

Asbury United Methodist Church
Loving...Serving...Transforming Lives
August 31, 2025 ~ 10:00 am (In-Person & Online Services)

“Hope Wears Trifocals”



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

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 31, 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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ronald Bell, III

†GATHERING HYMN

Praise Him, All Ye Little Children (617 AAHH)

MORNING PRAYER

Ronald Bell, III

PRAYER RESPONSE

Standing in the Need of Prayer (352 UMH)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Timothy 1:1-7
Luke 14:7-14

David Bell
Alejandra Singh

SERMONIC SELECTION

*I Must Tell Jesus... Elisha A. Hoffman
Denise Garrett*

SERMON

“Hope Wears Trifocals”

Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, Jr.
Lead Pastor

†INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Anointing Fall On Me (318 AAHH)

INVITATION TO GIVE

Alejandra Singh

OFFERTORY SELECTION

*He Looked Beyond My Fault
and Saw My Need*

Dottie Rambo
Denise Garrett

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

†SENDING HYMN

This Little Light of Mine (549 AAHH)

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, Jr.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Victoria Alma Castello, guest organist

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister of Music: Everett Williams

Guest Organist: Victoria Alma Castello

Music: Asbury Ensemble, Denise Garrett (soloist)

Liturgists: David Bell, Ronald Bell, III and Alejandra Singh

Trustee On Duty: Beverly Allen

Asbury's Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, August 31, 2025

9:00 am—All-in-One Sunday School, Ages 4-12, 3rd floor, Room 208

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, September 1, 2025

***Labor Day* Office is Closed**

3:00 pm — Asburyan Deadline

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

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

Wednesday, September 3, 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

Thursday, September 4, 2025

Friday, September 5, 2025

Saturday, September 6, 2025

11:00 am—Altar Guild Set up for Communion, Sanctuary



From The Senior Pastor's Desk August 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.**



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
Click GIVE button



TEXT

text "GIVE"
to (202)952-9309



MAIL

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

JOIN US



ONLINE

**LIVE /
STREAMING HD**

www.asburyumcdc.org
Click WATCH LIVESTREAM

You Tube

www.youtube.com/c/AsburyUMCDCNewChannel

f LIVE

www.facebook.com/asburyumcdc/

zoom

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

NEW!

Bulletin Submission Update

Starting September 7

To help streamline communication and ensure all bulletin-related items are received and reviewed efficiently, we are introducing a new process for submitting announcements, edits, and notices.

Beginning the week of September 7, all bulletin-related emails should be sent to our new group email: bulletin@asburyumcdc.org

This centralized system will make it easier to track contributions and prepare each week's bulletin with clarity and care. If you have an announcement or request for inclusion, please use this email only moving forward.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support as we grow together in grace and order.





Bishop Easterling's Upcoming Visit

Bishop Easterling will be visiting each of the Districts in the Baltimore-Washington Conference in September. This will be a time to meet with clergy and laity for sharing and communication. As our new structure takes effect and we begin new relationships in each of our new districts and across the area, this will be an important time of connection.

To request an ASL interpreter, contact Rev. Leo Yates at lyates@bwcumc.org. We are in the Tidal Basin District, no longer Greater Washington.

Tidal Basin District:

Date: Tuesday, September 16, 6 p.m.

Location: First UMC of Hyattsville,
6201 Belcrest Rd, Hyattsville, MD 20782



Ushers Needed

Are you willing to serve?

Join the Asbury Ushers Ministry

Looking for a meaningful way to serve?

The Asbury Ushers Ministry is lovingly inviting both men and women to join us in the beautiful ministry of hospitality and service.

With hearts open and hands ready, we welcome you to become part of a dedicated team that helps set the tone for worship through warmth, order, and grace.

Our meetings will be held monthly on the
2nd Saturday at 12:30 pm

If you feel led to serve or would like to learn more,
please reach out to

Ruth Gadsden or Mary Simmons.

Come be a part of something special - we would be
honored to serve with you.

