

**Asbury United Methodist Church**

**Loving...Serving...Transforming Lives**

**September 21, 2025 ~ 10:00 am (In-Person & Online Services)**

**“Keep on Keeping On: The Spirit of Justice in a Great Cloud of Witnesses”**



**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

## Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**September 21, 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

Wilhelmina Goff

†INTROIT

*In the Beauty of Holiness...Nettie Sawyer-Lester*

†GATHERING HYMN

*The Church's One Foundation (337 AAHH)*

MORNING PRAYER

Min. Christian Watkins

PRAYER RESPONSE

*Just a Little Talk with Jesus (378 AAHH)*

THE ANTHEM

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God...M. Luther/arr. Carl Mueller*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrews 12:1-3

Ronald Bell, III

REMEMBERING WHO WE ARE AND WHERE WE'RE GOING

Drama Ministry

SERMONIC SELECTION

*Day and Night Praise....Margaret Douroux  
Anika Sampson-Anderson (soloist)*

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST PREACHER

Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, Jr.

SERMON **“Keep on Keeping On: The Spirit of Justice in a Great Cloud of Witnesses”**

Dr. Jemar Tisby  
Director of Tisby Media

†INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*The Storm Is Passing Over (427 AAHH)*

INVITATION TO GIVE

Robert Corbitt

OFFERTORY SELECTION

*He Touched Me....Garland Dudley  
Devin Davis (soloist)*

†DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

†SENDING HYMN

*Hold to God's Unchanging Hand (404 AAHH)*

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, Jr.

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

*Minister of Music: Everett Williams*

*Guest Director: Ronald Johnson*

*Percussionist: Jonathan Lewis*

*Music: Asbury Ensemble, Anika Sampson-Anderson, Devin Davis,*

*Liturgists: Min. Christian Watkins, Wilhelmina Goff, Robert Corbitt,*

*Trustee On Duty: Rene' Carter*



**Guest Preacher**

**Dr. Jemar Tisby**

**Historian | Author | Producer**



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**Jemar Tisby is a New York Times bestselling author, historian, and the founder and creative director of Tisby Media - a visionary studio creating a moral, imaginative, and creative counterculture to disinformation, social injustice, and the politics of fear. He holds a PhD. in history from the University of Mississippi and is the author of multiple books, including *The Color of Compromise*, *How to Fight Racism*, *The Spirit of Injustice*, as well as children's books. As a nationally renowned public scholar, Dr. Tisby's work has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, CNN, PBS, NPR, and *Time Magazine*. He is an educator and has taught students from middle school through graduate level. He is an international speaker on the topics of faith, history, and justice - equipping audiences with clarity, competence, and courage to pursue transformative change.**

**Follow Dr. Tisby's thoughtful leadership through his highly ranked history publication at [www.JemarTisby.Substack.com](http://www.JemarTisby.Substack.com).**

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## Asbury's Week At-A-Glance

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**Sunday, September 21, 2025**

9:00 am—All-in-One Sunday School, Ages 4-12, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 22, 2025**

3:00 pm — Asburian Deadline

**Tuesday, September 23, 2025**

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

**Wednesday, September 24, 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)

**Thursday, September 25, 2025**

**Friday, September 26, 2025**

**Saturday, September 27, 2025**



### ***From The Senior Pastor's Desk*** **SEPTEMBER 2025**

**Word for the Month:** LOVE

**Thought for the Month:**

When we picture love, we often think softness. In fact, thanks to the Hallmark and Hershey franchises, the very mention of the word love makes us immediately think of Valentine's Day. But what if we have it all wrong? What if love is muscular? What if love is heavy, loud, and massive? What if love is aggressive? So aggressive that God sent love into this world that whoever believes in love will not perish but love will make certain that they live forever. What if love is strong? Like – STRONG! What if love is so strong, it kept Jesus on the cross to die for each of us, even though He could have released himself?

