“Is the Lord Among Us or Not?”

MISSION STATEMENT

Love God and one another, serve our community, and transform lives.

VISION

A radically inclusive community, empowered to spread God’s love throughout the world.

BELIEFS

We believe all are created in the image of God. We believe God loves everyone and through Christ saves-revives-renews the world. We believe God through the Holy Spirit changes lives. We believe the church is the body of Christ with a mission. We believe the Bible is the word of God. We believe that God has gifted everyone and the church for the purposes of God. We believe discipleship is a continuing journey.
ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
8:30 AM WORSHIP

††GATHERING PRAISE
To God Be the Glory (98 UMH)

††CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: The God of Abram leads us forward.
People: Lean on, O God...guide us home.
Leader: The God of Abram is here to bless us.
People: Bless us, O God, that we might be a blessing.
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MORNING PRAYER
††SCRIPTURE READINGS
Exodus 17:1-7 (OT-Page 64)
Psalm 121 (OT-Page 571)

SERMONIC SELECTION
You Raise Me Up...arr. Graham & Loveland
Eugene Thomas (tenor)

SERMON
“Is The Lord Among Us or Not?”
Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills
Senior Pastor

††INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (127UMH)

PRAYER AND PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERING
OFFERTORY
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian...arr. Negro spiritual
Eugene Thomas (tenor)

††OFFERTORY RESPONSE
Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him, above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

††RECESSIONAL
Freely, Freely (389 UMH)

††DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING
POSTLUDE
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross... arr. Young
ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
10:30 AM WORSHIP

†† = Those who are able may stand    AAHH = African American Heritage Hymnal    Yellow Hymnal    UMH = United Methodist Hymnal    Red Hymnal

Please use this time for prayer and meditation as we prepare for worship.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

††INTROIT    A Charge to Keep I Have (413 UMH)
††PROCESSIONAL    Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (89 UMH)

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OPENING PRAYER
Loving God, you delight in showing us your kingdom—a place of blessing, a place of light, a place of Spirit and truth. May we be born anew in your Spirit, that we might see the glory you have in store for us and for the world. For you sent your Son into our world, not to condemn us or put us to shame, but that we might be able to have life, and have it abundantly. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Vanessa Williford

††HYMN OF PRAISE
To God Be the Glory (98 UMH)

▶▶▶▶▶(Congregants may now enter the Sanctuary)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian...arr. Wagner
Asbury Handbell Choir

CALL TO PRAYER
Just a Little Talk With Jesus (378 AAHH)

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE
Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart (500 UMH)

††SCRIPTURE READINGS
Exodus 17:1-7 (OT-Page 64)
Psalm 121 (OT-Page 571)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

SERMONIC SELECTION

In Thee, O Lord...arr. W. Meyer
Tawana Jackson (soprano)
Martrice Green (mezzo-soprano)
SERMON

“Is The Lord Among Us or Not?”
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INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (127 UMH)

Worshipers are invited to pray at the altar in private or signal to an Intercessory Prayer member to pray with you. Also at this time, you may come down to join Asbury in Christian Fellowship.

PRAYER AND PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Without Him I Could Do Nothing...arr. M. LeFevre

Dr. Clive Callender (soloist)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Freely, Freely (389 UMH)

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Does Jesus Care?...arr. J. Hall

The congregation is asked to remain seated for the closing voluntary.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister of Music & Liturgical Arts: Everett P. Williams, Jr.

