



Asbury

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Messenger

The Season of LENT

Lent is a season of 40 days (and six Sundays) beginning 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 17, 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.



Ash
WEDNESDAY



FIRST SUNDAY
in
LENT



SECOND SUNDAY
in
LENT



THIRD SUNDAY
in
LENT



FOURTH SUNDAY
in
LENT



FIFTH SUNDAY
in
LENT



Palm
SUNDAY

February 17 Ash Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

February 21 1st Sunday in Lent

February 28 2nd Sunday in Lent

March 7 3rd Sunday in Lent, Communion

March 14 4th Sunday in Lent, Birthday

March 21 5th Sunday in Lent, Praise

March 28 Palm/Passion Sunday

April 1 Maundy Thursday at 6:30 pm

April 2 Good Friday, site and time TBD

**April 4
EASTER
SUNDAY**



Alleluia!



A Penny For Your Thoughts

Take Time To Be Intentional

One of the hardest things to do is to see yourself clearly. The Apostle Paul says “Now we see in a mirror darkly”, and only by approaching Christ and the Kingdom of God will we be able to gain better vision. Seeing ourselves honestly and recognizing the good and bad inside ourselves is not for the faint of heart. I am reminded of the James Baldwin quote “Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.”

Facing ourselves is only half the battle. We then need to take action for change. For example, when I embarked on a new health plan for my diet, the first step was to track what I was already eating so that I could have a good assessment. It was eye-opening to realize how often a little something here and a little something there added up to lots of food! But once I knew, I then needed to find ways to motivate and encourage myself to make better choices each day.

So it is with our lives and journey with God. It is easy to get caught up in our day-to-day routine without realizing that we are not paying as much attention to developing our relationship with God and neighbor as we might desire. And the consequences can be far reaching! Not only will we lose out on living our best life, but we also will not be engaging in the work of advocacy and justice that can benefit people around us. For we are called to be people who love God and love our neighbors as ourselves.

Which brings us to Lent. Lent is a season of preparation, 40 days (not including Sundays) before Easter. Lent begins on



Ash Wednesday (February 17). It traditionally is a time for introspection and examination of our lives and habits in order to grow in our relationship with God (which involves relationships to our neighbors). Many times you hear of people giving something up or taking something on in order to facilitate and be mindful of their journey with God.

This year, I encourage you to take some time to be intentional. How do you hope to grow in your journey with God and your neighbor? What practice or habit will help? At Asbury we will be studying the book “Love Is the Way” by Michael Curry. We will meet (by Zoom currently) on Thursdays at 11:00 am starting February 18. Email the church at asburyumcduluth@hotmail.com in order to be put on an email reminder list or just join the Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/5064328783>.

No matter what you decide to do, I hope this year we all will look not only at our devotion to God, but also our commitment to loving our neighbors. May you find many blessings in this journey.

Blessings and Peace,
Katherine

Pastoral Care: 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

Asbury News

Thank You!

Dear Asbury Friends:

Thank you for the many cards and prayers I received after my hand surgery. If my “new” knuckles work fine after months of physical therapy, I will have the other hand done in the fall. Much love and thanks to all. — Ruby Slennes

Dear Asbury United Methodist Church:

Thank you so much for partnering with Compassion International to release children from poverty through your generous gifts in 2020. Your support of Katerin and her family in Compassion’s care has accomplished so much in their lives, even in this time of COVID-19. Words cannot express our gratitude for the commitment you have shown during this past year of unprecedented challenges. Your faithfulness has brought help, hope and smiles. If you would like to view a simple but powerful message from one of our Compassion children, please go to compassion.com/2020smiles.

— Santiago “Jimmy” Mellado, president and CEO of Compassion International.

