



Asbury

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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**The Reverend
Katherine Cornell**

Sunday Worship — 10:00 am

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 9:00 am—1:30 pm
Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm



IT'S LEAP YEAR!

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The Season of LENT

Lent is a season of 40 days (and 6 Sundays) starting on Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Saturday. It is a time

of self-examination, reflection and preparation for the coming of Easter. A time to focus on our relationship with God. The use of ashes at our **February 26, Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 pm** is a sign of our mortality and repentance. Knowing and experiencing God's forgiveness allows us to honestly reflect on our lives in preparation for the renewal and the resurrection of Easter.

FORTY
Days
OF LENT



Ash Wednesday

February 26 — 6:30 pm

Ash Wednesday w/Communion



**First Sunday
IN LENT**

March 1 — 10:00 am

1st Sunday in Lent,
Communion, Sunday School



**Second Sunday
IN LENT**

March 8 — 10:00 am

2nd Sunday in Lent,
Birthday, Children's Church,
Conference Update Session
Daylight Savings Time begins



**Third Sunday
IN LENT**

March 15 — 10:00 am

3rd Sunday in Lent Praise Service,
Sunday School,
Bishop Ough speaking



**Fourth Sunday
IN LENT**

March 22 — 10:00 am

4th Sunday in Lent,
Sunday School, UMCOR Sunday



**Fifth Sunday
IN LENT**

March 29 — 10:00 am

5th Sunday in Lent,
Sunday School

Palm Sunday

April 5 — 10:00 am —

Palm/Passion Sunday



April 9 — 6:30 pm —

Maundy Thursday

ALLELUIA!

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

**April 10 — Good Friday
Time and place TBD**

**April 12 — 10:00 am —
EASTER SUNDAY!**



A Penny For Your Thoughts

The Season of Lent

We've been together now for a little more than half a year. I am thrilled to serve as your pastor — to join and lead with you on this journey Christ has called us to travel.

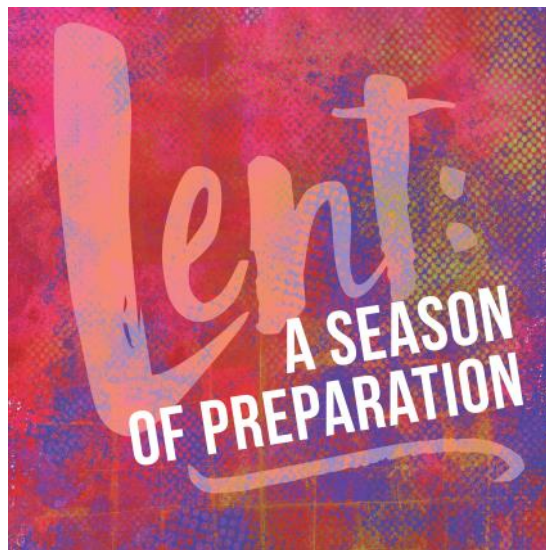
This month we are considering ways Christ enters our lives by taking popular songs and using them to remind us of the truth of our scripture messages. We will continue exploring more songs and scripture in our “Bible Soundtrack” until the end of February leads us into Lent.

The season of Lent is a period of 40 days (not including Sundays) leading to Easter. It begins with Ash Wednesday (February 26) and continues until Easter Sunday (April 12). Traditionally Lent is a season of reflection and repentance. It is a time we are invited to examine our lives and either give something up or take something on.

The tradition of giving something up reminds us we are to deny ourselves and follow Jesus. If one were to give up chocolate, then every time you want chocolate, you are reminded of your commitment to a deeper walk with Jesus. It can be an invitation to pray or pause to invite Christ again to be Lord of your life.

Another approach to Lent is to take on a habit or practice. One might pledge to spend an extra 5 minutes of prayer time each day or take time to journal at the end of each day asking, Where have I seen God?, Where do I need God?, Where is my joy?, and Where is my gratitude?

There are countless ways to observe and prepare



for this season of Lent. One opportunity is to join in on a pre-Lenten retreat on February 22 that will be held at the McCabe Renewal Center from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in conjunction with Northwood UMC, Esko. Please see details on page 3 of this newsletter.

As a congregation we will be delving into the last week of Jesus' life — encountering each day on a separate Sunday (but you'll hear more about that next month).

