

Pastor's Ponderings

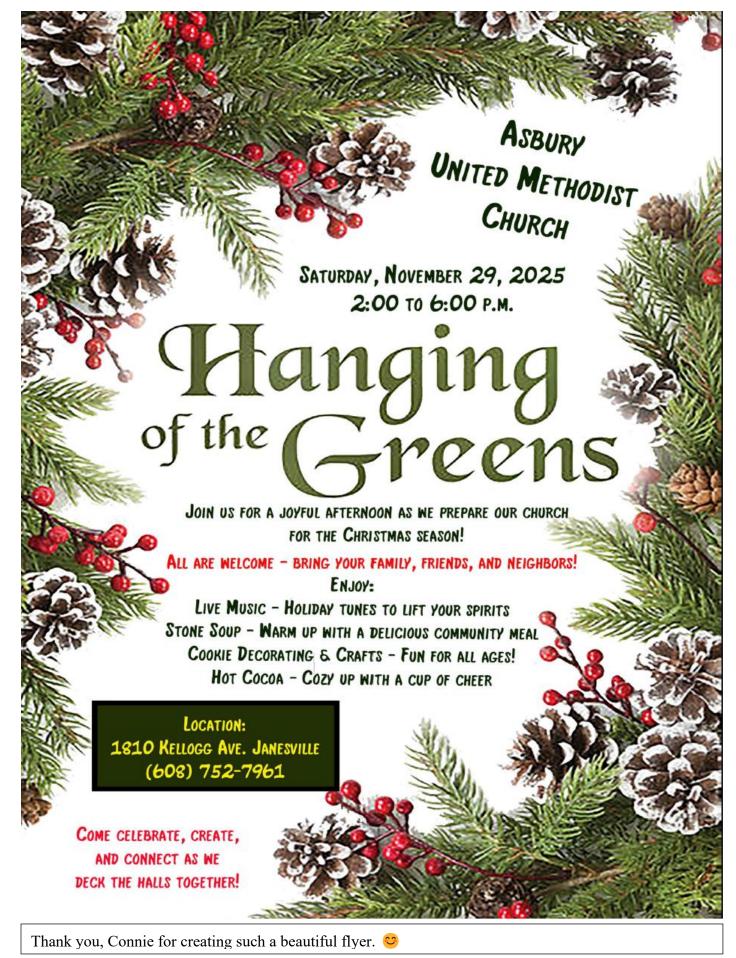
What is the Mission of Asbury UMC? In September we met to begin that discussion, and in October we demonstrated our Wesleyan roots to our mission with the 2-Point Charge Conference. Both Asbury and Plymouth are mission-oriented congregations, with giving to the various local charities, schools, and healthcare organizations, as well as connectional ministries through the UMC.

When we met for the additional Cottage Meetings to brainstorm an easy to remember mission statement several key words were highlighted: "faith in action," love, grow, Jesus, serve, hope, and "make a difference." The following statements were generated by this discussion:

- To share the gospel of Jesus Christ by loving God and serving those in need of hope.
- To strive to make a difference in the world through ministry & mission.
- To invite others to share the love of Jesus.
- To make a difference through love and service as we walk with Jesus.
- To be Christ-like, in our ministry to love and serve others.
- To share God's love with the world.

If you have an **idea of a mission statement** for Asbury UMC, please submit your idea to me in **writing either with a note, text or email**. In addition, if you are interested in learning more about the theology and history of Methodism, please sign up for a **6-week session in November. "Knowing Who We Are: The Wesleyan Way of Grace"** by Laceye C. Warner helps to clarify what we believe, what we do, and why. This is for new attenders and for members who would like a review. All are welcome! Please sign up on the slip included in the newsletter.

Peace and Gratitude in Christ Jesus as you gather for Thanksgiving. Pastor Jill



NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND THEMES

November 2: All Saints Memorial Service & Food Pantry Donations

November 9: Holy Communion w/Rev. Stan Curtis

November 16: Pastor Kellen Roggenbuck **November 23:** Reign of Christ Sunday

November 30: 1st Sunday of Advent (Saturday: Hanging of the Greens)



All Saints Sunday is the 2nd of November.

On this special Sunday, we will remember and celebrate all those departed saints who we hold dear to our hearts. As their names are read, we will light a candle and ring a bell for all those from our congregation who died in the past year.

