HBCU Sunday
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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
EBONY BISHOP’S PREACHING SERIES / HBCU SUNDAY
February 21, 2021 ~ 10:00 AM WORSHIP

PRELUDE
Lord, I Want to be A Christian

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills

CALL TO WORSHIP
Open Unto Me...Howard Thurman

CALL TO PRAYER
The Soul of My Soul Cries Out to Thee...VaShawn McIlwain-Lightfoot

MORNING PRAYER
Rev. Ryan Wise

SCRIPTURE READING
Matthew 6:25-34

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER
Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills

SERMONIC SELECTION
Out of the Depths (De Profundis)...Mark Fax
Howard University Concert Choir

SERMON
“Remembering the Past, Shaping the Future-Don’t Look Back”
Bishop Marcus Matthews

RESPONSE TO THE WORD
Bishop Marcus Matthews

INVITATION TO GIVE
Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills

OFFERTORY
Plen’y Good Room...arr. Thomas Kerr, Jr.
Howard University Concert Choir

SENDING HYMN
This Little Light of Mine ...VaShawn McIlwain-Lightfoot

BENEDICTION
Bishop Marcus Matthews

POSTLUDE
Give Me a Clean Heart...Margaret Douroux
Everett P. Williams and Stephen Key

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS
Minister of Music: Everett P. Williams, Jr.
Special Music: Howard University Concert Choir with Dr. Eric Poole, Conductor
Soloist: VaShawn McIlwain-Lightfoot
Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills and Rev. Ryan Wise
Preacher: Bishop Marcus Matthews
Bishop Marcus Matthews is the former Executive Secretary of the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church (UMC), a position he held since Sept. 1, 2016—August 2020. The Executive Secretary is charged with the day-to-day running of the Council of Bishops' office in Washington, D.C. He is also a member of the Council of Bishops Executive Committee. Previously, Bishop Matthews served as the Resident Bishop of the Baltimore-Washington Conference from 2012-2016.

Bishop Matthews holds a bachelor's degree from South Carolina State College (1968); a master of divinity (MDiv) from Wesley Theological Seminary (1974); and a doctor of ministry (DMin) from New York Theological Seminary (1981). He was ordained as a deacon by Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr. and he was ordained as an elder by Bishop James K. Matthew in the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

At the beginning of his pastoral ministry, Matthews served as a student intern at Douglas Memorial UMC in Washington, D.C., for a year. He became an assistant pastor at Asbury UMC in Washington, where he continued as associate for two years after his graduation from Wesley. Upon graduation, he served as pastor of Jones Memorial UMC in Washington, DC, (1976-1982) where he oversaw the building of a new sanctuary and established a community development program. He was pastor of Epworth Chapel UMC in Baltimore, from 1982 to 1986, when, during his pastorate, Epworth received 272 new members. Superintendency In 1986, Rev. Matthews was appointed District Superintendent of the Baltimore East District and in 1991 was appointed Conference Council Director, a position he held until being appointed Washington West District Superintendent in 1999. He was serving in that position when he was elected.

Rev. Matthews was elected as a bishop of The United Methodist Church on July 14, 2004, by the Northeastern Jurisdiction on the first ballot. He was assigned to serve the Philadelphia Episcopal Area (Eastern Pennsylvania Conference and Peninsula-Delaware Conference). In 2008, he was assigned to the New York West Area (Western New York Conference and North Central Conference). In 2010, he became the resident bishop of Upper New York Area (and a new conference uniting four former conferences; Western New York, North Central, Troy and Wyoming). In 2012, he was assigned to the Washington Area (Baltimore-Washington Conference), where he served until his retirement in 2016. During his ministry, Bishop Matthews served on the General Commission on Religion and Race, the General Board of Global Ministries, Connection Process Team, the General Council on Ministries, Africa University Development Committee, World Methodist Council Executive Committee, and the Board of the Northeastern Jurisdiction Multi-Ethnic Center for Ministry. In 2004 he was elected Co-Chair of the Endorsing Committee of The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the UMC. He served as president of the GBHEM from 2008-2012. He was elected in 2005 to the Board of Directors of Africa University and he is currently the chair of the Board. Family Bishop Matthews is married to Barbara Walker Matthews and they have two children, Jaime S. Matthews and Marci Matthews, and five grandchildren. His interests include movies, reading, jogging and playing with his grandchildren.

