanks for all that God provides in the beauty of the changing seasons. Blessings, to me, seem so very evident during this colorful month. I guess it's all part of God's grand plan for the sustaining of life. Crops have matured and the harvest is ready. Farmers work the fields late into the night to reap the harvest which God has grown. Now is the season to enjoy the benefits of God's abundant gifts meant to feed this wonderful world.

I hope you, too, see God at work in our natural world, not just in this season, but in all seasons, which together, comprise the cycle of life for everything under heaven.

I do hope that as you gather what remains in your autumn garden or when you are driving down a rural road and see corn being picked or when you are filling your basket at a local market, you will take a moment and thank God for feeding this world year after year after year. . .

"God saw all that God had made, and it was very good!" – Genesis 1: 31a

Blessings to All and See You on Sunday!

Pastor Will





## October Worship Schedule and Themes

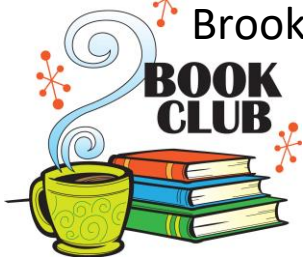
- October 2     Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost     10am Worship with Holy Communion**  
Scripture: John 14: 1-14 & Matthew 28: 16-20  
Sermon: "Finding Jesus in the Canyon"  
This is the final sermon stemming from Pastor Will's recent trip to the Grand Canyon. We will explore the presence of Jesus in remote places of the world.
- October 9     Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Scripture: Luke 17: 11-19 & Psalm 66: 1-12  
Sermon: "And Then There Was One"  
Only one of ten healed lepers returned to thank Jesus for the blessings of health. Is gratitude something we bring to Jesus daily or do we get sidetracked by the busyness of life? Thankfulness is a form of praise.
- October 16     Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Scripture: 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5 & Jeremiah 31: 31-34  
Sermon: "Why Church Still Matters"  
Paul instructs Timothy to "Preach the word...correct, rebuke, and encourage..." The message of love is foundational to the church and is needed to be preached today as much as ever. God has made a covenant commitment to us. We need to be constantly reminded of our commitment to God.
- October 23     Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Scripture: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 & Luke 18: 9-14  
Sermon: "Keeping the Faith"  
Paul reflects on his long life of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Gentile world and prepares himself for the great reward - the Crown of Righteousness granted by Christ himself. We too, will share in that reward by keeping the faith. How are we doing at keeping the faith?
- October 30     Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost     Praise Band Sunday**  
Scripture: Luke 19: 1-10 & 2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12  
Sermon: "Saving the Lost"  
Tax collectors of the first century were mistrusted by most and were known for their dishonesty. Yet Jesus celebrates the life of tax collector, Zacchaeus. Discover the depth of Christ's love and forgiveness in the well-known story.



### Faith IN Stitches

**Faith IN Stitches** will be sewing pillowcases for our first project on Oct. 6 from 3:30 -7:30. We will put folks to work cutting, sewing and ironing pillowcases that will be donated to project 16:49. Machines will be available if you do not have one. We have a list of ideas from our first meeting and are excited to get started. This group will meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Participants can come and go as they wish. Those who stay the entire time can bring their own supper snack. We hope to encourage our youth to join us and learn the art and joy of sewing.

### Reading by the Brook



Asbury Book Club is reading our October book “In Pieces” by Sally Field. *Academy Award winning actress Sally Field tells her story about a challenging and lonely childhood, the career that helped her find her voice, and her journey as an actress, daughter, and a mother. She has captivated the nation for more than five decades beginning with her first TV role at the age of seventeen.*

Interested readers are welcome to join us. For more information contact Kathy Dahlke at (608-295-7623) [rkdahlke@yahoo.com](mailto:rkdahlke@yahoo.com)

### Agrace Seeks Volunteers in Rock County

Volunteers are needed to assist customers, operate the cash register and sort donations at the Agrace Thrift Store in Janesville, or make companionship visits to local Agrace hospice patients.

Agrace will host volunteer orientation **Tuesday, October 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at its Janesville office. Pre-registration is required. Call (608) 327-7163 or visit [agrace.org/volunteer](http://agrace.org/volunteer) to fill out an application.

### Agrace Offers Virtual Grief Support in October

This October, Agrace is offering one-on-one grief support and a professionally led, virtual grief support group:

- **One-on-one grief support** is available by phone or video chat. This support is open to *anyone*, even if the person who died did not have hospice care. Available by appointment only.
- **Bridges** is for adults grieving the death of any loved one. This October, virtual meetings are October 12 and 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Pre-registration is required.