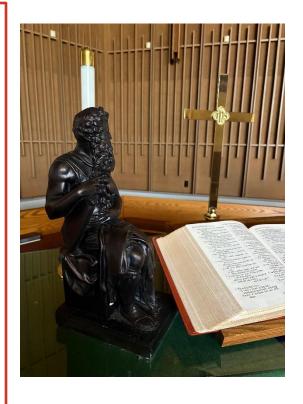
Those we will remember including Claude Eakins, Owen Peters, Phillip Pernot, Robert 'Bob' Geisler, Winfred 'Curly' Bold, Sharon Linstrom, Shirley Nelson, Donna Johnson, Ardis Bender, Marv Nelson, Lucille Ann Osborne, Raymond W. Stafford, and Richard Coulthard.

Where is Moses?

Whenever you discover Moses carrying the Ten Commandments somewhere in the church building, (not outside please) snap a photo of you with Moses and share with Amy on Facebook, via email or text. Then hide Moses for the next person to find!

Jeremiah 31:33 says, "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

As God's people let us remember the law of God in our hearts through Christ Jesus. Have fun discovering the heart of God in our very own church and sharing it with others!





Holy Socks for Northcott: The WI map shows all the churches who are collecting socks. Socks of all kinds are welcome; with holes, mismatched, or ones with no mate. A collection basket is under the table near the snack area. A company called Gildan, makers of Goldtoe socks, pays for shipping labels to send the socks via UPS to TerraCycle in Madison. The socks are made into pellets for raw materials used to make other products. Each pound of socks is worth a dollar per pound, or 100 reward points. The United Women in Faith donate the reward points to Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee. They have received \$3,500 so far this year.



Continuing Care List

Bob & Marj Banner, Eugene Bostian, Jerriann & Larry Burns, Harriet Christopherson, Dale Clark, Betty Jo Clough, Lloyd Coulthard, Darlene Coulthard, LaVita Fanta, Don Isbell, Russ Kuykendall, Janet Luiting, Shirley Martin, Hjordis Olson, Eudoris & Lloyd Peterson, Alice Sprecher, Linda Stevenson, Arlette Walker, Ione Watson, Slyvia Wepking, Loni Jo Wolfram, and Phil & Artie Zumstein.

Tips to Help the Money Counters

- Please place your contribution in a contribution envelope.
- <u>Individual</u> contribution envelopes are available in the pew racks.
- Write your full name on the envelope.
- Write your envelope number on the envelope.
- Your envelope number can be found on your contribution statement and is not the number printed on the envelope you are using.

This would be greatly appreciated by the Money Counters.



Ministry Matters Moments: Thank you for your generous donations for October's Ministry Matters to <u>HealthNet of Rock County – Dental</u>. Our **November's** Ministry Matters will help support <u>ECHO's Community Meal</u>.

Ministry Location: St John's Lutheran Church located at 302 N. Parker Drive. Community Meal is the last Saturday of each month.

Our Meal information:

On Saturday, November 29th from noon until 1:30 PM Asbury United Methodist Church will host the Community Meals program at St. John's Lutheran Church with ECHO. ECHO is the head of this program, and our church members will help in preparing and providing the meal.

Our meal will be

✓ Spaghetti & Meatballs

✓ Salad

✓ Roll

✓ Cookies/dessert bar

Volunteers will assemble the meal at 11 AM on Saturday, November 29th. The meals are distributed from St John's Lutheran Church located at 302 N. Parker Drive. We need to supply food for between 100 and 120 people. The bulletin board will have slips to take to help purchase 2 lbs. of pasta, 24 oz. or bigger of Ragu Traditional spaghetti sauce, or if you would like to help make cookies/dessert bars, which must be delivered here to the church by Wednesday, Nov. 26. Volunteers will then meet at 11 a.m. at St John's Lutheran Church to assemble and handout the meals. Yes, there are chairs you may sit in while helping during this event.

If you would like to help package/handout there will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board for this.

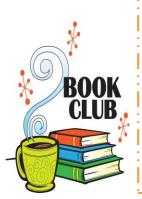
Dave Figi, an Asbury UMC member, is coordinating the event with ECHO. ECHO heads up the Community Meals program. Asbury members have been awesome in their help for past meals. Check the signup sheet on the bulletin board at church.





