Because They Persisted
“Online Church Service”

Women’s History Month

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
Third Sunday Of Lent / Women’s History Month / Communion Sunday
March 7, 2021 ~ 10:00 AM worship

PRELUDE
And Could It Be That I Should Gain

INTROIT
Rise, Shine, Give God Glory

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills

GATHERING HYMN
“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (154 UMH)

CHILDREN’S MOMENT
Ruth Scarbrough

MORNING PRAYER
Min. Timona Ross
Jeremiah’s Deliverance Ministries

PRAYER RESPONSE
Whisper a Prayer

SCRIPTURE READING
Numbers 27:1-11
Min. Timona Ross
Jeremiah’s Deliverance Ministries

SERMONIC SELECTION
Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus
Men’s Ensemble

SERMON
“Because They Persisted”
Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills

RESPONSE TO THE WORD
Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills

HOLY COMMUNION
Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills

COMMUNION HYMN
“The Old Rugged Cross” (504 AAHH)

INVITATION TO GIVE & OFFERTORY
Soon As I Get Home
Men’s Ensemble

SENDING HYMN
“Marching to Zion” (733 UMH)

BENEDICTION
Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills

POSTLUDE
“Rock of Ages”

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister of Music: Everett P. Williams, Jr.

Men’s Ensemble: Randolph Scott, Wayne Jennings, Darnell Roulhac, Duane Williams, James Gary, Akeem Adams, Ronald Anderson, Kevin Green, Andrew Smith

Liturgist: Min. Timona Ross
A BRIEF GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts and give thanks to God. Blessed are you, O God, who with your Word and Holy Spirit created all things and called them good. In Jesus Christ your Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When human cruelty reared its ugly head, you sustained your people and made it possible for us to survive the middle passage, auction blocks, whipping posts and forced labor. You softened the hearts of many who worked in secret on our behalf. You lifted our heads with the message that God sides with the oppressed and delivers the captives. You strengthened our hands to struggle for justice and freedom.

Through Jesus’ suffering and death you took upon yourself our sin and death and destroyed their power forever. You raised from the dead this same Jesus, who now reigns with you in glory, and poured upon us your Holy Spirit, making us the people of your new covenant.

On the night before meeting with death Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to the disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts, that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this wine we may know the presence of the living Christ and be renewed as the body of Christ for the world, redeemed by Christ’s blood, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at your table for ever.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (sung)

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Pastor: The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. (The pastor breaks the bread)

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ. (The pastor lifts the cup)

The body and blood of Christ given for you.

ALL: (All partake of the communion elements together while the Asbury Ensemble sings “The Old Rugged Cross”)
From The Senior Pastor’s Desk
March 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
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

**Verse 1**

All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall.  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all!

**Verse 2**

O seed of Israel's chosen race  
now ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all!

**Verse 4**

Let every kindred, every tribe  
on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all.  
To him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all.

**Verse 6**

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all.

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The Old Rugged Cross

**Verse 1**

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross  
The emblem of suffering and shame  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain

**Refrain**

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
(rugged cross)  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown

**Verse 4**

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true  
It's shame and reproach gladly bear  
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away  
Where his glory forever I'll share
Marching to Zion

Verse 1
Come, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne.

Refrain:
We’re marching to Zion,
Beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We’re marching upward to Zion,
The beautiful city of God.

Verse 4
Then let our songs abound,
And every tear be dry;
We’re marching through Immanuel’s ground
To fairer worlds on high.
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@asburyumcdo.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.asburyumcdo.org/
Give through your banking institution
The Bridge: A Diverse Community Gathered for The Word, Worship, Wheat and Wine
(Contemporary Worship Service)

March 7, 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
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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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
HELP!!!!

A message from the Membership Assimilation and Records Committee (MARC)

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO CONTACT THE ASBURY MEMBERS LISTED BELOW?

MARCH 2021

If, yes please use the address change cards located outside the Church Office to provide (an Address, Telephone Number, or Email Address) and deposit it in the box OR contact Leona Ferguson at (202-832-1258) or leonafergyasb@verizon.net.