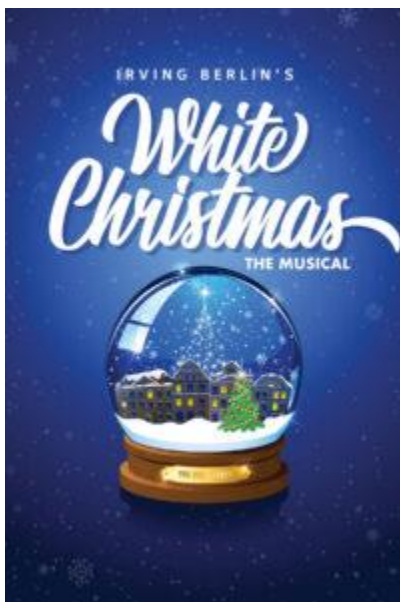
There is no fee for people whose family member was in hospice care in the past 12 months; fees for others can be lowered or waived, if needed. Call (608) 327-7118 with questions, to register or make an appointment.



The Asbury Church Family would like to honor the memory of long-time bookkeeper, Dennis Hanks, and acknowledge his generous gift of \$120,697.31 given to the church through his will. Denny put no restrictions on these funds. Thank you, Denny, for your generosity.



Memory Café will meet on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.  
The topic is Tea Party.



Please turn in your checks by October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in the amount of \$ 77.25, you may make the check out to Asbury UMC and in the memo line write Fireside or White Christmas, please.

Tickets can still be ordered until October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.



Thank you for your monetary contribution for our September support of UMC Global Missionary, Trobby Kandala. **Our focus in October is United Methodist Children's Services.**

**Ministry Name:** United Methodist Children's Services

**Ministry Location:** 3940 West Lisbon Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53208

**Ministry Contact:** Tina Itson or Tara Monnink

**Phone:** (414) 344-1818

**Emails:** [tina.itson@umcs-wi.org](mailto:tina.itson@umcs-wi.org) or [tara.monnink@umcs-wi.org](mailto:tara.monnink@umcs-wi.org).

**Ministry Start Date:** 1962

**Ministry Purpose:** To address the interconnected nature of poverty through reducing barriers to basic needs in 4 focus areas: Housing, Growing Tree Children's Center, Family Resource Center, and Community engagement.

**Ministry Mission Statement:** Based on our fundamental belief in God's love, United Methodists Children's Services of WI Inc values the dignity, potential and worth of each individual, and creates a nurturing environment and sense of community in which miracles happen. We understand the interconnected nature of poverty and use a multi-faced approach to address the struggles families face. UMC reduces barriers and to basic needs so that families can focus on developing roots in the community, building capacity, and meeting their individualized goals. Through housing, childcare, resources, and community engagement, we act as a steppingstone for families on their way to stability.

**Ministry Needs:** Volunteers, Monetary Donations, Personal Items Needs, and Canned and Packaged Food Needs Donations. Collecting and donating items that are needed the most by those we serve. Our Amazon Wish List is also available online at our website [www.umcs-wi.org](http://www.umcs-wi.org) or search for 'UMCS' at amazon.com. Gift cards \$10-\$25 store gift cards: Pick n save, Walmart, Walgreens \$25 gift cards for Christmas: Walmart, Walgreens, Target.

We welcome your ideas and invite you to join our RTC meeting on October 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peace room. Contact Kathy Dahlke at (608-295-7623) or [rkdahlke@yahoo.com](mailto:rkdahlke@yahoo.com) with your ideas, suggestions, or questions.







## LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP NEEDS APPRECIATED

Kid's tennis shoes sizes, 2- 3-4. They also need new underwear for girls and boys. Any help would greatly be appreciated.



## TRUSTEE UPDATE



The painting of rooms and installation of new flooring and carpeting on the first floor at the parsonage has been completed. The parking lot project also was able to be finished during September. A few additional outside projects will be done yet this fall time and weather permitting. It includes parsonage outside window washing, parsonage pressure washing of house siding, as well as preparing and painting of the backyard deck area of the house.

We say good-bye to the old parking lot and hello to a nice fresh new parking lot.



Hi everyone,



My name is Grace. I have been staying at Robin House for just over a year, and I am looking forward to moving into my own apartment later this year. While at Robin House I have been able to take care of my mental health, have a stable environment, start a job, save money, and work towards the future I want. Right now, I work in housekeeping at a nice hotel in Beloit, and I really enjoy it. I like doing independent work and the satisfaction of cleaning and refreshing a space. I really enjoy spending time with the other girls at Robin House, reading, writing, doing yoga and meditation, gardening and spending time in nature. I am excited for my birthday - coming up in September- and look forward to getting a car soon, having my own apartment, and setting up my own personal library! Did I mention I love to read? Robin House has provided a healthy and safe environment where I have been able to work through a lot of my past, grow as a person, build positive relationships and extend my chosen family. I am grateful for the experiences and opportunities. I know my future is bright and that I will always have the love and support that I need!

