

NEWS, EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

January Donations:

Asbury Food Cupboard: hand, body lotions, canned fruit

Asbury Baby Box: diapers

Today: 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

"It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit..."

Gen 3:12. Oh, those fateful words of Adam in the Garden of Eden. Or, how about Aaron, when Moses asked him about the Golden Calf? *Hey Aaron, why'd you do it? Well Moses, it was like this. You know how bad those people can be. They brought me the gold. I just threw it in the fire and what do*

you know, out jumped the calf! Exodus32:22-24 (paraphrased)

From the time of Adam to the time of Aaron and Moses right up to this very day the words ring out, "Not my fault!" So, what's your excuse? It depends, just ask, there's always a convenient one at hand. Sometimes we don't even have to think about it. Just like the Golden Calf, they just pop out. From the beginning, excuses have been a prominent part of the human story. Excuses can be of the everyday seemingly harmless variety or life changing. Sometimes they are so memorable, we talk about them for years or even millennia.

The excuses from Adam and Aaron have a familiar ring to them don't they. *"Not my fault! It was..."*[insert excuse here]" In life we sometimes do things we regret or things we know full well that we shouldn't. When exposed to the light, we try to minimize, equivocate or deflect the blame elsewhere, anywhere. The Bible tells us, *"everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible"* Ephesians 5:13,14. When sin is exposed, our natural tendency is to try and hide it again. We don't want our sin to be exposed and out pops another excuse. Deflect, defer, and defend... Maybe we should have just stayed in the light in the first place. Hmm, sounds like a plan.

No more excuses, God tells us to be *"Children of the Light"*. Jesus said, *"You are the light of the world."* May we live our lives in the open, in such a way that in the full light of Christ we are clearly seen by all as we light the way in this dark world to the Gospel and Jesus' gift of Salvation!

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



ASBURY

*United Methodist Church
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Pastor Mike Bradford

January 16, 2022

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, January 16, 2022

*Those who are able, please stand

Greeting & Announcements

Prelude When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*+Hymn *Beneath the Cross of Jesus On Screen (297)*

Call to Worship Psalm 19:7-14 (paraphrased)

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect.

Congregation: It refreshes the soul.

Leader: The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy.

Congregation: They make wise the simple.

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right.

Congregation: They give joy to the heart.

Leader: The commands of the Lord are radiant,

Congregation: They give light to the eyes.

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure.

Congregation: It endures forever.

Leader: The decrees of the Lord are firm.

Congregation: All of them are righteous.

Leader: They are more precious than gold.

Congregation: More precious than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey from the honeycomb.

Leader: By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can discern their own errors?

Congregation: Oh Lord, forgive my hidden faults.

Leader: Keep your servant also from willful sins.

Congregation: May they not rule over me, so I may be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

Leader: May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight

All: Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Sharing of Praises & Concerns

+Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross on screen (298)*

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 4:1-13

"The Temptation of Christ"

Sending Forth/Sending the Light

*+Great Is Thy Faithfulness On Screen (140)

Benediction

Prayer Requests

ASBURY

Keith & Melanie B, Haper's, Heppe Family,
Lunsford's, Debbie M, Kim C M, Neading Family,
Karlene R, Charlotte & Lee R, Robinson Family,
Susie W, Bailey and Bond Families

ASBURY FRIENDS

Eldon C, Lori K, Bud M, Jack S, 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 9, 2022

Sunday School 18 Worship 31

2022 ASBURY FINANCE UPDATE

Needed each week -- \$1,599

Collected last week -- \$934

