

Circuit Rider

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CIRCUIT RIDER JUNE 2017 Pastor's Message

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Last month I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Festival of Homiletics in San Antonio, TX. It was kind of like "preacher camp." I spent five days with 1,800 preachers hearing lectures and sermons and soaking in the wisdom of some amazing pastors and theologians. Here are some quotes (paraphrased based on my notes) from some of them. Please let me know if you would like to learn more about any of these preachers or do a book study:

"Our pastoral task is to walk people into the fissure in honesty and out of the fissure into hope. We must bear faithful witness without expressing despair. The church must be honest about what is being lost and hopeful about what is new through God."
Walter Brueggemann

"Even in the midst of chaos there are moments of shalom. Our words can share that shalom . . . create a new world." Rob Bell

"Mercy and generosity don't make the news. The 24 hour news cycle makes it seem like violence is all there is. Evil might have the news cycle but it doesn't have the victory. It doesn't get to steal our joy." Nadia Bolz Weber

"People of faith should be at the forefront of dismantling mass incarceration and privatized prisons." Otis Moss III

"Jesus preached on location. The Bible doesn't say that Jesus sat in his office and tweeted all day." Adam Hamilton

"When we ask 'when did you last feel the workings of the Holy Spirit' what we mean is 'when were you last conscious of the Spirit of Life?' Barbara Brown Taylor

"Tell the truth with courage. It's our job to turn a theological lens to what is happening in the world." Amy Butler

"We were given permission to organize a movement for justice in our baptism and our ordination." Brian McLaren

"Want to experience Jesus? Go where Jesus is on the border, in prisons, at the margins." Will Willimon

"In the boring mundane of hauling water we encounter the divine when Christ crosses the border." Grace Imathiu

"People cannot have sanctuary if they cannot fully be who they are . . . We are called not only to create sanctuary but be sanctuaries." Bishop Yvette Founder

"Every time that we think we can't breathe, Jesus shows up to breathe on us again." Barbara Brown Taylor

Peace, Pastor Melissa

TAG SALE 2017

Congratulations Asbury! Putting together this year's tag sale had many obstacles, but you stayed the course, filled in for those who had to step aside, and were ready to welcome customers on Saturday, April 29. God blessed us with a beautiful spring day and in the end you raised \$6,600.00 to help defray our operating expenses and to continue our mission in Christ's name. Thank you to the following members of Asbury and friends who made the Tag Sale possible:

Cathy Adlesic, Jeannette Altamura, Marilyn Bovone, Adam Bovone, Kanna Bovone, Noah Bovone, Nancy Calandra, Ruth Caragine, Carmen Cataldo, Marc Caterino, Conor Caterino, Lena Cheng, Janet Colby, Stu Colby, Inga Colbran, Sarah Corrigan, Doris Daubney, Don Daubney, Peggy DeGasperis, Sandy Dengler, Jean Evans, Joan Fuller, Shelia Furjanic, Bob Furjanic, Ann Gaynor, Shirley Gillis, Heather Gillis, Kaitlyn Gillis, Ricki Goe, Sammy Goe, Stevie Goe, Jodi Hanlon, Marilyn Hansen, Pastor Melissa Hinnen, Maggie Kolman-Mandle, John Kolman-Mandle, Sue Kitchen, Chuck Kitchen, Mary Lally, Pam Morrison, Janet Meyer, Barbara Parker, Chris Phelan, Sarah Phelan, Kathleen Phelan, Cynthia Plater, Beth Phillips, Nick Phillips Abby Phillips, Eli Phillips, Emmet Phillips, Tina Pershing, Doreen Picker, Linda Raccosta, Jud Ramaker, Ann Reibel, Amy Rosato, Brian Saunders, Gary Settepani, Jill Sitkin, Russ Schulze, Jane Shumsky, Larrie Sutliff, Audrey Tobin, Laurie Weisz, Mitch Weisz, Trevor Weisz, Toni Wheeler, Lea Wheeler, Bob Whipple, and all the bakers and donors. We hope we did not miss your name, if so, we are sorry, and we want you to know that your contribution was truly appreciated.

