



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

Celebrating our History — Creating our Future

On Sunday, May 21, Asbury United Methodist Church celebrated 25 years of ministry in our current church building on Grand Avenue, West Duluth! We worshipped, shared stories, heard messages from former pastors and had lunch together.

A huge thank you to the 25th Anniversary Committee and to our United Methodist Women who provided the funds for our lunch!



Center L to R: Former Asbury UMC pastors Jim Haun, Sharon Osborn and Kathleen Zielinski with Big District Waters Superintendent Susan Nienaber (L) and current pastor Cindy Rasmussen (R).

Table of Contents	
Cindy's Corner	2
Let's Get Moving	
Asbury News	3-8
June Birthdays	
Worship Notes	
Thank You	
Grad Party Open House	
Clothing Sale	
Lay Readers Needed	
Pastoral Care	
Calendar	
Asbury Directory	
CHUM Church	
Birthday Open House	
Summer Meal Time	
Scholarships	
2017 Love Offering	
Perennial Plant Sale	
Treasurer's Report	
NNO Picnic	
Wildfire Picnic	
Rhubarb Fest	
Adventure Day Camp	
Asbury Cookbook?	
UM Women	9
Rummage Sale Update	
Summer Donuts	
UMW Library New Book	
Mission u	
UMW Meetings	
UMW Awards	
Meet the Staff	10



Praise team members were joined by Pastor Cindy (L) and Pastor Sharon (R) and were accompanied by from L to R: Phyllis Kruell, Bill Barnard and Vince Osborn.

Pastor Cindy speaking about Asbury's history at Children's Time



Approximately 160 attendees for Asbury's 25th Anniversary Celebration enjoyed a scrumptious lunch provided by funds from Asbury's UMW.

Photos by Stephanie Reinsch-Peterson

Cindy's Corner

My apartment faces the South and West so my first glimpse of the sunrise is from the “backside” with light shining on the hills and cliffs of West Duluth. This might give you an indication about the time of day I am writing this article!

As I sit here admiring the “backside sunrise,” it brings such joy to see the hills covered in green indicating new growth and possibilities. It reminds me of the movement in creation and in our lives that we call seasons.

In his book, *Let Your Life Speak*, Parker Palmer talks about the “mud and muck” of spring which creates the conditions for the rebirth. Whenever I think about or reread this portion of his book, I wonder what the mud and muck is in my life, at this time, which is helping to create something new.

It might be something small and seemingly insignificant or something huge and life changing. Sometimes the mud and muck is just a part of life, like our season of spring. And sometimes it is brought on by circumstances or events that we, or others, have done or experienced.

We are reminded in Ecclesiastes 3 that: “For

everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted...” Often when this Scripture text is read we end with “a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.”

If we continue reading however we find these words: “What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God’s gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.” Really, that is what it says!

Summer and fall are beautiful times to be in Duluth providing opportunities for times of reconnection to family and friends, God and even ourselves. I look forward to taking in the energy and fullness of the seasons.

I hope that if you are feeling stuck in the mud and muck of spring, you will find hope and happiness in the promise of new life and possibilities.

Peace and Joy,

Cindy



Let's Get Moving!

Summer in Duluth means being outdoors and soaking up the beauty of creation! If you are interested in spending some time walking/hiking, then let's get moving!

This is not an organized event but rather a “rag-tag group” that will meet to explore, hike and hang out with each other. Here is the idea: Create an email list of people who are interested in walking or hiking. Then, anyone on the list can find a friend (to make sure at least two people show up to walk/hike) and suggest a place, time and level of difficulty of the hike/walk. I will send out a group email to the list and whoever shows up is a part of the rag-tag hike/walk group for that day!

If you would like your name added to the list, send your email to me at pastorcmr@gmail.com.

Asbury News



A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped make our 25th Anniversary luncheon a success. We had table and chair washers, a Saturday set-up crew, Sunday servers and a Sunday clean-up crew.

Thank you to Clark and Patty Bennett, Tom Houle; Dale and Ruth Thorpe, Dick and Phyllis Wolden, Judy Pearson, Cheryl Parendo, Pat Anscomb, Mary DeMars, Bev LeClair, Pat Nelson, Nancy Wagner, Jan Akervik, Dick and Linda Warner, Sandy Winklesky, Nancy Wagner, Kathy Behn and Sue Carlson.

