

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LOVING...SERVING...TRANSFORMING LIVES
APRIL 14, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM (IN-PERSON & ONLINE SERVICES)

“We Persist in Love”



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 EASTER

April 14, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM WORSHIP (IN-PERSON & ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE)

†† = Those who are able may stand

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills
††INTROIT		<i>I Just Came to Praise the Lord</i>
††GATHERING HYMN		<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness (140 UMH)</i>
MORNING PRAYER		Brenda Reid Sanders
PRAYER RESPONSE		<i>Holy Is the Lamb</i>
SCRIPTURE READINGS	Acts 3:12-19 1 John 3:16-24	Frances Neal Christian Watkins
SERMONIC SELECTION		<i>Trust Me</i>
SERMON	“We Persist in Love!”	Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills Senior Pastor
INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP		<i>I Want Jesus to Walk With Me (521 UMH)</i>
INVITATION TO GIVE		Brenda Reid Sanders
OFFERTORY SELECTION		<i>God Is My Everything</i>
††DOXOLOGY		<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>
††SENDING HYMN		<i>'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (462 UMH)</i>
††BENEDICTION		Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills
††POSTLUDE		Ronald Johnson

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister of Music: Everett P. Williams, Jr.

Pianist & Assistant Director: Stephen Key

Guest Organist: Ronald Johnson

Music: Asbury Ensemble

Liturgists: Frances Neal, Brenda Reid Sanders, Christian Watkins

Trustee On Duty: Rene' Carter

Asbury's Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, April 14, 2024

9:00 am—DC BID Community Outreach, Fellowship Hall
9:00 am—All-in-One Sunday School, Ages 4-12, 3rd floor, Rm 208
9:00 am—Adult Sunday School, Library
10:00 am — Worship Service (in-person and online via Livestream, [Link](#)), Dial In: 301-715-8592, Meeting ID: 861 5564 3955, Passcode: 123456

Monday, April 15, 2024

3:00 pm — Asburyan Deadline

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

11:00 am—Office Weekly Staff Meeting, via Zoom

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

12:00 pm—Wednesday Prayer Line, Dial-In: 717-908-1986, Passcode 933092#
7:00 pm—Finance Committee Meeting, via Zoom [Link](#), Dial-In: 301-715-8592, Meeting ID: 879 4074 8235 , Passcode: 543758

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Friday, April 19, 2024

Saturday, April 20, 2024

9:00 am – Food Pantry Distribution, **Old Social Hall**
10:00 am – Family Hour and Memorial Service for Mary LeCompte Johnston, Sanctuary
12:00 pm – Repast for Mary LeCompte Johnston, Fellowship Hall



From The Senior Pastor's Desk

April 2024

Word for the Month: FAITH

Scripture of the Month: John 20:30-31

Thought for the Month: The book *Faith: 4 Essential Practices* is a valuable resource for anyone seeking to deepen their understanding and practice of faith. By recognizing and developing your faith, you can live boldly and confidently, even when faced with uncertainty. Through the guidance provided in this book, you will learn how to embrace a new level of faith in your life.

This life-changing guide takes you on a journey to harness the power of your faith by exploring four essential practices:

Waiting: Cultivate patience and resilience as you learn to wait in service, peace, within, and rest. Discover how to develop your faith even during life's most challenging moments.

Praying: Unleash the transformational power of prayer by focusing on the facts about God, honoring your emotions, and praying forward with expectation.

Thinking: Unlock the extraordinary potential within yourself by embracing bold, innovative ideas and stepping outside the confines of traditional beliefs.

Acting: Put your faith in action by taking risks for the betterment of humanity and living a fearlessly authentic life.

Faith: 4 Essential Practices will inspire and empower you to confidently embrace your faith, whether you're a beginner or a seasoned believer.

Emphasis for the Month: SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

Pastor's Book of the Month: *Faith: 4 Essential Practices* by Olu Brown



Asbury United Methodist Church is a Lighthouse Congregation of the Baltimore Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church.



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

Friday 8:00 am — 1:00 pm (**Office Closed**)

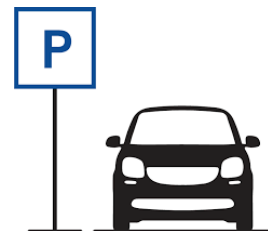
Parking Instructions

Monday—Friday

Asburyans and guests, on church business, should park in the parking garage and bring the printed parking ticket with them to be validated in the church office. Park on levels P2 or P3 and take the elevator to the "G" level to exit the building (to the left toward 11th Street). Drivers will scan the front of the ticket (invoice) and then scan the back (the payment). Push the call button if you have any issues and the Atlantic Garage Staff will assist you.

