

November

THE MESSENGER

NOVEMBER 2024



ASBURY
United Methodist Church

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

Grace and peace to you, Asbury friends!

Visualize yourself, if you will, meandering through a gallery of portraits reflecting face after face of people who might be familiar to you, and others who are not. Perhaps, as you pause before individual portraits, you are intrigued by the life behind the image: you imagine their setting, their relationships, their passions and life experience. Maybe as observers we do not know them in person, yet we are fascinated by their story as it seems to reach out and touch our life. We discover that our stories weave together, especially as God's people forever connected with those who have gone before us, those we encounter in our daily lives, and even those still to come. We will be pondering these ideas in our November worship series, "Portrait Gallery of Faith." We will visit accounts of biblical faith leaders, and we will hear faith testimonies from friends in our congregation. The series culminates in our very own "Portrait Gallery of Asbury Faith" exhibit on November 24th! You too can be thinking about ways God is at work in your life through ministries here at Asbury. What, or who, brought you to Asbury? What is God teaching you about learning to listen, grow, and love with God as you participate in the community of faithful friends here at Asbury?

Come, begin your journey through the gallery. Absorb the fascinating and miraculous stories of God at work in the lives of God's faithful people. And guess what?—Your portrait qualifies as a valuable piece in the gallery because we each have a story to tell about God's work in our lives.

You are loved!

In Christ,
Rachel
Pastor Rachel

"Portrait Gallery of Faith" series highlights

November 3: The Cheering Section—heroes of faith encourage us

November 10: Grace Makes a Difference—a testimony about God's transformative grace

November 17: Silent Sermon testimonies—continue building one another up

November 24: A Song in Your Heart—gratitude for our community of faith

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UWF



Our quiche sales are very important as we finish our year and have funds for our missions, which include, just to name a few, Asbury's children and youth programs, the Community Help Fund, Crosslines and UWF state, national and international missions.

Deadline for ordering: November 18; pick up: November 23, 11a.m.-1 p.m. and Sunday morning, November 24.

November 7th is an extremely important planning meeting. We will do an evaluation of the current year as we plan for 2025—goals, programs, budget.

Calendar

All meetings are at Asbury

- Nov. 7 Planning, 6:00
- 11 Naomi Ruth Circle, 6:30
- 13 Mary Martha Circle, 1:00
- 17 One Heart in Christ Circle, 8:15 a.m.
- 18 Quiche orders due; 21-24 Quiche prep and pick up

Looking ahead—Christmas brunch and music –December 7

Hospitality

Many neighbors will be coming to vote at Asbury November 5. Let's give them a good break—by having cookies and water available! Please sign up to bring cookies or come by to check if refreshments are on the table—Sign up on the bulletin board or leave a message for Ruth Spargo (or phone the office).

Those Serving
This Month



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

Greeters: Joan Wilson, Karla Gregg, Sheryl Hill, Lisa Boyts, Dustin Gardner, Joyce Booth, Patti Blanton, Judy Clements, Karen Nordstrom

Readers: Mark Gideon, Ruth Spargo

Communion Servers: Jim Enyart, Carol Daniel, Mark Paxton, Margaret Weaver

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

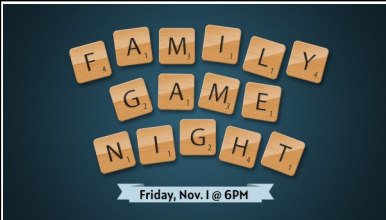
Glenda Hefty: Education Chair

Kathy Love: Worship Chair

Ruth Spargo: Hospitality Chair

Sheryl Hill: Mission Springfield Chair

Jay Polchow: Accounts Reconciler



Join us for Family Game Night on Friday, November 1, starting at 6PM! Bring a snack to share and your favorite game. 500 was the favored game for Stauffer family gatherings—just don't ask me to play!

Sheryl Hill

Another first coming for First Friday Family Game Night in December: our first Paint Night! No experience needed. Stay tuned, more information coming soon.

Portrait Gallery of Faith

All are welcome to display your gift, talent, or skill in Asbury's Portrait Gallery of Faith on Sunday, November 24, in the Fellowship Hall. By faith, what has God enabled you to do? Help Asbury celebrate all our beautiful God-given talents. We will set-up on Saturday, November 23, at 1:00 PM. Contact Margaret Weaver, Kathy Love, or Nicole Hostetler for more information or with any questions.



