

Asbury United Methodist Church

Building a community of strength, hope and love

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Worship: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Dennis Swineford, D.S.



OUR MISSION

Asbury Church exists to glorify God by obediently making disciples of Jesus Christ locally and globally with all its ministries supporting that task.

Morning Worship
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost – August 2, 2020

*“It is in the worship of God that our focus is turned from the world,
to the One who created the world”*

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

PRELUDE

“Amazing Grace”

Hopson

(Prepare for worship as the Light of Christ is brought into the Sanctuary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION PRAYER

WORSHIP LEADER: Eternal God, you are our Rock, you are the firm foundation for everything we build. You give gifts to your people for the good of the church. You equip and train your people to carry out the good works you have prepared for us in advance. As we meet today, we ask that you would provide wisdom, guidance and direction. Remind us that you are our loving ally, you are our fortress, you are our tower of strength and you are our rescuer. Everything we need is found in you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

SONG REFLECTION AND MEDITATION

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living god, fall afresh on me.

[Repeat]

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* RESPONSIVE READING **Psalm 85**

Leader: Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of your

people; you pardoned all their sin. You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

People: **Restore us again O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us. Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.**

Leader: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

People: **Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.**

Leader: Let us pray...

All: *Provider of righteousness and peace, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ you reunited heaven and earth. When sin disrupts the harmony of creation, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your waiting people so that we would trust you, love you, and become your agents of reconciliation in a cruel and hurting world. Amen.*

AUGUST MEMORY VERSE

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise—in God I trust and am not afraid. Psalm 56:3-4

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

* SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:18-30

SERMON

“Hope in the Midst of Suffering”

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SONG REFLECTION AND MEDITATION

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Amazing Grace”

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Music Today: Shirley Ruth French, Organist/Pianist

Greeters: 8:30 1-Marilyn Whitmer 2-Brenda Williams
11:00 1-Sharon Mitchell 2-Carrie Shamp

Worship Leader: 8:30 Kim Kinnear
11:00 Lori Buie

Romans 8:18-30

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called;

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – AUGUST 2, 2020

PRAYER LIST FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL

Keenan Bayus – National Guard

Cort Mukina – Army (WA)

Antonio Ewings – Marines (VA)

WE ARE PRAYING FOR: Betty Bemis, Winnie Bliss,
Nancy Boleratz, Gail Donaldson, Wayne Doolittle, Rita Ghering,
Mary Lawton, Military & Nation’s Leaders

Praise:

Nancy Peres is finished with radiation treatments!

Concern:

Ray Jon - recovery from accident

Linda Myer - breast cancer

Carol - cancer remission

Parker

Parents as they make decisions regarding school

Santino

All shut-ins and people in nursing homes

David Coleman

Lisa Ludlow - cancer

Jeanie - cancer

Dave Heard

Alanna - Betsey Monn's daughter

Shirley Ruth's sister

Brian

Joan Wells

Irene Waldron (Kim Kinnear’s Aunt)

Alice - Daryl William’s mother, recovering from fall

Trenton - 2 year old was bitten in the face by a dog

Vanda

The Burick family

Gabriella - struggling through this pandemic.

Diana - recovering from knee surgery

Richard Ellis - health issues (Melinda Bayus’ son)

Gail Donaldson

Norman Runser - open heart surgery
Paul Runser - dementia
Lizzy Kinnear - 16 year old who underwent spinal surgery
Ford Sniezek - continued healing
The family of Dorrie Havern
Verel & Sandy's son-in-law Noe - continued healing
Nancy & Darryl Boleratz
Merle & Bea - Merle's health challenges
Penny Davis - Trista Williams' mother with health challenges
Sean Ferry
Sandy Williams
Cheryl Howard
Duane - Marilyn Whitmer's brother who is in the hospital
Paul Weidle waiting for kidney transplant
Sean
Mike
Blasco family
Eric Ahlbrandt
David – brain cancer



4 Eric & Lori Landfried

5 Don & Tammy Blystone



1 Matthew Roth

Kevin Schwab

2 Bonnie Goring

4 Sidney Shields

5 Terry Lamb

6 Rose Santanna

Ryan Shields

7 Phil Spotts

8 Sandy Biser

Mary Lawton

WE WANT TO INCLUDE EVERYONE, SO PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE
(796-6012) IF WE DO NOT HAVE YOUR OR YOUR FAMILY'S BIRTHDAYS AND
ANNIVERSARIES LISTED.



EUMA

Refuge Golf Tournament

Tee up for homeless families

24th Annual Refuge Golf Tournament Registration

Thank you for your continued support of The Refuge Golf Tournament over the years! We appreciate your participation in this event that raises vital program support to help families experiencing homelessness in our community.

As you may have heard, The Refuge Golf Committee has postponed this year's event until Monday, August 3rd due to Covid-19. With this postponement, we are hopeful that we can hold a more traditional tournament while still observing any recommendations regarding the virus.

At this point, the tournament structure remains the same, and will be held at the Riverside Golf Course, 25437 Route 19. Information on any changes to the event will be shared under the Upcoming Events section at www.euma-erie.org and any adaptations will be applied on a first come, first served basis. Please check our website to stay updated.

The registration cost is \$75 per person (\$300/foursome). As part of the fee, enjoy all-you-can-eat hot dogs, soft drinks, water and cookies. Registration begins at noon and the shotgun start is set for 1 p.m. This will be a four-person scramble without handicaps and will include various skill prizes. Plan to participate in our putting competition! Also, we are pleased to announce that Bonnell's Auto Sales has donated a car that you could win with our featured hole-in-one contest on a selected par three hole!

Events proceeds benefit EUMA's The Refuge – an emergency shelter for homeless families with children. It is the ONLY shelter in Erie County that allows entire families to stay together and can accommodate single dads. In 2019 alone, The Refuge ended homelessness for 92 families, including 194 children! Thanks to you and our sponsors, \$12,400 was raised at last year's tournament to support this critical asset in our community, bringing our 23-year total raised to over \$179,000!

Register and pay online at www.euma-erie.org If you have any questions, please contact Darryl Boleratz 814-332-9571.

This week in the life of the church

August 2 **8:30 Worship**
 11:00 Worship
August 3 **Refuge Golf Tournament**
August 8 7:00 AA

DISINFECTING WIPE DRIVE

If you have disinfecting wipes to spare, the church could use them. You can drop wipes off during church office hours.
(9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday)