



Asbury
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6822 Grand Avenue
Duluth, MN 55807

The Reverend
Cindy M. Rasmussen

Sunday Worship — 10:00 am

Office Hours
Mon-Thurs 9:00 am—2:00 pm

Messenger

March 1
Worship with
Holy Communion
6:30 pm



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline.

Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. The service focuses on both themes, helping us to realize that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

On Ash Wednesday, the use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship. Historically, ashes signified purification and sorrow for sins. Knowing and experiencing God’s forgiveness allows us to honestly examine our lives in preparation for the renewal and the resurrection of Easter.

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Scouting Sunday at Asbury UMC – February 5

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation’s largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship and develops personal fitness.



For over a century, the BSA has helped build future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes — and, through over a century of experience, knows — that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society.

For Boy Scout Troop 16, which meets here at Asbury UMC, 2016 was a blockbuster year. They once again were designated a quality unit, traveled abroad through nine states, performed over 200 hours of community service and have two boys near Eagle scout. Most notably, five scouts have earned their God and Church religious awards.

The youth of Troop 16, along with their leaders, will be helping with various parts of the worship during worship on February 5 as part of Scouting Sunday. Please come and meet some of the boys.

Cindy's Corner

“As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.”
(Colossians 3:12-15 NRSV)

This Scripture text is one that I use often as a touchstone in my life. It reminds me that I am chosen, that I am beloved, and that God embraces me with compassion, kindness, and patience. As I experience this kind of loving relationship with God, I am also called to share it with others.

It is Monday morning and I have to get this article to Shirley so she can send the Messenger out on time. I know, the articles were due last Thursday, but that’s how it is some months!

Even though all kinds of thoughts are swarming around my brain, none of them are finding their way to the computer. Gosh, that is frustrating! So, I go back to my touchstones to bring me comfort and help give me direction.

Today the words that are catching my attention are “and be thankful.” With that in mind, here are the words that are finally emerging . . .

* I am thankful that, even though it is cloudy today, we have had a few days of sunshine that lift my spirits and bring a smile to my face.

* I am thankful for the seven people we welcomed into membership yesterday during worship. I look forward to being in ministry with them and growing together in faith.

* I am thankful that the sky was clear last night

and I saw a sliver of the moon and the brilliant glow of Venus.

* I am thankful for our confirmation youth and how they feel comfortable enough to tease me and make our time together fun.

* I am thankful to be a part of conversations of care and concern for people we love.

* I am thankful I have a warm, safe, beautiful place to live, and that I have good food to eat that nourishes my body.

* I am thankful for friends that become family.

* I am thankful for the many ways we are in ministry together in our church, our community and our world.

* I am thankful for opportunities and experiences that push me outside of my comfort zone!

* I am thankful that I have three older brothers who are the best brothers any sister could have.

* I am thankful for our church building where we gather to worship, cook, study, learn, sing and play.

* I am thankful that my list could go on and on and on!

“As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved . . . be thankful.” Time to start your list!

Peace and Joy,

Cindy

Pastoral Care: Because of the privacy act, hospitals no longer telephone churches to let us know that one of our members have been admitted. Please notify the church office (218-624-0061) if you or someone you know is in need of pastoral care for illness, hospitalization or surgeries. In the case of an emergency and there is no answer at the church, call Pastor Cindy at 218-464-0304.

Asbury News



The Asbury UMC Finance Committee's responsibility is to manage and direct the financial affairs of the church and provide leadership for the Fall Financial Stewardship Drive. The committee meets quarterly to review the budget, both income and expenses, and more often in the fall during our stewardship drive.

At the January Administrative Council Meeting, Pat Anscomb and Larry Scanlon presented the year-end financial information for 2016. At year-end we had all of our bills paid including our 2016 apportionments, and we went into 2017 with a balance on hand of \$7,608.62. This will come in handy because we had some mandatory elevator work done in January which will cost approximately \$2,000.

For 2017 our estimated income is up and we approved a solid budget for 2017. Copies of the budget are available in the church office. The Finance Team reported to Ad Council that overall our church is in a good financial position.

As always, we are grateful for the many ways you support the ministries and programs at Asbury UMC! — The Finance Team

Thank You!

