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The Reverend
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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



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Messenger



Asbury Fall Pantry — October 13

Don't miss out! The Asbury Fall Pantry will soon be here with delicious donuts, homemade apple pies (frozen to take-and-bake), pickles, jams, jellies, scrumptious cookies on the cookie table, breads, baked goods and craft/knit items. Saturday, October 13 from 9:00 to 11:00 am.

Are You Signed Up To Help?

We need help with pie making, donut making or share your special talent in baking, knitting or crafting. Cash donations are also welcome! All contributions should be brought to the Fellowship Hall on Friday, October 12 from 8:00 to 11:00 am as this is set-up day! Saturday workers will be needed by 8:00 am and should park in the upper lot to allow easy parking in the lower lot for Pantry guests. If you are bringing baked goods in on Saturday, please bring them in by 8:00 am. It would be helpful to have bars, cupcakes and/or muffins in packages of 6 or 12.

Schedules, Sign-up Sheets and Order Forms!

We will be making our scrumptious apple pies on October 4 and 5 starting at 7:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up sheet to help and also an order form on the table at the back of the church. There has been a slight price increase due to increased production costs. Pies are \$10.00 each.

Donut making for our delicious donuts will take place October 12-13. We will start at 8:30 am on October 12 to make the dough. On October 13 we start at 6:00 am (come when you can) to roll and cut out donuts, fry and bag. Please call Bev LeClair, if you can help with donuts. There is also a slight increase in the donuts' cost to \$4.50/dozen. Order forms will be on the back table soon.

Our Asbury Fall Pantry is UMW's major fundraiser for the 2019 budget. Thank you all for your participation in this event as it helps us do many good ministries throughout the year. Please spread the word, bring your friends and get a jump start on the upcoming holiday season!

Fall Festival — Sunday, October 28

Fall Festival this year will be on Sunday, October 28 during church. The children will go down after Children's time to make crafts and play games. There will be a potluck in the Fellowship Hall following worship. **Everyone is invited!** A sign-up sheet for the potluck will be on the table in the narthex soon. As in year's past, please do not have the children wear scary costumes. We hope everyone can attend this event!

— Christian Ed. Team

Cindy's Corner

As I drove up Stebner Road yesterday the sun was shining through the trees calling attention to the brilliant colors of Autumn.

Like me, I am sure you have noticed the hours of daylight are shorter, the air is cooler and the leaves have begun their journey of change and transition. This is my favorite time of the year. I like putting my jeans and sweatshirts back on after the warmth of summer. And for me, this season prepares me for the season of winter, a time to go in deep to reflect and reconnect with my inner most self – and with God.

The seasons of the year remind us that life is full of change and transition. If we pay attention we realize there is beauty and meaning in each season of the year and in each of our seasons of life. There may be times of challenge and difficulty but we can always be assured we are not making the journey alone. God's presence and love, strength and compassion are with us each step of the way.

Last Thursday at our Moses study we closed our time together by reading this Scripture passage from Isaiah 43:

*But now, says the Lord —
the One who created you Jacob,
the One who formed you Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name; you are mine.
When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;
when through the rivers,*

*they won't sweep
over you.
When you walk
through the fire,
you will not be
burned, and the flame
will not
consume you.
I am the LORD your
God, the Holy One of
Israel, your Savior. . .
Because you are
precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you.
I give people in return for you,
and nations in exchange for your life.*



(Isaiah 43:1-3a, 4)

Here at Asbury our new “church program year” is in full swing. Sunday school has begun and our children are busy learning about God, Jesus and our faith. Committees are meeting and planning and ministry is happening. A group of adults are meeting weekly to learn about Moses, the reluctant prophet. We made pasties and are Now preparing for pies, donuts, the Fall Pantry and our much-anticipated Meatball Dinner!

This Messenger is full of information and opportunities that tell a story about who we are as a community of faith. Come and participate, invite your family and friends. This is a place that welcomes the stranger, embraces the hurting and celebrates God's great gifts of mercy, forgiveness, compassion, and love.

