



# *INSPIRATIONS 2019*

Greetings: *Pastor's Page*

This last month my family and I went to Seattle for vacation. Melinda grew up near there, so we visited her folks and brother and enjoyed the Pacific Northwest. We crammed a lot of activities in that week and one of our trips was to Mt. St. Helens. Hannah, Carter and I had never been there and it was a long time ago for Melinda – so we ventured out. It was overcast and sprinkled as we started out that morning but by the time we got to the top (as far as you could drive anyway) it cleared up and turned out to be a nice warm sunny day. We took the trail up Windy Ridge and from the top you could see Spirit Lake which is full of logs that were left over from the 1980 explosion of the mountain. We could see the lava crater that was formed on the mountain, the glacier and a waterfall that flowed out of it and had amazing views of Mt. Hood, Mt. Adams, and Mt. Rainier. My mother-in-law who grew up in the area was telling us about the resort that was on Spirit Lake and all of the boats and cabins that were there. None of that remained, all that was left was barren land filled with ash and lava rocks or pumice stones.

We drove back down the mountain to a trailhead that went down to Spirit Lake. As we hiked down the trail, we noticed different types of succulents, plants and other flowers. We saw tracks from elk and other animals and saw fish swimming around in the lake. An area that was total devastation was now coming back to life and is starting to resemble what it looked like before. The part of the mountain that blew up in the explosion will never be restored but new life is forming in its place. It was a reminder to me that even when disaster strikes, God can still make something beautiful out of the rubble. It will never be the same as before, but new life can sprout out of death and despair.

The day we happened to go up there was on a Sunday and I happened to mention to Hannah that this would be a beautiful place to have a church service. She reminded me that Jesus did preach a sermon on the mount but that I didn't need to preach one that day. Being in nature and seeing the beauty of God's creation was my cathedral that day. Picking wild berries and drinking the cool water flowing from a mountain stream was my sacrament. The whistling of the wind through the trees and the songs of the birds was my hymn. God spoke to me on our hike and it was a reminder that He is in the restoration business. God takes

our broken pieces, cleans them up, and puts us back together again. Enjoy some time in God's creation and listen for what He would want to say to you.

Pastor Rob

**No Food 4  
Thought for  
August**



# August 2019 Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Larry Eden Richard Low Jim Hyde	2 Kennedy Mannes Jane Christianson Don Grotewold	3 Sue Slattum Geneva Patterson Roger Wagner Tom Vorland
4 Neil Schrieber Carol Tiedman Deb Reuvers	5 Carrie Fritz Ron Reuvers Brock Mathahs Barbara Walser	6 Leann Dahn June Low Bill Young Christopher Low	7 Tim Hauge Sandy Nitcher Ivan Fredericks Ashley Carlson	8 Kim Mary Drake Tiedemann Caryl Dahn Katy Jaspers	9 Owen Mary Michelle Skellenger Jane Podgorniak	10 Domonic Greco Sheila Enderson Cheri Groe Robyn Wilder
11 Betty Robertson Delaney Imler Christopher Bakken	12 Mark Enderson Megan Peterson Nancy Whitesell	13 Jason Tiedemann Darla Beighley Collin Jaspers	14 Eileen Redinger Tracy Young Troy Low Dean Mueller	15 Brad Mary Diane Burdick Joanne Steinmetz Kristie Steinkamp	16 Shana Rogstad Thomas Low Cody Fredericks	17 Gabriel Irons NormaKay Martinson Payton Wilder
18 Kelly Grunhovd Kerby Christianson Tori Low Jane McMullen	19 Andrew Grunhovd Kylee Mannes LeAnn Steiff	20 Kate Budach Karissa Heath Ashley Fredericks	21 Ramon Erdahl Jon Skellenger Jordyn Hove Marty Mueller	22 Richard Schwarm Joe Young Jeff Steiff	23 Sharon Matthes Dennis Castle Brenda Meland	24 Carson Christianson RG Schwarm Duane Abrahams
25 Donna Lair Joyce Hauge Bobbi Hooks Jack Barber	26 Michael Walker Alex Citurs Sarah Barringer	27 Morgan Young Josh Imler Laurel Willig Seth Wilkins	28 Brian Young Scott Stucky Peal Podgorniak	29 Kaylea Mary Allen Jaspers Gerry Arnold	30 Gary Irons Skyler Williamson Nicol Williamson	31 Ivan Olson Mark Hove Dorothy Prizler

## **THE TEACHERS SAID IT WAS LIKE CHRISTMAS FOR THE KIDS,”**

Children that returned to Seminole County's schools last November received a surprise when they sat at their desks. Not only were their schools – damaged by Hurricane Michael – repaired, but on each desk sat a bag full of needed school supplies.



