

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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# **Commitment Sunday**

here is a well know quote that says, "there are two gifts we should give our children, one is roots and the other is wings." This could also be true for churches: a



safe space to share and grow in our beliefs, a place to belong to God and to one another, and an opportunity to become faith disciples of Jesus in our community and beyond. We have much to celebrate here at Asbury as we look back at our roots AND as we together build our wings!

You are invited! Sunday, November 12, is Commitment Sunday at Asbury. As a part of our worship, we will dedicate our 2018 pledge cards indicating our estimate of giving for this next year. An informational mailing is scheduled to go out on November 2.

Asbury UMC is a vital, spirit-filled community of faith. Our ministries touch, support and change lives here at church, in our community and the world. Together we make a difference! Thank you for your support!

— The 2018 Stewardship/Finance Committee

# **All Saint's Day Service of Remembrance**

n Sunday, November 5, we are giving loving tribute to the members and friends of Asbury United Methodist Church who have died this past year. In Christ's love and with deep gratitude for the lives of our loved ones, we will light a candle in remembrance of:

> Georgia Elaine Kokotovich Mary Anne Behn Myrtle Magnolia Carlson Debra (Simich) Krampf Lena Pat Johnson



Family members are invited to take the candle home with them following the worship service.

# **New Adult Study at Norton Park UMC**

Pastors Cindy, Judy Anderson-Bauer (Hillside and Lester Park LIMC) Lester Park UMC) and Cheryl Fleckenstein (Northwood and Norton Park UMC) will be leading a new study at Norton Park UMC from 10:30 am to noon starting November 8. The study is the "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. It continues at the same time on November 15, 29 and December 6. Please contact Pastor Cindy if you are interested and to order the study materials. Cost is \$7.



# Cindy's Corner

few weeks ago during Worship we sang "The Trees of the Field" from The Faith We Sing. When the Praise Team was rehearsing before the service, Phyllis shared with us a quote by Henry David Thoreau, "I took a walk in the woods and came out taller than the trees." I asked her to share it with the congregation at the end of the worship service, right before we sang the song together.

Thoreau went into the woods often and embraced living simply and in harmony with nature. His words remind us that when we go to the woods, with a sense of heightened awareness and openness to be changed, we can return renewed, refreshed and strengthened.

I thought of this quote on Sunday afternoon while taking a drive to witness the beauty of our first snowfall on the trees and in the woods. It was interesting to see how the snow was sticking to the sides of the trees indicating the direction of the wind. And, how the pines stood strong and tall under the weight of heavy snow on their branches.

Duluth's landscape offers us trees and water, cliffs and woods, inviting us to take a walk (or a drive) and return renewed, refreshed and strengthened.

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It has been a busy fall at Asbury. Rally Day, the first Sunday of the new church year, was a wonderful celebration! The sanctuary was full and 16 children came up for Children's Time. After dedicating our Sunday school teachers,

they led the procession downstairs where they will learn about God and Jesus, as they continue to grow deeper in their faith. After worship our traditional Sloppy Joe and sweet corn lunch was enjoyed by many as people



gathered around the new round tables.

Pasties, pies, donuts, pantry and the meatball dinner are all behind us. It is always amazing to me so see the support of so many people for these events. Thank you to all who helped and all who participated. This year at the meatball dinner I smiled when I heard one guest say to another, "Well, hello! How are you? I don't think I have seen you since the last meatball dinner!"

Last Sunday was confirmation and I am very thankful for my time this past year with Lily, Chris, Emma, Mallorie, Ben and Emily, and for their presence in our congregation.

Asbury UMC is a vital, growing, faithful community of faith – and it is because of all of you! I truly feel God's presence with us as we continue to do good ministry and mission in our church, community and the world!

Peace and joy,



**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 Members & Friends:

My sincere thanks to everyone who has been praying for me. I have received some very good news in that I have "smoldering" multiple myeloma so am in the very beginning stages and do not need treatment at the present time. I am very certain all of the good thoughts and prayers for me have influenced this "good" diagnosis. While multiple myeloma is not curable, I am still so very grateful to have received this better-than-expected diagnosis. Thank you all so very, very much!

