

NEWS, EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

January Donations

Asbury Food Cupboard: soup, shampoo

Canton Calvary Mission: mac & cheese

Asbury Baby Box: socks

Tomorrow: Ad council canceled

Jan 17: Human Relations Day Special Sunday

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Pastor's Moment

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

A middle-aged Caucasian woman was seated in her coach class airline seat. Seeing that the passenger next to her was an African American man, she became visibly upset. The

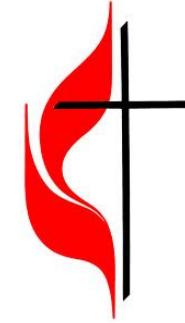
woman called the cabin attendant. "What's the problem, ma'am?" the attendant asked her? "Can't you see?" the lady replied tersely. "I was given a seat next to a black man. I can't sit next to him you have to change my seat." The appalled attendant replied "Please, calm down, ma'am. Unfortunately, all the seats are occupied but I'll see what I can arrange." The attendant left and returned some minutes later. "Madam, as I told you, there aren't any empty seats here in coach class. We do have seats in first class though." The attendant continued, "Look, it's a bit unusual to allow a passenger from the economy class to change to the first class. However, given the circumstances, we believe that it wouldn't be fair to make a passenger travel sitting next to an unpleasant person." Turning to the man, the attendant said: "Sir, if you would be so nice to grab your carry-on, we have a seat for you in first class..." All the passengers nearby, still shocked upon witnessing the scene, started applauding, some even standing up in their approval of the solution provided.

Pastors are always looking for material for a sermon topic or illustration and I'm no different. I read this story way back in 2014 and it really stood out. It still stands out, especially with the racial unrest of recent months. The story may be about racism, but there's more to it than that. It made me think about how we at times view many other things. It made me think about our preconceived notions, ideas and cluelessness concerning how much we think we know. It made me think about how we start spreading misinformation whether it be in error or on purpose. We all stand on our 'High Horse' sometimes don't we?

The person in the story had no clue how out of line she was. We sometimes have no clue how out of line we are concerning a host of subjects. Nor do we always comprehend the consequences of our words or attitudes. Maybe it's time we reign in our tongues and employ the Spirit of the Living God more often. May we always remember to view things through the lens of Christ's Love.

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry... James 1:19

**In the Powerful Name of Jesus...
Pastor Mike**



ASBURY

*United Methodist Church
7344 Ridge Ave SE
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Pastor Mike Bradford

January 10, 2021

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

. Order of Worship
Epiphany Sunday
Sunday, January 10, 2021
*Those who are able, please stand.

Greeting & Announcements

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

Prelude *We Three Kings*

Hymn *We Three Kings*

Call to Worship *Isaiah 60:1-6 (NRSV)*

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

Congregation: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples

Leader: But the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light,

Congregation: And kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you;

Congregation: Your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Leader: Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice!

Congregation: Because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

Leader: A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.

Congregation: And they shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Children's Moment

Children will remain in their seats for today's video clip (You can find the Children's Video on our Website)

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 *What Child is This*

Pastoral Prayer

Today's Video

Today's Message

Matthew 2:1-12

"We Have Seen His Star..."-

Closing Video

Sending Forth/Sending the Light

Hymn *Joy to the World*

Benediction

Postlude *Ode to Joy*

You Might Want to Stick Around for this...

Prayer Requests

ASBURY,
Keith & Melanie B, Larry and Sandy D,
Chuck F and Family, Shelva G, Penny L family,
Nancy M family, Joni N, Jami O, Lee R,
Karlene R Family, Donna S, Stan T.

*ASBURY FRIENDS

Chris B & family, Doyle C, Lisa C, Peggy J, Philip S,
Miranda and Isaiah, and our nation and our world.

Asbury extends sympathy to the family of Gordon Laubert

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 let us pray, pray, pray and then pray some more. For the ill and dying. For the confused and lonely. For the stressed. For the hurting. For the unloved. For the meek.....

*Attendance for January 3, 2021
Worship 23*

2021 ASBURY FINANCE UPDATE Needed each week -- \$1,617 Collected last week -- \$647
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