



**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

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# Messenger

## The Season of LENT

**L**ent is a time to look clearly at ourselves and our world to see where we are not living as God intends, and to consciously make some changes or new beginnings. Traditionally, people in the Northern Hemisphere have believed that the word Lent comes from the same root as length and that it refers to the lengthening of daylight at this time of the year. It has also been suggested that the word Lent comes from the Latin word *lentare*, which means "to bend." With that connection, Lent can be seen as a time of transformation or bending — of turning to a new way of being.

Lent is 40 days (and six Sundays) and begins on Ash Wednesday. On Ash Wednesday, the use of ashes is a sign of mortality and repentance, which has had a long history in Jewish and Christian worship. The imposition of ashes can be a powerful nonverbal and experiential way of participating in the call to reconciliation with God, ourselves, and others.

Knowing and experiencing God's forgiveness allows us to honestly examine our lives in preparation for the renewal and resurrection of Easter!

- March 1** Ash Wednesday at 6:30 pm.
- March 5** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent, Communion & Adult Choir
- March 12** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent, Children/Youth Choir
- March 19** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent, Praise Team  
Rev. John Strunk preaching
- March 26** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, Anticipating the Promise/  
Stories for the Easter Vigil
- April 2** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, Communion & Adult Choir
- April 9** 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, Palm/Passion Sunday  
with Sunday School Choir

**E A S T E R**  
Sunday



• A S H •  
Wednesday



F I R S T  
Sunday in Lent



S E C O N D  
Sunday in Lent



T H I R D  
Sunday in Lent



F O U R T H  
Sunday in Lent



F I F T H  
Sunday in Lent



P A L M  
Sunday



**April 16**  
**E A S T E R**  
**S U N D A Y**

# Cindy's Corner

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**W**e are journeying people. From the time we enter into the world until the moment we take our final breath, we make our way as life unfolds before us. So it is with our faith. It, too, is a lifelong journey

In the United Methodist Church, confirmation is one of the first significant moments in which we affirm the faith into which we were baptized. It brings into focus the life of discipleship, recognizes a new level of maturity in Christian faith and affirms participation in a community of faith.

It is a time when we learn about who we are as God's people and how that affects our lives. It is a time to learn how God has worked in the lives and faith of others. It is a time to learn about who we are as Christians, as United Methodists and as human beings. It is a time to think about who we want to become.

The confirmation program here at Asbury UMC is a one-year process. We meet twice a month on the second Sunday of each month and the fourth Wednesday. Our areas of study include Beliefs and Faith, History and Heritage, Practices of Faith and the Christian Way of Life.

We have six youth participating in confirmation this year: Chris DeSantell, Ben Nyland, Emily Rager, Mallorie Schwartz, Emma Vanneste and



Lily Vanneste. They are curious, energetic, and willing to share their ideas and opinions! We have interesting conversations as we explore the importance of faith as a part of our life journey.

*Peace and Joy,* **Cindy**

## **Asbury United Methodist Church Celebrating 25 Years**

Join us Sunday, May 21, to celebrate Asbury's 25 years of Ministry! We will worship, share stories and pictures, and have a light lunch together.

If you have pictures/stories to share, please bring them to the church office so we can begin creating "our walk down memory lane."

More information to come!  
For now, mark your calendar!

**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



## Thank You!

Dear Asbury Family :

Thank you for all of your get well cards, prayers, birthday cards and flowers.

— Anna Guldner

Dear Asbury United Methodist Church:

Thank you to everyone who knit or crocheted the hats, mittens and scarves that were donated to Stowe Elementary School. We have seen some smiles, especially when the children get to pick their own. You are all awesome!

— Stowe Elementary School Staff

Dear Pastor Cindy and Asbury UMC:

Thank you for your congregational contribution of \$500 to CHUM. It will be used for food, shelter and advocacy. It is with great joy that we celebrate the second anniversary of housing stability for the eight families who moved into the Steve O'Neil Apartments in December 2014! We salute and honor their hard work and commitment to overcoming the challenges of long-term or recurrent homelessness. Day-by-day, side-by-side, we are fulfilling our shared goal of ending family homelessness and fostering strong families. Your support of CHUM, in all ways — time, treasure and good will — makes our work possible.

