

Asbury United Methodist Church
Loving...Serving...Transforming Lives

“Good Ground”



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

Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026 ~ 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		Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, Jr.
INTROIT		The Glory of the Lord....Richard Smallwood
†GATHERING HYMN		Certainly Lord (678 AAHH)
MORNING PRAYER		Brenda Sanders
PRAYER RESPONSE		Holy Spirit....Richard Smallwood
MINISTRY OF MUSIC		Have You Heard About the Baby? Shelton Beckton
SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 29 Luke 8:4-10	Kisha Woolen Kisha Woolen
SERMONIC SELECTION		<i>The Lord Is My Light (160 AAHH)</i>
SERMON	“Good Ground”	Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, Jr. Lead Pastor
†INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP		<i>Order My Steps in the Lord (GMWA)</i>
INVITATION TO GIVE		Brenda Sanders
OFFERTORY SELECTION		Holy, Holy, Holy ... Alvin Slaughter
†DOXOLOGY		<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>
†SENDING HYMN		<i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (400 AAHH)</i>
POSTLUDE		Peace! Be Still! ... Horatio Palmer

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister of Music: Everett Williams, Jr.

Director/Pianist: Steven Key

Music: Asbury Ensemble

Liturgists: Brenda Sanders, Kisha Woolen

Trustee On Duty: James Gary

Asbury's Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, January 11, 2026

9:00 am—All-in-One Sunday School, Ages 4-12, 3rd fl., 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, January 12, 2026

3:00 pm — Asburyan Deadline

7:00 pm – Adrienne Neal, Small Group Bible Study, Zoom [Link](#), Dial In: 312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283, Passcode: 768211

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

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

9:00 am – Dr. Shopshire, Small Group Bible Study, Zoom [Link](#), Dial In: 312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283, Passcode: 768211

7:00 pm – Robert Mallett, Small Group Bible Study, Zoom [Link](#), Dial In: 312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283, Passcode: 768211

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

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

7:00 pm – Rev. Ronald Bell, Small Group Bible Study, Zoom [Link](#), Dial In: 312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283, Passcode: 768211

7:00 pm—SPRC Meeting, via Zoom

Thursday, January 15, 2026

1:00 pm – Brenda Reid-Sanders, Small Group Bible Study, Zoom [Link](#), Dial In: 312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283, Passcode: 768211

5:30 pm – Bryana Zavala, Small Group Bible Study, Zoom [Link](#), Dial In: 312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283, Passcode: 768211

Friday, January 16, 2026

Saturday, January 17, 2026

11:00 am—Toiletries Ministry, OSH

1:00 pm – Tawana Jackson, Small Group Bible Study, Zoom [Link](#), Dial In: 312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283, Passcode: 768211

1:00 pm – Clyde Nelson, Small Group Bible Study, Zoom [Link](#), Dial In: 312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283, Passcode: 768211

From The Senior Pastor's Desk January 2026

Word for the Month:

Partners in the Promise!

This Advent we're gathering around a sacred truth: no birth—especially the birth of our Savior—happens alone. **Partners in the Promise** invites us to look again at the cast of characters who carried light into a dark world: prophets, priest and parents, dreamers and travelers, doubters and believers. Each one brought their own texture, their own wounds, their own wonder—and God wove it all into the cradle of redemption. And family, the same Spirit whispers to us now: ***you, too, are a partner in this holy arrival.*** Through your witness, your service, your steady “yes” to hope, Christ is born again in our neighborhoods, our families, our political systems and our weary world. This season, may we step into our part with courage, tenderness, and expectation, trusting that the Promise still chooses us to carry it forward.



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)

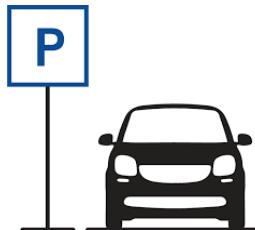
Parking Instructions

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.**





You Are Welcome to Worship With Us!

We pray you are uplifted and encouraged.

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Dial in: (301) 715-8592
Meeting ID: 861-5564-3955#
Code: 123456#

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ASBURY UMC

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WASHINGTON, DC 20001

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

All members and friends are cordially invited to join us on Sunday mornings for spiritually uplifting lessons and thought-provoking discussions.

We meet in the Library at 9:00 am each Sunday morning.



**JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY AT
9AM
ON THE 3RD FLOOR**

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Nursery thru 2nd Grades
3rd - 5th Grades
Tweens/Teens



Asbury Youth & Young Adult Choir Rehearsal



- Every 3rd Sunday
Immediately after Service
- Choir sings 4th Sundays

Psalm 100: 1-2

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.