http://www.umc.org/bishops/marcus-matthews
From The Senior Pastor’s Desk
February 2021

Word for the Month: FREEDOM

Scripture of the Month: Book of Galatians

Thought for the Month:
The cross and the lynching tree are the two most emotionally charged symbols in the history of the African American community. In The Cross and the Lynching Tree, theologian James H. Cone explores these symbols and their interconnection in the history and souls of black folk. Both the cross and the lynching tree represent the worst in human beings and at the same time a thirst for life that refuses to let the worst determine our final meaning. While the lynching tree symbolized white power and black death, the cross symbolizes divine power and black life God overcoming the power of sin and death. For African Americans, the image of Jesus, hung on a tree to die, powerfully grounded their faith that God was with them, even in the suffering of the lynching era.

Emphasis for the Month: African American Heritage

Pastor’s Book of the Month: The Cross and the Lynching Tree by James H. Cone
ONLINE WORSHIP GUIDE

How to Join Us for Worship?

Via Livestream (***NEW: Three Ways to Watch)**

1. Go to Asbury’s Homepage at [www.asburyumcdc.org](http://www.asburyumcdc.org)  
   Scroll down and CLICK the **WATCH LIVE STREAM** button

2. For **YouTube**, enter this URL directly in your browser:  
   [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVJWE3WEkAzNHwOOr-OxJ-Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVJWE3WEkAzNHwOOr-OxJ-Q)

3. **Like** us on **Facebook** or enter this URL directly in your browser:  
   [https://www.facebook.com/asburyumcdc/](https://www.facebook.com/asburyumcdc/)

Via Conference Call

Dial-in: **1-712-770-4966**

When prompted Enter Access Code: **933092#**

**Online Worship Etiquette (for Video or Audio Conference Calls)**

1. Be On Time
2. Don’t Announce Yourself
3. Use Your MUTE Button *(If your telephone does not have a MUTE button, Press *6 to MUTE)*

**Three Ways to Give**

1. **Give Online:**  
   Go to Asbury’s Homepage at [www.asburyumcdc.org](http://www.asburyumcdc.org)  
   CLICK the **GIVE** button (found at the top of the page)

2. **Give** electronically through your banking institution

3. **Mail Your Offering:** Make check payable to  
   Asbury United Methodist Church  
   926 11th St NW  
   Washington, DC 20001
Asbury UMC – We Are Here!

**SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE**

10:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship Online via Livestream
(https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVJWE3WEkAzNHwOOr-OxJ-Q)
Or Dial-In: 1-712-770-4966
Access Code: 933092#

5:00 p.m. – Bridge Contemporary Service Online via Facebook Live
(https://www.facebook.com/thebridgedcumc/)

**PRAYER**
Email prayer requests to prayer@asburyumcdc.org

Wednesday Prayer Line – 12:00 Noon
Dial-In: 1-712-770-4966
Access Code: 933092#

**SERVE**
Be a phone pal with neighbors and friends
Run an errand for an elderly neighbor

**GIVE**
Give your offering online at http://www.asburyumcdc.org/
Give through your banking institution
The Bridge: A Diverse Community Gathered for The Word, Worship, Wheat and Wine
(Contemporary Worship Service)

February 21, 2021
5:00 p.m.

Pastor Raimon Jackson
Join us in Fellowship Hall today.

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We have adjusted our hours of operation; due to the Coronavirus and the temporary closing of the Downtown Cluster’s Geriatric Center. The new times and restrictions are outlined below.