— Mary Schmitz CHUM Development Director

Dear Pastor Cindy, Members and Friends of Asbury UMC:

Thank you for your commitment and for your accomplishment in paying 100% of your apportionments in 2016! As you know, our apportionments are used to support vital ministries across our conference, nation, and world as well as important benevolence and mission projects of the General Church and Annual Conference. Your church, along with 42 other churches in our Big Waters District, kept this covenant. Thank you and may God continue to bless your congregation. Please share and celebrate with your congregation the Certificate of Appreciation

(on bulletin board in Narthex) recognizing your excellence in giving. Churches like yours, who communicate to their members the difference we make in people's lives through our apportionments, are helping people see the joy of giving and the power of uniting across our denomination to heal hurts and spread the hope of Christ's love in action.

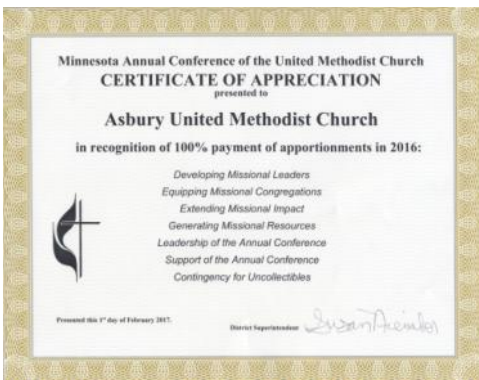
In the United Methodist church, apportioned funds are what enable United Methodists to do ministry together. You have supported the connectional staff members

who provide the leadership throughout the state and throughout our denomination. Apportionments help provide health insurance to retired clergy. They help start new faith communities, and enable churches to turn around ministries that have diminished throughout the years. Apportionments, along with your prayers and works of mercy, help keep the vital Wesleyan connection a sacred bond of mission in the United States and all around the world!

Thank you again for leading with generosity! I praise God for your faithful giving that allows us to reach new people, cultivate spiritual vitality and heal a broken world. Together, God is using us to bless the world in Christ's name.

With deep gratitude,

— Susan Nienaber, Big Waters District Superintendent



### Outreach/

#### Communion Offering . . .

February's offering of \$142.00 went to One Great Hour of Sharing. March's offering will go to CHUM Food Shelf.

#### Attendance . . .

February 5	88
February 12	86
February 19	88

#### Scripture Readers . . .

March 5	Ruth Thorpe
March 12	Carrie Sutherland
March 19	Dale Thorpe
March 26	Barbara Little



- 1 Peter Espenson  
Zak Tollefson
- 7 Jan Akervik  
Lynn McGraw
- 9 Julie Arnt  
Bryan Hinnenkamp
- 11 Karina Kokotovich
- 12 Chris Schwartz
- 13 Lloyd Simich
- 15 Janessa Brackett  
Allison Finnelly
- 18 Lindsey Jo Kirkman
- 19 Teri Akervik  
Sue Majewski  
Ruby Nelson
- 20 Matt Kokotovich  
Joe Mickelson  
Kerry Schwartz
- 22 Steve Mickelson  
Taylor Robinson
- 23 Mick Levinski
- 25 Cassandra Greene  
Lynn Tollefson
- 26 Dale Slennes
- 28 Terry Paczynski  
Nolan Randa  
Renee Randa
- 31 Don Lilyquist