*Blessings,
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.

Asbury News

Thank You!

Dear Pastor Cindy and Asbury United Methodist:

Thank you for your congregational contribution which we have applied to CHUM's Food Shelf. Your support of CHUM in all ways, time, treasure and good will, makes our work possible. We are proud to announce that our Early Childhood program at the Steve O'Neil Apartments (SONA) was recently awarded the 4-star rating from Parent Aware. Our early childhood staff do heroic work every day, and it is recognition like this that confirms our commitment to giving the children at SONA the best child care and early education experiences.

— Scott Van Daele, CHUM Distributive Services Director

Dear Asbury Members and Friends:

A huge thank you to our backpack shoppers. Our backpack donations have helped many children. This year we collected 40 backpacks to bring to our area schools! Having a backpack is **essential** for all school children and because of your generosity, 40 area children will have a more successful year. Here's a tip — many stores sell their leftover backpacks at very reasonable prices. You may want to shop ahead for next year. Thank you for your thoughtfulness! — Patty Bennett

Thank You To Our Garden Team!

As the Gardening Team wraps up this season I would like to thank them for their dedicated service on this committee. We meet most every Monday morning doing a variety of projects outside and sometimes inside the church. Many thanks to a great team for your flexibility and your willingness and capability to work hard to maintain our church gardens and much more. Below, please see some of the fruits of our labors!

— Judy Pearson



Outreach/ Communion Offering . . .

September's offering of \$60.10 went to LifeHouse. October's offering will go to World Communion Sunday.

Attendance . . .

Sept 2	42
Sept 9	97
Sept 16	82
Sept 23	100

Scripture Readers . . .

October 7	Dale Thorpe
October 14	Jan Akervik
October 21	Ruth Thorpe
October 28	Dave Stromgren



3	Tom Houle
4	Carl Larson
	Sue Newberry
	Ray Peters
	Michael Smisek
5	Melissa Abbett
	Gloria Schultz
7	Larry Sampson
10	Stan Johnson, Jr.
12	Carol Johnson
	Logan Peterson
15	Sheri Scanlon
17	Gene Kubis
21	Jordan Nickila
22	Pat Anscomb
	Carol Johnson
23	Julien Melgarejo
24	Linda Warner
25	Judi VanDell

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

Calendar

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:00 pm CS Pack 3116, FH 6:30 pm Asbury Singers & Praise Team	2 9:00 am Kiwanis, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR	3 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:30 am UMW Board Meeting, WR	4 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 10:00 to 11:00 am, 2nd Harvest Food Dist 10:30 to 11:30 am Adult Study — "Moses" APPLE PIE MAKING	5 Dumpster Pick Up	6 8:30 am—1:30 pm Damiano Center Volunteers 1:00—3:00 pm Parendo's 50 th Anniversary Open House
7 WORLD COMMUNION 9:00 am Asbury Singers Rehearsal 10:00 am, Worship/Communion/Sunday School 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH 6:00 pm, BS Troop 16, FH	8 6:00 pm CS Pack 3116, FH 6:30 pm Asbury Singers & Praise Team	9 9:00 am Kiwanis, FH 9:30 am, BB, WR 10:00 am, Pastor Cindy @ North Shore Estates 2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR 5:15 pm Outreach	10 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH	11 9:00 am Pastor Cindy @ West Duluth Clergy 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 10:30 to 11:30 am Adult Study — "Moses"	12 DONUT MAKING	13 9 to 11 am FALL PANTRY Boo at the Zoo overflow parking
14 CHILDREN'S SABBATH 9:00 am Asbury Singers Rehearsal 10:00 am, Worship/Birthday 11:00 am, Fellowship, FH 1:30 pm TPUMMs at Faith UMC 6:00 pm, BS Troop 16, FH	15 9:30 am, Green Door Book Club, WR 6:00 pm CS Pack 3116, FH 6:30 pm Asbury Singers & Praise Team	16 9:00 am Kiwanis, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 7:00 pm Ad Council, WR	17 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 8:30 am Pastor Cindy @ CHUM 6:00 pm Christian Ed, WR	18 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 10:30 to 11:30 am Adult Study — "Moses"	19 Dumpster Pick Up	20 Boo at the Zoo overflow parking
21 LAITY SUNDAY 9:00 am Asbury Singers Rehearsal 10:00 am, Worship/Praise/Sunday School 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH 6:00 pm, BS Troop 16, FH	22 6:00 pm CS Pack 3116, FH 6:30 pm Asbury Singers & Praise Team MESSENGER DEADLINE	23 9:00 am Kiwanis, WR 9:30 am Bone Builders, GR 4:30 to 6:30 pm Meatball Supper	24 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH	25 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 10:30—11:30 am Adult Study, "Moses"	26	27 9:00-10:30 am Free Community Breakfast, Our Savior's Lutheran
28 FALL FEST 9:00 am Asbury Singers Rehearsal 10:00 am, Worship/Sunday School 11:00 am, Potluck, FH 6:00 pm, BS Troop 16, FH	29 6:00 pm CS Pack 3116, FH 6:30 pm Asbury Singers & Praise Team	30 9:00 am Kiwanis, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN! 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH MESSENGER EMAILS/MAILS	YOGA classes are held Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in Asbury's Fellowship hall unless there is a scheduling conflict. Contact Cheryl Zupec, 218.343.4478 or czupec@hotmail.com for more information.		

