

CIRCUIT RIDER

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

JUNE 2021

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, June 6, is Confirmation Sunday. Let us pray this week for Lea Wheeler, Jillian Forth and Abigail Phillips who will be confirmed and let's all tune in to support them on Sunday. They have prepared beautiful art and poetry which speak to their growing faith.

We are beginning a new transition in our worship life together. We're taking it step by step with our main priorities being the safety and well-being of the congregation and maintaining the momentum we have built with our Zoom worship.

We have done very well on Zoom with average worship attendance around 50 throughout the pandemic. We will continue to offer Zoom worship through the summer.

On July 11 we will have an outdoor worship service at 9:00 a.m. and then continue with our regular Zoom service at 10:30 a.m. We're not sure yet about August but if it goes well on July 11 we may plan an outdoor worship for August as well.

In September we plan to start worshipping in the sanctuary again and we also plan to continue the Zoom option for those who are out-of-town or prefer to worship via Zoom.

JUNE BIBLE READINGS

1 Ezra 1-2	17 Job 9-12
2 Ezra 3-5	18 Job 13-16
3 Ezra 6-7	19 Job 17-20
4 Ezra 8-9	20 Job 21-24
5 Ezra 10	21 Job 25-29
6 Nehemiah 1-3	22 Job 30-33
7 Nehemiah 4-6	23 Job 24-37
8 Nehemiah 7-8	24 Job 38-40
9 Nehemiah 9-10	25 Job 41-42
10 Nehemiah 11-12	26 Psalms 1-9
11 Nehemiah 13	27 Psalms 10-17
12 Esther 1-3	28 Psalms 18-22
13 Esther 4-7	29 Psalms 23-30
14 Esther 8-10	30 Psalms 31-35
15 Job 1-4	1 Ezra 1-2
16 Job 5-8	1 Ezra 1-2
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“Men Growing in Christ so Others May Know Christ”
ASBURY CROTON ON HUDSON UNITED METHODIST MEN’S FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION

ACOHUMMFA

JUNE 2021 meeting dates: Saturdays June 5, 12, 19, 26

9:00 a.m. BREAKFAST Gather and dine together at Frankie’s Deli next to the church

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

WESLEY HOUSE 19 Old Post Road So., Croton-on-Hudson
Monthly Topics: Bible in a Year reading /UPPER ROOM study

ACTIVITIES:

TBD: Croton Trail Walks

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:

Week 1: 2 Kings chapters 14-1 Chronicles chapter 5 (14 pgs = 2 per day) DO IT!!!

**Week 2: 1 Chronicles chapter 6-1 Chronicles chapter 26 (14 pgs = 2 per day)
SEE, IT IS EASY!!!**

**Week 3: 1 Chronicles chapter 27 2nd Chronicles chapter 20 (14 pgs = 2 per day)
SEE, IT IS EASY!!!**

Week 4: 2nd Chronicles chapter 21-35 GOOD JOB!

Intercessory Prayers:

- 1) Asbury Prayer Chain**
- 2) Asbury COH Church Families: K-L**

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

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)



OPEN DOOR
FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER



Dear Asbury Congregation:

Asbury UMW is participating in the Baby Bundle, new baby items collection, in cooperation with Empowering Women, an interfaith group of women, including several members of Asbury UMW. The collection/drive is requested by Open Door that provides services to over 400 new babies and their moms each year. Please consider participating also. See details on the ways to give below. Thanks for your support!

Baby Bundle Wish List Essentials

The Baby Bundle provides Open Door prenatal patients with newborn necessities and information about the resources available at Open Door and in the community. Each Bundle is packed with new donated infant essentials. We want to ensure that our mothers can give their babies a healthy and safe start in life. Help fill the Bundle!