**Monday thru Thursday**  
8:00 am — 3:00 pm

**Friday**  
8:00 am — 3:00 pm **(Teleworking)**  
The Office is Closed
ALABAMA HBCUs

1. Alabama A & M University
2. Alabama State University
3. Bishop State Community College
4. Gadsden State Community College
5. Concordia College-Selma
6. Miles College
7. Oakwood University
8. Selma University
9. Shelton State Community College
10. Stillman College
11. Talladega College
12. Tuskegee University

ARKANSAS HBCUs

13. Arkansas Baptist College
14. Philander Smith College
15. University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

CALIFORNIA HBCUs

16. Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science

DELAWARE HBCUs

17. Delaware State University

FLORIDA HBCUs

21. Florida A&M University
22. Florida Memorial University
23. Bethune-Cookman University
24. Edward Waters College

WASHINGTON, DC HBCUs

18. Howard University
19. Howard University School of Law
20. University of the District of Columbia

GEORGIA HBCUs

25. Albany State University
26. Fort Valley State University
27. Savannah State University
28. Clark Atlanta University
29. Interdenominational Theological Center
30. Morehouse College  
31. Morehouse School of Medicine  
32. Morris Brown College  
33. Paine College  
34. Spelman College  

35. Kentucky State University  
36. Simmons College of Kentucky  

KENTUCKY HBCUs  

37. Dillard University  
38. Grambling State University  
39. Southern University and A&M College  
40. Southern University at New Orleans  
41. Southern University at Shreveport  
42. Xavier University of Louisiana  

LOUISIANA HBCUs  

43. Bowie State University  
44. Coppin State University  
45. Morgan State University  
46. University of Maryland, Eastern Shore  

MARYLAND HBCUs  

47. Alcorn State University  
48. Coahoma Community College  
49. Hinds Community College-Utica  
50. Jackson State University  
51. Mississippi Valley State University  
52. Rust College  
53. Tougaloo College  

MISSISSIPPI HBCUs  

54. Harris-Stowe State University  
55. Lincoln University of Missouri  

MISSOURI HBCUs  

56. Barber-Scotia College  
57. Bennett College  
58. Elizabeth City State University  
59. Fayetteville State University  
60. Livingstone College  
61. Johnson C. Smith University  
62. North Carolina A&T State University  
63. North Carolina Central University  
64. Winston Salem State University  
65. St. Augustine’s College  
66. Shaw University  

NORTH CAROLINA HBCUs  

68. Central State University  
69. Wilberforce University  

OHIO HBCUs  

70. Langston University  

OKLAHOMA HBCUs  

71. Cheyney University of Pennsylvania  
72. Lincoln University  

PENNSYLVANIA HBCUs
Historically Black Colleges and Universities — 11 United Methodist Institutions

- Bennett College
- Bethune-Cookman University
- Claflin University
- Clark Atlanta University
- Dillard University
- Huston-Tillotson University
- Meharry Medical College
- Paine College
- Philander Smith College
- Rust College
- Wiley College
Greek Organizations

**Founded: December 4, 1906**

Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African American Men, was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

*Mission:* “Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. develops leaders, promotes brotherhood and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy for our communities.”

**Founded: January 5, 1911**

On January 5, 1911, the Fraternity then became known as *Kappa Alpha Nu*, possibly as a tribute to the Black students of 1903 (the Alpha Kappa Nu Greek Society) who preceded them at Indiana University. The name was officially changed to Kappa Alpha Psi on a resolution adopted at the Grand Chapter Meeting in December 1914.

*Motto:* Achievement in Every Field of Human Endeavor

**Founded: November 17, 1911**

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is the first international fraternal organization founded on the campus of a historically black college, Howard University located in Washington, D.C.

*Purpose:* To attract and build a strong and effective force of men dedicated to its Cardinal Principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift.

**Founded: January 9, 1914**

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

*Mission:* The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma are the Fraternity’s most valuable resource and strength. They are the primary means by which the Phi Beta Sigma objectives will be achieved. In order to accomplish the Fraternity’s objectives, it is essential that systems are instituted that effectively embody “Culture For Service and Service For Humanity” and promote brotherhood, scholarship and service.

**Founded: September 13, 1963**

It was founded at Morgan State University (then Morgan State College) in Baltimore, Maryland.

*Purpose:* "The Development and Perpetuation of Scholarship, Leadership, Citizenship, Fidelity, and Brotherhood among Men."

*Motto:* "Building A Tradition, Not Resting Upon One"
**Founded: January 15, 1908**

Alpha Kappa Alpha, the first Negro Greek-letter sorority, was founded at the historically black Howard University in Washington, D.C.