A SPECIAL thank you to the many volunteers who participated in our Spring Clean-Up Day where we concentrated on sprucing up the inside of the church. And, it was timely for our 25th Anniversary celebration! Everything looks great and your help was very much appreciated!

Open House Graduation Party for Courtney Carlson

Everyone is invited to an Open House Graduation Party honoring Courtney Ryanne Carlson on Saturday, June 24 from 12:00 to 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Courtney is the daughter of Asbury member Susan Carlson and sister to Asbury member Cody Carlson.

Mark Your Calendars! — August 17-18

Asbury's 8th Annual "Clothing Only" Dollar sale will be Thursday, August 17 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm and Friday, August 18 from 8:00 to 11:00 am. More details will be in an upcoming Messenger. Any questions, please call Pat Anscomb, 624-4554, or Sandy Winklesky, 624-9433.

Lay Readers For July-December 2017

We are updating our list of people who are willing to read Scripture during Worship. **If you would like your name to be added to, or remain on the Lay Reader list please call 624-0061 or send an email to the church office at asburymcduluth@hotmail.com.**

We will send out a schedule and letter of instruction in mid-June for the last six months of 2017.

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.



Outreach/ Communion Offering . . .

May's offering of \$160.50 will go toward Habitat for Humanity once an Outreach Project has been selected. June's offering will go to the Union Gospel Mission.

Attendance . . .

April 30	87
May 7	76
May 14	103
May 21	162
May 28	44

Scripture Readers . . .

June 4	Jim Faue
June 11	Dale Thorpe
June 18	Dave Stromgren
June 25	Carrie Sutherland



- 6 Mable Ridgewell
- 8 Teresa Green
Brian Herrick
- 9 Bowen Evans
Cayden Winklesky
- 10 Phyllis Kruell
- 12 M. George Downs
- 13 Philip Krampf
Russ Ridgewell
- 17 Elmer Olson
- 25 Lois Stromgren
- 30 Mary DeMars
Erik Winklesky

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



Calendar

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>After Sunday, May 14, Youth & Adult Choirs will reconvene again on Wednesday, September 6.</p> <p>After Sunday, May 21, Praise Team will meet at 6:30 pm on the Monday prior to Praise Sunday each month.</p> <p>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.</p>				<p>1 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR</p> <p>10:00 to 11:00 am, 2nd Harvest Food Dist</p>	<p>2 Office Closed</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 SCHOLARSHIP & GRADUATION SUNDAY 10:00 am, Worship/Communion 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH 11:00 am Perennial Plant Sale, FH</p>	<p>5 8:30 am Garden Team</p>	<p>6 9:00 am Kiwanis, FH</p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, WR</p>	<p>7 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:30 am UMW Board Meeting, WR 3:30 pm Adventure Day Camp meeting, Hillside UMC</p> <p>DUMPSTER PU</p>	<p>8 8:30 am Mix donut batter, FH</p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, WR</p> <p>5:15 pm Outreach, WR</p>	<p>9 7:00 to 11:00 am Donut Sale, FH</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 LOVE OFFERING 10:00 am, Worship/Birthday 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH</p> <p>3:30 to 6:30 pm CHUM Church @ Peace Church</p>	<p>12 8:30 am Garden Team</p> <p>6:30 pm Praise Team</p>	<p>13 9:00 am Kiwanis, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 2:00 pm, Knitting Klub, WR 7:00 pm Ad Council, WR</p>	<p>14 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:00 am, Pastor Cindy @ West Duluth</p>	<p>15 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR</p>	<p>16 Office Closed</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY 10:00 am, Worship/Praise</p> 	<p>19 8:30 am Garden Team</p> <p>9:30 am, Green Door Book Club, WR</p> <p>MESSANGER DEADLINE</p>	<p>20 9:00 am Kiwanis, FH</p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, WR</p>	<p>21 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH</p> <p>DUMPSTER PU</p>	<p>22 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR</p>	<p>23 Office Closed</p>	<p>24 9:00 am to 4:00 pm CHUM Rhubarb Fest</p> <p>12:00 to 4:00 pm OPEN HOUSE Courtney Carlson Grad Party, FH</p>
<p>25 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH</p> <p>1:00 to 3:00 pm OPEN HOUSE Lois Stromgren 90th Birthday Party, FH</p>	<p>26 8:30 am Garden Team</p>	<p>27 9:00 am Kiwanis, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR</p> <p>MESSANGER EMAILS/MAILS</p>	<p>28 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH</p>	<p>29 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR</p>	<p>30 Office Closed</p>	

← MN Annual Conference, June 20-22, St. Cloud, MN →

← Shirley Vacation June 28 to July 6 →

Asbury News

Asbury Photo Directory Completed!