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us — whatever we ask — we know that we have what we asked of him. — 1 John 5:14-15 —Shirley Brandt, Asbury UMC Adm. Asst.

Dear Asbury Family:

Thank you Asbury family for your prayers and calls. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. I am doing well.

— Rod Ridgewell

Dear Asbury Family & Friends:

We would like to thank you all for your kindness and generosity. We appreciate all your time, donations, baked goods, crafts and prayers! Thank you so much for helping to make our benefit a success! We are so blessed to have such wonderful people in our lives. Thank you and God Bless

— Chris & April Warner



## **Hanging of the Greens**

The Hanging of the Greens is scheduled to take place on **Sunday**, **November 26** following church services. Stay for an hour or whatever time you can give to help prepare the sanctuary for Advent. It is most appreciated. There will be a potluck get together at 11:00 am. **Everyone is invited!** 

#### Annual Pork Loin Dinner — November 9

Euclid Eastern Star is hosting a pork loin dinner and bake sale at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 4831 Grand Ave Duluth on Thursday, November 9 from 4:00 to 6:30 pm. Cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 6-10 and free for children 5 and under. Takeouts are available.

— Alice Brenny

### **Membership Orientation Meeting**

On Sunday, November 12, we will be having a membership orientation meeting. Please meet us in the Wesley Room after the worship service to find out more about Asbury UMC and ask questions about membership. Anyone interested in joining the church is welcome to attend.

If you have questions about the meeting, or if you would like to become a member but are unable to attend the informational meeting, please contact Pastor Cindy, or Clark and Patty Bennett, 626-3412.



#### **Toy Drive** — **December 17 Deadline**

The Salvation Army Toy Drive will soon be underway. New, unwrapped gift for infants/toddlers/children/teenagers may be placed under the Christmas tree at the front of the sanctuary through December 17. As in year's past, please no toys suggesting violence such as guns or war toys.

— Outreach Committee



#### Outreach/

#### Communion Offering . . .

October's offering of \$179 went to World Communion. November's offering will go to the Bethany Crisis Nursery.

#### Attendance . . .

October 1	101
October 8	75
October 15	102
October 22	116
October 29	154

#### Scripture Readers . . .

November 5	Dale Thorpe
November 12	Ruth Thorpe
November 19	Shelly Vanneste
November 26	Leo Lambert



- 1 Bill Swanstrom
- 3 Chris Nylund Matt Wrazidlo
- 4 Steve Kokotovich
- 5 Kale Hanson
- 7 Nancy Olson Avon Power
- 8 Joel Hinnenkamp Jenean Nelson
- 10 Cheryl Lambert
- 12 Cathy Sampson
- 13 Barbara Little
- 15 Jim Anderson Pat Johnson Taelor Rolland
- 19 Jeffrey VanDell
- 20 Pat Nelson
- 21 Bill LeClair Paulette Ozzello
- 24 Jim Faue Jane Herrick Fletcher Wrazidlo
- 28 Scotty Lund
- 29 Bobbi Gimpel