The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) sent the 1,200 school kits to Friendship UMC, said Rev. Lehman, so the county's children could be prepared for their return to school after being out nearly a month after Hurricane Michael tore through southwest Georgia. The elementary school was heavily damaged in the storm and many children lost everything in their desks.

Your gifts to the children's **Noisy Offering** each Sunday during **August** will help lay the foundation for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to share God's love with communities everywhere as the need arises.

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE UM BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES**

In light of the recent news about children in U.S. government holding facilities along the U.S.-Mexico border, the United Methodist Committee on Relief has received numerous requests to respond. Jesus implored his disciples to welcome the children. This is our mission: to make sure the children are welcomed. Thank you for your prayers, your actions and your gifts.

As a church that is united on the need to care for children, we can be in mission together. Global Ministries encourages you to:

1. PRAY - We encourage you to pray for children.
2. ACT - We encourage you to act on behalf of children. While we cannot take UMCOR hygiene kits to the U.S. government holding centers, we are distributing UMCOR hygiene kits at transitional shelters all along the U.S.-Mexico border. In the last three months, UMCOR delivered 46,128 hygiene kits to six church-run transitional shelters.
3. GIVE: **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE JULY CHILDREN'S NOISY OFFERING FOR HYGIENE KITS**



**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE**

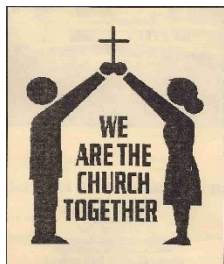
## **LETTERS OF THANKS:**

Dear Asbury UMC Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift to the CWS Blankets program. Your contributions provides hope to neighbors near and far, from migrant families facing cold and wet conditions to refugees who have just arrived in the United States to build a new future to guests at homeless shelters. Around the world your support of the program means vital supplies and support for those in need.

Because of you, Church World Service is able to respond when disasters occur and support is needed. We thank you!

Rev. John L. McCullough  
President & CEO  
Church World Service



## **Dear Asbury UMC Family, Thank You!**

The dear people of Nicaragua you helped with your March Noisy offering gifts to El Porvenir: Clean Water, Healthy Nicaraguans, may never have the opportunity to meet you but if they did, I am certain their response would be – Thank you!

Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate genuine love for our neighbors.

Grace & Peace  
Thomas G. Kemper, General Secretary  
UM Global Ministries

## Naomi Circle Travels to Dubuque



The Naomi circle traveled to Dubuque for their July circle meeting. The 5 of us left Lake Mills on Tuesday the 15th at 8:00 a.m. with Caryl at the wheel. We arrived at the Lady of the Mississippi Candy store at 11:00 and purchased their famous chocolate caramels. We then went of Kalmes in St Donatus for a German meal. Heading back to Dubuque we went to the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium. Interesting place. Now to the Holiday Inn Plus for rest and supper. After supper we went to the Eagles Point Park when we saw barges being loaded. Back to the hotel for a good night's sleep. LaVonne led us in devotions. Up early the next morning and had breakfast and headed to the Fenelon Place Elevator where we rode the world's steepest, shortest scenic railway, 296' in length. Now on to St. Luke's UMC (real reason for the trip) and got an interesting story of the Tiffany windows. Beautiful. Leaving Dubuque we headed to Anamosa to Jean's niece to see her flower gardens. Breathe taking. Thanks Jean for planning this. One Big Thanks to CARYL for driving. Great job. The Naomi circle consists of Marilyn Castle, Caryl Dahn, LaVonne Hartman, Jean Heitland and Harriet Young

## Mission News – August 2019

Once again, it is time to focus our mission efforts on school kits. Most of the school kit items began going on sale early in July, so it's a good time to stock up on those supplies. Please note the addition of a box of 12 colored pencils.

