



Asbury

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6822 Grand Avenue
Duluth, MN 55807

The Reverend
Cindy M. Rasmussen

Sunday Worship — 10:00 am

Office Hours
Mon-Weds-Friday 9:00 am—1:00 pm
Tues-Thurs 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Messenger

Outreach Sunday Report

Steve Kokotovich, Outreach chair, shared these words at the beginning of Outreach Sunday on February 18: I am going to start off our group of speakers with the “Why, What and How of Outreach and Mission.”

What: I like to define Outreach as what we do for people in need out in our community and world. It could be a “Local” project like a Salvation Army Christmas Toy Drive or “National” projects like our Conference Apportionments and “Love Offering” support. Or, it might be “Global” projects like the Sunday school support of “Kat” and UNICEF or Asbury’s mission trip to Jamaica.

Why: The Bible is full of passages about helping people in need and Carrie Sutherland will be sharing three of those Scripture Readings this morning. There is also the fact that it makes you feel good when you have helped someone. Tom Houle is going to talk about volunteering at the Damiano Food kKitchen.

How: There are many ways at Asbury to participate in Outreach. It could be helping out in the back parking lot during the Second Harvest Food Distribution, which Ruth Thorpe will talk about, or providing needed items for new babies through the Layette Ministry that Judy Pearson will talk about. It could be bringing a can of stew for the CHUM March Food Shelf Drive or one of my favorites, eating a pasty! Did you know that 10% of the profits from Asbury’s pasties sales are given to Outreach projects?

Listed below you will see how our Outreach and Mission take many forms and are done by many people and groups here at Asbury UMC.

The Outreach and Mission Committee’s role is to pick projects to promote that we think the people of Asbury want to do and will support. We then help organize and let the congregation know how they can participate. If the Outreach and Mission Committee is a committee that you would like to join, please talk to me, Pastor Cindy, or anyone on the committee. You don’t, however, need to belong to any committee or group to volunteer for projects.

The emphasis that the United Methodist church puts on helping people in need is one of the things that makes me proud to be a Methodist. Working together we **do** accomplish great things! No one person can or should feel they have to work on all the projects. Nor does anyone need to take a

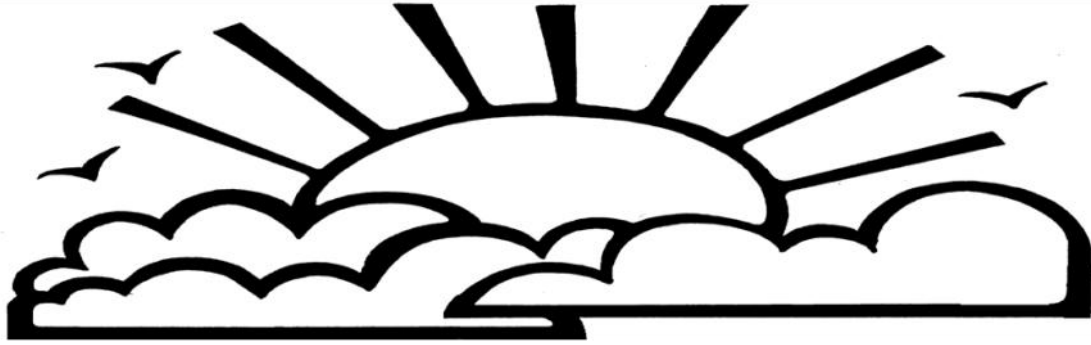


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Cindy's Corner



Easter brings the promise of resurrection, new life and new beginnings!

*Join us to welcome and celebrate Jesus' Resurrection
on Sunday, April 1st at 10:00 a.m.*

As the United Methodist Church continues to struggle around the issues of human sexuality, more than 100 active and retired bishops are in Dallas for a special, four-day meeting. They are focused on refining options presented by the **Commission on a Way Forward**, a group advising the bishops on how to avoid denominational schism after four decades of division over how accepting the church should be of homosexuality.

In his sermon/presidential address, Bishop Bruce Ough challenged colleagues to be open to changing their minds as they grapple with how to avoid a breakup of the United Methodist Church over homosexuality.

Bishop Ough noted that the council's meeting coincides with Lent, a season for reflection and change and said "Let us practice the Lenten discipline of self-emptying, letting go of the positions we came here to defend and the battles we are plotting to wage in this council or the Judicial Council or on the floor of the special General Conference. Let us practice the Lenten discipline of listening to God and one another

to the point of dying to ourselves."

