



JANUARY

INSPIRATIONS 2020

Pastor's Page

Greetings:

Happy New Year 2020! I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for a great 2019 for without you, Asbury and Northwood would not exist. Also, thank you for the many prayers, gifts, and kindness given to me and my family this past year – they are very much appreciated.

I want to take a moment and look back at the highlights of 2019. Both churches were able to pay all of their apportionments – this is a good thing! As church attendance and participation is declining throughout the Iowa Annual Conference, Asbury and Northwood stand tall as a testament to God's blessings and faithfulness. So, give yourselves a big pat on the back.

The next highlight has to do with food. The mission dinners at Northwood were very successful and the one in October ran out of roast beef and sides and all that was left was large spoonful of mashed potatoes. The proceeds from these meals helped to support four missionaries. Asbury also had another wonderful Harvest Fest and had a record-breaking amount of ham balls sold and made (over 1,100 in less than an hour). I took part in this momentous occasion and it was like a well-oiled machine humming out a steady pace. Many families and friends gathered together for the Thanksgiving Community Meal and were touched by the generosity of the workers and the community for putting it together.

There were many more highlights and it would take too long to list everything...in other words – God is Good, all the Time! Here is what to expect for 2020. I believe that God is stirring the waters of momentum and has something great planned for Asbury and Northwood. Make plans to join us and be a part of what God is doing.

Blessings and a Happy New Year.

Pastor Rob

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

Lunch Food for Thought
at Main St Pizza in LM,
Wed, January 8 at Noon

January 2020 Prayer Calendar

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			<p>1</p> <p>Julie Ritter Sawyer Schipper Brad Grotewold Michelle Paulsen</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Parker Rogstad Hallie Erdahl Drew Wilder Amanda Low</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Kelli Lair Gail Creco Andy Grunhove Shari Sietsema</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Chloe Ostrander Tiffany Tiedemann Michael Steiff</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Brett Peterson Tim Akemann Bradley Chris- tianson</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Tracy Doyle Mick Tiedman Joyce Arnold</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Bruce Burdick Kayla Hanna Jessica Grote- wold Schipper</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Paul Heitland Trent Tiedeman Jan Wright Bernice Estes</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Ryan Mary Teresa Hal- vorsen-Bjork John Greve</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Scott Nelson Carol Yocum Matthew Heitland Gabrielle Fridley</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Mona Levorson Amy Chris- tenson Lillian Smith Dan Low</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Bridgett Burdick Raven Budach Fran Lawhorn</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Trace Chris- tenson Quinn Cole Christianson Tavi Chris- tianson</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Jenny Thompson Toni Erdahl Toni Roberts</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Aidan Benny Jackie Imler Thomas Burdick</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Sara Nelson Rebecca Dahn Hengesteg Myra Greve Gregg Olson</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Neal Skellenger Larry Wright Cassie Johnson</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Joyce Sherman Michael Bode Carl Jaspers Jr</p>
<p>19</p> <p>David Imler Lavonne Hart- man Patrick Mathahs</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Robin Fredericks Marge Barber Sarah Madson</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Tracie Walser Harvey Patterson Terry Steinmetz</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Taylor Kramer Craig Slattum Lindsey Meland Ariah Bode</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Bill Skellenger Eric Redinger Liberty Paulsen Kale Bode</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Graham Redinger Dale Jones Betty Chapin</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Ruth Hermanson David Olson Deb Wagner Mary Chris- tianson</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Vicki Eden Betty Angel Chad Stucky Nathan Wilder</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Kaylene Erdahl Wayne Mannes Penny Robb Karen Hove</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Jerry Robertson Jessi Mary Rev Shirley Hoff- mann Will Marge Low</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Lance Fridley Josua Walker Jean Arrett Patricia Smith</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Wendi Skel- lenger Les Mammen Jeannie Vorland</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Ben Mannes Sue Ostrander Hannah Slattum</p>	



Asbury UMC - LM December Mission Opportunities

There is still time for persons or families who donated to any one of the December Local Mission Opportunities [Toys for Tots, Operation Christmas Clothes, LM School Special Needs Fund, Hat & Mitten Tree] at Asbury UMC and who would like the church to receive credit for the value of the gift(s) donated on the churches giving to mission report may give the monetary value amount of the gift(s) to Rev. Jerry Robertson by **January 10th**.

