



# MARCH

## INSPIRATIONS 2023

### Pastor's Page

Greetings:

I wanted to use this letter to give an update on our discussion meetings concerning disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church. We have been watching a series of videos produced by Rob Renfroe on why your church should join the Global Methodist Church and the counter point series of videos produced by Adam Hamilton on why churches should stay in the UMC. Both series of videos are really well produced and present good arguments. If you have not had an opportunity to watch them I would encourage you to do so. Just go to YouTube and search Rob Renfroe and they will come up.

In our meetings we watch two videos each week and then have a discussion around what has been presented. My job then is to fill in the gaps or provide insight and more information about what is being presented. I do not know about the denomination as a whole but I do know about our Iowa Annual Conference and share my experiences as clergy. Here are some of the points I brought up and the motivation behind why I scheduled these meetings.

The initial reason that brought about disaffiliation is in regards to differing views on sexuality and the practice of ordaining and affirming practicing homosexual clergy. That is not the only area in which there are differences and that is what these videos point out. In the last few years there has been a lack of transparency in the UMC along with a lack of leadership. In the UMC there is a set of rules and order called The Book of Discipline. Bishops, District Superintendents and clergy who do not agree with what the BOD says have chosen to ignore it and are encouraging others to do so. There is no repercussion, no accountability and when clergy are ordained they make a vow at their annual conference to teach, affirm, and uphold the Book of Discipline. If we have rules and order, then we should follow them.

Second, is we disagree on how we interpret Scripture and the authority of the bible. Our newly appointed bishop Kennetha Bingham-Tsai said in an interview panel that she did not believe everyone should agree on who Jesus is. Also, that Jesus became incarnate but not in "any particular flesh, not in any particular culture." This goes against the traditional understanding that Jesus was a Jewish male in 1st century Israel and downplays his humanity. There was no follow-up question to her answer and was approved as a candidate for bishop from the Indiana Conference and was the first bishop elected just a couple of months ago.

This is only some of what we discussed but you can see it is much more than our differing views on human sexuality because that subject has been argued about at every General Conference since 1972. There is one more set of discussion meetings scheduled and it is specific to each church – Asbury on March 1st and Northwood on March 2nd. Both meetings will take place at 6:30pm. I strongly encourage you to attend this meeting and while I do not anticipate this to be our last meeting on the subject it will give a good indication of where each church is heading and how we are going to proceed in the weeks to come. Be in prayer for our churches, for our leaders, for yourself in this discernment process and I will also ask for all the prayers I can get.

This is not a decision to take lightly, and I want to inform as many people as possible so they can make their own decision.

May God continue to guide and lead us as we do the work and ministry of the church.

Pastor Rob

Join the Pastor on **TUESDAYS** from 10-noon at Swallow Coffeehouse in Lake Mills every week **OR** the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays** of the month for Pub Theology at 7pm at the Worth Brewing if you would care to join him for a bit of fellowship and conversation.



# March 2023 Prayer Calendar

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

# WELCOME TO THE BIBLE CHALLENGE!

The Challenge is to read the entire Bible over the course of a year.

Below are the verses to read and in

ONE year you will have read the whole Bible!

Dedicate about 15 minutes each day to spend time in God's Word.



## Reading Plan - Week by Week

WEEK 10 (3/5) Leviticus 4-18 Psalm 28-30 Proverbs 7 Luke 10-13 John 10

WEEK 11 (3/12) Leviticus 19-27 Numbers 1-6 Psalms 31-33 Proverbs 8:1-21 Luke 14-17 John 11

WEEK 12 (3/19) Numbers 7-21 Psalms 34-36 Prov 8:22-36 Matt 19-20 Mark 10 Luke 18-19

WEEK 13 (3/26) Num 22-36 Psalms 37-39 Proverbs 9 Matt 21-22 Mark 11-12 Luke 20

## Verse of the Day

We should keep on encouraging each other to be thoughtful and to do helpful things. Some people have given up the habit of meeting for worship, but we must not do that. We should keep on encouraging each other, especially since you know that the day of the Lord's coming is getting closer.

