



**Asbury**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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Monday-Thursday 9:00 am—1:30 pm  
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**On March 8!**



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# Messenger



## Schedule For LENT

**March 1 — 10:00 am**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent, Communion, Sunday School

**March 8 — 10:00 am**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent, Update Session, Birthday, Children's Church  
Daylight Savings Time begins

**March 15 — 10:00 am**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent, Bishop Bruce Ough preaching,  
Praise Service/Sunday School

**March 22 — 10:00 am**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, UMCOR Sunday, Kerry Welsh on Bagpipes

**March 29 — 10:00 am**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

**April 5 — 10:00 am — Palm/Passion Sunday**

Communion, Children's Church

**April 9 — 6:30 pm — Maundy Thursday**

**April 10 — 7:00 pm — Good Friday**

**Journey of the Stations of the Cross**

Community Service at Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
4831 Grand Ave, Duluth

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

### Asbury Leadership Retreat

The leadership retreat held February 8, 2020 was a nice time to focus on Asbury's Mission and Vision as part of the Minnesota Annual Conference. Fifteen out of 18 Team Leaders attended and shared what each Asbury team brings forth to further Asbury's mission and vision. Attendees found that many efforts overlapped into these 3 categories of the conference: Grow In Love of God and Neighbor; Reach New People and Heal a Broken World.



Pictured here are some of the team leaders attending the Asbury Leadership Retreat. TOP L to R: Pat Nelson, Visitation; Judi VanDell, Finance; Debbie Merrick, Worship; Pastor Katherine. BOTTOM L to R: Nancy Wagner, Trustees; Patty Bennett, Membership; Cheryl Parendo, Christian Education; Steve Kokotovich, Outreach/Lay Leadership; Cathy Sampson, SPRC.



# A Penny For Your Thoughts

## Our Lenten Journey Together

**T**he season of Lent is here! Lent is the forty day period before Easter beginning with Ash Wednesday (February 26) and ending with the preparations for Easter during Holy Week (April 6-10). It is traditionally a time of introspection when we as followers of Jesus take a look at ourselves and evaluate how we are growing in our discipleship. Some people like to give something up for Lent while others take on a new habit. All of these opportunities encourage us to remember our own humanity and propensity for messing up, but also to remember God's transforming grace for us as we grow in relationship with God.

Growing in relationship means that we have to take risks. I remember in ninth grade, there was a girl a year older than I whom I was just starting to get to know. She was on the track team with me and we were beginning to become friends. It seemed out of the blue to me, but one day she asked if I wanted to come with her and her family for a week at the beach in the summer. At the time I wasn't sure I knew her that well. What would a whole week with just her and her family be like? I'm sure she felt the same way about inviting me. Would I say yes, or make up some excuse not to go? It was risky.

I said yes, thankfully, and was able to go and from that week on, she became my best friend and is still one of my best friends today. But we had to commit to the time and the risk of learning more about each other and investing in our relationship. I think that's true with our relationship and growing as a disciple – one who follows Jesus as well.

Thankfully, for us, Jesus leads the way in demonstrating taking risks and walking closer to God. For the next six weeks we will be following the last week of Jesus' life day-by-day. 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.

In *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, author, professor and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience as we seek a closer walk with God. We will be talking about these questions during our Bible Study on Thursdays and covering the larger question of WHY Jesus was willing to take these risks during preaching in Sunday's worship.

Please join us as we journey together during this season of Lent. As we prepare for Easter and the celebration of resurrection, we might be challenged in our own walk of faith, but we know we are not alone in our challenges. Jesus has walked this road before us and the community of faith will walk it with us today.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts and sharing this season with you.

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@wnccumc.net](mailto:kcornell@wnccumc.net).