A DAY FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN – SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH

“Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God’s children.” – Matthew 5:9, CEB

How does community outreach, social justice and work with at-risk youth live out this beatitude? What additional things can we do to act as loving, caring children of God? By celebrating **Human Relations Day** on **January 19th**, the Sunday before the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday and by receiving a special offering. Human Relations Day calls for us to recognize the right of all God’s children to realize their potential. Your gifts allow The United Methodist Church to strengthen outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth. Please give generously! Thank you! Asbury UMC Mission Committee.



Asbury UMC – January Noisy Offering

Floods. Freezing temperatures. Drought. Earthquakes. Tornadoes. Hurricanes. A month where the finances just don’t add up. It doesn’t take much for our normal lives to totally derail. Church World Service (CWS) blankets help families get back to track when they need it the most. Through your gifts to the January noisy offering, you stand alongside someone who may be facing some of their darkest hours to provide warmth, comfort and critical housing.

Dear Asbury UMC, Thank you from our Global Health Family to Yours! When you gave to The United Methodist Church’s Abundant Health Initiative, you did something truly significant. Your gift supported vulnerable people around the world. At this time of giving thanks, I am writing to share just one story of the impact of your generosity. Meme is a young pregnant woman from a small Liberian village. She had no access to prenatal care...Meme was encouraged by Abundant Health Community Health Workers to visit the Weala Clinic, an hour’s walk from home. This United Methodist Health Facility has recently been renovated, equipped and staffed with trained healthcare providers. It offered Meme the welcome, services and care she needed. Since 2016 the Abundant Health Initiative has reached 727,900 persons, including Meme and her baby. Thank you. These interventions would not be possible without your help. We look forward to continued partnership with you in the year ahead. Dr. Graciela Salvador-Davila, Director, Global Health Unit. [A card and the complete letter is posted on the bulletin board in the north hallway.]

Asbury’s Annual Valentine Spaghetti Meal- Saturday, February 15th 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Asbury UMC is hosting their annual “Valentine Spaghetti Meal” to support camperships for children, youth and adults who wish to go to a United Methodist Camp this summer. The Italian dinner menu includes: spaghetti and meat balls with sauce, French bread, relish, a beverage and ice cream Sundaes. The cost of the meal is: adults - \$8, children 12 and under - \$4 and children 3 and under – Free. Take outs are available by calling 592-4484 before February 15th, or by calling Asbury UMC at 592-1106 on the day of. Everyone is welcome, so come and enjoy a great Valentine’s Day meal on Saturday, February 15th at Asbury UMC in Lake Mills.



Church Camp

REGISTRATION FOR IOWA UNITED METHODIST CAMPS IS NOW OPEN

The 2020 Iowa United Methodist Camp registration is now open and programming has been developed to offer a summer of friendships, faith building at Lake Okoboji and Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat Centers. Visit our Conference website (<https://www.iaumc.org/camps>) to view the catalog and register online. Or if you love flipping through that hard copy catalog, copies

THANK YOU!

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

Thank you for helping to make the Community Thanksgiving meal a success. The use of your site is appreciated. Thanks Thrivent.



Terry & Joanne Steinmetz who attended Ruth Robb's 90th birthday celebration

MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER THANK YOU

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ at Asbury UMC

Thank you for your generous donation of the hygiene kits and school kits at the Iowa In-gathering. Each donation is a blessing God uses to bless you and others. Your donation will leave Midwest mission and be a practical example of God's love in the world to the "least of these." The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40 (NIV).

It is due to your generosity and partnership with Midwest Mission that we can touch so many lives for Christ around the world and around the corner. Thank you so much for blessing others through the ministry of Midwest Mission!

Yours in Christ, Chantel Corrie Executive Director

HEIFER PROJECT THANK YOU

Dear Faith Partner,

As we come to the end of our 75th anniversary year, I wanted to take a moment to sincerely thank you for your trust and fellowship with Heifer. In turn, your support has blessed thousands of families. May your congregation be favored in the light of his unending love and bring you harmony and happiness.



With peace and goodwill, Pierre U. Ferrari President and CEO



Work on the siding of the church has been completed at Asbury





The Bode Family decorating the tree at Northwood UMC

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The women of Northwood UMC made 62 quilts to bring warmth to those in need.

