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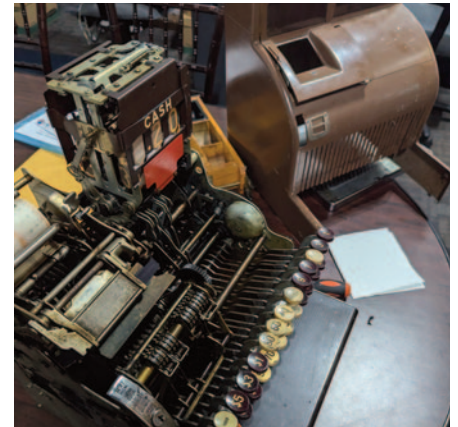
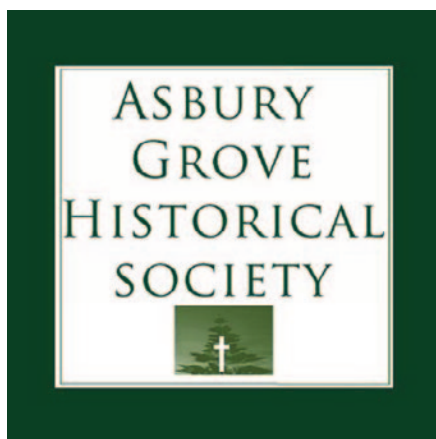
What's Happening This Week

- Sat, Jul. 20 Christmas in July Sale, in front of the Coffee Shop, 9-10:30
Lemonade Stand, outside the Thrift Barn, 10:30-12:30 PM
Historical Society Event & Ice Cream Social, Dining Hall, 6:30 PM
- Thurs, Jul. 25 The Chosen Season 3, Jesse Lee House, 7pm
Candy Cane Scavenger Hunt, Dining Hall 7pm
- Sat, Jul. 27 Duathlon & Breakfast in Jessie Lee, 8:00 am
Bouncy House, Mid-afternoon
Youth Dinner, Dining Hall 6:00

Ice Cream Social

The annual ice cream social and presentation of the Asbury Grove Historical Society will be held on Saturday, July 20 at 6:30 in the dining hall.

Sports throughout the years in the Grove is the topic for this year's talk with pictures and anecdotes about croquet and tennis tournaments, baseball teams, basketball, building of the pool, pool events and others. The Cottage Preservation Awards for 2023 will be presented.



Preserving the Historical Charm of Asbury Grove

At our coffee shop, we cherish the rich history of Asbury Grove, beautifully exemplified by our recently repaired antique cash register. This charming piece not only serves a functional purpose but also connects us to the past, reminding us of the legacy we uphold. Such details enrich our community, offering a glimpse into the heritage that makes Asbury Grove unique. As a proud member of the National Register of Historic Places, we are dedicated to preserving these historical aspects, ensuring that future generations can enjoy and appreciate the charm and stories of yesteryears. Join us in celebrating and maintaining the delightful details that make our community special.



Coffee Shop Cash Register

Sunday at Asbury Grove

We have a full schedule of enriching and inspiring events lined up for the community on Sunday's at Asbury Grove. Here's what's happening:

Men's Class

- Time: 8 AM
- Location: Coffee Shop

Start your day with meaningful discussion and fellowship in our Men's Class.

Vespers Service

- Time: 4 PM
- Location: Vesper Circle

Join us for Vespers with Rev. Nizzi Santos Digan UMC Northeast District Superintendent. It's a wonderful opportunity for quiet reflection and spiritual nourishment.

Contemporary Worship

- Time: 7 PM
- Location: Chapel

End your day with Contemporary Worship led by Mark Fee. Come and experience a vibrant and uplifting service filled with music and inspiration.

We look forward to seeing you at these events as we continue to build our community and grow in faith together.

Library News

We are thrilled to have 3 new volunteers at the library. Melissa & Simon Nystedt and Beckie Aikens are our new librarians. Be sure to swing in to greet them.

Special thanks to Steve & Carolyn Walsh for donating a rotating book/dvd rack to the library and to Kelly & Stephen Farley for donating a large quantity of DVD's.

FYI - During the 2023 summer season, Moses Otto was our #1 reader. He is well on his way to being #1 for 2024 unless someone else gives him some competition! Come take out a book! Summer reading is FUN!!!