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

# **Calendar**

# **November 2017**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Youth choir meets each Adult choir meets the fir and again on the 1st and Praise Team practice is YOGA classes are held v Fellowship hall. Contact or czupec@hotmail.com	est Wednesday of the red 4th Sundays of the newery Monday at 6:30 Wednesdays at 5:30 p Cheryl Zupec, 218.34	nonth at 6:30 pm nonth at 9:15 am pm. m in Asbury's 3.4478	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	9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 10:00 to 11:00 am, 2nd Harvest Food Dist	Office Closed 9:00 am Kitchen Cleaned	4
5 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 9:15 am, Adult Choir 10:00 am, Worship/ Communion/ Sunday School 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH 6:00 pm, BS Troop 16, FH	6 6:00 pm BS Pack 3116, FH 6:30 pm Praise Team	7 7:00 am to 8:00 pm ELECTION DAY 9:00 am Kiwanis, WR 9:30 am Bone Builders, GR	8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 10:30 am, Adult Study, Norton Park UMC 6:00 pm, Youth Choir 6:00 pm, Christian Ed, GR	9:30 am Bone Builders, WR	Office Closed	8:30 am to 1:30 pm Damiano Center Volunteers
12 COMMITMENT SUNDAY 10:00 am, Worship//Birthday/ Sunday School 11:00 am, Membership Orientation Meeting, WR 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH 6:00 pm, BS Troop 16, FH	6:00 pm BS Pack 3116, FH 6:30 pm Praise Team	14 9:00 am Kiwanis, FH 9:30 am, BB, WR 2:00 pm, KK, WR 5:30 pm Finance, WR ]7:00 pm Charge Conference Ad Council, WR	15 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 8:30 am Pastor Cindy @ CHUM 10:30 am, Adult Study, Norton Park UMC 5:00 pm Membership, WR 6:00 pm, Youth Choir	9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 6:30 pm to 8:15 pm CHUM Assembly	17 Office Closed	18
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# **Asbury News**

# AUMC Administrative Council Meeting Highlights — October 17, 2017 — 7:00 pm

#### Opening

Bonnie Schroeder-Palmi, Administrative Council facilitator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Cindy offered a prayer.

#### Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the September 19, 2017, Ad Council meeting were reviewed. Steve Kokotovich made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

#### **Lay Leader's Report – Steve Kokotovich - no report**

#### Treasurer's Report – Pat Anscomb

The August monthly summary was given. Balance on Hand, 8/31/17 is \$10,190.10.

This September we made another Apportionment payment, bringing our total to \$13,580.91 for our 2017 Apportionments so far this year. Pat presented the Profit and Loss Budget Performance prepared by Larry Scanlon. We are on track to make all of our Apportionment payments by the end of this year.

Pat presented the Balance Sheet prepared by Larry Scanlon. Our total liabilities and equity are \$1,393,861.68. We continue to be strong and are on track for the year.

#### Staff Parish Relations Committee – Cathy Sampson

The annual staff reviews are near complete.
The next meeting will be tomorrow, October 18th.
Monday, October 23rd, is the date of our annual meeting with Susan Neinaber, our district superintendent.

#### Trustee's Report – Terry Olson

Terry complimented the garden committee on all of the work they do at the church.

The heat for the church is now turned on.

The committee has met twice to discuss the roof maintenance. It was decided to hire Jamar as the main contractor for the roof replacement. Next April, the church roof will be completely replaced at a cost of \$39,600. We will be exploring ways to pay for this project. The new roof should last for 25 years.

#### United Methodist Women – Jan Akervik

With the 2,540 pasties we made this fall, we raised \$5,642.69 to go into the project fund.

UMW paid for the metal pieces placed at the door entrances.

The Pantry was a success again this year.

The UMW is looking for help in the kitchen for funerals. People have been volunteering on the sign-sheets at the back of the church.

#### Outreach and Missions Team - Steve Kokotovich

Our church will host the CHUM Fall Assembly on November 16th, 6:30 -8 pm.

An Age Well presentation on September 24th, went very well. Serving meals at the Damiano Center will begin in November. Our church will participate in the Salvation Army Christmas Toy Drive. We have Second Harvest the first Thursday of every month.

TREASURER'S REPORT 9/30/17	
GENERAL FUND:	
Beginning Cash Balance, 8/31/17	\$ 11,686.75
Deposits	\$ 19,242.65
Total to account for	\$ 30,929.40
Checks Written	<\$ <u>20,739.30&gt;</u>
Balance on Hand, 9/30/17	\$ 10,190.10
Unpaid Bills through 9/30/17	
(includes apportionments)	\$ 3,880.26
Net Ending Balance at 9/30/17	<u>\$ 6,309.84</u>

**Education Team** – Cheryl Parendo and Sandy Winklesky Sunday School attendance is going well.

Children's Sabbath on October 15th, went very well. Three children received their Bibles.