Hebrews 10:24-25 CEVDCI

## *United Methodist Women of Faith*

### *2023 BIBLE VERSES*



**March Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)** “but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

**April Matthew 5:9 (NIV)** “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.”

**May 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 (NLT)** “Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.”

**June Isaiah 52:7 (NIV)** “How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’”

**July Philippians 4:13 (NLT)** “I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength.”

**August Romans 8:28 (NIV)** “and we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

**September Psalm 68:11 (NIV)** “The Lord announced the word, and great was the company of those who proclaimed it.”

**October Lamentations 3:22-23 (NIV)** “Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

**November Philippians 4:6 (NIV)** “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

**December 1 Corinthians 12:4 (NIV)** “There are different kinds of gifts, but the same spirit.”

## 2023 DISASTER RESPONSE: TURKEY-SYRIA

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck southern Turkey at 4:17 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, the most powerful earthquake recorded since 1939. In the hours that followed, at least 78 aftershocks were reported, followed by a second earthquake of 7.5 magnitude. More than 5,000 people were killed, with deaths expected to rise.

The earthquake also heavily impacted northwest Syria, where 4.1 million people depend on humanitarian assistance. The majority are women and children. At this time, Syrian communities are simultaneously facing an ongoing cholera outbreak and extreme winter weather events, including heavy rain and snow. The humanitarian response is overstretched due to the devastation and cold weather.

UMCOR has released an initial solidarity grant to a longstanding humanitarian partner, International Blue Crescent (IBC), which has offices in Turkey. The grant will provide tents, heaters, blankets, warm clothes, ready to eat meals and basic first aid kits. **You can make a gift payable to Asbury/Northwood UMC on the memo line write Earthquake Turkey/Syria.**



### MARCH NOISY OFFERING:

#### **El Porvenir: Clean Water, Healthy Nicaraguans [Advance #525000]**

Nicaragua is the third poorest country in the Western hemisphere; 80% of the population lives in poverty, surviving on less than \$2 a day. 54% of rural Nicaraguans lack access to clean drinking water; 31% of rural Nicaraguans lack adequate sanitation facilities. Our project provides tangible solutions to communities who are committed to improving their access to clean water, sanitation facilities and better health, but lack the resources to do so. El Porvenir provides the materials which must be purchased and training for the

villagers to enable them to construct the project and undertake its long-term care and maintenance. All water well projects use appropriate, simple technology made in Nicaragua: The primary goal of this project is to push for higher access to clean, plentiful water in the six regions of rural Nicaragua where we operate so communities can thrive.

**Day light saving time begins Sunday morning, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Worshipers are reminded to set their clocks ahead one (1) hour before going to bed on Saturday evening.**



United Methodist Committee On Relief

### **YOU impact lives!**

#### **UMCOR Sunday on March 19, 2023**

This ministry is achieved exclusively through your generosity. In 2022, **you gave almost \$2.2 million** which provided hope and safety for communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. The special offering on this Sunday underwrites UMCOR's "cost of doing business" making it possible for UMCOR to focus on responding to communities and individuals when they need immediate assistance. It allows UMCOR to preserve the promise that 100% of any donation to a specific UMCOR project or missionary will go towards that project and not administrative cost.

Will **you** continue to give to UMCOR Sunday? Will **you** continue to meet the needs of the children, families and communities who've experienced devastation in the wake of disaster? As **you** respond, **you** are recognizing Jesus in those who are reeling in the wake of disaster.

*The special offering envelope for UMCOR Sunday will be provided in the bulletin on Sunday morning, March 19<sup>th</sup>. However, members have also received a UMCOR offering envelope in this issue of the church newsletter. If you are unable to be in worship on Sunday, March 19th the Asbury Mission Committee invites you to enclose your gift for in the offering envelope and mail in a regular envelope to Asbury United Methodist. **Let's make a difference, together on UMCOR Sunday, March 19th***



# Asbury UMC In Mission Giving Annual Report

Did Our church pay apportionments in full? YES

Did our church take special offerings? YES

Did our church pay District Askings? YES

Did our church contribute to United Methodist Missionaries? YES

The suggested giving is \$3 per member for local, conference, National and international categories for a total of \$12 per member. Asbury UMC has 143 members, for a total goal of \$429 per category, or a grand total of \$1716. Asbury's total of financial giving for all categories for 2022 was \$12,270.37

The total hours of Asbury UMC volunteer service time in Local Serving Partnerships was 924 hours serving 4,758 people. (Numerous people may have been served in several capacities, including the local food shelf, summer lunch program, community Thanksgiving meal, etc.)