Organist: Earl Hargrove

Music: Eugene Thomas (tenor) (8:30 am) Wesleyan Choir, Tawana Jackson (soprano), Martrice Green (mezzo-soprano), Dr. Clive Callender (soloist) (10:30 am)

Acolytes: Moses Boyd (10:30 am)

Liturgist: Duchanna Brown (8:30 am) and Frances Neal (10:30 am)

Ushers: Men

Greeters: Marva Ginyard, Benjamin Ginyard, and Jeanarta McEachron (8:30 am) and Elizabeth Saunders, Pearlie Myers, and Terri Thompson (10:30 am)

Trustees on Duty: Beverly Allen (8:30 am) and James Gary (10:30 am)
Asbury's Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, March 8, 2020
8:30 am — Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
8:45 am — Men's Bible Study, 1-11/1-12
9:00 am — Adult Sunday School, 1-9
9:30 am — Children's Sunday School, 2-8/2-9
9:30 am — Youth Sunday School, 1-11/1-12
10:30 am — Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
12:15 pm — Who Are We as the People of the Baltimore-Washington Conference? Bible Study, 1-11/1-12
5:00 pm — The Bridge Contemporary Service, Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 9, 2020
7:45 am — Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Ctr., G-1/OSH/1-11/1-12
12:00 pm — Thinking Beyond Borders Training, 1-9
3:00 pm — Asburyan Deadline

Tuesday, March 10, 2020
7:45 am — Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Ctr., G-1/OSH
10:00 am — Thinking Beyond Borders Training, 1-9
10:30 am — Who Are We as People Called Methodist? Bible Study, Rev. Pierce's Home
11:00 am — Office Weekly Staff Meeting
7:00 pm — Fitness & Exercise with Thamar Davis

Wednesday, March 11, 2020
7:45 am — Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Ctr., G-1/OSH
8:00 am — Thinking Beyond Borders Training, 1-9
8:00 am — Plenty Good Room Bible Study Call, 712-775-7035, participant code 718984#
6:30 pm — SPRC Meeting, 1-8

Thursday, March 12, 2020
7:45 am — Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Ctr., G-1/OSH/1-11/1-12
8:00 am — Thinking Beyond Borders Training, 1-9
11:00 am — How to do Good, Well! Luncheon, Wesley Theological Seminary
6:30 pm — Trustee Meeting, 1-8

Friday, March 13, 2020
7:45 am — Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Ctr., G-1/OSH/1-11/1-12
2:00 pm — Thinking Beyond Borders Training, 1-9

Saturday, March 14, 2020
9:00 am — UMW Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 14, 2020 (continued)
9:00 am — Prayer Ministry Meeting, 2-8/2-9
10:00 am — Asbury Handbell Choir Rehearsal, G-1
10:30 am — Wesleyan Choir Rehearsal, OSH
11:30 am — Food Pantry
12:00 pm — Altar Spring Cleaning, Sanctuary
12:30 pm — Male Chorus Rehearsal, OSH
2:00 pm — Higher Praise Choir Rehearsal, OSH

From The Senior Pastor's Desk

March 2020

Word for the Month: “Our Roots Run Deep”
Scripture of the Month: Psalm 1

Thought for the Month: Within these 28 devotions, you'll discover new ways to celebrate your heritage, deepen your faith, and build stronger communities. A Scripture verse, a reflection on the Scripture, a prayer, and related activities are included for each day and are perfect for use by families and groups as well for individual devotion. Although this intergenerational devotional makes a wonderful study for use during Black History Month, it may be used at any time of the year.

Emphasis for the Month: Heritage

Pastor’s Book of the Month: African American History & Devotions: Readings and Activities for Individuals, Families, and Communities by Teresa L. Fry Brown
Asbury UMC Live Stream
Go to asburyumcdc.org and select the live stream button on the home page to watch the 10:00 am service. Change your browser if there’s no connection.

