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Action at Asbury



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Pastor's Pondering

Why do some churches grow, and others fail? Why do many just remain stagnant?

A while back, I gathered with several pastors who had the same questions. Here is what we learned.

It's about God! Miracles of the Spirit happen in churches. The congregations pray about specific things and believe that God is going to do something BIG in the church. Remember what Christ said about "asking, seeking, and knocking." The focus must always be on Jesus Christ.

It's about Simplicity! Don't try to do everything, but what you do choose to do, do really well. Strive for excellence. Don't be afraid to say no if doing too much will bring mediocracy.

It's about Context! The church must be rooted in its community. Know the community well and be fully invested in it.

It's about Invitation! Invite people to church. Be evangelical, willing to share Christ. Reach out to people. Show how much the people who make up the church really care.

It's about Discipleship! Do the hard work of church building. Never take your foot off the gas. Work, evaluate, re-tool, and get back to work. Stay devoted to the task.

It's about Generosity! Giving really matters. Don't be afraid to talk about finances and money. Teach tithing. Make sure that people understand that giving is a BIG part of discipleship. Methodist founder, John Wesley preached, "Earn all you can. Save all you can. And give all you can." Sharing is caring!

It's about Teamwork! Need highly devoted and effective leadership – and not just the pastor. Teach and exemplify volunteerism. Everyone needs to be rowing the boat in the same direction.

It's about Credibility! Be willing to speak openly and honestly with folks who are unchurched or have been burned by the church. Talk tenderly with skeptics. Never forget the times when God seemed far away in your life.

It's about Boldness! Make big "bets" and take bold moves. Take risks and be willing to fail. Be willing to be vulnerable even as Christ was vulnerable all the way to the cross!

Well, there you have it. Think about your Asbury Church Family and your Personal Faith. Great things can happen when we move forward with hearts on fire for Jesus Christ and his Church!

Pastor Will

*Have
Faith
in
GOD*

June Worship Schedule and Themes

June 2 Second Sunday after Pentecost 10 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 & 2 Corinthians 4: 5-12

Sermon: "Are You Listening?"

The young Samuel is called by God four times in one evening. With the help of Eli, he answers God's call. How might God be calling you? Are you willing to answer?

June 9 Third Sunday after Pentecost 10 a.m. Worship

Peggy Eggen will lead worship.

June 16 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10 a.m. Worship

Scripture: Mark 4: 26-34 & 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17

Sermon: "What the Kingdom of God is Like"

One of the most powerful themes in Jesus' teaching ministry is the theme of establishing the Kingdom of God. What was Jesus' vision for the Kingdom? Is his vision, our vision today? And why might his vision be important 2000 years after Christ?

June 23 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 10 a.m. Worship

Scripture: Mark 4: 35-41 & 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

Sermon: "Even the Wind and Waves Obey"

The story of Jesus calming the storm represents the power of God through the faith which Jesus had. He is Lord over all of creation and is one with his heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit. What lesson might we find in the faith of Jesus?

June 30 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 10 a.m. Worship

Scripture: Mark 5: 21-43 & 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15

Sermon: "Don't Be Afraid; Just Believe"

Our two stories of Jesus healing others witness to the power of belief. Belief can change lives by harnessing the power of the Holy Spirit. What might we do to strengthen our ability to believe?



From June through August (Memorial Day – Labor Day)

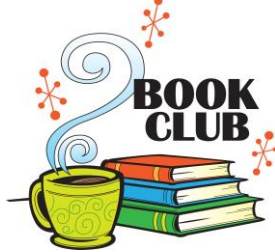
- ➔ We will not have **Sunday School**. We will start up again on Sunday, September 9th, 2024.
- ➔ We will not have **Bible Study** this summer. We will start up again in September 2024.
- ➔ **Stitching group** will meet the 1st & 3rd Wednesday from 9-10:30 a.m. during the summer.
- ➔ **Asbury Book Club** is off until their summer picnic.

June 26th at 10 – 11 AM Memory Café will be held here at Asbury.
The topic for this meeting will be:

BINGO



Reading by the Brook



The book club is on vacation until it is time for their summer picnic. So, please watch for that information in the coming newsletters.

Thank you. 😊

Do you have any old pictures of the church or our wonderful congregation here at Asbury? You can submit photos or historical documents to the Asbury History Team:

Connie Nelson, Kathy Dahlke, Jan Diers, and Deb North

Or they can email them to:

asburyumchistory@gmail.com

We Thank you in advance.