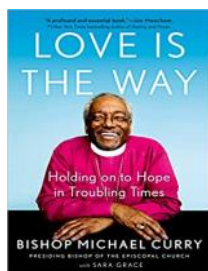
Dear Asbury United Methodist Church:

Thank you for your recent gift to the Salvation Army. During the holiday season, it is truly wonderful to see the spirit of giving at work. For many of us, the holiday season holds special meaning including fond memories from our childhood and unforgettable experiences from our adult years. Here at the Salvation Army, we try to pass on these warm feelings to those we serve as we offer nutritious food and other emergency assistance. Because of compassionate friends and supporters like you, we are able to do this. Thank you again for your generosity.

— Captain Bryan Ellison, Corps Officer

Lenten Study: “Love is the Way”

For our Lenten study this year, we will be joining the conference-wide study on Bishop Michael Curry’s book “Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in



Troubling Times.” Yes, he is an Episcopal bishop, but that is our spiritual home as Methodists because John and Charles Wesley were Anglican priests (the Anglican church became the Episcopal church when it came to the U.S.). In each chapter, Bishop Curry—through his practical theology and storytelling from his own life experience—answers a question you might be asking about love: How do I find God’s love? Do I have to love my enemy? Can love really change the world?

For seven weeks, we will journey together in this way of love.

We will cover two chapters a week (the first week will just be the introduction), and each week will be introduced with a video from one of the MN Conference leaders. We will meet on Thursdays at 11:00 am beginning on February 18 and continuing through April 1. Books can be purchased online or at any local bookstore. We will begin our meetings via Zoom at the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/5064328783>

Please email or call the church office to sign up and receive an email reminder with the discussion questions before the first meeting.

2021 Offering Envelopes Now Available For Pickup

Offering envelopes for 2021 are available for pickup Monday through Thursday from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. Please call to confirm Shirley will be in the office, 624-0061.



Our February Outreach/
Communion Offering
collection is for the
Community Breakfast at
Our Saviors Lutheran Church

Attendance . . .

December 27	58 views
January 3	46 views
January 10	16 views
January 17	65 views
Jan. 24	17 in-church/32 views
Jan. 31	29 in-church/69 views

FEBRUARY



- 2 Scott Tollefson
- 4 Anna Guldner
Jeanne Rychlak
- 5 Dick Holm
- 6 Joyce Park
- 7 Melissa Finnelly
Harmony Garafalo
- 11 Craig Vanneste
- 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 — 1-19-21

Opening

In Bonnie Schroeder-Palmi's absence, Steve Kokotovich called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the Ad. Council used Zoom to virtually meet. Pastor Katherine provided a prayer.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the November 17, 2020, 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 – Pat Anscomb**

Lay Leader's Report – Steve Kokotovich

The MN Conference has now put the churches in the color Orange Phase for regathering. Steve made a motion that we can now go back to in-person church services provided that we wear our masks, follow social distancing, offer no food and limit attendance to 50 people. Live streaming will continue to be available for those who wish. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

M – Steve Kokotovich, S – Cathy Sampson

Steve commented about the vast technical work involved in providing the church services online. The challenges of streaming are great with so much equipment. Opening the church to small groups was discussed. Cheryl Parendo made a motion to delay opening the church to small groups for now. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. **M – Cheryl Parendo, S – Nancy Wagner**

Treasurer's Report – Pat Anscomb

The December monthly summary was given. Balance on Hand, 10/31/2020 is \$4,624.46. As of 12/31/2020, we have paid all of our 2020 Conference Apportionments for a total of \$22,801.00. \$150 of our Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings was sent to TPUMMS. The balance of the remaining offering will be decided at our February Ad. Council meeting. Pat presented the *Profit and Loss Budget Performance* prepared by Larry Scanlon. The budget shows a favorable variance primarily due to the \$18,000 PPP Grant. Pat presented the *Balance Sheet* prepared by Larry Scanlon. We continue to have strong asset holdings and no liabilities. The *2020 Actual v. Budget and 2021 Budget* was discussed. Also presented were Larry's thoughts on the budget. Because of our loss of revenue raised by fundraising, our budget for 2021 reflects a large deficit. Larry wrote that it appears at this time that the deficit will be handled by not being able to pay any of our 2021 Apportionment obligation. Hopefully there will still be a chance to have fundraisers later in 2021 to make up some of that deficit. Jan Akervik made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and the 2021 Budget. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. **M – Jan Akervik, S – Gary Winklesky**

Pat mentioned that in 2020 we borrowed money from our Western account so we could pay our 2020 insurance in full for a reduced rate. We did and repaid the money. She asked if we should do the same for this year. Pat Anscomb made a motion to borrow from the Western account to make a one lump sum, saving money by paying all at the same time. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

M – Pat Anscomb, S – Donna Mickelson

Steve Kokotovich checked to see if the church qualifies to apply for another PPP Grant. We do not qualify for this grant.