We too find ourselves in the midst of Lent, hoping, yearning, seeking, letting go and opening up to new life. It happens on an individual level, with families, friends and communities – churches, neighborhoods, cities, nations and the world.

It is not an easy thing to let go of personal positions and battles. And, sometimes it is important to hang on to the values and beliefs behind them to bring needed change and growth. The key I think is to provide space for conversation and discussion, and most of all, to be open to the guidance and wisdom of God's spirit that calls us to Love.

As we make our way through Lent as individuals, may our prayer be that our hearts are open to God's Spirit. As the people of the United Methodist Church, may we be open to God's Spirit as we continue to discern what it means to be a church of "**Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.**"

May Easter be born in us anew this day and always!

Pastor *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 Asbury Family:

Thank you to everyone for all of your get well cards and prayers. A special thanks to Clark and Patty Bennett.

— Terry Olson

Dear Pastor Cindy and Asbury Family:

We would like to thank Pastor Cindy, and every single, loving individual at Asbury, for truly being our family during this difficult time, in the loss of our dad "Pete." We are truly humbled by the love and support we have received. Thank you once again, from the bottom of our hearts.

— Henry "Pete" Paczynski Family

Dear Asbury United Methodist:

On behalf of Boy Scout Troop 16 and as a member of the troop since 2013 and its current Troop Guide, I would like to thank everyone for letting us use your church as our home for Troop 16. As a result of your generosity, many opportunities for us have opened up such as our trip to the Grand Canyon in 2016, our Boundary Waters trip last year and our upcoming trip to Washington, DC. With the immeasurable support from Pastor Cindy, our Troop has kept a 89.8% retention rate. We are also proud to announce that 75% of our youth have earned the religious award in scouting (the national average for a unit is 18%). Troop 16 is also a unit that reaches out the community. This past year we have documented 248 hours working at Asbury, clean ups, community restoration, bell ringing and much more. Thank you again for all of your support.

— Nelson Wennberg, Boy Scout Troop 16 Guide

Dear Pastor Cindy and members of Asbury UMC:

Thank you for your congregational contribution of \$500 to CHUM. I really appreciate Asbury's support and generosity! I want to share two terrific stories about the importance of CHUM in our community. A young mom, who was one of the first to move into the Steve O'Neil Apartments three years ago, has enrolled in UMD's early childhood program to get her teaching credential. Another mom beamed with pride as she showed me her medallion for 9 months of sobriety. Family by family, and step-by-step, we are working to break the cycle of family homelessness by providing paths to education, employment and health. Your support of CHUM in all ways — time, treasure and good will — makes our work possible. Asbury — the real gift that keeps on giving! Thank you again.

— Lee Stuart, CHUM Executive Director

Dear Friends in Mission:

Thank you for partnering with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Through your gift, you are helping to provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict or natural disaster disrupts life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own. Through the compassion and solidarity of faithful friends like you, UMCOR is able to provide comfort to those impacted by disasters like earthquakes and hurricanes, food for the hungry and healthcare to those who otherwise would have none. These are just a sampling of the good works that gifts like yours make possible. One hundred percent of your gift will go directly to the people who need it most. Thank you for giving so generously.

— General Board of Global Ministries, UMCOR



Outreach/

Communion Offering . . .

February's offering of TBD went to UMCOR (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing). March's offering will go to the Valley Youth Center.

Attendance . . .

February 4	101
February 11	102
February 18	92
February 25	SNOW DAY!

Scripture Readers . . .

March 4	Dale Thorpe
March 11	Jan Akervik
March 18	Ruth Thorpe
March 25	Dave Stromgren



- 1 Zak Tollefson
- 7 Jan Akervik
Lynn McGraw
- 9 Julie Arnt
- 11 Karina Kokotovich
- 13 Lloyd Simich
- 15 Janessa Brackett
Allison Finnely
- 18 Lindsey Jo Kirkman
- 19 Teri Akervik
Sue Majewski
Ruby Nelson
- 20 Joe Mickelson
- 22 Steve Mickelson
Taylor Robinson
- 23 Mick Levinski
- 25 Cassondra Greene
Lynn Tollefson
- 26 Dale Slennes
- 28 Stephanie Peterson
Nolan Randa
Renee Randa
- 30 Marc Kujawa, Jr.
- 31 Don Lilyquist