Welcome & Announcements
We hope that through word, music, fellowship and prayer you will experience the presence of God today. Please make sure you sign the attendance register as it is passed so that we can share with you about what is happening in the life of this church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:00 am—10:00 am
♥ Adults—1-9
♥ Children—2-8/2-9
♥ Youth—1-12

The Bridge: A Diverse Community Gathered for The Word, Worship, Wheat and Wine
(Contemporary Worship Service)
March 8, 2020
5:00 p.m.
Rev. Alexis Brown
Join us in Fellowship Hall today.
**2020 Lenten Bible Studies**

**Who Are We as People Called Methodists?**

A five-week Bible Study facilitated by Rev. Irene Pierce  
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., Rev. Pierce’s Home  
March 3 – Our Theology of Grace  
March 10 – Our Wesleyan Discipleship  
March 17 – Our Way of Understanding Scripture  
March 24 – Our Founder John Wesley the Resister  
March 31 – Our Foundational Doctrine

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**Who Are We as the People of the Baltimore-Washington Conference?**

A four-week Bible Study facilitated by Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills and Bishop Forrest Stith  
Sundays at 12:15 p.m., Room 1-11/1-12  
March 8 – Hope Born Out of History: The Cradle of Methodism  
March 15 – No Class (Celebrating Women’s Day)  
March 22 – Hope Born Out of History: Telling the Whole Truth  
March 29 – Hope Born Out of History: Unfinished Business  
April 5 – Hope Born Out of History: Our Struggles
Dear Friends:

Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 12th at 11 am-1 pm for an event you don’t want to miss! The Wesley Theological Seminary family would like you to join us for a special Wesley Council and Heritage Circle lunch and learn event called, “How to Do Good, Well!”

Have lunch with us while the President and CEO of Venture Philanthropy Partners and Wesley Board Governors member, Carol Thompson Cole leads a discussion on what it means to do good in the world... and do it well! She will provide a thought-provoking presentation and sharing ideas on how communities connect across sectors, how to do your best work in challenging situations, how to best work together, finding real solutions and leading us in an enthusiastic question and answer session.

Reserve your space today, seats are limited. This will be an event to remember!

Brian K. McCollum, M.Div., M.S.
Vice President of Development
Wesley Theological Seminary

P.S. Lunch is complimentary, and you are invited to bring a guest
Let Your Light Shine!

Women's Day 2020
Sunday, March 15, 10:00 a.m.

So far, 40 women have contributed $100 or more to our 100 Women of Asbury Campaign. We need 60 more women to boldly and faithfully give at least $100 for Women's Day 2020. Even if you can't contribute $100, we want every woman of Asbury to donate to Women's Day as you are able. Today is the last day to contribute and have your name listed in the program insert. The proceeds from Women's Day will help sustain ongoing projects, including support our Neighbor-to-Neighbor Toiletry and Underwear Ministry, sending Asbury Youth to Mission U, the Seniors' Christmas Luncheon, and other mission projects throughout the year.

Superintendent of the Washington East District, Rev. Johnsie Cogman, will be our guest preacher for Women's Day. Rev. Dr. Cogman formerly served as Senior Pastor of Mt. Zion UMC in Georgetown. A reception will follow the morning worship service. Please help make Women's Day 2020 a success with your prayers, presence, and support!
“Building and Being Beloved Community: Exploring the Gifts of Dr. Howard Thurman”

Join with folks from John Wesley AME Zion, Asbury UMC, and Foundry UMC for a one-day retreat built around Dr. Thurman’s work on

**March 21**, 2020 from 9AM to 3PM

The retreat will be held at Foundry UMC and the cost for registration is $15 which covers a light breakfast and lunch.

Facilitators are Rev. Dr. Asa Lee, and Rev. Andy Peck-McClain. Financial assistance is available upon request. Please register at https://bit.ly/beingbeloved. Questions may be directed to Carol Travis or James Wright.

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**JEWELRY MAKING DAY**

**Saturday, March 21, 2020**

10:30 am – 12:30pm

**COME OUT!**

Learn to make earrings and bracelets:
For you, for family, for gifts, for joy, for fellowship.

