



INSPIRATIONS 2022

Pastor's Page

Greetings:

This year Easter is about as late as it can be and it got me to thinking – why does Easter always change from year to year. Sometimes it is in early March and other times like this year, near the end of April – as opposed to Christmas which is the same day every year. The answer has to do with the Gregorian Calendar and the full moon. The vernal equinox occurs on March 21st on the calendar. The first full moon after the vernal equinox determines the date for Easter as it will be the following Sunday after this full moon.

That answers the question of why Easter moves around but what about all of this business with the equinox and the phase of the moon? Jesus celebrated the Passover with his disciples before his arrest. The date for the celebration of Passover is determined by the first full moon following the vernal equinox. That is why Passover always falls in the middle of Holy Week. Another connection Christians celebrate in remembrance of our Jewish roots and tradition. If you want to learn more on this subject I would encourage you to do an internet search – lots of interesting stuff.

Now I want to list our plans for Ash Wednesday and Lent. Ash Wednesday service will be March 2nd at Asbury. Meal starts at 5:30 with the service to follow. Starting the following will be a Lenten study on the Gospel of John. This is a study by Adam Hamilton and will be led by Joyce Sherman. There will be a meal each week at 5:30, followed by the study at 6pm at Asbury. This study will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel. The study will run the next six weeks after Ash Wednesday. I encourage everyone to join us in this study. Please contact myself or Joyce to get a book and the livestream can be found by going to YouTube.com – search Asbury -Northwood United Methodist Church – then look for the live event. It is important that you type that whole thing in the search because there are many Asbury and Northwood United Methodist Churches.

Blessings as we start another Lenten journey.

Pastor Rob

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March 2022 Prayer Calendar

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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

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.

Remember 7 days without God makes one weak!



Reading Plan - Chronological

Read the Bible in the order that the events happened.

1-Mar	Isaiah 64-66	16-Mar	Jeremiah 32-34
2-Mar	2 Kings 20-21	17-Mar	Jeremiah 35-37
3-Mar	2 Chronicles 32-33	18-Mar	Jeremiah 38-40; Psalm 74, 79
4-Mar	Nahum 1-3	19-Mar	2 Kings 24-25; 2 Chronicles 36
5-Mar	2 Kings 22-23; 2 Chronicles 34-35	20-Mar	Habakkuk 1-3
6-Mar	Zephaniah 1-3	21-Mar	Jeremiah 41-45
7-Mar	Jeremiah 1-3	22-Mar	Jeremiah 46-48
8-Mar	Jeremiah 4-6	23-Mar	Jeremiah 49-50
9-Mar	Jeremiah 7-9	24-Mar	Jeremiah 51-52
10-Mar	Jeremiah 10-13	25-Mar	Lamentations 1; Lamentations 2; Lamentations 3:1-36
11-Mar	Jeremiah 14-17	26-Mar	Lamentations 3:37-66; Lamentations 4; Lamentations 5:1-22
		27-Mar	Ezekiel 1-4



Please pray for these: Bailee Johnson (guidance and wisdom), Steve Smith (heart operation), Jane Christianson, Jerry Robertson, Joan Kvale Christian, Shelly Skellenger, Carole Yocom, our military and their loving families, the unemployed, Iowa UMC Cabinet and Bishop.

In Our Thoughts...

Lake Mills Care Center...

Carol Griffiths

Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood...

Wanda Citurs
Rick Low

Norma Kay Martinson
Nancy Whitesell
Jane McMullen

(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)

In Mission Together Report 2021 Asbury UMC Report

In Mission Together encourages United Methodist Churches to prayerfully support United Methodist Missions on local, conference, national, and international levels, through giving sharing relationships, to fulfill Matthew 25 ("Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me.") and Matthew 28 (Go into all the world and make disciples.)

In Mission Together involves relationships in shared ministries with people, programs and/or projects. Partnering may last a few days or continue for many years.

**Required giving: Did your church pay conference apportionments? Yes; ;Did your church take special offerings: Yes
Did your church pay District Askings? Yes. Did your church contribute to United Methodist Missionaries? Yes..**

FINANCIAL GIVING: Suggested giving goal is \$3/member for local, conference, national and international categories for a total of \$12/member. **Asbury UMC has 151 members for a total of \$453/per category or a total of \$1,812.**

1.FINANCIAL GIVING

Local Giving: (Goal:\$453.00)

Toys for Tots= \$150.00

LMCS Crisis Needs Fund =\$500.00

LM Food Shelf = \$150.00

LM operation Christmas clothes= \$248.00

Asbury Mitten & Cap Tree= \$108.00

Total Local Giving:(\$1,156.00)

Conference Giving (Goal: \$453.00)