Asbury News

Ad Council Meeting Minutes — 9-18-18

Opening

Steve Kokotovich called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The theme of Pastor Cindy's devotion was *Many Gifts One Spirit*.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the August 21, 2018, Administrative Council was reviewed.

Sandy Winklesky made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

M – Sandy Winklesky, S – Pat Anscomb

Lay Leader's Report – Steve Kokotovich

Steve read a letter from Kiwanis members thanking us for the use of the church.

Treasurer's Report/Finance – Pat Anscomb

A revised July summary was given. Balance on Hand, 7/31/18 was \$7,916.28.

The August monthly summary was given. Balance on Hand, 8/31/18 is \$10,385.39.

As of 8/31/18, we have paid \$5,758.05 of our Apportionments with a balance due of \$17,273.95. This is 25% of our 2018 Apportionments.

This September, 3 more payments were made. We now have paid 50% of our 2018 Apportionments.

Pat presented the Budget and Loss Performance report. We are right on track with our 2018 budget.

Pastor Cindy mentioned that the Stewardship Drive will begin on October 28, and Commitment Sunday will be on November 18.

Staff Parish Relations Committee – Cathy Sampson

The committee met September 9, and worked on position and staff reviews.

The next meeting is September 27. The District Superintendent will be at this meeting.

Trustee's Report – Terry Olson

The committee is thoroughly studying the best way to repair or replace the front doors.

The church has signed a contract to replace 12 windows in the Wesley Room.

The windows will cost \$4,746, and they will be installed for an additional \$900.

The Trustees are creating a long-term maintenance list of projects that need to be done at the church.

United Methodist Women – Jan Akervik

The UMW is in the process of looking for a kitchen cleaner.

Cathy and Larry Sampson went to Mission U this last summer.

Next July 27, Asbury will host a Mission U Too from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

This will be like a retreat day for people to come and study a certain topic that is still to be determined. Cathy Sampson will be the contact person for this event.

Pasties, pies, doughnuts and Meatball Dinner are all coming soon.

This Thursday evening Faith Circle will decide if we will continue the layette project.

Outreach and Missions Team – Steve Kokotovich

Serving at the Damiano Center will be on October 6, and December 1.

Pat Anscomb attended the West Duluth Community Breakfast at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Our church will be helping with this project at some time in the future.

The next meeting will be on October 9.

Education Team – Cheryl Parendo and Sandy Winklesky

Rally Sunday went very well. Cheryl and Sandy thanked everyone who helped.