For now, I encourage you to remember your walk with Christ each day and give some thought about how you want to enter the Lenten season.

I think the old saying is true — the more you put into it, the more you'll get out of it. Now is the time to consider how you want to encounter this Lenten season. God always desires a closer walk with you. What will be your response?

Blessings and Peace,

Katherine

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 case of emergency and there is no answer at the church, please contact Pastor Katherine at 828-263-2035 or email at kcornell@wncumc.net.

Asbury News

Thank You!

Dear Asbury Friends and Family, as well as the Praise Team: Please receive my heart felt thanks and gratitude for all of you who celebrated my birthday with me! Some of you came to a surprise party, some of you gave cards and gifts, and some of you were there in spirit and I appreciate every part! I have never felt so appreciated and celebrated as I did on this birthday and you each played a huge role in that. Each of you bless my life and I am so grateful to be a part of yours!
— Much Love, Debbie Merrick

Dear Asbury Members United Methodist Church:

Thank you very much for donating the hats, mittens and socks. The Piedmont Elementary School staff and students will put them to good use.
— Jodi, Administrative Assistant

Dear Asbury United Methodist Church:

Thank you for the donation of hats! Our students often need hats and it is great to have extras to keep them warm.
— Raleigh Edison Charter School

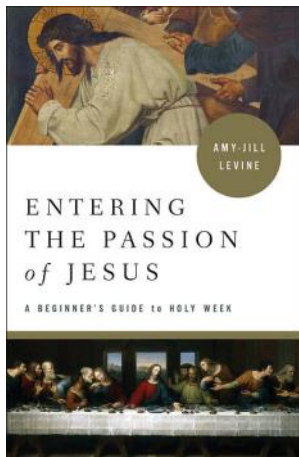
Lenten Study On “Entering the Passion of Jesus”

On Thursdays, beginning March 5 through April 6 from 11:00 am to noon in the Wesley Room, there will be a Lenten Study on *Entering the Passion of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine.

Dive deep into the history of the last days before the crucifixion. Jesus’ final days were full of risk. Every move he made was filled with anticipation, danger and the potential for great loss or great reward.

Jesus risked his reputation when he entered Jerusalem in a victory parade. He risked his life when he dared to teach in the Temple. His followers risked everything when they left behind their homes, or anointed him with costly perfume. We take risks as we read and re-read these stories, finding new meanings and new challenges.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or call the church office to reserve your spot and order a book. Cost of the book is \$9.00.



Lenten Retreat At McCade Renewal Center — February 22

We have been invited to join with our friends at Northwood UMC for a Lenten Retreat to be led by Pastor Brian and Pastor Katherine on February 22 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Lent is a special time for all followers of Jesus, yet sometimes we feel we’re missing the growth, enrichment or opportunity to journey with Jesus. This retreat at the McCade Renewal Center is designed to help us have a meaningful and deep journey into our Lenten season with Christ. We will enjoy opportunities for fellowship and prayer, study and understanding. There will be listening sessions for those that desire, and careful instruction so all can feel comfortable participating. At the end of the retreat, it is our hope that many will have a clear idea of what God is calling us to do within this Lenten season. At this time, **the first 20 spots are free** with an email of intent of participation sent to Ann Butler at annonpond@yahoo.com and a willingness to bring a dish to share for lunch. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex or if you would like, you may email Ann to reserve your spot.



Outreach/ Communion Offering . . .

January’s offering of \$83.00 went to AEOA Heating/Energy Asst. February’s offering will go to the Community Breakfast at Our Savior’s Lutheran.

Attendance . . .

January 5	85
January 12	74
January 19	72
January 26	85

Scripture Readers . . .

