



**ASBURY**  
United Methodist Church

A FUTURE AND A HOPE:  
TO LISTEN, GROW, AND LOVE WITH GOD

# THE MESSENGER

OCTOBER 2024

***We are in this together!***

Dear Asbury family,

What a joy it is to build connections with you! I thank God for bringing us together to listen, learn, and grow as God's people. Our intentional *Connect to Grow* opportunities are turning out to be really great times. I love hearing your stories, learning about what Asbury means to you, and building relationships with you. The Spirit's assuring and awakening energy is flowing among us!

In case you haven't already heard, here are some of the October *Connect to Grow* ("C2G") events we have planned:

**Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30pm, C2G fellowship.** Bring your own dinner and enjoy friendly conversation.

**Friday, October 4, 5:30-8:00pm, C2G Fall Fellowship.** Chili, hot dogs, s'mores, games, and fire pits. Bring a lawn chair and join the fun!

**Saturday, October 12th, 10:00-11:15am, C2G Prayer Stroll.** Join us for a guided prayer stroll through the Japanese Gardens. Coordinator and facilitator, Janice Greene.

**Saturday, October 26th, 4:00-6:00pm, Trunk or Treat.** Dress up your car and yourself for a fun Saturday afternoon of candy and games! Susan Lamy, coordinator.

We'd love to see you at any and all of these events!

**Sundays in October:**

**Sunday, October 6th is World Communion Sunday.** We will wrap up our Created for Connection series celebrating our connection to the larger church. On this day, all Christians remember that we are part of the one body of Christ. Whether we share communion in a cathedral or the countryside, this Sunday celebrates our diversity as well as our common bonds. I am thankful for Janice Greene for sharing our message during worship this Sunday.

**October 13th - 27th will "Say Yes" to the Power of Generosity.** Come and see how saying yes will change us and the world. We'll explore how scripture speaks about generosity, including how followers of Jesus are to practice generosity. By practicing generosity, we express compassion, free our hearts, make a difference, and yield joy.

Also, before I close this letter, I want to thank our wonderful UWF women for your faithful service, for assisting in worship this Sunday, and for hosting our 5th Sunday potluck brunch. What a beautifully presented and well-planned morning. We thank God for you.

Friends, I thank God for all of you!

Blessings,

*Rachel*

Pastor Rachel

		<b>Asbury Staff</b>				
Lead Pastor	Rachel Stone	Alabaster Leader	Jareth Barnes	Children's Ministries	Susan Lamy	
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### UWF



The UWF unit meeting on October 5 will be led by Sheryl Hill. She will recount how much she learned at the Jurisdictional Conference (she was a scholarship winner for the June event in St. Louis) about the work of the "greater United Women in Faith." The program will also include the presentation of the World Thank Offering. Gathering/fellowship time will be from 10-10:30 with program following.

#### Calendar (All local meetings are at Asbury)

- October 5 UWF meeting, 10:00 am
- 9 Mary Martha Circle, 1:00 pm
- 14 Naomi Ruth Circle, 6:30 pm
- 20 One Heart Circle, 8:15 pm
- 26 UWF Southwest District Fall Meeting at Open Hearts UMC in Bolivar "Feast of Blessing in UWF"  
Speaker: Mary Rodgers-Weaver, SW District Superintendent (**see flyer on bulletin board**)

**Coming Soon:** order blanks for quiche sale in November

#### Hospitality

Watch for signup sheets to donate time or cookies for our "Welcome, Neighbors" table at Asbury on Election Day, November 5.

Those Serving  
This Month



**A/V:** Steve Collum, Bill Love, Rebecca Barnes, Sara Love, Chuck Gregg

**Greeters:** Lisa Boyts, Dustin Gardner, Suzanne Boyts, Joyce Booth, George Sly, Georgianne Sly, Judy Clements, John Fox, Judy Fox, Patti Blanton

**Readers:** Kimberlea Gray, Mark Gideon, Ruth Spargo

**Communion Servers:** Jim Blanton, Patti Blanton, Sean Layton, Nadena Layton

### 2024 Mission/Vision Team

Kimberlea Gray: Mission/Vision Chair

Janet Bowman: Member at Large

Mark Gideon: Member at Large

Amy Langston: Member at Large

Chuck Gregg: Member at Large

Doug Clements: Member at Large

Bill Love: Finance Chair & Lay Member to Annual Conference

Carol Daniel: SPR Chair & Treasurer

Chuck Ewy: Trustees Chair

Glenda Hefty: Education Chair

Kathy Love: Worship Chair

Ruth Spargo: Hospitality Chair

Sheryl Hill: Mission Springfield Chair

Jay Polchow: Accounts Reconciler

### 2024 Fall Nut Sale

The Gifts That Count committee will be selling nuts again this year! Orders will be taken during the month of October and will be ready for pickup on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, in plenty of time for holiday baking or gift-giving. Prices will be the same as last year, and prepayment is greatly appreciated.