Women at the Well = \$407.09

District askings= \$700.00

Conference Apportionments =\$10,331

Neighbor Helping Neighbor=\$194.00

Ia. UMC Camperships= \$255.00

Total Conference Giving=\$11,887.09

National Giving (Goal:\$453.00)

Tree of Life Ministries=\$777.62

Ingathering: Student Kits= \$1,892.00

Ingathering layette Kits =\$900.00

Ingathering Personal Dignity Kits=\$325.00

Sewing Kits = \$98.00

Personal Dignity Kits (Cash) = \$90.00

Shipping Cost (Cash)= \$334.00

Human Relations Day Offering= \$105.00

World Communion Offering= \$95.00

Native American Day Offering=\$160.00

Peace with Justice Day Offering = \$81.00

UM Student Day Offering =\$143.00

UMCOR Sun. Offering = \$334.00

U.S. Disaster Relief = \$400.00

Total National Giving= \$5,734.62

International Giving (Goal=\$453.00)

Heifer Proj. International=\$165.35

Mobility Worldwide (PET) = (\$300.56)

International Giving continued:

Self Help International =\$237.96

Katherine Parker UM Missionary=\$368.00

EFCA Cressmann's Local Missionary-Africa=\$1,300.00

Ingathering CWS Blankets =\$135.37

Porvenir Clean Water Nicaraguans = \$239.14

Maaben Flood Relief =\$200.00

UMCOR International Disaster Relief = \$700.00

Kids Against Hunger= \$365.00

Total International Giving = \$4,011.38

Total Membership Goal= \$1,812.00

Total financial giving all goals=\$22,789.09

2. Serving In Relationships/Partnering

Local Serving In Relationship Partnering:

Name Projects & Amount of Time & People Serving & People served

LM Food Shelf: Hrs.165; 3People serving; 1,203 people served

LM Summer Lunch Program: 60hrs; 14 people serving &1,087 people served

Community Thanksgiving Meal:130 hrs;

31 people serving & 339 people served

Salvation Army Bell Ringers: 4hrs; 1 person serving

Elder Care chauffer; 26hrs; 1 person serving & 3 people served

Meals on Wheels Driver: 41 Hours; 1 person serving; & 348 people served.

School Pen Pale: 12hrs; 1 person serving; & 1 person served

Local Serving Relationships/Partnering Totals: Hrs.= 438

Persons serving= 52 people served =2,981

Conference Serving Relationships/Partnering:

None

National Serving Relationships Partnering:

None

Since 1990, El Porvenir has worked side-by-side with rural families and schools in Nicaragua to construct wells, latrines, village washing facilities, school hand-washing stations as well as support reforestation projects. Nicaragua is the second poorest country in the Western hemisphere. In a country where 45% of rural people have no safe drinking water and 47% of the forest cover has disappeared over the last 50 years. EP's water, sanitation, and reforestation programs are a critical way to improve the living standards of the rural poor while conserving environmental resources.

Sunday March 27, 2022



As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to respond with extravagant grace. Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) we are able to make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. This offering understates UMCOR's "cost of doing business," allowing UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go towards that project and not administrative cost.

*The special offering envelope for UMCOR Sunday will be provided in the bulletin on Sunday morning, March 27th. 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 27th the Asbury Mission Committee invites you to enclose your gift for this offering in the offering envelope and mail in a regular envelope to Asbury United Methodist. **Let's make a difference, together on UMCOR Sunday, March 27th***



The offerings above are offerings that help meet our yearly donations to the Iowa United Methodist Conference "In Mission Together". The 2021 In Mission Together Report is found on another page of this Newsletter. A special thanks to the congregation of Asbury United Methodist Church for all the generous offering results to meet our In Mission Together 2021 goals.



Rev. Jerry E. Robertson was awarded the 2021 United Methodist Women's Special Mission Recognition Pin by the UMW's Unit of Asbury United Methodist Church. The pin was presented in absentia at his home on Wed, February 9th 2022 by Joyce Sherman the Asbury UMW representative. Locally Rev. Robertson has been supportive of the UMW and assisted with the planning of the UMW 150 year celebration including a play. He served as Camp Ambassador and on Asbury's Mission Committee both since 2013 and on the Iowa UM Conference District Committee on Missions for Matthew 25 Grants since 2015 as well as the Conference and District Committee's on Institutional Ministries/Missions and as a Volunteer and most recently Director/Treasurer of the Lake Mills Food Shelf. Congratulations, Rev. Jerry.



UMW– Northwood

The Northwood UMW will meet six times in 2022: April 6, May 4, June 1, September 7, and October 5. The plans for a December Meeting are not finalized. The meetings will be in Wesley Hall at 10 am. There will be coffee, business happenings, devotions, and fellowship.

We Have received recognition as a Five Star Unit for 2021. This has been our goal for many years. Can we do it again? We have historically been a Five Star Unit. Do you have names for a mission recognition pin or a mission memorial?