Feb. 2	Dave Stromgren
Feb. 9	Dale Thorpe
Feb. 16	Terry Olson
Feb. 23	Leo Lambert



- 2 Scott Tollefson
- 4 Anna Guldner
Jeanne Rychlak
- 5 Dick Holm
- 6 Joyce Park
- 7 Melissa Finnely
Harmony Garafalo
- 11 Craig Vanneste
- 14 Edwin Lone
- 18 Dan Mokros
- 19 Carol Cherne
Kim Herrig
Kendall Lepisto
Kathy Levinski
- 22 Clark Bennett
- 24 Andrea Mattila
- 25 Jennifer Nylund
- 26 Peter Downs
- 28 Christopher DeSantell
Kayla Skorich

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

Asbury News

Ad Council Meeting Minutes — 1-14-20

Opening

Since we thought all members who were coming to the meeting were present, Bonnie Schroeder-Palmi called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the November 19, 2019, Administrative Council were reviewed. Sandy Winklesky made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

M – Sandy Winklesky, S – Jan Akervik

Lay Leader's Report – Steve Kokotovich

Steve mentioned that a family is inquiring about donating \$10,000 to the church to set up an investment fund in honor of their parents. The money would be designated to be used for gardening. Steve reminded us that the Ad. Council had previously decided that investment funds would be set up if the donation was \$20,000 or more. We discussed the possibilities for how to proceed with this generous request. It was decided that the money could be placed in the Memorial Committee Fund under a specified gardening fund named in honor of their parents. Steve will contact the family to continue this discussion.

Treasurer's Report – Pat Anscomb

The December monthly summary was given. Balance on Hand, 12/31/19 is \$2,143.11.

We have now paid 100% of our 2019 Conference Apportionments for a total of \$23,484.00.

Our Apportionments for 2020 will be \$22,801. Monthly payments will be \$1,900.08.

Pat presented the 12 Month Income Statement for 2019 prepared by Larry Scanlon. Church expenses were down which helped to offset our pledges and other envelope giving which were also down. Once again, church members are encouraged to keep up their pledges.

Pat also presented the Balance Sheet prepared by Larry Scanlon. The church has strong asset holdings.

It was noted that 2020 will be a more difficult financial year for Asbury since we are starting the year with less money in our checking account.

Staff Parish Relations Committee – Cathy Sampson

The committee will be meeting in February.

Trustee's Report – Dale Thorpe

The new door to enter the Fellowship Hall from the stairway has now been stained.

The fireplace glass door in the Wesley Room broke and will be replaced.

United Methodist Women – Jan Akervik

UMW Sunday was very successful.

The basement carpeting will be cleaned in January after the pasty sale.

The UMW policy for meal gatherings after funerals has been revised.

St. Louis County offers a renewal refresher course for food safety that 4 members of the church will be attending.

Outreach and Missions Team – Steve Kokotovich

Dates for serving at the Damiano Center are January 18, February 22, and March 21.

In December, Asbury collected socks for the Damiano Center. There was discussion that perhaps this sock drive could happen earlier in the Fall so it does not compete with the Mittens Tree Drive that helps provides winter accessories for children in the area elementary schools.

The next meeting will be on February 11th.

TREASURER'S REPORT: 12/31/19

GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Cash Balance, 11/30/19	\$ 5,849.39
Deposits	\$ 18,400.69
Total to Account for	\$ 24,250.08
Checks Written	<\$ 22,106.97>
Balance on Hand, 12/31/19	\$ 2,143.11

Unpaid Bills through 12/31/19 (includes apportionments)	\$ 0.00
Net Ending Balance at 12/31/19	<u>\$ 2,143.11</u>

Education Team – Cheryl Parendo and Sandy Winklesky

The Sunday School Christmas Program was greatly received.

The children made ornaments that were given to church shut ins.

The next meeting will be in February to discuss the Lenten season.

Ruth Thorpe reported that the Bible study, *Peter, Flawed, but Faithful Disciple*, began on January 9th. It is a 6-week study. Twelve people are attending.

Worship Team – Ruth Thorpe

The committee met on December 4th.

The sound system was reviewed and it was decided that all that could be done for the sound system has been done. All concerns will be referred to Pastor Katherine.

Debbie Merrick is now a co-chair of the Worship Team with Ruth. She will be creating a reference folder for substitutes when people such as ushers, sound controllers, etc., are absent.

The "Longest Night" service went very well.

Ben Kriedler, a guest speaker, will impersonate John Wesley on Jan. 26th.

Many events are planned for January, February and March.

Bishop Ough will be preaching at Asbury on March 15th.

The next meeting will be on February 12th.

Nurture/Congregational Care Team – Sandy Winklesky

The Visitation Committee have been working on "Care Notes".

No Scholarship Committee report.

No Membership Committee report.

Pastor's Report – Katherine Cornell

Pastor Katherine said that she would like to recognize the Lay Membership during the church service on January 26th.