Trustee's Report – Dale Thorpe and Nancy Wagner

Stack Brothers came and corrected the office heat problem. They are also coming tomorrow to check on the boiler. Steve Kokotovich mentioned that due to COVID-19, we could use a mail slot on our front entry door. The company that installed the door can install it and Louise Anderson, who paid for the new entry doors, is willing to pay for the mailbox installation. Nancy Wagner mentioned that the Trustees would meet to discuss this matter.

Staff Parish Relations Committee – Cathy Sampson

No Report

United Methodist Women – Jan Akervik

\$325.64 was left from the 2020 UMW Budget and was given to the church. Because of COVID-19, UMW will be working with a smaller 2021 budget. Due to COVID-19 there will be no Pasties this winter and no Spring meatball dinner. There is still hope of a rummage sale at a later date, a donut sale in June and perhaps a Fall meatball dinner. Sunday, January 31st, is UMW Sunday. UMW will meet on Zoom on February 3rd.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

12/31/20

GENERAL FUND:

Beginning Cash Balance, 11/30/20	<\$ 10,599.23>
Deposits	\$ 16,478.79
Total to Account for	\$ 27,978.02
Checks Written	<\$ 22,453.56>
Balance on Hand, 12/31/20	\$ 4,624.46

Unpaid Bills through 12/31/20

(includes apportionments)

Net Ending Balance at 12/31/20	<\$ 0.00>
	\$ 4,624.46

Outreach and Missions Team – Steve Kokotovich

The committee met in December. Second Harvest food distribution is ongoing but they only need two volunteers from the church instead of 6. The Damiano Center continues to not need our help. Masks were distributed in our church parking lot early this winter. Mobile COVID-19 Testing in the church parking lot is still planned. There will be no "Soup"er Bowl Sunday this year. People are encouraged to give the money that they would have donated for this event to the March Food Drive. Responding to the campaign Go Light Your World, thank you notes were written and sent to area hospitals thanking them for their service.

Education Team – Sandy Winklesky and Cheryl Parendo

The Education Committee continues to send out monthly Sunday School packets to the children. They send packets to 14 children. The Sunday School room in the basement is being cluttered with items that do not belong to the Sunday School. Some of the items include a large raft and a huge rock on a cart.

Worship Team – Donna Mickelson

It has not yet been decided if the Ash Wednesday service will be held in person or prerecorded. More creative ways of worship service are being discussed. We do need to keep our budget in mind when we proceed with new ideas. The committee plans to continue with live streaming after we go back to in-person worship.

Nurture/Congregational Care Team – Sandy Winklesky

No reports from the Visitation and Scholarship Committees. As a way of keeping in touch, the Membership Committee has sent out postcards to members and friends.

Pastor's Report – Katherine Cornell

The council discussed that our church parking lot will be used as a mobile COVID-19 testing site. The dates are not yet decided. Pastor Katherine was asked if St. Louis County could also use our parking lot as a mobile vaccination site. She made a motion that we allow our church parking lot to be used as a mobile COVID-19 vaccination site. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

M – Pastor Katherine, S – Cheryl Parendo.

Cathy Sampson has offered to draft a memo of operation to be sent to St. Louis County before they use our parking lot for the above services. Ash Wednesday is on February 17th.

A Zoom book study will be held on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. The book, *Love is the Way*, will be discussed.

Confirmation is continuing to meet on Zoom. Pastor Katherine is very impressed with the confirmands. Scout Sunday is on February 7th.