It is important that we get a new view of love. Love is not the opposite of hate. Opposites denote equity: love is not the equal of hate. They do not weigh the same, they do not have the same power. The bible tells us that God is love, and we know God has no equal, so therefore love has no equal. So, do not allow hate to intimidate you. Hate is small and frail in comparison to love. This month, this series on love will help us resize and remember: God is love and love has no equal. **Love is power.**

**Emphasis for the Month:** Love is power



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](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

JOIN US



## ONLINE

**LIVE**  
**STREAMING HD**

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

**You Tube**

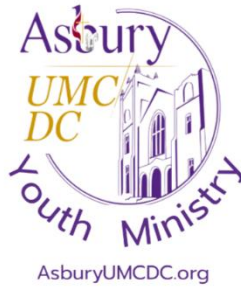
[www.youtube.com/c/AsburyUMCDCNewChannel](http://www.youtube.com/c/AsburyUMCDCNewChannel)

**f LIVE**

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

**zoom**

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



# YOUTH SUNDAY

NOW ON THE 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
OF EACH MONTH

**We'd love for our youth to serve as liturgists during service.**

**If interested, email Youth Leaders:**

**Sarita**

**saritamsingh13@gmail.com / (202) 302-9632**

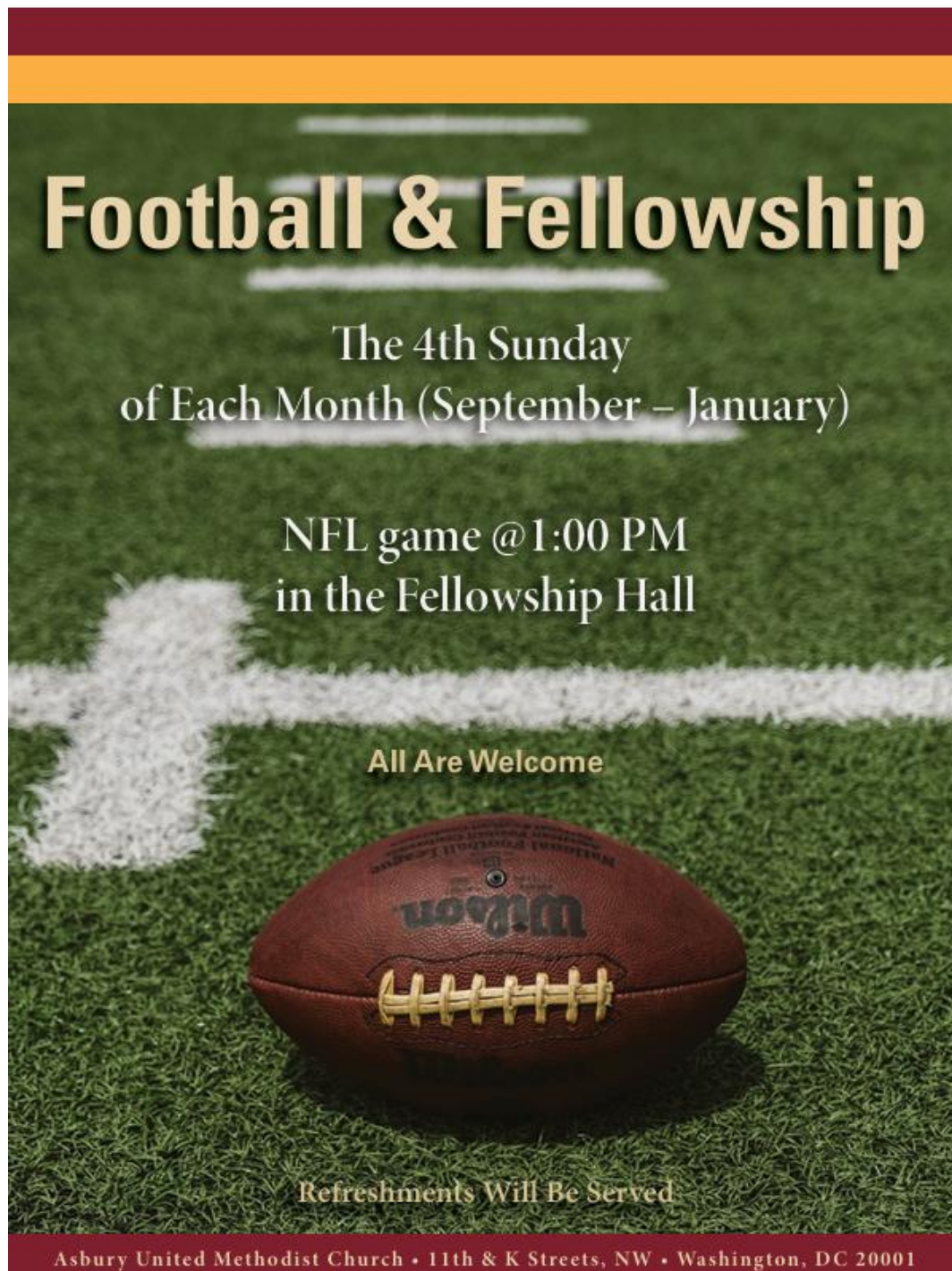
**Chance**

**chance.a.humbard@gmail.com / (301) 751-7178**

**Youth Activities: 11:30am - 1:00pm  
Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Service**

**926 11th St NW Washington, DC 20001**

Football & Fellowship  
The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month  
@ 1pm





## Bulletin Submissions

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](mailto: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.