Orders are due no later than Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are available from Jim Wilson or in the church office.



The choir would love to invite anyone to join the choir as we prepare for our Christmas musical, ***Love is Born***, by Lloyd Larson. We will start our musical rehearsals on Wednesday night, October 16 at 7:15 in the Sanctuary. The musical will be presented on Sunday, December 22 at the 9:30 service. Contact Kathy Love if you have any questions.



**Saturday, November 9**

The Trustees are organizing a Church Work Day next month and are asking for volunteers to pitch in on some odd jobs around the building! Breakfast will be provided by the United Methodist Men.

### Bass Pro Marathon Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024



The annual Bass Pro Fitness Series Conservation Marathon will take place on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The race begins at 7:00 AM and is expected to pass by the church between 7:00 and 8:30 that morning. In addition, we can expect heavier car traffic due to the day's ongoing events, so please plan your morning accordingly.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathy Love & family, Jack & Becki Gladson, Marlene Garling, Margaret Weaver, John Bingham, Marlene Jones, Judy Clements, Janet Peck, Gene Day, Mark Paxton, Nicole Johnson, Teresa Kays, Ron Garling

All prayer concerns will be listed for one month unless otherwise notified.

### Those we hold in loving care who are homebound or limited in their transportation:

Ann Marsh, Barbara Davidson, Bob Drake, Joy Whitescarver, Kathy White, Kay Keltner, Marlene Jones, Nicole Johnson, Sharon Swishelm, Shawna Allen, Warren Meadows

### Serving our country:

Cameron Cox, Shane Luke, Tyler Moore

### Lunch Bunch



Lunch Bunch will be meeting on Thursday, October 10, at 11:30 AM. This month's restaurant selection is Leong's Asian Diner at 1540 W Republic Rd.

## MARK *your* CALENDAR

### October 3

Mission Springfield

### October 4

Fall Fellowship

### October 5

UWF Meeting

### October 8

Trustees

### October 9

Mary Martha Circle

### October 10

Lunch Bunch  
Education Committee  
Mission/Vision

### October 12

UMM Breakfast Meeting

### October 16

Crosslines Day  
Cards & Games Fun Day

### October 19

Harmony House Lunch

### October 20

One Heart in Christ Circle

### October 26

Jarrett Prayer Walk  
Trunk or Treat

## October Birthdays

Andrea Bange

Nolan Scotidis

Marlene Garling

Mary Hartbarger

Joey Nordstrom



### Check It Out!



Conditional Citizens: On Belonging in America by Laila Lalami has been an New York Times Editors' Choice and was listed as Best Book in four major publications. It was not quite what I expected when looking at the title. It isn't about "non-citizens" but those who have become "full" citizens just to find that there are "conditions." Lalami recounts her life from Moroccan immigrant to becoming a U. S. citizen. She used her experiences as a starting point for examining the meaning of American rights, liberties and protections. It is startling to see how much her national origin, race and gender still affected her rights.

This is a United Women in Faith Reading Program book in the category of Social Action.

### First Friday Family Game Night

For all of you who want to stay a little longer to play games following the C2G Fall Fellowship gathering, we will have board games available. We hope to see you there to enjoy the meal.



### Power of Love



Our Power of Love collection for October is for Bridges for Youth. A list of their needs is available on the collection box in the Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to make a financial donation, please make sure checks are written out with Power of Love in the memo line. Gifts can also be given online on our giving page under the Power of Love project.

