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# ***Action at Asbury***



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## **Pastor's Ponderings**

Dear Asbury Members & Friends,

I don't watch the presentation of "the Oscars" very often anymore. But I used to. I was very moved a few years ago when Sally Field won her second Oscar for "Places in the Heart." At the announcement of her winning, she was stunned and joyful. Of course, she gave thanks to those who helped her and were important to her. But at the end of her speech she said, "I can't deny the fact that you like me! You like me!"

I guess I was so moved because, at least in that moment, Sally Field wasn't any different than most any of us, including me. We long for acceptance and affirmation, not just of what we do but especially of who we are.

This acceptance and affirmation is also what newcomers and guests to Asbury Church are hoping to experience when they come to church for the first time. And as a church, we try to express that acceptance and affirmation through our hospitality when newcomers come for worship. Our response—your response—is our/your way of saying to them not only "We like you!" but also to say in a deep and personal way, "God loves you!"

Proud to be your Interim Pastor,  
Scott Walters

## *May Worship Schedule and Themes*

### **May 4 ~ Third Sunday of Easter**

John 21:1-19

***“Breakfast at the Shore”***

### **May 11 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Revelation 7:9-17

***“The Grand Sweep of Jesus”***

### **May 18 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter**

John 13:31-36

***“Love One Another”***

### **May 25 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter**

John 14:23-29

***“Always With You”***

### **Lenten Bible Study 2025**

has come to an end.

Thank you to everyone who attended.

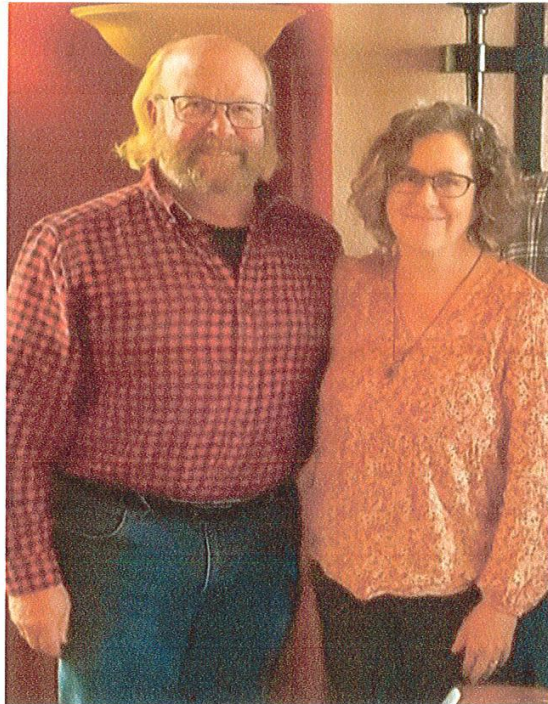
Thank you to Pastor Scott leading it.





# Let us Welcome Pastor Jill Nowlen.

Start date: Sunday, July 13, 2025



**Pastor Jill Nowlen and Cliff Sanderson**

Pastor Jill and Cliff have been married for 9 years. Each have 2 children from previous marriages. They proudly own a 9-year-old Golden Doodle named "Norton!" Both are veterans: Jill served 8 years in the WI Army National Guard as a Behavior Health Officer and Cliff served 8 years in the US Navy as a Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class. Cliff retired in 2020 from Mayville Engineering Company as VP of Human Resources, and Jill graduated from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary in 2019 after 30 years as a Clinical Social Worker in Mental Health. Their home is on the Fox River between Princeton and Montello. Hobbies include boating, golfing, fishing, kayaking, bicycling, gardening, and traveling.

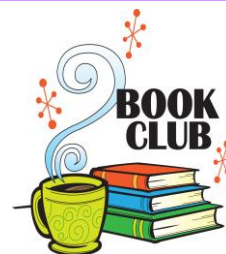
Cliff will remain at their home and engage in membership at Trinity UMC in Montello, WI. He continues to care for his elderly parents who live in Valparaiso, IN, making visits on a monthly basis to care for their needs. Jill will live in the parsonage next to Asbury UMC in Janesville to serve full-time as an ordained Deacon. She has full sacramental authority, and will focus on healing and rebuilding the membership at Asbury with pastoral care, worship, and discipleship. She is looking forward to meeting the spiritual needs of members and re-establishing a strong connectional ministry with the community and the local church, as well as the local church with the Wisconsin Conference. In addition, she will serve Plymouth UMC as an extension of her appointment at Asbury UMC. Previous appointments include the 3-Point Charge of Elroy-Necedah-New Lisbon: Winding Rivers UMC, Wild Rose UMC, and Mayville UMC.

## Reading by the Brook

Asbury Book Club  
Date: Tues., May 20

This month each member is asked to bring a book they have read to share with the group.  
Readers that are interested in joining us are welcome!  
Our meetings are held at 4:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the church.

For more information contact the church office.

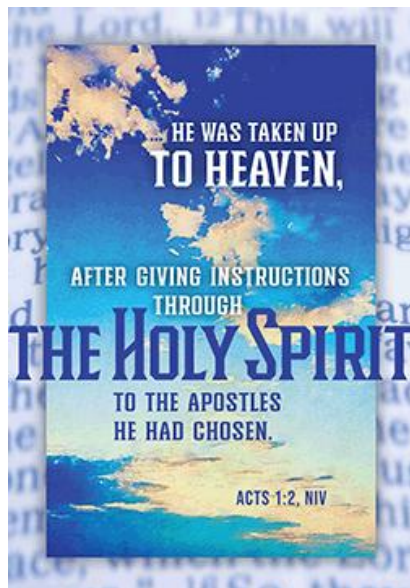


March saw income of \$9,287.82 and expenses of \$18,491.79  
Unrestricted Net Assets is at \$6,921.93

Missions  
Midwest Mission Distribution \$375.00

Thank you for your generosity

Julie Polzin, Asbury Bookkeeper  
[asburybookkeeper@charter.net](mailto:asburybookkeeper@charter.net)



Pat Spors will be attending Annual Conference June 6 – 8; the Midwest Mission Distribution Center truck will be collecting items there. If anyone has things they have made to donate, please let Pat know.



**Ministry Matters Moments:** Thank you for your monetary support of CROP HUNGER WALK in April.  
We will be highlighting the UMCOR during May.

### **RETHINK CHURCH-ASBURY UMC-MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT**

**Ministry Name:** UMCOR

**Ministry Location:** 458 Ponce de Leon Avenue NE,  
Building A, Suite 1,  
Atlanta, GA. 30308

**Ministry Phone Number:** 1-800-862-4246

**Ministry Mission:** The mission of the General Board of Global Ministries is to equip and transform people and places for God's mission around the world. Our four mission goals are:

1. Make disciples of Jesus Christ.
2. Strengthen, develop, and renew Christian congregations and communities.
3. Alleviate human suffering.
4. Seek justice, freedom, and peace.

As the mission and humanitarian assistance agency of The United Methodist Church, Global Ministries leads The United Methodist Church in equipping, strengthening and transforming people and communities for God's mission around the world. In its work of making disciples of Jesus Christ, Global Ministries envisions and facilitates missions so that churches and faith communities grow and flourish; justice, freedom, peace, health and well-being prevail across racial, cultural, national and political boundaries; and people of all faiths live in dignity and security, even when they face humanitarian disasters and their aftermath.

Through mission, The United Methodist Church realizes its greatest unity, and through mission and being in mission together, society achieves its greatest potential.







Please submit newsletter articles by the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month to Amy Powell at  
[asburyumc@charter.net](mailto:asburyumc@charter.net)  
Thank you!



Hymn Sing  
Date: Sunday, June 22

Do you have a favorite Hymn?

Sunday, June 22 our worship will be in the form of a Hymn Sing.  
Drop your favorite song in the bag on the Resource counter so we can fit it into our service.

Deadline to get your songs in is Sunday, May 25.



It is that time of year again for a **Summer Church Picnic**.

Mark your calendars!!

DATE: June 22 right after Sunday service

We will have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for helpers and food items.

# Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

## Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

Raised \$114



Thank you to everyone who helped at this year's Pancake Breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt, and crafts.





# SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON

Wednesday, April 23, 2025





## CROP WALK of 2025

We would like to thank everyone who donated and those who walked this year.

Pictures below:

First picture is of our walkers at Cedar Crest.

(Kathy Dahlke, Jan & Mike Diers, Melissa Hubbard, Russ Dahlke, Deb North, and Dave Hubbard.)

The second picture is of Sharon Linstrom's family members who assisted and walked in the memory of her at Cedar Crest.

Third picture is Pastor Scott who walked at Cargill.

Again, a great big thank you to all.



## Asbury 2-Go

Fireside Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>

Show: The Church Basement Ladies in The Last Potluck Supper

*Tickets are \$85.95 per person*

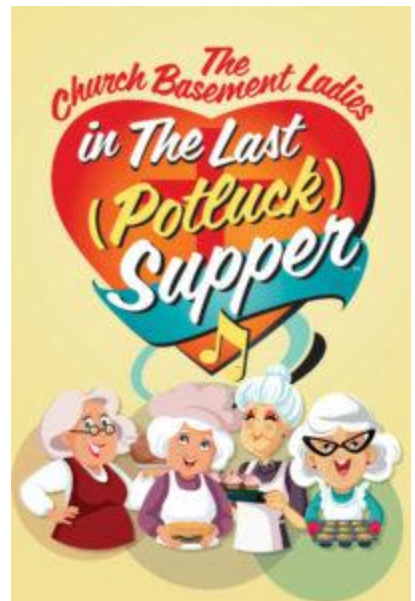
Sign-up deadline is Sunday, May 25.

If you would like to sign up but cannot make it in to do so, you may email/call the church office. Amy will need a phone number in which you may be reached, the number of tickets, and a name.

Please write your check to Asbury UMC and in the memo line put Fireside tickets.

If you have any questions, you may call the church office.

Thank you 😊





**Date/Name**

2 Pat Spors

6 Dakota Reece  
& Bill Ruchti

7 Makenzie DeWar

8 Kathy Dahlke  
& Joyce Peters

10 Brooke Thompson

13 Ron Cresswell III

**Date/Name**

14 Amy Powell

15 Elizabeth Waite  
& Mike White

20 Jaicy Campbell

22 Larry Burns

25 Don Isbell  
& Lois Symons

26 Dale Clark

27 Lloyd Peterson

30 Julie Polzin

**Date/Name**

6 Tina & Mark Bakken

11 Desiree & Jason Laufenberg

19 Diane & Steve Bundy

23 Shelly & Mark Wheaton

27 Deborah & Marc Shapiro

29 Sue & Robin Bent  
& Nonie & Skip Reed



**Continuing Care List**

Ardis Bender, Jerriann & Larry Burns, Harriet Christopherson, Dale Clark, Lloyd Coulthard, Darlene and Richard Coulthard, LaVita Fanta, Don Isbell, Russ Kuykendall, Janet Luiting, Shirley Martin, Hjordis Olson, Lucille Osborne, Arlette Walker, and Ione Watson.



# May

# 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Sunday School 9 a.m.  Worship w/Communion 10 a.m.	5 RTC @ 3:30 p.m.	6	7 Stitching Group 9-10:30 a.m.	8	9	10 Jazz Band Practice @ 9 a.m.  Praise Band Practice @ 10 a.m.
11 HAPPY MOTHERS DAY Sunday School 9 a.m.  Worship 10 a.m.	12	13 Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 a.m. at Eagle Inn	14 Women's Covenant Guild @ Eagle Inn @ 8:00 a.m.  Stitching Group 9-10:30 a.m.	15	16	17
18 Sunday School 9 a.m.  Worship 10 a.m.	19	20 Book Club @ 4:30 p.m.	21 Stitching Group 9-10:30 a.m.	22	23	24 Jazz Band Practice @ 9 a.m.  Praise Band Practice @ 10 a.m.
25 Sunday School 9 a.m.  Worship 10 a.m.	26	27	28 Stitching Group 9-10:30 a.m.	29	30	31

## Reminders

1. The Bible Study group will start up again after Labor Day.
2. The church office will be closed on Monday, May 26, for Memorial Day.



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