Pastor Katherine commented that these are challenging times. Please lift up our nation in your prayers.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Closing

The next Virtual Ad. Council meeting will be on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Jan Akervik made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. **M – Jan Akervik, S – Sandy Winklesky.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Bennett, Recording Secretary

Calendar

February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>February 3 and February 17 10:00 am-2:00 pm COVID-19 mobile testing, Asbury parking lot</p>	<p>1 9:30 am Bone Builders POSTPONED</p>	<p>2 9:00 am, SVFC, FH POSTPONED</p>	<p>3 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH POSTPONED 9:30 am UMW Board Meeting, CANCELLED 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH POSTPONED</p>	<p>4 9:30 am Bone Builders POSTPONED 10:00 to 11:00 am, 2nd Harvest Food Dist</p>	<p>5 Dumpster Pick Up</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 SCOUTING SUNDAY 10:00 am In-church & On-line Worship/ Communion</p>	<p>8 9:30 am Bone Builders POSTPONED</p>	<p>9 9:00 am, SVFC, FH POSTPONED 2:00 pm Knitting Klub POSTPONED</p>	<p>10 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH POSTPONED 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH POSTPONED</p>	<p>11 9:30 am Bone Builders POSTPONED</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 10:00 am In-church & On-line Worship/ Birthday 3:00 -5:00 pm Confirmation Class, Zoom</p>	<p>15 9:30 am Bone Builders POSTPONED 9:30 am Green Door Book Club POSTPONED</p>	<p>16 9:00 am, SVFC, FH POSTPONED 1:00 pm Love/Hope Circle POSTPONED 6:30 pm Ad Council, Zoom</p>	<p>17 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH POSTPONED 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH POSTPONED 6:30 pm ASH WEDNESDAY</p>	<p>18 9:30 am BB, POSTPONED 11:00 am Lenten Study via Zoom 1:00 pm, Faith Circle POSTPONED</p>	<p>19 MESSENGER DEADLINE Dumpster Pick Up</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 1st SUNDAY IN LENT 10:00 am In-church & On-line Worship/ Praise</p>	<p>22 9:30 am Bone Builders POSTPONED</p>	<p>23 9:00 am, SVFC, FH POSTPONED 2:00 pm Knitting Klub POSTPONED</p>	<p>24 8:30 am Men's Coffee, FH POSTPONED 5:30 pm, YOGA, FH POSTPONED</p>	<p>25 9:30 am Bone Builders POSTPONED 11:00 am Lenten Study via Zoom MESSENGER EMAILS/MAILS</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 9:00-10:30 am Free Community Drive-Through Breakfast, Our Savior's Lutheran</p>
<p>28 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT 10:00 am In-church & On-line Worship 3:00 -5:00 pm Confirmation Class, Zoom</p>	<p>In-church worship has been re-instated (50 or less). Live stream worship will continue online at 10:00 am. The YouTube link will be emailed out prior to each Sunday's service. All online worship services may also be viewed on Asbury's website at https://asburyduluth.org/about-us/worship/</p> <p>Boy Scout Troop 16 meets via Zoom at 6:00 pm Sundays Cub Scout Troop 16 meets via Zoom at 6:00 pm Mondays</p> <p>TBD: "Soup"er Bowl Sunday (cancelled), Pasty Sale, Meatball Supper, Rummage Sale, SVFC Pancake Supper</p>					

Kid's Corner

ALL ABOUT ME!

My name is Brendyn David Peterson. I came into this world in a place called Duluth, on the 6th day of the month May, in the year 2013. They thought about naming me Breden.



BIRDS IN THE WORD

The Bible mentions many kinds of birds. How many have you seen?

Directions: Unscramble the bird names, using the Bible references and pictures as clues. Then insert the final unscrambled bird name to complete the passage below.