Pastor Katherine is planning a mini retreat for leaders of the church. She will send out an email with possible dates. Leaders are encouraged to respond and a poll will be taken to determine when most leaders can attend.

The General Conference of UMC is in Minneapolis in May. Pastor Katherine is planning to have an update session to inform people about proposed plans for the Methodist Church. She hopes to do this on March 8th, after the church service.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Closing

The next Ad. Council meeting will be on Tuesday, February 18th, at 7:00 p.m. Dale Thorpe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. **M – Dale Thorpe, S – Cathy Sampson.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Bennett, Recording Secretary

Calendar

February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Praise Team practice is on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Asbury Singers Rehearsal is on Sundays at 9:00 am. YOGA classes are held Wednesdays (unless there is an event conflict) at 5:30 pm in Asbury's Fellowship Hall. Contact Cheryl Zupec, 218.343.4478 or czupec@hotmail.com for more information and/or to confirm class meeting.						1 3:00 pm Henry "Hank" Linder Funeral Visitation 1:00-3:00 pm
2 "Soup"er Bowl/Scouting 9:00 am, AS Rehearsal 10:00 am, Worship/ Communion/Sunday school Neal Jack Bennett Baptism 11:00 am LUNCHEON, FH	3 6:00 pm, CS Pack 16, FH	4 9:00 am, SVFC, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 5:30 pm Finance, WR	5 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 9:30 am UMW Board, WR 6:30 pm Praise Team	6 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 10:00 to 11:00 am, 2nd Harvest Food Dist 11:00 am Simon Peter, WR 1:00 pm Scholarship, WR	7	8 9:00 am to NOON Asbury Leadership Retreat
9 9:00 am, AS Rehearsal 10:00 am, Worship/B'day/CC 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH 6:00 pm, BS Troop 16, FH	10	11 9:00 am, SVFC, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR 5:15 pm Outreach, WR	12 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 6:30 pm Praise Team 6:30 pm Worship, WR	13 9:00 am, Pastor Katherine @ West Duluth Clergy 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 11:00 am Simon Peter, WR	14 Dumpster Pick Up	15
16 10:00 am, Worship/Praise/ Sunday school 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH 1:30 pm TPUMMs meeting at Northwood UMC, Esko 6:00 pm, BS Troop 16, FH	17 9:30 am Green Door Book Club, WR 6:00 pm, CS Pack 16, FH	18 9:00 am, SVFC, FH 9:30 am, BB, WR 1:00 pm Love/Hope Circle, WR 7:00 pm Ad Council, WR	19 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH 8:30 am, Pastor Katherine @ CHUM Clergy 6:30 pm Praise Team	20 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 1:00 pm Faith Circle, WR	21 5:00 pm to 3:00 pm on 2/22 BS Troop 16 lockin, FH MESSENGER DEADLINE	22 8:30 am-1:30 pm Damiano Volunteers 9:00 am-3:00 pm Lenten Retreat 9:00-10:30 am Free Community Breakfast, Our Savior's Lutheran
23 TRANSFIGURATION 9:00 am, AS Rehearsal 10:00 am, Worship/SS 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, FH 6:00 pm, BS Troop 16, FH	24 6:00 pm, CS Pack 16, FH	25 9:00 am, SVFC, FH 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR 2:00 pm Knitting Klub, WR	26 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH  6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service	27 9:30 am Bone Builders, WR MESSENGER EMAILS/MAILS	28 Dumpster Pick Up	29

Asbury News

What's Happening in the UMC — Update

I thought you might appreciate an update on the happenings of the larger UMC. First UMC pastor, Jeanine Alexander, wrote a good reflection and invited me to share it with Asbury. Please review the following and if you have any questions, feel free to come and talk to me. We will also have an information session after church on Sunday, March 8, for further questions.

*Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Katherine*

There has been quite a bit of excitement, confusion and questions across the country because of reporting by *Christianity Today*, *CNN*, and the *New York Times*, among many others, with headlines like: “United Methodist Church Proposes Historic Split over Gay Marriage and LGBT Clergy” (*CNN*), “Methodists Agree to Split Denomination” (*Christianity Today*) and “United Methodist Church Announces Plan to Split over Same-Sex Marriage” (*New York Times*).

