

ASBURY CIRCUIT RIDER

Divine Encounter (Just what you don't expect)

It was a summer day in Sychar. The women in the village made their daily trips to the public well early when the temperatures are cooler. Mornings around the well were as much a social club as a place to fill water jugs. The well was dug by ancestors of some of the residents a century or more before. It was the village's only source of a commodity that none can live without.

It was hot. The sun was directly overhead as the woman slowly made her way along the path to the well. She hated these daily trips. Most of all, she hated that she felt isolated and alone. She wondered if the donkey, tied up in the shade, ever felt this way. Probably not. The donkey was built to carry

heavy loads. The years of making these trips were taking a toll on her body and spirit.



She remembered a time when she was younger and more energetic. Married for less than a year, she looked forward to morning trips to the well. Although she did not appreciate the persistent questioning of the older women about her sex life. She wanted children. But so far, she mostly received bruises when she brought the subject up. She remembered when having children was something she could count on.

That was then. Five relationships ago. Her first husband was chosen by her family. He was much older but had a steady job. A friend of her father. He put her out a few years later. A pattern that occurred again. And again. She knew that finding her current partner was a real blessing. Kind and generous. Not willing to listen to the gossip on the streets. They were both beyond the point where children were part of their plan. She finally had a little security in her life.

Life began to unravel after her first husband divorced her. Looking back, she was fortunate. The constant abuse might have ended her life eventually. It did not take

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Special points of interest:

*** The Worship Design / Leadership Team will not be meeting till April. Our next meeting will be posted in this newsletter. So stay tune.

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*** If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to call the office 235-0016.

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Hyper-Unraveling (Won't you be my neighbor?)

I am sure that I am not the only one that is turning to scripture for comfort during this time of pandemic responses. This morning, my search took me immediately to Psalm 77, which begins with, "My voice goes up to God, and I will cry out." This is our "go-to" for many of us.

We trust that God is with us and involved in our suffering. The more serious the

trouble, the more intense our cries.



Won't you be my neighbor?

As I reflect on our current worship series, *Woven*, and recall that much of the subject

matter was chosen weeks before the threat of a pandemic, I marvel at God's provisions. I began reflecting in earnest on this topic of unraveling a few weeks ago. My belief is that God knew the timing before I was born. How remarkable. What force on earth could ever stand against our God? Certainly not a pandemic.

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Hyper-Unraveling (Won't you be my neighbor?) ...cont from page 1

I won't minimize our national fear. The threat that this virus brings to life itself is real. The panic is understandable. The sickness and death that we witness each day are even more real. When people panic, which happens for a long list of reasons, finding and implementing solutions that work for the good of all people is difficult. God already knew the answers long before the threat took root. Listening to God's voice is our best source of wisdom.

Unraveling is real. It shows in Facebook posts and tweets. It also shows on empty shelves. Panic demands to be fed. Panic is both the source of unraveling and the most assessable placebo to stop the unraveling. But it does not. Panic simply moves our focus towards our own survival, which speeds up the process of unraveling.

Many have followed the story of Matt Colvin. His life unraveled quickly, and the threads are still all over the floor. Matt makes a good living, keeping tabs on trends, buying up the next hot product, and reselling his stockpile for a profit. This business model worked for him

for several years. Until he chose hand sanitizer as his next business venture, before the panic set in.¹

I remember my disgust at reading the initial story about Matt's business. I remember how he justified his efforts using logical, economic points. He was not a bad person. In fact, we should thank him for helping "to fix inefficiencies in the marketplace." He simply moved products from places where people are not desperately trying to purchase them to locations where panic already set-in. "I honestly feel like it's a public service," he added.

Matt Colvin is one of the thousands of businesspeople who moved quickly to cash in on the panic. Chris Anderson and his friend, drove around Ohio buying up stocks of masks. Approximately 10,000 of them. Buying packages of ten masks using discount coupons for around \$15 and reselling them for \$40 to \$50 each. One person's panic is another person's windfall.

Meanwhile, Kevin, Connie, Karl, and others spent a lot of our time looking around for hand sanitizer and commercial cleaning sanitizer. We needed these supplies to protect our staff, volunteers, and the public. We knew that we needed to implement emergency cleaning as we continue to offer services for our neighborhood. Neither of the individuals cited above bought up supplies around here. So, where did the stock on our shelves go? The answer is they were scooped up by panicked members of our own community. Our shelves were wiped out by our neighbors.

