



INSPIRATIONS 2020

Pastor's Page

Greetings:

I hope all of you are well and have been able to adjust to these changing times. We are in an unprecedented time and with all of the information that comes out everyday it is like trying to get a drink from a firehose. Every pastor in this country has had to make decisions and heed advice from denominational leaders and mayors, governors, health organizations, etc. It has been frustrating not being able to meet together in person but I know that even in these most trying times – some good will come out of this. For instance, it has made people reset their priorities, we have been able to live out caring for your neighbor, and it has given people pause to stop and think about their faith (or lack thereof). In all these things God is still sovereign and when it seems like hope is short supply – on Christ the solid rock I stand!

In order to meet the changing needs of our congregations, we had our first ever online only church service on March 22nd. It went very well and we will continue to have a livestream of the service(s) even after we can come back together in person. Here is the information to connect with the services in case you missed any of them. There will be a live broadcast at Asbury at 9am on Facebook Live. Go to Asbury Lake Mills Facebook page to view. Then immediately after the service, it will be posted on Northwood's Facebook page and added to the website, www.asbury-northwoodumc.com and look under the recorded sermons tab.

I also encourage you to reach out to each other and a great way to do this is to think of the 3 or 4 people who sit in the pews next to you. Reach out to them in some way each week and stay connected. Know that I am praying for all of you and if I can do anything to reach out please let me know. My number is 641-525-0871 or email: rob.lanphere@gmail.com.

Lastly, by not meeting in person also means that there is no offering being collected. During this time, please remember your church and continue to support it financially. You can mail your offering to the church or if you bank online, add the church as a payee. Here is the mailing address of each church:

Asbury UMC

PO Box 4

Lake Mills, IA 50450

Northwood UMC

PO Box 104

Northwood, IA 50459

Blessings and stay safe,

Pastor Rob

Food for Thought

**Postponed until
further
notice**



April 2020 Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 Julie Ritter Sawyer Schipper Brad Grotewold Michelle Paulsen	2 Parker Rogstad Hallie Erdahl Drew Wilder Amanda Low	3 Kelli Lair Gail Creco Andy Grunhovd Shari Sietsema	4 Chloe Ostrander Tiffany Tiedemann Michael Steiff	
	5 Brett Peterson Tim Akemann Bradley Christianson	6 Tracy Doyle Mick Tiedman Joyce Arnold	7 Bruce Burdick Kayla Hanna Jessica Grotewold Schipper	8 Paul Heitland Trent Tiedeman Jan Wright Bernice Estes	9 Ryan Mary Teresa Halvorsen- Bjork John Greve	10 Scott Nelson Carol Yocum Matthew Heitland Gabrielle Fridley	11 Mona Levorson Amy Christenson Lillian Smith Dan Low
	12 Bridgett Burdick Raven Budach Fran Lawhorn	13 Trace Christenson Quinn Cole Christianson Tavi Christianson	14 Jenny Thompson Toni Erdahl Toni Roberts	15 Aidan Benny Jackie Imler Thomas Burdick	16 Sara Nelson Rebecca Dahn Hengesteg Myra Greve Gregg Olson	17 Neal Skellenger Larry Wright Cassie Johnson	18 Joyce Sherman Michael Bode Carl Jaspers Jr
	19 David Imler Lavonne Hartman Patrick Mathahs	20 Robin Fredericks Marge Barber Sarah Madson	21 Tracie Walser Harvey Patterson Terry Steinmetz	22 Taylor Kramer Craig Slattum Lindsey Meland Ariah Bode	23 Bill Skellenger Eric Redinger Liberty Paulsen Kale Bode	24 Graham Redinger Dale Jones Betty Chapin	25 Ruth Hermanson David Olson Deb Wagner Mary Christianson
	26 Vicki Eden Betty Angel Chad Stucky Nathan Wilder	27 Kaylene Erdfahl Wayne Mannes Penny Robb Karen Hove	28 Jerry Robertson Jessi Mary Marge Low Hannah Slattum	29 Lance Fridley Josua Walker Jean Arrett Patricia Smith Sue Ostrander	30 Wendi Skellenger Les Mammen Jeannie Vorland Ben Mannes		

Asbury United Methodist Church

Administrative Council Minutes

(Unapproved) **Tuesday, March 10, 2020 5:30 pm**

The ADCO meeting was called to order by chairperson, David Taft with the following in attendance: Pastor Rob, Daryl and Joyce Sherman, Pastor Jerry and Betty Robertson, Donn Lair, Brad Grotewold and Harriet Young. Donna gave the devotions.

