

**Asbury United Methodist Church**  
**Loving...Serving...Transforming Lives**  
**July 20, 2025 ~ 10:00 am (In-Person & Online Services)**

## **“A Faith That Speaks”**



### **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.**

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ruth Scarbrough

†INTROIT

*We Are Standing on Holy Ground...Geron Davis*

†GATHERING HYMN

*Praise Him! Praise Him! (178 AAHH)*

MORNING PRAYER

Min. Christian Watkins

PRAYER RESPONSE

*More Love to Thee...William Doane*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 46  
Colossians 1:15-25  
Mark 4:35-40

Min. Christian Watkins  
Bernice Harelston  
Kisha Woolen

SERMONIC SELECTION

*Fanfare "The Earth is the Lord's "(from Psalm 24)...Kevin Bumpers*

SERMON

**“A Faith That Speaks”**

Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, Jr.  
Lead Pastor

†INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*Stand by Me (512 UMH)*

INVITATION TO GIVE

Kisha Woolen

OFFERTORY SELECTION

*I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me....Negro Spiritual  
Sharleen Kavetski & Randolph Scott soloists*

†DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

†SENDING HYMN

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit ( 326 AAHH)*

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, Jr.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Joshua Goines

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### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

*Minister of Music: Everett Williams*

*Guest Organist: Joshua Goines*

*Music: Asbury Ensemble*

*Liturgists: Min. Christian Watkins, Ruth Scarbrough, Kisha Woolen, Bernice Harelston*

*Trustee On Duty: Ron Anderson*



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## Asbury's Week At-A-Glance

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**Sunday, July 20, 2025**

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

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, July 21, 2025**

3:00 pm — Asburian Deadline

**Tuesday, July 22, 2025**

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

**Wednesday, July 23, 2025**

12:00 pm - Prayer Ministry, Mid-Week Intercessory Prayer, Call: 1-717-908-1986, Access code: 933-092, submit prayer request to: [prayer@asburyumcdc.org](mailto:prayer@asburyumcdc.org)

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

**Thursday, July 24, 2025**

**Friday, July 25, 2025**

**Saturday, July 26, 2025**



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

***July 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



The Adult Sunday School is taking a hiatus for the remainder of the summer. We will resume our lessons on September 7th. Enjoy the summer!