VDEO

___ _ _ _ (Genesis 8:8)



LWO

___ _ _ (Psalm 102:6)



GEELA

___ _ _ _ _ (Isaiah 40:31)



TOKRS

___ _ _ _ _ (Jeremiah 8:7)



APROSWRS

___ _ _ _ _

“Are not five ___ _ _ _ _ sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. ... Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many ___ _ _ _ _.”

LUKE 12:6-7, NIV



If I could choose my own name, it would be Bell.

In my family, I have one brother and two sisters. My favorite thing to do is play Xbox or hockey. My favorite thing to eat is pickles. We don't like it when we have to do our chores.

My home is a building made of wood. It's located in the city of Proctor. At my home, when I look out the window, I can see the sun. My favorite thing to do all by myself at home is play Xbox.



Answer: dove, owl, eagle, stork, sparrows

Asbury News

We have returned to the Orange Phase in the MN Conference which will allow for in-church attendance (50 members or less) starting Sunday, January 24. We will be following the COVID-19 guidelines which were outlined in the July 2020 Messenger and a short reminder is included below. **We will not resume small group gatherings at this time.**

Asbury UMC Sanctuary Worship Guidelines for COVID-19 Re-opening Plan:

1. There will be no coffee time before or after the service until further notice.
2. We are requiring masks be worn while in the building. **Please bring your own** and put it on before entering.
3. Attendees entering the building will be asked to sign in on the tracing sheet. You may use a pen from those available and then drop the used pen into the basket provided to be cleansed. This information is only to be used if COVID-19 illness occurs and notification and contact tracing is needed.
4. Offerings may be placed in the collection plates on your way to your seat or as you exit. Please don't linger in order to maintain the flow while entering and exiting.
5. Please maintain a 6-foot distance from everyone not in your household at all times throughout the service.
6. There will be NO CONGREGATIONAL SINGING during worship until further notice. Please keep masks on throughout the service including during group prayers.

Thank you for your attention and compliance with these measures to keep us all protected and healthy.



Jesus Face Time

Pastor Brian Cornell has invited us to join with him and the children/youth at Norton Park UMC and Northwood UMC on the first Wednesday night of every month starting February 3 from 6:30 to 7:15 pm. Youth of all ages and parents/grandparents as needed are invited to join, share their thoughts, and talk about the upcoming season. The virtual gathering includes some informal checking in, a short lesson and story and a rousing BINGO GAME! Please access the meeting using the following link:
<https://zoom.us/j/97289423338>

In addition, for February, youth/students are invited to come up with ONE WORD that comes to mind when they think of Valentine's Day. Please text your student's word to Pastor Brian at 828-434-6995

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Lisa Greene
Jim & Bobbi Gimpel
Ray & Carol Peters
Roy & Sherry Peters
Nathan Peters
Anna & Bill Guldner
Pat Anscomb
Pat Ballantine
Ron Brosdal
Floss Johnson
Amy Applebee
Louise Anderson
Shirley Brandt
Dick Holm
Fred Little
Barb & M. George Downs
Vivian Simmons
Karter Lauderville
Mary Jo & Ted Plys
Barbara Larson
Bill Swanstrom
General Conference 2021
Our Nation
Our sponsored child, Katerin
Bob Cherne
Ardelle Peterson
Jill Spencer
Colleen Carlson
Bill & Gloria Schultz
Florence Froland
Mike Soder's Aunt Martha
Rodger & Cheryl Parendo
Clark & Patty Bennett
Pat Nelson



Carl Larson
Veteran John
Dale & Ruth Thorpe
Bill Simmons
Family of Ken Seehus
Alice Brenny
Ruby Slennes
Barb Rigstad

In honor and gratitude for those serving in the military; we pray God's sustaining presence upon each one.

Steve Bennett
Rory Blazevic
Michaela Bock
Alex Bourdage
Ian Evans
Daylon Moore
Anika Pavlich
Dominic Pavlich
Rick Peterson
Alex Plys
Roger Reinert
Renee Ruppel
Scott Stumbo

(along with the student's name) and the word will be included in the BINGO GAME which will be played during the February Jesus Face Time session. You do not have to submit a word in order to join us for the session.