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

# Calendar

## March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Youth choir meets each Wednesday at 6:00 pm</p> <p>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</p> <p>Praise Team practice is every Monday at 6:30 pm.</p> <p>YOGA classes are held Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in Asbury's Fellowship hall. Contact Cheryl Zupec, 218.343.4478 or <a href="mailto:czupec@hotmail.com">czupec@hotmail.com</a> for more information.</p>			<p><b>1</b></p> <p>8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH</p> <p>9:30 am UMW Board Meeting, WR</p> <p>6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, WR</p> <p>10:00 to 11:00 am, 2nd Harvest Food Dist</p> <p>1:00 pm, Faithlink, WR</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>Dumpster Pick Up</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT</p> <p>9:15 Adult Choir</p> <p>10:00 am, Worship/Communion/SS</p> <p>11:00 am Coffee &amp; Fellowship, FH</p> <p>6:00 pm, BS Troop 16, FH</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>6:00 pm, CS Pack 3116, FH</p> <p>6:30 pm Praise Team</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9:00 am Kiwanis, FH</p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, WR</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH</p> <p>9:00 am, Pastor Cindy @ West Duluth</p> <p>6:00 pm, Youth Choir</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, WR</p> <p>1:00 pm, Faithlink, WR</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Damiano Volunteers 8:30 am—1:30 pm</p>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS</p> <p>SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT</p> <p>10:00 am, Worship/B'day/CC</p> <p>11:00 am Coffee &amp; Fellowship, FH</p> <p>11:30 am, Confirmation, WR</p> <p>6:00 pm, BS Troop 16, FH</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>6:00 pm, CS Pack 3116, FH</p> <p>6:30 pm Praise Team</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>9:00 am, Pastor Cindy @ Faith Haven</p> <p>9:30 am, BB, WR</p> <p>10:00 am, P. Cindy @ North Shore Estates</p> <p>2:00 pm, KK, WR</p> <p>6:30 pm Trustees, WR</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH</p> <p>6:00 pm, Youth Choir</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, WR</p> <p>1:00 pm, Faithlink, WR</p> <p>7:00 pm Faith Circle, WR</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>Dumpster Pick Up</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>
<b>Pastor Cindy on vacation March 15-28</b>						
<p><b>19</b></p> <p>THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT</p> <p>10:00 am, Worship/Praise/SS</p> <p>Rev. John Strunk preaching</p> <p>11:00 am Coffee &amp; Fellowship, FH</p> <p>6:00 pm, BS Troop 16, FH</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>9:30 am, Green Door Book Club, WR</p> <p>6:00 pm, CS Pack 3116, FH</p> <p>6:30 pm Praise Team</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9:00 am Kiwanis, FH</p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, WR</p> <p>1:00 pm Love/Hope Circle, WR</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH</p> <p>6:00 pm, Youth Choir</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, WR</p> <p>1:00 pm, Faithlink, WR</p> <p>MESSENGER DEADLINE</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT</p> <p>9:15 Adult Choir</p> <p>10:00 am, Worship/SS</p> <p>Anticipating the Promise</p> <p>11:00 am Coffee &amp; Fellowship, FH</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>6:00 pm, CS Pack 3116, FH</p> <p>6:30 pm Praise Team</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, WR</p> <p>2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH</p> <p>6:00 pm, Youth Choir</p> <p>7:00 pm, Worship, WR</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, WR</p> <p>1:00 pm, Faithlink, WR</p> <p>5:15 pm, Outreach, WR</p> <p>MESSENGER EMAILS/MAILS</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>Dumpster Pick Up</p>	



# 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.

The goal of this column is to ensure that we are providing enough information to you so you can gain a good understanding of Asbury's financial picture. And, we would like to hear from you! Is there specific financial information that you are curious about that we haven't discussed? What type of information would you like to see in the column on a regular basis?

Email your ideas to the church office at [asburyumcduluth@hotmail.com](mailto:asburyumcduluth@hotmail.com) or put a note on Shirley's desk and she will forward them to us.

As you can see from the Treasurer's Report our current financial position is strong, thanks to the commitment of all of you!

*We are grateful for the many ways you support the ministries and programs at Asbury UMC!*

— The Finance Team



## Adult Christian Education Starts March 2

Adult Christian Education classes start in March! We will again be studying "Faith Link," Connecting Faith and Current Events and Life Issues.