I think that unraveling is a good word for all of this. People are unraveling. Systems are unraveling. Shreds of self-dignity, neighborly love, and just being a good neighbor, all over the ground.

There is this story in the Gospel of Luke about a time when Jesus was speaking to a crowd of people, and someone apparently thought it would be cute to try and stump the teacher. Perhaps, like Matt Colvin, he may have thought he was offering a community service.

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long before another man took her in. She was young, attractive, and wanted to be loved. She put herself into making things work. But they didn't. Each time she knew that she became the focal point for the morning meetings at the well. Some days she hangs on by a single thread. This is how it seems anyway.

What's this? A man is sitting at the well. Social customs were clear. Women fetched water, and men didn't hang out at wells. She didn't recognize the man, but she recognized the clothing.

She remembered a time when she saw a man dressed like this one. He was Jewish. A Rabbi.

Jews and Samaritans don't spend time together. The wounds between the two groups never healed from the time when their nation was split in two. Her ancestors separated and were conquered later by a power-hungry empire called Assyria. This was when they became known as Samaritans. The wounds that caused the separation were deeper than any well. And lasted longer.

The separation caused her people to see God from a different perspective. The Judeans still believed that God was found only in the Jerusalem Temple. Which Samaritans no longer had access to. What difference does it make anyway? Perhaps the Jews are right. Maybe Samaritans are cursed. At least this Samaritan is.

Water is crucial to life. And the woman did not have another place to get water. Besides, she was tired of going the other way every time a man

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In our Prayers

Curtis Young	Miriam Watson
Rachel Bastine	Shirley Craig
Norma Buzzard	Christopher Lewis
Mary Lyons	Sarah Tanner
Barbara McIvor	Elizabeth Wright
Austin & Mary Suffle	Judy Tanner

FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES WHO ARE
HOMEBOUND OR IN NURSING CARE

Elaine Lamoreaux
Mary Nations

*** UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ***

**FITNESS DANCE CLASS
(PART OF THE DANIEL FITNESS PLAN)**

IS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, WE WILL POST IN OUR NEWSLETTER WHEN CLASS STARTS BACK UP ...

Our Spanish/English Bible Study class on Mondays has also been postpone till April. The next class will be posted in this newsletter as well.

Coming up this week

Mar 23	Mon	5:00pm	Youth Choir
		7:00pm	Flint Jubilee
Mar 24	Tues	10am-2pm	Water Distribution
		6:00pm	Community Gospel Choir
Mar 25	Wed	12Noon	Pastor Book Club
		6:00pm	Beginners Bible Study
		6-8:00pm	Rec Nite
Mar 26	Thu	6:00pm	Worship Band Practice
Mar 27	Fri	11am-2pm	Asbury Cafe Open
Mar 28	Sat		
Mar 29	Sun	9:30am	Café Open
		10:30am	New Beginnings
			Contemporary Worship

WASH YOUR HANDS,
WASH YOUR HANDS!!

Asbury Worship Series Woven (Coming March 1)

The Season of Lent, which begins February 26, is seven weeks long. Including the partial week that starts on a Wednesday, we count forty days until Easter. That is when we don't count Sundays.

Book Club News

We chose to recast the Daniel Plan as a set of tools within a larger framework that we are calling *Life raft*. When I tell people about the Daniel Plan their mind jumps straight to dieting. Worse, they imagine a diet of vegetables, or worse, they imagine a vegan diet. And this is usually enough to turn off their listening.

We each hear through filters that come out of who we are at the time. This sculpting comes from our family, our ancestors, our community and society. And we are also shaped by whatever religious beliefs we adopt from those around us.

Our next subject for book club also comes with loads of context. When we hear the word "homosexual" our responses are conditioned by our sculpting. For the next few weeks, we will explore the sculpting, unraveling, and re-weaving of a family living in Wichita, Kansas.

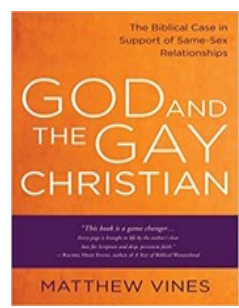
Matthew Vines learned the Bible from his parents and from the church that shaped his view of God. His views of sexual identity and sexual orientation were shaped by how he learned to interpret words translated from ancient texts. Matthew never questioned what he

These forty days are symbolic of the time that Jesus spent in the wilderness following His baptism. We believe that this time is steeped in Holy mystery. But our traditions can reduce the Holy Mystery that we claim for it when viewed by those just outside the fence that separates traditional believers from everyone else.

