

Greetings:

We recently wrapped up the sermon series on The God You Can Know and the videos of this series are available now on the website www.asbury-northwoodumc.com under the tab recorded sermons. I apologize if you went to the website and they were not on there, it took longer to get them uploaded and recorded than I expected. They are on there now and I hope to have all of them recorded by December 1st. Now on to Advent. This is an invitation to attend one of our services for this Advent season. I will preaching a series on the themes of light, so here is our worship schedule for the month of December.

December 1st, First Sunday of Advent:

- Theme is Rising Light
- Special service of Hanging of the Greens and Chrismons @ Asbury at 6pm

December 8th, Second Sunday of Advent:

- Theme is Reflected Light
- Regular worship times
- December 15th, Third Sunday of Advent:

- Children's program, this will be a joint service at Asbury at 10am with a fellowship brunch to follow. December 22nd, Fourth Sunday of Advent:

- Theme is Healing Light
- Regular worship times

December 24th, Candlelight Christmas Eve:

- Theme is Eternal Light
- Special music, carols, and of course candlelight
- Worship times are Asbury @ 5pm and Northwood @ 7pm

December 29th, Covenant Renewal Service:



- This is a service where we will be making a covenant to serve the Lord throughout the next year by faithfully participating in the ministries of the church through our prayers, presence, gifts and service.

I look forward to greeting each of you face to face this Advent season and may it be a time of reflection and renewal. May God richly bless you, increase your faith, and guide your steps.

Pastor Rob

Breakfast Food for Thought at the Bean & Bistro in Northwood Wed, December 11 at 8 am

Lunch Food for Thought at Main St Pizza in LM, Wed, December 11 at Noon



# December 2019 Prayer Calendar

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat  |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| 1<br>Tyler Gasper<br>Andrea<br>Ostrander<br>Sandy Stucky<br>Bryan<br>Christianson  | 2<br>Faith<br>Christianson<br>Sue Mannes<br>Vivian Kvale<br>Becky Johnson                         | 3<br>Kaisen Mary<br>Daryl Sherman<br>Charise<br>Schwarm<br>Wade Fridley                    | 4<br>Tate Grotewold<br>Sshipper<br>Emma Taft<br>Kaylee Taft<br>Michael<br>Godfrey | 5<br>Melissa Taft<br>Glenn Steiff<br>Tyce<br>Skellenger<br>Aaron Mannes              | 6<br>Anna Budach<br>Mya Peterson<br>Kyle Stucky<br>Ben Peterson<br>Deb Mueller              | 7<br>Michael<br>McColloch<br>Royce Peterson<br>Rylan Heath<br>Cody<br>McClanahan |
| 8<br>Haley Slattum<br>Ryan<br>Skellenger<br>Harriet Young<br>Grace Skel-<br>lenger | 9<br>Char Hanson<br>Paula Harris<br>Jason Slattum<br>Vernon Angel                                 | 10<br>Chad Tiedeman<br>Avery<br>Grunhovd<br>Carol Jones                                    | 11<br>Jeanie<br>Grotewold<br>Doris<br>Grotewold<br>Alyssa Slattum                 | 12<br>Drae Love<br>Samuel Erdahl<br>Ryan<br>Williamson<br>Harlan<br>Leverson         | 13<br>Pearl Imler<br>Edward<br>Schwarm<br>Foster<br>Hartman                                 | 14<br>Winona<br>Hennigar<br>Chris Heitland<br>Jeremy<br>Ostrander                |
| 15<br>Eric<br>Christianson<br>August<br>Madson<br>Sarah Heath<br>Rhonda Fridley    | 16<br>Breanna Mary<br>Chris Rogstad<br>Dennis Walser<br>Karen<br>Abrahams<br>Cole<br>Christianson | 17<br>Finley Rogstad<br>Anna Mae<br>Taylor<br>Sonja Tiedman<br>Ashten Love<br>Warren Jones | 18<br>Noah Irons<br>Daryl Groe<br>Sherrylee<br>Gasper<br>Bern Irons               | 19<br>JJ Grotewold<br>Schipper<br>Lyla Rogstad<br>John Budach<br>Hudson<br>Ostrander | 20<br>Marilyn Castle<br>Sandy Hyde<br>Betty Vold<br>Wanda Citurs<br>Logan<br>Ostrander      | 21<br>Becky Jacks<br>Roger<br>Hermanson<br>Rock Bridges<br>Jeff Greve            |
| 22<br>Jackson<br>Grunhovd<br>Margie Barber<br>Jill Nelson<br>Dominic<br>Williamson | 23<br>Lynn Lair<br>Nora Mammen<br>Nancy Mathahs<br>Jean Heitland<br>Gary Thompson                 | 24<br>Jeff<br>Christenson<br>George Kesler<br>Dae Haskins<br>Lillian Young<br>Kim Bode     | 25<br>Josh Tiedman<br>Ryan Mueller<br>Casey Tiedman<br>Bradley<br>Jaspers         | 26<br>Kathy<br>Christianson<br>Sue Bridges<br>Jim Meland<br>Wayne Roberts            | 27<br>Anne<br>Skellenger<br>Alex Tiedeman<br>CK Christianson<br>Dan Tiedman-<br>Cory Stucky | 28<br>David Hooks<br>David Taft<br>Kenneth<br>Nitcher<br>Richard<br>Patterson    |
| 29<br>Gabriel<br>Rogstad<br>Jill Stucky<br>Betty Langpap<br>Blake<br>Grotewold     | 30<br>Shirley Higbee<br>Bryan Arnold<br>Ruth Robb<br>Carol Griffiths<br>Mary Arrett-<br>Brandstad | 31<br>Ian Podgorniak<br>Gary Heimdal<br>Sandy Rainey<br>Cohen Bode                         |   |  |   |  |

