

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.

UMW is once again doing "Operation Christmas Child". This is through Samaritan's Purse and involves filling a shoebox with little gifts for children around the world. If you would like to fill a box please contact Nancy M or a UMW member. Boxes must be returned to church by Nov 1.

At the back of the church is a "thank-you" table. On it are all the thank-you's we have received since the church closed, proof that we were really never "shut down".

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

"Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock." Matthew 7:24, 25

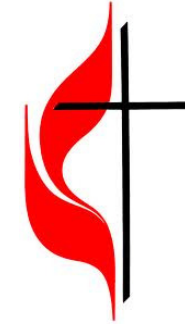
When I lived in Gettysburg Pennsylvania in the 1970's, a hurricane formed in the Caribbean. It eventually made landfall on the Gulf Coast and turned northeast toward Central Pennsylvania bringing with it rains of epic proportions. Creeks and streams became raging torrents and the worst flooding in memory. Homes were destroyed, bridges swept away, roads washed out and lives lost. As I drove across one of the few remaining open bridges, much to my amazement, floating down the river, was an entire house. In awe, I watched the power of the flood. The magnitude of loss for the families hit me full force and made a lifelong impact.

As a young man, it never occurred to me to look for the high ground when choosing where to live. I chose a home based on the scenery out the back door. The possibility of a flood never entered my mind. By the Grace of God, our home narrowly escaped the disaster and my family was safe.

We often go about our daily lives much like that, making our choices based on the whim of the moment or the superficial. When the storms of life come and everything seems like it's falling apart around us we find ourselves crying out in despair, seemingly with nowhere to turn, wishing we had something, someone we could count on. There is good news... there is One we can count on. His name is Jesus.

In these unsettling days, may the house of our lives stand firm as we build upon the Solid Rock. May we count on Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. May we claim His promise "for he has said, "I will never leave you and I will never abandon you."" Hebrews 13:5 As we practice this new thing called "Social Distancing" and staying home wondering what to do with all this time on our hands, may we turn to the Lord Jesus Christ. May our hearts sing out like the old hymn... "On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand."

In the Powerful Name of Jesus,
Pastor Mike



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October 11, 2020

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, October 11, 2020

*Those who are able, please stand.

Greeting & Announcements

Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Hymn

I Know Whom I Have Believed

Call to Worship

Psalm 106:1-6; 19-23

Leader: Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

People: Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare his praise?

Leader: Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right.

People: Remember me, Lord, when you show favor to your people.

Leader: Come to my aid when you save them, that I may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones.

People: That I may share in the joy of your nation and join your inheritance in giving praise.

Leader: We have sinned, even as our ancestors did; we have done wrong and acted wickedly.

People: At Horeb they made a calf and worshiped an idol cast from metal.

Leader: They exchanged their glorious God for an image of a bull, which eats grass.

People: They forgot the God who saved them, who had done great things in Egypt.

Leader: Miracles in the land of Ham and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.

People: So he said he would destroy them - had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him to keep his wrath from destroying them.

Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy!

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

Be Still My Soul

Pastoral Prayer

Today's Video

Today's Message

Mark 9:14-27;

Matthew 9:18-26

"I Believe Lord! Help My Unbelief!"

Sending Forth

Hymn

Rock of Ages

Benediction

Postlude

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Prayer Requests

ASBURY

Keith & Melanie B, Terry & Tammy 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, Shad & Diana S, Bob S, our nation and our world.

Asbury extends sympathies to the families of Charlotte Wright (Briggle neighbor) and Eric Branham (Ashley's brother)

**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 -- \$1,287

