

**Asbury United Methodist Church**  
**Loving...Serving...Transforming Lives**  
*May 11, 2025 ~ 10:00 am (In-Person & Online Services)*

## **“A Living Witness”**



### **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**  
**4th Sunday Of Easter**

**May 11, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM WORSHIP (In-Person & Online Worship Service)**

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

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills

†INTROIT

*Welcome Into this Place...Orlando Jaurez*

†GATHERING HYMN

*Faith of Our Mothers (410 AAHH)*

†PRAYER LITANY FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Maria Harris

PRAYER RESPONSE

*Thank You for Hearing Our Prayer...Stephen Key*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 9:36-43  
John 10:22-30

Brenda Reid-Sanders  
Min. Christian Watkins

SERMONIC SELECTION

*The Beatitudes....Gale Jones Murphy*

SERMON

**“A Living Witness”**

Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills  
Lead Pastor

†INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*Lead Me, Guide Me (474 AAHH)*

INVITATION TO GIVE

Brenda Reid-Sanders

OFFERTORY SELECTION

*Oh, The Blood....Carlton Burgess*

†DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

†SENDING HYMN

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (381 UMH)*

†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills

POSTLUDE

*Precious Memories*

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Minister of Music: Everett P. Williams, Jr.

Music: Asbury Ensemble

Liturgists: Min. Christian Watkins, Brenda Reid-Sanders, Maria Harris

Trustee On Duty: James Gary

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## Prayer Litany for Mother's Day

We pray for moms whose children are grown.

**Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.**

We pray for moms experiencing changes they could not predict.

**Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.**

We pray for pregnant women who will soon be moms.

**Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.**

We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood.

**Grant them strength and wisdom.**

We pray for moms who enjoy financial abundance.

**Grant them time to share with their families.**

We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty.

**Grant them relief and justice.**

We pray for step-moms.

**Grant them patience, understanding and love.**

We pray for moms who are separated from their children.

**Grant them faith and hope.**

We pray for moms in marriages that are in crisis.

**Grant them support and insight.**

We pray for moms who gave up their children for adoption.

**Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.**

We pray for adoptive mothers.

**Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift you have provided.**

We pray for women who think about becoming mothers.

**Grant them wisdom and discernment.**

We pray for women who desperately want, or wanted, to be mothers.

**Grant them grace to accept your timing.**

We pray for women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.

**Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.**

We pray for persons who are grieving the loss of their mother.

**Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.**

Lord, we thank you for the gift of motherhood.

We thank you for the many examples of faithful mothers in scripture, like Sarah, Leah, Rachel, Hannah, Elizabeth, Priscilla, Lydia, Eunice and Lois.

We are mindful this day of all these women, and especially Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had the courage in faith to say "yes" to your calling.

May these women gathered here today emulate these examples of faith.

And may they model for all the rest of us what it means to be your disciple.

Bless them on this special day; in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

~ author unknown. Posted on **Zis-n-Zat from Pastor Asher**. <http://pastorasher.wordpress.com/>

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## Asbury's Week At-A-Glance

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**Sunday, May 11, 2025**

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 12, 2025**

**3:00pm — Asburian Deadline**

**Tuesday, May 13, 2025**

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

**Wednesday, May 14, 2025**

7:00 pm—SPRC Meeting, via Zoom

**Thursday, May 15, 2025**

**Friday, May 16, 2025**

**Saturday, May 17, 2025**

9:00 am—Food Pantry Distribution, Fellowship Hall

2:00 pm – JAF Event, Foundry United Methodist Church, 1500 16th St NW, Washington, DC 20036



### ***From The Senior Pastor's Desk***

**May 2025**

**Word for the Month:** CONTINUE

**Scripture of the Month:** John 21:1-19

#### **Thought for the Month:**

In 1967, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., isolated himself from the demands of the civil rights movement, rented a house in Jamaica with no telephone, and labored over his final manuscript. In this prophetic work, he lays out his thoughts, plans, and dreams for America's future, including the need for better jobs, higher wages, decent housing, and quality education. With a universal message of hope that continues to resonate, King demanded an end to global suffering, asserting that humankind-for the first time-has the resources and technology to eradicate poverty.

**Emphasis for the Month:** SOCIAL JUSTICE

**Pastor's Book of the Month:** *Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?* (King Legacy) by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



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 LAZ 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. **You must give the parking attendant your printed ticket and the parking pass.**



# JOIN US



# ONLINE

**LIVE /  
STREAMING HD**

[www.asburyumcdc.org](http://www.asburyumcdc.org)  
Click WATCH LIVESTREAM

**You Tube**

[www.youtube.com/c/AsburyUMCDCNewChannel](http://www.youtube.com/c/AsburyUMCDCNewChannel)

**f LIVE**

[www.facebook.com/asburyumcdc/](http://www.facebook.com/asburyumcdc/)

**zoom**

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  
[www.asburyumcdc.org](http://www.asburyumcdc.org)  
Click GIVE button



**TEXT**

text "GIVE"  
to (202)952-9309



**MAIL**

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





## Adult Sunday School

Come one, come all! Join us for Adult Sunday School. We meet each Sunday morning at 9 a.m. in the library. Bible lessons encourage thought provoking discussions that are relevant to challenges we face in daily living. For more information text/call Patrice Blackman 301-922-9020.

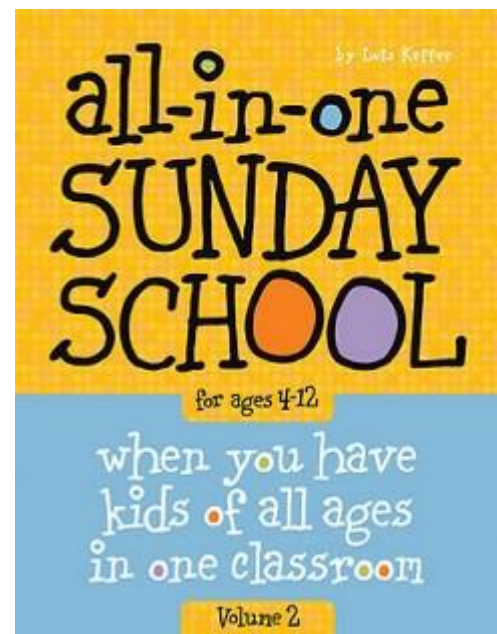
## All-in-one Sunday School

Sunday Mornings

Ages 4-12

9:00-9:50 am

Located on 3rd floor, Room 208




# MID-WEEK INTERCESSORY PRAYER

**EVERY WEDNESDAY | 12 Noon**

**CALL: 1-717-908-1986**

**ACCESS CODE: 933-092**

[WWW.ASBURYUMCDC.ORG](http://WWW.ASBURYUMCDC.ORG)



*Save  
the  
Date*

**Rev. Dr. Ianther Marie Mills'  
Farewell Celebration**

Sunday, May 18, 2025  
Asbury UMC Fellowship Hall  
Following 10 a.m. Service

**Asbury**  
United Methodist Church | Washington, DC



## Youth Pentagon Tour

# Juneteenth Pentagon Tour



Join me in exploring  
our Nations Defense  
Headquarters

### **"Special Insider Tour"**

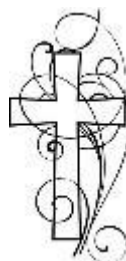
**Who:** Asbury United Methodist Church  
Youth Ministry (parents encouraged)

**When:** June 23rd 10:00am - 2:00pm

**RSVP by May 10th**

**Sarita Singh**

**Youth Ministry Coordinator**  
**saritamsingh13@gmail.com**



# DAY OF STUDENT RECOGNITION

**REVISED**

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**June 29, 2025**



- 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 information no later than **June 1, 2025** to Josephine Baker at [jobaker.misc@gmail.com](mailto:jobaker.misc@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.



**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

**CLASS OF  
2025**



**UNDERGRADUATE  
STUDENTS!**

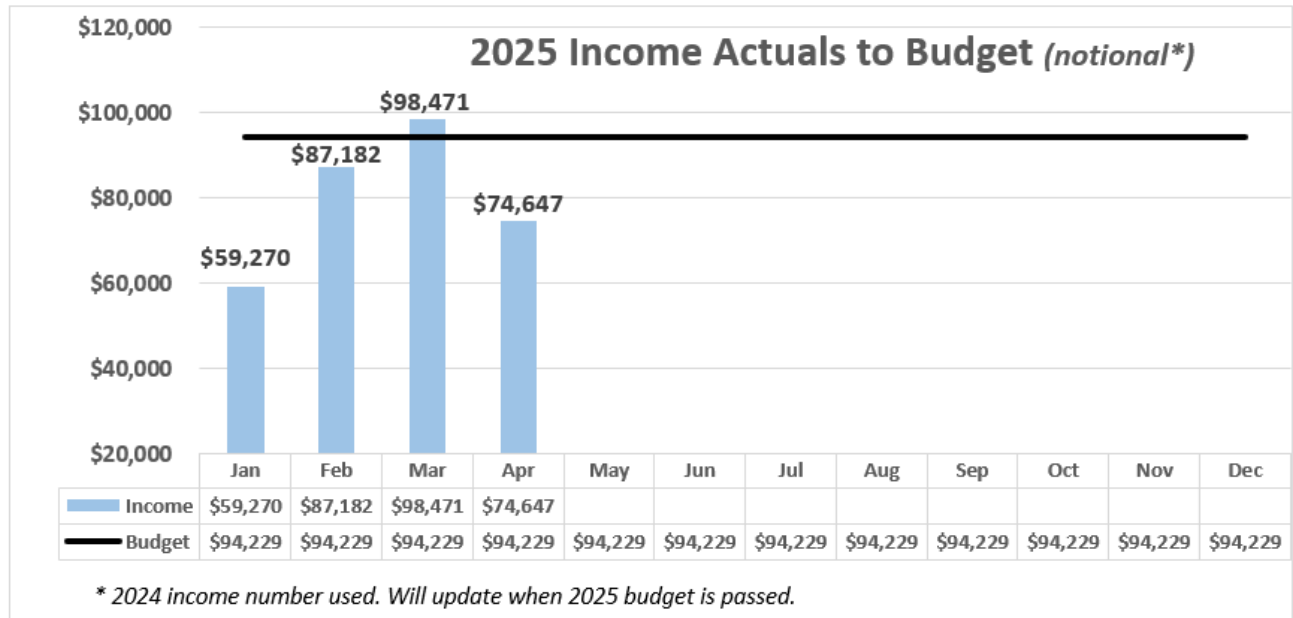
**2025**

**SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION  
NOW OPEN!**

To receive an application, email [jobaker.misc@gmail.com](mailto:jobaker.misc@gmail.com) no later than **June 1, 2025**.

## THE STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

### Giving Summary as of April 30, 2025



#### Dear Beloved Members of Asbury United Methodist Church,

This year, our stewardship theme, **“Faithful Today, Impactful Forever,”** invites is to reflect on the importance of sustained giving and the lasting impact it has on our church’s mission and ministries. We are called to live out our faith through actions, ensuring that Asbury continues to be a beacon of hope and transformation for our congregation and the community we serve.

As we embark on this journey together, we encourage you to prayerfully consider your commitment to giving through the year. **Consistent** giving ensures the ongoing success of our ministries, eliminates the need for late-minute year-end campaigns, and allows us to plan effectively.

Let us move forward in faith, embracing the opportunities before us, and ensuring that Asbury continues to thrive for generations to come. Together, we can make 2025 a year of meaningful impact and enduring faithfulness.

With deep appreciation for your unwavering dedication,

*Robert J. Corbitt Jr.*

Robert J. Corbitt, Jr.

Chairperson Committee on Finance

*Darryl Wyles*

Darryl Wyles

Stewardship Chairperson



“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

SUNDAY, MAY 11  
PSALM 8:1-9

THURSDAY, MAY 15  
1 SAMUEL 17:32-37

MONDAY, MAY 12  
1 JOHN 4:7-21

FRIDAY, MAY 16  
1 CORINTHIANS 14:6-12

TUESDAY, MAY 13  
PSALM 66:16-20

SATURDAY, MAY 17  
ISAIAH 29:13-16

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14  
GALATIANS 6:1-10

### 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, Lead Pastor

Everett P. Williams, Jr., Minister of Music

Tawana C. Jackson, Stephen 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 [asburyumcdc.org](http://asburyumcdc.org) for information about our ministries. Find us on Facebook and Twitter.

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Monday-Thursday ~ 8:00 am-3:00 pm / Friday ~ 8:00 am-1:00 pm Teleworking (The Office is Closed)