# The siding work has been progressing at Asbury!



ingathering items for missions from Asbury. We had 219 school kits and 34 health kits. Plus we had donations toward Self Help and Mobility Worldwide. We traveled and delivered these items to Cedar Falls last Saturday. We would like to thank all who donated or helped with their time in making it a successful year for the Ingathering Mission.

## Mission News – December 2019

On Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we travelled to the Mission Ingathering in Cedar Falls to deliver our kits. We had 36 hygiene kits (valued at \$432.00), 44 school kits in one-handled cloth bags (valued at \$528.00), 6 school kits in plastic bags (valued at \$54.00), 10 layette kits (valued at \$450.00) and 65 2-handled cloth bags (valued at



The next Mission Dinner will be the

soup dinner in February. We have-

**Mission Dinner:** 

n't set the date yet.

\$195.00). Our check for \$442.00 included \$192.00 for postage and \$250.00 for Mobility Worldwide (formerly called PET – Personal Energy Transportation). Our total value with kits and the check was \$2101.00. We are no longer required to include money for toothpaste for the hygiene kits.

The kits are distributed in response to requests within and beyond the United States. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Mission Ingathering.

**The Share Shoppe:** Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to spend time working at the Share Shoppe during this year. The new sign-up sheet for 2020 will be on the table outside of the office. Our Church's assigned day to work is the second Thursday of each month from 1:00 - 4:00. We need two volunteers.

Here is a bit of information about the Share Shoppe from the shop's pamphlet:

The Share Shoppe was established in 1970 in Grafton. In 1991, it was relocated to Carpenter. Then in the summer of 2002, we moved to our current home in Northwood.

Our shop is a multi-church effort staffed by its volunteers providing clothing and household items/supplies to area residents. All merchandise is donated to the shop. Proceeds from donations and free will offerings are used to pay rent, utilities and cleaning.

Items accepted include: clothing, toys, household supplies, decorations, games, books, pictures/frames, dishes and other items in good condition, clean and ready for use.



Items we cannot accept include: car seats, cribs, helmets, microwaves and other similar items.

Hours: Thursdays: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Phone: 641-342-1502

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#### ASBURY UMC DECEMBER NOISY OFFERING



Giving an animal is like giving someone a small business, providing wool, milk, eggs and more. Animal donations can provide families a hand up, increasing access to medicine, school, food and a sustainable livelihood. Your Noisy Offering donation in December will support the lives of families in need.

#### LAKE MILLS CHRISTMAS MISSION GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Every December the Lake Mills community provides mission opportunities for members of Asbury to contribute to community projects. These include such mission projects as: Toy for Tots, Operation Clothes for Kids, LM School Special Needs Fund, etc. Additional details on these projects are listed below. However, if you wish to have an acknowledgment of your gift on your giving record for the year and Asbury given credit for mission giving, please give the value amount of your gift to Rev. Jerry who will add it to Asbury's Mission Together report for the year. Only the amount will be recorded.

A Toys For Tots collection box has been set out in the upstairs hallway to collect toy donations in the month of December. Toys will be picked up by Lake Mills "Toys for Tots" representatives the middle of the month. Distribution of the toys will be done at the Salvation Army "Toys for Tots" Christmas party in Mason City on December 18 & 19.





#### **LM OPERATION CLOTHES FOR KIDS**

Asbury will have a Christmas tree in the North hallway near the elevator where persons can pick up a Christmas tag. Tags will be available for pick up starting Saturday, November 23th. Just in time for all those Black Friday deals! Purchase the items on the child's tag, wrap in one box, attach the original tag to the gift, and deliver/return to Asbury UMC by **4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11**. Feel free to join together in order to share the cost of a tag(s). Cash donations are accepted at the banks or send to the LMCS Nurse's Office, 102 S 4th Avenue E, Lake Mills, IA 50450. Gifts to Operation Clothes for Kids by Asbury counts as local mission giving.

#### LM SCHOOL SPECIAL NEEDS FUND

Some Asbury members have wished to contribute to the LM School Special Needs Fund. The Fund meets a variety of special needs by LM students, such as new clothes, lodging, doctor's visit, etc. This fund is operated by the Lake Mills School nurse, Joan Krull and managed by the Lake Mills Area Ministerial Association (LMAMA). The best way to handle gifts from church members is for the member to make the check payable to Asbury UMC and on the memo line put LM School Special Needs Fund. Since Daryl Sherman is the treasurer for both Asbury and LMAMA, he will transfer the money from one account to another and both the gift giver and the church will be given credit for the gift.

#### HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES, ETC FOR CHRISTMAS

Each Christmas the Asbury United Methodist Women sponsor a "Hat & Glove" Tree in the upstairs hallway of the church. Members are invited to contribute warm winter ware for LM School children. The winter ware is given to Joan Krull the school nurse to distribute throughout the winter months to children as the need arises. Members can place there gifts of hats, gloves, scarves, etc. on the Christmas tree throughout the month of December.

[Ona, please add to these December newsletter articles the annual clipping in your files of the Asbury UMC Christmas Lights in memory and/or honor of a loved one. Thanks]

#### CHRISTMAS FOOD BOX GIVE AWAY

The Lake Mills Food Shelf will be distributing free the annual Christmas Food Boxes on Monday, December  $23^{rd}$  from 2 – 5 pm at the Food Shelf in the basement of the LM Senior Center. All households expecting to face food scarcity for the holiday's are invited to come for the free donation of food.



#### ASBURY UMC CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN MEMORY(GOLD LIGHT) and IN HONOR(BLUE LIGHT)

Provide a Christmas light in memory or in honor of family members and friends. Make our church shine as we celebrate Christ's birth. All proceeds will go to a mission project. Mail or bring this form with your check payable to Asbury UMC and marked for "Christmas Lights." Each light costs \$5.00. **Mail to Asbury UMC, 107 East Main, Lake Mills, IA 50450-1106**. Names will be listed in the bulle-tin on December 20th.

#### YOUR NAME

A GOLD Light will burn IN MEMORY of your family members or friends who are deceased. Print name clearly. Please include \$5.00 for each name. A BLUE Light will burn in HONOR of your family members or friends who you choose. Print name clearly. Please include \$5.00 for each name.

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#### Women of Northwood UMC

The UMW Christmas Luncheon will be on Thursday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM at Beans N' Bistro. Each buy your own. Please let Karen Hove know if you are attending for reservations-324-2476



#### ATTENTION ASBURY LADIES

Ladies of Asbury Please mark your calendars for the Annual Circle Christmas Party. It will be held on Wednesday, December 4 at 5:30 p.m. The Meal will be prepared by the Rachel Circle. Program and decorations by the Naomi Circle The Esther Circle will be guest. Hope to see you there for an evening out with fellow church ladies and an evening of fun and

fellowship.



## **Poinsettias**

If you are planning on bringing a poinsettia plant for Christmas in memory or honor of loved ones please let the church office know so

we can list them properly in the Christmas Eve Bulletin. If a plant is delivered by a florist, please ask that your information is noted on the plant tag. Please pick up your plant after Christmas Eve Service.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Don't forget to contact the office as to when you will be flying away for the winter. Let Ona in the office know when you want to receive the newsletter at your new destination, or if you would prefer to receive it as an email.

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# Asbury United Methodist Church Administrative Council Minutes

(Unapproved) Wednesday, November 13, 2019 5:30 pm

Administrative Council Meeting Sunday, October 27th, 2019

There was an informal council meeting held on October 27th prior to worship service. Brad Grotewold acting as chairperson called the short meeting to order. Present were: Daryl and Joyce Sherman, Brad Grotewold, and Harriet Young.

Treasurer, Daryl Sherman made a motion to approve the Iowa United Methodist Foundation as the agent for the sale of stocks from Patty and Tod Kumbera for their matching donation to Asbury's siding fund. Motion seconded by Brad Grotewold. Passed and carried.

Harriet Young-Recording Secretary

#### NOVEMBER 13, 2019 - 5:30 P.M.

The council meeting was called to order by the reading of the secretary's report. Approved as read. Present for the meeting was Pastor Jerry & Betty Robertson, Harriet Young, Jean Heitland, Pastor Rob and David Taft. In the treasurer's absent the report was given as follows with ending balance of \$5,230.63 as of 11-10-2019. The apportionments have been paid through November. Pastor Rob will be gone on 11-24 and Jeannie Grotewold will be filling in both at Asbury and Northwood.

Jill Nelson, financial secretary deposited \$3,179.00 from the Harvest Festival. A Special THANKS to Sue Slattum for all the work in planning, organizing, and decorating. It is much appreciated and what a great fund raiser. Also, thanks to all who donated baked items and helped.

December 1st during morning worship the first Advent candle will be lit. Following worship service the tree will be set up and lit. The eve of December 1st at 6:00 p.m. the hanging of the green will take place.

December 15th at 10:00 a.m. (NOTE: TIME) there will be a joint service at Asbury with Northwood attending for the children's Christmas program with Molly Holtan directing. There will be a brunch following the program. December 29th there will be a service of covenant renewal.

December 15th the youth will be going to Albert Lea and purchase Toys for Tots. Thanks Betty for your generous Thrivent contribution.

Pastor Jerry reported that the Mathew:25 grant of \$4,500 for the local food shelf was received from the North Iowa Central District of the Iowa Annual Conference.

The closet in the fellowship hall had all the old choir and acolyte robes. They have been laundered and will be boxed up and shipped to the Mid-West Distribution Center. Motion by Jean Headland and seconded by Betty. Approved

Ann Skellinger has been hired as the church custodian as of mid-October. Her salary will be \$525.00 per month or \$6,300 yearly.

The next meeting will be held on January 7th at 5:30 and Donna will give devotions.

Harriet Young, Recording Secretary



#### ASBURY – WHERE HAS THE MEMORIAL MONEY BEEN DESIGNATED?

\$2013.OO Imler account
\$1944.21 Previous Balance
-112.34 Shop Vac
-.50 Interest
\$1,832.37 Undesignated Balance
\$3,845.37 TOTAL
Any questions call Harriet Young at 592-561 December 2019 Health Notes... from Betty Chapin

Parish Health Coordinator

Dear Friends,



As I begin to prepare to leave lowa soon, I need to also prepare this note several weeks prior to the newsletter coming out. Sometimes my "newsletter inspirations" are few and far between though I don't mean to be lax in this department. Today it has been snowing a lot (November 6th). It makes me know how blessed and fortunate I am to be going back to Arizona soon. I am such a whimp, RIGHT?

Since I send few Christmas cards any more, I want to express my sincere Merry Christmas wishes to all who read this. I am sure the season will be special for most of us. Special in many ways, yet some have to deal with adjusting to a different kind of "special" when family member losses have occurred. Yet we can have hope and joy because we believe in Christ Jesus, our families and the church family to support us, knowing CHRISTMAS is always a special time.

Please feel free to give me a call at 641-390-0619 if you feel like talking, or send an email to me and I will reply from chapinbl@gmail.com. I enjoy visits on the phone which I make now and then to people at home. Though I am not physically near you all, you remain on my mind so I appreciate keeping in touch.

Sincerely, Betty

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| In Ou<br>Lake Mills Care Center  | ur Thoughts<br>Lutheran Retirement  | Home in North  | wood     |
| Carol Griffiths<br>Lillian Smith<br><b>Good Shepard Mason City</b><br>Ivan Olson | George Kesler<br>Norma Kay Martinson<br>Nancy Whitesell<br>Jane McMullen<br>Winona Hennigar | Sandy Nitcher<br>Bernice Estes<br>Rick Low<br>Wanda Citurs | woodalli |

(any names added to the prayer list will be kept on for 3 weeks unless the office is contacted with updated information to keep on for an addition amount of time. Thank you. NorthwoodUMC@msn.com§

Northwood Sunday Schedule10:45 amWorship Service-N11:45 amFellowship –N



Asbury Sunday Schedule 9:00 am Worship –A 10:00 am Fellowship –A 10:00 am Sunday School-A