#### Grace's Wish List

Alarm Clock  
First Aid Kit  
Pots/Pans Set  
Silverware  
Knife Set  
Cooking Utensils  
Can Opener  
Pizza Cutter  
Measuring Cups and Spoons  
Oven Mitts  
Dish Towels  
Tupperware  
Ziploc Bags/Tin Foil/Saran Wrap  
Kitchen Garbage Can  
Dish Drying Rack  
Laundry Basket  
Vacuum  
Broom & dustpan



(Staff note: Grace has talked about liking light blues and greens for kitchen items. Or black & white.)

# Harvest Dinner



Saturday, October, 29th  
3:30 PM to 6 PM



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Carry Outs Available

Ham or Turkey  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Squash  
Salad  
Green Beans  
Rolls

Age 12 to Adult  
\$ 13.00

Age 11 and under  
\$ 8.00

Homemade Pie  
Beverage  
Cranberries







## October 2022 ECHO

*COVID-19 Style Fundraiser to support ECHO, fighting to end hunger in Janesville with handmade soups from local restaurants.*

### **Details:**

Soups will be pre-sold in quart freezer safe containers. Orders will be taken starting 10/1/22 until sold out. **\*\*Types of soups are posted on our wall in the Narthex or you may find them on ECHO website.\*\***

### **Pricing:**

Soup: \$10 per quart

Handcrafted Soda from Gray Brewing: \$5, 4 pack or \$25, case (6, 4 packs in a case)

Truffles from the Sugar Exchange: \$8, 6 pack of mixed truffles

Caramel Apple from the Sugar Exchange: \$5 per apple

Fresh Baked Bread from Italian House: \$5 per loaf

Pickup will be done as a drive thru at YMCA of Northern Rock County's back parking lot off of Court Street on October 22 from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

## *Good Samaritan Fund*



Our job as good neighbors is to be there for one another and to work together to make sure all of God's children are treated with love. We at Asbury UMC have a great opportunity to be a Good Samaritan to our neighbors. Simply purchase a \$20.00 Kwik Trip Fuel gift card and present it to Pastor Will. By having a "stash" of these gift cards available, he will be equipped to reach out to folks in need who come to him for help. Together we can follow the example of the Good Samaritan and heed Jesus' words: "Go and do likewise."

3 Nonie Reed  
4 Bob Banner  
4 Elnoe Campbell  
7 Cheryl Woods



10 LaVita Fanta  
11 Steve Bundy  
20 Jill Plach  
25 Kari Campbell  
26 Denise Thomas

1 Barb & Bill Doubleday  
6 Kathy & Russ Dahlke  
12 Jill & Rick Plach



15 Theresa & John Luepnitz  
21 Arlette & Cliff Walker  
24 Jerriann & Larry Burns  
25 Ruth & Herb Polzin

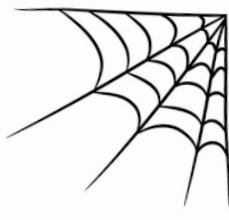


## Continuing Care List

Darlene and Richard Coulthard, LaVita Fanta, Robert Geisler, Carol and Don Isbell, Diana Jewson, Shirley Nelson, Hjordis Olson, Lucille Osborne, Virginia Scarborough, Ione Watson,.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9 AM Sunday School 10 am Worship Service & Communion	3 5:30 pm ReThink Church	4	5 Stitching Group @ 10 AM	6 Faith In Stitches 3:30 – 7:30 PM	7	8 Jazz Band Practice @ 9 AM Praise Band Practice @ 10 AM
9 9 AM Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	10 Bible Study @ Peggy's @ 5:30 PM	11 Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 AM @ Eagle Inn	12 Women's Covent Guild @ 8 AM @ Eagle Inn Stitching Group @ 10 AM	13	14	15
16 9 AM Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	17 Bible Study @ Peggy's @ 5:30 PM	18 Book Club @ 6:30 PM	19 Stitching Group @ 10 AM	20 Faith In Stitches 3:30 - 7:30 PM	21	22 Jazz Band Practice @ 9 AM Praise Band Practice @ 10 AM
23 9 AM Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	24 Bible Study @ Peggy's @ 5:30 PM	25	26 Stitching Group @ 10 AM Memory Café @ 10 AM	27	28	29 Harvest Dinner @ 3:30 – 6 PM
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Newsletter articles are submitted to Amy Powell at [asburyumc@charter.net](mailto:asburyumc@charter.net)





October  
Be present.  
Let the day flow with grace.  
Expect nothing. Give thanks.  
Surrender. Be open.  
Speak only kindness.  
Impart only love.  
Never forget you're not alone.  
Give so you may receive.  
See goodness in others. mary davis



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