We design worship at Asbury, based on what little we know about the people that God plans to send to worship with us. This goal leads us to

knew to be as divine truth. That is, until he decided to tell his family that he is gay.

Matthew shares that he later learned that his father would describe the day that Matthew came out of the closet as the "worst day of his life." This news broke during the year after his dad's sister died. And this was his worst day?



Matthew was like a lot of young adults. He had a lot of the same hopes of other people his age. Matthew wanted to be loved for who he is. He imagined that someday he would meet someone to share his life with, and raise children. But when Matthew realized he was gay, his hopes were called into question.

The Bible, that Matthew knew condemned gay relationships. His dad's worse day became a starting point for both of them to first come unraveled as the indisputable truths they both knew shattered.

Leadership in Worship & Service

Welcome Team	Tony, Mirium
Ushers	Anthony, Jim
Production Team	Jonathon, Terrance
Children	Patrice & Mirium
Worship Leaders	Cyndi
Café	Christine & Norma

Jim Craig	Leadership Chair
Kevin Croom	Dir. Operations
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Matt Dee	Farm Operations
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Kim Sims	Connections

Asbury Café

Plan to meet outside the sanctuary each Sunday before worship for coffee, tea, snacks, conversation and so on. The music will start when it is time to wrap up and head in for worship.

Asbury Staff

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set aside our customary language. Instead of "Lent," we choose Easter preparations or some other phrase using more familiar words. Words that are more secular because they have multiple meanings in everyday use.



Wall Street, Seung Hoon Park Susan Spiritus Gallery 2

Matthew chose to devote years of intensive research into what the Bible says about homosexuality. And in his book, *God and the Gay Christian*, he takes explores answers to these and other questions:

- Do biblical teachings on the marriage covenant preclude same-sex marriage or not?
- How should we apply the teachings of Jesus to the gay debate?
- Can celibacy be a calling when it is mandated, not chosen?
- What did Paul have in mind when he warned against same-sex relations?

No doubt, this book, when it was released, sparked heated debate. Fortunately, this book also initiated sincere soul search-ing, and changes in attitude towards what it means to be a faithful, gay Christian.

We plan to finish our current book that describes the Daniel Plan in detail next week. In a couple of weeks we begin another book study.

I encourage you to come to our Wednesday gatherings. Our small group is a diverse group and we are delighted when new persons join us. I hope that you will join in on our discussion. We meet each Wednesday at Noon. There are still books available. While we appreciate donations to help with the cost of purchasing books, your participation is what matters the most. Please accept a copy of this book as a gift.

You can contact our office with questions, by phone or simply type your question on our website's homepage — FlintAsbury.org.

Come join us for a light lunch, fellowship and discussion. Our food selections have been fantastic and we always have plenty to share.

Woven (Coming March 1) ...Cont. from page 4

Woven, is what we call our worship series that begins on March 1. The first month that we associate with Spring. And our series concludes on Easter Sunday.

For this next series, we reference a book, titled *Woven*, as a thematic outline.¹ *Woven* is about a spiritual awakening. The writer identifies three modes, phases, stages, or otherwise, poetic labels for his spiritual journey. The invitation is for us to determine how his journey relates to our own. And to be changed. He identifies these segmentations as sculpted, unraveled, and woven.

These milestones or places can be thought of as phases. The first place is our starting point. The place where our journey begins. We start here in our series by first celebrating together in the spirit of *Mardi Gras*. Fat Tuesday. We dance to the music, only partially aware that in doing so, our bodies are moving. One of the five critical foundations prescribed by the Daniel Plan. Some of us will indulge in a *paczki*, or two. After all, it is a party.

The next day is Ash Wednesday. This year we join with our friends in Flushing as we kick off the Season of Lent with worship. We haven't left home. We are still our sculpted selves. We still live within both visible and invisible fences that keep us safely separated from the other. And in some frightening ways, separated from God.

The first day of March. The month of Spring. We begin our process of unraveling by first meeting ourselves. We meet ourselves from a distance. As though we are strangers who encounter ourselves for the first time. Who are we? Am I meeting the person I expected to meet? We begin with the community that shaped our views. How we see the world.

By March 15, we hope to transition from the safety of our fenced-in world to a place where our sculpted self crumbles. We are in the wilderness with Jesus. We see, hear, and experience ideas that seem foreign to us. We try to imagine life outside the fence. We meet our unraveled self along the path we walk.