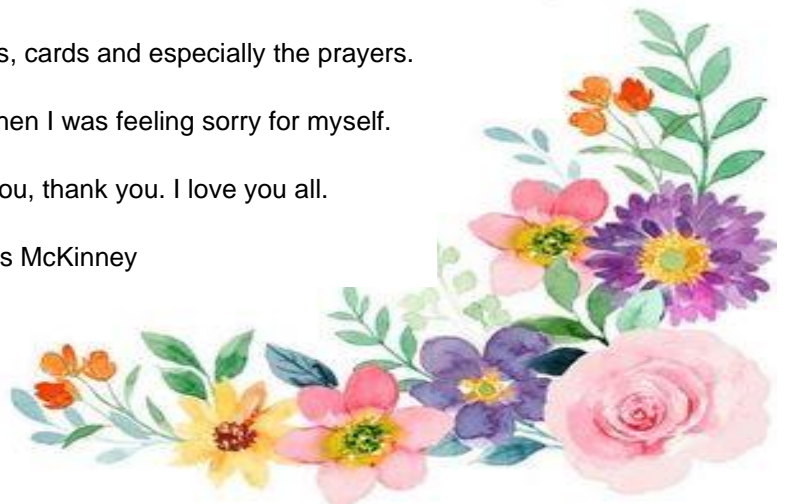


A sincere thank you to my wonderful Asbury family
for all the texts, phone calls, cards and especially the prayers.

They raised my spirits when I was feeling sorry for myself.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. I love you all.

Lois McKinney





CHURCH PICNIC!!!

COOKOUT, *OUTDOOR GAMES,*

And

OUTDOOR SERVICE

Tentative date: Sunday, July 14th is the day to stay after church.

Bring your lawn chairs, picnic blankets, and cups to keep your drinks cold. Grab yourself a plate and fill it with all the yummy items!

Volunteers needed:

Grilling
Set-up and clean-up

Sign-up sheet will be posted for items we will need for this picnic to happen.



Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day, is a holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States since June 19, 1865. For African Americans and others, this is a day of remembrance, reflection, and celebration. The holiday is a time to honor the legacy of slavery and the struggle for freedom. On June 19, Northcott expects 50,000 participants and over 400 vendors for the 53 Juneteenth celebration in Milwaukee which serves as a platform for unity, reflection, and the ongoing pursuit of equality and justice. It is a time for people of all backgrounds to come together, celebrate freedom, and reaffirm their commitment to building a more inclusive and equitable society.



Thank you for all of your support on our May Ministry Matters-Good Samaritan.
We will be highlighting Northcott Neighborhood House during June.



Ministry Name: Northcott Neighborhood House

Ministry Location: 2460 N. 6th Street, Milwaukee, WI, 53212

Ministry Phone: (414) 372-3770



Ministry Mission information:

Northcott Neighborhood House, named after Bishop Northcott, is a faith based, nonprofit organization founded by three United Methodist Women 64 years ago. They saw a need and worked to create this community cornerstone for Milwaukee which has served thousands.

Mr. Tony Kearney, the Executive director's goal is to create educational training to help people out of poverty. Northcott Neighborhood House is one of the National Mission Institutes of United Women In Faith.

The goals are to care for children, educate and develop youth, create economic opportunities, transform neighborhoods, and provide housing. He states," teach them to fish so they can teach others".

Programs include:

- Milwaukee Builds Construction Training (Build with Love). Rehab is done on homes built prior to 1978 that contain asbestos.
 - An Arbor Program has certification and college credits.
 - They also have a Landscape Design Program.
- All programs offer opportunities for lifelong skills for people in poverty. 80% of persons coming through their programs are former felons who succeed in transitioning back into the community because they can receive training to reenter the workforce. Students leave these programs with skills and knowledge to assure they are sought after employees. Employers work with Northcott and are committed to these projects.
- Northcott Neighborhood House Emergency Food Pantry & Stockbox Programs believe that every person has a right to adequate food, obtained with dignity. Vegetables are raised at NNH in their own hydroponics planters.

Your contributions help Northcott Neighborhood House deliver job trainings, keep the food pantry stocked, and lift the spirit of the whole community. Your support will allow us to help more local Milwaukee families in need.

Recycle Socks and Raise Funds for Northcott Neighborhood House

A company called Gildan, makers of GOLDTOE® socks has begun a sock recycling initiative with TerraCycle. Clean, used socks of any brand; socks with holes, single socks etc. can be recycled. Every shipment of socks sent in earns reward points based on weight. Each pound of socks earns 100 TerraCycle reward points.

In six months of collecting socks, the Milton United Women in Faith have donated points to Northcott worth \$100. **Bring socks** to Asbury and Pat will forward them to the Milton UMF. They will be sent in to earn points for Northcott Neighborhood House.