The Asbury Photo Directory is now complete and ready to be distributed! If you would like one, you can see Patty Bennett or Sue Newberry on Sunday

mornings after the worship service. During the week, Shirley Brandt in the church office can also help you. Each directory costs about \$5.00 to print and, if you are able, a donation would be greatly appreciated to help cover the expense.

Thank You...

The Membership Committee, who organized the creation of the new directory, would like to

thank Stephanie Reinsch-Peterson for taking the pictures and organizing the group for the fabulous cover picture. The committee also wishes to thank our administrative assistant, Shirley Brandt, for the time and energy she devoted to the directory project.

Our Apologies...

Our greatest fear when compiling this directory was that we would have errors in our information. We had an editing process in place to prevent this from happening, but mistakes can still slip by. We greatly regret that we have made an error with the Thibault family. In the photo section it should have read, Max, daughter, and Aidan, son. We apologize for overlooking this mistake. Please take the time to correct this in your personal directory. It is our desire that the directory is as accurate as possible so if you are aware of an error, please bring it to our attention so we can make that correction. Thank you.

— Patty & Clark Bennett, Membership Co-Chairs

CHUM Church Gathering — June 11

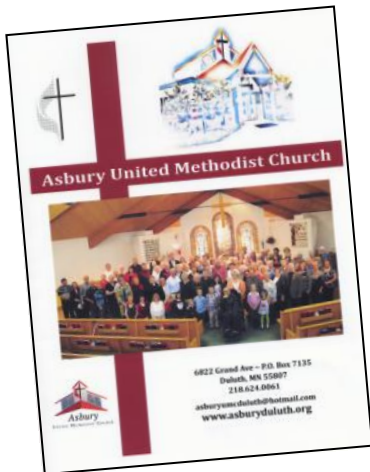
CHUM Church will be gathering on June 11 at Peace UCC, 1111 11th Ave. E., Duluth.

CHUM Church is an inclusive faith community, welcoming all to worship God.

Join us for pre-worship activities at 4:00 pm and worship at 4:30 pm, with a light supper following.

Asbury UMC and Norton Park UMC will be the host congregations with Asbury leading worship.


For more information contact Sue Anderson, CHUM Church Coordinator, 740-2498 or sanderson@chumduluth.org.





90th Birthday Open House in honor of

Lois Stromgren



Hosted by Lois' family,
everyone is invited to join
Lois' birthday celebration in
honor of her 90th birthday.
Sunday, June 25
from 1 to 3 pm in the
Fellowship Hall.
No gifts please!

Duluth Public Schools Summer Meal Time

With the rising costs of groceries, gas and clothing for families, Duluth Public School District 709 wants to be sure that congregations know that the school district is sponsoring a summer lunch meal at no charge to children 18 and under.

Breakfast is served from 8:00 am to 10:30 am. Lunch is served from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Meal service begins June 13 through August 25.

No meals served on July 4.

Meals are served at the following school cafeterias:

Lester Park	5300 Glenwood St
Lowell	2000 Rice Lake Rd (begins June 19)
Denfeld	401 N 44th Ave W
Lincoln Park	3215 W 3rd St
Laura McArthur	720 N Central Ave
Myers-Wilkens	1027 N 8th Ave East
Stowe	715 101st Ave W
Piedmont	2827 Chambersburg Ave

Menus include a variety of food items such as hot entrees, salads, sandwiches, vegetables, fruits, bread, milk and dessert items.

Adults who accompany their children can purchase a meal for \$3.85. For more info, contact the Child Nutrition office at 218-336-8707.



Asbury News

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIPS

Asbury has two memorial scholarships that are awarded annually. The scholarships will be given to the recipients this year during worship on Sunday, June 4. Acknowledging the rising cost of education, the Scholarship Committee has increased the amount from \$500 to \$750 this year. The Committee's goal is to reach \$1,000 but will need additional funds to help make that happen. Contributions can be made to either fund at any time. If you are interested in helping support this important ministry, contact Carrie Sutherland, the Scholarship Committee chair, or the church office.

