

NEWS, EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

August Donations:

Asbury Food Cupboard: Juices, liquid hand soap

Asbury Baby Box: onesies, sleepers



We need your Helping Hands Network donations of school supplies next Sunday, **August 1.**

August 4, 2021: UMW 5:30 pm. We are meeting at Refuge of Hope. 715 2nd St NE Canton OH 44704



Retiree's breakfast will be at Der Dutchman
Route 39, Sugarcreek
Sept. 15, 2021 at 9:30 am

OFFICE HOURS: 9 am – 12:30 pm. Tues-Thurs

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Pastor's Moment

"... he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith." **Matthew 13:58**

Preparing for last Sunday's message, these words from the Gospel of Matthew caused me to catch my breath. Like a physical blow, they had the power to stop me in my tracks.

Faith is a word with many meanings. Sometimes, like in 'The Little Engine That Could', we almost chant to ourselves, "I think I can, I think I can...". We have faith in ourselves, our education, our team and so many other things. Or... sometimes we don't have faith in anything. Some of us know people who believe faith in anything is useless. That too is a type of faith, just a very negative one.

In a Christian setting, we think of Faith in Jesus, but often we don't give it a great deal of thought. In the Matthew text, Jesus was in His own hometown. At first the people were amazed at His teaching and the authority with which He spoke. Then as they realized who He was, "Hey, isn't that Mary's boy?", they became offended, having "No Faith" that Jesus was anything but a carpenter's son. The verse is translated in 'The Message', "Jesus said, "A prophet is taken for granted in his hometown and his family... He didn't do many miracles there because of their hostile indifference." Ouch... Still, to this very day, it is true. When we do not have Faith in Jesus, His power to heal, touch lives and do all that He promised, it amounts to "hostile indifference".

Just like in Jesus' hometown, without Faith, the miracles in our lives, our community and our churches will be few. Those that do take place can remain unnoticed because of our lack of Faith. Instead of expecting a miracle we end up expecting the worst as we slog along from day to day. Lack of Faith, like the viewpoint of a cynic, can cause us to miss amazing things, even the power of Jesus working in our midst.

"...truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you."

Matthew 17:20b

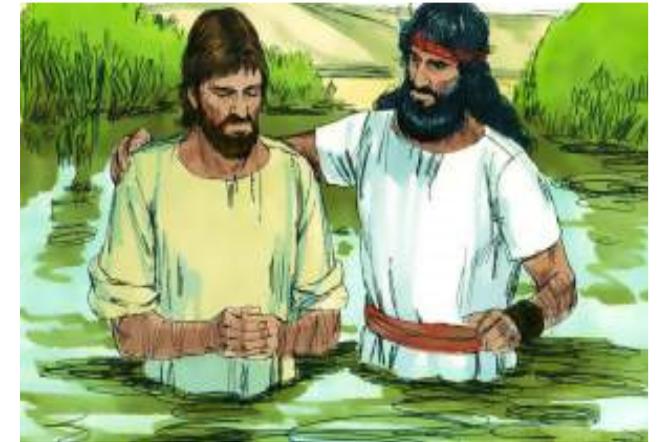
O Lord, may we find that kind of Faith that we may move mountains, change lives, change the world for Your Glory.
Amen

**In the Name of Christ,
Pastor Mike**



ASBURY

United Methodist Church
7344 Ridge Ave SE
East Sparta, Ohio 44626



Pastor Mike Bradford

July 25, 2021

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, July 25, 2021

*Those who are able, please stand

Greeting & Announcements

Masks are optional for fully vaccinated people, Thank You

Prelude *Because He Lives*

*Hymn *O Jesus I Have Promised*

Call to Worship Psalm 24

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

Congregation: for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

Leader: Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?

Congregation: The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.

Leader: They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior.

Congregation: Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.

Leader: Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,

Congregation: that the King of glory may come in.

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

Congregation: The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Leader: Lift up your heads, you gates;

Congregation: lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Leader: Who is he, this King of glory?

All: The Lord Almighty, he is the King of glory!

Children's Moment

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

Doxology/Prayer

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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 *Because He Lives*

Pastoral Prayer

Today's Video

Today's Message

Mark 6: 16-29

"The Consequences of an Evil Deed"

Sending Forth/Sending the Light

*Hymn *Here I Am Lord*

Benediction

Prayer Requests

ASBURY,
Dennis A, Keith & Melanie B, Shelva G,
Heppe Family, Mark & Tracy L, Neading Family,
Bill & Debbie M, Charlotte & Lee R.

*ASBURY FRIENDS

Diane B, Mark H (Ashley C's uncle),
Annie L, Sandy M, Cindy W, Brenda Y,
Brenda (who has been put into Hospice Care) and staff at
Columbus Hospital, Shad & Diana, George and Donna,
our nation and our world,.

HOMEBOUND & SKILLED CARE RESIDENTS

Barbara B, Phyllis C, Hallie F, Florence H, Della J,
Joan S, Stan T, Anna T.

REMEMBER OUR TROOPS

Austin B, Ana R, Jacob R, Kyle R,
Lloyd R, Brian R.

*Attendance for July 18, 2021
Worship 40*

2021 ASBURY FINANCE UPDATE

Needed each week -- \$1,617

Collected last week -- \$1,843