Dear Asbury United Methodist Church :

Thank you for your donation to Piedmont School. We have a lot of students in need. They loved getting new hats and mittens. Thanks for thinking of us!
— Piedmont Panthers

Dear Asbury Friends:

Thank you for your recent gift to the U.S. Fund for UNICEF. Using your generous gift, UNICEF can reach more children affected by extreme poverty, conflicts or natural disasters like the recent devastation caused by Hurricane Matthew in Haiti. Your commitment helps provide the world's most vulnerable children with nutrition, safe water and medical supplies needed for survival. Your gift also allows UNICEF to help provide a basic education, shelter, protection and other vital services that demonstrate that you put children first.
— Caryl M. Stern, President & CEO

Dear Asbury United Methodist Church:

Thank you for your generous donation to our Agency. We will be able to use it to help with our homeless and low income programs. This money is greatly needed and very much appreciated.
— AEOA Energy Assistance Dept.

Dear Asbury United Methodist Church:

On behalf of the Duluth Public Schools, we wish to thank you for your recent donation for Stowe School. Your thoughtfulness will help us.
— William Gronseth, Superintendent; David Kirby, School Board Chair

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who worked so hard making our January 21 pasty sale another huge success. And thank you also to all who ordered pasties. We did great! Please watch for the pasty report in an upcoming Messenger.

Looking For Ice Cream Buckets

Please bring gallon ice cream buckets with lids or Cool Whip containers with lids to the church kitchen. And, we are always looking for pint jars and small jam jars. Those also can be left in the church kitchen.

Outreach/ Communion Offering . . .

January's offering of \$80.00 went to AEOA Heating/Energy Assistance. February's offering will go to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Attendance . . .

January 1	65
January 8	87
January 15	93
January 22	96
January 29	96

Scripture Readers . . .

Feb 5	Alan Johnson
Feb 12	Barbara Little
Feb 19	Leo Lambert
Feb 26	TBD



- 2 Linda Espenson
Scott Tollefson
- 4 Jeanne Rychlak
Anna Guldner
- 5 Dick Holm
Grace Ridgewell
- 6 Peter Downs
Joyce Park
- 7 Melissa Finnely
- 11 Craig Vanneste
- 14 Seth Green
Jennifer Gutowski
Edwin Lone
- 17 Paul Paczynski
- 18 Dan Mokros
- 19 Carol Cherne
Kendall Lepisto
Kathy Levinski
- 22 Clark Bennett
- 24 Andrea Mattila
- 25 Lynell Huie
- 26 Florence Rossley
- 28 Christopher DeSantell
Kayla Skorich

*Not included?
Please contact the
church office at 624-0061.*

Calendar

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:30 am UMW Board Meeting, WR 6:00 pm, Youth Choir 6:30 pm, Adult Choir	2 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 10:00 to 11:00 am, 2nd Harvest Food Dist	3 Office Closed Dumpster Pick Up	4 TPUMMS Youth Event
5 "SOUP"ER BOWL SUNDAY SCOUTING SUNDAY 9:15 Adult Choir 10:00 am, Worship/ Communion/SS Rev. John Strunk preaching 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship,	6 6:00 pm, CS Pack 3116, FH 6:30 pm Praise Team	7 9:00 am Kiwanis, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR	8 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:00 am, Pastor Cindy @ West Duluth 6:00 pm, Youth Choir	9 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR	10 Office Closed	11
12 UMW SUNDAY 10:00 am, Worship/B'day/ Children's Church 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH 11:30 am, Confirmation, WR 6:00 pm, BS Troop 16, FH	13 6:00 pm, CS Pack 3116, FH 6:30 pm Praise Team	14 9:00 am, Pastor Cindy @ Faith Haven 9:30 am, BB, WR 10:00 am, P. Cindy @ North Shore Estates 2:00 pm, KK, WR 6:30 pm Trustees, WR	15 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 8:30 am, Pastor Cindy @ CHUM 6:00 pm, Youth Choir 6:00 pm Christian Ed, GR	16 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 3:00 pm, SPRC, WR 7:00 pm Faith Circle, WR MESSENGER DEADLINE	17 Office Closed Dumpster Pick Up	18
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26 9:15 Adult Choir 10:00 am, Worship/SS 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH 6:00 pm, BS Troop 16, FH	27 6:00 pm, CS Pack 3116, FH 6:30 pm Praise Team	28 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR MESSENGER EMAILS/MAILS	Youth choir meets each Wednesday at 6:00 pm Adult choir meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm and again on the 1st and 4th Sundays of the month at 9:15 am Praise Team practice is every Monday at 6:30 pm. YOGA classes are held Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in Asbury's Fellowship hall. Contact Cheryl Zupec, 218.343.4478 or czupec@hotmail.com for more information.			

