

**Asbury United Methodist Church**  
**Loving...Serving...Transforming Lives**  
*June 22, 2025 ~ 10:00 am (In-Person & Online Services)*



**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

## Second Sunday of Pentecost

June 22, 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

Bishop Marcus Matthews

†INTROIT

Sometimes Alleluia....Chuck Girard

†GATHERING HYMN

Hold to God's Unchanging Hand (404 AAHH)

MORNING PRAYER

Kisha Woolen

PRAYER RESPONSE

Whisper a Prayer....anonymous

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Kings 19:1-15a  
Galatians 3:23-29  
Luke 8:26-39

Kisha Woolen  
Min. Christian Watkins  
Brenda Sanders

SERMONIC SELECTION

Did You Stop to Pray this Morning...Westmoreland, Hurley & Dexter  
Dr. Clive Calender soloist

SERMON

**God's Blessing**

Bishop Marcus Matthews  
Retired Bishop, United Methodist Church

†INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Blessed Assurance (369 UMH)

INVITATION TO GIVE

Brenda Sanders

OFFERTORY SELECTION

We Are One.....Isaiah Jones & Aaron Anderson

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

†SENDING HYMN

God Be With You (672 UMH)

†BENEDICTION

Bishop Marcus Matthews

POSTLUDE

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me...Negro Spiritual

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister of Music: Everett Williams

Music: Asbury Ensemble

Liturgists: tbd

Trustee On Duty: Willie Clark



## **Bishop Marcus Matthews**

Bishop Marcus Matthews is the current Executive Secretary of the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church (UMC), a position he has held since Sept. 1, 2016. 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.

### **Early life**

Bishop Matthews was born in Florence, South Carolina. His home church, Cumberland UMC, had a pivotal influence in his life. At Cumberland, he was one of the community developers in the first wave of the Black Community Developers program of the General Board of Global Ministries. In 1970, he was selected by the Ford Foundation's Leadership Development Program to conduct a year-long study of religious institutions such as the Delta Project in Mississippi; the General Commission on Religion and Race, and to do research on a project with juveniles in Syracuse, NY.

### **Education and Ordination**

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.

### **Ordained Ministry**

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.

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## **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.

## **Episcopacy**

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.



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## Asbury's Week At-A-Glance

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**Sunday, June 22, 2025**

9:00 am—All-in-One Sunday School, Ages 4-12, On the Lawn  
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, June 23, 2025**

3:00pm — Asburian Deadline

**Tuesday, June 24, 2025**

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

**Wednesday, June 25, 2025**

7:00 pm—Church Council Meeting, via Zoom [Link](#), Dial-In: 301-715-8592, Meeting ID: 814 6394 1055, Passcode: 665544

**Thursday, June 26, 2025**

**Friday, June 27, 2025**

**Saturday, June 28, 2025**



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

***June 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.**





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# 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.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ON THE LAWN EVERY SUNDAY IN JULY 9:00AM



Join Us for an Inspiring Journey Through Jonah's Adventure!

***THEME: Obeying, Forgiveness, Mercy, & Trust***

*Story Time*

*Music*

*Craft*



# MID-WEEK INTERCESSORY PRAYER

**EVERY WEDNESDAY | 12 Noon**

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

**ACCESS CODE: 933-092**

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



On June 29, we will celebrate **Graduate Recognition Sunday** and United Methodist Student Day. United Methodist Student Day is one of the five special Sundays in the local church. Individuals and congregations are encouraged to give to support the church's collective work with a special offering on that day.

Our speaker for Sunday is Rev. Kendal McBroom, Director of Civil and Human Rights for the General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church. Rev. McBroom, an ordained Elder in the AME church, oversees the agency's legislative and policy advocacy on civil and human rights.

# DAY OF STUDENT RECOGNITION



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**.

## ITS DITTY BAG TIME AGAIN!!!



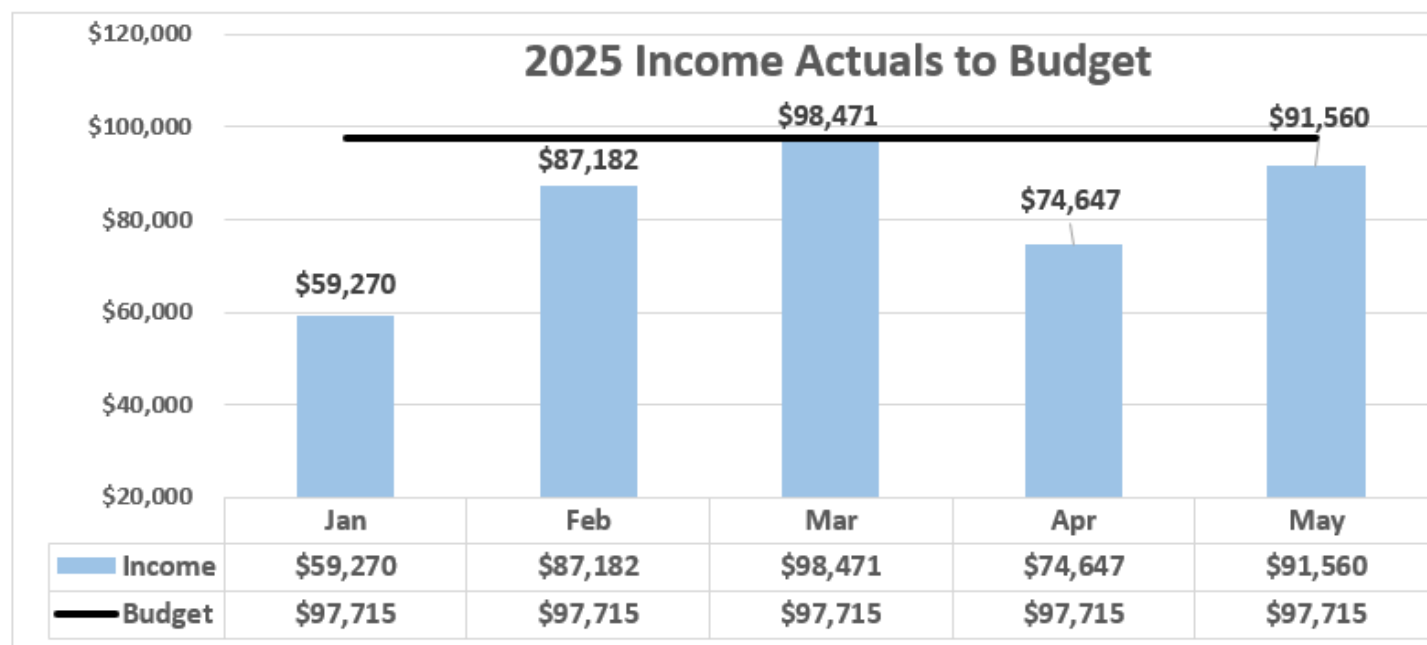
Camp Bennett 2025 and Church Women United, DC Unit are working together on the Annual Campers Outreach Project. This is a free Christian Residential Boys and Girls Summer Camp for ages 8-13, a ministry Of Central Union Missions located in Wahington, DC. The youth will spend one week away from home to enjoy their summer swimming, bible studies, basketball, arts and crafts and other activities.

Church Women United is asking for your help by making donations of toiletry items that will be given to each camper. Please place the following items in a one-gallon plastic zip lock bag; **tooth brush, toothpaste, wash cloth, deodorant, soap, lotion and a wide tooth comb.** You may deposit your bags in a large container located outside the Fellowship Hall. The last pick-up date will be **June 22, 2025.**

For further information, please contact Christine C. McDaniel -301 320 2540 or [mmcchris@aol.com](mailto:mmcchris@aol.com).

# THE STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

## Giving Summary as of June 15, 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



## Farewell From Bishop C. Stith



Bishop Forrest C. Stith recently announced that he was stepping down from the position of Bishop- In- Residence at Asbury UMC. A donation was given in his honor to an organization that he holds close to his heart, the African American Methodist Heritage Center (AAMHC) , where is serves at Bishop Forrest President Emeritus. The organization was started by Bishop Stith and other key leaders twenty five (25) years ago to preserve, protect and promote the history of African Americans in the United Methodist Church and its antecedents. The organization is incorporated and is a 501 c (3) national organization located at Drew University in Madison, NJ, and is officially recognized as a resource of the United Methodist Church. governed by a Board of Trustees representing all five jurisdictions. Carol Travis, a former board member is the Executive Assistant. Bishop Forrest C. Stith is President Emeritus of the African American Methodist Heritage Center (AAMHC). The organization was organized by Bishop Stith and other key leaders twenty five (25) years ago to preserve, protect and promote the history of African Americans in the United Methodist Church and its antecedents. The organization is incorporated and is a 501 c (3) national organization located at Drew University in Madison, NJ, and is officially recognized as a resource of the United Methodist Church. governed by a Board of Trustees representing all five jurisdictions. Carol Travis, a former board member is the Executive Assistant.





**ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
“TREE FOR THE FUTURE” CAMPAIGN**

**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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**From:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact information \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send acknowledgment to the following:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact information \_\_\_\_\_

For further information, contact Martrice Green, 202-397-3451 or [martrice69@verizon.net](mailto:martrice69@verizon.net); or  
René Carter, 202-442-7928 or [JCarter@nea.org](mailto:JCarter@nea.org).



Thank you, Thank You and Thank you!

We would like to thank everyone, all of the Pastors, staff and members of the Church for your kind words, cards, outpouring of love, hugs and beautiful Peace Lily plant. Just knowing that you care during of our period of bereavement in the loss of my brother, Wilbur Leanard Boulware meant so much to us. He was a husband to my sister -in-law, Anneliese Boulware, Father to his 4 children and 2 grandchildren. Wilbur will truly be missed by his siblings here in the DC area and his family in Germany. We are more than grateful to all of you. May God continue to bless your families with Love, Joy and Peace.

Margaret and Michele Carter and Family





“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, JUNE 22  
MATTHEW 25:14-23

MONDAY, JUNE 23  
DEUTERONOMY 31:1-8

TUESDAY, JUNE 24  
LUKE 12:22-31

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25  
PSALM 19:1-9

THURSDAY, JUNE 26  
JOHN 15:12-17

FRIDAY, JUNE 27  
PSALM 18:25-32

SATURDAY, JUNE 28  
PROVERBS 4:1-10

### 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

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