For more information, contact Pastor Katherine at kcornell@wnccumc.net or 828-263-2035. Hope to see you there!

Camping Is Back!

Visit www.campminnesota.org to check out what's happening this summer at your Minnesota United Methodist Camp. You will find information on available camps and events, how to register for camp (online registration opened on January 19), COVID-19 safety at camp, campership information and application, staff and volunteer opportunities, and ways you can support your camps. Summer is better with camp! Sign up soon as space may be limited.



UMW Awards for 2020

UMW Sunday was held on January 31, 2021. The **Special Recognition Award** was presented to our administrative assistant, Shirley Brandt.



Shirley is a brat!...a military brat, of course! Her father met his German bride while stationed in Germany in the 50s, got married and consequently Shirley was born in Kaiserlautern. Her first language was German, but now she speaks English “real good”!

Her first passport was issued at age 6 months which lead to travel between the US and Germany and (over the years) quite a few other countries as well—Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Sweden, Finland, Belgium, England, the Netherlands, Hungary and Slovenia. And, as a result of her Dad’s 20-year military career and Shirley’s former positions as managing editor of several magazines, she has lived in various US states (Kansas, Alabama, South Carolina, Colorado, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Oklahoma) and travelled extensively throughout the rest of the



US with the exception of Alaska and Idaho. She has also been to many provinces in Canada and lived in Argentina, Newfoundland for 3 years. Yes, her Dad left the Army and reenlisted in the Navy!

Shirley has lived in the Twin Ports area since 1970 so calls this home now. She worked in the publishing industry for over 30 years at Harcourt Brace Jovanovich (which later became Edgell Communications and lastly Advanstar) starting as a data entry typist and working up to the position of managing editor of *Hearing Instruments*, an international trade journal for audiologists and hearing aid specialists. When Advanstar went to new ownership, HBJ’s former vice president started his own publishing company in 1993 and Shirley worked as managing editor and operations manager for *The Hearing Review*, which was also an international trade journal for audiologists and hearing aid specialists. That magazine was sold in 2001 to start *Cabin Life* magazine, a consumer magazine for lake home and cabin owners where she continued as operations manager and managing editor for several years.

In 2010, Shirley semi-retired from publishing to focus on her own small business, Froggies Creations. However, she found she liked the structure of going to a “9-5” job but just wanted it to be “part-time.” She was lucky enough to find the job opening at Asbury UMC and even luckier to be offered the job. Shirley says the best part of working at Asbury UMC these

past 11 years is having met, worked with and befriended all the wonderful members of the Asbury family. She would like to thank everyone for their friendship, love and support!

Ben Nylund, Michael Cornell, Phyllis Kruell, Debbie Merrick and Kim Herrig were presented with **Gifts to Mission** as the lead-off team for our virtual services. Florence Brosdal, Mable Ridgewell, Louise Taraldsen, Darlene Rowan, Barbara Little and Karen Holm were remembered with **Gifts in Memory**. We are appreciative of their contributions to Asbury UMW.

“Mini” Pantry Items Available

Several items from our “Mini” Pantry are still available and set up boutique-style in the Green Room at Asbury If you wish to purchase pickles, apple butter, relish, bread in a jar or a handmade craft item, please call Pat Anscomb at 624-4554, Bev LeClair at 628-2680 or Cathy Sampson at 349-5307.



UMW Meetings

- UMW board members meet at 9:30 am in the Wesley Room on the 1st Wednesday of each month. **The UMW Board will not meet in February.**
- Love/Hope Circle meets at 1:00 pm in the Wesley Room on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. **Meetings have been postponed until further notice.**
- Faith Circle meets at 1:00 pm in the Wesley Room on the 3rd Thursday of each month. **Meetings have been postponed until further notice.**
- Knitting Klub members meet at 2:00 pm in the Wesley Room on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. **Meetings are postponed until further notice.**
- Green Door Book Club members meet at 9:30 am in the Wesley Room on the 3rd Monday of each month. **Meetings are postponed until further notice.**