Topics will include: A Passion for Justice, Standing Rock, Fracking, Fake News and the Women's March.

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!

## TREASURER'S REPORT 1/31/17

GENERAL FUND:	
Beginning Cash Balance, 12/31/16	\$ 7,608.62
Deposits	\$ 13,702.35
Total to account for	\$ 21,310.97
Checks Written	<\$ 13,067.17>
Balance on Hand, 1/31/17	\$ 8,243.80
Unpaid Bills through 1/31/17 (includes apportionments)	<\$ 2,822.34>
Net Ending Balance at 1/31/17	\$ <u>5,421.46</u>

## Minnesota Food Share March Campaign

During the entire month of March, all donations to CHUM's Emergency Food Shelf are proportionally matched by the Greater Minnesota Council of Churches.



Asbury can help again this year with contributions of cash and/or food. Cash donations are particularly helpful because of the food shelf's access to discount products and programs which can stretch donations further. Please make your check out to Asbury UMC if you want your donation to be included on your giving statement report.

The Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign brings together various Minnesota organizations, businesses, and places of worship to help keep 300 food shelves statewide stocked throughout the year. The March Campaign is the largest grassroots food and fund drive in the state, having raised \$8.2 million dollars and 5.2 million pounds of food in 2016, the most successful campaign in the organization's 34-year history.

This year, the CHUM churches are choosing a few specific items to donate (in addition to financial donations). Asbury has chosen peanut butter, mac & cheese, chili, stew and cereal.



**You can bring the donations beginning March 1 through April 2.**

March is the only month when every cash and food donation received by food shelves generates additional dollars from Minnesota Food Share. More information is at: [mnfoodshare.org](http://mnfoodshare.org).

# Asbury News

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## **AUMC Administrative Council Meeting Highlights — February 21, 2017 — 7:00 pm**

### **Opening:**

Sandy Winklesky called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Cindy offered a prayer.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Minutes of the January 17, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept minutes as written was seconded and approved.

**M – Jan Akervik, S – Terry Olson**

### **Lay Leader's Report:** Steve Kokotovich

No report.

### **Treasurer's Report/ Finance:** Pat Anscorb

January monthly report states a balance as of 1/31/2017 as \$8,243.80.

Two large bills for the elevator have been paid and as of 2/15/2017 our balance is \$6,050.92.

### **Staff Parish Relations Committee:** Pastor Cindy for Phyllis Faue

Met last week and new members were introduced to the committee.

### **Trustees:** Terry Olson

Elevator bills have been paid.

Insurance will pay \$1,809.00 for water damage to ceiling and walls from Christmas storm that caused the damage. Repairs will not be done until the roof repair is made.

A new vacuum has been purchased for use in the Fellowship Hall.

A second one could be purchased if this one proves to do the job needed.

Terry and Jan have taken pictures of the room divider and Jan has made a contact with Northern Business Supply. They were of no help as they hadn't seen anything like it. Suggested we go through Cokesbury catalogs and see if we can find anything like it.

### **United Methodist Women:** Jan Akervik

Pasty mission money to go to Food Shelf is \$674.00.

"Souper" Bowl luncheon money to go to Food Shelf is \$348.00.

UMW Sunday went very well. Our thanks to those who participated. Awards were presented to : Special Recognition – Pastor Cindy; Thank You Awards – Dale Thorpe, Ruth Thorpe, Dick Holm.

### **Outreach and Mission Team:**

Steve Kokotovich (by Pastor Cindy)

March 11 – Damiano Center

March Food Drive – donate peanut butter, mac & cheese, chili/stew and cereal. Encouraged to donate money as more can be purchased with Food Shelf doing the buying of items necessary. Newsletter will give more information.

### **Education Team:** Cheryl Parendo

Met on Feb. 15.

Adult Bible Study to begin on March 2. Will be using FaithLink a curriculum that looks at current events from a faith perspective.