# Asbury News

## Thank You!

Dear Asbury Friends:

We want to thank you for thinking of us. Thank you for your calls and for your cards. Most of all, thank you for your prayers. We believe in prayer and what can be better than prayer in numbers! Blessings to all of you. — Bob & Carol Cherne

Dear Asbury Members and Friends:

Thank you to my Asbury family for the support during my brother's illness and passing. Your compassion, caring and prayers were very much appreciated. — Donna Mickelson

Dear Paster Katherine, Asbury Members and Friends:

Thank you to for your recent donation of \$500 to CHUM. Your gift will allow us to continue to provide food, shelter, advocacy and a caring community for some of Duluth's most vulnerable residents. — Lee Stuart, CHUM Executive Director

Dear Asbury United Methodist Church:

As one of our most valued supporters we are writing to thank you and share the impact your support had on so many of our Northland neighbors in need in 2019. Your contribution of 74.5 hours resulted in a record 5.1 million meals for families, children and seniors through NE Minnesota and NE Wisconsin

— Shaye Moris, Second Harvest Northern Lake Food Bank Executive Director



A HUGE thank you to BS Troop 16 and CS Troop 16 and their leaders for their participation in our Scouting Sunday worship service on February 2.

—Pastor Katherine

### Damiano Center Upcoming Outreach Opportunities

Asbury volunteers will be helping prepare, serve and clean up a Saturday meal at the **Damiano Soup Kitchen** on **Saturday, March 21, April 18 and May 9 from 8:30 am until 1:30 pm**. There are sign-up sheets on the back table in the Narthex. Five to six volunteers are needed with the exception of April 18 where only 4-5 volunteers are needed. Volunteers need to be able to work the entire 5-hour shift and be at least 16 years old.

Volunteers having fun during the Christmas season. Pictured from L to R: Sandy Winklesky, Bonnie Schroeder-Palmi, Damiano worker, Jan Evans, Sharon Picconatto, Duane Palmi, Bonnie S-P, Karen Gokey, and Sandy W.



### Outreach/ Communion Offering . . .

February's offering of \$72.00 went to the Community Breakfast. March's offering will go to CHUM Food Shelf Food-Share Campaign.

### Attendance . . .

February 2	113
February 9	75
February 16	70
February 23	72

### Scripture Readers . . .

March 1	Jan Akervik
March 8	Sue Soder
March 15	Ruth Thorpe
March 22	Dave Stromgren
March 29	Dale Thorpe

### MARCH Birthdays

- 1 Zak Tollefson
- 7 Jan Akervik  
Katherine Cornell  
Lynn McGraw
- 9 Julie Arnt
- 11 Karina Kokotovich
- 13 Lloyd Simich
- 15 Allison Finnely
- 19 Teri Akervik  
Ruby Nelson
- 22 Steve Mickelson  
Taylor Robinson
- 23 Mick Levinski
- 25 Lynn Tollefson
- 28 Stephanie Peterson  
Nolan Randa  
Renee Randa
- 30 Marc Kujawa, Jr.

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

# Asbury News



## What's Happening in the UMC — Update Session — March 8

An article by First UMC pastor, Jeanine Alexander, addressing an update on the happenings of the larger UMC was on pages 6-7 of the February 2020 Messenger. There will be an info session on this issue after church in the Sanctuary on March 8. Please join us for this discussion and if you have questions.

## Sunday School Choir Rehearsals

We are planning to have the Sunday School Choir sing two times during March — “Daniel” and the “Commandment” song. Parents and grandparents, please make every effort to have your children at Sunday School to rehearse during March. Thank you.

—Ruby Slennes and the Sunday School Staff



## Asbury Kitchen Regulations Update

If you help out/work in the kitchen (both men and women), you are asked to join Terry Olson, Nancy Wagner and Mary DeMars at 10:30 am on March 10 in the Fellowship Hall to learn about updated kitchen regulations. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. Coffee and treats will be available.

## March Foodshare 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 by contributing cash and/or food donations. Please mark your monetary donation as CHUM Foodshare on the memo line or envelope. There will be a table set up for food donations. Asbury has elected to focus on donations of **fruit cocktail, peanut butter, Chunky soup, pork & beans, cereal, Spam and Ramen noodles**. Our goal this year is to collect 80 pounds of food and beat last year's cash donation of \$1,793. We will collect through April 1.



## CHUM Annual Meeting At Asbury UMC

The CHUM Annual Meeting, hosted by Asbury UMC, will be on March 5. Fellowship and refreshments are from 6:30 to 7:00 pm and the program is from 7:00 to 8:15 pm. This is CHUM's annual business meeting with full financial and programmatic reports and election of board members. **We are looking for volunteers to help serve the refreshments.** Please speak with Pastor Katherine or Sandy Winklesky if you can help.