Asbury News

Ad Council Meeting Highlights — 01-17-17

Opening

Bonnie Schroeder-Palmi, new Administrative Council facilitator, called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the November 15, 2016, Administrative Council were reviewed. Steve Kokotovich made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. **M – Steve Kokotovich, S – Ruth Thorpe**

Lay Leader's Report – Steve Kokotovich

The Christmas season went very well. We had a very successful stewardship campaign. Church finances are good. Steve thanked the new people on the council.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Pat Anscorb and Larry Scanlon

Pat made a correction in the November 15, 2015 report. Balance on Hand for 11/30/16 should have read as \$9,089.45.

The December monthly summary was given. Balance on Hand, 12/31/16 is \$7,608.62.

We have paid our 2016 Apportionments in full, for a total of \$23,327.04! Larry presented the Profit and Loss Performance. We had a Net Income of \$782 for October through December, 2016, and a Net Income of \$2,290 for all of 2016.

Larry presented the Balance Sheet as of 12/31/16. Our Total Assets are \$1,372,507.97

Larry stated that our church is in a good financial position.

Staff Parish Relations Committee – Pastor Cindy for Phyllis Faue

The committee has completed their work on the staff salaries for 2017. There will be a meeting in February to welcome new members on the committee.

Trustee's Report – Terry Olson

Work has been done on the church elevator. Due to the ice storm on Christmas night, the roof was leaking water into the church. Dale Thorpe, Steve Kokotovich and two of Steve's sons removed the ice from the church roof to stop the leakage. Follow-up work may need to be done in the summer. The trustees are pleased with the work of our contract snow removal person.

United Methodist Women – Patty Bennett for Jan Akervik

The church will be making pasties this week. February 5th, is Souper Bowl Sunday, which is sponsored by Faith Circle. UMW Sunday is February 12th. February 15th, is Prayer and Self-Denial at Norton Park UMC.

Outreach and Missions Team – Steve Kokotovich

Asbury's winter hats and mittens drive was very successful this year thanks to many generous people. The collection has been divided and brought to Lincoln, Piedmont, Raleigh Edison and Stowe Elementary Schools. The Dates for Asbury serving at Damiano are January 28, March 11th, and May 20th. Times for all three are 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Salvation Army Toy Drive went well. Thank you to Dennie and Sharon Parendo for transporting the toys to the Salvation Army. The next meeting is this Thursday, Jan. 19th, at 5:00 p.m.

Education Team – Cheryl Parendo and Sandy Winklesky

TREASURER'S REPORT

12/31/16

GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Cash Balance, 11/30/16	\$ 9,089.45
Deposits	\$ 19,136.66
Total to account for	\$ 28,226.11
Checks Written	<\$ 20,617.49>
Balance on Hand, 11/30/16	\$ 7,608.62
Unpaid Bills through 12/31/16 (includes apportionments)	\$ 0.00
Net Ending Balance at 12/31/16	\$ 7,608.62

The Sunday School Christmas Program was excellent. Pastor Cindy, who created the meaningful script, was quick to say that many people were involved to make it a success. The hanging stars in the church created the perfect atmosphere.

The Education Team has set up teams of teachers to take turns teaching on Sundays.

The confirmation class is going well with 6 seventh graders.

Ruth Bloomquist has sent a note thanking the Sunday School children for the gifts that the children have made for her and other members on the visitation list. She also included a check for the Sunday School.

The next meeting is on February 15th.

Worship Team – Ruth Thorpe

The team will meet tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.

The committee has purchased plays that they have been incorporating into previous worship services. The team will be going over the material to use additional skits.

Nurture/Congregational Care Team – Sandy Winklesky

Sandy reported that Pat Nelson is working to set up a meeting for the Visitation Committee.

We are in need of a facilitator for the Scholarship Committee.

Patty Bennett reported that the Membership Committee has set two dates. On January 22nd, there will be an orientation meeting after the worship service for people who are interested in joining the church and for those interested in just knowing more about Asbury UMC. On January 29th, we will be receiving new members into the church during the worship service.