NEW regular hours:
Monday 6:30-7:30
Tuesday 6:00-7:30
Thursday 6:00-7:30
Saturday 10:00-1:00

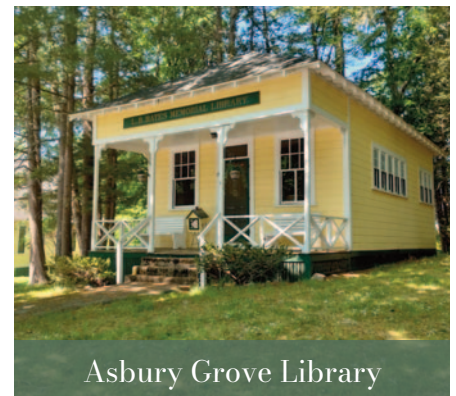
We are contemplating having a book signing at the Library again this year. If you are an author who would be interested, please let me know. (Lorrie Kulhavy 978-998-2047) If there is enough interest, it would take place in August.



Rev. Nizzi Digan

Join us for Vespers Service led by Rev. Nizzi Santos Digan, the UMC Northeast District Superintendent, on Sunday, July 21, at 4 PM in the Vesper Circle.

Rev. Nizzi Santos Digan is a fourth-generation Methodist from Manila, Philippines, and the first Filipino ordained as an Elder in the New England Conference of the United Methodist Church. With a background in education and a Master of Divinity from Boston University, she has been serving as the Senior Pastor of Good Shepherd UMC in Malden, Massachusetts, since 2011. Rev. Digan is known for her dedication to community outreach, fostering urban church growth, and her extensive experience in mission work, including her role as a port chaplain at the Port of Boston.



Asbury Grove Library

Thank You, Roger

Roger Perham is stepping down as Business Manager for the Grove after four years of dedicated service. We are deeply grateful for his hard work and commitment to our community. Roger and his wife, Ruthie, have been residents of the Grove for nearly 50 years, beginning with the purchase of their first seasonal cottage on Wesley Park. Roger's connection to the Grove began in the mid-70s when, as a Youth Leader at the Methodist Church in Lynn, he visited a friend here. This visit planted a seed, leading to a long and impactful relationship with our community. Over the years, Roger has held numerous leadership roles, including President of the Cottage Owners Association, Vice President, and President of the Corporation. He has also been an active member of the Admissions and Recreations Committees. A lifelong runner, Roger has been instrumental in coordinating various running events at the Grove. These include the weekly runs, the annual Wiener Run and Duathlon. His passion for running extends beyond our community, as he has organized the Lynn Road Race for 49 years and officiates track meets for local high schools. Roger has also completed the Boston Marathon five times, along with many other long-distance races across New England. Roger's dedication to education is evident from his career as a school teacher and his continued work as a substitute teacher for Hamilton K-12. He is also an active member of the Lions Club, focusing on eye research and providing eye care to those in need. Additionally, Roger has served as District Photographer for over 25 years.

“I enjoy serving the community, having answers for people, and helping others,” Roger says. He hopes that the Grove continues to thrive with its amazing activities and programs, encouraging even more community involvement. Roger and Ruthie raised three children in the Grove and now cherish their time with their grandchildren. Although he is stepping down as Office Manager, Roger will remain a vital part of our community, organizing events and running through our streets. Thank you, Roger, for your unwavering dedication and contributions to the Grove. Your impact will be felt for years to come.



Roger Perham

Editor's Note: Amy Wallich will be filling in temporarily and will be in the office most mornings. Please see the office door for the weekly schedule.



The Squeezebox Stompers - July 13 in the Tabernacle

Squeezebox Stompers Delight at the Historic Tabernacle

On Saturday, July 13th, the Squeezebox Stompers brought their lively and interactive performance to the Tabernacle, captivating the audience with their vibrant tunes. The six-member band had everyone dancing and tapping their feet, making it a memorable evening despite the summer heat. The intermission provided a much-needed break for fresh air, but the crowd eagerly returned for the second set, not wanting to miss a moment of the amazing performance. The show took place in the Tabernacle, the oldest remaining wooden tabernacle structure in the United States. At 129 years old, it is possibly the only wooden tabernacle still in use, adding a touch of historical charm to the evening.

Face of Tomorrow - Youth Outreach

The youth program at Asbury Grove kicked off on July 1st with a week filled with meet-and-greet activities, fun, and creativity. The kids enjoyed making crafts, including paper lanterns, and preparing for the big parade on the 4th of July.

Guest Speakers and Memory Verses

Liana Medina inspired everyone with her message on "love one another" on Friday, July 5th. The memory verse for the week was 1 John 4:11: "Dear friends, since God loved us, we also ought to love one another."

