



Asbury Trails

July 2020

A Note from an Emily Sannebeck Scholar

My name is Delaney Robertson, I recently graduated from Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. I graduated with my Bachelors degree in Business Administration with a concentration in hospitality and tourism. The last four years have been nothing short of incredible with opportunities to learn and grow in my field and my faith.

I was the recipient of the Emily Sannebeck Scholarship in 2016. Receiving this scholarship not only encouraged me to attend Fort Lewis College but provided me much needed financial assistance. Back four years ago, I started my application letter for the scholarship with the Bible verse

“But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green.” Jeremiah 17:7-8

I had no idea how I would cling to those words throughout my college years. Much of my college journey was trusting in the Lord, through every challenge and hard decision. This trust led me to so many amazing opportunities including: studying abroad in Heidelberg, Germany, working for the Durango and Silverton Railroad, being involved in the Hawk Tank Business competition, college ministry retreats and being involved with the various business opportunities the college provided.

Every year that passed presented more opportunities to grow and thrive. During this time of graduation, and commencement I look back on this great time in my life and I am

incredibly thankful for the opportunity.

Thank you to the scholarship community for helping me take my first steps economically and spiritually into this new life. Thank you to the amazing church members and church community that has supported me, prayed for me and most of all, loved me. I could not have done this without the support and love of my family and my church family. From the bottom of my heart, I love you all!

Now that I have graduated, my plans for the future include growing in my faith, traveling the world and searching for a job within the hospitality and tourism industry.



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Worship With Us! Facebook Live

Traditional service
Sunday mornings 10:00 a.m.

Contemporary service:
Sunday mornings 11:00 a.m

See inside for July 26 times

Dear Asbury UMC,

We are officially going to be able to worship together in person starting **July 26!** Below you will find a general layout and information that will allow us to come together again in Christ's name.

There will be 3 services each Sunday (in addition to our Sunday live-streams on Facebook):

Traditional in the Sanctuary

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Contemporary in the Acts 2 Worship Center

11:00 a.m.



Please plan to follow these general instructions:

- Answer pre-screening questions at home prior to arriving on the church property.
- Remain 6 feet apart from other attendees.
- All persons must wear a face mask at all times while on church property. We ask you to bring your own, but if you forget, masks will be provided to all persons who arrive without one.
- Everyone is asked to use hand sanitizer as they enter the building.
- Please follow signs posted for entry and exit of the church.
 - Traditional services:
 - Enter through the east entry doors into the Narthex.
 - Exit through the breezeway.
 - Acts 2 services:
 - Enter through the breezeway doors.
 - Exit through the door at the rear of the Acts 2 worship area.
- For your convenience, a short video demonstrating the new safety measures will be posted on Asbury's Facebook page.
- Please refrain from singing out loud during the service (to help prevent any spread of the Coronavirus).
- For your offering, please place it in the baskets in our worship spaces as you exit.
- For Holy Communion, individual packets containing the elements will be provided to you as you enter for worship.

Helpful ushers will be available to answer questions and direct people as needed.

Also, for your convenience, online services will still be broadcast on Facebook for those that wish to remain at home or who are feeling ill. The Traditional service will be live streamed at 10:30 a.m. and the Acts 2 service at 9 a.m. We'll soon announce plans for Sunday school classes; we expect to be able to meet from 9:30 a.m.-10:20 a.m. as attendees follow small group cleaning procedures. For any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Reverend Joe or other members of the Reunification Committee. We are very excited to be able to worship together again and hope to see you on July 26 and every Sunday thereafter!

In Christ's Love,
Reunification Committee

Leanne Lusko Awarded Emily Sannebeck Scholarship for the 2020-2021 School Year

The Emily Sannebeck Scholarship is a grant set up by Emily to help single women better their education. This is the 22nd year the scholarship has been awarded, and Asbury United Methodist Church was pleased to have several excellent applicants for the award. The winner this year is Leanne Lusko, from Albuquerque.