Local Giving GOAL: \$429

Toys for Tots: \$227

LMAMA: \$420

LMCS Crisis Needs Fund: \$420

LM Food Shelf: \$570

LM Operation Christmas Clothes: \$315

TOTAL Local Giving: \$1952

Conference Giving GOAL: \$429

Women at the Well: \$254.26

Neighbor Helping Neighbor: \$189.86

District Askings: \$491.25

TOTAL Local Giving: \$935.37

National Giving GOAL: \$429

Tree of Life Ministries: \$530.76

Midwest Mission Personal Dignity Kits: \$663

Midwest Mission Student Kits: \$1802

Midwest Mission Layette Kits: \$450

Shipping costs: \$372

U.S. Disaster Aid: \$600

TOTAL Local Giving: \$4417.76

International Giving GOAL: \$429

Mobility Worldwide (P.E.T.): \$231.39

Self Help International: \$300

Katherine Parker UM Missionary (Nepal):  
\$541.13

CWS Blankets: \$72.47

Porvenir Clean Water Nicaraguans: \$255.25

Kids Against Hunger: \$465

Chessman's Local Missionary - Africa: \$3100

TOTAL International Giving: \$4965.24

## LOCAL SERVING RELATIONSHIPS/ PARTNERING

LM Food Shelf 480 hours, 3,200 people served  
LM Summer Lunch Program 238 hours, 1,032 people served

Community Thanksgiving Meal 337 meals served, 130 volunteer hours (26 volunteers)

70 people served Meals on Wheels,

volunteering 50 hours, 674 meals served

Elder Care chauffeur 2 people served for total of 8 service hours

Lion's Club eye checks for Day Care kids and PreK- Kind., 8 hours service for 115 children

Pen Pals for Kids: 10 letters by 2 writers for 10 hours volunteer time

TOTAL HOURS: 924 serving 4,758 people

Congratulations on your Baptism  
January 29th

Malia Dahn Hengesteg, daughter of  
Matt & Rebecca Hengesteg.

Godparents Courtney & Brad Moretz  
and LeAnn Dahn & Brian Lewis Smith.

Grandparents Caryl Dahn of Lake Mills  
and Sue & David Hengesteg of North-  
wood

Welcoming New Members at Asbury  
this February

Mark & Missy Bjorklund and  
Shirley Carlson  
Joy Ball



# Asbury United Methodist Church

## Administrative Council Minutes

(Unapproved) **Wednesday, January 18, 2023 5 pm**

Chairperson David Taft called the meeting to order at 5:11pm. Members present were Dave Imler, Daryl Sherman, Brad Grotewold, Rusty Schipper, Dan Tiedman, Aaron Mannes, Wayne Mannes, Scott Nelson, Joyce Sherman, David Taft, Donna Lair, Pastor Rob, and Jill Nelson. Opening was singing Happy Birthday to Joyce.

Secretary's Report was given by Donna. Correction to minutes: The \$93,000 quote from Aaron Mannes was a computer estimator app and not an actual bid by Aaron or Mannes Construction. Motion by Joyce and second from Dan to accept the corrected minutes. Approved.

Treasurer's Report was given by Daryl. 2022 Report was given first. \$24,810.21 was the beginning of the year balance. Ending balance was \$28,077.71. The Parsonage Renovation Fund shows a transfer of \$5,000 from the Trustees to pay for tree removal. There is a separate Parsonage Fund that money is put into by the church for a pastor home. All bills, apportionments, and District Asking's were paid. Report for current year of 2023 shows a beginning balance of \$30,046.03. Dave moved to accept, with Jill second. Motion carried.