Pastor's Report – Cindy Rasmussen

Pastor Cindy commented that much of what she was going to mention has already been stated tonight.

Pastor Cindy and Phyllis Kruell provided a worship service at St. Ann's last Sunday.

There will be a TPUMM's meeting on January 29th, at 3:00 p.m.

Pastor Cindy will be on vacation February 2nd to 6th, and March 15th to 27th. Rev. John Strunk will do the worship service for February 5th, and March 19th. The Worship Team is planning the service for March 26th.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Closing

The next two meetings will be held on Tuesdays, February 21st, and April 18th. Both at 7:00 p.m.

Sandy Winklesky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. **M – Sandy Winklesky, S – Pat Anscorb.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Bennett, Recording Secretary

United Methodist Women



“Soup”er Bowl Sunday – February 5

Please come to the Fellowship Hall following services for “Soup”er Bowl Sunday hosted by UMW’s Faith Circle. Enjoy Mary DeMar’s delicious chicken noodle soup and her sister Max’s yummy ham/bean soup served with freshly baked rolls. Ice cream and cookies for dessert and beverages will be provided and a free-will offering will

be taken. All monies will be held for Food Shelf matching funds in March.



UMW Sunday on February 12

UMW Sunday will be held on February 12. The Special Recognition Award will be presented to Pastor Cindy. Thank You Awards will be presented to Dick Holm, Dale Thorpe and Ruth Thorpe. We will remember Roni Town, Leona Osborn, Betty Lilyquist, and Kathy Palmer with Gifts in Memory. Each award has a monetary gift made to missions in the name of the person being honored. Pastor Cindy will present the message for this special Sunday. The UMW women will provide support during the service.

UMW Pledges 2017

With a new year beginning, members of our two circles will be making their pledges to support our Asbury UMW budget which is dedicated to supporting mission work locally, district, statewide and nationally. Our purpose in UMW is to know God and experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Both circles, Love/Hope and Faith, welcome new members at any time. Contact Jan Akervik, 626-1539 or Judy Pearson, 722-5818, for more information.

If you are not interested in joining a circle, but you do wish to support the mission of UMW, you may make a pledge and turn it in to Lynn Tollefson, treasurer of Asbury’s UMW.

Duluth Area UMW at Norton Park

Join women from our area United Methodist Churches on Wednesday, February 15, for the Annual Prayer and Self Denial meeting to be held at Norton Park UMC, 436 N 79th Ave West. Registra-

UMW Meetings

- UMW board members will meet in the Wesley Room on Wednesday, February 1.
- Love/Hope Circle will meet at 1:00 pm on February 21 in the Wesley Room.
- Faith Circle will host the “Soup”er Bowl luncheon on February 5 and this will be the Circle’s meeting. If you have not paid your pledge by then, you may turn it in to Patty Bennett.
- Knitting Klub members meet at 2:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in the Wesley Room. Come join us!
- Green Door Book Club members meet at 9:30 am on the 3rd Monday of each month in the Wesley Room.

tion begins at 10:30 am with the program at 11:00 am. Amber Male and Dan Shykes from Lutheran Social Services will present the program on the new Crisis Nursery and the Bethany Crisis Shelter. Lunch will follow the program.

We will pay our registration/lunch fee of \$8.00 at the time of registration and a special offering will be taken to support the Crisis Nursery and Bethany Crisis Shelter.

Call Pat Nelson by February 10 at 391-0957 to indicate if you will be attending.



New Books for the UMW Reading Library

New books for the UMW Reading Library have arrived and are ready to be checked out. They are as follows:

Education for Mission

Boundless by Bryan Bishop

Love Casts Out Fear by Brother Nathan

and David Culross

Called to the Fire by Chet Bush

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United Methodist Women



UMW New Books from page 6

Journey with J.W. by Daphna Flegal
Live to Give by Austin Gutwein
Wherever the River Runs by Kelly Minter

Leadership Development

The Courage to be Yourself by Al Desetta
Falling into Place by Hattie Kauffman
Not Safe for Church by F. Douglas Powe, Jr.
and Jasmine Smothers
Sally Ride by Lynn Sherr

Nurturing for Community

The Perfect Place by Teresa E. Harris
Broken and Blessed by Jessica Lagrone
Slowing Time by Barbara Mahany
Animal Beauty by Kristin Roskifte
Remember Dippy by Shirley Reva Vernick

