Pastor’s Message

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” Galatians 5:22-23 (CEB)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, we recognize the abundance in our lives. I am so thankful for the opportunity to serve as the pastor at Asbury and to engage in this loving community.

The Asbury leadership team is in the process of reading “The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations” by Bishop Robert Schnase. One of the chapters addresses “extravagant generosity” as a sign of vitality in a local church. Schnase writes:

“Vibrant, fruitful, growing congregations thrive because of the extraordinary sharing, willing sacrifice, and joyous giving of their members out of love for God and neighbor... They view giving as a gift from God and are driven to be generous by a high sense of mission and a keen desire to please God by making a positive difference in the world.”

How does your giving reflect the value of your church in your life? Are you aware of the ripples that are created on the corner of Route 129 and Old Post Road South that move the light and love of Christ into the world? What are the memories and associations that come to mind when you think about your relationship with Asbury? When we stop and think about the ways that the ministries of this church transform body, mind, and spirit, we see that we are indeed blessed with a faith community that makes an impact in our own lives and in the world.

I ask you to be in prayer for how you will commit to supporting Asbury with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness in the coming year. Be intentional about how you budget your financial support to this faith community. As you do, I pray that you experience joy in giving to a church that is vibrant, fruitful, and growing.

Peace,

Pastor Melissa
“Men Growing in Christ so Others May Know Christ”
ASBURY CROTON ON HUDSON UNITED METHODIST MEN’S FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION

ACOHUMMFA

NOVEMBER, 2015

Saturday (8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. sharp)
19 Old Post Road So., Croton on Hudson

NOVEMBER 7

Set up and serve Artesian Fair Luncheon
NO MEETING NOVEMBER 14, 21, 28

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Weekly Readings (15 min/day) for personal devotions (BIBLE in a year challenge):

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Intercessory Prayer:
Asbury COH Church Families: U-V

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EVENTS THIS MONTH:
11/1, ALL SAINTS DAY
11/11: Veteran’s Day
11/22 CHRIST THE KING/REIGN OF CHRIST/BIBLE SUNDAY
11/26: Thanksgiving Day
11/22: CHRIST THE KING/REIGN OF CHRIST
11/29 United Methodist Student Sunday

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More info: Stu Colby call or text 914-330-4104 or ACOHUMMFA@aol.com
Partners in Men’s Ministry

A bi-monthly e-mail letter from agency officers and staff to leaders of United Methodist Men

October 8, 2015

Click here to view the full newsletter with expanded articles.

Bishop James Swanson Sr. says, following Christ has always been about becoming and not doing. It is out of our being that we do. If it is only doing, it is, at best charity. It is in our being that transformation takes place.

Gil Hanke invites you to join him in a “fast” this week: choosing not to partake in negative comments on any subject. Instead, he asks us to “feast” on the good news of redemption and the transformations that occur all around us.

Dan Ramsey draws upon his 30 years of experience as a Houston police officer to talk about the emotional and spiritual damage to police officers and how helpful Strength for Service to God and Community is to these community servants.

Larry Coppock expresses appreciation to the 300 people who are serving as scouting ministry specialists who help local churches expand their ministry to young people through Scout troops and other youth-serving agencies.

Jim Boesch says everyone worships something or someone. If the object of their worship is not God, they engage in behavior that is prideful and fearful. He encourages men to help others focus on God as the antidote to the pride and fear that consumes them.

Mark Lubbock encourages men to reach out to the more than 40 percent of male church members who do not attend worship services by using an interest finder and then designing programs to meet their needs.

Our newly re-designed website provides opportunities to respond to each of these letters.

Also, catch up on the latest news and opinions at the Facebook of UM Men.

Expand the ministries of Strength for Service by purchasing material from a Home Depot store. The General Council on Finance and Administration provides step-by-step instructions. Do not try to register your credit card at a store.
Earring Making Workshop – Great Fun and Fellowship!

Asbury UMW, coordinated by Doris Daubney, sponsored a fun night of making earrings last week. Joan Lloyd from Yorktown brought all of the supplies and taught the class. About a dozen of us gals made over 100 pairs of earrings. Half of the earrings were returned to Joan, who then sends them all over the country to battered women’s shelters. Another 40 will be for sale on the Asbury crafts table at the November 7 Holidays Artisan Fair.

DINNER CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who joined us and participated in our first Dinner Church the Saturday evening before the Run Against Hunger. About 50 people attended the service.

We would like to have this kind of service again when an event would make this format the appropriate form for a service.

If you have any ideas about this format please speak with Pastor Melissa or Gloria Laemmel, Worship Chairwoman.

Spiritual Gifts Class

Discover your unique spiritual gifts and explore how they can be used to strengthen the ministries of our church in a Spiritual Gifts Class taught by Certified Lay Servant, Carol Merante.

Classes will meet Mondays beginning with a light supper at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 8:30 p.m. on November 16, 23, 30 and December 7. Please let Pastor Melissa know if you will participate so that we can order the books for you.
COME WORSHIP WITH US

November 1  All Saint’s Day and receiving of new members

November 8  Mission Sunday, guest speaker, John Calhoun, Missionary, currently serving as Mission Advocate for the Northeastern Jurisdiction

November 15 Consecration Sunday, Asbury’s Stewardship Commitment Sunday. Guest speaker, David Malloy from the General Board of Global Ministries with luncheon following the service

November 22 Giving Sunday – presentation of funds to the organizations that receive the donations from the Run Against Hunger.

November 29 First Sunday of Advent

Thanksgiving Interfaith Service

Please plan to attend the Thanksgiving Interfaith Service on Sunday, November 22, at 5:00 p.m. at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, 137 North Division Street, Peekskill. This is a great opportunity to come together with other faith communities in the area and praise God with one voice.

