

OCTOBER 2025

Action at Asbury



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“The Power of Prayer”

Do you know that *praying on a consistent basis*, at least twice/day opens up new neuro-pathways that *provide healing spiritually and physically*? Do you know that there is a great *diversity of Christian prayer practices* developed since the Lord taught the disciples how to pray, which allow us to *cross-fit our prayer life*? Similar to physical training, the health benefits of prayer require spiritual discipline using a variety of ways: *praying with Scripture; Prayer Walks; praising with song; journaling and silent conversations with God*. God calls us into spiritual relationship that is personally beneficial when we make prayer a priority. I am not referring to materialistic benefit. However, *we may understand generosity* differently when deeply impacted by a healthy prayer practice.

The *month of October* will be a busy time in which prayer needs to be the foundation of all of our activities. *Mission Matters* will focus on *Healthnet* to raise funds for a much needed dental *X-ray Sensor* serving those in our community. The *Holy Sock Collection for recycling donations* to Northcott Neighborhood Ministry will be *ongoing*. The food pantry at ECHO constantly requires food, financial and volunteer donations. I would like to propose that we *collect food donations each month and consecrate each Sunday we celebrate Communion*.

The *Harvest Dinner will be held on October 18, 3:30 to 6:00 pm* in Fellowship Hall, so *“all hands on deck”* to make this fundraiser a success to upgrade the AV equipment with a *new camera system*. In addition, on *November 1 at Milton UMC*, we are invited to participate in a *Rice Pack Event sponsored by our Circuit* of the surrounding UMC Churches in Janesville, Beloit, and Milton. Look for more information on that event soon!

We will focus on *Generosity as the foundation of Stewardship* as we prayerfully consider what to pledge for 2026 ministry support. This year we will be hosting the *Charge Conference with Plymouth UMC* yoked by the same pastor. We will hold a *joint worship service at 10:00 am on Sunday, October 5*, followed by the *business meeting for each church, and then a luncheon* with time for fellowship. In 2026, Asbury and Plymouth will be working on how to share the cost of a full-time pastor and support ways to develop ministries that renew the life of each church with a NexGen priority. *For now, let us begin with prayer*. Amen.



Continuing Care List

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



Worship Themes for October: “*The Generosity Challenge*”

October 5: “Born to be Generous” (*Joint Worship at 10:00 am; Charge Conference & Luncheon w/Plymouth UMC*)

October 12: “Grounded in Gratitude”
(*Holy Communion & ECHO Food Donation Blessing*)

October 19: “Revealed Through Prayer”

October 26: “Sealed by Faith”



United Women in Faith

UMF equips women for leadership. Members connect online as well as in local, district, and regional groups that meet in person and/or virtually. (info@uwfaith.org)

UMF offers educational experiences:

1. Mission U: an education program offering children, youth, and adult curricula on a shared biblical theme from a justice perspective.
 2. Reading Program: offers recommended books on a wide range of topics
 3. Workshops and webinars on personal spiritual growth and social justice UMF serves, advocates for justice and makes a difference to improve life for women, children, and youth.
- Join Pastor Jill and Pat Spors as we attend the 2025 Annual Fall Gathering in Wisconsin Rapids on **Saturday, Oct. 11**. Meet the Bishop who will speak on Hope in Action and listen to Dr. Getzin as she shares about Climate Change and the Effects on Our Bodies.

Registration ends Oct. 6

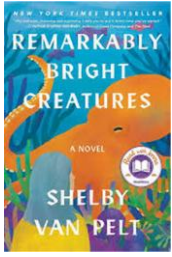


Hello Asbury UMC! We are at an exciting time as a church - the time in which we begin to ask ourselves "What do the youth of our faith community need?" I am hoping to be able to answer that question with the help of the teenagers connected here, so I need your help! We are having a meeting on **Oct. 12 at 9 am** before worship with any teenagers (middle and high school) that we can get into a room together! If you have a grandchild, neighbor, kindly youth that mows your grass, or a high-school-aged barista that knows how to make your latte just right, please invite them to the meeting. Once we connect, we will be able to begin planning what this ministry will look like. If you have any questions, you can connect with me directly. - Kellen

Peace,

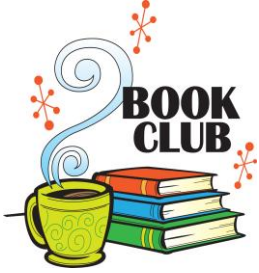
Kellen Roggenbuck
Executive Director of NextGen Ministries
Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church





Reading by the Brook

The Asbury Book Club will be reading the wonderful book called Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt in October. Remarkably Bright Creatures follows Tova Sullivan, a 70-year-old widow working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, where she meets Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus. The octopus, whose inner monologue appears throughout the novel, becomes key in unraveling the decades-old mystery of Tova's son's disappearance. Netflix is making a movie out of this story with Sally Field playing the part of Tova.



The book club meets the third Tuesday of the month, October 21, at 4:30 at Asbury. See you there!