Old Business -A new computer was bought for the sanctuary and the old computer was given to Daryl for Treasurer's use. Both computers are working for the uses needed.

### New Business

\*Insurance discussion. Daryl passed a handout to explain the insurance increase. Insurance is for church, parsonage property and liability. Insurance is due now. Brad moved to pay the bill; Dave seconded. Motion passes.

\*Recycling discussion. The bill is quite high because we are considered a business. Discussion about stopping the service and how we could handle recycling. It was suggested that people serving fellowship to take it home and add to their home recycling. November is the only month where there is a lot of recycling to church activities. Committees will split up how and where it will go. Joyce moved to stop service with Dan second. Motion was passed.

\*Sound system. There have been some complaints of not being able to hear during services. Do we need new speakers? No one has talked to Brad about it. There are things that he can do to clarify the sound besides making it louder or softer. If there are problems, they need to be given to him. We will see if this makes it better.

\*Committee Chairs. Now that covid has/is subsiding, we would like to get back to having committee chairs or a representative at Ad. Co. meetings. Joyce will reach out to committees to see who the chairpersons are. They will be put onto the email list for reminders for Ad. Co. meetings.

\*Church Steeple. Brad stated that now that the trees are gone that our steeple can be seen from the countryside coming into town from the west. Is there a way to light the steeple at night? There is also some work that needs to be done on the screening on the steeple. It needs to be done from the inside. Dave will take to the Trustees and request a walk around of the building.

\*Parsonage Update. Dave gave the report. Siding and vents have been repaired and glass has been fixed as per the notice from the city. A rental agreement has been drawn up by Ricard Schwarm and has been signed by Casino management. 10% down payment for the roof has been paid. Doors, changing all light bulbs and painting is being done by the Trustees. Young's Plumbing and Heating is making sure all plumbing and heating is working properly or is replaced/repaired. All residents will be male with 4 being maintenance and 8 in the culinary field. The Casino would like to be able to be in March 1 so they can get it furnished. Dave will be checking with the city to see what else may need to be done.



## Asbury United Methodist Church Administrative Council Minutes-continued

Pastor's Report- Pastor Rob presented the council with handouts comparing UMC to Global Methodist Church. Handouts were prepared by Nancy Mathahs from Northwood. A church decision needs to be made by June. Rob will be making copies of the comparison handouts for the congregation. Meetings will be held with Asbury and Northwood to learn about the decision, and individual church meetings will be held for the votes. There are You Tube videos from Rob Renfoe for the Global Church and from Rev. Hamilton for staying as we are. Inserts will be in the bulletin, the Newsletter and information at meetings. The vote for the making the decision is decided by members at the meeting, NOT the whole congregation. Attendance is needed.

\*It's important that we remember we have been a family of Christ for many years. We need to continue to love each other and not let this becoming something that tears us apart.

Dave moved for adjournment with Wayne second. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 2, at 5:30. Purpose is to discuss the stay or split decision and how to get information to the congregation.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Lair, Ad. Co. Secretary

## Asbury United Methodist Church Administrative Council Minutes-continued

(Unapproved) **Wednesday, February 14, 2023**

Chairperson David Taft called the meeting to order at 5:35pm. Members present were Daryl Sherman, Joyce Sherman, David Taft, Donna Lair, Jill Nelson, Scott Nelson, Dan Tiedman, and Pastor Rob.

**Secretary's Report** was given by Donna. Dan T made the motion to accept the report with Daryl S making the second. Motion was passed.

**Treasurer's Report** was given by Daryl. January and February apportionments have been paid. Ending balance as of today is \$23,202.53. Motion to accept the report was made by Jill N with Wayne M making the second. Motion passed.

### Old Business - None

**New Business** \*SPRC: Pastor Rob will be gone March 12 & 19. Pulpit will be filled by Joyce S and Bruce Wittern of Clear Lake.