Fall Fest will be held during Sunday School on October 22. There will be a potluck meal after the church service. Everyone is invited.

The Christmas program will be held on December 17th.

The Sunday School sent a birthday card and letter and \$25 were sent to Katrina. They also sent her a Christmas letter and \$50.

The next meeting will be on November 8th, at 6:00 pm.

#### Worship Team - Ruth Thorpe

Ruth put out a plea for Sunday song leaders. So far, one additional person has signed up.

Nurture/Congregational Care Team – Sandy Winklesky
No Visitation Committee or Scholarship Committee report.
Patty Bennett reported that the Membership Committee will be having an informational meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>, for people who are interested in joining the church. The meeting will be held in the Wesley Room immediately following the worship service.

#### Pastor's Report - Cindy Rasmussen

October  $22^{nd}$  – Lee Stuart, Director of CHUM will be preaching. October  $29^{th}$  – Confirmation Sunday with a lunch afterwards for everyone.

The combined adult Bible study with Hillside and Norton Park is going well. A Christmas Bible study will be held at Norton Park on November 8, 15, 29 and also December 6.

We will do a shortened stewardship drive this year. Stewardship Sunday will be held on November 12.

Our November Administrative Council meeting will have a Charge Conference prior to the meeting. At this, we will set the minister's salary and present the membership report.

#### Old Business and New Business

Terry Olson said that we need to set up tables for Election Day on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Clark Bennett will open the doors by 6:00 a.m. and Steve Kokotovich will make sure the doors are locked by 9:00 p.m.

#### Closing

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14th, with the Charge Conference beginning at 7:00 p.m. and the regular Ad. Council meeting to follow. Pat Anscomb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Patricia Bennett, Recording Secretary

# **Asbury News**

# **CHUM Assembly at Asbury**

The annual CHUM Assembly will be held at Asbury on Thursday, November 16 from 6:30 to 8:15 pm. Check-in and a social gathering will start at 6:30 pm.



The Assembly will be from 7:00 to 8:15 pm and will feature speakers from CHUM's primary state-wide adovacy partners. Scheduled to

speak are Fatima Moore, Policy Director for the Minnesota Coalition of the Homeless (MCH) and Anne Krisnik, Executive Director for the JRLC (Joint Religious Legislative Coalition).

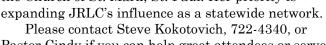


Moore previously served as the Local and Regional Policy Coordinator at Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD) where she helped inform and create affordable housing and economic development policies with local, state and federal policymakers. A first-

generation immigrant from Monrovia, Liberia, Fatima is adept at navigating multiple systems, and deeply understands the collaboration, support, empowerment,

and advocacy that needs to happen in order to achieve good policy.

Krisnik is a graduate of the College of St. Catherine and the U of Minnesota Law School. Before coming to JRLC, Anne worked for seven years for Education Minnesota as General Counsel and Field Representative. She is an active member of the Church of St. Mark, St. Paul. Her priority is



Please contact Steve Kokotovich, 722-4340, or Pastor Cindy if you can help greet attendees or serve refreshments..

#### CHUM Church — November 12

You are invited to be part of CHUM Church on Sunday, November 12 at Peace Church, 1111 N. 11th Ave. E., Duluth. A pre-worship gathering is in the Fellowship Hall (lower level) from 4:00 to 4:30 pm. The worship service is 4:30 to 5:15 pm and a meal will be served from 5:15 pm to 6:00 pm

We are a welcoming, faith-based community that includes everyone, regardless of ability. All are welcome to attend.



# Order Deadline is Thursday, November 30

We will again be decorating our sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season with beautiful poinsettias. Flowers may be taken home following the 10:00 pm Christmas Eve worship. Please complete the order form below and place it along with your check for \$10.00 made out to Asbury UMC in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Additional forms will be available on the back table in the Narthex.