Children's Message Time during Sunday Worship.

Mark & Shelly W. Granddaughter Madolyn Rosburg's last year for swim team. Good Luck this year.



August saw income of \$8,371.45 and expenses of \$16,025.05

Unrestricted Net Assets is at (\$3,389.43)

Missions
Echo \$1670.00

Thank you for your generosity

Julie Polzin, Asbury Bookkeeper

asburybookkeeper@charter.net

New church office hours for Fall

Monday – Thursday 8 - 11 a.m.

Friday – by appointment

Bookkeeper Office hours for Fall

Monday – 11AM – 2 PM

If you need something, you may always text or call me.

Thank you,

Amy



Saturday, October 18, is the next time Jeff will be doing the dinner at GIFTS. If you would like to help, please reach out to him. We will be providing bus tokens and tickets to our Harvest Dinner.

Thank you, Jeff, for all your help.

Agrace Offers Dementia Care Consultations

When a loved one shows signs of dementia, families often face difficult questions about care, decisions and costs.

Agrace offers Dementia Care Consultations to help answer these questions and bring clarity to families navigating this challenging time. In a one-hour session, our dementia support specialist will provide personalized guidance, share helpful resources and recommend next steps—including Agrace services and other community support that may fit your situation. Consultations are available virtually by phone or video call.

Dementia Care Consultations cost \$50 for a one-hour meeting. To schedule a consultation, visit [Agrace.org/dementia](https://www.agrace.org/dementia) or call (608) 276-4660.

Agrace Seeks Thrift Store Volunteers in Rock County

The Agrace Thrift Store in Janesville is looking for volunteers help sort donations and create eye-catching displays. Whether you love hunting for treasures, making things look their best or just want to give back to your community, there's a place for you here.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Agrace at (608) 327-7163 or visit [Agrace.org/Volunteer](https://www.agrace.org/Volunteer). No experience is needed, just bring your energy and willingness to help!



Van Buren and Lincoln Elementary Schools are looking for either Lunch Buddies or Reading Buddies to volunteer an hour/week.

Please contact Pastor Jill for more information. A Criminal Background Check through the school is required by all volunteers working with children.

Thank you for your consideration!





We give thanks to everyone who gave their support in September to the
Lincoln/Van Buren Elementary School Fund

Our October Ministry Matters Moments will focus on supporting
Health Net – Dental (New X-Ray Sensor) through information on
Sundays and with the information found on our bulletin board in the hallway
by the church office. Asbury will be collecting donations during the month
of October.

Ministry Name: Health Net

Ministry address: (Admin. offices) 113 S. Franklin St., Janesville, WI 53548

Phone: (Clinic Phone) 608-756-4638

Website: <https://healthnet-rock.org/dental-clinic/>

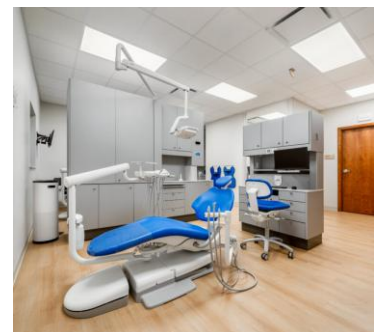
Ministry Services: Medical Clinic, Dental Clinic, and Behavioral Health Clinic

Ministry Mission Statement: HealthNet of Rock County, Inc. is dedicated to excellence and innovation in the provision of primary health and dental care and health education, delivered free or at low cost, to enhance the quality of life for the underserved residents of Rock County, Wisconsin.

History: HealthNet of Rock County, Inc. is a free and charitable clinic that opened in 1994 as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization through the result of a needs assessment completed by the Salvation Army in 1993. This assessment identified a lack of affordable health care as one of the major problems of Rock County. Many of HealthNet's patients have serious chronic health conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, and/or asthma. When individuals prolong treatment or choose not to seek care because of the fear associated with incurring debt from medical bills, the community suffers in the loss of productive employees, consumers, parents, and healthy members of the community.

We address these potential issues by providing vision, dental, and other medical services at an affordable rate to the Rock County community.

Ministry Needs:



BLESSING BAGS

Midwest Mission offers a hands-on local way to show God's Love.

We have an opportunity to join in an ecumenical off-site mission at Milton UMC on Saturday, November 1. Volunteers will be packing Rice and Soy Meals. Each Blessing Bag is a nutrient-dense meal filled with vitamins, minerals, dehydrated veggies, soy and white rice. Each bag feeds 6 people at a cost of \$2 per bag. Cargill, Milton, and Asbury will work together to fill 500 bags to meet the needs of families around the corner and around the world.

We will need at least 10 volunteers to offer an hour of their time to assist with filling the bags. A meal will be shared in ecumenical fellowship.

Let's look forward to this great Community of Faith experience.

Library & Youth Room
downstairs



History Room
downstairs



OCTOBER 2025 NEEDS

Mac & Cheese
Rice
Soup or Chili
Cereal
Canned Meat
Toilet Paper
Bar Soap
Deodorant
Feminine Hygiene
Toothbrushes /Toothpaste



Do You Want to
Adopt a Family
this Holiday Season?