### Financial News

As of 8/31/2024:

**Contributions for August:** \$16,257

**Contributions Budget:** \$16,719

**Contributions YTD:** \$140,542

**Budget YTD:** \$133,750

**Other Income (Church Use, etc.) YTD:** \$31,333

**Other Income Budget YTD:** \$19,257

**Expenses YTD:** \$155,691

**Budget YTD:** \$157,564

#### Restricted Fund Use (CWS, Apportionments, etc.)

**August:** \$0

**Budget:** \$433

**YTD:** \$3,050

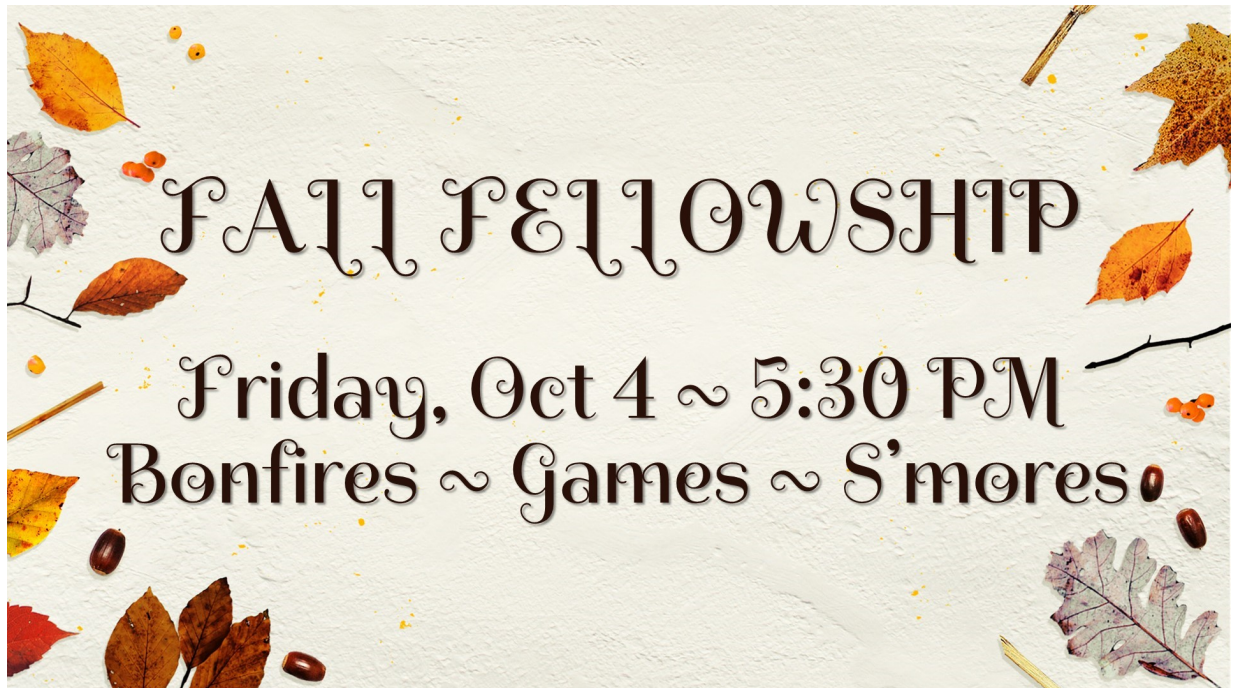
**Budget YTD:** \$3,467

#### Apportionments

**Paid YTD:** \$16,215

**Total Due YTD:** \$26,545 (61%)

**Thank you for your generosity!**



## Events at Asbury

Fall Fellowship ~ October 4  
Prayer Stroll ~ October 12  
Trunk or Treat ~ October 26  
Fall Nut Sale ~ October

Election Day ~ Nov 5  
Church Work Day ~ Nov 9  
Hanging of the Greens  
Nov 25-26 & 30

Save the date for Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 26 from 4-6 pm. Be thinking of ways to decorate your car and start collecting candy for this special event.

### Harmony House Lunch Saturday, October 19



This month we will be providing our regularly scheduled meal for the residents at Harmony House. If you would like to donate food, please review the available slots at the link below and click on the button to sign up. If you need help with signing up, please call the church office and Julia will assist you. Refrigerated and non-refrigerated items can be dropped off at the church the week prior to October 19, or you may also bring food that morning (please have the items to the church no later than 10:30 am).

Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4BABA28A1FD0-51537929-harmony>

Please contact the church office by Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, if you have any loved ones' names that you would like to be included in Asbury's All Saint's Sunday on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Their name will be included in the bulletin insert and there will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of your loved one.

## All Saints Sunday



*To avoid identity theft and spamming, no personal contact phone numbers and email addresses are published in this newsletter. If you would like to reach out to someone who is listed, please contact the office and we will help you.*