We need your help

**REVISED**  
**Membership Profile**

If you missed the 2024  
Membership Profile,  
See the Sunday Bulletin,  
Asbury's Website  
or your Mail for a  
*revised form.*

It's a shorter, easier form

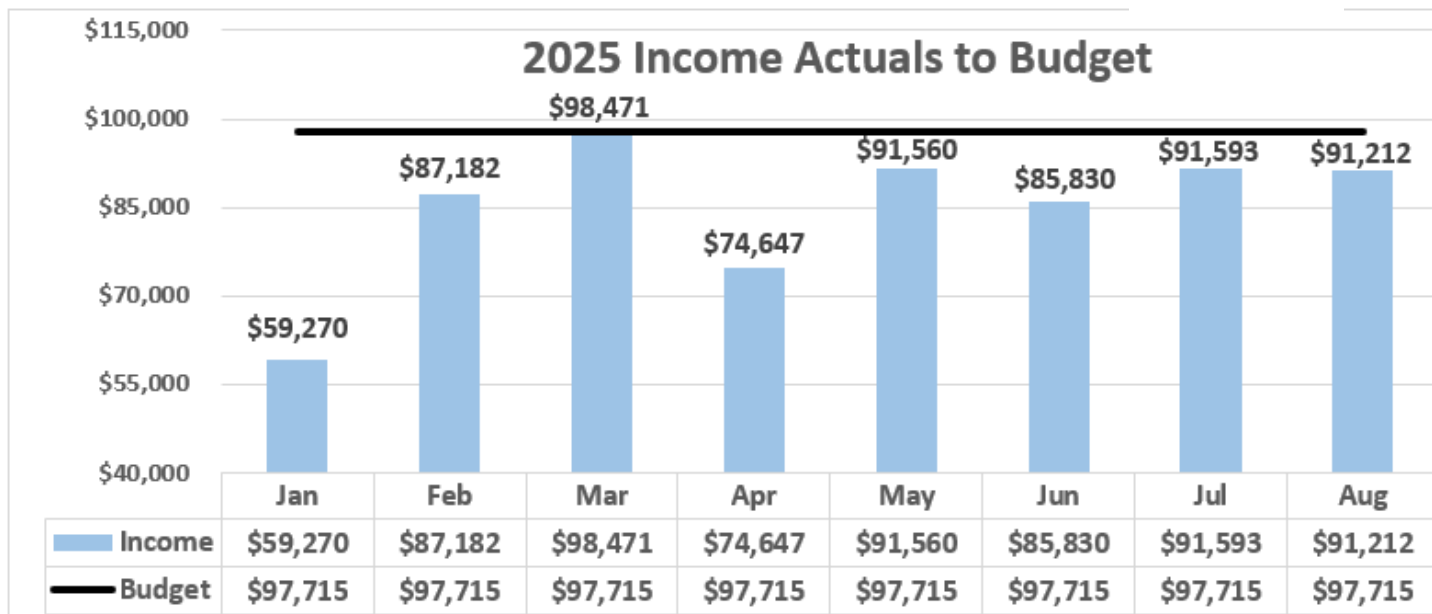
**You can**

- Fill out the profile included in the bulletin and give it to an Usher
- Go on Asbury's website to fill out the profile at [asburyumcdc.org](http://asburyumcdc.org)
- Mail in the profile after receiving it in the mail
- Call the church office for assistance

We need your help

**REVISED**

## THE STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING



### Faithful Today, Impactful Forever: It's Homecoming Season

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.

**September is Homecoming - celebrating 189 years of ministry. Our homecoming giving challenge is a gift of \$1,890, or \$189, or \$18.90 from each Asburyn, family member and friend of this ministry. Please add 'Homecoming' identifier to your on-line or in-person gift.**

Be blessed by this ministry. Join us by participating in this challenge.

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

With gratitude,

*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, SEPTEMBER 21  
MARK 10:13-16

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22  
1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23  
PROVERBS 2:1-11

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24  
EXODUS 33:12-23

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25  
1 CORINTHIANS 10:10-13

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26  
1 PETER 1:3-7

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27  
PROVERBS 8:1-11

### 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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