Reading by the Brook

We will meet for our November Book discussion on Tuesday, November 18 at 4:30 pm at Asbury.



The Asbury Book Club will be reading another Kristin Hannah book, <u>Winter Garden</u>. Kristin Hannah's <u>Winter Garden</u> is a dual-timeline novel about two estranged sisters, Meredith and Nina, who discover their emotionally distant mother, Anya, has a hidden, harrowing past in World War II-era Leningrad, revealed through a Russian fairy tale they were told as children. The book explores the complexities of mother-daughter relationships, the lasting trauma of war, the importance of family secrets, and the journey of healing and reconciliation that can come from confronting the past.

The book club meets the third Tuesday of the month at 4:30 at Asbury. Hope you can join us!





On SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd. Or you will be early for church.

September saw income of \$7,222.50 and expenses of \$16,712.88

Unrestricted Net Assets is at (\$13,493.96)

Missions

Good Samaritan Fund \$558.40

Thank you for your generosity.

Julie Polzin, Asbury Bookkeeper asburybookkeeper@charter.net



CPR & First Aid Training

Anyone interested in recertification for CPR & First Aid training, please contact
Bill Ruchti.

Sign up as a group from Asbury UMC.
Cost: \$70 Per Person
Deadline is Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025.

HANDBELL CHOIR &

CHIMES

Any adult, youth, or child interested in practicing for Handbell & Chime Choir please reach out to Wendy Anderson-Markow Music Director.

Practice will begin on Wednesday, November 19, from 4-5 p.m.

Poinsettia Order Form



The poinsettias are 6" inches wrapped in foil with a satin bow from K & W Greenery. If you'd like one, please fill out this form with your check for \$20.00 made out to Asbury UMC.

Your Name:						
Circle color of Poinsettia: Red White Pink Marbled						
In honor of: or In memory of:						
Forms with the check need to be returned to the church office or the counters no later than Sunday, November 23.						
The poinsettias will be displayed Wednesday, December 17 through Christmas Eve. You may take them home after the Christmas Eve Service.						



Ignite Your Passion for Mission!

Join us for a morning of inspiration, connection, and hands-on ideas to energize your church's mission and outreach.

Saturday, November 15

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The **Conference Mission Motivation Committee** is hosting an event designed to spark new ideas and strengthen our shared commitment to serving others through The United Methodist Church.

Hear from guest speakers on topics including:

- The Mosaic Covenant
- Annual Conference Ingathering and Midwest Mission
- Creative local projects like mats made from plastic bags
- Bringing missionaries to your congregation
- Volunteers in Mission opportunities
- How **apportionment dollars** make an impact across Wisconsin and around the world

- 1 Ruth Davis
- 6 Leigh-Ann Waite
- 8 Betty Jo Clough
- 10 Judy Culb
- 11 Vicki Jo Barlass and Violet Rosburg



- 14 Paige Waite
- 15 Marj Banner
- 16 Deanna Sanwick
- 18 Gwendolyn Thompson
- 26 Connie Nelson
- 29 John Brikowski

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We received 'Thank You' letters from some of our community organizations here in Janesville. I have done a short snip-it of them below; however, if you would like to read the full letter, you will find them hanging on the small board in the hallway.

Thank you from ECHO –

We would like to thank you for your September 15, 2025, donation of \$1,670.00 Your support has meant that people in need in our community have received help with the most basic of human needs: food, housing, transportation, and other general well-being services.

Sincerely,

Jessica Locher – Executive Director

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Choir Practice 8:30 AM Sunday School 9 AM ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Worship 10	RTC meeting 3:30 PM		Stitching Group 9-10:30 AM			Fall Clean-Up Day 8 AM – 3 PM Praise Band Practice	
Fall Back			Bible Study 5:30 PM			10 AM	
9	10	Pastor Jill off	Pastor Jill off	Pastor Jill off	Pastor Jill off 14	Pastor Jill off	
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Pastor Stan Curtis Food Pantry Collection			Stitching Group 9-10:30 AM Bible Study				
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with Pastor Kellen Education Committee	6 PM	4:30 PM	Bible Study 5:30 PM			Praise Band Practice 10 AM	
Meeting after Worship							
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NATIONAL Bibleweek			No Bible Study Pastor Jill Off	Pastor Jill Off	Pastor Jill Off	Hanging of the Greens 2 – 6 PM	
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