## Asbury's Easter Flower Garden

**Order Deadline is Sunday, March 15**

Time to order Easter flowers! Please bring your form(s) with payment (made out to Asbury UMC) to the church office or drop into the offering plate.

**All orders need to be in by Sunday, March 15.**

Flowers may be taken home following worship on Easter Sunday, April 12.

Easter Lily \$13.00 x \_\_\_\_\_

Chrysanthemum \$19.00 x \_\_\_\_\_

Lavender/Yellow/White  
Please circle color desired.

Reiger Begonia \$19.00 x \_\_\_\_\_

Pink/Yellow  
Please circle color desired.

TOTAL = \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Celebration of: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Use Only

Date paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_



# Asbury News

## Ad Council Meeting Minutes — 2-18-20

### Opening

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm. Pastor Katherine asked for a moment of silence and then offered a prayer.

### Secretary's Report

Minutes of the January 14, 2020, Administrative Council were approved unanimously. **M – Cheryl Parendo, S – Pat Anscomb**

### Lay Leader's Report - Steve Kokotovich

No report

### Treasurer's Report – Pat Anscomb

The January monthly summary was given. Balance on hand as of 1/31/20 is \$477.30.

Budget for 2020 was presented, discussed and approved.

**M – Cathy Sampson, S – Sandy Winklesky**

### Staff Parish Relations Committee – Cathy Sampson

Next meeting is February 23.

There is money left from the Love Boldly Grant. Suggestion that it be used to purchase another sign like the one on the front of the church and be placed in the Fellowship Hall. The SPRC will discuss it further at their meeting.

### Trustee's Report – Nancy Wagner, Jim Anderson

Jim outlined a list of projects that the Trustees will be addressing. Discussion followed. Next meeting is scheduled for March 10.

### United Methodist Women – Jan Akervik

"Soup"er Bowl Sunday was a success with \$ 340.00 collected and with the additional mission money from pasties which was \$647.85, we will have \$987.00 for the Food Shelf donation.

Three persons: Terry Olson, Nancy Wagner and Mary DeMars attended the Prairie Kitchen Food Safety Class on Feb.11. They will present an update of regulations in kitchen safety/protections to all those who work in the kitchen at 10:30 am on March 10 in the Fellowship Hall. This is for both men and women workers.

### Outreach and Mission Team – Steve Kokotovich

Pastor Katherine presented the report in Steve's absence. Damiano Center times have been set for both April and May. A listing of foods needed for the Food Shelf drive will be listed in the bulletin.

The CHUM Annual Meeting will be held at Asbury on March 5. Hospitality will begin at 6:30 pm and the meeting/program will be from 7 – 8:15 pm. Volunteers will be needed.

### Education Team – Cheryl Parendo , Sandy Winklesky

The team is purchasing some new materials for Lent. An organizer has been purchased for the Sunday school room off the Fellowship Hall. They are asking the Trustees to help get it assembled. Next meeting to be scheduled.

## TREASURER'S REPORT: 1/31/20

### GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Cash Balance, 12/31/19	\$ 1,203.11
Deposits	\$ 11,652.45
Total to Account for	\$ 12,855.56
Checks Written	<\$ 12,378.26>
Balance on Hand, 1/31/20	\$ 477.30

Unpaid Bills through 1/31/20 (includes apportionments)	<\$ 2,614.10>
Net Ending Balance at 1/31/20	<\$ 2,136.80>

### Worship Team – Ruth Thorpe, Debbie Merrick

Ash Wednesday service is at 6:30 pm.

A binder is being put together with information regarding all duties associated with worship.

A 6-week Lenten Bible Study on "Entering the Passion of Jesus" will begin on March 5.

Many special Sunday events will accompany Sunday services. Bishop Ough will be preaching on March 15. Events were listed in the February issue of the Messenger.

### Nurture/Congregational Care Team – Sandy Winklesky

No report from Visitation Team.

No report from Membership Team.

Scholarship Team will have information regarding applications in the March issue of the Messenger.

### Pastor's Report – Katherine Cornell

Thankful for all who attended the Leadership Retreat.

Pastor Katherine reviewed the special events of the days of Lent that are happening at Asbury.

### Old Business – none

### New Business

Adventure Day Camp is being planned.

