



INSPIRATIONS 2019 *Pastor's Page*

Greetings:

The letter for this month is an invitation to attend a sermon series I will be preaching in October titled, The God You Can Know. I have been wanting to do this series because in talking with people, they find the Old Testament hard to understand. It is as if there are two different Gods in the Bible, the God of the Old Testament that gets angry and punishes the Israelites and their enemies and the God of the New Testament that is more about love and compassion. Other questions that have arisen are, why does the Bible seem to contradict itself, is the Old Testament relevant to Christians and if God is in control of everything then why do bad things still happen? It is my goal to answer these questions and others, so make plans to join us on Sundays in October.

Here is a sampler of what I will be talking about. Science vs. the Bible. Many people think that because they believe in science then the Bible must not be accurate or that the Bible disproves scientific theories and understandings. I say they both work together and it is impossible to understand one without the other. Here is the teaser for week 1 - 10 Dimensions. I would encourage you to look up the scientific understanding of 10 Dimensions before coming to church on October 6th. When trying to comprehend String Theory and the origin of the universe, the mathematical equations only make sense if we live in a universe of 10 Dimensions. What are the known dimensions: length, width, height and time. These are the four we see and know exist - what are the other 6 and how does this relate to the Bible and Christianity? You have to come on Sunday and find out.

You, LORD my God!

You've done so many things—

your wonderful deeds and your plans for us—

no one can compare with you!

If I were to proclaim and talk about all of them,

they would be too numerous to count!

Psalm 40:5

Pastor Rob

Breakfast Food for Thought

at the Bean & Bistro in Northwood

Wed, October 9 at 8 am

Lunch Food for Thought

at Teluwat in LM,

Wed, October 9 at Noon



October 2019 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 Grote-wold Schipper	8 Paul Heitland Trent Tiedeman Jan Wright Bernice Estes	9 Ryan Mary Teresa Hal-vorsen-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 Rev Shirley Hoffmann Will Marge Low	29 Lance Fridley Josua Walker Jean Arrett Patricia Smith	30 Wendi Skellenger Les Mammen Jeannie Vorland	31 Ben Mannes Sue Ostrander Hannah Slattum	

Where has the memorial money been designated?

Joyce Imler Fund

\$2,863.00

— 850.00 WEBSITE

\$2,013.00 BALANCE

Vernon Vold

\$590.00

\$590.00 (Transferred to Church

Siding Fund

D.J. Skellenger Fund

\$645.00

-19.46 Replace broken Carafe

- 80.00 Check refrigerator

-641.99 Replace refrigerator (96.23 transferred from Undesignated fund)

Sidney Kvale Memorial Fund

\$2,410.00 (This has been transferred to the Siding Fund)

-\$ 2,348.65 - Keyboard (From Frank Dahn and undesignated memorials)

-\$331.06 - Bunn Coffee Maker for Kitchen

-\$546.93 - TV Church use

-167.94 - Lamp for piano – The one there was missing

-73.37 - Light and Tray for keyboard

To-date the balance in the Imler Fund is \$2,013.00

To-date the undesignated balance is \$1,944.21

If anyone has any questions the checkbook for the memorial fund is open for you to see. Harriet Young



Member New Address
Ruth Ann and Leroy Patch
3061 FM 251
Bloomburg, Tx 75556



Thank You

Thank you for choosing me to be your next custodian. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. Email mineas.as@gmail.com or phone (641) 590-2068.

Anne Skellenger

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, we remember that we are part of the whole body of believers, whether communion is shared in a grand cathedral or a mud hut. On this Sunday, United Methodist's affirm our diversity in Christ with an offering for World Communion Sunday. The special offering provides World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program. Will you give generously on World Communion Sunday to make education and a vocational impact possible, because of your giving on World Communion Sunday, education, the most powerful tool to change the world is in your hands.

Mission News – October 2019

I want to extend a big thank you to everyone who helped with the Mission Dinner on September 22nd. Thank you for helping set tables and peel and cut potatoes, carrots and onions on Saturday. Thank you for the salads and desserts and beet pickles that you so kindly donated. Thank you for helping prepare, serve and clean up on Sunday. Thank you for attending and enjoying fellowship. Everyone's contribution makes for a successful dinner. I believe that we served close to 70, plus two take-outs.



Unfortunately, we ran out of roast beef, carrots and onions; and so had to turn a few people away. Our profit for the dinner was \$647.00, which will be split up among four missions that we support.

Thank you for your generous support of our Mission Dinners!

One month remains before the Mission Ingathering – Saturday, November 2nd, I'm including the lists for school, hygiene and layette kits. Lists are also available on the kit displays in Wesley Hall.

Student School Kit (Midwest Missions)

- 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

For school kits, we could use many of all items.

Hygiene Kit (UMCOR)

- 1 new hand towel (15" X 25" up to 17" X 27")
- 1 new washcloth
- 1 large, **sturdy** comb (at least 6 inches of teeth)
- 1 toenail or fingernail clipper – no emery boards or metal nail files
- 1 bath sized bar of soap in wrapper (3 oz or larger); No Ivory or Jergens
- 1 new adult size toothbrush in original sealed wrapper
- 10 adhesive bandages (3/4" by 3") common household bandages acceptable
- 1 one-gallon size re-sealable bag

For hygiene kits, the items we are most in need of are:
Hand towels
Soap
Nail or toenail clippers

Layette Kit (Midwest Missions)

- 6 cloth diapers
- 2 gowns or sleepers
- 2 diaper pins – must have protective plastic closures
- 2 receiving blankets – 28" x 28" to 32" x 32" (no crib blankets)
- 1 sweater, sweatshirt or jacket – must open from the front,
May be hand-knitted, crocheted or sewn
- 2 undershirts or onesies
- 2 infant size washcloths (no adult washcloths)

For layette kits, the items we are most in need of are:
Gowns or sleepers
Diaper pins

Thank you to each of you who has signed up to work at the Share Shop!

Northwood United Methodist Church

Council Minutes

(Unapproved) **Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 10 am**

Members present: Pastor Rob; Dean Mueller; Sandy Olson; Karen Hove; Betty Chapin; Nancy Mathahs; and Karen Abrahams.

Nancy called the meeting to order and gave devotions.

Minutes of the July 23, 2019 council meeting were read by Karen A. Motion by Betty; 2nd by Karen H. to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Endowment: Dean discussed the difference between an Endowment Fund and an Investment Portfolio on our bequest investment. After more research on an investment portfolio, Dean will have more information at our next meeting on October 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Energy Audit and Information on building mechanical systems to cut expenses tabled until the October meeting.

Reviewed and discussed "State of the Church" draft letter to the congregation. Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 3 p.m. is the date set for the congregational meeting to discuss the State of the Church.

Reviewed and discussed the 2020 salary recommendations from the SPPRC Committee. Sandy made the motion and seconded by Betty to accept the salary recommendations, motion carried. Salaries for 2020 are as follows: Pastor Rob from \$43,850 to \$45,250; Ona from \$12,200 to \$12,550. These 2 salaries are shared equally with Asbury, Lake Mills. Karen Hove's salary for Northwood \$9,650 to \$9,900.

An amendment to the 2019 Form I for Housing Exclusion will be presented at the charge conference to be held at Northwood with Asbury on Sunday, September 29, 2019 at noon with a potluck.

Brainstorming on Bequest Expenditures was tabled.

Pastor's Report: Discussed a Kid's Life Program and Pub Theology.

Trustees Report: 2 estimates for the Exit Lights and ground fault plugs. One from Northwood Electric and one coming from Lupkes Electric.

Betty reported that she had made visits to our shut-ins.

Adjournment by Dean.

