

# Circuit Rider

*The Newsletter of Asbury United Methodist Church*

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

MARCH 2021

### MARCH SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORUNITIES

March will lead us through the season of Lent right up to Holy Week - Good Friday on April 2 and Easter on April 4. We are taking this opportunity to grow spiritually. We invite all to participate in:

The Examen - a Spiritual Growth Group

7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays in March led by Cathy Adlesic and Doug Cunningham via Zoom.

This is a five step process of prayerful review and reflection on the events, thoughts, feelings of one's day in order to become aware of God's presence and to discern God's direction for us. The Examen is an opportunity to become aware of, attend to, understand, and to respond to God's gift/graces as they show up in our everyday lives. This prayer taught by St. Ignatius helps us grow in faith, and move deeper in love with God.

The theme for this prayer practice during Lent:

*We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us.*

*God is love, and those who abide in love, abide in God, and God in them. 1 John 16*

You may respond to this message with any questions you have or to let us know that you would like to participate.

### READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

We invite you to join us in reading through the Bible in a year. Sermons each week come from the scriptures we are reading together. Here are the readings for the month of March:

March 1 Deuteronomy 1-2

March 2 Deuteronomy 3-4

March 3 Deuteronomy 5-7

March 4 Deuteronomy 8-10

March 5 Deuteronomy 11-13

March 6 Deuteronomy 14-16

March 7 Deuteronomy 17-20

March 8 Deuteronomy 21-23

March 9 Deuteronomy 24-27  
March 10 Deuteronomy 28  
March 11 Deuteronomy 29-31  
March 12 Deuteronomy 32-34  
March 13 Joshua 1-3  
March 14 Joshua 4-6  
March 15 Joshua 7-8  
March 16 Joshua 9-10  
March 17 Joshua 11-13  
March 18 Joshua 14-16  
March 19 Joshua 17-19  
March 20 Joshua 20-21

March 21 Joshua 22-24  
March 22 Judges 1-2  
March 23 Judges 3-5  
March 24 Judges 6-7  
March 25 Judges 8-9  
March 26 Judges 10-11  
March 27 Judges 12-14  
March 28 Judges 15-17  
March 29 Judges 18-19  
March 30 Judges 20-21  
March 31 Ruth 1-4



“Men Growing in Christ so Others May Know Christ”

ASBURY CROTON ON HUDSON UNITED METHODIST MEN’S FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION

**ACOHUMMFA**

MARCH 2021 meeting dates:

Saturday

**3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27**

Conference call during foul weather

914-765-9010, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

If things warm up we meet outside the church on the front porch benches

9:00 a.m. Free breakfast @ Frankie’s (optional)

9:30 a.m. MEETING BEGINS 10:30 a.m. MEETING OVER

Those from out-of-town: We will connect by conference call

**Topics:** Wednesday **UPPER ROOM** devotional reading

**Hope you are keeping up in reading the Bible in a year:**

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

- 1) Numbers 30-Deuteronomy 7
- 2) Deuteronomy 8-28
- 3) Deuteronomy 29-Joshua 13
- 4) Joshua 14-Judges 7
- 5) Judges 8-Ruth 1-4

**Intercessory Prayers: Asbury Prayer Chain - Asbury COH Church Families: E, F**

LENT 2/17-4/3

Women’s History Month (March)

3/2: John Wesley died 1791

3/5: World Day of Prayer

More info: Stu Colby call or text 914-330-4104 or [captsea946@aol.com](mailto:captsea946@aol.com) NOTE: ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE, CALL/CONTACT ABOVE TO CONFIRM

**ASBURY CROTON-ON-HUDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
TREASURER'S COLUMN - MARCH 2021**

**WHY I GIVE**

**I GIVE TO HELP** provide a place of worship for our community and to support and promote the outreach of our church to show the hands of Christ working in today's world - Bill Campbell, Juniata UMC, Altoona, Pennsylvania.

**MY WIFE AND I** give together. We give because we believe that we have a responsibility to respond to the grace that God has shown in our lives. We give because we believe that the church, the United Methodist connection accomplishes greater good in the lives of people, animals, and the environment than we could on our own. We give because we believe that giving is a spiritual gift - Frank S. Dunnewind, Aldersgate UMC, Montgomery, Alabama.

**WE GIVE BECAUSE** all that we have is a gift from God to be used for his kingdom. Our gifts to our church, missions and missionaries support local and global ministries that connect people with Christ making disciples. Our giving began with the tithe and grew as we were blessed. Giving helps us to remember that everything comes from God and has helped us learn to trust God for all our needs - John W. and Ranelle Hockert, Rio Rancho (New Mexico) UMC.

**I GIVE OUT OF** my love and faith. When I am faithful in my giving God has always been faithful in return. I give so that the work of the church may continue through my gifts - Cathy Webb, Union Park UMC, Des Moines, Iowa.