Your Name:	Phone:		
Color choice (please circle) Red	Marble (Red & White)		
In Memory of:			
In Honor of:			
In Celebration of:			
Office Use Only Date paid: Check #:	Poinsettia - \$10.00 x TOTAL =		

# **United Methodist Women**



# **UMW Fall Pantry Success**

Our UMW Fall Pantry was a success and we are still selling some items and/or craft items in addition to working to set up, sell, purchase, and take down and clean up after each project.

Where does the money go when all is said and done? To our UMW budget. Our individual pledges are added to the Pantry funds. They are then disbursed in the following manner:

#### **Missions:**

Pledge to Missions; Church Donations; School of Missions; District and State Expenses; Special Mission Recognition; Memorials/ Thank You Awards

#### **Local Mission Outreach:**

Union Gospel; Kid's Closet; Safe Haven Shelter; Life House; Harbor House; Asbury Youth; Enrichment;

Denfeld Grad Party; Miscellaneous Expenses In 2017 we worked with a budget of \$7,704.00. We are hopeful we will reach this amount again and will be able to support these mission projects again.

#### Advent Tea — November 28

The Advent Tea is coming up fast, Tuesday, November 28. There is a sign-up sheet in the



Narthex for hostesses. Each hostess invites seven guests, decorates her table and provides a dessert for her guests to enjoy following the program. A free-will offering will be taken for UMW's Layette Closet.

This year we will be entertained by the Northern Bell Chimes bell choir from Our Saviors Lutheran church. The evening starts in the

Sanctuary so please enter through the front doors.

Please sign up as soon as possible and give a list of your 7 guests to co-chairs Cheryl Parendo, Pat Anscomb and/or Donna Mickelson. This will be a very enjoyable event and a great way to start the Advent season. If you have never hosted a table, please consider doing so this year!

### **UMW's Layette Closet**

A sbury UMC is now the only church providing layette bags for new mothers in need. If you have a gently used item(s) in size newborn to 18 months, please donate it to the Layette Closet. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please make checks to Asbury UMW or place your offering in the Sunday offering and mark it Layette Closet. All support is appreciated.

### **UMW Meetings**

- UMW board members will meet in the Wesley Room on Wednesday, November 2.
- Love/Hope Circle will not meet in November.
- Faith Circle will not meet in November.
- 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.

# Report On September 16, 2017 Pasty Sale

2540 pasties	10,160.00
300 (UMW Fall Pantry)	<1,200.00>
12 (Moline)	<48.00>
150 gravy	90.00
Donations	66.35
Subtotal	\$9,068.35
Expenses	<u>&lt;2,048.69&gt;</u>
Total Profit	\$7,019.66
Distribution	
Missions Heat Share	\$350.98
Missions Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$350.99
Kitchen Cleaning	\$175.00
Church Utilities	\$500.00
Project Fund —	\$5,642.69
Total Distributions	\$7,019.66

Thank you to all who worked to help make this pasty sale another huge success. We hope to see many of you again in 2018.

— Thanks again, UMW

# **Asbury News**

#### Fall Festival a Huge Success!

Thank you to everyone attending, bringing food to share and setting up and cleaning up. The kids had fun and we had some great costumes. We collected \$125 for UNICEF. Thank you so much!

# **Christmas Program — December 17**

The Sunday school will be practicing during
November for the Christmas Program which will
be held on Sunday, December 17 during worship. If the
children can make it to practice every Sunday, that
would be great! Sunday school attendance this year
has been wonderful!

— Christian Ed Team

## Asbury United Methodist PO Box 7135 Duluth MN 55807

Return service requested



Pastor:	Shirley Brandt Ruby Slennes Phyllis Kruell
Praise Team Leader	
Custodian:	Dan Mokros
Ad. Council Chair: . Bonni	e Schroeder-Palmi
Treasurer:	Pat Anscomb
Lay Leader:	. Steve Kokotovich
Trustees:	Terry Olson
UMW President	Jan Akervik
SPRC Chair	Cathy Sampson
Worship Chair	Ruth Thorpe
Christian Education:	
Christian Education:	•

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### **CHURCH OFFICE:**

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NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: November 20 for December 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.