Nina McEaddy

Asbury Women's Usher - President



Introducing Asbury's New AI Telephone System

Asbury Trustees are pleased to announce the implementation of a new telephone system designed to enhance communications. This upgrade uses internet technology to allow direct calling to the staff and easy transfer to ministry leaders.

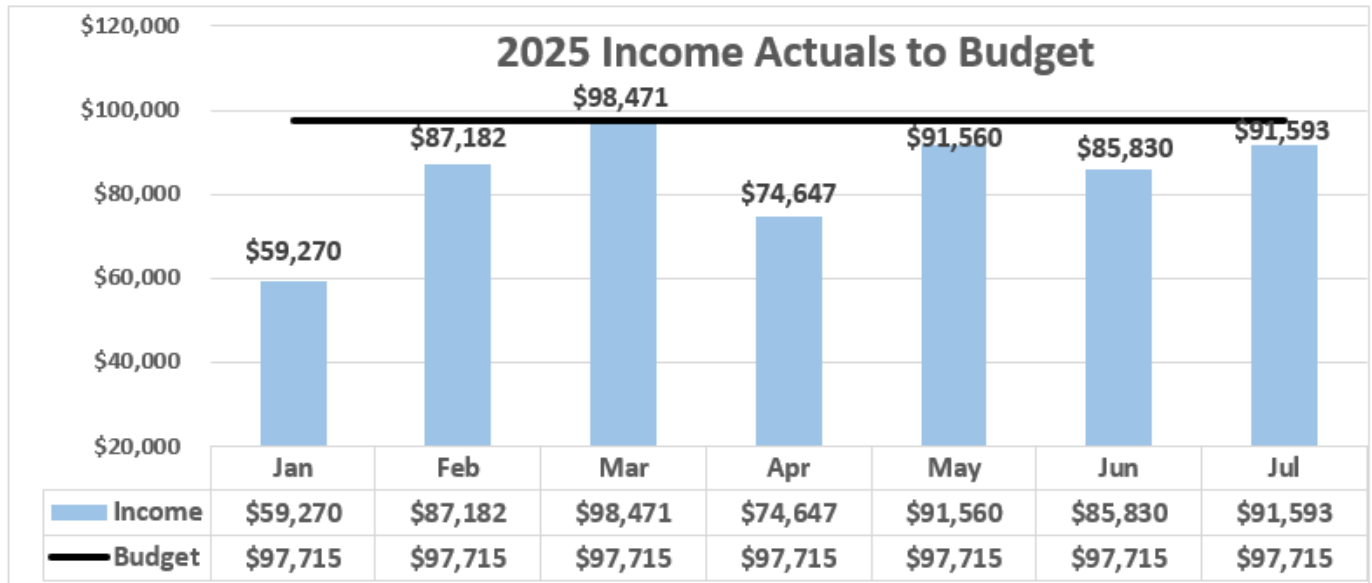
Currently, we are testing an artificial intelligence (AI) receptionist to transfer calls via voice request. When prompted by the AI receptionist you can ask for an office or one of the staff members by name.

We are asking for feedback from persons that have already used the system. Please email your feedback to asburymail@asburyumcdc.org.

Contact Information

Please note that the Church's telephone number remains unchanged: **202-628-0009**. You can continue to use this number to reach the church and utilize the new features provided by the AI receptionist.

THE STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING



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.

We are extending the online giving challenge through August! 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.

As a reminder, **online viewership consistently exceeds in-person attendance on Sundays**. Yet only **about 33% of our giving** comes from online platforms. 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.

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

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Stewardship Chairperson

THANK YOU

ASBURYANS AND FRIENDS

On behalf of the boys and girls attending Camp Bennett 2025, the DC Unit of Church Women United extends heartfelt thanks for your generous donations. This year our campers received 80 "Ditty Bags". Your kind heartedness and support made this activity successful once again. You boosted our youngsters high spirits and for that we are deeply grateful!



Thank you so much!
Christine McDaniel,
Coordinator



“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, AUGUST 31
MICAH 6:6-8

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
JOHN 1:1-5

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
MATTHEW 6:19-24

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-15

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
PROVERBS 3:1-12

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
ACTS 9:1-17

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
ROMANS 15:1-6

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.

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

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