



**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

## Asbury NNO Picnic

**W**e look forward to seeing you at this year's National Night Out Neighborhood

picnic at Asbury on Tuesday, August 1, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. This event is sponsored by the Outreach Committee and is a great opportunity for visiting with friends from the church and also meeting neighbors.

There will be Sloppy Joes, chips, cookies, beverages and more. Fun games include face painting by Pastor Cindy, which was a big hit last year!

For more information, please call Judy Pearson, 722-5818.



## 2017 Mission Summit Duluth — September 30

**G**ather with others who are interested in growing in mission best practices. Learn more about the vast networks and resources the Minnesota Annual Conference of the UMC has to offer you. Meet new people who want to see God's kingdom grow like you do!



2017 Mission Summit  
Saturday, Sept 30  
First UMC, Duluth

- 7 mini sessions
- 9 speakers
- health kit packing
- corporate worship
- learn mission best practices

### Schedule:

9:00-9:30 am	Registration and Snacks
9:00-9:30 am	Worship, Word Beat Connection
9:30-10:15 am	Plenary: For All the Right Reasons, Ruth Wiertzema
10:30-11:15 am	Health Kit Packing
11:15 am-12 pm	Plenary: Social Principles, Lori McBride
12:00-12:15 pm	Lunch
12:30-1:00 pm	Mini Session One
1:15-1:45 pm	Mini Session Two
2:00-2:30 pm	Mini Session Three
2:30 pm	Closing Worship, Lyndy Zabel

Seven options for mini sessions. All sessions offer the same topics:

- Disaster Response: Jason Frazier
- Covenant Relationships: Steve and Gail Quigg
- Volunteers in Mission: Tammy Kuntz
- Advance/UMCOR/kits: Mary Longsdorf
- Church and Society: Church and Society
- Minnesota Conference Missions Update: Lyndy Zabel
- Haiti Partnership Coalition: Pat Toschak

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# Cindy's Corner

This past week was TPUMMs (Twin Ports United Methodist Ministries) Adventure Day Camp for children and youth. ADC is held at the Boy Scout



Camp on Island Lake and is four days of learning, fun and adventure. We meet from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm and the daily schedule includes time for stories/drama, crafts,

games, exploration, swimming, kayaking and canoeing. And, of course, lunch!

This year we had 54 children as well as youth counselors and many adult leaders. Wednesday was Asbury's day at the camp, which means I led the story/drama time and we provided the snacks. This year Dawn Jones, Lily Vanneste and Emma Vanneste were my helpers.

Rev. Joel, from Faith UMC in Superior, led the opening time with enthusiastic singing and conversation. The kids loved him! Then they were off to the various stations according to the rotating schedule. It is an important week to share God's love and Jesus' message with this group of young, energetic children of God!

Our theme this year was "Camping Out: Getting S'more of Jesus." Each day the children explored places of camping out, but not necessarily "camping out" like we know it. The first day was about Mary and Joseph, the second day was Jesus in the desert, the third day was Jesus camping out in many different places as he



taught, healed and preached and the fourth day was where the disciples camped out after Jesus' death.

On Wednesday, Asbury's day, we talked about how Jesus called the disciples and they left everything and followed him. One of the questions I had each group consider was: "If you were going to 'hit the road' with Jesus, what are some things you would bring with you that would fit in a bag that you could carry?" There were some common things that most of the kids mentioned like food, water, pillow and clothes. Although some of them did forget about extra clothes! Then there were more personal items like a favorite blanket or stuffed animal, a special book, a favorite pair of shoes or a cross necklace.

It was and is an interesting process to think and talk about that question. I invite you to consider it: If you were going to "hit the road" with Jesus, what would you bring with you that would fit in a bag you could carry?

When Shirley sent out the email asking for August newsletter articles I thought, it can't be August already! I hope you are finding joy and moments of peace as we bask in the amazing gift of God's creation this summer.

*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



## Thank You!

Dear Everyone:

I want to thank everyone who made my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday such a special occasion.

— Blessings, Lois Stromgren

Dear Pastor Cindy and Friends at Asbury UMC:

Thanks so much for your assistance at CHUM Church. Everything went so well—crafts, food, music and worship. Thank you for your spirit of hospitality and welcome. I look forward to working with you again.

— Sue Anderson, CHUM Church

Dear Asbury United Methodist Church:

Thank you for your gift to the Damiano Center! We offer assistance to people and families right here in Duluth. Your support is essential to our ability to provide food, clothing and access to other needed resources. Every year, thousands of people rely on the Center's six programs: the Soup Kitchen, Clothing Exchange, Clothes That Work, Kids Café, Community Services and Health Realization. Your generosity helps us to achieve our mission and is particularly important during the busy summer months.