\* Parsonage: Parsonage went to the Board of Adjustments for a waiver of the parking issue. We will pursue a single-family rental. Ad. Co. will need to approve due to income decrease. Jeff Bauman contacted Dave Imler that the parsonage is zoned as R2, so it is a multi-family building. Casino will pay \$1,000/month for the 4 people they have currently. This is \$800 less than was budgeted. We are waiting for the City Attorney to approve what is proposed. Property taxes are \$842 + insurance. We are unsure where we will be as a church. We need to go back to the congregation. Trustees need to meet and bring back a new proposal. We need definite numbers for income and expenditures. Jill N made the motion that we need to get clarification in writing from the City Council; Trustees will take that information and come up with a revised proposal. Daryl S second the motion. The motion was amended by Jill N and second by Daryl S to include that part one of the motion include definite occupancy regulations, parking regulations, and how the property can be used. Motion passed. Dave I will contact Young Construction and Young Plumbing and Heating to stall their part of the improvements.

\*Disaffiliation: If we are interested in leaving the UMC, we need to have a letter to the conference by June 30, 2023, to start the process. Conference will get back to us with what is required by August 15, 2023. The vote needs to be August 16-September 30, 2023. David T stated that we need to go through the process so that the congregation has a say in the decision. Asbury meeting on March 1. Pastor Rob will explain our choices. We will decide what is needed to be done from that point. The videos will be shown after church services in the Fireside Room for anyone that would like to see them starting February 19. Daryl and Joyce Sherman will be responsible to showing them.

Rob ended the meeting with prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 7:05, moved by Dan T, second by Scott N. The next Ad. Co. meeting will be 2/26/23, after church. The parsonage will be the only item for discussion, Respectfully submitted, Donna Lair, Ad. Co. Secretary.



# Northwood United Methodist Church Council Minutes

(Unapproved) **Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 10 am**

The Northwood United Methodist Church Council met on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Members present: Nancy Mathahs; Pat Mathahs; Dean Mueller; Joanne Steinmetz; Pastor Rob Lanphere; Terry Steinmetz; and Karen Abrahams. Sandy Olson on facetime and Bobbi Hooks on speaker phone.

Nancy, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Bobbi gave devotions from the March 31, 2022 Upper Room Devotional on Generosity Matters.

Motion by Terry; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean to approve the Church Council Minutes from January 19, 2023 Church Council meeting after these corrections. Treasurer's Report balance should be \$13,384.18 not the \$13,382.88 as printed. Also Pat Mathahs was not listed in attendance at the last meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Karen; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy to accept the Treasurer's Report working balance the end of January of \$13,077.46. Bank balance end of January of \$28,754.45. Motion carried.

SPPRC Report: Joyce Sherman and Bruce Wittern will be the pulpit supply for March 12<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> when Pastor Rob is gone. They received the All About Eyes Annual Evaluation Report to be completed on the Pastor and Congregation at their April meeting.

NOW Report by Bobbi: Tami thanks for the prayer shawl and the prayers in her back surgery recovery. Bobbi has received a collection of old cars, trucks and vans from Dave's sister (she had recently passed away). They will be on display at the Northwood Post Office in Memory of Dave's sister.

UWF Report by Joanne: They will meet on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Trustees Report by Pat: Motion by Terry; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen to accept the Trustees Report with a balance of \$16,250.22 after paying North Central Mechanical Systems of \$12,834.12 and Larsen Plumbing and Heating of \$173.95. Motion carried.

Old Business: Church repairs on hold.

New Business: Ash Wednesday services at Asbury at 5:30 p.m. on February 22, 2023.

Pastor's Report: 1) Pastor Rob will put an article in the March newsletter describing the disaffiliation process. 2) Nancy will contact Jeff Greve regarding a legal opinion about the disaffiliation process and property/other assets. 3) After the 3/2 informational meeting at Northwood UMC, a written straw poll of professing members will be conducted to indicate whether or not there is an interest in pursuing a formal vote for disaffiliation. 4) Pastor Rob will make a video synopsis of the issues associated with the disaffiliation. It will be posted on YouTube and Facebook as well as be available for viewing during the 3/5 potluck.

A check for the Alliant rebate of \$960.00 was written to the Trustees for the updated energy efficient lights in Wesley Hall. The money was initially deposited in the General Fund.