Saturday, November 9—9:00 AM

The Trustees are organizing a Church Work Day this 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 3rd, 2024



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

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

The family of Janet Peck, Janet Bowman, Debbie Jeffrys, Carol Elmore, Mary Ewy, Walter Boyts, the family of Nicole Johnson, the family of Sarah Appleby, Karla Gregg, Doug Clements, John Bingham, Marlene Jones, Judy Clements, Gene Day, Mark Paxton, 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, Sharon Coomer, Shawna Allen, Warren Meadows

Serving our country:

Cameron Cox, Shane Luke, Tyler Moore

Lunch Bunch



Lunch Bunch will be meeting on Thursday, November 14, at 11:30 AM. This month's restaurant selection is Arris Restaurant at 1332 E Republic Rd.

MARK *your* CALENDAR

November 1

First Friday Family Game Night

November 5

Election Day

November 7

UWF Planning Meeting
Worship Committee
Mission Springfield

November 9

Church Work Day

November 11

Naomi Ruth Circle

November 12

Trustees

November 13

Mary Martha Circle

November 14

Lunch Bunch
Education Committee
Mission/Vision

November 17

One Heart in Christ Circle
Christmas Musical Practice

November 20

Crosslines Day
Cards & Games Fun Day

November 25

Hanging of the Greens

November 26

Hanging of the Greens

November 28

Happy Thanksgiving!

November Birthdays

Nancy Mikaelian

Kylie Moore

Jack Gladson

Becky Dobbs

Sophia Brown

Karla Carroll

Ginny Oliver

Regan Spargo

Tim Mills

Amanda Hinkle

Tyler Moore

Judy Fox

Mark Gideon

Kimberlea Gray



Asbury UMC-

Thank you for the generous donation!
We are purchasing sleepers to keep babies warm this winter.



Blessings!

Newborns in Need

Power of Love



Our Power of Love collection for November is for Asbearies. Bring a stuffed animal to fill the pews! They will go to the Crosslines Toy Store for Christmas and other projects which utilize stuffed animals.

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 9/30/2024:

Contributions for September: \$17,282

Contributions Budget: \$16,719

Contributions YTD: \$157,825

Budget YTD: \$150,469

Other Income (Church Use, etc.) YTD: \$34,984

Other Income Budget YTD: \$23,588

Expenses YTD: \$176,939

Budget YTD: \$178,475

Restricted Fund Use (CWS, Apportionments, etc.)

September: \$0

Budget: \$433

YTD: \$3,050

Budget YTD: \$3900

Apportionments

Paid YTD: \$16,215

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

Thank you for your generosity!

Check It Out!



A complete change in pace for the subject of this book review. This is one of those gift books—giver unknown!

If you're an "old-timer" in the Springfield area, you know that Bob Barker had a number of ties to Springfield, and even if you're not an old-timer, you've surely heard of Bob Barker, a game show host for fifty years (35 with The Price Is Right, the longest running game show). He tells of various steps in his career. He also describes his dedication to animal rights and how that was a part of his career. His last paragraph was, as expected, "This is Bob Barker reminding you to help control the pet population. Have your pets spayed or neutered."

Cookie Mix Sale

One Heart Circle will be taking orders for Jars of Cookie Mix from November 17 to December 9. Order forms will be available starting Sunday, November 17. These come in decorated quart jars for \$15 and make excellent gifts for Christmas. We will have Chocolate Chip, Sugar complete with some sort of sprinkles, and Monster Cookies which feature peanut butter and oatmeal and will be a gluten free option. We will be using our proceeds to provide a meal for the Springfield unsheltered community.



Events at Asbury

Election Day ~ Nov 5
Church Work Day ~ Nov 9

Hanging of the Greens
Nov 25 & 26

UWF Christmas Brunch ~ Dec 7

Blue Christmas Service ~ Dec 10

Christmas Musical Service
Dec 22

Hanging of the Greens November 25 & 26

We will be decorating the church for Advent on Monday, November 25, and Tuesday, November 26. There are jobs for everyone at every skill level. If you like to sit and cut ribbon or make ornament clusters, or if you can climb a ladder to hang ornaments on our tree, we can use you! Many hands make light work.

We also need folks to bring bins down from the second floor, and unpack and set up the tree and the nativity set, and hang the wreaths on the doors. There is a job for everyone and there is a job for you!

Monday, November 25—10 AM to Noon

We will be redoing the wreaths that hang throughout the church. We need folks to cut lengths of ribbon (please bring your own scissors), make ornament clusters with pipe cleaners, and take the decorations of the existing wreaths.

6—8 PM

We will be setting up and decorating the tree in the sanctuary. We need people to climb ladders and hang ornaments, or to unpack ornaments and hand them to people on the ladders.

Tuesday, November 26—10 AM to Noon

This will be the morning to do final touches. Whatever we don't have done from Monday we will finish this day. If we happen to get everything done on Monday we will not be meeting on Tuesday.

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.