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Youth Christmas Program at Asbury UMC



The Youth of Asbury UMC went on a shopping trip for toys to donate to Toys for Tots

Dec 22 was Christmas Sweater day at Asbury

Northwood United Methodist Church

Council Minutes

(Unapproved) **Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 10 am**

Members present: Pastor Rob; Bobbi Bendickson; Wade Bendickson; Nancy Mathahs and Karen Abrahams.

Bobbi called the meeting to order.

Christmas Gifts were discussed for Pastor Rob; Ona and Karen Hove. Motion by Nancy; 2nd by Karen to give \$200.00 to each of them. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes as presented.

Treasurer's report given by Nancy. Motion by Karen; 2nd by Wade to pay the apportionment payments through the end of the year. Motion carried.

Discussion of voucher system for donations made to the church.

Discussed investment of bequest given to the church. Need more information from other investment companies before a decision is made.

Report by Wade on energy efficiency in the church.

Tabled until February meeting: Selling of the church; building a new building and safety procedures in the church.

Discussion held on our ministry in the church.

Pastor's Report: Discussed Pub Theology in Northwood and Lake Mills. Discussion on Kid's club.

Meeting adjourned by Bobbi.

Attention all



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.

Asbury United Methodist Church

Administrative Council Minutes

(Unapproved) **Sunday, December 22, 2019 8:30 am**

ASBURY SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

The ADCO council at Asbury called a special meeting to finalize two items of business before year end. The meeting was held at 8:30 a.m. prior to worship service.

Parsonage: Anne Skellenger has rented the parsonage. There is considerable clean-up that has to be done before she can move in. Brad Grotewold made a motion that she be given December and January rent free for labor that she will have to do. She was given permission to charge for supplies at Singelstad Hardware for what she needs. Bills must be signed by her to be paid. She will start paying rent as of February 1st in the amount of \$500.00 per month. Joyce Sherman seconded the motion. Approved and carried.

Siding: Payment to Young Construction once final invoice is received for materials and labor for new siding and other improvement projects which included window and roof repair and new eaves and down spouts. Treasurer, Daryl Sherman gave a review of payment options which could be utilized for final payment if funds are needed. A motion by Daryl Sherman to use the interest only from the Shawhan Trust fund and the Willis Trust fund, and if needed funds from the parsonage account, which would be reimbursed at a later date. Motion seconded by Brad Grotewold. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADCO members present were Chairperson David Taft, Pastor Jerry and Betty Robinson, Daryl and Joyce Sherman, Brad Grotewold and Harriet Young.



Harriet Young

Recording Secretary

ASBURY – WHERE HAS THE MEMORIAL MONEY BEEN DESIGNATED?

Imler Account \$2013.00
Undesignated account
\$1,832.53 .16 interest for
Nov.

Luella Bolstad Memorial
\$380.00 Transferred to siding
fund per family request

Iowa United Methodist Foundation Scholarship Information

The IUMF goal is for all United Methodist students to have the opportunity to apply for these scholarships and assist them as they continue their education. Each of our school year scholarships will have an individual application indicating all required application criteria. The student must complete one set of application documentation for each scholarship for which they apply.

For more information on IUMF Scholarships go to: <http://iumf.org/scholarships/>

The Iowa United Methodist Foundation offers thousands of dollars in scholarships every year to students who demonstrate academic and community excellence. We offer:

High School Senior Scholarships for graduating high school seniors

Non-Methodist College Scholarships to all students of the church

United Methodist College Scholarships for students who will be attending United Methodist colleges

United Methodist Seminary Scholarships to students following the call to join the ministry

Westmar College Scholarships for students who will attend or are attending United Methodist colleges in Iowa

There are also other scholarship opportunities available through the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and United Methodist Higher Education Foundation that the Iowa United Methodist Foundation participates in.

Scholarship applications are open December 1 – March 1 annually. All applications and required documents, such as essays, references, and transcripts can be submitted through the online portal. The link to the online portal will be available December 1.

Our Sympathies to:

The family and friends of
Winona "Winnie" Hennigar
who passed on December
13th.

The family and friends of Lillian Smith who
passed away on December 27th.



