

## NEWS, EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

### October Donations

**Asbury Food Cupboard:** Peanut Butter; Deodorant

**Canton Calvary Mission:** Tuna; canned meat

**Asbury Baby Box:** yarn

Helping Hands is collecting **Acme Receipts, Aug 6 – Dec 26.**  
Mail to PO BOX 595 Waynesburg or drop in box at back of Sanctuary.

**The herbs on the altar are from Joyce's garden and flowers from Nicki. Thank you, ladies.**

### Oct 4 – World Communion Sunday

**Oct 5** - Last day to register to vote

**Oct 6** - Early voting begins - To check if application for absentee ballot received or date ballot will be mailed - [voteohio.gov](http://voteohio.gov)

**Oct 7** – UMW at 7pm

**Nov 1: All Saint's Day** will be observed

### Nov 7 at 11am Charge Conference

Information for the year end reports needs to be in office no later than week of Oct 19.

Please continue to be safe, follow the guidelines from medical professionals and our governor. Please continue to pray, stay in God's Word, check in on friends and neighbors. Be Blessed, Be Safe and remember you are loved and remain in our prayers.

Please share our Asbury web address or our Facebook Page. We have a unique opportunity to "Be the church" and make known the name of Jesus and his Message of Hope and Renewal in these worrisome times. Let's share His love and His wisdom far and wide! <http://www.asbury-ridgeave.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/Asbury-United-Methodist-of-East-Sparta-108275497482617>

**OFFICE HOURS: 9 – 12:30 pm. Tuesday and Thursday**

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### Pastor's Moment

*"It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit..."*  
Gen 3:12

Oh, those fateful words of Adam in the Garden of Eden. Or, how about Aaron, when Moses asked him about the Golden Calf? *"Hey Aaron, why'd you do it? Well Moses, it was like this. You know how bad those people can be. They brought me the gold. I just threw it in the fire and what do you know, out jumped the calf!"* Exodus 32:22-24 paraphrased

From the time of Adam to the time of Moses and up to this very day the words ring out, "Not my fault!" So, what's your excuse? It depends, just ask, there's always a convenient one at hand. Sometimes we don't even have to think about it. Like the Golden Calf, they just pop out. From the beginning, excuses have been a prominent part of the human story. Excuses can be of the everyday seemingly harmless variety or life changing. Sometimes they are so memorable, we talk about them for years or even millennia. The excuses from Adam and Aaron have a familiar ring to them don't they. *"Not my fault! It was, [insert excuse here]"*

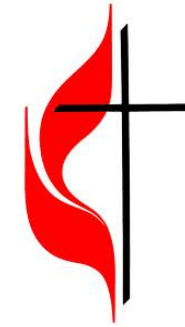
In life we sometimes do things we regret or things we know full well that we shouldn't. When exposed to the light, we try to minimize and deflect the blame elsewhere, anywhere. The Bible tells us, *"everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible"* Ephesians 5:13,14

When sin is exposed, our natural tendency is to try and hide it again. We don't want our sin to be exposed and out pops another excuse. Deflect, defer, and defend... Maybe we should have just stayed in the light in the first place. Hmm, sounds like a plan.

No more excuses, God tells us to be *"Children of the Light"*. Jesus said, *"You are the light of the world."* May we live our lives in the open, in such a way that we may be seen as a people who are in the full light of Christ. May we light the way in this dark world to Jesus Christ and the gift of Salvation!

In the powerful name of Christ!

**Pastor Mike**



# ASBURY

United Methodist Church  
7344 Ridge Ave SE  
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*Pastor Mike Bradford*

*October 4, 2020*

*Asbury's mission is  
to serve God, to make disciples,  
and bring faith into the community.*

# Order of Worship

Sunday, October 4, 2020

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## Greeting & Announcements

*Please remember to maintain social distance and wear your face mask. Thank you*

Prelude *How Firm A Foundation*

Hymn *How Firm A Foundation*

Call to Worship Psalm 121

**Leader:** I lift up my eyes to the hills, where does my help come from?

**People: My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.**

**Leader:** He will not let your foot slip, he who watches over you will not slumber;

**People: Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

**Leader:** The LORD watches over you, the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

**People: The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.**

**Leader:** The LORD will keep you from all harm, he will watch over your life;

**All: The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.**

Hymn *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

## Children's Moment

Children will remain in their seats for today's video clip

## Sharing of Praises & Concerns

There will be no microphone. Please stand up to address the congregation so that all may hear better. Thank you

## Meditation on Prayer and Giving

*Rock of Ages*

## Pastoral Prayer

## Today's Video

## Today's Message

Luke 20:45 thru Luke 21:4  
A Season of Commitment, "Giving"

Holy Communion (insert)

## Sending Forth

Hymn *Are Ye Able*

## Benediction

Postlude *Amazing Grace*

## Prayer Requests

### ASBURY

Keith & Melanie B, Terry & Tammy D,  
Larry & Sandy D, Shelva G, Gordon & Penny L,  
Greg M, Jami O, Lee R, Donna S, Stan T.

### \*ASBURY FRIENDS

Jim & Cathy B, Jimmy B, Carlene H, Philip S, Bob S,  
our nation and our world.

*\*Individuals will be kept on our list for a short time so that the list doesn't continue to grow. If you wish to keep a name on this list, please specify that you wish for them to remain indefinitely.*

HOMEBOUND & SKILLED CARE RESIDENTS  
Barbara B, Chet B, Chuck F, Florence H, Della J,  
Joan S, Anna T.

REMEMBER OUR TROOPS  
Austin B, Ana R, Jacob R, Kyle R, Lloyd R, Brian R,  
Joe S.

### 2020 ASBURY FINANCE UPDATE

Needed each week -- \$1,650

Collected last week -- \$1,365