Social Action

Pre-Post Racial America by Sandhya Rani Jha
Class Lives by Chuck Collins, Jennifer Ladd,
Maynard Seider and Felice Yeskel

Spiritual Growth

Soul Repair by Rita Nakashina Brock
and Gabriella Lettini
Just for Today, Saint John Paul XXIII
by Bimba Landmann
The Reason by Lacey Sturm
Fully Awake and Truly Alive by Rev. Jane E. Vennard

The UMW Reading Library is located in the Wesley Room. There are many books for a wide variety of interests. We encourage you to check out a book by using the check out notebook provided. If you have any questions about the Asbury UMW Reading Program, please talk to Patty Bennett.

Asbury News



Adult Christian Education Is Back!

Good news! Our Adult Christian Education classes start in March! We will again be studying "Faith Link," an on-line, single-topic study.

Meeting dates are: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 2017. Meeting times are: 1:00 pm and if there is enough interest 6:30 pm.

All materials will be provided. A new topic is discussed each time so you can sign up for some classes or all of the classes. A sign-up sheet will be on the table in the Narthex. Please indicate which time you prefer.

Teachers are Pastor Cindy, Rev. John Strunk and Ruth Thorpe. Please call Ruth at 624-4692 or Pastor Cindy with questions. Hope to see you there!

Mitten Tree Drive

Congratulations on another successful mitten tree drive! We collected 194 hats, 59 scarves, 21 pairs of mittens, 15 pairs of gloves and 1 pair of earmuffs! These were divided and delivered to MacArthur, Piedmont, Raleigh Edison and Stowe Elementary,

where they were greatly received. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness for making and purchasing these well-needed items for our area school children.

It's never too early to start collecting warm accessories for next year! Mid-winter is the perfect time to buy winter items on sale. We are especially in need of mittens and gloves.

Thank you again for your kindness.



One Great Hour of Sharing

For more than 50 years, United Methodist congregations have been taking part in a special One Great Hour of Sharing offering, laying the foundation for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) ministry of relief and hope.



We will be collecting One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes on February 5 as our Outreach/Communion offering. Please put your envelopes in the collection plate.

2017 Elected Leadership

*Thank you to all who serve –
both those who are going off committee membership
and those who are continuing or beginning!
You are an important part of the ministry
and organization of our church!*

Administrative Council

Facilitator Bonnie Schroeder-Palmi
Recording Secretary Patty Bennett
Treasurer Pat Anscomb
Lay Leader Steve Kokotovich
Lay Member to Annual Conference Steve Kokotovich
Pastor Cindy Rasmussen

Ministry Team Facilitators

Trustees Terry Olson
Finance Judi Vandell
Staff-Parish Relations Phyllis Faue
Scholarship
Outreach Steve Kokotovich
Membership Clark and Patty Bennett
Worship Ruth Thorpe
Christian Ed Cheryl Parendo/Sandy Winklesky
Visitation Pat Nelson
UMW President Jan Akervik
At Large Member Carrie Sutherland

Christian Education

Facilitators Cheryl Parendo, Sandy Winklesky
Children's Church Sandy Winklesky
Fall Festival Cheryl Parendo
Christmas Program Christian Education Committee
Sunday School Teachers Sandy Winklesky
..... Cheryl Parendo, Ruby Slennes
Adult Education Ruth Thorpe, Pastor Cindy
At Large Members Missy Finnelly, Amy Kokotovich
..... Candy Kokotovich, Alice Brenny, Renee Randa, Ruby Nelson

Worship Team

Facilitator Ruth Thorpe
Members: Alan Johnson, Andrea Mattila, Julie Brackett
Debbie Merrick, Alice Brenny, Sue Opferkew, Gene Kubis, Cathy Strunk
Choir Director Ruby Slennes
Organist Phyllis Kruell
Praise Team Leader Kim Herrig, Debbie Merrick, Phyllis Kruell
Altar Candle Care Pat Nelson
Communion Stewards Clark and Patty Bennett
Head Usher Leo Lambert
Technology
Pastor Cindy Rasmussen
Fine Arts Judi Pearson and Jan Akervik