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| 1<br>Regular<br>Schedule<br>6pm Asbury<br>Hanging of the<br>Greens       | 2  | 3<br>7pm Joint SPRC<br>at Asbury | 4<br>5:30 pm UMW<br>Christmas Party-<br>A                                     | 5<br>11:30 am UMW<br>Christmas at<br>Bean n' Bistro | 6  | 7  |
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| 8<br>Regular<br>Schedule   | 9  | 10                               | 11<br>Food 4 Thought<br>8am Bean n'<br>Bistro-NWD<br>Noon Main St<br>Pizza-LM | 12<br>10am Northwood<br>Council Meeting             | 13 | 14 |
| 15<br>10am Joint<br>Christmas<br>Program Worship<br>Service at<br>Asbury | 16 | 17                               | 18  | 19  | 20 | 21 |
| 22<br>Regular<br>Schedule  | 23 | 24<br>Christmas Eve<br>Vorship   | 25  | 26  | 27 | 28 |
| 29<br>Regular<br>Schedule  | 30 | 31                               |   |   |    |    |



# SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NORTHWOOD

| 2019                 | 1-Dec                               | 8-Dec                               | 15-Dec                                       | 22-Dec                              | 29-Dec                              |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Scripture<br>Reader  | Bobbi Hooks                         | Margie Barber                       |  | Margie Barber                       |                                     |
| Ushers               | Joanne<br>Steinmetz &<br>Penny Robb | Joanne<br>Steinmetz &<br>Penny Robb | Joanne<br>Steinmetz &<br>Penny Robb          | Joanne<br>Steinmetz &<br>Penny Robb | Joanne<br>Steinmetz &<br>Penny Robb |
| Coffee<br>Servers    | Margie & Jack<br>Barber             | Deb & Dean<br>Mueller               | Joanne<br>Steinmetz &<br>Sharon<br>Steinmetz | LeAnn & Glenn<br>Steiff             | Christmas<br>Leftovers              |
| Communion<br>Steward | June Low                            |                                     |  |                                     |                                     |

We are always in need of volunteers! Check the sign up sheet in Wesley Hall to let us know when you can help. If you find that you are unavailable to help on the Sunday assigned, please trade with someone else on the list and let the Office know (641-324-1557).

### STAFF PARISH PASTOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

If you have concerns or compliments regarding the church, please talk to Pastor Rob first. If you talk to Pastor Rob and still have a concern, please contact a SPRC member.

| ASBURY UMC      | NORTHWOOD UMC     |         |       |       |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------|-------|-------|
| <u>2019</u>     | <u>2019</u>       |         |       |       |
| Betty Robertson | Bobbi Bendickson  | Church  | Atten | dance |
| Joyce Sherman   | Karen Abrahams    | Worship | N     | A     |
| David Taft      | John Greve        | 27-Oct  | 30    | 67    |
| Richard Schwarm | Mary Christianson | 3-Nov   | 30    | 72    |
| Megan Peterson  | Mike Bode         | 10-Nov  | 33    | 80    |
| Scott Nelson    |                   | 17-Nov  | 38    | 63    |
| Donna Lair      |                   | 24-Nov  |       |       |
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If you have any compliments about your church, share them with everyone!

#### Happy Birthday! Happy Birthday! Happy Birthday!

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Northwood

Bryan Christianson

Trent Akemann

August Madson

**Dennis Walser** 

Sandy Hyde

**Ryan Mueller** 

**David Hooks** 

Bryan Arnold

Jill Stucky

Ruth Robb

Anna Mae Taylor

Nancy Mathahs

Paula Harris

## Asbury

- 3 Andrea Ostrander
- 3 Sue Mannes
- 4 Daryl Sherman
- 4 Emma Grace Taft
- 4 Kaylee Ann Taft
- 5 Royce Peterson
- 5 Mya Peterson
- 6 Ryan Skellenger
- 10 Avery Grunhovd
- 11 Doris Grotewold
- 16 Christopher Rogstad
- 17 Finley Rogstad
- 21 Marilyn Castle
- 22 Roger Hermanson
- 22 Jackson Grunhovd
- 23 Lynn Lair
- 29 Gabriel Rogstad





call the office at

641.324.1557

We appreciate receiving your articles for upcoming church events!

If you have material that you would like included in the newsletters or bulletins or any corrections to information, please contact us in one of these ways:

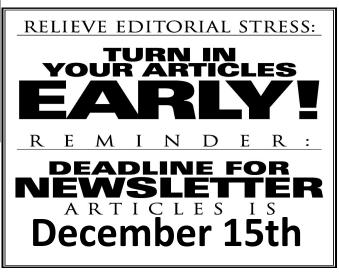
or mail to

send the information via email

northwoodUMC@msn.com

Sunday School Program

The Sunday School Christmas program will be December 15, 2019. The younger children will be performing a program as in years past and the older children will be sharing their musical talents. There will be no Sunday school December 1, 22, or 29.

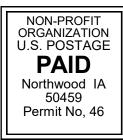


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#### Northwood and Asbury United Methodist Churches

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Return Service Requested



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