**Mission:** Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA) was founded on a mission comprised of five basic tenets that have remained unchanged since the sorority’s inception more than a century ago. Alpha Kappa Alpha’s mission is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of “Service to All Mankind”.

**Founded: January 13, 1913**

Delta Sigma Theta was founded at Howard University to promote academic excellence and provide assistance to those in need.

**Mission:** Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is an organization of college educated women committed to the constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community.

**Purpose:** It’s purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. The major programs of the sorority are based upon the organization’s Five-Point Programmatic Thrust.

**Founded: January 16, 1920**

Zeta Phi Beta was founded on the campus of Howard University. In 1920 five women from Howard University envisioned a sorority that would raise the consciousness of their people, encourage the highest standards of scholastic achievement, and foster a greater sense of unity among its members.

**Mission:** To foster the ideas of service, charity, scholarship, civil and cultural endeavors, sisterhood and finer womanhood. These ideals are reflected in the sorority’s national program for which its members and auxiliary groups provide voluntary service to staff, community outreach programs, fund scholarships, support organized charities, and promote legislation for social and civic change.

**Founded: November 12, 1922**

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. was founded at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. It is the only sorority of the four historically African-American sororities which comprise the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) established at a predominantly white campus.

**Mission:** It is the mission of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. to enhance the quality of life for women and their families in the U.S. and globally through community service, civil, and social action. Our goal is to achieve greater progress in the areas of education, health awareness, and leadership development. Our members, affiliates, staff, and community partners work to create and support initiatives that align with our vision.
I wish I knew how
It would feel to be free
I wish I could break
All the chains holding me!

Asbury is celebrating Black History Month with a unique 4 week study series called “Freedom: Are We There Yet?” facilitated by Mr. Riley K. Temple. Included in this study series is:

· A book, “The Cross and the Lynching Tree”,
· Martin Luther King’s “Letter from a Birmingham City Jail”,
· A Netflix film based on August Wilson’s “Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom”, and
· August Wilson’s “The Piano Lesson” available on YouTube.

To round out the study, there will be discussions on scriptures and a variety of art by African American artists. Now doesn’t that sound exciting.

The study will be on Zoom and livestreamed on Asbury’s Facebook. It starts next Friday, February 12th at 7 pm and runs for 4 weeks.

(continued on next page)
The facilitator, Riley K. Temple is a teacher, preacher and author. After 40 years practicing law in DC, he is a candidate for the Doctor of Ministry degree at Virginia Theological Seminary.

Mr. Temple will offer a unique approach to Black History Month. We hope you will join us.

**To Register:**

1. Sign up on Eventbrite: [Click Here](#)
2. After signing up, you will receive the Zoom link to participate in the study.

**Class Material (Recommended but not required to participate):**

- “The Cross and the Lynching Tree” by James C. Cone may be purchased at Amazon: [Click Here](#)
- Dr. Martin Luther King’s “Letter from a Birmingham City Jail”: [Click Here](#)
- Netflix film “Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom” (must have subscription): [Click Here](#)
- August Wilson’s “The Piano Lesson” (on YouTube): [Click Here](#)

_The study is free but you should order your book as soon as possible. For more information visit our website at [www.asburyumcdc.org](http://www.asburyumcdc.org) or our Facebook page at [www.facebook/asburyumcdc/](https://www.facebook/asburyumcdc/)._ 

[1] Song by Nina Simone. Lyrics: B Taylor/D. Dallas@Duane Music, Inc.
BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2021
REMEMBERING THE PAST, SHAPING THE FUTURE

FEB 14 - INTERNATIONAL DAY
FEB 21 - HBCU DAY
FEB 28 - CELEBRATING BLACK COMPOSERS

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Embracing The Uncertain

A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times

Just turning on the news lets us know we are living in uncertain times. Economic instabilities, eruptions of violence, and natural catastrophes can alter the lives and landscapes of entire communities. Our individual lives are often just as unsteady: relationships can break, plans can falter, and confidence can fail. The reality is that in our fast-changing, unpredictable world there are few guarantees in life. It’s those who are willing to embrace uncertainty and make the risky decision to follow Jesus despite the many “unknowns” who will reap the greatest rewards. *Embracing the Uncertain* invites readers this Lent to engage and wrestle with life’s uncertainties, not ignore them.