Pastor Melissa is one of the faith leaders participating in the service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Calling all parents and members! Teachers and class assistants are needed!

Please contact Cathy Adlesic or Jodi Hanlon if you would like to help teach on Sunday morning.

Christmas is coming! We are getting ready for the Christmas Eve Children’s Service! Please notify Cathy Adlesic or Jodi Hanlon if your child wants to participate!
ARTISAN’S FAIR

On Saturday, November 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Twenty exciting vendor booths, our famous Asbury bake sale and a delicious chili luncheon (11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) will delight your day and shorten your shopping lists. Prepaid orders for Asbury’s tins of holiday cookies will be taken starting at the fair.

The $15.00 decorative tins will contain two dozen of six old-fashioned Christmas cookie favorites for your family or for gifting. Samples of cookie tins can be viewed at the fair.

Returning vendors include – Terry Lebioda, Tom Simone, Brigid Faranda, Claire Collins

Come again on Saturday, November 28 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. or Sunday, November 29 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to shop for gently used and new Christmas decorations. We need donations of your unneeded decorations for this special holiday sale. Unpurchased treasures will be placed in Asbury’s spring tag sale. Call Barbara Whipple (271-5095) for decorations pick-up or bring your contributions to church through November 27. Hopefully we will each take home decorations that will be the start of new traditions in our homes or add sparkle and enchantment to our wrapped holiday gifts.

Orders for Asbury’s holiday cookie tins will be taken through December 6. See Barbara Whipple to place your prepaid order. Make checks payable to “United Methodist Women.” The cookie pick-up will be on December 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the music room. Come early to have the most choices of beautiful holiday tins designs.
Hurricane Sandy Recovery

Nearly three years after Hurricane Sandy tore through the New York City area, there are still homes and businesses in need of repair. Pastor Melissa spent three days in Brooklyn with District Superintendent Sears and other pastors from the Metropolitan District.

She worked with a team to clean out a man’s basement apartment that had been damaged from more than five feet of flooding. Pastor Melissa shared, “After removing the trash, we began the process of pulling out the kitchen and bathroom fixtures and wood paneling that were growing mold. Another team came to begin the rebuilding process so that the man can finally return to his home.

As we sorted through photographs and other items of sentimental value, the man said how thankful he was to have the assistance because he has wanted to tackle it but didn’t know where to begin. When he shared with us that other organizations had promised to help him but we were the only ones who had followed through, I realized that it was not only the physical repairs that we were responding to, but we are also providing a ministry of presence. I look forward to bringing a team from Asbury to Brooklyn for meaningful mission with our neighbors.”

THE HISTORY CORNER

Have you noticed the sign on the front of the old parsonage? It says “Wesley House”.

The Asbury Trustees, with the approval of the Ad Board, felt a name was needed for the building instead of just referring to it as “the old parsonage”. They wanted the name to say to us and the community of Croton that this is a place that is part of our church, where we and others can gather to have meetings and other small events. Of course, it was named Wesley House in honor of the founder of the Methodist movement, John Wesley.

Wesley House was the church parsonage from the late 1880’s until 1964 when the house at 71 Grand Street became the parsonage. After the pastor’s move to the “new parsonage” Wesley House was divided into a second floor apartment and a first floor office space for an insurance agency and later a law firm. When the parsonage was at Wesley House it also served as the pastor’s office, and often Sunday school classes were held in the basement. The present nursery school playground was the back yard, and the brick front section of the first floor was a covered porch.
# ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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### Benevolences Paid:

- One Great Hour of Sharing: $529.00
- Human Relations Day: $205.00
- Native American Awareness Day: $323.00
- Peace With Justice: $297.00

Please keep your pledges up-to-date. The Fall is the time of year when our big bills start coming in and I would like to be able to pay them on time.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn A. Hansen
YOU ARE INVITED

To Grow

Spiritually and Support

Our Ministry and Mission

By Attending Service

On Consecration Sunday

Immediately Followed By

The Celebration Luncheon

NOVEMBER 15th

Thank You in Advance for Coming to Consecration Sunday
Asbury UMC 2015 Calendar of Events

Sundays

9:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday school in the music room
10:00 a.m. - Worship service in the sanctuary with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month
10:00 a.m. - Children’s Sunday school (starting in sanctuary and moving to the classroom after children’s message)
11:15 a.m. - Coffee hour in the social hall following worship on second and fourth Sundays of the month

Ongoing Happenings

8:30 a.m. - ACOHUMMFA meeting - Every Saturday
9:00 a.m. - Book Group - Second Saturday of each month
9:00 a.m. - UM Women’s Group meeting - Third Saturday of each month
10:00 a.m. to noon - Cortlandt Food Pantry - Every Saturday (area near kitchen, entrance via playground)
10:00 a.m. - AA meeting - Every Saturday (classroom on lower level)
6:00 p.m. - Prepare and deliver meal to Jan Peek House - Second Sunday of each month
12:00 p.m. - Prepare, deliver and serve lunch at Peekskill Salvation Army - Third Monday of each month
7:30 p.m. - Board of Trustees meeting - Second Wednesday of each month

11/1 - All Saints Sunday
11/7 - Holiday Craft Fair
11/15 - Stewardship Sunday
11/22 - Run Against Hunger Awards
11/26 - Thanksgiving
11/29 - UM Student Day Offering
11/29 - First Sunday of Advent

December

12/1 – Admin Council mtg
12/10 – Charge Conference, 7 pm – All members encouraged to attend.
12/24 - Christmas Eve (Thursday)
12/25 - Christmas

CROTON COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The semi-annual Interfaith Croton Community Blood Drive will be held at Croton Harmon High School, Sunday, December 6, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact your representative, Peggy DeGasperis at 271-3156.
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