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

Calendar

March 2018

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 2nd Sunday 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 czupec@hotmail.com for more information.</p>				<p>1</p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, WR</p> <p>10:00 to 11:00 am, 2nd Harvest Food Dist</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 9:15 Adult Choir 10:00 am, Worship/ Communion/SS 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH 6:00 pm, BS Troop 16, FH</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:00 pm, CS Pack 3116, FH</p> <p>6:30 pm Praise Team</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 am Kiwanis, FH</p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, WR</p> <p>6:30 pm Worship, WR</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH</p> <p>9:30 am UMW Board Meeting, WR</p> <p>6:00 pm, Youth Choir 6:30 pm, Adult Choir</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, WR</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Dumpster Pick Up</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Damiano Volunteers 8:30 am To 1:30 pm</p>
<p>11</p> <p>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 9:15 am, Adult Choir 10:00 am, Worship/B'day/CC 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH 6:00 pm, BS Troop 16, FH</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:00 pm, CS Pack 3116, FH</p> <p>6:30 pm Praise Team</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 am Kiwanis, FH</p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, WR</p> <p>2:00 pm, KK, WR</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 6:00 pm, Youth Choir</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, WR</p> <p>7:00 pm Faith Circle, WR</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> 
<p>18</p> <p>FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 10:00 am, Worship/Praise/SS 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH 6:00 pm, BS Troop 16, FH</p>	<p>19</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>20</p> <p>9:00 am Kiwanis, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR</p> <p>1:00 pm Love/Hope Circle, WR</p> <p>7:00 pm Ad Council, WR</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH</p> <p>8:30 am, Pastor Cindy @ CHUM Clergy</p> <p>6:00 pm, Youth Choir</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, WR</p> <p>MESSENGER DEADLINE</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Dumpster Pick Up</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>PASSION/PALM SUNDAY 10:00 am, Worship/SS 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH 6:00 pm, BS Troop 16, FH</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:00 pm, CS Pack 3116, FH</p> <p>6:30 pm Praise Team</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00 am Kiwanis, FH</p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, WR</p> <p>2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH</p> <p>6:00 pm, Youth Choir</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:30 am Bone Builders, WR</p> <p>6:30 pm HOLY THURSDAY</p> <p>MESSENGER EMAILS/MAILS</p>	<p>30</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY</p> <p>7:00 pm Salem Covenant</p>	<p>31</p> <p>HOLY SATURDAY</p>

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second mortgage to donate to worthy causes. But when we, as a congregation, contribute as we are able, with our time and money, we do great, meaningful ministry together.

In the Community:

Damiano Food Kitchen, Second Harvest Food Distribution, CHUM (annual support of program, March Food Drive, Rhubarb Festival) Sunday School UNICEF, Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army Toy Collection, National Night Out Picnic, Mission Trips, TPUMM's Wildfire Picnic, Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving Offerings.

UMW Local Projects:

Union Gospel Mission, Kid's Closet, Safe Haven Shelter, Life House, Harbor House, Denfeld Grad Party, Asbury Youth Enrichment, Mitten/Hat Tree, Backpacks for Schools, Food Shelf, Heat Share, Layette Closet w/Salvation Army, Asbury's Discretionary Fund.

Sharing our Building:

Boy Scouts
Cub Scouts
Bone Builders
Kiwanis
Yoga
Knitting Club
Second Harvest
Election site

Communion Sunday

Outreach Offerings for 2017:

Heating/Energy Assistance AEOA
UMCOR (Formerly One Great Hour)
CHUM Food Shelf
Second Harvest Food Bank
Habitat for Humanity
Union Gospel Mission
Damiano Center
Valley Youth Center
LifeHouse
World Communion Sunday
Bethany Crisis Nursery



TREASURER'S REPORT

1/31/18

GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Cash Balance, 12/31/17	\$ 9,129.51
Deposits	\$ 12,526.50
Total to account for	\$ 21,656.01
Checks Written	<\$ 13,250.50>
Balance on Hand, 1/31/18	\$ 8,405.51
Unpaid Bills through 1/31/18 (includes apportionments)	<\$ 2,624.57>
Net Ending Balance at 1/31/17	<u>\$ 5,780.94</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 Food-Share 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 over \$8 million dollars and 4.7 million pounds of food in 2017.

This year, the CHUM churches are choosing a few specific items to donate (in addition to financial donations). Asbury has chosen: canned beef, ham, chicken or salmon, beef stew, chili with meat, canned potatoes, carrots, spinach and peas, low sugar cereal like plain Cherrios, pasta, pasta sauce and snack items for kids to take to school such as juice boxes, applesauce containers and granola bars. Also consider donating reusable shopping bags. **You can bring the donations beginning March 1 through March 25.**

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.