Contact: Barbara at bpwmatthews@gmail.com
Lorraine at 202.726.6674

Coordinated by:
Asbury Older Adult Ministry
Double Nickel Club

Facilitated by: Prayer Bead Team
Brenda Y. Bland
Women’s Usher Meeting  
Saturday, March 21, 2020  
12:30 pm  
1-11/1-12

We're here to Serve

Palm Sunday  
Sunday, April 5, 2020

Maundy Thursday  
Thursday, April 9, 2020

FUN DAY  
on the National Mall  
with the children of Asbury  
at the  
KITE FESTIVAL  
Saturday, March 28, 2020  
9:00 AM

See you there!

For detail information contact: Patrice at pab3@erols.com, Rhonda at rlynnpierce@aol.com or Vanessa at williford_v@hotmail.com
Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 12, 2020

Services:
Sunrise 6:15 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 5:00 pm
Individuals who would like to assist by giving donations toward the auction can see/contact Patrice at pab3@erols.com or Vanessa at williford_v@hotmail.com.

Benefiting summer camp 2020 – Asbury + Thomson

Donations can be Movie, Concerts, and Sporting Events Tickets, Hotel Accommodations, Meal(s) at restaurants, Timeshare, Art Pieces, Salon Visits and etc.

Children and Family Ministry

The Youth Ministry Takes on

BROADWAY

HARPER LEE’S TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

Saturday, June 13, 2020

Asbury Youth Ministry Member Tickets & Lunch will be Provided

RSVP and Address your Questions to Youth Ministry Coordinator by April 5, 2020

Sarita Singh: saritamsingh13@gmail.com
Asbury Federal Credit Union
Presents a day in
LANCASTER, PA.
FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2020

Reserve your seat NOW for the Sight & Sound Theater to see the play Queen Esther. This package includes:

*Admission to Play
*Roundtrip Motor Coach Transportation
  * An Amish Smorgasbord
*Shopping at the Rockvale Outlets
  *All Taxes and Gratuities

You will be responsible for your replacement if you are unable to attend. No Refunds!

Adult Price of $160.00*
Children Ages 3-12 Price is $82.00*

For Information contact
Margaret Carter 202-213-9146 or Charlyn Bachemin 240-779-4067
Bus will be departing from the New Bethany Church Parking Lot at 11th & M Streets, NW Washington, DC

*$80.00 non-refundable deposit is due by 2/1/2020 and the balance is due by 4/26/2020. Children’s Deposit is $41.00.

Name(s)______________________________ ___________________________
Phone________________________________ Email__________________________
Number of tickets you desire__________________________________________
Amount Paid_________________________ Balance Due_____________________
Are you looking for something? I might have it.

Our lost and found box is growing.
I have glasses, umbrellas, eye glass cases, canes, unmatched earrings and gloves...

Contact the office: asburymail@asburyumcd.org or 202-628-0009

Dear Asbury family and friends, thank you very much for your presence, participation and response to this year’s International Day celebration. The worship service was spirit filled, and the food and fellowship were awesome. Thank you United Methodist Women and Men for donating the delicious cakes. To all who provided food, made monetary donations, helped set-up, serve, and clean up, thank you. A very special thank you to Claudette John and Moretha Johnson who made my work easy!

Let’s do this again next year!

Ruth Scarbrough,
Worship and Liturgical Arts Team Leader
Thanks to everyone who supported the youth and children’s hot dog sale with your purchases and donations.

Youth Ministry
Children & Family Ministry

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<td>Revelation 21:1-4</td>
<td>the church—the sanctuary, the fellowship hall, and all the Sunday School</td>
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<td><strong>MONDAY, MARCH 9</strong></td>
<td>◆ Free parking is available Sundays in the garage adjacent to our 11th</td>
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Bishop Forrest Stith, Retired Bishop in Residence
Sandy Adams & Darryl Wyles, Lay Leaders
Rev. Gerard A. Green, Jr., District Superintendent
Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling, Episcopal Leader of the Baltimore-Washington Conference

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Monday-Thursday ~ 8:00 am-4:30 pm / Friday ~ 8:00 am-12 Noon