In May, the church office transitioned Julie Polzin into the Bookkeeper position. If you have any concerns or issues on bookkeeping items, you may email: bookkeeper@asburyumc.com or call and ask for Julie.
Welcome back to the office Julie.

Men's Breakfast

Is still on the second Tuesday of each month but is now held in our Fellowship Hall.
Seems to be making a great transition.

Annual Conference In-Gathering

The Asbury Faith In Stitches donated quilts and a sewing machine to the Midwest Mission.



*We raised \$1,460.00 in this year's CROP Walk!
Thank you to the participants and those who donated!*

As of April 29, the total collected for the Janesville Area CROP Hunger Walk was
\$34,982.78.





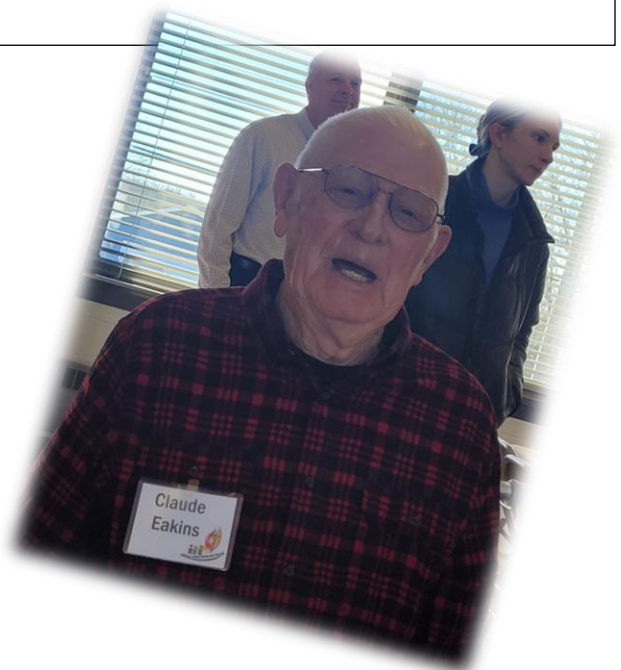
Claude Eakins

In 1958 Claude and Fay transferred from Cargill as charter members of the new church, Asbury Methodist.

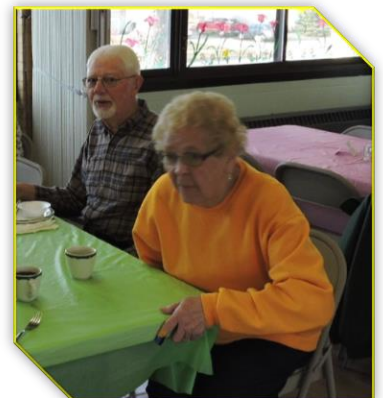
When asked what he liked doing while attending church his response was, "I liked ushering at church. Later vacuuming the sanctuary as a way to give back. My wife, Fay, and our family all enjoyed the potluck dinners!"

Claude told Deb, his daughter, how he loved helping at the Harvest dinners. Deb mentioned how she thought this might be the first time he ever did dishes and wore an apron! (Picture below)

Deb was kind enough to send in a few photos. One is of Claude and Fay, that she believes was taken as a church photo.



Claude & Fay
Church celebrated Fay's 90th birthday.



2015 Pancake Breakfast
& Egg Hunt.

Baptism and Confirmation

Marceline Glass & Gwendolyn Thompson were
baptized on April 21, 2024.



Abbi Christman & Violet Rosburg
were confirmed on May 5, 2024.

Asbury UMC Continuing Care Team Needs Volunteers

The loneliness epidemic in the United States: How do we at Asbury UMC address this issue?

By cultivating a culture of connection! Social connections matter for our health and happiness. Asbury UMC has had a "care team" making home visits, phone calls and sending cards to those members who are shut ins. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, home visits were discontinued for safety reasons. It is now time for caring visits to safely begin again. We plan to send 2 care team members together to visit folks in their homes, but currently we only have 3 people on the care team.

Please say "YES" to joining the care team.

As a quote from Pastor Will's recent sermon suggests: Christians are called to care, share, listen and love. Please call the church office if you will join the team. 608-752-7961

Volunteer's Needed!



OUTDOORS GARDEN LOVERS: PLEASE CONTACT KATHY DAHLKE, 1-608-295-7623,
IF YOU CAN HELP WITH OUTSIDE LANDSCAPING CARE DURING THE GROWING SEASON, MAY-
OCTOBER.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

2024 April Service Snapshot



289,341 Meals Provided

360 Nights Provided at Motels



49 Homeless Outreach Contacts

41 Months of Rent Provided



- 349 Pets Received Food
- 35 Homeless Personal Supply Boxes Provided
- 205 Weekend Food Bags Provided to Kids in the Schools

Agrace Offers Virtual Grief Support Group in June

In June, Agrace is offering “Bridges,” a professionally led, virtual grief support group for adults who are grieving the death of any loved one.