THANK YOU!

Kellyrose Brewster, Helen Evans,
Kristen Harris, Nicholas Harris,
Frieda Brown Sjogren, Sparkle West
A HISTORY ABOUT THE COMING OF ASBURY

DON'T WAIT TOO LONG TO ORDER!

M. E. Hines. From the Beginning: Music, Musicians and Ministry of the Wesleyan Choir Asbury United Methodist Church, Washington, District of Columbia, 2020

What Readers are saying:

“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.]

Profit from the sale of Music, Musicians and Ministry supports the establishment of the Wesleyan Choir Leatryce S. Anderson Archives. For purchase and pick-up, send $40, check or money order, drawn to Marion E. Hines, 5607 16th St., N.W. (DC 20011). For postal delivery, send $45, and mailing address.
If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

During the Coronavirus Pandemic, and the demonstrations, continue to pray for each other, for our city, for our country, and for the world.
Asbury United Methodist Church
March 2021 Health Ministry Newsletter
By: Dr. Clive O. Callender

“Ten Reasons Why African Americans Should Take The COVID-19 Vaccine When It Is Available”

1. The vaccine has few enduring side effects.

2. The vaccine is effective and the rate of 95% is second only to the effectiveness of the measles vaccine which is 97% effective.

3. Of the 500,000 American deaths 28% are African Americans (140,000).

4. African American men are more likely to die than women.

5. African Americans in the District die nearly 7 times more often than other ethnic groups.

6. African Americans and other minority Americans made up more than 40% of the 70,000 patients used in clinical trials.

7. Dr. Kizzmekia S. Corbett an African American female was an important scientist who helped in the preparation of the vaccine.

8. The vaccine is being given to White and Black and Brown alike.

9. The risk of dying without the vaccine from Covid-19 is far greater than the risk of dying from the vaccine.

10. An Ounce of Prevention is worth a Pound of Cure. The vaccine can prevent Coronavirus infection.

Finally: we now comprise only 5% of those vaccinated and are 13% of the American Population. Our goal should be to be overrepresented among those vaccinated and become at least 25% of those vaccinated.
I’m blessed and proud to help write a new chapter for Asbury

Enclosed is my gift of: (Please circle)

- Bronze leaf - $180
- Silver leaf - $380
- Gold leaf - $580
- Medium acorn - $780
- Medium rock - $980
- Large acorn - $1836
- Large rock - $2016

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For further information, contact Martrice Green, 202-397-3451 or martrice69@verizon.net; or René Carter, 202-442-7928 or JCarter@nea.org.
Looking for a New Christian Adventure? Consider the Lay Servant Ministry!

Be empowered to interact with all facets of Church life and work through this Ministry. The three Ministry areas for your consideration are:

Certified Lay Servant -- Certified Lay Speaker -- Certified Lay Minister

Plan today to view information on each Ministry area through the BWCUMC website: Click Ministries, Leadership Development, then Laity Development for detailed information on each of the three Ministry areas.

Questions or Need Additional Assistance? Contact Ann Price, Coordinator, Asbury’s Lay Servant Ministry

Please submit announcements and room requests by Monday at 3:00 pm. Thank you.

Join Crocheting for Christ

For more details contact Moretha Johnson

202-526-6896
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]

Dear Asburyans,

We have been made aware that some of the offering envelopes mailed to the membership in the Fall of 2020 were received damaged. Reports are some envelopes were missing from packages or the boxes appeared to have been opened and re-sealed. If you received damaged or missing envelopes, please contact me at the Finance office during office hours Monday through Wednesday 8am-3pm.

Contact: DaRon Clark, Finance Associate, 202-628-0009, dclark@asburyumcdc.org
Dear Rev. Dr. Mills and Asbury United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy for the death of my sister, Regina Y. M. Mills. I am most grateful for the pastoral and personal care of Rev. Dr. Mills and the various communications from her and my Asbury family to convey their care and concern for my family and me during this difficult time.

With gratitude,

Brenda M. Beasley