Saturday & Sunday

Parking is available on Saturday and Sunday until 4 pm (unless otherwise noted). Park on levels P2 or P3 and take the elevator to the "G" level to exit the building (to the left toward 11th Street). The church provides parking passes (half sheet paper passes) to use as you exit the garage.



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Password: 123456#



WAYS TO GIVE

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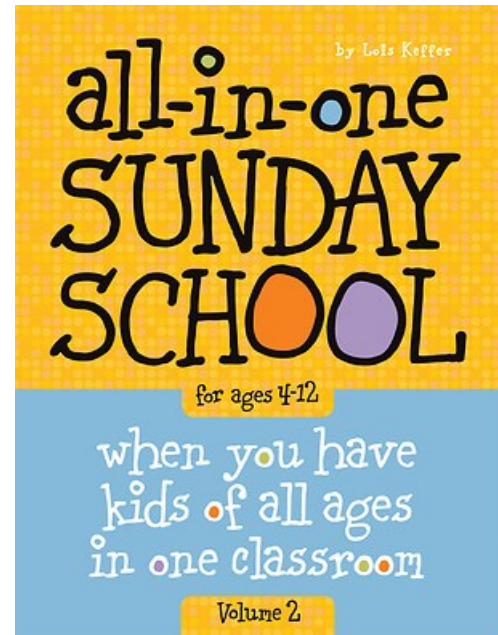
All-in-one Sunday School

Sunday Mornings

Ages 4-12

9:00-9:50 am

Located on 3rd floor, Room 208



Adult Sunday School



Adult Sunday School

Adult Members and Friends! Are you looking for a new avenue of spiritual enrichment, refocus or additional clarity? Come join us at Asbury for Sunday School. We will engage in mission-related discussions taken from the Adult Bible Series "Encounters in Prayer and Love, Spring 2024". As we continue to strive to do God's work, our sessions will be held each Sunday morning at 9 a.m. in the church library beginning on April 14th.

For more information, contact Patrice Blackman, patriceghb@gmail.com or 301-922-9020.

Dr. Mills Serves as a Clergy Delegate

Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills was elected as a clergy delegate to the General Conference & Jurisdictional Conference in 2019. As the first elected clergy she serves as the Head of the Baltimore-Washington Conference Delegation. As a delegate, she was also nominated to serve on the Northeastern Jurisdiction Committee on Episcopacy and World Methodist Council. These obligations were expected to be fulfilled in 2020, however the pandemic delayed the conferences. The following are meetings Dr. Mills is required to lead or be a participant this year:

General Conference

Apr 23–May 3, 2024, Charlotte Convention Center, Charlotte, NC

BWC Annual Conference

May 29-31, 2024, Baltimore, MD

Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference

July 8-12, 2024, Pittsburgh, PA

World Methodist Conference

August 13-18, 2024, Gothenburg, Sweden



Farewell for Min. Erik Slingerland

Sunday, April 21

Immediately following morning worship

To Our Asbury Church Family,

We are so grateful for the many ways your love and prayers helped soften the pain of the unexpected transition of our brother, Howard P. Banks, Jr. Although our biological family is quite small, the caring phone calls, notes, cards, and offers of assistance from our church family reminded us that we are not alone. Your support, combined with our faith in a loving God, continues to give us comfort, strength, and hope. The gift of God, through Jesus Christ, assures us of eternal life.

May you be blessed for your kindness.

Sharon P. Banks and DeAnna Banks Beane



THE UPPER ROOM — DAILY READING

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

1 JOHN 3:16-18

MONDAY, APRIL 15

PSALM 138:1-8

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

MATTHEW 28:18-20

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

PSALM 46:1-11

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

REVELATION 3:14-21

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

1 PETER 5:1-10

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

COLOSSIANS 4:2-6

GETTING AROUND

- ◆ There is an elevator in the Education Building that accesses all levels of the church—the sanctuary, the fellowship hall, and all the Sunday School rooms.
- ◆ Free parking is available Sundays in the garage adjacent to our 11th Street entrance. Pick up a parking pass from the 11th Street reception desk.
- ◆ Restrooms are on the lower level on either side of the narthex and on the 2nd and 3rd floors.

Asbury United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills, Senior Pastor

Rev. Ryan Wise, Minister of Evangelism & Outreach

Tawana C. Jackson, Stephen Minister

Rev. Irene Pierce, Bereavement Minister

Bishop Forrest Stith, Retired Bishop in Residence

Valentine Davies & Monica McEaddy, Lay Leaders

Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman, District Superintendent

Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling, Episcopal Leader of the Baltimore-Washington Conference

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