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ASBURY HYBRID WORSHIP

WELCOME!

We happily welcome Pastor Bette Johnson Sohm to our congregation. She will lead us in worship beginning July 3, 2022 at 11:00 am. Come join us in worship and welcoming her and her husband, Glen, to Asbury.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mitch Weisz graduated from Croton-Harmon High School with the class of 2022 and will be attending Syracuse University in the fall.

Lauryn Diggs graduated from Arizona State University with the class of 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in speech and hearing science and a minor in art history.

Congratulations to Mitch and Lauryn!

HAPPINESS AT SUMMERFEST

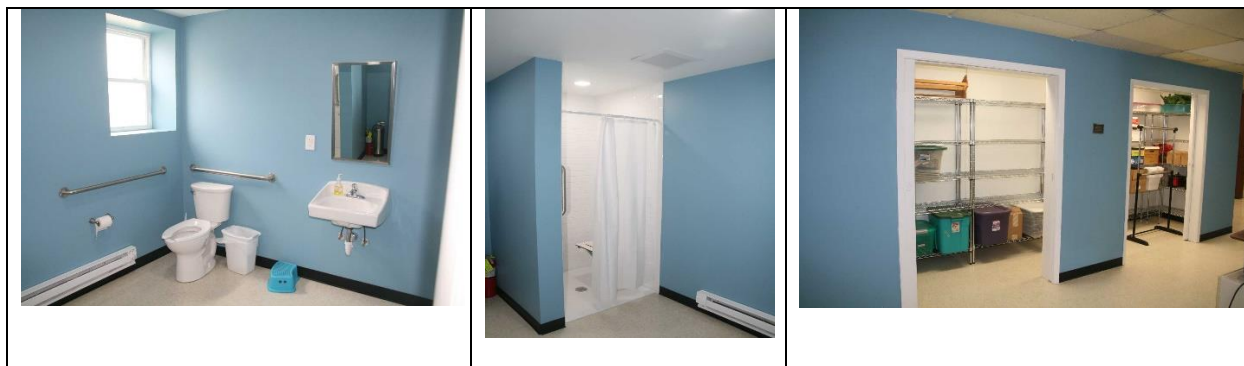
We were blessed with perfect weather on June 5 for the return of Croton's Summerfest.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make a success of our activities at Summerfest at the Strawberry Shortcake Café, UMW Pop-Up Garden Shop and The Treasure Chest.

NOTES FROM THE TRUSTEES

Now that we are back in our sanctuary with in person services you will notice that there are some changes that have been going on while we were on Zoom.

The building of the handicap bathroom and renovation of the old bathroom and sexton's closet near the social hall, all done by the firm Superior Design, are completed. The old bathroom is renovated and a new sexton's closet has been built next to the handicap bathroom. The old sexton's closet has been returned to a bathroom, which it was before it became a sexton's closet. There are now three bathrooms next to the social hall, and while installing flooring in the new bathrooms the flooring in the kitchen and the hallway outside the kitchen were replaced.



To help with Asbury's always present storage problem, a storage closet has been built where the former Food Bank storage room was. This was an Eagle Scout project for Stevie Goe done under the supervision of his father Steve and his firm Superior Design, and Troop 49 leaders.

The nursery school playground has been renovated as an Eagle Scout project by Conor Caterino under the supervision of Troop 28 leaders, including his father Marc who was also supervising on behalf of Asbury Trustees.

When you enter the sanctuary you will notice an addition at the back southwest corner, it is the tech booth where our tech crew works to bring our worship services to those near and far and to project those participants faces on the screen above the choir loft. This addition to our worship outreach has been made possible by generous donations of many in our congregation monetarily and with their time and talents.



The siding on the south side of Wesley House has been repaired and we look forward to soon having a new Wesley House sign.

There are four new teak benches on the front patio donated by two Asbury families that arrived just in time to use at Summerfest.



To keep things dry and protected in our church and parsonage garages they each have sound new roofs that were installed in June.

THE HISTORY CORNER

It is picnic time and picnics call for paper plates and paper cups. Did you know that paper cups started out as a way to keep workers out of saloons where they went to quench their thirst at mid-day or after work? In 1908 Hugh Moore came up with the design of a penny water dispenser installed on public street corners that included a paper cup dispenser so workers did not have to go to saloons. Though the idea was highly endorsed by temperance groups it didn't catch on but a public health officer Dr. Samuel Crumbine investigated and wrote about the health problems with public water sippers. Public sippers were a ladle-like device that was hung at a public fountain or spring to drink water from. It could be used by anyone and it was seldom cleaned. He proved how many germs were on the sippers and called for them to be removed and so Moore's paper cups were used.

Financial backing was hard to come by until Mr. Moore met a wealthy New York hypochondriac banker with a longtime dread of the sipper who invested \$200,000.00 in the company that became the Public Cup Vendor Company. That same year Kansas became the first state to outlaw sippers at public water fountains. Soon other states followed. Railroads, schools and offices took up paper cups as a health issue and began providing paper cups for their water fountains. The cups had become the symbol of health and so Mr. Moore changed the company name to Health Kups.

A THOUGHT ABOUT OUR HOME PLANET

“If you are fearful of the destruction of the environment, then learn to quit being an environmental parasite” –Wendell Berr

FAREWELL

On Thursday, June 30 on a weather-wise perfect summer evening we said farewell to Pastor Doug Cunningham and Becky at a picnic on the church front lawn. The Cunninghams have retired and have moved to Port Chester, NY.

Jud Ramaker, lay leader, hosted the farewell ceremony where gifts were present in appreciation of Pastor Doug's three-year ministry with us, most of it during Covid restrictions, and Becky's participation in church activities.

Barbara Whipple presented Becky with a prayer shawl, knitted by Barbara Whipple, from the women of the church in recognition of her participation with UMW. Gloria Laemmel, representing the Asbury Sally Read Book Club, presented Becky with a Barnes & Nobel gift card in appreciation of her active participation in the club. On behalf of the congregation, Claire Collins presented walking sticks to Becky and Doug. The sticks were made by Claire and have Bible verses written on them.

Jud Ramaker presented the Cunninghams with a pastor's purse from the congregation to help defray the costs of their move.

We wish Doug and Becky a happy retirement filled with God's blessings.

PRAYER

Our Heavenly Father, break into our minds and hearts – burst in and by the power and light of Thy presence drive out the dark old shadows of fear, and drive out hate and sin and everything that engenders fear, and make us recreated people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-Rev. Norman Vincent Peale

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>JULY 2022</p> <p>ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</p> </div>					1 Treasure Chest 10:00am – 4:30pm	2 9:00am - UMM Breakfast 9:30am - UMM Meeting Treasure Chest 10:00am – 4:30pm
3 10:30am Hybrid Worship in person in Sanctuary (for those vaccinated & masked) or via Zoom or phone	4	5	6	7	8	9 9:00am - UMM Breakfast 9:30am - UMM Meeting 9:30am Sally Read Book Club via Zoom
10 10:30am Hybrid Worship in person in Sanctuary (for those vaccinated & masked) or via Zoom or phone Jan Peek - Serve Dinner	11	12	13	14	15	16 9:00am - UMM Breakfast 9:30am – UMM Meeting 9:30am UMW Conference Call via Zoom
17 10:30am Hybrid Worship in person in Sanctuary (for those vaccinated & masked) or via Zoom or phone	18 Salvation Army Lunch	19	20	21	22	23
24 10:30am Hybrid Worship in person in Sanctuary (for those vaccinated & masked) or via Zoom or phone	25	26	27	28	29	30
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