Visitation Team

Facilitator Pat Nelson
Members Pat Anscomb, Phyllis Wolden, Ruth Thorpe
..... Dale Thorpe, Patty Bennett, Cheryl Parendo, Jan Akervik
..... Gloria Schultz, Judy Pearson, Sandy Winklesky, Phyllis Faue
..... Nancy, Olson, Lois Stromgren, Pastor Cindy

Outreach

Facilitator Steve Kokotovich
CHUM Representative Jan Evans
Team Members Dawn Parendo, Sharon Parendo, Judy Pearson,
..... Pam Perich, Jan Evans, Barb Rigstad, Barbara Little
..... Tom Houle, Debbie Houle, Alice Brenny, Pastor Cindy

Membership

Facilitators Clark and Patty Bennett
Team Members Sue Newberry, Sharon Parendo, Pat Nelson,
..... Cheryl Blazevic, Jim & Bobbi Gimpel, Pastor Cindy
Prayer Chain Coordinator Gary Winklesky

Board of Trustees

Facilitator Terry Olson
Class of 2017 Terry Olson, Donna Mickelson, Dale Thorpe
Class of 2018 Jim Faue, Keith McGraw, Dick Wolden
Class of 2019 Elmer Olson, Dave Stromgren, Lois Stromgren

Landscaping Team

Facilitator Judy Pearson
Team Members Ron Brosdal, Dale Thorpe, Elmer Olson, Jerry Smith
..... Jeanne Rychlak, Mick Levinsky, Dick Wolden

Staff/Pastor Parish Relations

Facilitator Phyllis Faue
Class of 2017 Bev LeClair, Leo Lambert, Alan Johnson, Phyllis Faue
Class of 2018 Barb Kokotovich, Dick Warner, Dennis Parendo
Class of 2019 Cathy Sampson, Carol Johnson, Dawn Jones
Lay Leader Steve Kokotovich
Pastor Cindy Rasmussen

Finance/Stewardship Team

Facilitator Judi Vandell
Team Members Julie Arnt, Larry Sampson, Jan Akervik
Treasurer Pat Anscomb
Second Check Signer Larry Scanlon
Administrative Council Chair Bonnie Schroeder-Palmi
Lay Member to Annual Conference and
Lay Leader Steve Kokotovich
Trustee Chair Terry Olson
Staff-Parish Relations Chair Phyllis Faue
Offering Counters Barb Downs, Mary DeMars
..... Audrey Johnson/Sharon Picconatto, Ron Brosdal, Linda Warner
Memorials Cheryl Parendo and Sharon Picconatto

Scholarships

Facilitator
VanKleek Representative Ruth Thorpe
Maida Representative Jeff Maida
Team Members Kathy Downs, Nancy Olson,
..... Donna Mickelson, Dennis Parendo

Lay Leadership/Nominations

Facilitator Rev. Cindy Rasmussen
Lay Leader Steve Kokotovich
Class of 2017 Jan Akervik, Jeanne Rychlak, Dale Thorpe
Class of 2018 Kathy Downs, Judy Pearson
Class of 2019 Leo Lambert, Lynn Tollefson

Asbury United Methodist
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Return service requested

Meet Our Staff



Pastor:.....Cindy M. Rasmussen
Administrative Asst.:Shirley Brandt
Choir Director:Ruby Slennes
OrganistPhyllis Kruell
Praise Team Leader
Nursery Attendant Sue Opferkew
Custodian:Dan Mokros
Admin. Council Chair: Rob Karwath
Treasurer:Pat Anscomb
Lay Leader: Steve Kokotovich
Trustees:Terry Olson/Donna Mickelson
UMW PresidentJan Akervik
SPRC ChairPhyllis Faue
Worship Chair Ruth Thorpe
Christian Education: Cheryl Parendo
Christian Education:Sandy Winklesky

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NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: February 16 for March 2017 Messenger.

Please submit all articles of interest to Shirley in the church office by the deadline listed above.
Items may be dropped off, e-mailed or mailed. Thank you.

Worship With Us

Every Sunday at 10:00 am.

NOTE:

1st Sunday of each month we share Holy Communion,
2nd Sunday we recognize those celebrating birthdays.
3rd Sunday our music is led by our Praise Team.
***Every Sunday we give thanks and celebrate
God's great gifts and presence in our lives.***



Asbury's Mission Statement

*Asbury United Methodist is a caring, Christian community which welcomes all persons as God's children.
We will strive to grow in spirit and seek God's vision of hope, love and peace in the community and world.*