

AUGUST 2024

# Action at Asbury

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## Pastor's Pondering

<sup>11</sup> The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by."

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup> After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

(1 Kings 19: 11-13)

Sometimes, we might feel like the prophet Elijah, standing alone on a mountain of trouble, looking for God. And with all the challenges before us, it might feel like our mountain is being torn apart by wind, earthquakes, and fire making it especially difficult to hear the voice of God through all the chaos and noise.

That is when we need to listen closely – listen to that which speaks to us in the silence. For God came to Elijah in a gentle whisper. The voice of God was not like the other sounds which caused him such anxiety. The voice of God was a calming whisper which brought peace and comfort to this troubled man.

That voice of God is still found in a gentle whisper. It is found in the balmy breeze blowing through pine trees. It is found in the gently flowing waters of a pristine stream. It is found in the delicate chirp of a tiny songbird.

Anxiety and stress never seem to go away in our world. There is always some sort of challenge before us. We need the peace and comfort that only God can provide. God still provides it. We simply must look and listen in all the right places.

May you discover the voice of God speaking to you gently, bringing peace and comfort to your heart and mind and soul. Remember that God is always nearby!

Blessings,

Pastor Will



## August Worship Schedule and Themes

August 4      Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost      10 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Scripture: John 6: 16-35

Sermon: "The Bread That Gives Life"

Today we celebrate Holy Communion and participate in the offering of Jesus' body and blood through the bread and juice that we partake in. Jesus assures us that the bread we share is blessed by his Father in heaven. Let us commune together with his blessings and grace.

August 11      Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost      10 a.m. Worship

Rev. Duane Andrus will lead worship.

August 18      Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost      10 a.m. Worship

Scripture: John 6: 51-58 & Psalm 111

Sermon: "To Him Belongs Eternal Praise"

The Psalmist offers a hymn to God offering praise for all that God has done in his life and throughout the history of the world. How often do we give our praise? And just how do we offer our praise? Praise has many hands and faces. Today we will explore just how we might give God our praise.

August 25      Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost      10 a.m. Worship

Scripture: Ephesians 6: 10-20 & Psalm 84

Scripture: “What Does It Mean to Wear the Armor of God?”

The writer of Ephesians uses the metaphor of armor worn by soldiers in reference to the early Christians. Martyrdom was something many faced in the early Church. How might we understand this passage in today's Church? What might it mean for us to put on the armor of God?



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June saw income of \$12,141.00 and expenses of \$12,447.97  
Unrestricted Net Assets is at \$44,570.46

Total Income Year to Date 6/30/2024: \$80,092.94

Total Expenses Year to Date 6/30/2024 \$96,708.82

We currently have a shortfall as of 6/30/2024 of (\$16,615.88)

Missions

Echo \$1,740.23

Thank you for your generosity

Julie Polzin, Asbury Bookkeeper



Thank you for your continued support of ECHO's Mission to provide basic needs to our low-income neighbors.

Thank you from ECHO for our donation of \$1,740.23 on June 17, 2024.

Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank you! For all the dear people you just helped with your gift of \$1,275.00 to UMCOR in May of 2024.

Thank you.

## Memory Café



Memory Café will no longer be held here at Asbury.

As soon as I know more, I will let everyone know via email, Facebook, and our newsletter.



### 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.

Please say "YES" to joining the care team.



We give thanks to everyone who gave their support in July to assist our local ministry ECHO Tornado Relief. In the month of August, we will focus on The Boys and Girls Club.

**Ministry Name:** Boys and Girls Club Capital & Endowment Campaign

**Website:** [HTTPS://WWW.BGCJANESVILLE.ORG/ABOUT-OUR-CAMPAIN/](https://www.BGCJANESVILLE.ORG/ABOUT-OUR-CAMPAIN/)

# AUGUST SPOTLIGHT BELONGS TO RUTH & HERB POLZIN



Ruth's family came from the Whitewater United Methodist Church in 1965. Herb also joined Asbury in 1965. When asked what their favorite thing about Asbury was; Ruth mentioned how the people are friendly and how she has made many lifelong friends. While Herb enjoys the online sermons along with the people here at Asbury.