The truth is that the United Methodist Church has actually NOT agreed to split. None of those who met and signed this agreement were authorized to make such a decision on their own. The way the UMC works is that any possible separation of the UMC cannot be made until May 2020 when the next General Conference of the UMC convenes to consider various petitions. That body alone has the power to officially represent the denomination and determine the path forward.

What the articles were referring to was actually an unofficial agreement on the terms of a proposed denominational separation signed by 16 leaders in the UMC who are seen as representative of the various “conservative,” “centrist,” and “progressive” wings of the church. The agreement is known as the Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation. I think this got such attention because it is newsworthy whenever clergy and laity across such a wide theological divide find agreement, especially with a statement as detailed as this one.

In order for the Protocol to reach General Conference 2020, the mediation team must now develop legislation that implements the Protocol. One or more annual conferences must then submit this legislation without modification to the General Conference for consideration.

This legislation looks promising and hopeful to me. During this uncomfortable period of waiting for the General Conference to act (May 5-15, 2020), we must work together to ensure that we transition into the future in good faith and with every intention to do no harm.

Some of you have asked for more information on what is happening. I have provided some links here for

you. I hope you find them helpful.

- A link to a video with Bishop Ough’s reflection on the new proposal that will go to general conference: <https://vimeo.com/383313166>
- A link to an article about separation plan: <https://www.minnesotaumc.org/newsdetail/diverse-group-offers-separation-plan-13138236>
- A link to comments by Bishop Sally Dyck: https://www.umcnic.org/news/bishop-dyck-statement-on-proposed-separation?fbclid=IwAR0VgAkWy0P_WVOXvJpCMyi_AeMVLfHzn2K70DpE5vaqXH_TsBFUJCQzglU
- A link to comments by Bishop David Bard: https://michiganumc.org/bishop-releases-statement-on-separation-plan/?fbclid=IwAR3eV_du5KzY8-8YwTS4kQ_gZU3HGnkYtj0d1Ew6hE90ZZIHjc9AyS0AU
- An article titled: Some Thought For Pastors Who Need To Explain Why the UMC Didn’t Just Split Up: <https://www.pnwumc.org/news/some-thoughts-for-local-church-pastors-needing-to-explain-why-the-united-methodist-church-didnt-just-split-up/?fbclid=IwAR1b1x3vTozbr5E9MLnnCF819d5Z772wq7wSIHMDpSpjEhslDsVwkK2EL0>

Key elements of the group’s proposal include:

The General Council on Finance and Administration of the United Methodist Church would provide \$25 million, over four years, “to the traditionalist Methodist denomination established pursuant to this protocol.” The new denomination would give up further claims to United Methodist assets, including those of general boards and agencies.

GCFA would escrow \$2 million to help other potential new denominations.

To support communities historically marginalized by racism, GCFA would allocate \$39 million over eight years to strengthen Asian, Black, Hispanic-Latino, Native American and Pacific Islander ministries, as well as Africa University. Of that total, \$13 million would come from funds the separating traditionalist denomination chose to forego.

After the 2020 General Conference, set for May 5-15 in Minneapolis, there would be a special General Conference for the remaining denomination. “The protocol also references a plan which calls for a special General Conference of the post-separation United Methodist Church. The purpose of the Special Session would be to create regional conferences, remove the current prohibitions against LGBTQ persons, and to repeal the Traditional Plan,” said a press release from the negotiating group.

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Asbury News

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A (non-U.S.) central conference would be able to choose with a two-thirds vote to affiliate with a new Methodist denomination. The vote deadline would be December 31, 2021, and if no vote is taken the conference remains in the United Methodist Church.

An annual conference, whether in a central conference or U.S. jurisdictional conference, also could vote to affiliate with a new Methodist denomination. A vote of 20% or more at an annual conference session would be needed to have the disaffiliation vote, and a disaffiliation vote would have to pass by 57%. The disaffiliation vote deadline is July 1, 2021.

The leadership body of a local church considering disaffiliation could determine a threshold of a simple majority or two-thirds for the vote on whether to separate. Decisions about disaffiliation must be made by December 31, 2024.

A local church affiliating with another Methodist denomination “pursuant to the protocol” would keep its assets and liabilities.

The pension plans of The United Methodist Church would remain in place for all current clergy and lay employees, even if they affiliate with another Methodist denomination under the protocol.

