

JUNE THE MESSENGER

JUNE 2025



This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. –John 15:8

Greetings, Asbury friends,

Most of us understand basics about growing plants. Plants need healthy soil, proper watering, and sunlight to one degree or another. It is Horticulture 101.

The trick is knowing what goes into healthy soil. What is healthy soil for that plant—what nutrients does it need? Are there some plant friends to place alongside our little plant to help it thrive? How much water is the right amount? How much sunlight? How do we protect our little plant from predators or hungry little bugs and worms that want to munch their way up the stalk and hang out on the leaves, eating the yummy buds and blooms, or worming their way into our lovely ripening tomato? Turns out, gardening requires consistent, tender, and sometimes hard work. Thank God for farmers and gardeners gifted with skills, knowledge, and the temperament to grow healthy food, gorgeous flowers, and vibrant trees and shrubs!

Enter our upcoming sermon series, “Fresh Fields: Preparing to Grow in Christ.” This will be a three week series presented June 15, 22, and 29th. It carries a simple message: just as gardeners carefully prepare the soil, anticipating new growth, we ask God to prepare our hearts and minds for the new things God is planting in us: new attitudes, new ministry, new ways of doing ministry, new people to meet and welcome, new ways to be involved in our surrounding community, new ways to walk among friends and shine the light of Christ. The possibilities are endless because God is limitless!

Our first two Sundays in June include wrapping up our “To the Ends of the Earth: The Book of Acts” series on June 1st; and Pastor Tom preaching on June 8th, Pentecost Sunday.

Check out the details below about other exciting summer plans. We look forward to unique ways to connect and grow.

In Christ,

Pastor Rachel

Asbury Staff

Lead Pastor
Administrative Assistant
Music Director

Rachel Stone
Julia Machin
Kathy Love

Children's Ministries
Student Ministries
Pianist & Organist

Susan Lamy
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9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

From your Leadership Development Team

Mark your calendars, Asbury friends. We are excited to offer two events to help equip and encourage our next steps in ministry.

1. A training event for Asbury leaders on Saturday, August 23rd.

2. A Ministry Fair on Sunday, October 19th.

More details coming soon.

Summertime Plans

Worship Series

June 1 and 8: To the Ends of the Earth, the Book of Acts

June 15, 22, and 29: Fresh Fields

July 6: The Bread of Life

July 13, 20, and 27: Summer at the Movies

August: Bible Stories for Grown Ups (revisiting familiar childhood stories)

Connections

Sunday mornings: (see schedule details below)

July 2: Patriotic Pageant

July 9, 16, and 23: Dinner and a Movie Nights at Asbury

July 28-August 1: VBS

Sunday Schedule (note worship start time change effective July 6)

In June:

8:30 Fellowship, coffee and donuts

9:30 Worship

10:45 Sunday school

Starting July 6, New Sunday morning Schedule:

8:30 Fellowship, coffee and donuts

9:15 Worship

10:15-10:45 More fellowship

10:45 Sunday School

Celebrating Ron Garling

A memorial service to honor the life of Ron Garling will be held on Friday, June 6, at 3:00 PM.

Missouri Veterans Cemetery

5201 S Southwood Rd

Springfield, MO 65804

Parking will begin at 2:30 PM

Financial News

As of 04/30/2025:

Contributions for April: \$16,143

Contributions YTD: \$60,064

Other Income YTD: \$13,843

Contributions Budget: \$16,725

Budget YTD: \$66,898

Other Income Budget YTD: \$14,750

Expenses YTD: \$84,663

Budget YTD: \$90,521

Restricted Fund Use (CWS, Apportionments, etc.)

April: \$1,047

Budget: \$458

Use YTD: \$1,047

Budget YTD: \$1,375

Apportionments

Paid YTD: \$6,340 **Annual Obligation:** \$25,358 (25% paid)

Thank you for your generosity!

Harmony House Lunch Saturday, June 21

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 June 21, 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/8050A4BABAF28A1FD0-57083843-harmony>.

Check It Out!



My book choice is timely—for once! A Father's Book of Wisdom was compiled by H. Jackson Brown, Jr., gleaned from eight shoeboxes of scraps of paper, old envelopes, napkins, small notebooks, and even cash register receipts found by the family shortly after their dad's death. He'd always been a reader and a kitchen-table philosopher so he'd collected quotations from things he'd read and also recorded his own insights and observations.

He probably was really working toward this as a goal: "The secret is to become wise before you get old." On the topic of judging he quoted Mother Teresa, "If you judge people, you have no time to love them." And observed himself, "When you judge others, you are revealing your own fears and prejudices."

A few others: "What you see is what you get—except in pre-packaged strawberries."—Dad

From Socrates: "By all means marry; if you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher."

And finally he quoted an Old Proverb: "God gives the nuts, but He doesn't crack them."

UWF

The theme of the June UWF meeting is "Sharing the UWF Experience." Bring a guest and come share your UWF experience with fellowship, support, and mission as we discuss what UWF means to us.

"Three Things I Pray," the Southwest District United Women in Faith Spiritual Growth Retreat, will be held at Aldrich UMC on Saturday, June 21. Registration begins at 9:30 and the program is 10:00 to 2:30. This is always one of the highlights of the district UWF events. Look for the flyer on the bulletin board.



Mission U, an annual Conference event, will be held July 24-26 at Warrensburg UMC. Check with Ruth Spargo or Shery Hill for more info.

