

## NEWS, EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

### August Donations:

**Asbury Food Cupboard:** Juices, liquid hand soap

**Asbury Baby Box:** onesies, sleepers

### ASBURY CALENDAR

**Sept 1: UMW at 7 pm**

**Sept 13: Ad Min Board at 7pm**

**Sept. 15: 9:30 am** Retiree's breakfast will be at Dutch Valley.

### Guess What Time It Is !!!

**If you are responsible for any reports, now is the time to remind me that you need the reports to finish.**

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

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### Pastor's Moment

*"Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by."* **1 Kings 19:11**

Pennsylvania's Skyline Drive is a wonderful place. I used to go there and sit on a large rock on top of the mountain. As I watched the sunset from my rock at the top of the mountain, I sometimes played my guitar and sang until my fingers were sore and my voice was worn out. At night,

the twinkling lights of Williamsport Pa. in the distance below competed with the vast expanse of millions of stars. It was so dark you could clearly see the Milky Way and the colors of the planets hung in the sky.

I sometimes began the day at the top of the mountain. In the early morning before dawn, the drive began in fog driving up the mountain through switchbacks and along the mountain ridge, rising out of the grayness into the sunlight and crystal-clear morning skies. From the overlook at the summit, you could look out over the top of the clouds. A vast expanse of brilliant white was visible for miles in every direction with only a few nearby mountain peaks rising out of the clouds below. I thought this must be what heaven looked like. On those days it seemed like God was there with me, calming my spirit and soothing my soul like a healing balm. The stresses and hectic pace of life faded into the background to be replaced by the closeness of God and His creation.

*"Be still, and know that I am God"* **Psalm 46:10**

When was the last time we stopped and took the time to simply be still and know that He Is God? When was the last time that we just went to a quiet place, the top of a mountain or the solitude of the front porch on a quiet evening?

*"Let us be silent, that we may hear the whisper of God"*

**Ralph Waldo Emerson**

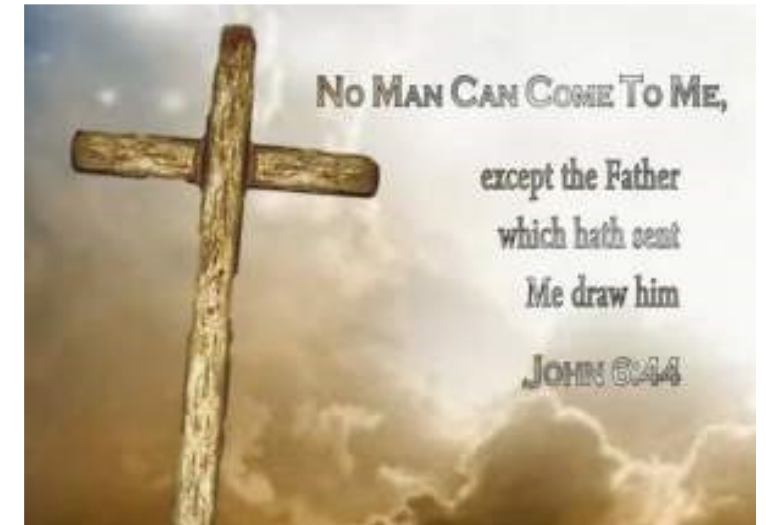
The important thing is to take the time, setting ourselves aside for something greater, something bigger than the stresses of our lives. The Bible says that He is new every morning and in Him we are created new, but... only as we give the Lord our attention, pausing to hear His voice speaking in a whisper out of the stillness to our souls.

**In Jesus  
Pastor Mike**



# ASBURY

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

*August 15, 2021*

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

## Order of Worship

Sunday, August 15, 2021

\*Those who are able, please stand

### Greeting & Announcements

*Masks are optional for fully vaccinated people, Thank You*

Prelude *Be Thou My Vision*

\*Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Call to Worship *Psalms 34:9-14*

**Leader:** Fear the Lord, you his holy people,

**Congregation:** For those who fear him lack nothing.

**Leader:** The lions may grow weak and hungry,

**Congregation:** But those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

**Leader:** Come, my children, listen to me;

**Congregation:** I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

**Leader:** Whoever of you loves life

**Congregation:** and desires to see many good days?

**Leader:** Keep your tongue from evil

**Congregation:** and your lips from telling lies.

**Leader:** Turn from evil and do good;

**All:** Seek peace and pursue it.

### 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 *Be Thou My Vision*

### Pastoral Prayer

### Today's Video

### Today's Message

John 6:40-58

"If anyone eats of this bread..."

### Sending Forth/Sending the Light

\*Hymn *God Will Take Care of You*

### Benediction

### Prayer Requests

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

\*ASBURY FRIENDS  
Diane B, Sammy J, Sandy M, Doris S,  
Cindy W, Brenda Y, Pepper, 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.

Asbury extends sympathy to the Ron Shepherd family.

## *I Love to Tell the Story*

*Attendance for August 8, 2021  
Worship 40*

**2021 ASBURY FINANCE UPDATE**  
Needed each week -- \$1,617  
Collected last week -- \$1,363