Robert & Aileen VanKleek Memorial Scholarship

The Robert & Aileen VanKleek Scholarship was established in 1990 and 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.

Carol B. Maida Memorial Scholarship

The Carol B. Maida Scholarship was established in 2004 and 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 community.

Purpose

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

Robert S. & H. Aileen VanKleek Scholarship Awards

1990 Paul Haun; 1991 Diane Eliason; 1992 Brianna Haun; 1993 Brian Bennett; 1994 Tara Rychlak; 1995 Kevin LeClair; 1996 Renee Rychlak; 1997 Cassandra Boyer; 1998 John Bennett; 1999 Stephen Bennett, Shaina Stevens; 2000 Robin Floristano, Sarah Herrick, Sarah LeClair, Amy Kokotovich; 2001 Adam Kokotovich; 2002 Ryan LeClair; 2003 Teresa Handberg, Joel Harris; 2004 Jacqueline LaFave, Christopher Schwartz; 2005 Matthew Kokotovich; 2006 Erik Akervik, Zack Tollefson; 2007 Erin Ridgewell, Angelique Thibault; 2008 Kyle Akervik; 2009 Timothy S. Kokotovich; 2011 Ashley A Kirkman; 2013 Max A. Tollefson; 2015 Nicholas A. Kirkman; 2016 Julien C. Melgarejo

Carol B. Maida Scholarship Awards

2004 Crystal McGraw; 2005 Dane Espenson; 2006 Abby Mickelson; 2007 Peter Espenson, Joel Hinnenkamp; 2008 Janessa Brackett, Ashlie Suomala; 2010 Laura Schwartz; 2012 Cindy Kari; 2013 Taelor S. Rolland; 2015 Nicholas Kirkman; 2016 Angel Barry, Lindsey Kirkman

Asbury News

2017 Love Offering for Mission

The Love Offering for Missions is collected within Minnesota United Methodist churches and delivered to the annual conference session. It benefits international, national and Minnesota Missions.

Donations to the 2016 Love Offering totaled more than \$96,000. Funds from this year's Love Offering will go three projects:

- 60% to the United Methodist University of Sierra Leone—School of Applied Health Sciences;
- 30% to Emma Norton Services;
- and 10% to Volunteers in Mission Services.

For more details on each of the projects, please go to: <http://www.minnesotaumc.org/loveoffering>.

We will collect the Love Offering on Sunday, June 11. Please put your donation marked "2017 Love Offering" (checks should be made out to Asbury UMC) in the offering plate. A check with the total collected will be brought to the Annual Conference in June.



Gardening News — Plant Sale On June 4

Are we say the gardening season is finally here? With that in mind, the Gardening Committee is having their annual Perennial Plant Sale in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service on June 4.

Plants sold are donated by members of the congregation from their home gardens as they prepare their gardens for the upcoming season. The Gardening Committee uses the money from this sale to purchase annual plants for Asbury's flower gardens. You may call Judy Pearson at 722-5818 if you would like help



Asbury UMC Wildfire Picnic — July 19

Join us for the Wildfire Youth and Asbury's annual picnic potluck at Gary and Sandy Winklesky's home at 3216 Wellington St., on July 19 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. **Everyone welcome — please bring a dish to share. Monetary donations are also appreciated.** Burgers, brats, hot dogs, beverages and utensils will be provided by Gary and Sandy.

This is an Asbury UMC (as a member TPUMM — Twin Ports United Methodist Ministry), hosted event. Any questions, please call 624-9433 or 390-2116.

TREASURER'S REPORT

4/30/17

GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Cash Balance, 3/31/17	\$ 6,981.27
Deposits	\$ 20,359.99
Total to account for	\$ 27,341.26
Checks Written	<\$ 13,935.80>
Balance on Hand, 4/30/17	\$ 13,405.46

Unpaid Bills through 4/30/17 (includes apportionments)	\$ 8,676.75
Net Ending Balance at 4/30/17	\$ <u>4,728.71</u>

dividing up, or digging up plants to donate to the sale.

The Gardening Committee has already been hard at work beautifying Asbury's landscape. We have been meeting Monday mornings at 8:30 am and have started cleaning and trimming the various gardens. We welcome interested volunteers to join us in this beneficial endeavor. Please join us on Mondays at 8:30 am and help for a few hours; however, arrival and departure time is up to each individual. We do not meet if it is raining or on holidays. There are a variety of tasks to choose from including, but not limited to, raking, watering, weeding and much more. Please consider giving us a few hours of your time during our short season of summer to keep Asbury looking good. Our comradery is great and all that fresh air and exercise does a body good!