Leanne is presently working on her degree for a Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Liberty University. Her long-term goals are to be a professional therapist and to obtain licensure in her state. She wants to develop a private practice in holistic mental health where she can integrate faith and science for her patients and clients, facilitate their journey toward well-being, and work toward a PhD in Psychology.

The scholarship was first awarded in 1999 shortly after Emily’s death. The initial scholarship was for \$1500, but the fund has grown based on contributions and interest, and this year the fund was able to award a \$2500 scholarship. If anyone would like to contribute to this scholarship, please send a check written to Asbury UMC, and mark for the Emily Sannebeck designated account.

NM State Fair Cancelled—Pie Baking Continues

Not unexpectedly, NM State Fair officials recently announced that there will be no State Fair this year. The Café committee has already been working on alternative plans to raise money for our wonderful local charities. To that end, we are still baking pies this summer. We will hold small, socially distanced pie parties in July and August. Look for opportunities to buy pies in September. If anyone would like to donate directly to the café, please mark your donation "Asbury Café Account."



Small Groups Now Meeting

Small groups can now meet in person at Asbury following the guidance set by the Reunification Committee. For the time being, the small group maximum size will either be 11 (for Classrooms 1 and 2) or 14 (for the Hospitality Room).

General guidelines for small group church usage:

- * Reserve a space by contacting Ivory.
- * Each person attending the group must utilize the "Church Pre-screening Questions" for entry into the church
- * Face masks are required at all times
- * Social distancing of 6-feet is required
- * No eating or drinking will be allowed at this time
- * Point of contact person is to keep a record of who attended each session for contact tracing purposes
- * Sanitation of areas used will be required upon exiting, including room used and bathrooms (if used)

These measures are for the safety of our church staff, members, and community so that we may come together and keep the church as safe as possible.

Revised Lectionary Readings

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July 5, 2020 Fifth Sunday After Pentecost	July 12, 2020 Sixth Sunday After Pentecost	July 19, 2020 Seventh Sunday After Pentecost	July 26, 2020 Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genesis 24:34-38,42-67 • Psalm 72 • Romans 7:15-25a • Matthew 11:16-19,25-30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genesis 25:19-34 • Psalm 25 • Romans 8:1-11 • Matthew 13:1-9,18-23 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genesis 28:10-19a • Psalm 139:1-12,23-24 • Romans 8:12-25 • Matthew 13:24-30,36-43 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genesis 29:15-28 • Psalm 105:1-11,45b • Romans 8:26-39 • Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

The Asbury Library is OPEN

Most of the Asbury campus is still closed. However, small groups were allowed to resume meeting on June 15, and the Asbury Library will reopen as of July 2. The library will be open on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Since Ivory is only in the office on Monday mornings, the Main Entrance and Breezeway doors are still locked most of the time. You will need to come into the building through the back door at the southeast entrance near the dumpster. That door will also be locked, but ring the doorbell and I will gladly let you in to visit the library. Social distancing and masks will still be the order of the day.

Is it safe to visit the library? As long as everyone practices common sense, I see no reason why it would not be. The library and most of the rest of Asbury has been closed since March 12. That is more than three and a half months. Any virus that might have been in the building is long dead at this point.

The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library system opened for business in early June. Last week I checked with the librarian at the Juan Tabo branch concerning their operating procedures. Except for wearing masks and limiting the number of patrons in the building to promote social distancing, they are operating pretty much as normal. Recent guidance from the American Library Association and CDC indicates the actual risk of getting infected from any library materials is low.

So, come on over. We've missed you and look forward to seeing you soon.

New in the library collection:

Children's non-fiction:

When God Made the World by Matthew Paul Turner and Gillian Gamble.
Donated by Kay and Frank Martinez in memory of Ena Soflin

The World Needs More Purple People by Kristen Bell, Benjamin Hart and Daniel Wiseman. Donated by Pat and Gary Phipps in memory of Ena Soflin

You may search the collection from your home computer or your smart phone on the Asbury web site Library Page or go directly to www.asburyabq.org/AsburySearch.htm. Use the search function of your browser to find any combination of words, numbers or letters in any column. Books currently on the UMW Reading Program have UMW in the Subject column and are found on the wooden cart in the library.

