

# CIRCUIT RIDER

*The Newsletter of Asbury United Methodist Church*

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Dear Friends,

We are moving into a transition in our worship which will include our first in-person services in the sanctuary on December 19 and 24. We had an extensive conversation about this at our Administrative Council meeting last night. Here is what we discussed.

### **Hybrid Worship**

Our goal is to move seamlessly from Zoom worship to Hybrid worship. Hybrid means offering both in-person and online worship options. The first step is installing the technology to allow us to do both at the same time. Thanks to your generosity we have raised \$10,000 to purchase high tech Pan Tilt Zoom (PTZ) cameras) and a live streaming computer system. The trustees are currently installing a production booth at the back of the sanctuary and upgrading the electric lines and the internet service to allow for live streaming. They will also install the cameras and a monitor to allow for people who are worshipping via Zoom to participate by reading the scripture, giving a testimony, leading a prayer or singing a song. This installation process will take several weeks.

### **Worship Production and Technology Training**

We are forming a worship production team that will run the live-streaming system. Noah Bovone, Abigail Philipps, Charlie and Alex Forth, Stevie and Sammy Goe, Vinny Caragine, Marc Caterino, Sheila Furjanic, and Jud Ramaker are currently being trained to produce our hybrid worship services. Dorene Picker, one of our new lay leaders, will coordinate the team. We are also grateful to have Mike Grayed offering his professional expertise in training the team. We have had one introductory training session and will resume training once the equipment is installed.

### **In-Person and Zoom Worship December 19 and December 24**

We are planning our first in-person worship services for the Sunday before Christmas and Christmas Eve. We will continue our regular Zoom worship on those days as we prepare for this transition. On Sunday, December 19 we will worship in-person at 9:15 a.m. We will have our regular Zoom worship at 10:30 a.m. On December 24 we will worship in person at 5:30 p.m. and have our Zoom worship at 7:00 p.m.

We will have strict protocols for these first in-person worship services. We ask that everyone wear a mask throughout worship. We will not be singing and we will open a few windows for air circulation. Our priority throughout this pandemic time has been the well-being and health of our congregation and the community so we will transition one step at a time with an emphasis on safety. We are asking all members of the congregation to be vaccinated, if you are able and willing to do so.

This has been a challenging time for all of us but we have continued to discuss these matters thoroughly in the Administrative Council and are attempting to make the best decisions for all concerned. Thanks to your cooperation and engagement we have done relatively well throughout this difficult time. Worship attendance and giving both remain strong.

### **Stewardship Campaign**

We will be writing to you about your pledge for 2022. We are grateful for the generous support of the members of our congregation. All of what we have comes from the abundance of God, freely given. Our tithes and offerings to Asbury are one of the ways we are able to be stewards or managers of these God-given resources, in ways that honor God.

# *ASBURY TREASURE CHEST*

**WE'RE OPEN AGAIN!**

**Masks and social distancing required**

**Friday, November 5 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, November 6 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**BARGAINS GALORE!**

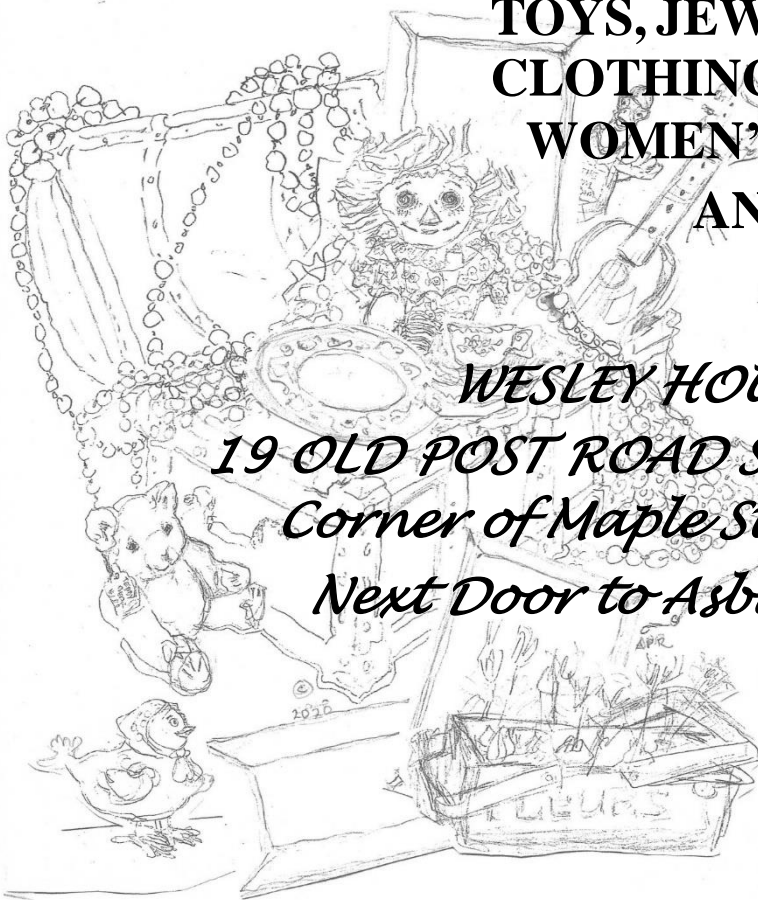
**TOYS, JEWELRY, CHILDREN'S  
CLOTHING, DECOR ITEMS,  
WOMEN'S ACCESSORIES,  
AND MORE...**

*WESLEY HOUSE*

*19 OLD POST ROAD SOUTH, CROTON*

*Corner of Maple Street, Rt. 129*

*Next Door to Asbury Church*



**100% OF PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT THE MISSIONS OF ASBURY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - DONATIONS WELCOME**

**INFO: 914-261-1885**

## **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

–Barbara Whipple

Saints Sunday is November 7. Please submit names of family and friends who passed away during this past year to Pastor Doug. A bell will be tolled for each name read during Asbury's November 7 service.

