PASTOR’S MESSAGE
NOVEMBER 2019

Unafraid
Do not fear, only believe. Mark 5:36

What are you anxious about? Finances? A health situation? Your children? There are many circumstances that can bring fear into our lives.

In November we explore the good news of Jesus Christ: God is with us. We are not alone. The love, healing and abundance of God are more than sufficient to lead us through the situations of our lives. Jesus invites us to turn from the anxieties and false promises of the world and believe in the Good News.

We begin the series on November 3 with: Good News.
The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. Mark 1:15

We have enough bad news. What is the good news? How does it impact my daily life? And what would be the steps I could take to believe and live in this good news?

Stewardship Celebration Sunday, November 17

We are launching our Stewardship Campaign in November. We will have a special speaker, Rev. Matthew Curry, for our Celebration Sunday on November 17. Rev. Curry is the Director of Connectional Ministries for the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. We look forward to his message and to our Celebration Luncheon immediately following worship.

Unafraid: The Teachings of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark

We will meet Mondays, 7:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
October 28 - December 16

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

ACOHUMMFA

NOVEMBER, 2019

8:00 a.m. optional breakfast at Frankie’s Deli
Saturday (8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. sharp)
19 Old Post Road So., Croton-on-Hudson

NOVEMBER 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Activities/Topics: Croton trails walks and study series The New Testament

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


Intercessory Prayer:
Asbury COH Church Families: U-V

EVENTS THIS MONTH:

November 2: All Saint’s Sunday: Alongside the likes of Paul from the New Testament, Augustine, Martin Luther, and John and Charles Wesley, we tell stories of the grandmother who took us to church every Sunday. We remember the pastor who prayed with us in the hospital, and the neighbor who changed the oil in the family car. We give thanks for the youth leader who told us Jesus loved us, the kindergarten Sunday school teacher who showered us with that love, and the woman in the church who bought us groceries when we were out of work. Retelling these stories grounds us in our history. These memories teach us how God has provided for us through the generosity and sacrifice of those who have come before us. The stories of the saints encourage us to be all God has created us to be.

November 11: Veteran’s Day

November 28: Thanksgiving Day

November 24 United Methodist Student Sunday

BIRD SEED SALE NOW
Pick up your order with Don Daubney. A few bags still available - See Don Daubney

ADVENT CALENDAR ON SALE NOW
ASBURY LIMITED ADDITION ORIGINAL ART - Created by Ann Reibel
Frame it, hang it, color it, send it to friends

Practice your faith in the Advent Season

More info: Stu Colby call or text 914-330-4104 or ACOHUMMFA@aol.com
Treasurer’s Report  
November 2019

We thank Ed Ruppmann, from the United Methodist Frontier Foundation for his presentation last month on personal financial planning from a Christian perspective. His presentation was excellent and a practical guide to equip our church members to earn all they can, save all they can, and give all they can, in support of Asbury’s mission to make Disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.

Fifteen people attended the seminar and 13 people completed the feedback questionnaire.

1. One hundred percent said they would recommend the seminar to a friend or relative.

2. Eighty-four percent said the seminar was very informative.

3. Most common areas of interest for follow-up are: estate planning, life insurance cost reduction, long term care, and what to do with 401K when changing jobs.

**Eight out of 13 who responded said they wish to pursue a financial plan.**

If you were not able to attend and would like information to assist you and your family in personal financial planning, let me or Pastor Doug know and we can provide material and connection with Ed to help you.

Respectfully submitted,
Stuart Colby, Treasurer  
Asbury United Methodist Church  
Croton-on-Hudson, NY
Pedals for Progress - October 6, 2019
Bike and Sewing Machine Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated bikes, sewing machines and money, and thank you to all those who volunteered.

The collection was a great success due to Croton’s spirit of community and involvement. Collected were 117 bikes, 31 sewing machines and $1,150.

The next shipment, which will include our donations to under-developed countries, is scheduled for later this fall.

FLOWERS FOR OUR ALTAR

The following dates to donate altar flowers are open through the end of the year: November 3, 10, 17, 24; December 1, 8. To donate flowers please sign up on the flower chart next to Rev. Cunningham’s office or call Gloria Laemmel at 271-8712.

The cost is $42.00 for two vases with a check made payable to Asbury UMC. If a date is taken you may order a rose in a bud vase for $9.00. Following services you may take your flowers home or ask that they be given to a member of the congregation who is hospitalized or otherwise not able to come to church. Look for the ordering form for the Christmas altar poinsettias in the December Circuit Rider.
The Sally Read Book Group meets on the second Saturday of each month. This month we will meet on Saturday, November 9, at 9:00 a.m. in the social hall. The book is *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee. Copies of the book are on reserve at the Croton Library for you to borrow.

A *New York Times* Top Ten Book of the Year and National Book Award finalist, *Pachinko* is an "extraordinary epic" of four generations of a poor Korean immigrant family as they fight to control their destiny in 20th century Japan.

*Join us.* For additional info, please contact Gloria Laemmel.
THE HISTORY CORNER

For many of us our Thanksgiving menu includes something made from corn: corn pudding, Indian pudding, corn bread, corn bread stuffing. We even use colorful Indian corn to decorate our dining table and in other places around our homes. Have you considered serving popcorn? Legend has it that the Plymouth Pilgrims enjoyed popcorn at the first Thanksgiving dinner in 1621. Chief Massasoit’s brother, Quadequina, is supposed to have contributed several deerskin bags of corn already popped. The Indians had developed several methods for popping corn—the most sophisticated one heating a layer of coarse sand in a shallow clay cooking vessel. When the sand reached a high temperature corn kernels were stirred in. While cooking they popped up to the surface of the sand. Not all corn pops. In order to pop the internal moisture of the kernel must be at least 12 %. Charred, unpopped kernels are now called “duds” and are not as common as they were in the nineteenth century when they were called “old maids.”

Holidays ‘Pop-Up’ Shop

Friday, November 29, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Wesley House
Saturday, November 30, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Wesley House
Sunday, December 1, after worship service until 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 7, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Wesley House
Sunday, December 8, after worship service until 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 14, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Wesley House
Sunday, December 15, after worship service until 3:00 p.m.

New and ‘gently used’ holiday decorations, wrappings, handmade gifts and fair trade cocoa, chocolate bars, tea and coffee will be offered for sale at a Holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year’s) ‘Pop-Up’ Shop at Asbury Church’s Wesley House (next door to the church at 19 Old Post Rd, South, Croton-on-Hudson, NY) on the weekend after Thanksgiving. Donations Welcome.
**Asbury’s Holiday Cookie Tins**

**Order yours!** Orders for the UMW holiday cookie tins will be taken starting November 29. Each decorative tin contains two dozen cookies (cinnamon stars, spicy gingerbread men, pecan delights, jam thumbprints, chocolate pixies and snickerdoodles) and is selling for $17.00. They will be available for pickup on Saturday, December 14 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and following worship service on December 15. Please contact Barb Whipple 271-5095 to order yours.

The cookie tin sale is UMW’s annual fundraiser for scholarships for mission trips and Vacation Bible School and also for special Peace and Justice projects.

This year we will be creating 75 tins. So we need bakers! Please contact Barb Whipple to volunteer.

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**RING AND SING CONCERT AND TEA**

The Asbury Bells annual Ring and Sing concert will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 8 at 3:00 p.m. After the concert a traditional English tea will be served in the social hall.

Contributions of sandwiches and cookies are needed to help make the tea the special occasion it has been in the past. If you can contribute please contact Gloria Laemmel at 914-271-8712, or sign up on the sign-up sheet on the music stand at the back of the sanctuary.

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**Calling All Shutterbugs!**

Many of you take pictures of Asbury events. Please send copies to asburycroton2@gmail.com so that they can be shared on Facebook and our website. We need to publicize Asbury to let people know what is happening! Pictures are a great way to do it.

Thanks, Cynthia Plater
Dear Members and Friends of Asbury Church,

What does Asbury mean to you? Is Asbury YOUR church? If yes, remember that ‘as members of this congregation, you pledged to faithfully participate in its ministries, by your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service.’ [Reception into the local congregation, page 38 of the United Methodist Hymnal]. Your financial support in 2020 is necessary remembering that the success of our church programming next year depends on your initiative and dedication.

November 17 is Consecration Sunday. During worship we will hear a message from Rev. Matthew Curry, Director of Connectional Ministries, NY Annual Conference, followed by a luncheon to celebrate our dedication to Asbury. Please plan to attend! At the end of the worship service you will be asked to pledge your support for 2020 by submitting an Estimate of Giving card (preview shown here). In order to plan for 2020 we need Estimates of Giving from ALL members and friends. So please plan to participate.

Please consider how much you give and try to GROW 1% in your giving. Please review the chart below. Take a few moments thinking about your family/household budget and considering how you might STEP UP your family/household’s support of Asbury. With added income Asbury can provide more programs for you and for the Croton community.

Sincerely, Cynthia Plater, Stewardship Coordinator
OPENING SOON!

**ASBURY TREASURE CHEST**

at

WESLEY HOUSE
19 OLD POST ROAD SOUTH
CROTON-ON-HUDSON

**GRAND OPENING:**

Friday, January 3, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 4, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**THEN:**

First Friday of every month 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
First Saturday of every month 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**TREASURES INCLUDE:**

- Gently used children’s clothes, toys, and books
- Household items
- Linens
- Ladies accessories: scarves, jewelry, handbags, and shoes

**DONATIONS WELCOME**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO POST FLYERS AND STAFF THRIFT SHOP**

CONTACT: JANET COLBY 914-941-3478 (home), 914-329-2694 (cell)

100% of proceeds will support the missions of
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