Topics will include Passion for Justice, Fracking, Fake News and Standing Rock. Pastor Cindy, Ruth Thorpe and Pastor John Strunk will lead. Sign up for Thursday at 1 p.m. or 7 p.m.

Sunday School averages 11-12 children.

The Sunday School received a check from Ruth Bloomquist and they sent her a thank note.

Spring Fest to be held on May 6.

Next meeting in March.

### **Worship Team:** Ruth Thorpe (Pastor Cindy )

Ash Wednesday service on March 1 at 6:30 p.m.

March 26 (Lent) a presentation called "Anticipating the Promise: Stories for the Easter Vigil"

### **Nurture/Congregational Care:** Sandy Winklesky

No new chair for Scholarship Team.

Pat Nelson to set meeting for Visitation Team.

Directory is progressing.

### **Pastor's Report:** Cindy Rasmussen

Cindy will be on vacation March 16 -28. Pastor John Strunk will conduct the March 19 service and the Worship Team will present the March 26 service.

Cindy will be writing articles on committee responsibilities and functions within the church for the Messenger to help keep members informed.

Confirmation is going well.

### **Old Business:**

None

### **New Business:**

It is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Asbury UMC. The Ad Council will act as a committee to plan a special Sunday. Others will be asked to help with this special planning group. May 21 was selected as the date. Suggestions include a power point slide show of the church history, a light lunch following services, inviting former pastors and members, sending a letter of invitation and asking for responses of attending and setting other meeting times. The first meeting of this planning group will be at 5 p.m. on March 14.

### **Closing:**

Motion to adjourn by Pat Anscorb and seconded. Approved.

**M – Pat Anscorb, S – Cheryl Parendo.** Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Pastor Cindy and Jan Akervik

# Asbury News



On Sunday, January 29, Asbury UMC welcomed the following people into membership:



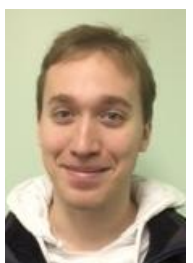
**Kathy Behn's** ties to Asbury UMC began when members of her family were former members of Central Avenue UMC. It was her father's funeral service at Asbury this last July that brought her to Asbury, and she has been attending ever since. Kathy is the mother of 4 grown children and when she isn't busy

with her work at Chartwells UWSuperior, Kathy's interests include cooking, baking, fundraising, traveling and shopping. Kathy thanks us for welcoming her and other members of her family.



**Susan Carlson** is a sister to Kathy Behn. Sue said that after her father's funeral service she felt a comfort and a connection with Asbury, and she also has been attending regularly. Like Kathy, Sue attended Denfeld High School and lives in New Duluth. She is married and has 2 children. You may recognize Sue from her job at Walgreens in West

Duluth. Sue said she "feels blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church family."



**Cody Carlson** also joined Asbury UMC with his mother, Sue. He attended Denfeld High School and lives at home with his parents, Sue and Gary, and his sister, Courtney. Cody is employed by UDAC.



**Kevin Miller** is a son to Kathy Behn. (Are you noticing that we have a family thing going on here?) Kevin attended Ashland High School and is employed at Super One Foods. His interests include skiing, running and snowshoeing.



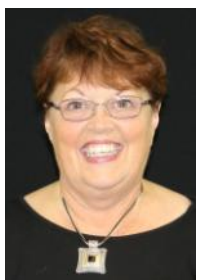
**Lindsey Miller** is a graduate of Central High School. She also works at Walgreens. Her areas of interest include working at the Food Shelf, working with people with special needs and scrapbooking. Lindsey said that she feels Asbury is a very welcoming church. She is Kevin Miller's girl friend. Yes, they have

the same last name, and they also share the same birthday.



**Ardelle Peterson** began coming to Asbury with her niece, the late Jan DeGrio. She is a former member of Wesley United Methodist Church in Hibbing. Ardelle graduated in the Class of 1942 from Denfeld High School. She raised 4 children and currently lives at Faith Haven in West Duluth. Ardelle said that "it

feels good here" at Asbury.