David Tiedman
Shelly Skellenger
Ed Monson

Joan Kvale Christian
Edith Baumeister
Dave Hooks
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...

Ivan Olson Winona Hennigar

Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood...

George Kesler
Norma Kay Martinson
Nancy Whitesell
Jane McMullen

Sandy Nitcher
Bernice Estes
Rick Low
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)

Northwood Sunday Schedule

10:45 am Worship Service-N

11:45 am Fellowship -N

**Asbury Sunday Schedule**

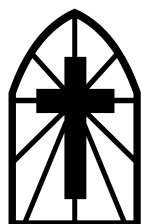
9:00 am Worship -A

10:00 am Fellowship -A

10:00 am Sunday School-A

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

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5 Regular Schedule	6	7	8 Food 4 Thought 8am Bean & Bistro-N 12pm Main St Pizza-A 2pm Rachel Circle -A 7pm Esther Circle	9	10	11
12 Regular Schedule	13	14	15 Nwd Kids Club 3:20-5:15pm	16	17	18
19 Regular Schedule	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Regular Schedule	27	28	29 Nwd Kids Club 3:20-5:15pm	30	31	



SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NORTHWOOD

2020	5-Jan	12-Jan	19-Jan	26-Jan
Scripture Reader		Margie Barber		
Ushers	Jack & Margie Barber	Jack & Margie Barber	Jack & Margie Barber	Jack & Margie Barber
Coffee Servers	Karen Hove & Karen Arhart	Mary & CK Christianson	LeAnn & Glenn Steiff	Kathy Voorhes & Bobbi Hooks
Communion Steward	Joanne Steinmetz			

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

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	<u>N</u>	<u>A</u>
24-Nov	38	60
1-Dec	27	61
8-Dec	?	76
15-Dec	joint 121	
22-Dec	36	88
24-Dec	27	129
29-Dec	33	39

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

Asbury

- 1 Brad Grotewold
- 3 Gail Greco
- 7 Kayla Hanna
- 8 Trent Tiedeman
- 10 Carol Yocum
- 14 Jenny Thompson
- 15 Jackie Imler
- 16 Rebecca Dahn Hengesteg
- 18 Joyce Sherman
- 23 Sue Ostrander
- 26 Vicki Eden
- 27 Betty Angel
- 27 Jessi Mary
- 30 Wendi Skellenger
- 31 Hannah Slattum

Northwood

- 1 Michelle Paulsen
- 3 Shari Sietsema
- 4 Michael Steiff
- 5 Tim Akemann
- 8 Jan Wright
- 10 Gabrielle Fridley
- 16 Gregg Olson
- 18 Carl Jaspers, Jr.
- 20 Sarah Madson
- 22 Harvey Patterson
- 23 Terry Steinmetz
- 24 Betty Chapin
- 25 Mary Christianson
- 27 Lance Fridley
- 29 Joshua Walker
- 30 Jean Arrett

Thank you to the congregation and UMW for the gifts at Christmas. They are much appreciated and I am very blessed to have a job I enjoy doing. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! Ona VanHeiden

Thank all of you, congregation & UMW for the gifts at Christmas.

Karen Hove

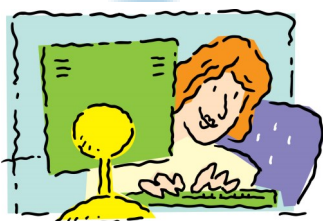


Year End Paperwork

It is that time again, we have year end statistics requiring membership numbers for the congregation, Sunday School and UMW. We need income and expenses. Forms will be sent to chairs to assist the office in completing these reports.

Please turn all required paperwork for auditing into the Auditors or church office by Jan 15th. You will need to submit only the following items : Bank Statements, Checkbook or savings book

The auditor does not need any other paperwork. Thank you



The Newsletter Team
WANTS YOU!

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:

send the information via email
northwoodUMC@msn.com

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**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

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ARTICLES IS
15th of the Month**

or mail to

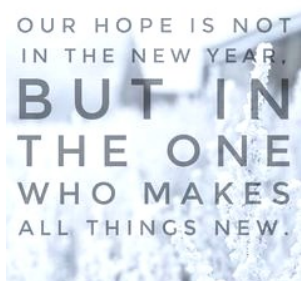
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