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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Dear Friends,

I hope you had a wonderful summer. We're praying for children, teens, parents and teachers as we gear up for another school year complicated by Covid 19. I'm excited about new ministries for the fall season at Asbury and grateful for leaders stepping up.

Lay Leaders

Our new lay leadership team met last week. We are happy that Jud Ramaker will continue to serve and will be joined by Dorene Picker and Kweeyan Dyleuth. Dorene is a life-long Asbury member who has been working with our Sunday school and leading our children's moment during pandemic worship. Kweeyan joined our church a year ago and has brought spiritual energy to worship with her singing, testimony and prayers.

At our meeting we decided that Jud would continue to connect with other committees and that we would also focus on our new vision for 2022: Building multigenerational, multiracial and multimedia ministry. We will operate as a team with Kweeyan focusing on multigenerational ministry, Jud on multiracial ministry and Dorene on multimedia ministry including new technologies as well as the arts.

Live Streaming Production Team

Dorene will coordinate our new online worship production team. It may be a while before it's safe to move back to in-person worship in the sanctuary but when we do we want to be ready to offer hybrid worship—continuing our Zoom worship as we also worship in person.

We had a successful fundraising campaign to buy state of the art equipment including Pan Tilt Zoom (PTZ) cameras and have had ten folks step up to volunteer to learn to use it and produce online worship. Thanks to Mike Grayeb, a live-streaming professional, who has volunteered to advise us and train our new team.

Whenever it's safe to return to in-person worship we look forward to continuing to offer an excellent Zoom and live-streaming option for all those who prefer to worship online.

September Scriptures

After reading through Isaiah and Jeremiah in August we will read the rest of the prophets in September:

- 1 Ezekiel 1-4
- 2 Ezekiel 5-9
- 3 Ezekiel 10-13
- 4 Ezekiel 14-16
- 5 Ezekiel 17-19
- 6 Ezekiel 20-21
- 7 Ezekiel 22-24
- 8 Ezekiel 25-28
- 9 Ezekiel 29-32
- 10 Ezekiel 33-36
- 11 Ezekiel 37-39
- 12 Ezekiel 40-42
- 13 Ezekiel 43-45
- 14 Ezekiel 46-48
- 15 Daniel 1-3
- 16 Daniel 4-6
- 17 Daniel 7-9
- 18 Daniel 10-12
- 19 Hosea 1-7
- 20 Hosea 8-14
- 21 Joel 1-3
- 22 Amos 1-5
- 23 Amos 6-9
- 24 Obadiah 1
- 25 Micah 1-7
- 26 Nahum 1-3
- Habakkuk 1-3
- 27 Zephaniah 1-3
- Haggai 1-2
- 28 Zechariah 1-7
- 29 Zechariah 8-14
- 30 Micah 1-4

THE TREASURE CHEST IN SEPTEMBER

The Asbury Treasure Chest thrift shop will be open Friday, September 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Donations will be accepted when the shop is open. For more information please call Sue Mathys at 914-261-1885.

The Treasure Chest will also be open during the September Village-Wide Tag Sale and at its regular opening dates of October 1 and 2.

ASBURY PARTICIPATING IN CROTON VILLAGE-WIDE TAG SALE

Asbury will be participating in the Village-Wide Tag Sale on Saturday, September 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Treasure Chest will be open and have items on the front lawn. We will set up tables on the lawn to sell tag sale items from donations we have received in the past in anticipation of our annual tag sale and seasonal items for fall. We will be selling small items such as dishes, fall décor items, and small decorating items. We will NOT be selling clothing, linens, books, toys, furniture, electronics.

We will need help with setting up on the front lawn the morning of the sale between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. We will also need sale help during the sale and clean up. If you can help in any way please call Gloria Laemmel at 914-271-8712.

THE RETURN OF THE POP-UP HOLIDAY SHOP

The Asbury United Methodist Women's Pop-Up Holiday Shop will have its fall opening on the front lawn of the church on Saturday, October 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during the Croton Fall Festival at Vassallo Park. The Pop-Up will feature items for decorating for fall including Halloween and Christmas.

For more information please call Gloria Laemmel at 914-271-8712.