### Student School Kit

- 3 Notebooks – 1 subject spiral 8 X10 ½ inches
- 1 Pair of student **round tip** scissors
- 1 Ruler 12 inch long with **metric**
- 1 Box of 24 crayons
- 1 Pencil eraser 2 inches or larger
- 1 Pencil sharpener
- 1 Box of 12 colored pencils
- 6 **Unsharpened** pencils

**VALUE with items in cloth bag - \$12 plus \$2 shipping**

**VALUE with items in plastic bag - \$9 plus \$2 shipping**

**Empty School Bag**

**VALUE \$3 plus donation for shipping**



If you haven't had an opportunity to volunteer recently at the Share Shop, the sign-up sheet is on the table outside of the office, and a few openings are still available from September through the end of the year.



# Asbury United Methodist Church

## Administrative Council Minutes

(Unapproved) **Sunday, June 16, 2019 8:30 am**

A Special Action meeting #2 was held on Sunday June, 16<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 8:30 a.m. to finalize the siding project. The meeting was called to order by ADCO chairperson, David Taft. The purpose of the meeting was to accept a written form from the donor gifting the \$40,000.00. Motion to accept the gift was made by Pastor Jerry Robertson and seconded by Daryl Sherman. Motion approved and carried by all in attendance. Brian Young, representing the Trustees reported that the final bid for the siding and exterior work to be done was \$83,500.00. This quote includes work to be done to replace shingles on the steeple. Young Construction from Mason City will be doing the work. Peterson Sanitation will haul the old siding to the recycling center. What we get for the siding will take care of Peterson's bill. A motion to accept the bid of \$83,500.00 was made by Pastor Jerry and seconded by Daryl Sherman. Motion accepted and carried by all in attendance. A motion to send thank you's to people who make donations was made by Betty Robertson and seconded by Brad Grotewold. THE CHURCH IS GOING TO BE RESIDED.

Those attending the meeting were David Taft, Brian Young, Brad Grotewold, Daryl and Joyce Sherman, Pastor Jerry and Betty Robertson and Harriet Young.

Harriet Young  
Recording Secretary



Shelly Skellenger  
Ed Monson  
Donna Lair

Dave Hooks  
John Scherb  
Carole Yocum

our military and their loving families,  
the unemployed, Iowa UMC Cabinet and Bishop.

### Lake Mills Care Center...

Carol Griffiths

Lillian Smith

### Good Shepard Mason City...

Ivan Olson

### In Our Thoughts...

### Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood...

George Kesler

Norma Kay Martinson

Nancy Whitesell

The Pines– Winona Hennigar

Sandy Nitcher

Bernice Estes

Wanda Citurs

*(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)*

# Asbury United Methodist Church

## Administrative Council Minutes

(Unapproved) **Sunday, July 9, 2019 5:30 pm**

David Taft, chairperson called the meeting to order with Joyce reading the devotion from "Jesus Is Calling". Present were Brad Grotewold, Joyce & Daryl Sherman, Pastor Jerry & Betty Robertson, Harriet Young and Pastor Rob. The minutes from the May meeting were read. Daryl made a motion to approve the minutes and Betty seconded. The treasurer's report was read stating a balance as of 7-9-19 is \$7,757.33. Brad made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Pastor Jerry seconded the motion. Carried. Daryl stated that the May apportionments have been paid. He also stated that the siding fund now has a balance of \$37,420.12. Thanks to all who have contributed to this great project. Donna Lair has been asked if she would take a before and during pictures of the siding progress. That way we can track the progress on a weekly basis and keep all the members posted on the event.

Betty reported that the UMW will still function as a unit with no chairperson. There was a meeting of 2 from each circle that met and made recommendations which will be brought before the UMW meeting in September for approval. Harriet stated that a new refrigerator has been purchased as one in the kitchen had stopped working. Anne had a repairman from Albert Lea check it out and it was a no fix. Singelstad Hardware installed and removed the old one. The DJ kitchen memorial fund was used for the project. \$96.23 had to be used from the undesignated funds to meet the cost.