Please email names to pastor at [cunninghamdp@gmail.com](mailto:cunninghamdp@gmail.com).

## **COOKIE ORDERS**

–Barbara Whipple

Orders are being taken for the United Methodist Women's annual Christmas cookie tin fundraiser which will support our UMW mission projects in the coming year. A decorative tin with two dozen cookies of six varieties is \$18.00. Please make your check payable to: Asbury United Methodist Women. The cookie order pickup date and time is December 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the social hall.

Call Barbara Whipple at 271-5095 to place your orders. See flyer below for a list of cookie varieties.

# Homemade Christmas Cookies

24 cookies in reusable  
holiday cookie tin

Order now for pickup on  
Saturday, December 11

**\$18.00**

To Order call 914-271-5095

## Six Different Cookies

Snickerdoodles

Cinnamon-Sugar Stars

Pecan Delights

Jam-filled Thumbprints

Chocolate Pixies

Spicy Gingerbread Men



## **HOLIDAY POP-UP SHOP**

–Barbara Whipple

Visit Asbury's Holiday Pop-Up Shop, located in Asbury's Education Building, to shop for Christmas decorations, tableware, wrappings and gift items. The shop will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on November 5, 6, 19, 20 and December 3 and 4.

Additional Christmas-themed donations will be welcomed to keep the shop well-stocked during the six shopping days. Shop proceeds will benefit Asbury's programs through 2022.

Please call Gloria Laemmel at 271-8712 or Barbara Whipple at 271-5095 to arrange a donation drop off.

# **Holidays 'Pop-Up' Shop**

**BARGAINS GALORE! New and 'gently used' holiday (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's) decorations, wrappings, handmade gifts and more.**



**WHEN: Fridays November 5, November 19 and  
December 3 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Saturdays November 6, November 20 and  
December 4 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**WHERE: Asbury Church Education Building, 17 Old Post  
Rd. South, Croton-on-Hudson, next door to church in  
Play & Learn classroom.**

**Donations now being accepted 914-271-8712**

## HISTORY CORNER

Thanksgiving Day is almost here with its accompanying joys of special foods that we may not have again until the next Thanksgiving such as Aunt Jean's cranberry mold, sweet potato casserole with marshmallow topping, creamed onions, minced meat pie, pumpkin pie, Indian pudding. Indian pudding! Indian pudding is a sweet variety of corn mush or a pudding variation of corn bread with spices. The original dish in the 1600's was the colonist's substitution for the English hasty pudding. Hasty pudding is made with wheat meal boiled with milk, Indian pudding is made with corn meal, then known as Indian meal, and milk. Through the years eggs, molasses or maple syrup and spices were added to the recipe.

Here is a recipe for Indian Pudding from the Deerfield Inn in Deerfield, Massachusetts:

- 2 cups milk
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup molasses
- ½ cup corn meal
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon ground mace

Scald milk in the top half of a double boiler. Whisk in the sugar, molasses and corn meal and cook, stirring frequently, until mixture thickens. This will take about 15 or 20 minutes. Set aside off of the base of the double boiler with the hot water.

Melt butter and set it aside to cool slightly. Beat the eggs and beat the spices into the eggs. Gradually add the still hot liquid and cooled butter into the eggs.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter an eight-inch round casserole dish or soufflé dish.

Add corn meal mixture bit by bit to the eggs until the two are thoroughly incorporated.

Pour mixture into prepared greased dish and bake for 35 minutes or until when tested with a sharp knife the knife comes clean.

Serve warm or at room temperature.

Wonderful topped with whipped cream, vanilla ice cream or plain heavy cream (purely 2021 additions).

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Exploring the New Testament phone: (914) 765-9010 7:15-8:15pm	<b>5</b> HOLIDAY POP-UP SHOP 10am-4pm in Education Bldg  Treasure Chest 11am-5pm	<b>6</b> 9:00am - UMM Breakfast 9:30am - UMM Meeting  HOLIDAY POP-UP SHOP 10am-4pm in Education Bldg  Treasure Chest 10am – 3pm
<b>7</b> 10:30 Worship via Zoom or phone	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Exploring the New Testament phone: (914) 765-9010 7:15-8:15pm	<b>12</b> 5:00pm UMW Conference Call via Zoom & phone	<b>13</b> 9:00am - UMM Breakfast 9:30am - UMM Meeting  9:30am Sally Read Book Club via Zoom & phone
<b>14</b> 10:30 Worship via Zoom or phone  Jan Peek – Serve Dinner	<b>15</b>  Salvation Army Lunch	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Exploring the New Testament phone: (914) 765-9010 7:15-8:15pm	<b>19</b> HOLIDAY POP-UP SHOP 10am-4pm in Education Bldg  5:00pm UMW Conference Call via Zoom & phone	<b>20</b> 9:00am - UMM Breakfast 9:30am – UMM Meeting  HOLIDAY POP-UP SHOP 10am-4pm in Education Bldg
<b>21</b> 10:30 Worship via Zoom or phone	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Exploring the New Testament phone: (914) 765-9010 7:15-8:15pm	<b>25</b> HAPPY THANKSGIVING  	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:00am - UMM Breakfast 9:30am - UMM Meeting
<b>28</b> 10:30 Worship via Zoom or phone	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>NOVEMBER 2021</b> <b>ASBURY UNITED METHODIST</b> <b>CHURCH</b>		