Asbury News



Preparing for Easter Schedule

- March 4** Third Sunday in Lent/Communion
- March 11** Fourth Sunday in Lent/Birthday/
Children's Church/Adult Choir
- March 18** Fifth Sunday in Lent/Praise Service
- March 25** Sixth Sunday in Lent
Palm/Passion Sunday
- March 29** Holy Thursday at 6:30 pm
- March 30** Good Friday
Salem Covenant at 7:00 pm
- April 1** **EASTER SUNDAY**

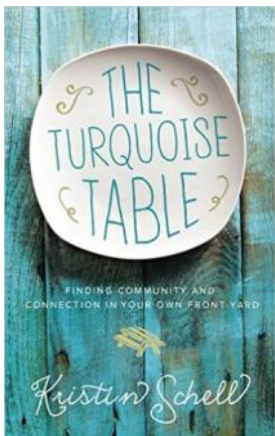
New Adult Study Starts April 11

Want to be part of a small revolution to change the world? On April 11 we will begin a new adult study, reading the book "The Turquoise Table" by Kristin Schell. Friends, this is how we are part of a small revolution to change the world! "The Turquoise Table" is a collection of readings, recipes and stories of hospitality and finding connection with each other in a busy age. Want to bridge the gap between rich and poor, between Republican and Democrat, between Christian and Unchurched? This may be the way.

Please sign up if you want to attend, and if you want Pastor Cindy to order a copy of the book

for you. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. The church education fund will pick up the cost.

The study is scheduled for **Wednesdays, 10:30 to noon starting April 11 at Hillside UMC, 1801 Piedmont Ave, Duluth.**



2017 Apportionments Payment Thanks

Thank you for your commitment and for your accomplishment in paying 100% of your apportionments in 2017! 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 many other churches in our Big Waters District, kept this covenant.

In the United Methodist church, apportioned funds are what enable United Methodists to do ministry together around the world. You have supported the connexional 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 participate in our revitalization processes such as the Healthy Church Initiative and the Missional Church Consultation Initiative. 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 faithfulness that allows us to reach new people, grow more in love with God and neighbor and heal our broken world. Together, God is using us to bless the world in Christ's name.

With deep gratitude,

Susan Nienaber
Big Waters District Superintendent

Lester Park Final Worship On April 8

Lester Park UMC's final worship service will be Sunday, April 8 at 9:00 am. This service will be a celebration of Lester Park UMC's 128 years of ministry. Everyone is welcome and former members of LPUMC are especially encouraged to attend this celebration of God's grace throughout the years. We also are inviting former pastors and anticipate a longer than usual service of perhaps 1½ hours.

Please keep the members of Lester Park UMC in your prayers as they move towards this final ministry.

Peace, Pastor Judy Anderson-Bauer

On March 11!





Asbury UMW host Duluth Area UMW

The annual Prayer and Self Denial meeting was hosted by Asbury UMW on Wednesday, February 21. A new format was used and the 46 women attending began the morning with a Continental Breakfast and then adjourned to the sanctuary for the program presented by Judi VanDell, Vice President of North Shore Bank.

This year's theme was *Learning for a Lifetime: Developing Leaders*. Judi presented a very fine program utilizing her own banking experience, community volunteering and service to the church. The women participated in an activity to learn their own leadership styles and were encouraged to help mentor young persons to become involved and become leaders or vital followers to respond to the call of God.

The program presenter helps to determine where the special offering will go. Judi has served on the Second Harvest Board for many years, been their treasurer for 6 years and was their president for three years. The special offering of \$442.00 will go to the Second Harvest Backpack for Education Program. The Big Waters District will receive \$250.00 from the Area UMW for mission work.

“Soup”er Bowl Thank You!

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 niece, Sue Jordan, 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 free-will donations of \$348.00 will be sent to the Food Shelf in March when funds are matched.

Annual Spring Rummage Sale

Donations are being sought for Asbury's Annual Spring Rummage sale on Saturday, April 28 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, SMALL APPLIANCES/ ELECTRONICS PLEASE!) A drop-off schedule will be in



upcoming announcements and the April Messenger.

All proceeds go towards paying our 2018 MN Annual Conference apportionments.

UMW Meetings

- UMW board members will meet in the Wesley Room on Wednesday, March 7.
- Faith Circle will meet on March 15 in the Wesley Room at 7:00 pm. Sandy Winklesky is hostess.
- Love/Hope Circle will meet at 1:00 pm on March 20 in the Wesley Room. Kendra Sharkey is hostess.
- 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 January 27, 2018 Pasty Sale

1955 pasties	\$7820.00
Donations	<u>\$2.85</u>
Total	\$7822.85
Expenses	<u>-\$1770.73</u>
.....	\$6052.12

Distribution

10% Missions	\$605.21
(Food Shelf)	
Kitchen Cleaning	\$175.00
Church Utilities	\$500.00
Project Fund —	<u>\$4771.91</u>
.....	\$6052.12

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 2018. Pasty week starts September 17 and the sale is September 22. Please invite others to come and join in the comradery of this fun Asbury UMC event.

Save the Date!

Spring Duluth Area UMW meeting will be held May 9 at First UMC. Details coming!



Meatballs On April 10!

It's Asbury's Spring Meatball Dinner on Tuesday, April 10 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Only \$10.00 will get you a delicious meal of 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. Look for the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

All proceeds go towards paying our 2018 MN Annual Conference apportionments.



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 Friday) or on Sunday mornings.

Thank you for your support!

Asbury News

Message From Our Sponsored Child

We recently received correspondence, a drawing and a picture of Katerin, our sponsored child at



Compassion. It is written below verbatim as translated from Spanish to English by Maricruz Murillo.

*Dear Sponsors and Friends:
I'm so glad to greet you!
I want you to know about my learning at the project. I receive classes about four areas.*

On the spiritual area I learn about the Bible and about Jesus, about church and family.

On the social-emotional area I learn my value and self-esteem. I'm important to God and to my family.

On the physical area I practice hygienic habits and to take care of my body and health. I also learn value that will help me in my family, in my community and in my future.

Have you learnt something new in your church?

Thank you for the gift you sent me! They bought for me a pair of sandals, shampoo, sugar, cooking oil, detergent, soap. My family and I are thankful because of this blessing from you!



I'd appreciate if you pray for me and my family. Pray to God to help with everything, pray for my family to have peace and love.

*I hope you have a Happy Christmas! I send new Year's Hugs!**

With love, Katerin Paola Lopez

*Letters can sometimes take 2-3 months to be delivered.



2018 Elected Leadership

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

Administrative Council

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

Ministry Team Facilitators

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

Christian Education Team

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

Worship Team

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

Visitation Team

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

Outreach Team

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

Membership Team

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

Board of Trustees

Facilitator Terry Olson
Class of 2018 Jim Fae, Keith McGraw, Dick Wolden
Class of 2019 Mick Levinski, Dave Stromgren, Lois Stromgren, Dale Thorpe
Class of 2020 Terry Olson, Donna Mickelson, Tom Houle, Peter Downs

Landscaping Team

Facilitator Judy Pearson
Team Members Ron Brosdal, Jeanne Rychlak, Dale Thorpe
..... Mick Levinski, Dick Wolden, Elmer Olson, Jerry Smith, Kathy Downs
..... Shelly, Lily and Emma Vanneste, Ted Plys

Staff/Pastor Parish Relations

Facilitator Catherine Sampson
Class of 2018 Barb Kokotovich, Dick Warner, Dennis Parendo
Class of 2019 Cathy Sampson, Carol Johnson, Dawn Jones
Class of 2020 Bev LeClair, Sheri Scanlon, Leo Lambert
Lay Leader Steve Kokotovich
Pastor Cindy Rasmussen

Finance & Stewardship Team

Facilitator Judi VanDell
Team Members Judi VanDell, Julie Arnt, Larry Sampson, Jan Akervik
Administrative Council Chair Bonnie Schroeder-Palmi
Treasurer Pat Anscomb
Second Signer Larry Scanlon
Trustee Chair Terry Olson
SPPRC Chair Catharine Sampson
Lay Leader Steve Kokotovich
Lead Counter Barb Downs
Offering Counters Mary DeMars, Audrey Johnson, Sharon Picconatto
..... Ron Brosdal, Karen Gokey, Lynn Tollefson, Kathy Levinski
Memorials Cheryl Parendo & Sharon Picconatto

Scholarship

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

Lay Leadership (formerly "Nominations")

Facilitator Rev. Cindy Rasmussen
Lay Leader Steve Kokotovich
Class of 2018 Kathy Downs, Judy Pearson
Class of 2019 Leo Lambert, Lynn Tollefson
Class of 2020 Bev LeClair, Jeanne Rychlak

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Return service requested

Meet Our Staff



Pastor:.....Cindy M. Rasmussen
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NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: March 22 for April 2018 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.*