October 14 is Children's Sabbath. Third graders will be receiving their Bible.

The Sunday School will be sending Katrina, the child they sponsor, cards and

TREASURER'S REPORT

8/31/18

GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Cash Balance, 7/31/18	\$ 7,916.28
Deposits	\$ 16,077.10
Total to account for	\$ 23,933.38
Checks Written	<\$ 13,607.99>
Balance on Hand, 8/31/18	\$ 10,385.39

Unpaid Bills through 8/31/18 (includes apportionments)	\$ 10,470.33
Net Ending Balance at 8/31/18	<\$ 84.94>

money for her birthday and also for Christmas. They will also be sending her a picture of our church during the winter so she can see snow and pictures of Duluth.

Worship Team – Ruth Thorpe

The committee met on August 23.

Since the Summer Worshipers went so well, they will be continued again next year. The Education Team will again help.

"Asbury Singers" are invited to sing choir type songs along with the Praise Team 5 times per year. Oct. 14, Dec. 9 and 24, Feb 24, and Apr. 21.

Practices will be held on Mondays 6:30 – 7:00 pm. This plan will be reviewed in January 2019.

Ruby will continue to work with children/youth music.

The committee will be presenting "Playettes" in the future.

Gluten free wafers will be offered for communion for those who require them.

Calendar:

October 14 – Children's Sabbath, 21 – Laity Sunday, 28 – Fall Festival.

All month is Pastor and all staff appreciation/recognition.

November 4 – All Saints, 11 – Pledges, 18 – Thanksgiving and Praise

December 16 – Christmas Program

The next meeting is November 28, 2018, at 6:30 pm.

Nurture/Congregational Care Team – Sandy Winklesky

Scholarships were awarded. Arianna Theiling received the Maida and Janessa Brackett received the VanKleek Scholarship. Each scholarship was for \$1,000.

Patty Bennett reported that the Membership Committee has been sending out postcards to people visiting our church.

Pastor's Report – Cindy Rasmussen

Pastor Ough will be speaking at First UMC on Tuesday, September 25 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. He will discuss "A Way Forward", a plan seeking resolution of our differences concerning human sexuality. All are invited.

Adult Bible Study is *Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet*.

The study begins Thursday, September 27, at 10:30 am.

West Duluth Churches Thanksgiving Service is at Asbury on Tuesday, November 20, at 7:00 pm. Sunday, October 14, at 1:30 pm, at Faith UMC, Superior.

West Duluth Community Breakfast is on Saturday, September 22 from 9:00-10:30 am at Our Saviors Lutheran Church.

The Stewardship Drive begins on October 28, and Commitment Sunday is on November 18.

Old Business and New Business - none

Closing

Next Ad Council meeting is October 16, 7:00 pm.

Jan Akervik made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. **M – Jan Akervik, S – Ruth Thorpe.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Bennett, Recording Secretary

Asbury News

Sunday School Youth Choir Will Sing 10/14

All of the Sunday School in our newly formed SS Youth Choir will sing on Sunday, October 14. — Ruby Slennes

Outreach Opportunity!

Asbury volunteers will be helping prepare, serve and clean up a Saturday meal at the **Damiano Soup Kitchen** on **Saturday, October 6 from 8:30 am until 1:30 pm.** There is a sign-up sheet on the back table in the narthex. Volunteers need to be able to stand for long periods of time, work the entire 5-hour shift and be at least 16 years old.



Sunday School News!

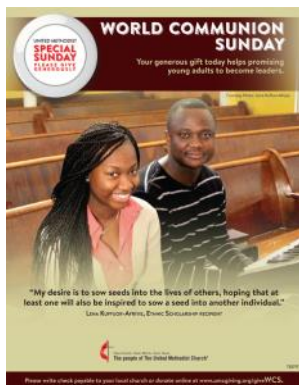
Sunday School has gotten off to a great start! Children's Sabbath is scheduled for Sunday, October 14. Third graders will be receiving their bibles. Parents, please let Cheryl Parendo, Sandy Winklesky or the church office know if your child, third grade and up, has not yet received a bible.

World Communion Sunday

On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate our brothers and sisters from around the world with a special communion and offering. We will be collecting for World Communion on Sunday, October 7.

This offering funds graduate racial-ethnic World Communion Scholarships with at least half of the annual amount reserved for ministries beyond the United States. Donations also provide for undergraduate U.S. Ethnic Scholarship and Ethnic In-Service Training Programs. Your offering helps an international or national

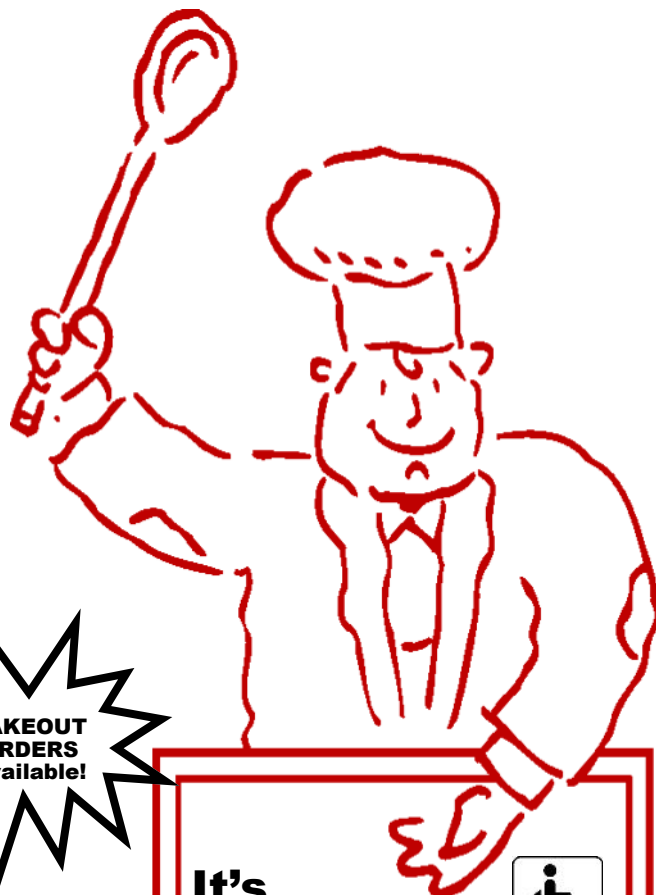
student with the cost of their continuing education. These are students who might otherwise be overlooked or forgotten. Please put your World Communion envelopes in the offering plate. Thank you for your generosity.



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DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!
NOVEMBER 6
Asbury UMC is a primary election site.
7:00 am to 8:00 pm



Help Needed!

Our popular meatball dinner requires a lot of workers! Please say you will help. Sign-up sheets will be at the back of the church soon.

And, don't forget to buy your tickets and get a few extra tickets for friends. Only \$10.00 for a great meal! Take out is available and Asbury is handicapped-accessible.

All unsold tickets need to be returned to Gary Winklesky. by Sunday, October 21.

It's Meatball Dinner Time!



Do You Have Your Tickets?

Tuesday, October 23
4:30 — 6:30 pm

TICKETS

Adults — \$10.00
Youth (5-12) — \$5.00
4 & Under — FREE

MENU

Meatballs
Homemade Mashed Potatoes
Gravy
Green Beans Almondine
Coleslaw
Homemade Bread
Dessert
Beverage

Proceeds will go to MN Annual Conference Apportionments



Annual Advent Tea — December 4

Our annual Advent Tea will be held on Tuesday, December 4 at 7:00 pm. The theme this year is "Angels Among Us." **Our program starts in the Sanctuary so please enter through the doors upstairs.** Guests will join their hostesses downstairs following the program.

Please consider being a table hostess and inviting seven guests to join you for this special event. Each hostess decorates her table and provides a dessert for her guests to enjoy.

