

CIRCUIT RIDER

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Pastor Doug Announces His Retirement

"After 40 years of ministry, it is time for me to retire." Pastor Doug made this announcement during worship on Sunday, February 27.

He explained that he received his first appointment as an associate minister in Columbus, Ohio in 1982. Since then he has served 11 years as a missionary and 29 years as a church pastor. He moved to the New York Annual Conference in 2001.

The District Superintendent, Rev. Simeon Law, has scheduled a meeting with Asbury's Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), Sheila Furjanic, chairperson. SPRC members will share with Rev. Law what some important issues in our ministry and characteristics we are looking for in a new minister. Rev. Law will take that information back to Bishop Bickerton and the cabinet where they will discuss who would be the best new pastor for Asbury. Pastor Doug's retirement and the start date for the new pastor will be on July 1, 2022.

Lenten Bible Study The Road to the Cross and Beyond Thursdays to Lent @ 7:00 p.m. Beginning March 3

Join us in an eight-week reading of the second half of the gospel of Mark which takes us to the cross and beyond. In Mark 8 Jesus sets his face toward Jerusalem. The second half of the gospel takes place on the road to the cross and beyond. Its teachings are as relevant today as they were 2,000 years ago.

Thursdays @ 7:00 p.m. via Zoom and phone.

We moved the time up to accommodate the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee meeting on Thursday. (I will send the link on Wednesday).

March 3 Mark 8
March 10 Mark 9
March 17 Mark 10
March 24 Mark 11
March 31 Mark 12
April 7 Mark 13
April 14 Mark 14 Maundy Thursday
April 15 Mark 15 Good Friday
April 21 Mark 16

THE TREASURE CHEST

Come to Our Reopening
Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5
10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SALLY READ BOOK CLUB

The selection for the March meeting of the Sally Read Book Club is *The Splendid and the Vile* by Erik Larson, “a saga of Churchill, family and defiance during the blitz.” The meeting is March 12 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom.

To join in the discussion and for information please call Cynthia Plater at 914-271-3178.

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Asbury United Methodist Women will return to their former monthly meeting time of 9:30 a.m. on the 3rd Saturday of the month. The March meeting will be on Saturday, March 19, 2022. The meeting will be via Zoom.

For information please contact Barbara Whipple at 914-271-5095.

OUR HOME PLANET

Regarding our home planet thought:

“Walking out is not an option. We don’t get to give up. This planet is the only home we’ll ever have.”

From *All We Can Save* by Mary Annette Heger

THE HISTORY CORNER

March is Women's History Month

The advent of the bicycle in the 1880's gave women a freedom of movement they had rarely experienced before. "Myself plus the bicycle equaled myself plus the world," wrote Frances Willard, a founder of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

As women rode they quickly found that long skirts were a hazard and that corsets compromised their aerobic capacity. Soon split skirts, called bloomers, were in fashion. Then hems were shortened with the bloomers fashionably designed to match the shortened skirts making the bloomers the forerunners of women's trousers, or slacks. Fuller blouses and camisoles replaced the corset and tightly fitted blouses. In London in 1881 the Society for Restrictive Clothing was founded to encourage the wearing of more comfortable and less restrictive clothing for cyclist and all women. However, some citizens were not happy with liberation of women's fashion and some men even signed pledges not to associate with women who wore bloomers.

Bicycles gave young men and women the opportunity to cycle around the countryside unsupervised and relationships became more casual and spontaneous. Soon cycling clubs formed that included both men and women. A bicycle could even allow a young woman to get to a job independently.

Susan B. Anthony said of cycling, "I think it has done more to emancipate women than any one thing in the world."

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Lenten Bible Study 7:00pm	4 Treasure Chest 10:00am – 4:30pm	5 9:00am - UMM Breakfast 9:30am - UMM Meeting Treasure Chest 10:00am – 4:30pm
6 10:30 Worship via Zoom or phone	7	8	9	10 Lenten Bible Study 7:00pm	11	12 9:00am - UMM Breakfast 9:30am - UMM Meeting 9:30am Sally Read Book Club via Zoom
13 10:30 Worship via Zoom or phone Jan Peek – Serve Dinner 7:00pm Croton Chorale / music rm Daylight Savings Time Begins	14	15	16	17 Lenten Bible Study 7:00pm	18	19 9:00am - UMM Breakfast 9:30am – UMM Meeting 9:30am UMW Conference Call via Zoom
20 10:30 Worship via Zoom or phone 7:00pm Croton Chorale / music rm	21 Salvation Army Lunch	22	23	24 Lenten Bible Study 7:00pm	25	26 9:00am - UMM Breakfast 9:30am – UMM Meeting
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