**Nancy Wagner** has been attending Asbury for over eight years and has become very involved with various committees at the church. She retired from St. Louis County after working 8 years at Nopeming and 22 years in the Sheriff's Department. Her daughter, Jennifer Nylund, is also a member of Asbury. Nancy's interests and hobbies include reading, gardening,

church, fishing and spending time with her grandsons. (Nancy is also a cousin to Kathy Behn and Sue Carlson and an aunt to Shelly Vanneste.)

Asbury UMC welcomes all of our new members. We feel very blessed to have them join our church family.

## Outreach Opportunity!

Asbury volunteers will be helping prepare, serve and clean up a Saturday meal at the **Damiano Soup Kitchen on Saturday, March 11 from 8:30 am until 1:30 pm**. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table in the Narthex.

The Soup Kitchen was the Damiano Center's founding program, beginning in March 1982 and is currently the largest on-site meal program in Northeastern Minnesota. Eight hot meals are served each week, plus a continental breakfast five days a week. Volunteers need to be able to stand for long periods of time, work the entire 5-hour shift, be at least 16 years old and have a heart for serving others.





## Area UMW Prayer and Self Denial Held

Approximately 40 women attended the annual Prayer and Self Denial meeting held at Norton Park UMC. A very interesting and well-done program informing us on the Lutheran Social Services Crisis Nursery and the Bethany Crisis Shelter was presented by Amber Male and Dawn Shykes. The special offering of \$628.00 will be forwarded to the two programs.

A luncheon followed the program. The next Area UMW meeting will be in April at Forbes UMC in Proctor.

## Successful "Soup"er Bowl Luncheon

Thanks to all who supported the "Soup"er Bowl luncheon. The soup was delicious, the hot rolls yummy, and the ice cream and cookies great. Better yet was all the fellowship shared! Thanks again to Mary DeMars and her sister Max for making the soups. Thanks, too, to all of the Faith Circle members who donated the rest of the lunch and for serving it and cleaning up. Your donations of \$348.00 will be sent to the Food Shelf in March when funds are matched.

## UMW Sunday Awards Presented

UMW Sunday was held on February 12. The Special Recognition Award was presented to Pastor Cindy. Thank You Awards were presented to Dick



From L to R: Dick Holm, Pastor Cindy, Dale Thorpe. Not pictured Ruth Thorpe. Pastor Cindy received the Special Recognition Award and Dick, Dale and Ruth received Thank You Awards.

Holm, Dale Thorpe and Ruth Thorpe. Gifts of Memory were made for Roni Town, Leona Osborne, Betty Lilyquist and Kathy Palmer. Each award has a monetary gift made to missions in the name of the person being honored. Pastor Cindy presented the message for this special Sunday and the UMW women provided support during the service. Thank you to Mary DeMars, Pat Nelson, Lois Stromgren and Phyllis Wolden who served as ushers, Sandy Winklesky who served as greeter, Jan Akervik and Judy Pearson who presented awards and Barbara Little who read Scripture.

## UMW Meetings

- UMW board members will meet in the Wesley Room on Wednesday, March 1.
- Faith Circle will meet on March 16 in the Wesley Room at 7:00 pm. Judy Pearson is the hostess and will present devotions. The program will be a talk about the new books purchased for the UMW Reading Program
- Love/Hope Circle will meet at 1:00 pm on March 21 in the Wesley Room.
- 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.

## Yummy Meatballs On the Horizon!

Only \$10.00 will get you one of the most scrumptious meals

ever! It's Asbury's Spring Meatball Dinner on Tuesday, April 4 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Homemade meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans almondine, coleslaw, breads,



dessert and a beverage. Take out is available and Asbury is handicapped-accessible.

Bring the family and your friends! We need your support and your help so please also consider volunteering some of your time. All proceeds go towards paying our 2016 MN Annual Conference apportionments.