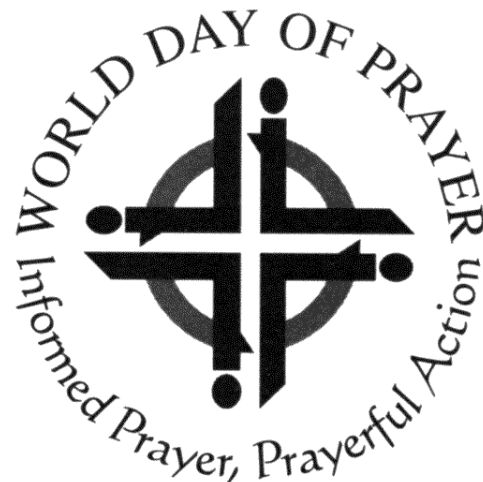
Thank you to all who helped with Geneva Patterson's and Fran Lawhorn's funerals. Many hands make the task lighter.

Thank you to those who have donated to the InGathering. Thank you for donations of fabric, sheets and throws to the quilt project. Quilts were delivered to area agencies and some were sent on the semi to Kentucky. The UMW mission is nurture and support women and children spiritually and physically. Take care and God bless!

World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 4, 2022

At Bethlem Lutheran Church, Manly at 1:30 pm



Northwood United Methodist Church

Council Minutes

(Unapproved) **Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 9:30 am**

Present: Terry Steinmetz; Nancy Mathahs; Karen Hove; Joanne Steinmetz; Pastor Rob Lanphere and Bobbi Hooks by phone

Terry, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:52 a.m.

Devotions were given by Bobbi on speaker phone.

Minutes of November 11, 2021 meeting read by Joanne as secretary protem. Motion to approve by Nancy, a second by Karen. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report given by Nancy stating balance of 15,016.98. Motion by Rob, 2nd by Joanne to acknowledge report. Motion carried. 2021 apportionments paid.

SPRC committee had no report. Next meeting scheduled for April.

NOW committee had no report. Next meeting schedule for April

Pastor's Report: A Bible Study on Romans will begin January 26 at 7pm on ZOOM and be recorded for later viewing. February 21 Rob will have interviews for commissioning on ZOOM; for interviews with lots of preliminary items (papers, bible study, and recommendations). Ash Wednesday, March 2 will have a meal at Asbury and a study. Session will be recorded and available on YouTube. Church services will be in Wesley Hall until Palm Sunday. Potluck for February 13 being planned.

UMW: Joanne thanked those who helped with Fran Lawhorn funeral, 18 quilts were sent on semi going to Kentucky for tornado victims. UMW will meet in April

Trustees: CD's coming up for renewal. Pixley-Bottleman on 3/16/22. Contact Jeff about rates. Are these with IA Methodist Builders. Checkbook balance is 23,877.78. Bills payable from Northwood Electric, Margie Barber for bookkeeping software and Federal Fire Equipment.

Council ask auditing committee for copy of fund balance report.

Laptops have been received and software installed

Motion made by Karen for Terry and Nancy to switch jobs. Motion seconded by Bobbi. Motion carried

Information points: Sound system hopefully here before Easter. Copy machine lease up for renewal. Nancy authorized to sign. Sanctuary wall needs repair. We should walk thru building with Trustees

Next Council meeting to be held March 17, 2022 at 10 am

Terry motion to adjourn at 10:35

Joanne Steinmetz Council Secretary Protem

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	M	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 10 am Swallow Coffee House LM 5:30 pm Ash Wednesday at Asbury	3	4 10am Disciple- ship Journey Nwd	5
6 Regular Schedule	7	8 5:30 pm Asbury AdCo Mtg	9 10 am Swallow Coffee House LM 5:30 pm Lenten Study at Asbury	10 7pm Pub Theology	11 10am Disciple- ship Journey Nwd	12
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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**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>
30-Jan	23	36
6-Feb	20	33
13-Feb	25	28
20-Feb	25	44
27-Feb	25	

***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
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 Jordan
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

ASBURY MEMORIAL ACCOUNT

As of 12/31/2021

*Joyce Imler Account	\$2,013.00
* Don Grotewold Account	3,755.00
(kitchenette)	
* Doris Grotewold Account	2,265.00
(kitchenette)	
*Undesignated Account	2,256.32
December Interest	.44
Total	2,256.76
GRAND TOTAL	\$10,289.76

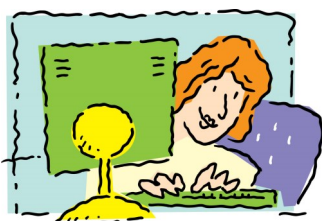


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MARCH
BIRTHDAYS



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