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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

JANUARY 2022

PREACHERS AND WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JANUARY

Pastor Doug will lead worship and preach this Sunday, January 2. Then he will be on vacation until February 4. While he is away, if you have any pastoral concerns contact:

January 3 to 9 - Jud Ramaker - 914-552-0173

January 10 to Feb. 4 - Sheila Furjanic - 914-548-5561

JANUARY PREACHERS

Sunday, January 9 - "Follow the Light" Bob Osgood preaching on Psalm 29 and
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday, January 16 - Kathleen Phelan preaching

Sunday, January 23 - Cathy Adlesic preaching

Sunday, January 30 - Steve Goe preaching

Thank You.

Thank you all for the kind and generous gift on Christmas Eve. Blessings for the New Year!

SANTA CLAUS PROJECTS 2021

This year, due to Covid-19, more families than ever in our area are struggling to make ends meet. Asbury participated in two projects to help children and seniors have a wonderful Christmas.

Like last year Asbury participated in the Angel Tree Program of the Peekskill Salvation Army to help families in need by providing new clothing and toys for their children. We adopted nine children that were generously taken care of by members of our congregation.

In addition, for the first time in many years Asbury participated in the Croton Caring Committee's Christmas program. There were 11 seniors in need of slippers, warm socks, hats, scarves, and lap throws and all our knitters that had been busy all year donated lots of hats, scarves and throws. We also collected \$1,500 worth of Shopite gift certificates for them.

Thank you so much to all those who stepped up to create a happier and warmer Christmas for our neighbors. Clearly you all followed Christ's teachings to care for the widows and children.

I wish you all a happy and healthy 2022.

Tina Pershing

2021 UMW COOKIE TINS FUNDRAISER

–Barbara Whipple

Seventy-nine Christmas Cookie Tins were produced, purchased and enjoyed by friends and families far and wide, even as far as Cape Verde, off the west coast of Africa. Thank you to everyone who ordered cookies, many of you yearly repeat buyers.

The six cookie varieties totaling 1,896 cookies were baked by 12 Asbury UMW bakers: Gloria Laemmel, Tina Pershing, Ann Riebel, Barbara Whipple, Cynthia Plater, Inga Colbran, Jodi Hanlon, Sarah Phelan, Kathleen Phelan, Ricki Goe, Barbara Parker and Sue Kitchen. The tins were expertly packed by Carin Evans, Becky Cunningham, Gloria Laemmel, Tina Pershing, Cynthia Plater, Sheila Furjanic, Sarah Phelan, Linda Raccosta, Kathleen Phelan and Barbara Whipple.

The cookie tins fund Asbury United Methodist Women mission work for the coming year. Cookie proceeds provide local scholarships, immigrant support, Open Door Health Center grants, girls' education support in Africa, and UMW mission work worldwide that promotes the welfare of women, youth and children—purposeful ends from delicious beginnings.

THE HISTORY CORNER

This is the story of how one of our favorite hymns at Asbury, *His Name Is Wonderful*, came to be.

The composer of the hymn, Audrey Mae Mieir, was born on May 12, 1916 and attended L.I.F.E. Bible College. After marrying Charles B. Mieir in 1936 she was ordained to the gospel ministry in the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel.

Audrey was a gifted pianist and an inspiring worship leader, song director and choral clinician. In the 1950s she was working in her brother-in-law's church, Bethel Union Church in Duarte, California, a suburb of Los Angeles. Christmas was on Sunday that year and the church was decorated with pine boughs, the choir loft became a manger scene, and the young people had worked hard on the performance.

“As the morning service began,” Audrey later said, “I was almost overwhelmed with the fragrance, the sounds and most of all with the gentle moving of the spirit in that church. The pastor stood to his feet, opened the Bible, and said, ‘His name shall be called Wonderful.’ I tell you the truth that’s all it took. I wrote the words and music in the flyleaf of my Bible. In the Sunday evening service I taught the chorus to a group of young people and it was sung for the first time.”

But Audrey had only written the first part of the song and though it was well received it needed more. A friend told her, “Audrey, it’s a good song but there just isn’t enough of it. Maybe you could write a bridge for it.” Audrey went to lunch that day with her friend’s advice ringing in her ears. She ordered a hamburger, opened her Bible and found a list of names given to Jesus in the Scripture. She jotted some of them down on her napkin. After returning to her office, Audrey went to the piano and began writing: He’s the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, Almighty God is He”

Though it was inspired on Christmas day by a traditional Christmas text, *His Name Is Wonderful* has never been pegged as a Christmas hymn. It’s been a favorite of Christians around the world throughout the year.*

*Referenced from *Then Sings My Soul* by Robert J. Morgan

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>JANUARY 2022</p> <p>ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</p> </div>						<p>1 9:00am - UMM Breakfast 9:30am - UMM Meeting</p>
<p>2 10:30 Worship via Zoom or phone</p>	3	4	5	6	<p>7 5:00pm UMW Conference Call via Zoom & phone</p>	<p>8 9:00am - UMM Breakfast 9:30am - UMM Meeting 9:30am Sally Read Book Club via Zoom</p>
<p>9 10:30 Worship via Zoom or phone Jan Peek – Serve Dinner Bob Osgood preaching</p>	10	11	12	13	<p>14 5:00pm UMW Conference Call via Zoom</p>	<p>15 9:00am - UMM Breakfast 9:30am – UMM Meeting</p>
<p>16 10:30 Worship via Zoom or phone Kathleen Phelan preaching</p>	<p>17 Salvation Army Lunch</p>	18	19	20	21	<p>22 9:00am - UMM Breakfast 9:30am – UMM Meeting</p>
<p>23 10:30 Worship via Zoom or phone Cathy Adlesic preaching</p>	24	25	29	30	31	<p>29 9:00am - UMM Breakfast 9:30am – UMM Meeting</p>
<p>30 10:30 Worship via Zoom or phone Steve Goe preaching</p>	31					