— Judy Pearson, Facilitator

Asbury NNO Picnic — August 1

Please join us for National Night Out at Asbury on Tuesday, August 1, sponsored by the Outreach Committee. There will be food, games and lots of visiting with friends and neighbors so it promises to be a fun event.

We'll have a sign up sheet soon for food donations and for volunteers to help with set-up and take-down. Please mark your calendars and we hope to see you there. For more information, please call Judy Pearson, 722-5818.

Asbury News



Join us for the 13th Annual CHUM Rhubarb Fest June 24, 2017, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at 11th Avenue East and London Road.

Admission is free.

Rhubarb fun for everyone! Get your taste buds ready to tackle the tangy tartness of every rhubarb delicacy known to mankind. There will be games, crafts, music, auctions, stage shows and FOOD! Booths open at 9:00 am.

Bake Sale: Hundreds of pies--rhubarb, rhubarb-strawberry, rhubarb-blueberry and take-and-bake rhubarb pies. Plus rhubarb pound cake, truffles, muffins, crisps, cakes, breads, strudel bars, preserves and even gluten free treats!

Coffee Shop: Enjoy fresh-from-the-oven rhubarb cobbler and crisps served with ice cream, scones, slices of pie and, of course, coffee!

Silent Auction and Bucket Raffle: Many items to choose from, including works by local artists, gift certificates and items from local businesses. Silent auction closes at 3:00 pm. There will also be a Bucket Raffle of various themed baskets for \$2 per raffle ticket. Winners will be pulled at 3:30 pm.

Outdoor Activities and Food Booths include:

- Stage Show (*go to <http://www.chumduluth.org/stageshow.htm> for stage show details*).
- Coloring Contest
- NEW this year — Positive Energy
- Outdoors Obstacle Course
- Climbing Wall
- Whole Foods Co-op
- Rhubarb Face Paint Contest
- Largest Rhubarb Leaf Contest
- Rhubarb brats ALL DAY
- Largest Rhubarb Stalk Contest

Children's Area.

Asbury is once again sponsoring and running the Children's Tent activities. We are in need of

volunteers (adults and kids 13+) to do face painting and fingernail painting. Don't worry, you do not need to be an artist. The kids love the process and will like whatever you paint. We do have books for them to look through to pick a design and instructions for the face painter. So, bring your smile, enjoy the kids and have a rhubarb brat with rhubarb juice and a luscious rhubarb desert/pie after. All volunteers receive a Rhubarb T-shirt and a coupon for one rhubarb food item—your choice.

Any questions, contact : Jan Evans 626 – 2901, jevans817@aol.com

A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex.

- Rhubarb posters, t-shirts, cups and more.
- Rhubarb lemonade.
- Bea Ojakangas Cook Book Sales and signing.

Camp Out with Jesus!



Adventure Day Camp 2017

Our Twin Ports United Methodist Ministries: Asbury, Faith, First, Forbes, Hillside, Hope, Lester Park and Norton Park United Methodist Churches present Adventure Day Camp 2017. Camp dates are July 24 to July 27 from 10:00 am to 3:15 pm each day at Horace Johnson Boy Scout Camp, Island Lake. Bussing will be provided. Eligible campers are those finishing Kindergarten through 7th grade. There will be canoeing, arts and crafts, story/drama, swimming, games, an exploration station and snacks. Camp scholarships are available through the UMW. Registration forms are on the table in the Narthex. **Asbury's day at camp is July 26.** Please contact Pastor Cindy with questions.

Volunteer opportunities are also available. We are looking for counselors and youth volunteers. Training will be on Sunday, July 23, from 6:00 to 7:15 pm at Hillside UMC, 1801 Piedmont Ave., Duluth. Please contact Pastor Cindy with questions.

We Want Your Feedback!

Asbury UMC is home to some fabulous cooks. Wouldn't it be great to have a collection of tasty recipes at your fingertips? We are doing a brief survey to determine interest in producing an Asbury Cookbook. Please select "Yes" or "No" (please circle one or the other) and return this slip to the church office or call Bernice Seehus at 624-5122 with your "Yes" vote.