## Annual Spring Rummage Sale

Donations are being sought for Asbury's Annual Spring Rummage sale

on Saturday, April 29 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All good and barely used items can be brought in the week after Easter. (NO CLOTHING PLEASE!) A drop-off schedule will be in upcoming announcements and the April Messenger.



All proceeds go towards paying our 2016 MN Annual Conference apportionments.



# United Methodist Women



## Report On January 21, 2017 Pasty Sale

2050 pasties .....	\$8,200.00
150 gravy .....	90.00
Donations.....	<u>10.00</u>
Total .....	\$8,300.00
Expenses .....	<u>-1,565.46</u>
.....	\$6,734.54

### Distribution

10% Missions .....	\$674.00
(Food Shelf)	
Kitchen Cleaning.....	\$150.00
Church Utilities.....	\$500.00
Project Fund —.....	<u>\$5,410.54</u>
.....	\$6,734.54

Thank you again to all who worked to help make this pasty sale another huge success. We hope to see many of you again in September 2017 (date TBD). Please invite others to come and join in the comradery of this fun Asbury UMC event. — Bernice Seehus

### Jewelry Needed

Asbury has the “Best Jewelry Table” in town. People return every year to check out what we have because of our nice variety. Again, we are asking for donations of old, used jewelry to make this year’s sale another success.

If you have something to donate, please either bring to the church office from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm (Monday through Thursday) or on Sunday mornings.

Thank you for your support!



## Asbury News



### Committees . . . Councils . . . Work Areas?

Have you ever wondered about the various committees/councils/work areas at Asbury UMC? Have you ever thought about how decisions are made and how you can be involved? If so, this is the column for you! In the next few months we will be highlighting various committees/councils/work areas explaining how they are organized and what they do. If you have questions, feel free to contact Steve Kokotovich, our Lay Leader or Pastor Cindy.

### Administrative Council . . .

In the United Methodist Church, the purpose of the Church Council, or what we call the Administrative Council, is for planning and implementing programs of nurture, outreach, witness and resources in the local church. The Council also provides for the administration of the church’s organization and temporal life.

It envisions, plans, implements, and annually evaluates the mission and ministry of the church. Other responsibilities include reviewing the membership of the local church, establishing the annual budget on recommendation of the Committee on Finance and ensuring adequate provision for the financial needs of the church.

The council meets on the third Tuesday of most months at 7:00 pm. The Chairperson or the Pastor may call special meetings.

The membership of the council includes, but is not limited to, the following:

The Chairperson of the Administrative Council; the Lay Leader; chairpersons and/or representatives of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Committee on Finance, Board of Trustees, Outreach Committee, Membership Committee, Worship Committee, Christian Education Committee, Visitation Committee and Scholarship Committee; the church Treasurer; Lay Member to the MN Annual Conference; the President and/or a representative of the United Methodist Women; the Pastor; and at-large members.

The members present and voting at any duly announced meeting shall constitute a quorum.

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## Recycling Refresher for 2017

Here is a list on what can be recycled:

- Plastic bottles and containers with a #1 through #7 on the bottom. Discard pumps.
- Glass bottles and jars. Clear, brown and green colors. Remove caps and lids. No broken glass.
- Metal — tin and aluminum. Food, beverage and empty aerosol cans only.
- All items must be rinsed clean for recycling. Please flatten when practical.
- Newspaper. Includes all inserts.
- Magazine, catalogs, phone books.
- Envelopes, mail, office/computer paper
- Chipboard/paperboard like cereal boxes, etc.
- Corrugated cardboard. MUST be flattened and no larger than 2 ft. x 2 ft. pieces.

These items **cannot** be recycled: plastic bags, plastic cups, cat litter pails, styrofoam, packing peanuts, light bulbs, mirrors, window glass, ceramics, ovenware,

dishes, drinking glasses, scrap metal, hangers, oil/antifreeze containers, pizza boxes, paper milk cartons and scrap wood.