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*

*Crafts*





# MID-WEEK INTERCESSORY PRAYER

**EVERY WEDNESDAY | 12 Noon**

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

**ACCESS CODE: 933-092**

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



## JAF Civil Rights Pilgrimage

Congregations of  
John Wesley AMEZC, Asbury UMC & Foundry UMC

### “Post-Trip Report and Discussion”

Sunday, August 10, 2025  
12:30pm – 2:00pm

Moderated by Adelle Banks

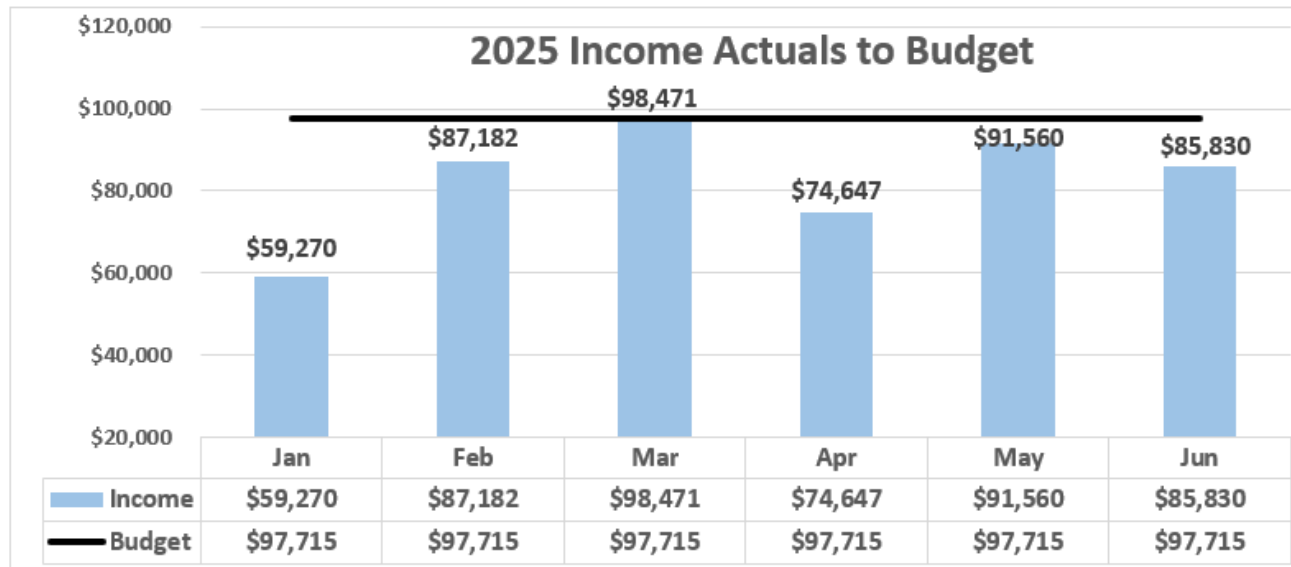
Hosted by  
Rev. Ginger Gaines-Cirelli, Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills  
and Rev. Dr. Christopher Zacharias

Foundry United Methodist Church  
1500 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Washington, DC 20036



## THE STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

### Giving Summary as of July 8, 2025



#### Faithful Today, Impactful Forever: A Summer Giving Challenge

Dear Asbury Family,

As your Finance Chair and Stewardship Chair, we want to thank you for your ongoing generosity. Your giving makes our ministry possible week after week, month after month.

Through May, our giving levels have consistently fallen short of our monthly targets, with **only one month—March—meeting our goal**. June had five Sundays, yet we still came up short. These shortfalls impact on our ability to maintain our facilities, support community outreach, pay staff, and meet our connectional commitments.

Here's an important insight: **online viewership consistently exceeds in-person attendance on Sundays**. Yet only **about 33% of our giving** comes from online platforms.

So we're issuing a **challenge**: We are calling on our **online community** to meet and exceed in-person giving this July. Whether you're traveling, enjoying summer break, or simply tuning in from home, we invite you to give generously—from the beach, the airport, or your couch.

You don't have to be in the sanctuary to be a blessing. If you've been blessed by this ministry, help us grow and thrive by participating in this challenge.

We'll return the **first Sunday in August** to report on the results.

Together, let's show what it means to be **Faithful Today, Impactful Forever**.

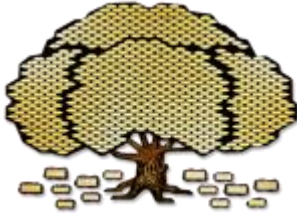
With gratitude,

*Robert J. Corbitt, Jr.*

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Chairperson Committee on Finance

*Darryl Wyles*

Darryl Wyles  
Stewardship Chairperson



**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).

Dear Reverend and Asbury Church Members,

The family of Edith Taylor wishes to thank you for your kind words of sympathy and the beautiful flowers.

Sincerely,

***Kathy E. Taylor***





“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, 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, JULY 20  
JOB 5:8-16

MONDAY, JULY 21  
PSALM 40:1-13

TUESDAY, JULY 22  
MATTHEW 6:19-21

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23  
ROMANS 8:26-30

THURSDAY, JULY 24  
MATTHEW 6:25-34

FRIDAY, JULY 25  
MARK 4:3-8

SATURDAY, JULY 26  
PSALM 139:13-18

### 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. Ronald Bell, Jr., Lead Pastor

Everett P. Williams, Jr., Minister of Music

Tawana C. Jackson, Stephen Minister

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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