Our next question is what do they miss, if anything here at Asbury since they have been members for so long. Ruth misses the get togethers of fun times caroling and the progressive dinners with friends. She also misses the volunteer work she did for ECHO, Meals on Wheels, and the Newsletter group. Herb misses building things such as the parsonage, roof on Fellowship Hall, mowing and just general maintenance along with the upkeep of the church and parsonage.

Our last question is do they have any stories they would like to share about family or church. Ruth told us about the big pig roasts and everyone working together. She is thankful for the prayers and help from the congregation when her son Mike was in a bad car accident and again when she had Guillain-Barre.

Herb enjoyed cooking for Pork fest (this was done years ago.) Lots of volunteers working together and how he was a lay leader for several years, and he even did a sermon once. And they love coming back from Arizona each summer to come to church and see everyone.

We miss them when they leave for the winter and always await their return during the summer. We are so glad to have both of them and their lovely family here at Asbury.

Thank you, Ruth and Herb, for being members of our church family.



1. Photo of Herb and Ruth Polzin (from 2015 Church Pictorial) top right corner of page.
2. Ruth Polzin and Ginny Spors volunteering at ECHO packing donated food items. (from 1983 Church Pictorial)
3. Herb Polzin and Winfred Bold carving at one of our Pig Roasts. (from 1983 Church Pictorial)
4. Photo of The Couple's Club. (year unknown)



2 Pat Erickson  
3 Jermiah Harden  
4 Juanita Wingfield  
6 Donna Johnson  
6 Willis (Bill) Powell  
8 Brenda Whitney



11 Marc Shapiro  
14 Ronald Havens  
20 Ryan Croft  
21 Marv Nelson  
23 Robert Geisler  
26 Claude Eakins  
26 David Hill  
29 Peggy Eggen

11 Pat & Mike Spors  
18 Mickey & Larry Abbott



22 Lynn & Stan Curtis  
30 Rogena & Duane Andrus



## Continuing Care List

Ardis Bender, Winfred Bold, Jerriann & Larry Burns, Harriet Christopherson, Dale Clark, Lloyd & Debra Coulthard, 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.





Sunday, July 14, 2024.  
We had to move it  
indoors due to the heat  
outside.











# We are in need of Hygiene Kits for our PATH Outreach program

## ITEMS Needed:

Deodorant

Razors

Shaving cream

Toothbrush

Toothpaste

Floss

Nail clippers

Wipes

Feminine hygiene products

Shampoo/conditioner/bodywash

Chapstick

Band-aids- first aid items

Large black garbage bags



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

-Pencils

-Colored Pencils

-Markers – Thick and Thin

-Dry Erase Markers

-Kleenex

-Crayons

-Erasers

-Pens – Black, Blue and Red

-Scissors

-Glue and Glue Sticks

-Folders

-Spiral Notebooks

-Highlighters – Yellow

-Loose Leaf Paper

-Post It Notes – Yellow

-Composition Notebook

-Water Colors

-Supply Case/Bag

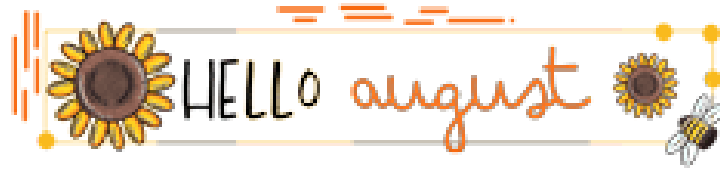


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2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Jazz Band Practice @ 9 a.m.
4 Communion Sunday Service @ 10 a.m.	5	6	7	8	9	10 Praise Band Practice @ 10 a.m.
11 Sunday Service With Rev. Duane Andrus @ 10 a.m.	12	13 Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall @ 8:30 a.m.	14 Covenant Guild @ Eagle Inn @ 8 a.m.	15 RTC @ 3:30 p.m.	16	17 Jazz Band Practice @ 9 a.m.  Beloit Sky Carp's Game
18 Sunday Service @ 10 a.m.	19	20	21	22	23	24 Praise Band Practice @ 10 a.m.
25 Sunday Service @ 10 a.m.	26	27	28	29	30	31 

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