**On March 12!**



## Need a Scholarship For Education?

Scholarship Sunday will be May 7 this year. (See page 11 of this Messenger for information regarding Asbury scholarships). **The deadline for submitting applications is April 3.** Applications may be downloaded from the website at [www.asburyduluth.org](http://www.asburyduluth.org), obtained in the church office or please submit a request at [asburyumcduluth@hotmail.com](mailto:asburyumcduluth@hotmail.com).



## Asbury's Easter Flower Garden

**Order Deadline is Sunday, March 12**

We will be decorating the sanctuary for Easter with beautiful spring flowers. You may order flowers in memory of and/or in honor of someone special. Please bring your form(s) with payment to the church office.

Additional forms are on the table at the back of the church. Flowers may be taken home following worship on Easter Sunday, April 16.

**Easter Lily** \$13.00 x \_\_\_\_\_

**Chrysanthemum** \$22.00 x \_\_\_\_\_  
Lavender/Yellow/White  
Please circle color desired.

**Reiger Begonia** \$22.00 x \_\_\_\_\_  
Pink/Yellow/Red  
Please circle color desired.

**Azalea** \$30.00 x \_\_\_\_\_  
Hot Pink/Red/Lavender  
Please circle color desired.

**TOTAL =** \_\_\_\_\_

Name: _____
Phone: _____
In Memory of: _____
In Honor of: _____

Office Use Only	
Date paid: _____	Check #: _____

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## ATTENTION STUDENTS OF ALL AGES!

### Carol B. Maida Memorial Scholarship

The **Carol B. Maida Scholarship** is financed through the permanent Endowment Fund of the Asbury United Methodist Church. This Award is named in honor of Carol B. Maida, who was active in her Church and her Community.

#### Purpose

To recognize members of Asbury United Methodist Church who possess the qualities of Compassion, Perseverance, and Positive Attitude through support and encouragement with their post-high school and adult education.

### Robert & Aileen VanKleek Memorial Scholarship

The **Robert & Aileen VanKleek Scholarship** is financed through the permanent Endowment Fund of the Asbury United Methodist Church. This Award is named in honor of Robert & Aileen VanKleek who were active members of Central Avenue and Asbury UMC. Robert was also principal at Denfeld High School.

#### Purpose

To recognize the academic accomplishments and participation in the congregational life of members of Asbury UMC through support of their post-high school and adult education.

## Requirements for Eligibility

Applicants must be **Full Members** of Asbury United Methodist Church of Duluth on the date of application. They must also have been a Full Member of the congregation for at least one year prior to the application deadline date. Applicants must also be enrolled or accepted into a post-high school degree or certificate program either full-time or part-time.

## Selection Criteria

An application for these scholarships is available:

- ◆ in the church office, 624-0061
- ◆ via e-mail at [asburyumcduluth@hotmail.com](mailto:asburyumcduluth@hotmail.com) or
- ◆ via the website at [www.asburyduluth.org](http://www.asburyduluth.org) (click on download application).

Applicants must complete and submit an Application Form along with supporting material, which must include:

- ◆ Final or most recent official high school transcript.
- ◆ Evidence of enrollment or acceptance into a post-high school degree or certificate program.
- ◆ Most recent transcript of grade report form if already in a post-high school program.
- ◆ Description of their Leadership and Participation in Community, School, Asbury UMC, and statement of future goals.

Applicants may be required to have a personal interview with the Scholarship committee

## Application Deadline

In order to receive consideration for these scholarships, application and supporting material **MUST** be received in the church office by **April 3**.

Recipients will be announced on Scholarship Sunday, on May 7.



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## Meet Our Staff



Pastor:.....Cindy M. Rasmussen  
Administrative Asst.: .....Shirley Brandt  
Choir Director: .....Ruby Slennes  
Organist .....Phyllis 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 President.....Jan Akervik  
SPRC Chair .....Phyllis Faue  
Worship Chair ..... Ruth Thorpe  
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**NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: March 23 for April 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.*