**I GIVE IN ACTION AND MONEY** to support both our local and extended church's needs, but more importantly, to help bring the gospel to those who haven't heard about or haven't experienced the love that only Jesus can give - Edwin Bybee, Wesley UMC, Jefferson City, Missouri.

**WHY DO I GIVE?** I was raised with the responsibility to return to those who serve me. My church serves my family and me very much - Patrick L. Gallo, Fishburn UMC, Hershey, Pennsylvania.

**WE GIVE BECAUSE** our parents taught us to give and we know that The United Methodist Church will use the money wisely, plus it will change the lives of people that I will never be able to help personally - Suzanne Hartley, Cross in the Desert UMC, Phoenix, Arizona

**I LOVE MY CHURCH,** I love God and Jesus, and I am grateful for all my blessings. I just have to give; it is just what we should do - Joyce Morris, Tallulah Falls (Georgia) UMC.

**GOD IS PLEASED** when I give. Giving helps reduce the powerful grip money holds over us. Giving benefits the people and the causes I most care about. Giving can bring great joy to the giver. Giving serves as an investment in that which will last. Giving enables us to be most Christ-like - Ken Wilson, Harmony-Zelienople (Pennsylvania) UMC.

Source: [UMCGiving/resource-files/2016\\_Gratefully\\_Generous\\_Booklet\\_10-14-16\\_](https://www.umc.org/giving/resource-files/2016_Gratefully_Generous_Booklet_10-14-16_).

**I/WE GIVE TO ASBURY UMC BECAUSE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Your name here: \_\_\_\_\_

## THE SALLY READ BOOK GROUP



The book group meets on the second Saturday of each month. This month we will meet on Saturday, March 13 at 9:30 a.m. via a conference call. The book is *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett.

Copies of the book are on reserve at the Croton Library (call to pick up your copy) and electronic copies of the books (read on Kindle, your computer, tablet or phone) are available via download for loan from the Westchester Library System.

**Join us via Zoom**

**If you are joining for the first time, contact Cynthia Plater for logon info**

## HISTORY CORNER

### MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Although women were ordained in the Methodist Church in the late 1800's it was at the May 4, 1956 Methodist General Conference where the vote for full clergy rights for women was passed that they were truly received as ministers.

The history of women serving as pastors in our Asbury Methodist Church began in 1980 when Rev. Sandra Myers was assigned to us. Rev. Myers was followed by Rev. Linda Kimmelman, Rev. Gennifer Brooks, Rev. Barbara Mungin and Rev. Melissa Hinnen. In addition, three women from the congregation become Methodist ministers: Rev. Rosemary Smith, Rev. Elizabeth Skillman and Rev. Margaret Laemmel.

One of the women who blazed a path for these women is Margaret Newton Van Cott, who was born in 1830 in New York City. She was brought up in the Episcopal Church but after the death of her husband in 1866 she joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. That year she was walking past the John Street Methodist Church in lower Manhattan when she had what she described as "a light from heaven streaming in upon her soul" and the event moved her to devote to full time evangelical work for the church. She spoke publically for the first time in 1866 at a school in the Catskills in Durham, New York and began leading Bible studies at the Five Points mission in New York City. She soon was asked to conduct revival meetings and was given an exhorter's license from the Rev. A. A. Morehouse in September 1868 and a local preacher's license in Ellenville, New York in 1869. There was opposition to this "lady preacher" but she enjoyed success and in 1873 Bishop Gilbert Haven said, "She is without doubt today the most popular, most laborious, and most successful preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church."

It is estimated that at her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday she had traveled 143,417 miles, held 9,933 revival meetings (perhaps some in Ossining and Croton), and given 4,294 sermons. She died in 1914 at her home in Catskill, New York.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Bible Study 7:15pm – via conference call to 914 765-9010	2	3	4 7:00pm Examen: Spiritual Growth	5	6 10:00am UMW Conference Call
7 <b>THIRD LENT</b> 10:30 Worship via ZOOM or phone	8 Bible Study 7:15pm – via conference call to 914 765-9010	9	10	11 7:00pm Examen: Spiritual Growth	12	13 9:30am Book Club Conference Call
14 <b>FOURTH LENT</b> 10:30 Worship via ZOOM or phone  Jan Peek – Serve Dinner	15 Bible Study 7:15pm – via conference call to 914 765-9010  Salvation Army Lunch	16	17	18 7:00pm Examen: Spiritual Growth	19	20 10:00am UMW Conference Call
21 <b>FIFTH LENT</b> 10:30 Worship via ZOOM or phone	22 Bible Study 7:15pm – via conference call to 914 765-9010	23	24	25 7:00pm Examen: Spiritual Growth	26	27 10:00am UMW Conference Call
28 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 10:30 Worship via ZOOM or phone	29	30	31			

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