

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LOVING...SERVING...TRANSFORMING LIVES
MAY 12, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM (IN-PERSON & ONLINE SERVICES)

“Hidden Gems”



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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/MOTHER'S DAY

May 12, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM WORSHIP (IN-PERSON & ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE)

†† = Those who are able may stand

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills

††INTROIT *Welcome into This Place*

††GATHERING HYMN *Faith of Our Mothers (410 AAHH)*

††CALL TO WORSHIP Brenda Reid-Sanders

Leader: We have come today to celebrate the life that you have given us through the lives of mothers.

People: We sing praises to your name. You are the creator of life.

Leader: You have given us the gift of life and we say thank you for it.

People: We sing praises to your name. You are the creator of life.

Leader: As our Creator, we honor you in this service today with gifts of song and acts of love to the mothers you have blessed to be here today.

People: We sing praises to your name. You are the creator of life.

ALL: We celebrate mothers, whether biological or those given us through bonding relationships. We sing praises to your name, O God. We know that you are the creator of life.

MORNING PRAYER Brenda Reid-Sanders

PRAYER RESPONSE *Let the Church Say Amen*

SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 31:10-31 Kisha Woolen

SERMONIC SELECTION *My Eternal King*

SERMON **“Hidden Gems”** Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP *Blessed Assurance (508 AAHH)*

INVITATION TO GIVE Rev. Ryan Wise

OFFERTORY SELECTION *Yes, I Know Jesus*

††DOXOLOGY *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

††SENDING HYMN *Jesus Is Real to Me (501 AAHH)*

††BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills

††POSTLUDE *Give Me Jesus*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister of Music: Everett P. Williams, Jr.

Music: Asbury Ensemble

Liturgists: Rev. Ryan Wise, Brenda Reid-Sanders, Kisha Woolen

Trustee On Duty: Beverly Allen

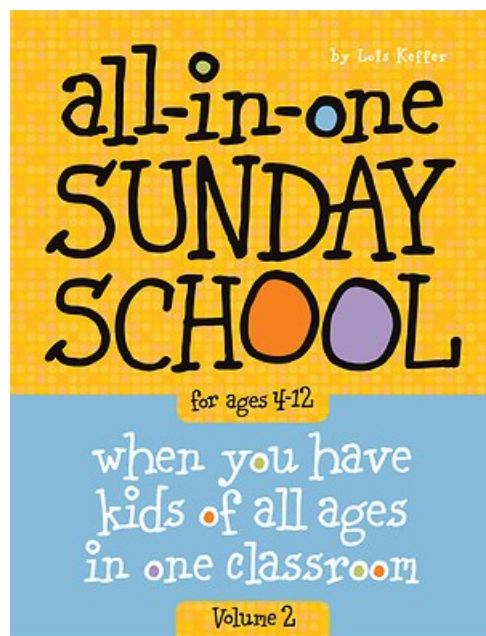
All-in-one Sunday School

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.

Asbury's Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, May 12 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, May 13, 2024

3:00 pm — Asburyan Deadline

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

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

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

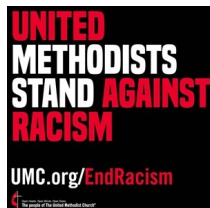
12:00 pm—Wednesday Prayer Line, Dial-In: 717-908-1986, Passcode 933092#
7:00 pm—Finance Committee Meeting, via Zoom [Link](#), Dial-In: 301-715-8592, Meeting ID: 879 4074 8235 , Passcode: 543758

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Friday, May 17, 2024

Saturday, May 18, 2024

9:00 am—Food Pantry Distribution, Fellowship Hall



From The Senior Pastor's Desk

May 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**)

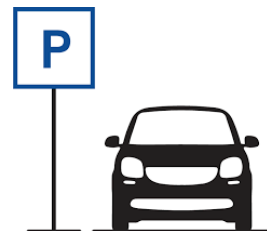
Parking Instructions

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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Dial-In: (301) 715-8592
Meeting ID: 861 5564 3955#
Password: 123456#



WAYS TO GIVE

you can conveniently give this week
in the following ways:



IN PERSON

use an envelope
or write a check



ONLINE

visit our website
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TEXT

text "GIVE"
to (202)952-9309



MAIL

send check to
Asbury UMC
926 11th St NW
Washington, DC 20001

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:

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



*Join us in celebrating Bishop Stith's
90th Birthday
immediately following the 10 am service
May 19, 2024*

DAY OF STUDENT RECOGNITION

SAVE THE DATE

June 23, 2024

— Sunday —



- Are you a middle school, high school, college or graduate school graduate?
- Are you continuing your education?
- Have you been recognized for being an academic, athletic, creative, entrepreneurial, and/or innovative change-maker?
- Have you supported your faith community?

➤ **Share your brief but spectacular story!**

- Send us a print-ready picture of yourself (no selfie.)
- Include the school you graduated from, currently attend, or will be attending.
- Add our intended area of study.
- Announce your future plans after school!

To be included in the program bulletin, email the requested info no later than **June 1, 2024** to jnerocarter@gmail.com OR vmdavies99@gmail.com



LOVING ... SERVING ... TRANSFORMING LIVES

Asbury United Methodist Church sponsors the Asbury Higher Education and Campus Ministry (HECM) Scholarship Program.