— Katherine Mueller, Development Director, Damiano Center

## Asbury Wildfire Picnic Huge Success!

The 6th Annual Asbury Wildfire Picnic on July 11, hosting 100 youth from United Methodist churches throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin and their leaders, was a huge success! Thank you to all who contributed with food and monetary donations. And, thank you to all of our church family who attended and who helped with cleanup.

We love hosting the picnic at our home and look forward to next year's event.

— Gary and Sandy Winklesky



## Back to School "Backpacks"

Asbury UMC is once again collecting backpacks for children in the local area. The backpacks will be brought to the area elementary schools where they will be distributed to children who are in need of them.

Many stores have terrific sales right now, so it is the perfect time to pick up a backpack or two.

Please place your backpacks in the designated area at the back of the church. Thanks for thinking of our children.

## Choirs Will Reconvene September 6

Our Youth and Adult Choirs will reconvene on Wednesday, September 6. Youth choir practice is at 6:00 pm and Adult Choir practice is at 6:30 pm. I encourage you to please join a choir this year. Remember the Adult Choir only sings on the 1st and 4th Sundays of the month and only rehearses on the 1st Wednesday of each month!

Please say yes when I give you a call to join a choir and please say yes to coming to rehearsal on Wednesday, September 6.

I cannot offer enough thanks to all choir members who were so faithful last year. It was so very much appreciated.

— In faith, in love, Ruby Slennes, 628-1165.



## Outreach/

### Communion Offering . . .

July's offering of \$39 went to the Damiano Center. August's offering will go to the Valley Youth Center.

### Attendance . . .

July 2	68
July 9	60
July 16	55
July 23	78

### Scripture Readers . . .

August 6	Carrie Sutherland
August 13	Dave Stromgren
August 20	Jim or Phyllis Faue
August 27	Dale Thorpe



- Ruth Bloomquist
- Madeline Karwath
- Wes Ridgewell
- Phyllis Faue
- Jim Anderson
- Eric Stromgren
- Dick Warner
- Ashley Kirkman
- Vivian Simmons
- Sarah Herrick-Smisek
- Keith Hinnenkamp
- Kris Ridgewell
- Barbara Kokotovich
- Vi Peterson
- Jan Evans
- Ian Lewandowski
- Mallorie Schwartz
- Daniel Herrick
- Leanne Stauduhar
- Amy Kokotovich
- Joe Kokotovich
- Stephen Bennett
- Dennie Parendo
- Lily Ann Vanneste
- Emma Jo Vanneste

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

# Calendar

## August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 9:00 am Kiwanis, FH 9:00 am Pastor Cindy @ Faith Haven 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 10:00 am P. Cindy @ North Shore Estates 5-7:00 pm NNO Picnic	<b>2</b> 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH  9:30 am UMW Board Meeting, WR  DUMPSTER PU	<b>3</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR  10:00 to 11:00 am, 2nd Harvest Food Dist	<b>4</b>  Office Closed	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 10:00 am, Worship/ Communion 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH	<b>7</b> 8:30 am Garden Team	<b>8</b> 9:00 am Kiwanis, FH  9:30 am Bone Builders, WR  2:00 pm, Knitting Klub, WR	<b>9</b> 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:00 am, Pastor Cindy @ West Duluth  7:00 pm Worship, WR	<b>10</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR  11:00 am 80+ Lunch, FH	<b>11</b>  Office Closed	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 10:00 am, Worship/Birthday 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH	<b>14</b> 8:30 am Garden Team  6:30 pm Praise Team	<b>15</b> 9:00 am Kiwanis, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR  7:00 Ad Council, WR	<b>16</b> 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 8:30 am Pastor Cindy @ CHUM  DUMPSTER PU	<b>17</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR  4:00 to 8:00 pm "Clothing Only" Sale, FH	<b>18</b> Office Closed 8:00 am to 11:00 am "Clothing Only" Sale, FH	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 10:00 am, Worship/Praise 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH  3:00 pm TPUMMs @ Winkleskys	<b>21</b> 8:30 am Garden Team	<b>22</b> 9:00 am Kiwanis, FH  9:30 am Bone Builders, WR  2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR	<b>23</b> 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH	<b>24</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR  6:00 pm SPR, WR  MESSENGER DEADLINE	<b>25</b>  Office Closed	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH	<b>28</b> 8:30 am Garden Team	<b>29</b> 9:00 am Kiwanis, FH  9:30 am Bone Builders, WR  2:00 pm Pat (Lena) Johnson Memorial Service	<b>30</b> 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH  DUMPSTER PU	<b>31</b> 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR  MESSENGER EMAILS/MAILS		

# 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.

## Christian Education . . .

Imagine what your life would be like if you had never attended Sunday School, read your Bible, or experienced any other group that explored the Scriptures and Spiritual Formation. You would only know the faith stories by way of the short selections of Scriptures read during worship and from conversation with others. Education — learning — undergirds everything we do and is a firm foundation in the life of faithful discipleship, yet it is more than that. At its best, Christian education is about information, formation and transformation.