Thank you to our area chairpersons:

Linens: Tina Pershing, Shirley Gillis

Jewelry: Doris Daubney, Jean Evans

Antiques and Collectibles: Joan Fuller

Clothing: Kathleen and Sarah Phelan, Amy Rosato and Maggie Kolman-Mandle

Furniture and Outdoors: Don Daubney and Russ Schulze

Christmas and holidays: Linda Roccosta

Books: Jill Sitkin, Bob Whipple

Electronics: Marc Caterino

Toys: Beth Phillips, Kanna Bovone

Housewares: Barbara Parker

Art: Ann Reibel

Crafts: Jill Sitkin

Bake Sale: Jeannette Altamura and Jodi Hanlon

Hot Dog Stand: Stu Colby, Inga Colbran

Publicity: Cynthia Plater

Cashiers: Marilyn Hansen, Carmen Cataldo

Checkers: Barbara Parker

Early Bird: Don Daubney, John Kolman-Mandle

Clean Up: Shelia and Bob Furjanic

Office Manager and Tabulator: Lena Cheng

A very special thank you to Lena Cheng, who working with several chairpersons, has through many years kept the Tag Sale on track.

Gloria Laemmel, Tag Sale Team Chairperson



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

ACOHUMMFA

JUNE 2017 meeting dates: Saturdays June 3, 10, 17, & 24
8:00 a.m. BREAKFAST (OPTIONAL)
8:30 a.m. MEETING BEGINS 10:00 a.m. MEETING OVER

WESLEY HOUSE 19 Old Post Road So., Croton on Hudson

Monthly Topics: New Testament

ACTIVITIES:

June 7-10 ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Pathways & Possibilities The Journey of Discipleship
June 4: CROTON SUMMERFEST AWESOME HOT DOG SALE 12:00 noon -5:00 p.m.

TBD: Croton Trail Walks

June 14: Flag Day

June 28, 1703: John Wesley’s Birthday

Weekly Readings (IT’S JUST 15 min/day, WHOLE BIBLE IN A YEAR, YOU CAN DO IT!) for personal devotions:

1) 11K14-1C5 2) 1C6-1C26 3) 1C27-11C20 4) J36-P35

Intercessory Prayers:

1) Asbury Prayer Chain

2) Asbury COH Church Families: K-L

More info: Stu Colby call or text 914-330-4104 or ACOHUMMFA@aol.com

NOTE: ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE, CALL / CONTACT ABOVE TO CONFIRM

This month is John Wesley’s birthday, a time to reflect on his thoughts on the Methodist community.

“Nothing can be more simple, nothing more rational, than the Methodist discipline: it is entirely founded on common sense, particularly applying the general rules of Scripture. Any person determined to save his soul may be united (this is the only condition required) with them. But this desire must be evidenced by three marks: avoiding all known sin, doing good after his power, and attending all the ordinances of God.”

This is a community in which all who join do so voluntarily. No one has ever been forced to come to this vineyard. But if they do come, they must earnestly commit to these three commitments: avoid sin, do good according to the grace given, and use the means of grace God provides in prayer, Scripture reading, and church attendance.

In Wesley’s societies, those who joined were “placed in a class” once a week and reviewed quarterly. Wesley wrote, “If nothing is objected to him he is admitted into the Society” and continues as long as he “walks according to his Profession. If not, “either the offense or the offender (is) removed in time. “Those who refused or neglected correction were not continued in the societies. Every quarter each member of the society would be reviewed and given a validation (sometimes called a “ticket”) that entitled them to remain in the fellowship. Morning prayer was observed at 5:00 a.m. The Lord’s Supper was provided on Sunday. Wesley explained, “On Sunday evening the Society meets, but care is taken to dismiss them early, that all the heads of families may have time to instruct their several households.”

The Methodist Societies were an evangelical revival movement within the Church of England. At that time they were harassed by mobs, rioters and hooligans until civil order was restored. Wesley writes that “God stirred up the heart of our late gracious Sovereign,” George II, to order that the persecution be quelled. In response to the appeal by the elder William Pitt, the king declared in open court: “I tell you, while I sit on the throne, no man shall be persecuted for conscience’ sake.” From that time forward, the Methodists were largely “permitted to worship God according to their own conscience.”