The next meeting date is 3/9/23 at 10 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Karen Abrahams, Church Council Secretary

**Northwood Sunday Schedule**

10:45 am Worship Service-N

11:45 am Fellowship

**Asbury Sunday Schedule**

9:00 am Worship -A

10 am Fellowship

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 Regular Schedule Confirmation Retreat	6	7 10 am Swallow Coffee House LM 5pm Worship mtg-A	8	9 7pm Pub Theology	10 10am Bible Study at NWD	11
12 Regular Schedule	13	14 10 am Swallow Coffee House LM	15	16	17 10am Bible Study at NWD	18
19 Regular Schedule	20	21 10 am Swallow Coffee House LM	22	23 7pm Pub Theology	24 10am Bible Study at NWD	25
26 Regular Schedule	27	28 10 am Swallow Coffee House LM	29	30	31 10am Bible Study at NWD	

**STAFF PARISH PASTOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

If you have concerns or compliments regarding the church, please talk to Pastor Rob

**ASBURY UMC****2022**

Joyce Sherman

David Taft

Richard Schwarm

Scott Nelson

Lynn Lair

**NORTHWOOD UMC****2022**

Mike Bode

Bobbi Hooks

Dean Mueller

John Greve

Nancy Mathahs

**Church Attendance**

Worship	<u>N</u>	<u>A</u>
Jan 22	21	41
Jan 29	19	82
Feb 5	22	50
Feb 12	25	62
Feb 19	28	
Feb 26		

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

## Asbury

- 2 Vivian Kvale
- 2 Charise Schwarm
- 6 Steven Lynch
- 7 Rylan Heath
- 8 Harriet Young
- 11 Alyssa Slattum
- 12 Samuel Erdahl
- 14 Shirley Carlson
- 15 Sarah Heath
- 19 Noah Irons
- 20 JJ Grotewold Schipper
- 20 Betty Vold
- 21 Rock Bridges
- 21 Jill Nelson
- 23 Jean Heitland
- 25 Tremaine Thorson
- 26 Casey Tiedman
- 27 Sue Bridges
- 28 Alexander Tiedeman
- 29 David Taft
- 29 Betty Langpap
- 30 Carol Griffiths

## Northwood

- 1 Becky Johnston
- 3 Wade Fridley
- 4 Michael Godfrey
- 5 Tyce Skellenger
- 7 Kyle Stucky
- 9 Grace Skellenger
- 12 Ryan Williamson
- 16 Karen Abrahams
- 20 Wanda Citurs
- 20 Jennifer Martin
- 21 Jeff Greve
- 21 Dominic Williamson
- 22 Jared Brackey
- 26 Dae Haskins
- 27 Bradley Jaspers
- 28 Jim Meland
- 29 Lora Brown
- 29 CK Christianson
- 30 Kenneth Nitcher
- 31 Richard Patterson



**MARCH**  
BIRTHDAYS



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**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:

send the information via email  
**northwoodUMC@msn.com**

## ASBURY MEMORIAL ACCOUNT

As of 12/31/2022

*Joyce Imler Account	\$2,013.00
* Don Grotewold Account (kitchenette)	3,755.00
* Doris Grotewold Account (kitchenette)	2,265.00
"Dennis Gudmonson (undesignated)	435.00
*Undesignated Account	2,261.93
January Interest	.46
Total	2,262.39
GRAND TOTAL	\$10,730.39



**Please pray for these:**

Sue Mannes, Harlan  
Levorson, Neil Schrieber,  
Myra Greve, Dave  
Voorhes, Jerry Robertson,

Joan Kvale Christian, Carole Yocom, our  
military and their loving families, the  
unemployed, Iowa UMC Cabinet and Bishop.

## In Our Thoughts...

### Lake Mills Care Center...

Carol Griffiths

Harlan Levorson

### NWD Lutheran Retirement Home...

Becky Johnston

Wanda Citurs

Norma Kay Martinson

Rick Low

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

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**Life** is not about waiting  
for the storm to pass..  
It's about learning to..  
*Dance in the Rain*



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