Calendar

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| June | 7 | UWF Unit meeting: Fellowship, 10:00; Program, 10:30 |
| | 9 | Naomi Ruth Circle 6:00 |
| | 11 | Mary Martha Circle 1:00 |
| | 15 | One Heart in Christ Circle 8:15 |
| | 21 | District Spiritual Growth Retreat 10:00 – 2:30, Aldrich UMC |

PRAYER REQUESTS

Margaret Weaver & Mark Paxton,
Jim Wilson, Brooke Scott, Peggy
Brown, Jack Gladson, John
Bingham, John Fuge, Kat Spohrer
& family, Kathy Love, Max & Liam,
Kathy White, Doug Clements,
Marlene Jones, Gene Day, Teresa
Kays

*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, Jack Gladson, 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, June 12,
at 11:30 AM. This
month's

restaurant selection is Village Inn
at 2036 S Glenstone.

MARK your CALENDAR

June 5

Mission Springfield
Worship Committee

June 7

UWF Meeting

June 9

Naomi Ruth Circle

June 10

Trustees
Leadership Development Team

June 11

Mary Martha Circle

June 12

Lunch Bunch
Mission/Vision

June 14

UMM Breakfast Meeting

June 15

One Heart in Christ Circle

June 17

Education Committee

June 18

Crosslines Day
Cards & Games Fun Day

June 19

Juneteenth
—> Office Closed <—

June 21

Harmony House Lunch

June 29

Fifth Sunday Potluck

June Birthdays



Peggy Brown

Julia Machin

Kathy Love

Margaret Day

Kaitlyn Hardin

Renee Mikkelson

Clark Mikkelson

THE POWER OF LOVE

Power of Love

Our Power of Love collection for
June is for **Safe to Sleep**. Some of
their needs are:

- Coffee—regular and decaf
- Dry cereal / pop tarts / oatmeal
packs
- Dry coffee creamer
- Bus passes
- Mr. Clean
- Deodorant
- Sugar

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.

ASBURY UMM

Representing All Men from Asbury

OFFICERS 2024

President: Jay Polchow

Secretary: Chuck Ewy

Treasurer: Bill Love

2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

February Activities:

Asbury UMM continued to support Boy Scouts Troup 439.

Jay Polchow did a presentation on "The Missouri River Race" MR340.

March Activities:

AUMM supported the Spring Cleaning Rummage Sale

Ken Thompson did a presentation on Lent.

April Activities:

Bill Love did a superb briefing on issues to be resolved at General Conference this year.

May Activities:

AUMM supported Jarrett Middle School by providing a Luncheon for 70 Staff and Teachers (\$585.65).

AUMM served breakfast for all the Asbury and Table workers for cleanup day.

June Activities:

Boy Scout Troup leader Wes Marr did a great job of paraphrasing the activities of Troup 439.

July Activities:

AUMM provided a dinner for VBS

Pastor Rex Warren did a superb job of explaining his journey from Bounty Hunter to UMM Pastor.

November Activities:

AUMM helped with the Work Day by clearing the North fence of overgrowth.

December Activities:

Curt Mottesheard did a superb presentation on raising cattle and the role of a senior Christian in the church.

2024 SUMMATION:

Our New Men's Ministry had a successful year.

Out of 7 meetings this year, we had 72 attendees.

Served one meal at Jarrett Middle School.

Served the Boy Scout Troops in various ways.

Continued to voluntarily serve in many areas of the church and outside of the church.

**We encourage all Asbury men to come forward, get involved,
and support Asbury's United Methodist Men's Ministry.**

**Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday
June 8, 2025**

Orders for Pentecost Sunday geraniums will continue until **Sunday, June 1**. The cost is **\$10.00 each**. You may order geraniums in honor of or in memory of a loved one, or they can be given to the glory of God. The geraniums are coming from our grower, Marion Yoder & his family, M&M Greenhouse of Dunnegan, MO. Orders must be paid for at the time the order is placed. **No late orders will be accepted after the June 1st deadline.** Order blanks will be available in the church bulletin, from the ushers, or in the church office.



The geraniums will be delivered **early** Saturday morning, June 7th at 6 am, and will be placed on the altar for the June 8th Pentecost Sunday service. Nancy Lollar has volunteered to help with the delivery & setting them out as Mark Gideon will be out of town. **Nancy will need help on Saturday, June 7th.** If you can help, please let her know.

The geraniums will be available for pick up after the service on June 8th. **If you need to pick yours up later, please arrange a time with the church office.** Any geraniums left at the church will be given to our homebound members

Asbury UMC 2025 Leadership Teams

Mission/Vision (Church Council)

Chair: Kimberlea Gray

Lay Member to Annual Conference: Bill Love

Class of 2025: Ruth Spargo; Janet Bowman; Chuck Gregg

Class of 2026: Chuck Ewy; Glenda Hefty; Doug Cline

Class of 2027: Bill Love; Susan Cox; Kylie Moore

Nominations/Lay Leadership Development Team

Chair: Pastor Rachel Stone

Lay Member to Annual Conference: Bill Love

Class of 2025: Carol Elmore; Lynn Clements; Ginny Oliver

Class of 2026: Janice Greene; Tyler Moore; Lisa Boyts

Class of 2027: Jim Gilmore; Patty Yocum; Karla Carroll

Those Serving
This Month



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

Greeters: George Sly, Georgianne Sly, Judy Clements, Sheryl Hill, Karen Nordstrom, Suzanne Boyts, Lisa Boyts, Dustin Gardner, John Fox, Joyce Booth, Joan Wilson

Readers: Kimberlea Gray, Tom Stone

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