Spring Rummage Sale Update

The final figures are in on our Spring Rummage Sale. A profit of \$2,340.22 has been turned over to the church for apportionments. The rummage left from our sale was packed and the Salvation Army picked it up for their use.

We have sold 5 of the older brown tables that were stored in the garage for \$7.00 each and still have some available if anybody would like to purchase one or more. Contact Terry Olson or Jan Akervik if you are interested. You will need to pick them up.

Again, a huge thank you to all who helped at the Spring Rummage Sale!

Yummy Donuts For Sale — June 9

Our summer donut sale (\$4.00 per dozen) will be the morning of Friday, June 9 from 7:00 to 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Order sheets are in the

Narthex. Please place your order there or call the church office, 624-0061. Donuts can also be purchased at the sale on June 9 from 7:00 to 11:00 am.

Workers are needed to mix batter on Thursday, June 8 at 8:30 am. On Friday, June 9, we

need help for donut rolling/cutting out, frying and bagging the donuts. We start at 6:00 am, but please come when you can. Please consider joining us for this fun event! Please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you can help, or call Bev LeClair at 628-2680.



New Book Added to UMW Reading Library

Thank you to Jan Akervik for generously donating a new book to the UMW Reading Library. *Tilly, A Story of Hope and Resilience*, by Monique Gray Smith, is a richly told story of the traditional teachings of the Aboriginal people in Canada. Piecing together stories from her life, the author captures the resilience of indigenous people everywhere.

Mission u — July 14-16

The new location for this year's Mission u is the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud, MN. The dates are July 14-16. This year's studies will be: Social Action — Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action; Geographic — Missionary Conferences of the UMC; Spiritual Growth — Living as a Covenant Community.

Mission u, Too, a one-day event, will be held on Saturday, August 5 at the Coon Rapids UMC. For more information and details see Jan Akervik or Judy Pearson regarding registration and fees.

UMW Meetings

- UMW board members will meet in the Wesley Room at 9:30 am on Wednesday, June 7.
- Love/Hope Circle will not meet in June, July and August.
- Faith Circle will not meet in June, July, August.
- 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 will meet on Monday, June 19, at 9:30 am at Valentini's for a final meeting before taking the summer months off. They will meet again the 3rd Monday of each month starting in September.

UMW Receives Awards at District Meeting

Asbury UMW has once again been awarded the Five Star Unit Award and the Mission Today Award. They are presented at the Spring Annual Meeting for the previous year.

The **Five Star Award** is based on our UMW participating in donations to: a Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gifts in Memory and the World Thank Bank. These are all undesignated giving and the monies are used for mission work through the Women's Division at the district, conference, and world.

The **Mission Today Award** is based on Mission-related activities that are a part of our UMW. Some are required activities and others are not. Our unit participated in 14 areas this past year.

Also presented were the **Reading Program Awards**. There are four plans in which women may read. Plan 1 requires 5 books each year, Plan 2 requires 10 books per year, Plan 3 requires 15 books per year, and Plan 4 requires 20 books per year. This year the following women were awarded certificates. Plan 1: Patty Bennett and Linda Warner; Plan 2: Judy Pearson and Barbara Rigstad; Plan 4: Jan Akervik. The Reading Program is chaired by Patty Bennett and encourages women to think critically about current issues through an annual selection of member-reviewed books. It offers an excellent opportunity to deepen spirituality and to broaden an understanding of UMW mission work.



Asbury United Methodist
PO Box 7135
Duluth MN 55807

Return service requested

Meet Our Staff



Pastor:.....Cindy M. Rasmussen
Administrative Asst.:Shirley Brandt
Choir Director:Ruby Slennes
OrganistPhyllis Kruell
Praise Team Leader
Custodian:Dan Mokros
Ad. Council Chair: .Bonnie Schroeder-Palmi
Treasurer:Pat Anscorn
Lay Leader: Steve Kokotovich
Trustees: Terry Olson
UMW President.....Jan Akervik
SPRC ChairPhyllis Faue
Worship Chair Ruth Thorpe
Christian Education: Cheryl Parendo
Christian Education:Sandy Winklesky

This newsletter is e-mailed/mailed monthly by Asbury UMC, Duluth MN.

EDITORS: The Rev. Cindy M. Rasmussen; Shirley Brandt, Admin. Asst.

CHURCH OFFICE:

218-624-0061 ~ asburyumcduluth@hotmail.com ~ www.asburyduluth.org

NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: June 19 for July 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.*