The Christian Education Committee is responsible for planning and implementing experiences through which children, youth and adults come to know God and discover ways to live as Christian disciples. Every class and small group recognizes its purpose to support the formation of Christian faith and discipleship in its participants.

The Committee's work includes:

- Planning, supporting and providing resources for our weekly children's Sunday School.
- Researching and choosing the Sunday School curriculum and recruiting teachers.
- Coordinating and resourcing the Confirmation program for our youth.
- Supporting our Adult Education through resources and leadership.
- Tasks such as organizing Rally Day, as well as planning and leading the Children's Christmas Program, Fall and Spring Fest, Palm Sunday processional, Ice Cream Social and Teacher Dedication and Appreciation.

## 80+ Luncheon — August 10

The 80+ Luncheon will be held on August 10 in Asbury's Fellowship Hall. Gathering time will start at 11:00 am. The delicious lunch is at 11:30 am followed by communion in the Sanctuary. **Invitations have been mailed!** Please give Pat Nelson, 391-0957 or the church office, 624-0061 a call to RSVP. **Deadline is Thursday, August 3.**



### TREASURER'S REPORT

6/30/17

#### GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Cash Balance, 5/31/17	\$ 7,617.79
Deposits	\$ 18,383.91
Total to account for	\$ 26,001.70
Checks Written	<\$ 16,982.59>
Balance on Hand, 6/30/17	\$ 9,019.11
Unpaid Bills through 6/30/17 (includes apportionments)	\$ 3,880.26
Net Ending Balance at 6/30/17	\$ <u>5,138.85</u>



## Rally Sunday — September 10

Rally Sunday is September 10. Sunday School and choirs reconvene. More information will be available in upcoming announcements and the September Messenger.

## PANCAKE SUPPER



## Save the Date — October 19

Please mark your calendars to be sure to attend the Kiwanis Pancake Supper on October 19 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. More information in our next Messenger!



# SALE

## 8th Annual \$ “Clothing Only” Sale

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. We are looking for help with set-up (Monday through Friday), sales (Thursday and Friday) and pick-up (Thursday and Friday) for the following times:

Mon., August 14	9:00 to 11:00 am
Tues., August 15	9:00 to 11:00 am
Weds., August 16	6:00 to 8:00 pm
Thurs, August 17	3:30 to 8:00 pm (sale day)
Fri., August 18	8:00 to 11:00 am (sale day)

Bring clothing (woman, man, child), purses and shoes on Sundays or during church office hours (9:00 to 2:00 Monday-Thursday) to the downstairs Sunday school room. Any questions, please call Pat Ansbomb, 624-4554, or Sandy Winklesky, 624-9433.

## Fellowship Hall Carpeting Cleaned

The carpeting in the Fellowship Hall was professionally cleaned on July 3 and the new round tables were put in place during the week to be ready for Sunday Fellowship time. Please help keep the new tables clean by wiping them off after use during your meetings or gatherings. The UMW covered the expense of the new tables and the carpet cleaning.

## Hats, Hats and More Hats

Our friend Pat Seguin who knits hats for us to place on our Mitten/Hat Tree has donated 166 hats to our church. We appreciate her effort and kindness.

Pat is also our rummage sale shopper when she is here during the summer finding the very best gently used baby items for our Layette Closet. Our THANKS to her!



## UMW Meetings

- UMW board members will meet in the Wesley Room on Wednesday, August 2.
- Love/Hope Circle members meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm in the Wesley Room unless otherwise specified. No meeting in August.
- Faith Circle members meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Wesley Room unless otherwise specified. No meeting in August. **Faith Circle is hosting August Birthday Sunday.**
- Knitting Klub members meet at 2:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each 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. No meeting in August.

## Save the Date — October 14

Please mark your calendars for UMW’s Fall Pantry from 9:00 to 11:00 am on October 14. More information will soon be available!

## Mission U Report

Cathy Sampson and Jan Akervik attended Mission U in St. Cloud on July 14 -16. It was an intense three days of study. The Spiritual Growth study, which all 86 women took, was *Living as a Covenant Community*. It examined major covenants throughout the Bible and what they reveal about God’s character and eternal love for us. Reverend Cindy Saufferer was our leader. She is currently Secretary of the Board of UMW for the National Office in New York City.