— Jeanine Alexander, First UMC pastor



CHUM Warming Center Update

The Warming Center at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is open when the nighttime temperature is 10 degrees F or below. Gloria Dei was open for nine days in December, and use was higher than expected, averaging 29 people per night, compared to 21 people per night in the West Duluth warming center last year. The maximum overnight stay was 49 people.

Gloria Dei provides three or more volunteers at open and close, working shifts from 7:30-9:30 pm and 7:00-9:00 am. Volunteers take part in every aspect of the operation: set up and take down, hospitality, keeping the area clean, helping guests get what they need.

Sherman Associates is finalizing a contract to use the Harmony Club space at the Lincoln Park School Apartments as a Warming Center. CHUM expects this to be final and ready to open soon.

Since the first of December, CHUM has allowed people to use their Drop-In Center as a warming center. People can enter and exit the Drop-In Center at will during the night. CHUM offer beds up to 9:00 am.

Outreach Opportunity — February 22

Asbury volunteers will be helping prepare, serve and clean up a Saturday meal at the **Damiano Soup Kitchen on Saturday, February 22 from 8:30 am until 1:30 pm.** There is a sign-up sheet on the back table in the Narthex. Five to six volunteers are needed. 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 and have a heart for serving others.



Opportunities to volunteer will also be available on March 21. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Foodshare Campaign Starts March 1

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 by contributing cash and/or food donations. Please mark your donation as CHUM Foodshare on the memo line or envelope. There will be a table set up for food donations.

More on what food items are needed will be in upcoming bulletins and the March 2020 Messenger.



2019 Mitten Tree Drive Thank You

Thank you for contributing to our mitten tree drive. We collected 101 hats, 9 scarves, 2 headbands, 27 pairs of mittens, 5 pairs of gloves and 7 pairs of socks. All of these were divided and delivered to MacArthur, Piedmont, Raleigh Edison and Stowe Elementary Schools, where they were greatly received and greatly appreciated.

Please note: Mid-winter is the perfect time to buy winter items on sale. It's never too early to start collecting warm accessories for next year. We are especially in need of mittens and gloves. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness for our area school children.

From a worship bulletin:

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Immoral, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Prayers of the Church

A mere mortal made this typo about our immortal God.

UMW Awards 2019 Presented

UMW Sunday was held on January 12. **Special Recognition Awards** were presented to Phyllis Wolden, Pat Nelson and Cathy Sampson.

Phyllis Wolden was raised in the Methodist Church. She attended Sunday School at Central Avenue Methodist, where she was confirmed and married to husband, Dick, and where their children were baptized. Asbury has been her church home since 2006. Her years here include being a member of the Love/Hope Circle, a member of the UMW Board and a former chair and current team member of the Visitation Committee. She also is the chair of the Funeral Assistance Committee.

Phyllis considers herself to be one of the church basement ladies! You will find her working on pasties, donuts, apple pies, the Fall Pantry, the rummage sale, helping serve lunches at funerals and helping serve at Asbury's meatball dinners.

Pat Nelson grew up in Sandstone, MN, and was baptized and confirmed in the Congregational Church. She joined Asbury in 2009. She is a member of the Love/Hope Circle and has served as one of their chairpersons, a member of the UMW Board and serves as secretary, a member of the Knitting Club and a member and chair of the Visitation Team. Pat is involved with working on pies, donuts, pasties, meatball dinners and the Fall Pantry. She also is a co-chair of the rummage sale and a former member of the Membership Committee. Never a dull moment!

Cathy Sampson and her husband Larry started attending Asbury UMC when they moved to West Duluth in the spring of 2010 and became members in 2011. They were instantly drawn to Asbury by the friendly and welcoming members. Over the years both Cathy and Larry have become involved in the many activities of the church including adult education, pasties, donuts, the rummage sale, meatball dinners and more. She has been a member of the Faith Circle for many years, has served on the Membership Committee and is currently the chair of the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee having served on that committee for the past 3 years.

Thank You Awards were presented to Tom and Debbie Houle and Ted Plys.

Debbie Houle was confirmed at Central Avenue Methodist Church. She is on the Outreach Committee, volunteers at the Damiano Center and works on the Neighborhood Night Out picnic. Debbie helps with pasties, donuts, pies, the meatball dinner and is willing to work anywhere else she is needed.