Karen Abrahams, Council Secretary

Health Notes ... by Betty Chapin,

Health Ministry Coordinator



October... Breast Cancer Awareness Month

According to my list of National Health and Wellness Observances Calendar, there are many special things to observe during October. Where they come up with some of these ideas is beyond me (such as Vegetarian Awareness Month). But the one possibly best known is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. That one has been long-standing as we all know, is well publicized and is especially dear to my heart in many ways from being a two-time victim of breast cancer. Also, as an "old nurse," I worked with the local program to advance and promote free or reduced cost breast cancer screening for women who qualified. That service still exists locally through the statewide "Care for Yourself" program. Contacting a local public health agency or asking a physician is the first step for someone who has questions or needs help to obtain these life-saving screenings. According to the website, there are several other health areas included in various aspects of that program now.

As always: Don't forget to get your annual mammogram according to age-related guidelines. Early detection of breast cancer is the key to saving your life. Monthly breast self-exams and awareness of changes in our bodies is also extremely important in maintaining good health. It never hurts to ask a provider or nurse questions.

HAVE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY OCTOBER



Our Sympathies to:

The family and friends of Dan Low who passed on September 4th

The family and friends of Anna Mae Taylor who passed on September 6th

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.

In Our Thoughts...

Lake Mills Care Center...

Carol Griffiths

Lillian Smith

Good Shepard Mason City...

Ivan Olson

Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood...

George Kesler

Norma Kay Martinson

Nancy Whitesell

Jane McMullen

The Pines— Winona Hennigar

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**

		1 7pm Joint SPRC at Northwood	2 10am UMW-N 2pm Rachel-A	3 9:30 am Naomi- A	4	5 UMW Annual Meeting in Des Moines
6 Regular Schedule	7	8	9 Food 4 Thought 8am Bean & Bistro-NWD Noon-Teluwat- LM	10 10am Council Meeting-N	11	12
13 Regular Schedule	14	15	16	17	18	19 Fall Mission U at Marshalltown
20 Regular Schedule	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Regular Schedule	28	29	30	31		



SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NORTHWOOD

2019	6-Oct	13-Oct	20-Oct	27-Oct
Scripture Reader	Sandy Olson	Bobbi Hooks		Betty Chapin
Ushers	Ck & Mary Christianson	Ck & Mary Christianson	Ck & Mary Christianson	Ck & Mary Christianson
Coffee Servers	Nancy & Patrick Mathahs	Betty Chapin & Karen Arhart	Kathy Voorhes & Melinda & Hannah Lanphere	Mary Christianson & Robin Fredericks
Communion Steward	Bobbi Hooks			

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>
18-Aug	29	72
25-Aug	30	51
1-Sept	39	47
8-Sept	33	52
15-Sept	31	57
22-Sept	39	71
29-Sept	31	

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

Asbury

- 1 Sawyer Schipper
- 5 Chloe Ostrander
- 5 Brett Peterson
- 7 Bruce Burdick
- 8 Paul Heitland
- 8 Ryan Mary
- 10 Scott Nelson
- 11 Amy Christenson
- 16 Sara Nelson
- 23 Craig Slattum
- 23 Bill Skellenger
- 27 Wayne Mannes
- 28 Jerry Robertson

Northwood

- 2 Amanda Low
- 12 Fran Lawhorn
- 20 Marge Barber
- 21 Tracie Walser
- 23 Arianah Grace Bode
- 23 Kale Aiden Bode
- 25 Dale Jones
- 25 Deb Wagner
- 27 Karen Hove
- 28 Marge Low
- 31 Jeannine Vorland



Save the Date!!!

Asbury's Annual Harvest Festival will be held Saturday, November 9th

Bake Sale will run from 10:00-1:00
Serving of our traditional ham balls, chicken gravy, with all the extras will run from 10:30-1:00 at \$8 per person

Welcoming our congregation, neighbors, and friends.

Let the tradition continue.

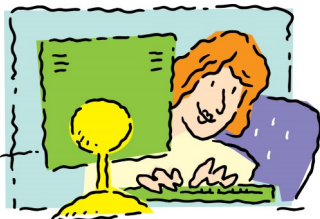


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October 15th**



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641.324.1557

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your articles for
upcoming church events!*

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send the information via email
northwoodUMC@msn.com

or mail to

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God 
is like an unsharpened pencil ...
there is no **Point**



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