Cathy participated in the study on *Climate Change: Call to Hope and Justice* with Laura Pfeffer who serves as Conference President of the Wisconsin UMW. Pfeffer works as a computer programmer for “The Weather Company, an IBM Business” writing software for TV weather broadcasts and severe weather alerts around the world.

Jan’s study was *Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States: Alaska Conference, Red Bird Mission Conference, and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference*. This study was lead by Reverend Lyndy Zabel who is the Director of Missional Impact for the Minnesota Annual Conference.

Cathy and Jan are most willing to share about the Mission U studies.

# Asbury News

## Pasty Sale — Saturday, September 16

A right is a poem written by former Asbury Pastor Sharon Osborn several years ago. As you read, you will see what is done during the making of our pasties. A good time is had by all! After reading the poem, if you have not helped before, we hope you will “sign up” to help this time. You don’t need to stay all day—come and relieve someone who has been working for awhile and could use a little break.

A sign will be in the Narthex plus an order form on the table where you can sign up to help and/or place your order for pasties. Be sure to order your pasties early before our quota is filled! Pasties are \$4.00 each/ gravy 60 cents each. Questions, call Bernice, 624-5122.

**ORDER DEADLINE is September 10.  
All pasty orders need to be picked up by  
NOON on September 16.**

We also are in need of brown grocery bags which can be left in the kitchen. Thank you.



## Pasty Sale Work Schedule

### Thursday, September 14

8:00 am Mix crust. This is not hard and we will teach you. We need more people to help out. If you’ve helped in the past, please come again.  
9:30 am Men and women peel veggies.  
6:00 pm Men and women peel veggies.  
Please come and help!

### Friday, September 15

6:00 am — 2:00 pm  
Preparation and baking of pasties.  
**Come when you can and stay for as long as you can!**

NOON Four people are needed for clean up,  
**six volunteers would be great!**

### Saturday, September 16

6:00 am — NOON  
Pasty baking—come and learn how to bake pasties.  
**Come when you can and stay for as long as you can!**

NOON Six people needed for clean up,  
**8 or more would be terrific!**

## The Asbury Pasty Phenomenon

Have you ever observed how this process unfolds?  
Listen now, as my story is told.

It all begins at least a few weeks before  
As lists are reviewed and women head to the store.  
Supplies are bought and brought right here.  
A work list is filled with names of volunteers.  
Fellowship Hall becomes a different place —  
It’s now the one and only “Pasty Place!”

Dough is mixed and veggies are prepared,  
Already there’s the smell of pasties in the air.  
Folks are up before the crack of dawn:  
Rain or shine — pasties are ON!

And then it’s a scene that’s a sight to behold!  
Everyone’s in place, they’re ready to roll!  
Yes — the “Holy Rollers” get the dough flat and round.  
The men in the kitchen have the “insides” down.  
The butter is ready for the “fluting” crew  
To stuff, butter, fold, pinch and lay on a tray or two.

Ok, I know that was weak, but what can I say  
I’m a pastor, designed to preach and pray.  
This rhyming scheme may be a little tired  
But that can’t prevent me from getting wired!

‘Cause now the pasties are coated and baked,  
And pretty soon, they’re laying all over the place!  
They cool, then they’re wrapped and get all hot again  
‘Til someone airs them out, then puts them in a bin.

That’s when the finished product is “in the bag”  
(So to speak)  
Orders are filled, it’s the end of the week . . .

Well, not ‘til Saturday when the second round is done  
And the final clean-up crew has the real fun . . .  
Putting everything back as it was before  
They turn around and look as they go through the door.

All is quiet, ordered and clean,  
If someone hadn’t been here  
They wouldn’t know what I mean  
When I say a true Phenomenon has taken place  
Something call Pasties, but with a human face,  
For it’s people who make pasties  
And it’s people who serve the Lord  
With all the things they do — this is the *living* word.

May God’s blessings be upon us all,  
As we continue to heed the wondrous “pasty” call!  
— Sharon Kay Rigby Osborn

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## Meet Our Staff



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Praise Team Leader .....  
Custodian: .....Dan Mokros  
Ad. Council Chair: .Bonnie Schroeder-Palmi  
Treasurer: .....Pat Anscorn  
Lay Leader: ..... Steve Kokotovich  
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UMW President.....Jan Akervik  
SPRC Chair .....Phyllis Faue  
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Christian Education: ..... Cheryl Parendo  
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**NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: August 24 for September 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.*