(Excerpts from Volume 3 Pastoral Theology John Wesley’s Teachings by Thomas C. Oden)

NOTICE

The new parking permits are here. The starting date is June 1. Please see Don Daubney to pick up your permit.

IN THE GARDEN AT ASBURY

—Barbara Whipple

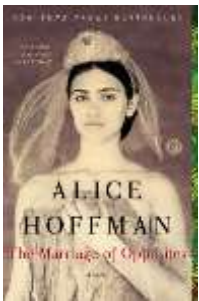
The United Methodist Women's gardening booth on Asbury's front lawn during Summerfest on June 4 will include antique, gently used and new gardening implements, flower vases and potted houseplants, herbs, and garden annuals.

Information handouts on how to promote climate justice through easy, responsible gardening choices for your home and garden will be available at the booth.

Be sure to visit!

Book Group

The Sally Read Book Group meets on the second Saturday of each month. This month we will meet on Saturday, June 10 at 9:00 a.m. in the music room. The book is *Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman. Join us! For more info, please contact Gloria Laemmel.



“ANNIE” TICKETS

—Barbara Whipple

The Westchester Broadway Theatre production of the musical “Annie” will be held on Sunday, August 6 at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$77.00 and will be on sale until July 1. Tickets include dinner, gratuity, and the show.

The evening is being sponsored by the UMW as a tax-exempt group party.

CROTON VILLAGE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 14-18, 2017

Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – noon

\$30 for one child, \$40 for two children, \$45 max, junior counselors 12 and older are free.

Hosted at Asbury:

Asbury United Methodist Church
17 Old Post Road South
Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520

Sponsored by Croton churches:

Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church
St. Augustine's Episcopal Church
Holy Name of Mary Church
Asbury United Methodist Church

Vacation Bible School Camp is open to ALL children four years and older. Invite a friend!

For more information or for a registration form please contact Lindsay Gilbert, VBS Director at 860-707-6743 or lindsaygilbert04@gmail.com.

Program - Syrian Refugee Women and Children What They Are Facing in Syria and As Refugees



Assembling UMCOR School Kits

On Tuesday evening, May 16, more than seventy-five people gathered at Temple Israel of Northern Westchester (TINW) in Croton-on-Hudson for a program focusing on plight of refugee women and families.

The event was sponsored by Empowering Women World Wide, an ad hoc interfaith coalition of Northern Westchester women from the Sisterhood of TINW, Asbury United Methodist Church, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Hudson Valley in Croton, and the Upper Westchester Muslim Society in Thornwood.

We heard from Ahd Festuk, a Syrian activist woman seeking U. S. asylum, and Victoria Lupton, a board member of Women Now for Development, which works with refugee women in Syria, Lebanon and Turkey, helping them deal with their lives and their

families' lives.

We also watched two PBS short videos which we urge you to watch.

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/war-years-lost-education-devastated-syrian-children-can-done-help/> .

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZppVE9nhsH4>

At the end of meeting we all assembled **212 UMCOR School Kits**. In June these kits will be taken to NY Annual Conference by Tina Pershing and Gloria Laemmel, Asbury's Lay Representatives to NYAC. From there the kits will be delivered to Sager Brown UMCOR Depot in Louisiana. From there they will be shipped to those in need around the world. In 2016 39,000 UMCOR school kits were distributed to Beirut [Lebanon], Amman [Jordan], Odessa [Ukraine], and Haiti. Check out UMCOR's relief supplies info at <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies> .

A special thanks to the Asbury congregation for their donation of several hundred dollars' worth of items and monies towards the purchase of the school kit items.

BOSCOBEL



We're doing it again—picnicking at Boscobel and a night of Shakespeare at the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival. The date is Friday, July 21, the play is **Twelfth Night** and tickets are \$42.00.

See Gloria Laemmel for more details.

Methodist Women



Again this year the United Methodist Women will be offering partial scholarships to those attending Methodist camps, volunteer

service projects, Mission u, and vacation Bible school. Last summer UMW gave partial scholarships to Emily Morrison and Sarah Corrigan.



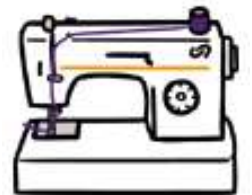
For more info, contact Barb Whipple, Asbury UMW President or Cynthia Plater, Asbury UMW Treasurer.

Pedals for Progress

Pedals for Progress is tentatively planned for Sunday, September 24 from 1:00



p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Spread the word—collection will be for bikes and sewing machines. The collection will be coordinated by the Croton Laity Interfaith Council.



For more information, go to www.p4p

2017 Asbury Operating11 - Last month
4/1/2017 through 4/30/2017

5/21/2017

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
BALANCE 3/31/2017					403.18
4/1/2017	DEP	Current Expense	April	Current Expense	15,215.00
4/1/2017	DEP	Sunday School	April	Sunday School	10.00
4/1/2017	DEP	Play & Learn	March P/R Taxes	Other Inc	2,601.27
4/4/2017	4587	Con Edison	71 Grand St., 2...	Bills & Utilities:U...	-808.37
4/4/2017	4588	Con Edison	Ed. Bldg. & Ch...	Bills & Utilities:U...	-357.87
4/4/2017	4589	De Lage Lande...	Copier Mainten...	Copier	-136.11
4/4/2017	4590	S Melissa Hinnen		Pastor's Reimb.	-562.24
				Evangelism	-79.30
				Telephone	-71.06
4/4/2017	4591	Melissa Hinnen	Pastor's Travel...	Pastor's Reimb.	-655.01
4/4/2017	4592	Upper Room	Pockets-March...	Family Ministry	-22.75
4/6/2017	EFT	S NYS P/R Taxes		State Tax	-520.96
				Wash Account	-387.19
4/14/2017	EFT	S J.P. Morgan Ch...		FICA Expense	-520.29
				Tax:Fed	-347.00
				Tax-Medicare W	-98.62
				Tax-Social Secu...	-421.67
				Wash Account	-2,214.08
4/15/2017	EFT	Vanco	Fee	Bank Fees	-5.00
4/17/2017	4593	Mary E. Breinin...	Church Sewer ...	Sewer Tax	-2,054.34
4/17/2017	4594	Mary E. Breinin...	71 Grand St. S...	Sewer Tax	-289.93
4/17/2017	4595	Verizon	#3150 & #2446...	Telephone	-124.11
4/17/2017	4596	S Staples Credit ...		Housekeeping	-288.67
				Office Expense	-66.91
4/26/2017	4597	Lena Cheng	Reimb for Post...	Postage	-49.00
4/26/2017	4598	IntelliCorp Rec...	Cheryl Wesley ...	Background che...	-31.95
4/27/2017	4599	Cash	Change for Tag...	Tag Sale	-600.00
4/27/2017	EFT	S AG Tax Services		Gross Payroll	-6,958.82
				Tax-Social Secu...	431.43
				Tax-Medicare W	100.90
				Tax:State	174.92
				Tax:Fed	348.00
4/30/2017	4600	Buchanan Petr...	Del'y. 3/1/17, 4...	Fuel	-930.28
4/30/2017	4601	Upper Room	March/April, 20...	Church Program	-55.75
4/30/2017	4602	Melissa Hinnen	"Deep Blue" El...	Family Ministry	-190.77
4/30/2017	4603	Buchanan Petr...	Church Service...	Service Agreem...	-169.00
4/30/2017	4604	The Gazette	4/2/17 Ad for "...	Evangelism	-55.00
4/1/2017 - 4/30/2017					9.47
BALANCE 4/30/2017					412.65
TOTAL INFLOWS					18,881.52
TOTAL OUTFLOWS					-18,872.05
NET TOTAL					9.47

ASBURY'S OUTSTANDING BILLS
April, 2017

NYAC	Pastor's Pension & Healthflex-April	\$1,932.69
NYAC	2017 Apportionments to be paid	\$617.00
NYAC	One Great Hour of Sharing	\$257.00
NYAC	Native American	\$360.00
Tina Pershing	School Supplies	\$45.00

\$3,211.69

Sincerely,
Marilyn Hansen, Treasurer

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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