

## NEWS, EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

### January Donations:

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

**Asbury Baby Box:** diapers

Today: **All Acme Receipts are due.**

**January 10, 2022 - Admin board 7 pm**

**January 16, 2022:** Human Relations Day-Your gift supports ministries of social justice and outreach. The community Developers Program. United Methodist Voluntary Services Program Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.

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

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### Pastors Moment

I wish... Have you ever said those words? I don't think there is anyone who hasn't at some time or another. Those simple words can sum up our feelings about turning points in our lives or they can speak volumes

about our hopes and aspirations for the future. So often they bring up bittersweet memories of lost dreams and mistakes made or of missed opportunities. Is there anyone who hasn't wished they had done something differently? Who of us hasn't said or done something we later regret? Who do we know who hasn't missed the chance to make a difference, set a good example or say a few kind words to someone in need?

It is January 2022 already and as we leave behind yet another 'Holiday Season', it's a time of year our minds often turn to thoughts of what we have left undone or what we have yet to do. For so many, the Christmas Holiday has been a difficult time.

We have an opportunity to make a difference in the life of someone who continues to struggle. As we come to them and give the gift of ourselves, we can stretch out our hands and reach out with words of hope and encouragement. In the name of Jesus we can be like a light in the darkness that leads to "The Light" of Christ. Those who desperately need the hope that Jesus brings to the lost and the lonely often find it in the kindness of people... people just like you.

When I worked in the corporate world, we used an irreverent phrase about this time of year. "It's come to Jesus time", meaning it's time to make things right, time to see the results or lack of results for our efforts in the previous year, time to correct what we missed before the year ends, time to learn from our mistakes and plan to do better in the year to come.

As Christians we have our own "Come to Jesus time" and it is now. Every single day, the Lord gives us that opportunity. He is calling... Don't wait... renew your relationship with Christ, or come to Him in the first place, make a difference for someone in need, heal a relationship, reach out the name of Christ with the Gospel message. Let us make the new year of 2022 a year of changed hearts, renewed hope and cups that overflow with love... For Christ and for each other.

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



# ASBURY

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



*Pastor Mike Bradford*

*January 9, 2022*

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

## Order of Worship

Sunday, January 9, 2022

\*Those who are able, please stand

### Greeting & Announcements

Prelude All Creatures of Our God and King

\*+Hymn *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* on screen (57)

Call to Worship Psalm 66:1-7

**Leader:** Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

**Congregation: Sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious!**

**Leader:** Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds!

**Congregation: So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You.**

**Leader:** All the earth bows down to You; they sing praise to You

**Congregation: They sing praise to Your name."**

**Leader:** Come and see what God has done,

**Congregation: How awesome are His works in our behalf!**

**Leader:** He turned the sea into dry land and they passed through the waters on foot.

**All: Come, let us rejoice in Him.**

### Sharing of Praises & Concerns

+Hymn *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* on screen

### Pastoral Prayer

### 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 3:15-17, 21-22; Mark 1:1-11

"Baptized With the Holy Spirit..."

### Sending Forth/Sending the Light

\*+Hymn *Standing on the Promises* on screen (374)

### Benediction

### Prayer Requests

#### ASBURY

Keith & Melanie B, Heppe Family, Debbie M, Kim C M, Neading Family, Karlene R, Charlotte & Lee R, Robinson Family, Susie W.

#### ASBURY FRIENDS

Eldon C, Sammy J, Lori K, Dave Naus family, Joe T, Cindy W, Kevin, Andy, Janie, 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.

*+Musical arrangement or lyrics may differ from the hymnal.*

*Attendance for January 2, 2022  
Sunday School 20 Worship 34*

#### 2022 ASBURY FINANCE UPDATE

Needed each week -- \$1,599

Collected last week -- \$1,990