IN LOVING MEMORY

We have learned of the passing of Rev. Rauol Waters, pastor at Asbury from 1963 to 1972. Rev. Waters passed away at his daughter Laurie's home in Goffstown, NH. In addition to Laurie he is survived by his son Barber and Laurie's twin sister Marcy. Rev. Waters' wife, Jeanne, died in 2010. Rev. Waters was pastor at Asbury when the 71 Grand Street parsonage was purchased. The new parsonage afforded the family of five more room and a large yard in which the children could play. At that time the pastor's office was in the parsonage and the new parsonage also afforded more room for the office.

NEWS FROM UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The September meetings, via ZOOM, of Asbury's United Methodist Women are on Friday, September 17 and 24 at 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A study of the book *Words of Life* by Adam Hamilton will be concluded during these meetings. The book explores the Ten Commandments as not just a set of ancient rules but also a guide to living the promise of a good and peaceful life today. All are welcome to join in the discussion and bring their perspective of what the Commandments mean to them.

On September 10 at 5:00 p.m. on ZOOM there will be a business meeting to discuss future UMW mission projects and the group's participation in the Village-Wide Tag Sale on September 25. The opening of the Holiday Pop-Up Shop during the Croton Fall Festival on Saturday, October 2 will also be discussed.

For more information please contact Barbara Whipple at 914-271-8712.

THE HISTORY CORNER

The Asbury parsonages have been known to us as the present one at 71 Grand Street and the one before that which we now call Wesley House. Before the Wesley House parsonage that was built in the 1890's where did the pastor live?

Rev. Billy Hibbard, who we consider our first pastor, was appointed to the Croton Circuit in 1804. The Croton Circuit included congregations in Peekskill, Putnam Valley, Summerstown, North Salem, Croton, New Fairfield and Stevenstown. Rev. Hibbard lived in North Salem in a storefront parsonage. He asked for funds to build a parsonage and members of his circuit came through for him. After hearing of the amount of money raised he exclaimed at a camp meeting, "Yes, we were all blest with a most glorious display of Divine favor...the collections overrun!" A parsonage was built and he and his wife Sybil and their eleven children moved in. It is believed this parsonage was in Croton, but we do not know where, and we know that through the years something happened to it because before the Wesley House parsonage was built houses were being rented for pastors including one still standing at 141 Grand Street.

The parsonage at 71 Grand Street was purchased in 1964. The house had been the office of Dr. Nathaniel P. Brooks and his home he shared with his wife and daughter and at one time the upstairs two back bedrooms, now one room, served as auxiliary hospital rooms for the Ossining Hospital. The garage was attached to the house and heated so he could keep his car warm for winter house calls and hospital emergencies. Dr. Brooks had cared for the Croton community for many years following his service as a doctor in World War I. He was a very active member of the community serving as school physician, a member of the Croton Recreation Committee, the Selective Service committee during World War II and on the staffs of the Peekskill and Ossining Hospitals. He was a Mason and an active member of the Fox-Eklof Post of the American Legion. Dr. Brooks died in April 1963 at age 82.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 2021 ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH			1	2	3 Treasure Chest 11am-7pm	4 9:00am - UMM Breakfast 9:30am - UMM Meeting Treasure Chest 10am – 3pm
	5 FIFTEENTH PENTECOST 10:30 Worship via Zoom or phone	6	7	8	9	10 5:00pm UMW Conference Call via Zoom & Phone
12 SIXTEENTH PENTECOST 10:30 Worship via Zoom or phone Jan Peek – Serve Dinner	13	14	15	16	17 5:00pm UMW Conference Call via Zoom & Phone	18 9:00am - UMM Breakfast 9:30am – UMM Meeting
19 SEVENTEENTH PENTECOST 10:30 Worship via Zoom or phone	20 Salvation Army Lunch	21	22	23	24 5:00pm UMW Conference Call via Zoom & Phone	25 9:00am - UMM Breakfast 9:30am - UMM Meeting UMW at Village Tag Sale 10am-4pm Treasure Chest open from 10am-4pm
26 EIGHTEENTH PENTECOST 10:30 Worship via Zoom or phone	27	28	29	30		