David reported that Raymond Erdahl has verbally resigned from the custodial position at the church. Ray is to submit the resignation in writing with the duties and hours that he worked. The SPRC committee is going to meet and make a job description list and post the job. Raymond will work until July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Pastor Jerry stated that there are kids interested in attending Salem's Summer Day Camp which will be held on July 15-18<sup>th</sup>. The noisy offering for August will be going toward school kits. He also reported that Wednesday evening July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. the church float will be put on the trailer for July Jubilee parade.

Pastor Rob stated that he will be on vacation July 10<sup>th</sup> thru the 17<sup>th</sup>. He will video his sermon on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Rob will be taking classes on August 15-16<sup>th</sup>. On July 21<sup>st</sup> there will be service in the park at 5:00 with the community invited. The LMAMA will be furnishing the ice cream for floats. Charge conference will be held on September 29<sup>th</sup> at Northwood following a potluck dinner.

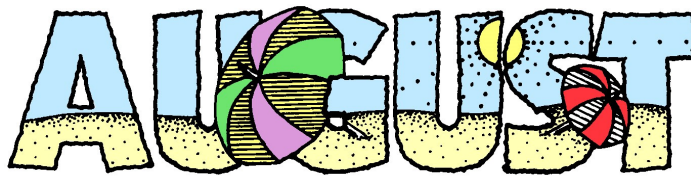
The next meeting will be held on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30. Pastor Jerry will give the devotions. Brad made a motion to adjourn and Daryl second the motion.

Harriet Young  
Recording Secretary.

**Northwood Sunday Schedule**

10:30 am Worship Service-N

11:45 am Fellowship -N

**Asbury Sunday Schedule**

9:00 am Worship -A

10:00 am Fellowship -A

**Sun****Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat**

				1	2	3
4 Regular Schedule	5	6 7 pm SPRC at Asbury	7 2pm Rachel Circle-A	8 9:30 am Naomi Circle-A  10 am Northwood Council	9	10
11 Regular Schedule	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Regular Schedule	19	20	21	22 10am Nwd Council Mtg	23	24
25 Regular Schedule	26	27	28	29	30	31



# SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NORTHWOOD

2019	4-Aug	11-Aug	18-Aug	25-Aug
Scripture Reader		Margie Barber		
Ushers	Dean & Deb Mueller	Dean & Deb Mueller	Dean & Deb Mueller	Dean & Deb Mueller
Coffee Servers	Betty Chapin & Sherry Schmitt	Barb & Dennis Walser	Sandy Olson & Robin Fredericks	Sand & Gregg Olson
Communion Steward	Karen Abrahams			

**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

2019

Betty Robertson  
Joyce Sherman  
David Taft  
Richard Schwarm  
Megan Peterson  
Scott Nelson  
Donna Lair

### NORTHWOOD UMC

2019

Bobbi Bendickson  
Karen Abrahams  
John Greve  
Mary Christianson  
Mike Bode

### Church Attendance

Worship	<u>N</u>	<u>A</u>
16-June	33	48
23-June	fair	48
30-June	31	42
7-July	38	46
14-July	26	55
21-July		

***If you have any compliments about your church,  
share them with everyone!***



## Asbury

2 Kennedy Mannes  
6 Leann Dahn  
8 Tim Hauge  
8 Kim Mary  
10 Domonic Greco  
11 Betty Robertson  
13 Jason Tiedemann  
13 Eileen Redinger  
15 Brad Mary  
17 Gabriel Irons  
19 Andrew Grunhovd  
24 Carson Christianson  
25 Donna Lair  
29 Kaylea Mary

## Northwood

1 Jim Hyde  
3 Geneva Patterson  
5 Brock Mathahs  
7 Christopher Low  
7 Sandy Nitcher  
15 Kristie Steinkamp  
15 Cody Fredericks  
21 Jordyn Hove  
22 Jeff Steiff  
24 Duane Abrahams

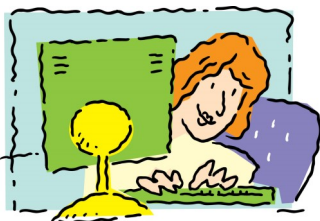


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