The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was given stating the ending balance as of 3-10 was \$9,187.45. Daryl also reported that the apportionments have been paid thru March.

Joyce reported from the SPRC committee that Bobbi Bendickson is going to serve as chairperson. She also reported that the church needs to form some sort of disaster recovery program. There needs to be some sort of information regarding the keys to the church so it can be locked for certain needs. Also, some sort of folder on whom to contact for electrical work, plumbing, and elevator in case of emergencies.

Betty reported from the UMW and stated that it will operate as in the past as Char Hanson has come forth to serve as chairperson.

Pastor Rob reported that the seder meal will be served on April 8th at 5:30. Maundy Thursday service will be at Northwood on April 11th at 7 p.m.

Pastor Jerry reported that UMCOR Sunday will be March 22nd with a video shown. National Day of Prayer will be held on May 7th at 7:00 am. at Word of Faith church. On May 9th is the stamp out hunger day. The Sacrificial Breakfast will be held on April 9th at 9:30 am.

Communion was discussed. It was decided that disposal cups would be used. Pastor Rob to use sanitizer before serving the bread.

Brad made a motion that the computer used for church service needs to be replaced. He is going to check on the replacing cost. Motion seconded by Jerry. Brad also stated that the memorial money from Don be used to install a kitchenette in the room behind the double doors upstairs. He is going to check on cost. Motion was approved by Harriet and seconded by Donna.



The next meeting will be held on May 5th at 5:30. Betty to give the devotions.

Meeting adjourned.

Harriet Young, recording secretary

ASBURY – WHERE HAS THE MEMORIAL MONEY BEEN DESIGNATED?

- * Imler Account \$2,013.00
- * Don Grotewold Account 10.00
(kitchenette)
- * Undesignated Account
\$2,077.86
- Wayne Roberts 10.00
- Interest .16 Total \$2,088.02
- *GRAND TOTAL \$4,111.02

March 29, 2020

We are all adjusting to many new things these days and times are a bit crazy and stressful. Who do we listen to? How do we get the things we need like groceries and medicines? How do we maintain contact with our loved ones? These are just a few of the challenges we are adapting to. God is here with us and there is evidence of his love and care everywhere even as we physically distance ourselves from one another. We hear about social distancing daily but, I prefer to think of it as physical distance because I have made an effort to talk to those, I care about more than I did before the days of Covid-19 and am not socially distant at all. Let's try to make physical distance our goal and emphasize and increase our social distance. Think about those we sit near in church, have you talked to them lately? I would urge all of you to call three people you know from church and ask them how things are going for them every week.

Many prayers are needed as well, for our church family, for those who are sick, for the health care workers, first responders, law enforcement, truckers, people who are keeping our grocery stores and pharmacies open, government, public health, and many others who are putting themselves in harm's way to help us all. I urge you to pray and thank all these heroes.

Many changes have occurred at church too. We are delivering our church service by Facebook Live, on our website, and through Zoom conference calling. There are also weekly check-up conversations through Zoom. We will be holding meetings via Zoom as well. Included in this newsletter we have directions on how to access these services. The church is not holding any meetings or activities at this time. Just like the line in the hymn We Are the Church, the church is not a building the church is its people. We are including a "How to Access Services Direction Sheet with this newsletter.

Just so you know Northwood is still delivering Meals on Wheels, Manna of Worth County is open and offering curbside pickup, and Fallgatter's will deliver your groceries if you can't get out.