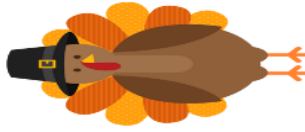
Contact Jessica at (608) 754-5333 or
jlocher@echojanessville.org for more info.

**Sponsor a Family
for THANKSGIVING
for \$30**

**ECHO expects to assist
600 families who are low-income.**

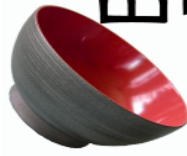
Sponsor a family by
sending a check to the
ECHO Office at 65 S. High St.,
Janessville, WI 53548, made out
to: "ECHO Thanksgiving".
*Please help make a family's
holiday a thankful one!*

Donations can also be made
online at www.echojanessville.org



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

ECHO, Inc. 65 S. High St.,
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(608) 754-5333



**Empty
Bowls**

A FUNDRAISER FOR:



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

**NEW
LOCATION!**

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 18, 2025

11am - 2pm

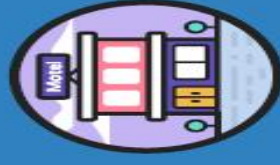
Lunch and fundraiser for ECHO, fighting to end hunger with
homemade soups and artisan breads.

Soup, Bread, Beverage
Advanced Tickets \$15
At the door \$20
Refills and a table sale
will also be available

PURCHASE
TICKETS HERE



168,610 Meals Provided



281 Nights Provided at Motels



30 Homeless Outreach Contacts



51 Months of Rent Provided

- 51 Homeless Personal Supply Boxes Provided
- 21 Baby Food and Formula



**United Way
Blackhawk Region
Funded Partner**

Thank you for helping ECHO's mission of meeting
housing, food and other basic human needs and
addressing the barriers to self-sufficiency.

RALLY DAY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND OUTDOOR WORSHIP

HELD SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Our wonderful Barbecuer Patrick



Outdoor Worship



Let's Play



Thank you to our wonderful choir.



LS Back to Front: Vicki Jo, Peggy, Brent
RS Back to Front: Marilyn, Joan, Vi



LS: Deb
RS: Abbi & Diane



Back to Front: Mickey, Elnoe,
Katie, Paige, and Stan



LS Back to Front: Lynn, Pat and Mike
RS Back to Front: Mark, Kathy and Russ



LS Back to Front: Terry, Jeff
RS Back to Front: Carrie & Bill, Dave, Mary



LS Back to Front: Levi, Pastor Jill
RS Back to Front: Jackie, Pastor Kellen, Jay, Giada



Harvest Dinner

Saturday, October 18

3:30 PM to 6 PM

Asbury United Methodist Church
1810 Kellogg Ave.
Janesville

Carry Outs Available

Ham and Turkey
Scalloped Potatoes
Squash
Salad
Cranberries
Green beans
Applesauce
Rolls
Homemade Pie
Beverage

Age 12 to Adult

\$15.00

Age 6 - 11

\$10.00

Age 5 and under

FREE



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

3 Nonie Reed

10 LaVita Fanta

1 Barb & Bill Doubleday

4 Bob Banner
and Elnoe Campbell

11 Steve Bundy

6 Kathy & Russ Dahlke

7 Cheryl Woods

20 Jill Plach

12 Jill & Rick Plach

24 Dave Figi

15 Theresa & John Luepnitz

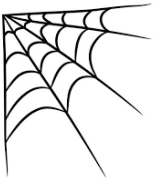
25 Kari Campbell

24 Jerriann & Larry Burns

26 Denise Thomas

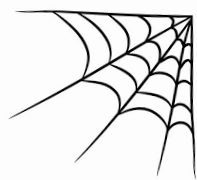
25 Ruth & Herb Polzin





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Stitching Group 9-10:30 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM	2	3	4
5 World Communion Sunday Choir Practice 8:30 AM Sunday School 9 AM Joint Worship, Church Conference, and Lunch with Plymouth 10 AM	6	7 Men's Breakfast 8:30 AM @ Eagle Inn	8 Women's Covenant Guild 8 AM @ Eagle Inn Stitching Group 9-10:30 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM	9	10	11 Praise Band Practice 10 AM
12 Choir Practice 8:30 AM Sunday School 9 AM Worship 10 AM Jazz Band Practice 11:45 AM	13 Finance Committee Meeting 2:30 PM ReThink Church 3:30 PM	14 Worship Committee Meeting 5 PM	15 Stitching Group 9-10:30 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM	16	17	18 HARVEST DINNER 3:30 – 6 PM
19 Lady Sunday Choir Practice 8:30 AM Sunday School 9 AM Worship 10 AM	20 Care Ministry Meeting 10- Noon Church Council Meeting 6:00 PM	21 Book Club 4:30 PM	22 Stitching Group 9-10:30 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM	23	24	25 Praise Band Practice 10 AM
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