Tom Houle is a Trustees Project Co-chair, a member of the Outreach Committee, a member of the Garden Team, volunteers at the Damiano Center and helps with the Second Harvest Food Distribution at

UMW Special Recognition Awards went to from L to R: Phyllis Wolden, Cathy Sampson and Pat Nelson. →



UMW Thank You Awards went to from L to R: Ted Plys, Tom Houle and Debbie Houle. ↓



the church. Tom, too, helps with many of Asbury's activities and helps with work that needs to be done within the church.

Ted Plys was baptized at St. Clements, took his first communion and was confirmed at St. Elizabeth. He and his wife, Mary Jo, became members in 2016. Ted enjoys working on all church projects and helps with pasties, pies, meatball dinners, the rummage sale and the Fall Pantry. He is a member of the Garden Committee and is a new member of the Finance Committee.

Kitchen Food Safety Class

On February 11, Terry Olson, Nancy Wagner and Mary DeMars will attend the Prairie Kitchen Food Safety Class being held at Grandma's Sports Garden. This refresher/renewal class is the first part of the ServSafe Food Protections Manager renewal course to help keep our kitchen and workers in compliance with the regulations needed for both preparing and serving food. The UMW is paying the fee for these three persons to attend.

United Methodist Women



UMW Reading Program 2020 Books

The UMW Reading Program has recently added the following 2020 books to their library:

Education for Mission

When Others Shuddered by Jamie Janosz

Leadership Development

Vital Voices by Alyse Nelson

Nurturing for Community

The Aging of Aquarius by Helen Wilkes

Glory Happening by Kaitlin B. Curtice

Tilly and the Crazy Eights by Monique Grey Smith

How the Women at the Well

Became the Well Women by Donna Rhoades

The End of the Island by Jeffrey C. Tuck

Owen and Eleanor Move In by H.M. Bouwman

Who is My Neighbor?

by Angela Levine and Sandy Isanberg Sasso

Social Action

6 X 10: Stories from Solitary

by Mateo Koke and Taylor Pendergrass

Immigration and Justice for Our Neighbors

by J. Clarke and M. Downey

They Will Inherit the Earth by John Dear

What Comes With the Dust by Gharbi M. Mustafa

Storming the Wall by Todd Miller

Midnight Teacher by Janet Halfmann

The Water Walker by Joanne Robertson

Where Will I Live? By Rosemary McCarney

We Kiss Them With Rain by Futhi Ntshingila

A Cage Without Bars by Anne Dublin

Spiritual Growth

If I Should Die Before I Live

by Richard Renwick Smyth

The Magnificent Story by James Bryan Smith

40 Days with Wesley: A Daily Devotional

by Rueben P. Job

Easter Stories: Classic Tales for the Holy Season

by multi authors

The Watcher by Nikki Grimes

Please feel free to check out these UMW Reading

UMW Meetings

- UMW board members will meet in the Wesley Room on Wednesday, February 5.
- Love/Hope Circle will meet at 1:00 pm on February 18 in the Wesley Room. Sue Newberry is our hostess.
- Faith Circle will meet on February 20 at 1:00 pm in the Wesley Room. Cathy Sampson is our hostess and will present devotions. Following the meeting we will work on a project in the Fellowship Hall. Those who haven't made their pledges may turn them in at that time.
- 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. Next meeting is February 17.

Library books located in the Wesley Room. We also encourage you to participate in the reading program by completing the reading log form available in the library. If you have questions about the UMW Reading Program, please contact Patty Bennett.

Faith Circle "Soup"er Bowl Sunday

Faith Circle will serve Mary DeMars' famous chicken noodle soup and her niece Susan Bubacz's yummy ham/bean soup, freshly baked rolls, ice cream and wafers and a beverage on Sunday, February 2, following worship. A free-will offering will be taken and will be held until March when matching funds are made to the CHUM Food Shelf. Please join us!

Successful Pasty Sale!

A huge thank you to everyone who worked to help make the pasty sale another huge success. There were over 1700 pasties made and we sold out!

We hope to see many of you again in September 2020. Pasty week starts September 14 and the sale is September 18-19. Please invite others to come and join in the comradery of this fun Asbury UMC event.



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Meet Our Staff



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NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: February 14 for March 2020 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.*