**Read the 40-Day Devotional**

**Join a Study/Discussion Group**

**Dates: February 17 – March 31**

- Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. (via Conference Call)  
  Rev. Irene Pierce
- Wednesdays, 8:00 a.m. (via Conference Call)  
  Carol Travis
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m. (via Zoom)  
  Rev. Ryan Wise

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Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills, Senior Pastor
2021 Great Day Music Service

Sunday, February 28, 2021
10:00 am

We celebrate the music of black composers through music, anthems, spirituals, hymns, and gospel songs.

Commentaries by Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills and Rev. Ryan Wise

Live On
Dear Asburyans:

We are excited to share plans for Asbury’s 2021 Women’s Day celebration, Sunday, March 14, 10:00 a.m. Despite the challenges and constraints of the pandemic, we are grateful to God for bringing us this far and we are faithful that the God we love and serve will bless us to gather for in-person worship once again—soon. We are proud to announce that Dr. Christina Greer has agreed to be our Women’s Day speaker. Dr. Greer is an Associate Professor of Political Science and American Studies at Fordham University in New York. She also is a frequent political commentator for several media outlets, including MSNBC and NY1.

The theme for this year’s Women’s Day is Women United to Transform Lives. Our Asbury Family has consistently and fully supported Women’s Day, and again this year, we are counting on you to help make this a joyous and spirit-filled time of worship and music. This year, a portion of funds raised for Women’s Day will be contributed to the Adrienne Terry Fund for Affordable Housing. The fund was established to honor Reverend Terry and her commitment to fair housing. Reverend Terry briefly served as an Associate Pastor at Asbury.

Unfortunately, we will not see your smiling faces in the Fellowship Hall and the narthex as you make your contributions, but we are confident we can count on your generous financial support of Women’s Day 2021. There are several ways to give, including electronically or by mail. Again this year, we are hoping to enlist 100 Women of Asbury to contribute $100 each. If you are able, please consider contributing more than $100 to support programs such as Angel Tree and Asbury seniors. We are grateful for any amount you are able to contribute in support of Women’s Day 2021.

If you have questions or need additional information, contact UMW President Wilhelmina Goff, 301-249-8850, or any member of Asbury’s United Methodist Women. Thank you for supporting the women of Asbury and helping us to continue our work to transform lives. We look forward to hearing Dr. Greer and worshipping together for Women’s Day 2021, Sunday, March 14, 10:00 a.m. Please join us and invite your family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues.

Faithfully yours,

Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills
Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills
Senior Pastor

Dr. Wilhelmina Goff, President
Dr. Wilhelmina Goff, President
Asbury United Methodist Women

Enclosure
Annual
Women's Day Service
Women United To Transform Lives

Guest Speaker
Dr. Christina Greer
Associate Professor, Political Science
Fordham University

Sunday, March 14, 2021
@10AM

926 11th Street, NW.
Washington, DC 20001
A HISTORY ABOUT THE COMING OF ASBURY

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“It’s all about victory.” [Marjorie H., District of Columbia]

“It’s a good read.” [Grace H., District of Columbia]

“The book arrived today. What a masterpiece you have created — I know the Congregation will enjoy this book.” [Stewart N., Florida]

“What a terrific job on that book! — Your excellent book brought back . . . good memories — I did not realize how much I overworked the Wesleyan Choir until reading your research.” [Marcellus B., Maryland]

“Outstanding! You’ve left no stone unturned! Outstanding research!” [Reuben D., Maryland]

“Bravo! Congratulations on your beautiful book! — Mr. Fax and all others would be so proud.” [Helen F., Maryland]

“Magnificent! A masterpiece!” [Barbara C., District of Columbia]

“The Lord has blessed your efforts.” [Everett W.]

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Dr. Fauci discusses vaccines with Maryland officials.

Among the various questions asked of Dr. Fauci, he answers two of I think are the most pressing questions for our people, whether you can get the virus from the vaccine and skeptical thoughts about the short amount of time it's taken for the development of the vaccine. A link is provided below for your viewing.

Click here for the video
Psalm 91:7 (NRSV)

A thousand may fall at your side, 
ten thousand at your right hand, 
but it will not come near you.