

Action at Asbury



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September is an exciting time! Unwelcoming is the end of Summer, but new energy is renewed with the change in season. Most Wisconsinites love fall and the explosion of color. We welcome the **harvest of vegetables and yes...apples!** Like the recipes that are created with rhubarb in early summer, apple recipes double in the fall. Shorter days, and cooler nights are comforting in the nostalgia of high school sports, hayrides, and corn mazes. The aroma of apple pie, apple crisp and apple fritters overwhelm our senses with cinnamon and nutmeg. Even though the last sting of hungry bees' swarm during hurried picnics, we are reminded of those who authored those **joyous memories from the past.**

The theologian and servant clergy Henri J. Nouwen wrote a book called, *The Living Reminder: Service and Prayer in Memory of Jesus Christ* (1977). He identifies Christians as being **living reminders to the heart of God.** The closer we are to the heart of God, the more likely we are driven to serve in loving sacrifice. By nurturing our relationship with Jesus **in devotion to Scripture, prayer, and worship,** we grow into the likeness of Christ. Others are impacted in ways that help them to see and grow into a salvific relationship with Jesus.

Pastors are called to help disciples remember the **healing, sustaining, and guiding presence of Jesus.** We must be living examples of steady devotion to Scripture, prayer, and worship. As we live out our lives in living memory of Jesus, let us lovingly hold each other accountable to the spiritual practices of our Christian faith. Let us be living reminders of Jesus as the source of life and be devoted to gathering once again **in remembrance of God's love for us.**

You are invited to a **"deeper dive"** into Scripture and prayer at **9:00 am on Sunday** mornings, starting **September 21.** Before worship we will examine the Gospel verse from the weekly lectionary and seek ways to be living reminders with the Word of God upon our hearts. We will meet in the **Peace Room until 9:45 am.**

In loving sacrifice in service to Christ Jesus, Pastor Jill Nowlen

September's Worship Theme

"I will call upon the Lord"

9/7: "God Knows My Name"

9/14: "Our Hope is in the Lord"

9/21: "For the Glory"

9/28: "Safety in the Shadow of the Lord"

Asbury Choir 2025-26 Season

The first 2 rehearsals will be Wednesday, Sept. 3 & 10 from 5-6 p.m.
Starting Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025, rehearsals are at 8:30-9:30 a.m., before church.
All are invited to join the choir. We look forward to another fun year of celebrating our Lord in song. Contact Wendy at 608-757-0047 Home, or 608-290-9098 cell.

July saw income of \$8,695.00 and expenses of \$13,401.48
Unrestricted Net Assets is at \$3,814.17

Missions

GIFTS Men's Shelter \$625.00

Thank you for your generosity

Julie Polzin, Asbury Bookkeeper

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Continuing Prayer List



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, Arlette Walker, and Ione Watson, Wendy Anderson-Markowitz.



SEPTEMBER 2025 NEEDS

Mac & Cheese
Instant Potatoes
Diced Tomatoes
Rice
Canned Meat

Dish Soap
Shampoo & Conditioner
Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
Bar Soap
Feminine Hygiene

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation now to keep food on the tables and a roof over the heads of our neighbors who are struggling.

Congratulations, **Erin Osborne**, PA!
Today we honor you, your work ethic, your unwavering dedication and your incredible sacrifices. You're going to be an exceptional Physician's Assistant! Be proud, you did it!!!



Empty Bowls
A FUNDRAISER FOR ECHO

WOODMAN'S
SPORTS & CONVENTION CENTER
2500 Milton Ave Janesville, WI

NEW LOCATION!

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 18, 2025
11am - 2pm

Lunch and fundraiser for ECHO, fighting to end hunger with homemade soups and artisan breads.

Soup, Bread, Beverage
Advanced Tickets: \$15
At the door: \$20
Raffles and a silent sale will also be available.

PURCHASE TICKETS HERE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Online Auction
September 17 - 22

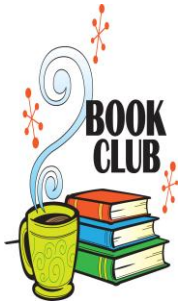
Sugar Rush Night
September 25

Empty Bowls
(Back in-person this year)
October 18

S'mores and Cocoa
December 5

Do You Want to Adopt a Family this Holiday Season?

Contact Jessica at (608)754-5333 or jlocher@echojanesville.org for more info on how you can help.



Reading by the Brook

The Asbury Book Club will start our meetings on the third Tuesday of the month. We will meet at Asbury Church at 4:30 on Tuesday, September 16, 2025. We will discuss the book The House Across the Lake by Riley Sager. It is a suspense story about Casey Fletcher, a recently widowed actress, trying to escape by retreating to the peace and quiet of her family's lake house in Vermont. A glamorous couple across the lake, a near drowning, and a disappearance involves Casey in a gasp-worthy plot twist. Join us for the discussion!



Rally Day for Sunday School

Join us for a Sunday of fun out in the sun.
Celebrate worship outside & a joyous picnic.
Sign-up sheet in the Narthex for food and helpers.

DATE: Sunday, September 14, 2025

TIME: 10 AM Worship Service

***If it rains, we will move everything indoors. ***



BIBLE STUDY

Yep, it is that time of season...are you ready?

Plan to meet at Peggy Eggen's home on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m.

Study on the "Chosen: Season 2" begins on September 17, 2025

Please contact Peggy for questions & directions to her home at (608) 295-1122.

**Maternal Health Care and Justice
For Wisconsin's Incarcerated Women**

living Faith, seeking Justice, pursuing Peace

Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 1:00 P.M.

Milton United Methodist Church

241 Northside Drive, Milton, WI



Kathy D. Hartke, MD

Deeper dive into the Word of God!!!

Like Jonah and the whale, sometimes we need
to be swallowed up into Word of God to...



Read
Reflect
Relate
Respond
Rest

**Be swallowed up by God's Holy Word!
Sundays at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall
Starting September 21, 2025**

**Five Practices
of Fruitful Congregations
REVISITED**

**Led in-person by
Bishop Robert Schnase**

Don't Miss Out!

REGISTER TODAY!

EARLY-BIRD DISCOUNT ENDS 9/5/25!

Exclusive Training Event:

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations – Revised

Sept. 20th & 21st, Plymouth, WI

First Congregational UCC, Plymouth, WI

This engaging training equips leaders and members alike to grow vibrant ministries and discover new ways to implement proven practices through radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission, and extravagant generosity. This **NEW** Five Practices course will address settings that were not imagined in the original ministry leadership classic and includes a significant amount of new material.

To Learn more or register, scan the QR code or go to the listed website.

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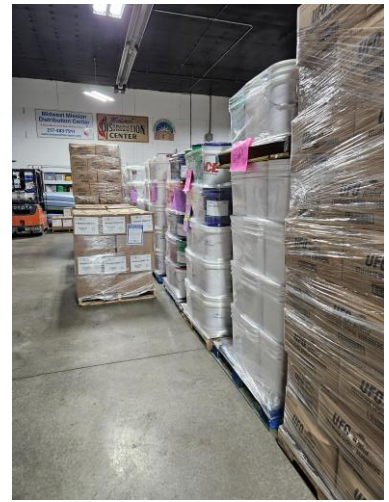
SCAN HERE
or go to

<https://www.wisconsinumc.org/event-detail/18921501>



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
Everyone at Midwest Mission would like to send a heartfelt thank you for making your generous donation of 4 quilts, 28 sweaters and 4 fleece jackets on 8/19/2025. Your donation extends our outreach and makes a tremendous impact on so many lives. Thank you so much for blessing others through the ministry of Midwest Mission! Yours in Christ, The Midwest Mission Staff (August 19, 2025)

Ruth Polzin would like to say, “Thank you for the many prayers and phone calls while she recovers from shingles.”



I was blessed today to be able to pack a Layette with the sweater Linda Sailing made. Each one is prayed over. A shipment is being sent out today to Angels of Hope in Honduras.

Asbury's new Alto Saxophone player is...

Peg Schuett

She's been playing with us since Easter. Peg Schuett is a fellow musician who Connie met last fall when Connie joined the U-Rock Community Concert Band. We both also play our saxophones with the Blue Velvet Dance Orchestra at the Janesville Senior Center along with Wendy A-M. Peg really enjoys playing her alto saxophone and looks forward to any opportunity that may arise to play when she is able. She really appreciates the opportunity Asbury has given her playing with our Jazz Band. The next time you see Peg, please say hi and thank her for sharing her musical talent with us.



We give thanks to everyone who gave their support for our August Asbury UMC Highlight of **Good Samaritan Fund**. Our September focus is on **Lincoln & Van Buren Elementary School Fund**.

With school starting up this is a great opportunity for Asbury to replenish the Lincoln & Van Buren Elementary School Fund with your wonderful cash donations. This fund will allow us to help in many ways throughout the school year, with gym shoes, clothing, winter gear, and school supplies.

Thrift with a Mission!

Love a good garage sale or thrift store? Don't just shop, **SERVE!**
Here's what you can look for on your next trip:

Medical Equipment:

- ☐ Foldable Walkers
- ☐ Wheelchairs
- ☐ Crutches
- ☐ Canes



Sports Equipment:

- ☐ Soccer Balls
- ☐ Soccer Cleats
- ☐ Volleyballs
- ☐ Basketballs



Lawn Tools & Hand Tools:

- ☐ Metal Rakes
- ☐ Hoes
- ☐ Shovels
- ☐ Saws



Midwest Mission Staples:

- ☐ Bicycles
- ☐ Fabric over 1 yard
- ☐ Sewing Notions
- ☐ Sewing Machines



Please donate items in good, working condition so we can give the best supplies. The better quality of items, the bigger impact they make! You can bring supplies to a Midwest Mission location or a Permanent Collection Site near you. Visit midwestmission.org/collect-donate to learn more.

04-Mary Quaerna

09-Tamara Kuehne

13- Gloria Osborn

15-Mike Diers

and Eugene Olsen

17-Holly Glass

18-Tim Schwenn



20-Lynn Curtis

23-Joan Tiffany

Bill Doubleday

25-Diane Bundy

26-Garrett Sanwick

27-Hjordis Olson

Sylvia Wepking

29-Lloyd Coulthard

and Herb Polzin



06 - Jeffrey & Becky Flippin

10 - Dave & Melissa Hubbard

14 - Charles & Kari Campbell

21 - Cari & Ryan Croft

25 - Patrick & Leigh-Ann Waite

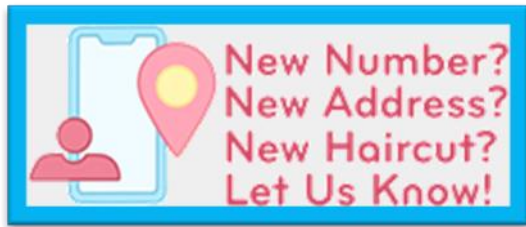
29 - Mark & Julie Polzin



2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2	3 Stitching Group 9-10:30 AM Choir Practice 5-6 PM	4	5	6
7 Worship Service 10 AM 11:15 AM Joint SPRC w/Plymouth UMC Jazz Band Practice at 11:45 am  Honoring Grandparents	8 ReThink Church Meeting 3:30 PM	9 Men's Breakfast Eagle Inn 8:30 AM 9:00 am Harvest Dinner Planning Mtg.	10 Women's Covenant Guild Eagle Inn 8 AM Stitching Group 9-10:30 AM Choir Practice 5-6 PM	11  PATRIOT DAY	12 Lower-Level Cleaning Day 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM	13 Praise Band Practice 10 AM
14 Choir Practice 8:30-9:30 AM RALLY DAY Outside Worship 10 AM Church Picnic & Games/Crafts Jazz Band Practice at 11:45 am	15	16 Book Club 4:30 PM Asbury UMC	17 Stitching Group 9-10:30 AM The Chosen Bible Study at Peggy's 5:30 pm	18	19	20
21 Choir Practice 8:30-9:30 AM Sunday School STARTS at 9:00 am Worship Service w/Pastor Kellen 10 AM (NexGen Director for WAC)	22 Church Council 6 PM 	23	24 Stitching Group 9-10:30 AM	25 History Team meeting 9 AM	26	27 Praise Band Practice 10 AM
28 Choir Practice 8:30-9:30 AM Adult/Children's Sunday School 9 AM Worship Service 10 AM Jazz Band Practice at 11:45 am	29	30 Trustees Meeting 6 PM				

Please submit newsletter articles by the 15th of every month to Amy Powell at asburyumc@charter.net Thank you!



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*JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME
YESTERDAY AND TODAY
AND FOREVER.
HEBREWS 13:8*

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