The council has met and has decided there will be no services or activities at the Northwood United Methodist Church until further notice. Once it is safe for us to gather again, we will resume in person services and activities. At that time, we will celebrate Easter. On Palm Sunday we will have virtual communion. Jesus used common everyday food so your elements may be the same. Bread, cracker, any juice or liquid you chose. During this time, we have committed to keeping our staff on payroll. We urge you to remember your giving and send your contributions to Northwood United Methodist Church 1000 1st Ave N. P. O. Box 104, Northwood, IA 50459 direct deposit your contributions to Northwood United Methodist Church. The office phone is checked and calls and emails are being returned. Pastor Rob is available by phone or email as well.

Stay well, stay home, and talk to your people on the phone or by computer. We are the church.
Bobbi Bendickson, Council chair

Northwood Sunday Schedule

10:45 am Worship Service-N

11:45 am Fellowship -N





**Asbury Sunday Schedule**

9:00 am Worship -A

10:00 am Fellowship -A

10:00 am Sunday School-A

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Joan Kvale Christian
Shelly Skellenger
Ed Monson
Carole Yocum

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

In Our Thoughts...

Lake Mills Care Center...

Carol Griffiths

Lillian Smith

Good Shepard Mason City...

Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood...

George Kesler

Norma Kay Martinson

Nancy Whitesell

Jane McMullen

Sandy Nitcher

Bernice Estes

Rick Low

Wanda Citurs



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

2020

Betty Robertson

Joyce Sherman

David Taft

Donna Lair

Richard Schwarm

NORTHWOOD UMC

2020

Bobbi Bendickson

Mary Christianson

Mike Bode

Dean Mueller

John Greve

Church Attendance

Worship	N	A
Mar 1	40	71
Mar 8	21	51
Mar 15	Online	
Mar 22	Online	
Mar 29		

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

Asbury

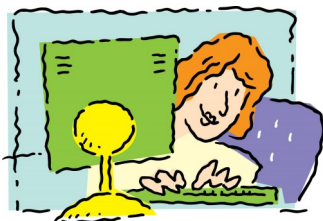
- 1 Hallie Erdahl
- 3 Andy Grunhovd
- 4 Tiffany Tiedemann
- 6 Mick Tiedman
- 9 Joyce Arnold
- 9 Jessica Grothewold Schipper
- 13 Faith Gambell
- 13 Jeremy Rogstad
- 14 Vernon Vold
- 14 Lillian Smith
- 14 Matthew Heitland
- 16 Bridgett Burdick
- 17 Raven Budach
- 21 Trace Christenson
- 22 Quinn Cole Christianson
- 22 Tavi Christianson
- 25 Toni Erdahl
- 25 Krista Mary
- 25 Toni Roberts
- 26 Thomas Burdick
- 27 Cassie Johnson
- 28 LaVonne Hartman
- 29 Tyler Burdick

Northwood

- 5 Jill Rothove
- 5 Bradley Christianson
- 6 Marissa Williamson
- 8 Charles Hove
- 11 Teresa Halvorsen-Bjork
- 12 Gavin Paulsen
- 13 Bernice Estes
- 13 John Greve
- 13 Shane Paulsen
- 14 Lillian Smith
- 16 Kelly Akemann
- 18 Kristen Brown
- 19 Lynne Schaub
- 21 Chance Haskins
- 25 Robin Fredericks



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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

Northwood UMC ATTN Newsletter
PO Box 104, Northwood IA 50459

**time to
UPDATE**



**Have you disconnected a land line in favor
of your cell phone?**

Do you have a new address?

**Has your email changed
or do you have a new one?**

Please let the office know!

We are finding many of the numbers listed in our directory are no longer in use and most address changes are because your newsletter was returned with a new forwarding address. When you are informing others of your updated info, unfortunately we are left out. Please don't forget your church when letting others know your new contact information. Thank you!

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

R E M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
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ARTICLES IS
15th of the Month**

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