By the first Sunday in April, our attention turns towards new possibilities. Can we imagine resurrection? The place we are headed towards becomes more visible. We find a new weave by taking the deconstructed strands of our past beliefs and discover a new way of being and doing. A place where the inside and outside come together. We meet our woven selves.

I pray that you will plan to journey with us.

Here is the plan for March and the first two Sundays in April.

***Fat Tuesday Celebration - February 25, 2020***

Sometimes we just have to be bad to remind us that being bad is not worth it. Join us for a *paczki* and music at 6 pm in the Asbury Event Center in the lower level. While your here be sure to sign up for Daniel Plan 2.0 and take home a personal journal to help guide you through the Season of Lent.

Ash Wednesday - February 26, 2020

Treat your *paczki* hang-over with a worship service to kick-off your participation in *Life raft*. We join with other communities at Flushing UMC for a worship service at 7 pm.

March 1 & 8, 2020***Sculpted******March 15, 22 & 29, 2020******Unraveled******April 5 & 12, 2020******Woven***

Pastor Tommy

¹ Joel McKerrow, *Woven - a faith for the dissatisfied*. Sydney, Australia: Acom Press, 2019.

² Seung Hoon Park, an artist from Seoul, S. Korea, is creating the most unusual images with the use of an 8×10" camera and threading the film to mimic the look of woven textiles. He uses both 8mm and 16mm films to create his work, each with a different outcome.

woman approached her. And Jews don't associate with Samaritans any way. Jewish men find Samaritan women to be disgusting. So no worries. She was sure the man would leave as soon as he realized she was coming his way. No respectable Jewish man would get anywhere near her.

As she made her way closer to the well, the man did not move. He just sat there looking at her. But not with condemnation. More like the way a father looks at his young son or daughter. A look that spills over with love and promise. The look that a teacher might give a star pupil. "Oh, great. Surely he isn't going to hit on me," she thought to herself. "He probably thinks I'm a prostitute."

She was tired of going the other way every time a man or woman approached her.

She was determined to fetch her water and get on with her day. So as she approached the well, she didn't look at the man at all. Instead, she went straight to the well. He spoke clearly, in a manner that expressed certainty about himself. "Give me a drink of water," he said. His tone sounded nothing like a man demanding to be served by a woman. His voice was gentle. Like someone asking a favor with no particular expectation and no strings attached. She suddenly felt empowered.

She turned to look at this man, this Jewish man, this Rabbi, who dared to jump across a chasm of social distance. This man looked up at a woman, a Samaritan woman, a woman with a past, to ask a favor.

You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan—so how can you ask me for a drink?" the woman responded with a renewed confidence that she didn't know she had in her. Surely the conversation will end here. But it did not.

The man continued to speak with this woman with strange words. Poetic words. With words of hope and opportunity. But this man doesn't realize who he is talking to. How could he? He is a stranger. A kind stranger. But a stranger, nonetheless, who couldn't know her past. If he knew her history, they would not be talking.

The man describes her current living situation. How does he know? "You must be a prophet?" she declares. As the conversation continues, the woman could feel every thread of her perceptions, her experiences, her past hurts, coming unraveled.

In her excitement, the woman forgets all about who others say she is. Instead, she holds tight to the woman revealed by her conversation with a stranger. She leaves her water jug at the well and runs back to the village. She can't hold her excitement. "Come and see the man who told me everything I have ever done. Could he be the Messiah?"

Do you feel like you are tied up so tight you feel as though you can barely move? Are you feeling some of the threads of who you are coming loose and falling around you? I invite you to join us and learn how becoming unraveled may just be the key to a future of greater hope. We meet each Sunday at 10:30 am. I hope to see you there. You can find more information about us on our website at FlintAsbury.org.

Come and see the man who told me everything I have ever done. Could he be the Messiah?

If you haven't yet signed up for the Daniel Plan, be sure to do so.³ Each person living in our community who signs up receives your very own copy of *The Daniel Plan Journal*.⁴ If you are not a part of the Asbury Community, we still invite you to participate with us, but we ask that you purchase a copy on your own. These journals can be purchased on Amazon or from other vendors. You can also go to the DanielPlan.com store to buy this and other resources.

Pastor Tommy

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THE **DANIEL** PLAN

GOD'S PRESCRIPTION FOR YOUR HEALTH

YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP ...