TPUMM'S Ministry is being reorganized.

Katherine reminded us of all the events that will be forth coming with the Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial this year. Listings have been in the DNT and we are reminded to consider participating in these events.

**New start time of the Administrative Council was discussed and it was decided to start meetings in the future at 6:30 pm. M. Cathy Sampson, S. Pat Anscomb**

### Closing

Next meeting will be on March 17 at 6:30 pm.

Cathy Sampson made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Pat Anscomb at 8:01 pm. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jan Akervik, Recording Secretary

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## Bishop Ough At Asbury — March 15

Bishop Bruce Ough will be in the pulpit at Asbury on Sunday, March 15. He will be preaching on “Is That Your Final Answer?” and Mark 8:31-38.



Clyde Iron Work’s banquet room at 2920 W. Michigan St., Duluth has been reserved for 12:15 pm for everyone who desires to share a meal with Bishop Ough after the service. You order from the menu and pay for your own meal. RSVP to Shirley, 624-0061, or there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

Please join us for this special service and for lunch and fellowship.

## Need a Scholarship For Education?

Scholarship Sunday will be May 17 this year. (See page 8 of this Messenger for information regarding Asbury scholarships). **The deadline for submitting applications is April 26.** Applications may be downloaded from the website at [www.asburyduluth.org](http://www.asburyduluth.org), obtained in the church office or please submit a request at [asburyumcduluth@hotmail.com](mailto:asburyumcduluth@hotmail.com).



## Scholarships

## New Year Jesus Playlist Recap

As you know, our sermon series for January and February matched popular songs with lectionary scripture passages. We wanted to remember faith is something we celebrate Sunday AND we journey with God every day and every moment. If we can see God in the everyday songs and events of our lives, it is a reminder of our continued journey to be God’s people in the world. So here are the scriptures and songs that were paired together. I hope you enjoyed the exploration and encourage you to pair your favorites to your faith. — Pastor Katherine

Scripture Reference	Description	Song	Description
Matthew 2:1-12	The wise men travel to see baby Jesus and are changed to a new path.	Rock and Roll by Led Zeppelin	We sometimes want to go back, but we are called to travel a new path.
Matthew 3:13-17	Jesus is baptized and God claims him.	Make You Feel My Love by Adele	God claims us.
John 1:29-42	The calling of the disciples.	I Will Follow Him by Peggy March	We might not truly understand what we promise when we respond to God’s call to follow.
Matthew 4:12-23	Jesus calls the disciples from their boats.	I Still Haven’t Found What I’m Looking For by U2	It is a mark of discipleship to yearn for God’s kingdom, express longing for it, and work for its arrival.
Micah 6:1-8	What does God require? Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.	If I Had a Hammer by Peter, Paul, and Mary	We have the tools we need to work for justice and mercy.
Matthew 5:13-20	Be the salt and light in the world.	Shine by Collective Soul	We are the ones to make sure that love will be present when people are looking.
Matthew 5:21-37	Leave your gift at the altar and be reconciled with your brother or sister.	I Want You Back by the Jackson 5	We can recognize where we might have failed and need reconciliation.
Matthew 17: 1-9	Jesus is transformed in front of three disciples.	Firework by Katy Perry	We are the body of Christ transformed by God’s love.

# Asbury News

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## ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIPS

### Carol B. Maida Memorial Scholarship

The **Carol B. Maida Scholarship** is financed through the permanent Endowment Fund of the Asbury United Methodist Church. This Award is named in honor of Carol B. Maida, who was active in her Church and her Community.

#### Purpose

To recognize members of Asbury United Methodist Church who possess the qualities of Compassion, Perseverance, and Positive Attitude through support and encouragement with their post-high school and adult education.

### Robert & Aileen VanKleek Memorial Scholarship

The **Robert & Aileen VanKleek Scholarship** is financed through the permanent Endowment Fund of the Asbury United Methodist Church. This Award is named in honor of Robert & Aileen VanKleek who were active members of Central Avenue and Asbury UMC. Robert was also principal at Denfeld High School.

#### Purpose

To recognize the academic accomplishments and participation in the congregational life of members of Asbury UMC through support of their post-high school and adult education.

## Requirements for Eligibility

Applicants must be **Full Members** of Asbury United Methodist Church of Duluth on the date of application. They must also have been a Full Member of the congregation for at least one year prior to the application deadline date. Applicants must also be enrolled or accepted into a post-high school degree or certificate program either full-time or part-time.

## Selection Criteria

An application for these scholarships is available:

- ◆ in the church office, 624-0061
- ◆ via e-mail at [asburyumcduluth@hotmail.com](mailto:asburyumcduluth@hotmail.com) or
- ◆ via the website at [www.asburyduluth.org](http://www.asburyduluth.org) (click on download application).

Applicants must complete and submit an Application Form along with supporting material, which must include:

- ◆ Final or most recent official high school transcript
- ◆ Evidence of enrollment or acceptance into a post-high school degree or certificate program
- ◆ Most recent transcript of grade report form if already in a post-high school program
- ◆ Description of their Leadership and Participation in Community, School, Asbury UMC, and statement of future goals

Applicants may be required to have a personal interview with the Scholarship committee.

## Application Deadline

In order to receive consideration for these scholarships, application and supporting material **MUST** be received in the church office by **April 26, 2020**. Recipients will be announced on Scholarship Sunday on May 17, 2020.



## “Soup”er Bowl Sunday Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported the “Soup”er Bowl Luncheon on February 2. We collected \$340.00 for our free-will offering which will go toward the CHUM Food Shelf March FoodShare Campaign. Also going to the Food Shelf is the 10% Mission Money from January pasties which was \$647.85. Both amounts will be sent in for the matching monies for the Food Shelf donation.



## Duluth Community Read

Many of you may be aware that the Duluth Community read this year is *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. Did you know that this is a United Methodist Women’s 2016 Reading Program book?



A story of Justice and Redemption, the book is listed in the Reading Program’s Social Action category and supports the UMW focus on social/racial justice.

The UMW Reading Program tells readers that this is a powerful, true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us and a call to fix our broken system of justice from one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time. Stevenson was a young



lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative,

## UMW Meetings

- UMW board members will meet at 9:30 am in the Wesley Room on Wednesday, March 4.
- Love/Hope Circle will meet at 1:00 pm on March 17 in the Wesley Room. Carol Cherne will be our hostess.
- Faith Circle will meet on March 19 at 1:00 pm in the Wesley Room. Sandy Winklesky will be our hostess and present devotions. Patty Bennett, Reading Program Chair, will present a program on the 2020 books purchased.
- 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 March 16.

a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need — the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system.

Sign this book out! Of further interest is the fact that Stevenson will be the keynote speaker during the Clayton-Jackson-McGhie Memorial 100-year commemorative event at the Memorial in Duluth on June 15, 2020. More information on this event can be found at [www.claytonjacksonmcghie.org/2020](http://www.claytonjacksonmcghie.org/2020).

# Asbury News

## Team Deb Benefit — March 29

Melissa Olson, Larry and Sheri Scanlon’s daughter is asking for support on behalf of her dear friend, Deb DeBolt, who was recently diagnosed with ALS. Shortly after the diagnosis, Team Deb was formed in an effort to support Deb and her



family (husband, Gary and sons, Andrew (15) and Jacob (11) with the loss of wages, increased health insurance, adaptation of their home, transportation and medical equipment costs.



Team Deb is hosting a benefit on March 29 from 12:00 to 4:00 pm at Grandma’s Sports Garden with a goal of raising \$100,000 for Deb and her family. The benefit will include a silent auction, raffle, pizza and pasta buffet and

live music. Could you help support Team Deb with a silent auction donation? More details are available at: [www.facebook.com/teamdeb2020/](http://www.facebook.com/teamdeb2020/)

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## Meet Our Staff



Pastor:..... Katherine Cornell  
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Children's Music:..... Ruby Slennes  
Praise Team Leaders..... varies  
Custodian: ..... Dan Mokros  
Ad Council Chair: .. Bonnie Schroeder-Palmi  
Treasurer: ..... Pat Anscorb  
Lay Leader: ..... Steve Kokotovich  
Trustees: ..... Nancy Wagner  
..... Tom Houle, Dale Thorpe  
UMW President..... Jan Akervik  
SPRC Chair ..... Cathy Sampson  
Worship Chair .. Ruth Thorpe/Debbie Merrick  
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**NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: March 19 for April 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.*