

## NEWS, EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

### September Donations:

**Asbury Food Cupboard:** Shampoo, Peanut Butter

**Asbury Baby Box:** baby wipes

### ASBURY CALENDAR

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

**Sept. 15: 9:00 am** Retiree's breakfast will be at Menches, 4887 W Tusc.

The end of the year is approaching faster than we would like to admit. Please remind Sharon of the forms that you will be needing for Charge Conference.

### Sept 18: Church of the Lakes:

We want to invite your women to join us for a women's conference at our church on Saturday evening, September 18, from 6:30-9:00 pm. We will be bringing in a Christian speaker by the name of Shannon Perry. She is from Texas, and is an author, singer, and hosts a TV show on the Daystar network.



### Aug 5, 2021 thru Dec 25, 2021

Helping Hands is again participating in the Community Cashback Program. Acme receipts dated from 8/5 thru 12/25 will qualify the

organization for 5% of total receipts. Receipts need to be to Asbury by Jan.9.

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

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### Pastor's Moment

The Story of; 'Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross'

Near the Cross is one of Crosby's most loved hymns. This popular hymn was written by Fanny Crosby, author of over 8,500 hymns and songs.

She often collaborated with composer William Doane. Doane wrote the music and then the melody was played for Crosby. Upon hearing the melody, she felt that it said, "Jesus, keep me near the cross." She sat down and wrote the words for the hymn.

The hymn first appeared in the 1869 Bright Jewels. Editor Carlton R. Young noted "Crosby combines vivid imagery and powerful biblical and evangelical metaphor" into her writing. Near the Cross is definitely an example of this imagery. Young went on to explain that her ability to "paint a vivid scene as if it were present" is a technique known as hypokyphosis. What is even more amazing about her talent for such imagery is that she had been blind since she was six weeks old.

Evangelist Dwight L. Moody asked her one day "if you had one wish, what would it be." Her reply surprised him when she said to stay blind. He asked her to expand on this statement. She told him "Because, after being blind for all these years, the first face I want to see is the face of Jesus."

We often sing songs about being at the cross of Jesus, however we are told that few of his followers actually stayed by the cross while he was dying. Most of those who were nearby were those that mocked him or Roman soldiers involved with the execution. John 19 tells us that Mary, the mother of Jesus, and his disciple John were at the cross. They are the only ones mentioned.

The most important sentiment of this hymn is that we stay close to Christ.



# ASBURY

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



*Pastor Mike Bradford*

*September 12, 2021*

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

## Order of Worship

Sunday, September 12, 2021

\*Those who are able, please stand

### Greeting & Announcements

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

Prelude *Nearer, My God, to Thee*

\*Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Call to Worship *Psalm 1:1-6*

**Leader:** Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,

**Congregation:** or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers.

**Leader:** Their delight is in the law of the LORD.

**Congregation:** On his law they meditate day and night.

**Leader:** They are like trees planted by streams of water,

**Congregation:** which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

**Leader:** In all that they do, they prosper.

**Congregation:** The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

**Leader:** Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

**Congregation:** nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**Leader:** The LORD watches over the way of the righteous.

**All:** The way of the wicked will perish.

### 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 *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

### Pastoral Prayer

### Today's Video

### Today's Message

Matthew 16:21-28

"Get behind me Satan!"

### Sending Forth/Sending the Light

\*Hymn *Nearer, My God, to Thee*

### Benediction

### Prayer Requests

ASBURY,  
Keith & Melanie B, Shelva G, Heppe Family,  
Mark & Tracy L, McGarvey Family,  
Neading Family, Charlotte & Lee R,  
Robinson Family.

\*ASBURY FRIENDS  
Diane B, Carrie F, Sammy J, Lori K, Dave N, T. J. R,  
Doris S, Shilling family, Cindy W, Brenda Y,  
Ashly, Mia, 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.

*Attendance for September 5, 2021  
Worship 38*

#### 2021 ASBURY FINANCE UPDATE

Needed each week -- \$1,617

Collected last week -- \$1,853

