

NEWS, EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

January Donations

Asbury Food Cupboard: soup, shampoo

Canton Calvary Mission: mac & cheese

Asbury Baby Box: socks

Jan 3: Communion

Jan 11: Ad council 7pm

Happy
New Year

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>

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Pastor's Moment

"Name above all names, worthy of all praise, my heart will sing, how great is our God." ("How Great is Our God" Chris Tomlin and Jesse Reeves)

There are so many things in this life that consume us: social media; running the children to various events and practices; shoveling snow; volunteering for worthy causes; fixing dinner; fixing that leaky faucet; laundry; on and on it goes. Life in our world seems to grab hold and sweep us along at a breakneck pace, even in the midst of a pandemic. In the midst of the busyness, there is a part of us longing for a moment or two to catch our breath. We think about it, wishing we had the time... then swept back into the current of life once again, we wistfully look forward to the time we can slow down and actually take a breather.

"Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." **Matthew 11:28**

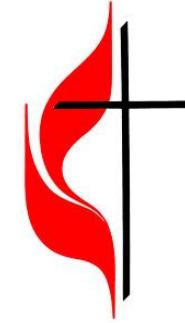
There is somewhere we can turn to find rest and even a little peace of mind. His name is Jesus. We don't have to go anywhere special, or dress in a certain way, we can be in our pajamas or our best 'Sunday go to meeting clothes'. We can simply pause wherever we are, close our eyes or leave them open.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" **Isaiah 9:6**

Now that's the kind of peace we can wrap our arms around. What matters is giving the moment to Him, giving thanks to the King of Kings. In the power of His name, we can find the peace we so desperately need. He is there with us always. We can come just as we are. We are always welcome, always loved, always family.

In the Powerful Name of Christ,

Pastor Mike



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The Joy
of CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATE THE SEASON

Pastor Mike Bradford

December 27, 2020

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, December 27, 2020

*Those who are able, please stand.

Greeting & Announcements

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

Prelude *The First Noel*

Hymn *Sing We Now of Christmas*

Call to Worship *Isaiah 61:10-62:3 (NRSV)*

Leader: I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God. For he has clothed me with the garments of salvation.

Congregation: He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Leader: For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Congregation: For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

Leader: The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

All: You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

Hymn *Infant Holy Infant Lowly*

Pastoral Prayer

Today's Video

Today's Message

Luke 2:21-38

"Just Another Day"

Sending Forth/Sending the Light

Hymn *The First Noel*

Benediction

Prayer Requests

ASBURY,
Keith & Melanie B, Shelva G, Karlene R Family,
Gordon & Penny L, Greg & Nancy M family,
Nancy M family, Joni N, Jami O, Theresa P,
Lee R, Donna S, Stan T.

*ASBURY FRIENDS

Jim & Cathy B, Jimmy B, Mark B, Chris B & family,
Doyle C, Lisa C, David H, Fred H, David J, Peggy J,
Joel R, Philip S, Bob S, Miranda and Isaiah,
and our nation and our world.

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.

This week we will pray for a Blessed New Year. Lord, we ask that You lift our spirits. We know that You are there, holding us, carrying us and loving us. For that we are eternally grateful. We pray that we never forget Your Power and Your Might. In Jesus' Name. Amen

*Attendance for December 20, 2020
Worship 33*

2020 ASBURY FINANCE UPDATE

Needed each week -- \$1,650

Collected last week -- \$1,658