Each scholarship is an achievement-based scholarship that is awarded to **graduating high school seniors** and **current undergraduate students**. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, as well as their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities.

To be a candidate for a scholarship, applicant must be (1) affiliated with Asbury; (2) be in good academic standing (as defined by minimum academic requirements); (3) include your college transcript from your most recent college year.

To receive an application, email jnerocarter@gmail.com OR vmdavies99@gmail.com no later than June 1, 2024!



ANNOUNCEMENT

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

CLASS OF 2024



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS!

2024
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
NOW OPEN!

FULLY FUNDING

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ACCESS TO JUSTICE PROGRAM

Unlike in the criminal system, the civil legal system has no guarantee of an attorney for people who cannot afford one. This means that low-income DC residents facing eviction, child custody issues, and even severe immigration consequences such as deportation, must rely on funds from DC's Access to Justice funding to secure a lawyer to protect their basic human rights and dignity.



67%

The Mayor's proposed budget for FY 25 cuts these vital funds for low-income and vulnerable DC residents by 67%!

These drastic and unnecessary cuts will make our communities less safe and increase already unconscionable racial disparities in wealth and housing security in our city.

DC's Access to Justice fund served over 40,000 residents in 2023

76% of people

represented by Access to Justice Funded legal representation were **able to stay in their homes and avoid unjust evictions** by profit driven landlords and property management companies.

Provided **free legal interpretative services** to over

7500 people

in civil court proceedings and turned down more clients due to funding constraints.



Access to Justice partners and grantees **saved DC residents a total of**

\$14 million in unauthorized Medicaid payment costs.

The Initiative provided funds for

free Domestic Violence & immigration workshops

for impacted, low income, vulnerable residents, especially those with dependent children.

People caught up in the civil legal system can face devastating consequences for not having legal representation, including losing their home, their children, their life savings or their ability to remain in the country with their families. Providing legal representation to those in the civil system keeps our communities safer and stronger and ensures that the wealthy do not exploit the poor and vulnerable.

WHAT THE SCRIPTURES SAY

One of the major themes running throughout Scripture is the importance of ensuring all people, no matter their economic, social, or political status have access to justice and the courts.

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears God and practices righteousness is acceptable."

ACTS 10:34-35

When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do them wrong. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love them as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

LEVITICUS 19:33-34

You shall appoint judges and officials throughout your tribes, in all your towns that the Lord your God is giving you, and they shall render just decisions for the people. You must not distort justice; you must not show partiality; and you must not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and subverts the cause of those who are in the right. Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue.

DEUTERONOMY 16:18-20a

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove your evil deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow.

ISAIAH 1: 16-17

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO

Call your DC Councilmember and urge them to FULLY fund the Access to Justice Budget for 2025!

Anita Bonds
At-Large
(202) 724-8064

Phil Mendelson
Chairman
(202) 724-8032

Kenyan McDuffie
At-Large
(202) 724-7772

Christina Henderson
At-Large
(202) 724-8105

Robert White
At-Large
(202) 724-8174

Brianne Nadeau
Ward 1
(202) 724-8181

Brooke Pinto
Ward 2
(202) 724-8058

Matthew Frumin
Ward 3
(202) 724-8062

Jeneese Lewis George
Ward 4
(202) 724-8052

Zachary Parker
Ward 5
(202) 724-8028

Charles Allen
Ward 6
(202) 724-8072

Vincent Gray
Ward 7
(202) 724-8068

Tyayon White, Sr.
Ward 8
(202) 724-8055



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**ASBURYANS AND FRIENDS
IT'S DITTY BAG TIME AGAIN!**

The DC Unit Church Women United is once again asking for your support for children attending Camp Bennett 2024, a Christian residential camp for boys and girls 8-13 years of age.

They will spend one week away from home enjoying: bible lessons, swimming, art and crafts, nature walks, basketball, food, music and other fun activities.

The Camp Bennet staff is asking that we supply the following item and place them in a plastic gallon zip lock bag:

Tooth brush, tooth brush holder, tooth paste, wash cloth, deodorant, soap, lotion and wide tooth comb

There will be a large plastic container, labeled DITTY BAGS outside the Fellowship Hall from May 12 to June 9 for you to deposit your bags. Financial donations should be made payable to DC Unit, Church Women United and mailed to: CWU, PO Box 90374, Washington, DC 20090.

For further information please contact:
Christine McDaniel 301 420 2540 or email mmcchris@aol.com.

Thank you for your support.





“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20

THE UPPER ROOM — DAILY READING

GETTING AROUND

SUNDAY, MAY 12
PSALM 103:13-22

THURSDAY, MAY 16
2 KINGS 20:1-5

MONDAY, MAY 13
JEREMIAH 29:10-14

FRIDAY, MAY 17
JOHN 16:29-33

TUESDAY, MAY 14
PSALM 46:1-7

SATURDAY, MAY 18
PSALM 16:7-11

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15
ISAIAH 30:18-26

- ◆ 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

Visit asburymcdc.org for information about our ministries. Find us on Facebook and Twitter.

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