Why the Daniel Plan is so important ...

I have never met Pastor Steve Willis. But there is something that he said that is haunting me. And I hope that it will haunt you too. Pastor Steve's call to action is powerful, timely, and the shoe surely fits our community. We were poisoned by our public water system. But we can recover. Our children can recover. But the problem, at this point, is not someone else's problem. It is our problem. We have the solution and Pastor Steve's challenge is a call to step up and do something about our health.

The fight for good nutrition was never more real to me than when I watched my kindergarten-aged son struggle with adapting to his physician-prescribed, mind-altering drugs. Lucas had been having discipline problems in school, would frequently struggle with the ability to focus on tasks at hand, and found himself well below grade level in many academic areas...This is more than a health issue; it is a social justice issue. Millions of our children are not reaching their God-given potential because we, as adults, won't take the steps necessary to get them the nutrition they need. For the church, this problem has to be seen as a moral issue. For the sake of our children and our nation's future, we have to do better.¹

I agree. We have to do better. Teachers, healthcare professionals, counselors, clergy, and others are anticipating the first part of Pastor Steve's story to be a common story. Children with higher concentrations of lead in their bodies are prone to exhibiting behaviors that are not conducive to learning, including lower cognition. The only known solution is available to us. But not in a drive-through or at a liquor store.

But how is a community that sits in the middle of one of the least healthy counties in Michigan going to be able to regroup and move forward with the necessary changes to help ourselves and our children?

First, we are going to admit that we are incapable. We are going to stop making excuses for ourselves. We are going to quit pointing to some other power, whether it is the force, the ineffective excuse, "I'm spiritual, but I don't go to church" and the hundreds of other absurd claims that I hear every year as to why I don't see people on Sunday mornings. We are going to repent — that is, we are going to change. Our lives matter. Our children's lives matter.

The Daniel Plan
Faith, Friends, Fitness, Food and Focus

I found myself making a declaration this past week that I have declared before. I wrote and said that responding to God's will for our lives is a human right. And as a human right, we need to treat this right in the same way that we protect other human rights. But it is very difficult to respond to God's purpose for us when our health is less than it needs to be. The Daniel Plan is not the solution on its own, but it is a roadmap that points to and can help us pursue the solution. But the solution begins with God. Without God's power any plan is a non-starter.

By the way, Pastor Steve's son, Lucas, soon was off the drugs and today he is an A student. This story is not a one-of-a-kind, never to be repeated miracle. It is the sort of miracle that God offers every one of us. It is the miracle of making better choices. It is the miracle of taking care of ourselves and each other.

We will begin on Sunday, December 29, by writing down a resolution for 2020. For most of us, our resolution will begin in the same way. "In 2020 I will make my health and well-being a priority by participating in the Daniel Plan." And then we will write down a goal for each of the five areas: faith, food, friends, fitness, and focus. During the first five weeks of 2020, we will learn about each of the pillars of success, possibly modify our goals, and meet regularly with others who have made this same New Year's Resolution.

Make a New Year's Resolution for 2020 to commit to The Daniel Plan.

Join us each Sunday and invite your friends and neighbors. I lead a short Bible study in the Asbury Café at 9:30 am. *Dusty 2.0*, the musical, will be performed on Christmas Eve at 6 pm. We are praying for a big turnout, and that most of our visitors will return to participate in the Daniel Plan.

Pastor Tommy

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Life Group Questions & Notes

“Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to receive eternal life?” Jesus answered him, “What do the Scriptures say? How do you interpret them?”

Luke 10:25-37 (GNT)

NOTES FROM WORSHIP

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS

1. Read Luke 10:25-37. This story about being a good neighbor may be familiar. Any surprises when you read it this time? Are the questions the man asks Jesus questions that you wonder about? How might the answers that Jesus gives affect the way that you respond to our pandemic crisis?
2. Read the article in this week’s Circuit Rider, *Hyper-unraveling*. How are you holding up during this time of global panic? Do you feel as though you are unraveling? We are all feeling the uncertainties that come with fear and worry. How can we help each other? How can you stay connected with others?
3. How can the members of your group help you this week and on-going to help you to be more receptive to hearing and understanding the Word of God? Pray for each other to have the Holy Spirit bless you with more courage.

The questioning began innocent enough, and his question is a good one. The man asked Jesus what he needed to do, apparently to please God, so that he would live forever. Some of us call this “going to heaven.” Sometimes I read his question as, “Just how good do I have to be?”