A sign-up sheet for hostesses will be on the table in the narthex on November 3.

This is a wonderful evening of fellowship and a lovely preparation for the Advent season. Please contact Cheryl Parendo, Pat Anscomb, Nancy Olson or Donna Mickelson for more information.

Asbury News



50th Wedding Anniversary Open House

Please join us for cake and coffee in the Asbury Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 6 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm to celebrate Dennie and Sharon Parendo's 50th wedding anniversary!

No gifts, please. Your presence will be our gift.



UMW Meetings

- UMW board members will meet in the Wesley Room on Wednesday, October 3 at 9:30 am.
- Love/Hope Circle will not meet in October as members will be busy with donuts, apple pies, the Fall Pantry and the Meatball Supper.
- Faith Circle will not meet in October as members will be busy with donuts, apple pies, the Fall Pantry and the Meatball Supper.
- 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. The next meeting is October 15.

"Cookie Table" Cookies Needed

Our "Cookie Table" is an extremely popular part of UMW's Fall Pantry! We are asking for donations of homemade cookies and hope that you will be able to help us out this year.

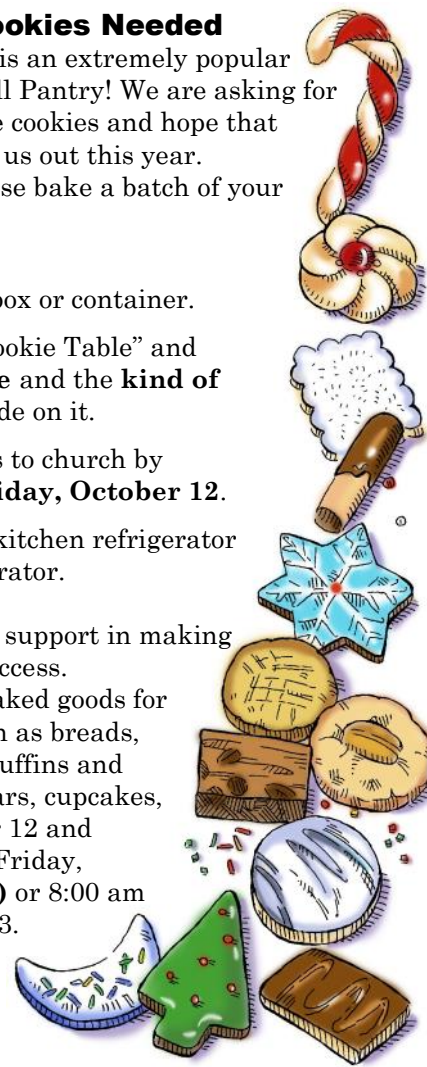
To participate, please bake a batch of your favorite cookies and:

1. Place them in a box or container.
2. Mark the box "Cookie Table" and **put your name** and the **kind of cookie** you made on it.
3. Bring the cookies to church by **9:00 am on Friday, October 12.**
4. Put them in the kitchen refrigerator or salad refrigerator.

Thank you for your support in making the "Cookie Table" a success.

We also welcome baked goods for the bake sale table such as breads, dessert breads, bars, muffins and cupcakes. Please put bars, cupcakes, muffins in packs of 6 or 12 and drop off by 9:00 am on Friday, October 12 (**preferred**) or 8:00 am on Saturday, October 13.

Thank you!



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Return service requested

Meet Our Staff



Pastor:.....Cindy M. Rasmussen
Administrative Asst.:Shirley Brandt
OrganistPhyllis Kruell
Youth Choir DirectorRuby Slennes
Praise Team Leadervaries
Custodian:Dan Mokros
Ad Council Chair: ..Bonnie Schroeder-Palmi
Treasurer:Pat Anscomb
Lay Leader:Steve Kokotovich
Trustees:Terry Olson
UMW President.....Jan Akervik
SPRC ChairCathy Sampson
Worship ChairRuth Thorpe
Christian Education:Cheryl Parendo
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NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: October 22 for November 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.*