Craft Activities

Our paper lanterns project faced some challenges with the heat, causing the balloons to deflate, but we persevered! In addition to lanterns, the kids have been creating beautiful wind chimes and engaging in their favorite crafts. On Wednesday, July 10th, Steve Walsh spoke to the kids about the rich history of Asbury Grove, adding an educational element to our fun activities.

Upcoming Projects and Events

This week, we plan to finish up the wind chimes and start making metal can lanterns. We still need a few more vegetable or bean cans for this project, so any donations would be greatly appreciated. The memory verse for this week is 1 John 4:12: "No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us."

Looking ahead, Susan Normand will help the kids create a cool collage on Tuesday, July 16th, and on Thursday, July 18th, Linda Young will teach them the art of T-shirt screening.

Teen Night

Teen Night for teens aged 13 and up started this Wednesday night, July 17. We will meet in the Youth Center from 7-9 PM.

Youth Fundraising

The Asbury Grove Youth are raising funds to go to Canobie

Lake Park at the end of the summer. Our fundraising goal is \$1000, enough to send 25 people to the park. Here are some ways you can help us meet our goal:

- Come to the Christmas in July Sale Sat. 20 from 9-10:30 in front of the Coffee Shop
- Visit our lemonade stand outside the Thrift Barn this Saturday, 10:30-12
- Buy a cold drink or snack at the pool on Mondays from 2-4 PM
- Fri. July 26th - 8 pm Movie- A Muppets Christmas Carol
- Youth Dinner on July 27 in the Dining Hall.
- Make a direct donation (see Beth or Michelle)

Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to grow, learn, and have fun together this summer at Asbury Grove!

Weekly Round Up

Saturdays

- 8:30 am Coffee Shop Open with a made to order menu
- 9:30 pm Thrift Barn Open till 1pm
- 10:00 am Library Open till 1 pm
- TBD Historic Cottage Visits
- 1:00 pm Pool Open till 5pm

Sundays

- 12:30 pm Pool Open till 3:30
- 4:00 pm Vesper Services at Vesper Circle or Chapel
(depending on weather)
- Sunday School t Johnson Youth Center
(After the first Hymn)

Monday - Friday

- 10:00 am Youth Chapel at Johnson Youth Center
- 1:00 pm Pool Open till 5 pm

Mondays

- 6:00 pm Foot Races
- 6:30 pm Library Open till 7:30

Tuesdays

- 6:00 pm Ice Cream Shoppe
- 6:00 pm Library Open till 7:30 pm
- 7:00 pm Bible Study at Jesse Lee House
(Starting July 16th)

Wednesdays

- 6:30 am "Share and Prayer" at the Coffee Shop

Thursdays

- 10:00 am Ladies Prayer Group at 'All is Well' on
Mudge Ave.
- 6:00 pm Library Open till to 7:30 pm

Friday

- 8:30 am Coffee Shop Open with coffee & Pastries
- 8:00 pm Movie Night at the Dining Hall
- 9:30 pm Thrift Barn Open till 1pm



The Watchful Eye

Remember to check yourselves, children and pets for ticks.

The Barn is Open!

Visit Every Fri & Sat 9:30-1



Volunteer Opportunity

Weeding needed for several areas within our community. Many hands make light work. The sign behind the flag pole out front. The directory area at the archway entrance Across from the Dining Hall

Request for Submissions

The Pine Echoes Editor asks that all submissions for the Thursday printing be in by Monday. Please make sure to mark your calendars and get submissions in!

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It's time to prepare for the Christmas in July celebration, Thursday, July 25th – Saturday 27th

Here's how:

-Our youth will be selling Christmas attire and decorations outside of the Coffee Shop Saturday morning, July 20th from 9 -10:30am to raise funds for their end of year trip.

(You'll need some creative Christmas attire to compete for the prize of "Most Festively Dressed" at the youth dinner)

-Decorate your cottage for the festivities and prep for the upcoming Illumination Night.

-Organize your team of 3-5 people for the *Candy Cane Scavenger Hunt* on July 25th (The hunt is easier if you have a golf cart and if you decorate it you'll receive extra points toward your hunt total)

Christmas in July Schedule

**Thursday, July 25th- Candy Cane Scavenger Hunt,
Dining Hall 7pm, teams of 3-5 people**

Fri. July 26th- 8 pm Movie- A Muppets Christmas Carol

Sat. July 27th - Kids Bounce House
- Youth Christmas Themed Dinner 6pm
- Most Festively Dressed Contest at dinner