- **Sleep sacks** (wearable blanket, non-swaddle type) Size small
- **Infant rapid-read rectal thermometer**
- **Diaper rash cream**
- **Baby body wash**
- **Baby outfits** 3 to 6 months
- **Sleep and play** 3 to 9 months
- **Bibs and burp cloths**
- **Infant washcloths and towels**
- **Baby wipes**
- **Small infant toys**
- **Onesies or bodysuits** 3 to 6 months
- **Bilingual English-Spanish board book**
- **Newborn hats, mittens, and socks**
- **Newborn and size 1 diapers**

We need **40** of each item every month! The more we collect the more we can put inside the Bundle.

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE:

PURCHASE ITEMS - Drop-off in-kind donations:

Open Door Foundation Office, 2 Church Street Ste 101, Ossining, NY
(Diagonally across from the medical center)

SAVE TIME AND SHOP ONLINE - Use our Amazon registry <https://rebrand.ly/Baby-Bundle-Wishes>
Remember to use a gift card indicating your *Name/Empowering Women/Asbury UMC*

DONATE BY MAIL - Checks can be made payable to *Open Door Foundation*

In Memo line add *Baby Bundle/Empowering Women/Asbury UMC*

Mail to: Open Door Foundation, Open Door Family Medical Centers, 2 Church Street, Suite 101, Ossining, NY 10562

DONATE ONLINE - Donate using our secure <https://www.opendoormedical.org/foundation/donate>

For additional information contact: Cynthia Plater or Tina Pershing. Also, let us know that you donated in order that we will know the level of Asbury's support.



Asbury's website for recent sermons
<https://asburycroton.umcchurches.org/pastors-page/sermonspastordoug/>

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Hold These Dates!

This year's Vacation Bible School will take place at
Holy Name of Mary for all of the Croton churches
from August 16-20
More information to come!!

THE ASBURY TREASURE CHEST

The Asbury Treasure Chest will next be open Friday, June 4, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 5, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. All sale proceeds support the missions of Asbury Croton-on-Hudson.

May proceeds were over \$700 and included both in-person and Internet sales. Thank you to the volunteers at the Wesley House and the organizer for the Internet sales. We also appreciate the efforts of all the donors who provide new inventory of gently used items for re-purpose in the community.

Donations are still welcome. Please bring them during the shop open hours. Please contact Janet Colby at 914-329-2694.

THE HISTORY CORNER

Did you know that the oldest Methodist congregation in America is just down the Hudson River at 44 John Street in the Manhattan financial district? It is the John Street Methodist Church also known as Old John Street Methodist Episcopal Church. The present church was built in 1841. The congregation was founded on October 12, 1760 as the Wesleyan Society in America.

The Society's first church was built on this site in 1768. It was a blue stucco barn and it was called the Wesley Chapel. The second church on the site was finished in 1818 and was thought to be too extravagant by the pastor and some members of the congregation who left the congregation. The present church was built when the widening of John Street occurred.

In 1769 John Wesley gave a clock to the church that is now in the church museum. Hymnist Fanny Crosby was a long-time member of the church.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JUNE 2021 ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH		1	2	3	4 Treasure Chest 11am-7pm 10:00am UMW Conference Call	5 9:00am -UMM Breakfast 9:30am – UMM Meeting Treasure Chest 10am – 3pm
6 SECOND PENTECOST 10:30 Worship via ZOOM or phone Confirmation Sunday	7 Bible Study 7:15pm – via conference call to 914 765-9010	8	9	10	11	12 9:00am -UMM Breakfast 9:30am – UMM Meeting 9:30am Book Club Conference Call
13 THIRD PENTECOST 10:30 Worship via ZOOM or phone Jan Peek – Serve Dinner	14 Bible Study 7:15pm – via conference call to 914 765-9010	15	16	17	18 10:00am UMW Conference Call	19 9:00am -UMM Breakfast 9:30am – UMM Meeting
20 FOURTH PENTECOST 10:30 Worship via ZOOM or phone <i>Happy Father's Day</i>	21 Bible Study 7:15pm – via conference call to 914 765-9010 Salvation Army Lunch	22	23	24	25 10:00am UMW Conference Call	26
27 FIFTH PENTECOST 10:30 Worship via ZOOM or phone	28 Bible Study 7:15pm – via conference call to 914 765-9010	29	30			