

## NEWS, EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

### January Donations:

**Asbury Food Cupboard:** hand, body lotions, canned fruit

**Asbury Baby Box:** diapers

**January 9, 2022: All Acme Receipts are due by this date.**

The Custodian Job here at Asbury is available If you are interested or have someone in mind that might be interested, please contact the office.

Asbury is in need of acolyte and greeter co-ordinators. Please see Sharon if interested. Thank you

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

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### Pastors Moment One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty. For three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never owned a home. He never wrote a book. He never had a family of his own. He never held an office. He never went to college. He never visited a big city.

He never traveled more than two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He did none of the things that are usually associated with greatness. He had no credentials but himself. He was only thirty-three, when the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away; one of them denied him. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for the only property he had on earth—his coat. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. Nineteen centuries have come and gone. Today Jesus is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that have ever marched, all the navies that have ever sailed, all the parliaments that have ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned put together, have not affected the life of mankind on earth as powerfully as that one solitary life."

**Dr. James Allen Francis** once told a short story at the First Baptist Church of Los Angeles in his sermon, "Arise, Sir Knight" to the National Baptist Young Peoples Union in 1926. What Dr. Allen said that evening in LA has reverberated in the years since.

In this season, as we consider the awesome power and Amazing Grace of God in the birth of Christ, may we consider with awe, the amazing power contained in the simplicity of the Gospel. May we remember and truly believe that our God, Creator of Everything can change lives through the humble circumstances of the one named Jesus.

Scripture tells us He is "new every morning" promising that He makes "All things new." All things... including us. As we approach the year 2022, I pray that we will each allow the Lord to renew our spirit. That we will each have a renewal and reawakening of that spirit which causes us to cry out without fear or hesitation to everyone we know that Jesus Christ is Lord. The message is still fresh, still powerful and it continues to have power to change the world, to change our communities and to change us.

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



# ASBURY

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



*Pastor Mike Bradford*

*December 26, 2021*

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

Order of Worship  
Sunday, December 26, 2021  
\*Those who are able, please stand

Greeting & Announcements

Prelude *Angels We Have Heard on High*

\*Hymn *Angels We Have Heard on High* On Screen

Call to Worship *Adapted From Psalm 148*

**Leader:** Praise the Lord!

**Congregation: Praise the Lord from the heavens and in the heights above.**

**Leader:** Praise him, all his angels and all his heavenly host.

**Congregation: Praise him, sun, moon and shining stars.**

**Leader:** Praise him, you highest heavens and waters above the skies.

**Congregation: Let all creation praise the name of the Lord,**

**Leader:** At his command they were created and he established them forever!

**Congregation: The Lord issued a decree that will never pass away.**

**Leader:** Praise the Lord from the earth, great sea creatures and ocean depths!

**Congregation: Lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding. Praise Him!**

**Leader:** You mountains and all the hills, fruit trees and all the cedars,

**Congregation: The wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,**

**Leader:** Kings of the earth and all nations, princes and all rulers on earth, young men and women, old men and children.

**Congregation: Let them praise the name of the Lord!**

**Leader:** His name alone is exalted above all else!

**Congregation: His splendor is above the earth and the heavens.**

**Leader:** He has raised up for his people great strength and the praise of all his faithful servants, the people close to his heart.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

Sharing of Praises & Concerns

Hymn *Joy to the World* on screen

Pastoral Prayer

Choir

Children's Moment

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

Presenting Ourselves & Our Gifts

\*Doxology On Screen (95)

Today's Video

Today's Message

Luke 2:21-38

"Just Another Day"

Sending Forth/Sending the Light

\*Hymn *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* on screen

Benediction

Prayer Requests

ASBURY

Keith & Melanie B, Heppe Family, Mark H, Neading Family, Karlene R, Charlotte & Lee R, Robinson Family, Susie W.

ASBURY FRIENDS

Eldon C, Sammy J, Lori K, Virginia M, Dave Naus family, Jack S, Joe T, Cindy W, Kevin, Andy, Janie, Mason, our nation and our world.

HOMEBOUND & SKILLED CARE RESIDENTS

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

REMEMBER OUR TROOPS

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

A big thank you to Nancy McCartney for the beautiful Poinsettias in the sanctuary.

Attendance for December 19, 2021  
Sunday School 23 Worship 38

2021 ASBURY FINANCE UPDATE

Needed each week -- \$1,617  
Collected last week -- \$2,431