As always, you may contact us by e-mail at librarian@asburyabq.org with any questions, suggestions, requests or to place a hold on a book.

CHURCH LIBRARY

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



Sign Language Class Resumes

The sign language class is meeting in person again. Please join us on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the classroom across from the kitchen. Learn to sign the hymns and more!



Nehemiah Bible Study

Fridays at Noon
(Thursday July 2 instead of July 3)

Please join Lynn Southard from
your computer, tablet or
smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/800691653>





Lazy Days of Summer

UMW Birthdays in July: Happy Birthday to Pat Elliott on the 2nd, Ann Plante & Gail Bradley on the 3rd, Donna Lott on the 16th, Laura Merritt on the 18th, Barbara O'Neil on the 29th, and Patricia House on the 31st. Happy Birthday ladies!

Friends: As the coronavirus continues to disrupt our lives, please remember to pray for each other. Please make a point to call at least one old or new friend each day and remember that the UMW is here to help you through this uncertain time. Please reach out to each other and your neighbor. And especially remember those of us who don't have a computer to keep in touch. Be Faith, Hope, and Love in Action. From the Executive Committee.

From the Treasurer: If you haven't yet sent me your checks for UMW Mission Giving (your pledge), the Legacy Fund (\$18.69, more or less), or Gifts in Memory/Mission (as appropriate), please prayerfully consider sending the Unit your checks today. Make your check payable to Asbury UMW. My address is Marjorie Bahm, 3437 Juan Tabo Blvd. NE, ABQ, NM 87111.

Membership Pins: If you would like to purchase a UMW membership pin, please let your Circle chairwoman or Kay Martinez know. The pins are \$10 each; please make your check payable to Asbury UMW.

UMW Mission Giving: What does your Mission Giving (your annual pledge) support? Where does your money go? All money received for Mission is sent directly to the UMW national office to support the hundreds of missions in the United States and around the world. What are some of the missions YOU support in the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands with your pledge dollars? YOU support more than 131 ministries in the United State, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. YOU support 65 community centers, 4 schools, 7 women's residences, 10 residential child care centers, 27 outreach organizations, student leadership programs on 7 college campuses, 3 missionary conferences, one retirement home, and 7 human trafficking prevention programs. Included is support to The Mary Elizabeth Inn, San Francisco, California; support to the Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, South Carolina; and support to the Cunningham Children's Home, Urbana, Illinois. These are only three ministries YOU help support in the United States with your pledge dollars; can you give a little more this year? Please make your check payable to Asbury UMW and send it to Marjorie Bahm.

Response Magazine for Women in Mission: When you give \$100 or more to Mission Giving, you will receive a year's subscription to the UMW response magazine. This award-winning magazine is filled with compelling articles about the hundreds of missions we support around the world and how we are changing lives through Christ. Please make your check payable to Asbury UMW and send it to Marjorie Bahm.

Reading Program Reports: Your reading reports are due to Tibby on July 31. If you haven't sent your report, please email to thisbe.jerome@yahoo.com or send it to her at 2428 Kirby NE, ABQ, NM 87112. Please call her if you have any questions [\(505\) 293-0829](tel:5052930829).

Mission u Cancelled this Year: Mission u will meet again in 2021.

No Unit meeting in July or August: September will be the next UMW luncheon and unit meeting. Watch this space for more information.

No Circle meetings in July: Circles will meet in August. Watch this space for more information.

Asbury Christmas Bazaar Cancelled This Year: The Executive Committee is sorry to announce that the Christmas Bazaar will not be held this year. We are exploring alternative fundraising venues during the upcoming months. If you have some ideas, please contact Kay Martinez at (505) 604-3953.

Please pray for each other and Asbury United Methodist Church.

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