Bridges will meet Wednesday, June 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., via Zoom.

There is no fee for this program if a participant’s family member was in hospice care in the past 12 months; fees for others can be lowered or waived, if needed. Pre-registration is required for each session; call (608) 327-7110 with questions or to register.

Agrace Seeks Volunteers in Rock County

Agrace, a nonprofit community hospice serving Rock County, is seeking volunteers to make companionship visits to local hospice patients. No health care experience is needed. Schedules are flexible, and free training provided.

Agrace will host a virtual volunteer orientation Tuesday, June 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., via Zoom. **Pre-registration is required.** To register, call (608) 327-7163 or visit Agrace.org/Volunteer and fill out an application.

Agrace Thrift Now Offers Pack Up Pick Up Service in Rock County

Agrace's Pack Up Pick Up service is now available in Rock County. It offers convenient pickup of secondhand home goods, including furniture, being donated to Agrace Thrift Stores.

The service collects gently used, resaleable items, including furniture, area rugs, wall art, large décor and more, which are packed in-home, if needed, and taken to Agrace’s thrift stores for resale. The service is free to donors and inquiries can easily be made online or over the phone.

More information about the Agrace Pack Up Pick Up service, including hours and contact information, can be found at AgraceThrift.org.



Anyone wishing to help stock the food pantry is welcome.





4 Mike Spors
4 Shelly Wheaton
7 Erin Osborne
10 Charles Culb
10 Mark Polzin
11 Ryan Sarabia
13 Phil Zumstein
16 Rick Plach
16 Diana Zeilinger

17 Marilyn Flippin
22 Abbi Christman
22 Justin Phillips
25 Charles Campbell
26 Jacob Wobig
28 Jim Hinkle
30 Connie Fleming
30 Darrell Nelson
30 Julie Osborne

1 Chelsea & Justin Phillips
2 Ann & Andrew McGrath
5 Joyce & Owen Peters
15 Sherry & Mike Wilkerson
17 Linda & Dennis Sailing

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

18 Alexis & Darrell Nelson
20 Cheryl & Mike Woods
25 Debra & Jeff North
27 Diana & Will Jewson
28 Renee & Jim Hinkle

Continuing Care List



Ardis Bender, Winfred Bold, Jerriann & Larry Burns, Harriet Christopherson, Dale Clark, Darlene and Richard Coulthard, Claude Eakins, LaVita Fanta, Robert Geisler, Carol and Don Isbell, Diana Jewson, Russ Kuykendall, Janet Luiting, Shirley Nelson, Hjordis Olson, Lucille Osborne, Arlette Walker, and Ione Watson.



JUNE 2024 NEEDS

**Cereal
Jelly
Peanut Butter
Fruit Juice
Canned Meat**



Are you a friend of ECHO?
www.facebook.com/ECHOJanesville



Save the Date!

Empty Bowls to Go: October 26, 2024

**More info on all these events can be
found at www.echojanesville.org**

Personal Items

- Deodorant
- Feminine Products
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothbrushes
- Diapers (Size 5-7)

**BIG BAND
HANGAR DANCE**

BENEFITTING:

ADULTS \$40

**SATURDAY
JULY 20
7PM-10PM**

DRINKS LESSONS AT 8PM
by John Corran
Madison Area Ballroom, Inc.

BEV AVIATION HANGAR
4000 S. Adams Dr.
Janesville, WI 53544

<https://givebutter.com/uhangardance>

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2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion and Worship Service @ 10 a.m.	3 Rethink Church @ 3:30 p.m.	4	5 Stitching Group From 9-10:30 a.m.	6	7 Annual Conference	8 Annual Conference Praise Band Practice @ 10 a.m.
9 Worship Service w/Peggy Eggen @ 10 a.m. Annual Conference	10 Church office closed.	11 Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall @ 8:30 a.m.	12 Women's Covenant Guild @ Eagle Inn @ 8 a.m.	13	14 	15
16 Worship Service @ 10 a.m. 	17	18	19 Stitching Group From 9-10:30 a.m. 	20 	21	29 Jazz Band Practice @ 9 a.m. Praise Band Practice @ 10 a.m.
23 Worship Service @ 10 a.m.	24	25	26 Memory Café @ 10-11 a.m.	27	38	29
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Please submit newsletter articles by the 15th of every month to Amy Powell at asburyumc@charter.net
Thank you!



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