United Methodist Women

UMW Reading Program 2021 Books

The UMW Reading Program has recently added the following 2021 books to their library:

Education for Mission

Gum Moon: A Novel of San Francisco Chinatown

by Jeffrey L. Staley

The Unstoppable Garret Morgan by Joan DiCicco

Leadership Development

Cinderella Liberator by Rebecca Solnit

Follow That Map! by Sheri Tan

Not Your Princess by Lisa Charleyboy

Rise! From a Caged Bird to Poet of the People,

Maya Angelou by Bethany Hegedus

Nurturing for Community

Babbit and Joan, a Rabbit and a Phone

by Denise Turu

Binkle's Time to Fly by Sharmila Collins

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Indian No More by Charlene Willing McManis

with Traci Sorell

A Living Gospel: Reading God's Story in Holy Lives

by Robert Ellsberg

Sulwe by Lupit Nyong'o

Social Action

Crocodile's Crossing: A Search for Home

by Yoeri Slegers

Ferguson and Faith: Sparking Leadership and

Awakening Community by Leah Gunning Francis

Girl Gone Missing: A Cash Blackbear Mystery

by Marcie R. Rendon

Spiritual Growth

Beyond Loneliness: The Gift of God's Friendship

by Trevor Hudson

Sleep, Pray, Heal: A Path to Wholeness and

Well-Being by Donna Fado Ivery

They Call Me Guero: A Border Kid's Poems

by David Bowles

Reading is a great way to pass time while staying home and being safe. Please feel free to check out these UMW Reading 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 call Patty Bennett.

No Soup on February 7

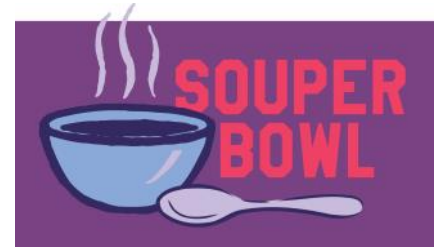
Faith Circle will not be able to host the annual "Soup"er Bowl Sunday luncheon this year. We encourage everybody who would have attended and enjoyed Mary DeMars' homemade chicken noodle soup or her niece Susan Bubacz's ham/bean soup to put

your free-will offering for the Food Shelf toward the amount you plan to donate when the Outreach

Committee asks for donations for March FoodShare Campaign.

We still wish to contribute a significant amount to the Campaign for our local Food Shelf. We plan to be back next February

with this delicious lunch of scrumptious soups, freshly baked rolls, dessert and fellowship!



Asbury News

Confirmation Update

Please continue to keep your confirmands and mentors in your prayers! This month we move from learning about our history to speaking about our life together. We will be exploring how the church comes together to be the body of Christ in the world. If you would like to write a note of encouragement to Ale, Allison, Nathan, Nolan, or Ryder, please send them to the church office.

Communion Elements Available

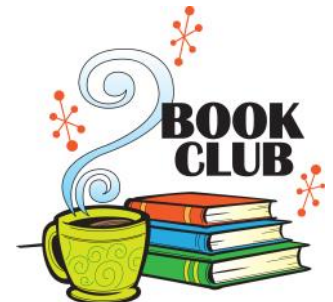
Communion elements are available for pickup Monday through Thursday from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. Please call the office, 624-0061 to make certain Shirley is there. You may also gather your own elements (a piece of bread and some grape juice) if you wish. Communion Sunday will be February 7.

CHUM Book Club

CHUM will be hosting a Book Club on Zoom starting in March on the book, *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* which details stories, statistics and insights about the devastating effect evictions have on families across the country.

This book will build understanding and desire to advocate for creating more opportunities for housing. There will be two separate weekly meeting times, Tuesdays at 7:00 pm and Wednesdays at noon starting on March 2 and 3.

To sign up and get the link to the meeting or for more information, please contact Ben Margeson, CHUM's Congregational Outreach and Advocacy Coordinator, at bmargeson@chumduluth.org or call 605-690-7619.



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NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE: February 19 for March 2021 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.*