Jesus answers his question with another question. “What do the Scriptures say? How do you interpret them?” I love this response. I believe that hidden within this question is a mountain of significance. Matt Colvin reads his go-to source of rules one way, and some of us interpret these same ideas differently. We often differ in how we understand the same words.

Jesus affirms the man's answer. Jesus agreed with his explanation that loving God and neighbor are the critical requirements. This answer likewise contains a mountain of significance. But the conversation did not end there. “Who is my neighbor?” the man asked in response.

The initial article in the New York Times exposed one of the explanations behind a sudden shortage of hand sanitizer and face masks. This article was followed up the next day with a different response from Matt Colvin. The reaction to his initial claim of offering public service was overwhelmingly condemned.²

As I read the articles, it was clear that the spirit of the condemnation was towards the idea of profiting from a panic bought on by fear related to a health crisis. This seems to ignore the question of whether there is a similar condemnation for

clearing out shelves to take care of myself or my family, at the cost of other families going without. Is it the profit that crosses the line? Is it the number of bottles or the number of masks that crosses the line? Could it be a focus on ourselves while disregarding others is the line between right and wrong?

“Who is my neighbor?”

Luke 10:29

During this crisis, there is often a lot of unraveling taking place. Businesses are shutting down, forcing layoffs, a shortage of supplies for first responders, the fear of catching the virus, and in the quiet moments, wondering and worrying. When panic takes a break allowing our attention to shift to the sort of question that Jesus was asked. What happens if I do get sick? How do I live forever?

These are the questions that allow the threads that keep us so tightly wound to unravel. When we turn our attention away from the source of our panic. When we look towards the source of our salvation. Our denial, our grudges, our lost opportunities, our failures start to fall away. And the floor is covered with the shredded remains of what we thought was our identity.

This Sunday, we go live again. We encourage everyone to heed the warnings of healthcare professionals and be vigilant with social distancing. Instead, tune-in this Sunday at 10:30 am on our [Facebook Page](#) (Asbury Church). I encourage you to sing along. And to share in the conversation online.

Our theme for the next two weeks is Unraveling. What does this mean to you? In what ways do you feel as though your life is unraveling?

What does it mean to you that God promises all of us can have life everlasting? What does it mean to love God and neighbor for you? Who is your neighbor?

A reminder that we publish a weekly newsletter called the *Circuit Rider*. You can request this publication by email. Send a request to info@FlintAsbury.org or let us know when you send a message through our [website](#). We post an archive of past editions on our website under the tab, Connect - choose [Newsletters](#).

What does it mean to love God and neighbor for you? Who is your neighbor?

I invite you to join us for Sunday worship through [Facebook](#) live at 10:30 am. As more options become available, we will keep you informed. You can find more information about us on our website at [FlintAsbury.org](#).

Pastor Tommy

Recommended books and citations

¹ Jack Nicas, “He has 17,700 Bottles of Hand Sanitizer and Nowhere to Sell Them” © New York Times, March 14, 2020.

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Welcome to the Asbury Community

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Neighborhood Connection



We envision a community in love with God, each other, and our neighbors evidenced by the transformation of ourselves and our neighborhood. We are a center for worship & spiritual growth, a center for connections and a center for health & wellness.

Our goal is a revitalized community where every resident can use their talents and passions for the common good, where children grow into citizens who contribute to building and maintaining a vibrant neighborhood, and all residents are able to enjoy safety, good health, a culture that fosters life long learning and satisfying lives.

We believe that such an ambitious goal can never be attained without God's grace and abundance and Christ calls each of us to be disciples willing to share our witness through words and acts.

ASBURY CAFÉ WILL BE OFFERING TAKE OUT ORDERS EACH FRIDAY ...

***** BEGINNING THE WEEK OF MARCH 23RD AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

OUR ASBURY CAFÉ WILL BE OFFERING TAKE OUT ORDERS ONLY.....

YOU MAY CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 235-0016 EACH FRIDAY

MORNING TO FIND OUT WHAT THE SPECIAL IS FOR THE DAY, AND OF

COURSE YOU MAY ALSO ORDER OFF OUR ASBURY CAFÉ MENU. OUR

HOURS WILL CONTINUE TO BE 11:00AM TO 2:00PM. IF THINGS CHANGE, WE

WILL BE POSTING THE CHANGES ON OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER.

BE SAFE EVERYONE AND WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN...