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The Newsletter of Asbury United Methodist Church
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PASTOR'S MESSAGE JANUARY 2020

Bishop Preaching at Asbury on January 5

We are preparing for a marvelous worship experience to begin the year on January 5, 2020. Both our expanded choir and our new praise chorus, 35 singers in all, will lead us in praising God.

Thomas J. Bickerton, the bishop of the New York Annual Conference, will preach and lead us in celebrating Holy Communion. He is a powerful preacher, and this provides us with a unique opportunity to engage with our bishop at this critical moment in United Methodist history. It's also an important time for Asbury to share with the bishop our hopes and dreams as United Methodists negotiate our future.

Following worship, there will be a luncheon and a time to share your hopes with the bishop or ask him any questions you may have. Bishop Bickerton has made clear his plan to keep the New York Annual Conference united and thriving into the years ahead.

Please invite your friends and family members to join us for this important time of worship. Happy New Year to all. May this be a wonderfully blessed year.

Doug



“Men Growing in Christ so Others May Know Christ”

ASBURY CROTON-ON-HUDSON UNITED METHODIST MEN’S FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION

ACOHUMMFA

NEW TIME!! Breakfast 9:00 a.m. at Frankie’s and Fellowship meeting 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at

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

JANUARY 2020 meeting dates:

Saturdays
1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25

Weekly BIBLE Readings (15 min/day):

Genesis 1-21, Genesis 22-42, Genesis 43-Exodus 13, Exodus 14-34

Intercessory Prayer: Asbury Prayer Chain & Asbury COH Church Families: A-B

CALENDAR EVENTS

January TBD Pancake breakfast Croton Cub Scout Pack 28 (BSA) Scout pancake breakfast

8:00 a.m. Holy Name of Mary gym

2020 LOCAL CHAPTER DUES (free will offering)

EXTRA MILE GIVING: \$45.00, EVERY MAN SHARES support of UMM global missions

PLEASE SEND/GIVE to collection plate, Adam Bovone, or Stu Colby

THANKS!!!

More info: Stu Colby call or text 914-330-4104

OPENING SOON!!!

ASBURY TREASURE CHEST

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: EVERY MONTH FIRST FRIDAY 11:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.
FIRST SATURDAY 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

100% OF PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT THE MISSIONS OF ASBURY UM CHURCH CROTON-ON-HUDSON

Contact Janet Colby 914-941-3478 (home) 914-329-2694 (cell)

Holidays 'Pop-Up' Shop

A huge thank you to all who helped the Pop-Up to be a success! That is, those who donated, staffed it, set it up and took it down, publicized it to friends, family and on Facebook, and purchased gifts and holiday-related items. The pop-ups in November and December raised over \$1,500. These funds will enable the continuation and enhancement of Asbury Church's ministries in the community and deepen our outreach and service as disciples of Jesus Christ.



THANKS AND MORE THANKS.....

...from the Bethel Bells to so many who helped to make the offerings of the delicious food at the Bethel Bells annual Ring and Sing and Tea. Thank you, also, to those who helped to decorate the social hall, kept the party going by keeping the serving tables supplied, pouring tea, and stayed to clean up.

Pastor Doug's Sermons are online

Missed being in church or just want a refresher? Go to Asbury's website and click on Pastor's page and Recent sermons. Hear the sermons as they were recorded during the church services.

<http://asburycroton.umcchurches.org/pastors-page/sermonspastordoug/>

ASBURY PLAYGROUP



Asbury Music Room
17 Old Post Road South
Croton-on-Hudson

Ages 0-3
with a caregiver

Wednesdays
10am - 11:30am
January 8, 15, 22, 29
February 5, 12, 26

Siblings welcome. No registration required. Free.
Questions? Please contact BrianneCimaglia@gmail.com

Playgroup attendees may park in the church parking lot or on the street and enter through the music room entrance or main door through the sanctuary.

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During the school year, we follow the Croton school calendar. If there is no school or delayed opening, the playgroup will not meet.

BOOK GROUP



The Sally Read Book Group meets on the second Saturday of each month. This month we will meet on Saturday, January 11 at 9:00 a.m. in the social hall. The book is *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. Copies of the book are on reserve at the Croton Library for you to borrow.



"Inspired by actual events and real people, Martha Hall Kelly has woven together the stories of three women during World War II that reveal the bravery, cowardice, and cruelty of those days. This is a part of history—women's history—that should never be forgotten."—Lisa See, *New York Times* bestselling author of *China Dolls*

Join us. For additional info, please contact Gloria Laemmel

ASBURY CROTON-ON-HUDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TREASURER'S COLUMN - JANUARY 2020

JOYFUL NEWS! Income resources for 2019 were ample for our requirements. Asbury Church members and supporters present and past offered tithes and offerings sufficient to carry out the mission of the Methodist Church to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

These commitments and generous contributions to the Church enabled us to meet all 2019 obligations in support of all worship, children & youth ministry, mission, maintenance, repairs, insurance, salaries and apportionment, and every single other commitment for the year, totaling \$200,000 +/-, similar to last year.

Our Croton church is a powerful source of hope in the neighborhood and community. Your gifts and support embraces this opportunity and extends a message of love to people in search of a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ in connection with a supportive Christian faith-based community.

Ways to support Asbury:

1. Give all to God (as advised by John Wesley)
2. Tithe beyond 10%
3. Tithe
4. Annual intention of giving
5. Remember the Church in your will
6. Offer a donation for a specific project or as a memorial gift
7. Use Asbury's DONATE NOW feature on the Asbury homepage website:
asburycroton.umcchurches.org/aboutus/welcome-about-us/



This is a quick and easy way to support Asbury's missions. Donations can be arranged through your checking account. Recurring payments can be set up too.

8. Book a site in our building for family functions or other activities (call the church secretary at 914- 271-3150)
9. Participate in Asbury mission support functions:
 - SHOPRITE Gift Cards, (5% earned by the church) available from Gloria Laemmel
 - Purchase free trade coffee, tea, chocolates etc. at coffee hour
 - Purchase bird seed from Don Daubney
 - Sharing possessions via the GREAT ANNUAL TAG SALE
 - Donate items to The Asbury Treasure Chest
 - SUMMERFEST: Strawberry short cake, hot dogs
 - UMW functions: pop up shops, etc.
 - UMM: Advent calendar
10. Future projects needing a team leader/project coordinator:
 - EBAY or similar site to sell donated items
 - Additional building users
 - SMILE AMAZON: A percentage of purchase is donated to Asbury
 - UMC MARKET: A percentage of purchase is donated to Asbury
 - Organize tours of Bethel Cemetery
11. Finally and MOST IMPORTANT: YOU can take the initiative to invite or host someone or a family to join you at a service or church event. We have room in the house for everyone.

Thank you for your tithes and offerings in 2019 and commitments of support in 2020.

YIMFC, Stu Colby, Treasurer AUMC

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> JANUARY 2020 ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH </div>			1 Hosting Homeless	2 Hosting Homeless	3 The Treasure Chest 11am-7pm GS 2919 4:30-6:00 GS 1235 & 1242 5:50-8:30 Hosting Homeless	4 9:00 ACOHUMMFA Breakfast at Frankie's 9:30 ACOHUMMFA meeting at Wesley House Pop-Up Shop 10am-3pm The Treasure Chest 10am-3pm 10:00 AA
5 Epiphany Sunday 9:30 Choir Practice 10:00 Worship & Children's Sunday School Last Homeless Breakfast	6 Bible Study 7:15pm - Music Room PASTOR AWAY Till Jan.14	7	8 Asbury Playgroup 10am-11:30am	9	10	11 9:00 ACOHUMMFA Breakfast at Frankie's 9:30 ACOHUMMFA meeting at Wesley House 9:00-10:30 Sally Read Book Group in social hall 10:00 AA
12 Baptism of the Lord 9:30 Choir Practice 10:00 Worship & Children's Sunday School 11am – Coffee Hour 6:00 Jan Peek Meal	13 Bible Study 7:15pm - Music Room	14	15 Asbury Playgroup 10am-11:30am	16	17 GS 1235 & 1242 5:50-8:30	18 9:00 ACOHUMMFA Breakfast at Frankie's 9:30 ACOHUMMFA meeting at Wesley House 9:00-10:30 UMW in social hall 10:00 AA
19 Second Epiphany 9:30 Choir Practice 10:00 Worship & Children's Sunday School	20 Salvation Army Lunch 12 noon	21	22 Asbury Playgroup 10am-11:30am GS 1197 5:50-8:30	23	24 PASTOR RETURNS from Vacation	25 9:00 ACOHUMMFA Breakfast at Frankie's 9:30 ACOHUMMFA meeting at Wesley House 10:00 AA
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