Constant Contact Concerns

If you are not receiving emails from Constant Contact, the issue is often caused by spam filtering, account settings, inbox rules or delivery problems on your side.

Update your Contact Information

Be sure that the church has your current email address. If you believe the email address on file is correct, the office can check to see if you are on the list.

If several attempts have been made to include or re-enter that address, you may have to submit another email address.

Check your Spam or Junk Folder

Constant Contact emails may be misclassified as spam or junk. Look in your spam or junk folder and, if found, mark them as "not spam" or move them to your inbox. In most cases, this ensures future emails are delivered directly to your inbox.

Mark Asbury as Safe and Add to Contacts

Add the Asbury Constant Contact address to your contact or sender list. This signals to your email provider that these emails should be trusted, reducing the chances of them being blocked or sent to the junk folder.

Check Mailbox Space

A full or nearly full mailbox can prevent email delivery. Clear out large attachments, archive older messages, or expand storage as needed to ensure new emails are received.

We hope this information will be helpful. If you have any other questions, please contact the main office and speak with Candy Freeman.

Winter Small Groups Bible Study

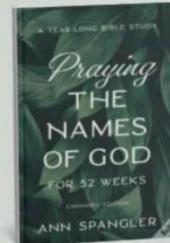
Praying the Names of God for 52 Weeks

Begins in January

A CHURCH-WIDE: YEAR ROUND,
SMALL GROUPS BIBLE STUDY BEGINS IN JANUARY

Praying the Names of God for 52 Weeks,
Expanded Edition by Ann Spangler

Buy your books here: [Amazon](#) or [Christianbook.com](#)



FACILITATORS:



Rev. Ron Bell
Wednesdays @7pm



Robert Mallet
Tuesdays @7pm
(Zoom)



Tawana Jackson
Saturdays @1pm



Dr. Shopshire
Tuesdays @ 9am



ZOOM MEETING INFO & LINK:

Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283

Passcode: 768211

URL: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84177578283?pwd=SWx8n9T8yhVtk7tMxzf3OHFFaj4EQ.1>



Bryana Zavala
Thursdays @5:30pm



Adrienne Neal
Mondays @ 7pm

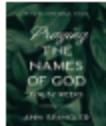


Clyde Nelson
Saturdays @1pm



Brenda Reid-Sanders
Thursdays @ 1pm

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PRAYING THE NAMES OF GOD, Ann Spangler

MORE INFORMATION:

Names in the ancient world did more than simply distinguish one person from another. They often conveyed the essential nature and character of a person. This is especially true when it comes to the names and titles of God recorded in the Bible.

Based on *Praying the Names of God* and *Praying the Names of Jesus*, two bestselling books by Ann Spangler, this unique Bible study helps you explore the most important of God's names and titles as they are revealed in the Bible. It also teaches you how to pray with specific focus on each of the names of God.

Each week's study will include:

- The name in English as well as in its original language, plus a brief explanation of its meaning.
- A key passage, from The Names of God Bible, in which the name is revealed. This translation places the Hebrew name of God directly into the English text, which will allow you to recognize each name as you compare the passage to your preferred Bible translation.
- Context to help you understand the name.
- Questions for personal reflection.
- Guidance to help you pray the name of God for that week.
- Space to write your own prayers containing God's name.

BOOK LINKS - Buy your books here:

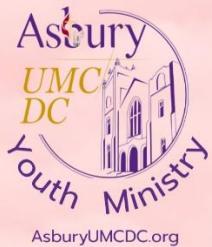
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[Praying the Names of God for 52 Weeks, Expanded Edition: Ann Spangler: 9780310145158 - Christianbook.com](http://www.Christianbook.com/Praying-the-Names-of-God-for-52-Weeks-Expanded-Edition-Ann-Spangler-9780310145158)

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1ST ANNUAL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

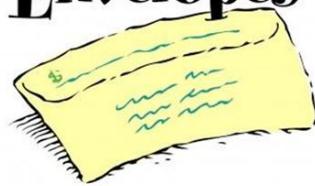


Sunday, January 25th 2026
8:20am - 10:00am

***Join our ministry as we give
back to our community and
serve our unhoused and
underprivileged neighbors***



Offering Envelopes



If you were expecting to receive printed 2026 envelopes, and you do not see them on the table in the Fellowship Hall, please contact DaRon Clark, our financial secretary, for a replacement box.

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS 2026

March 29 Parade of Palms

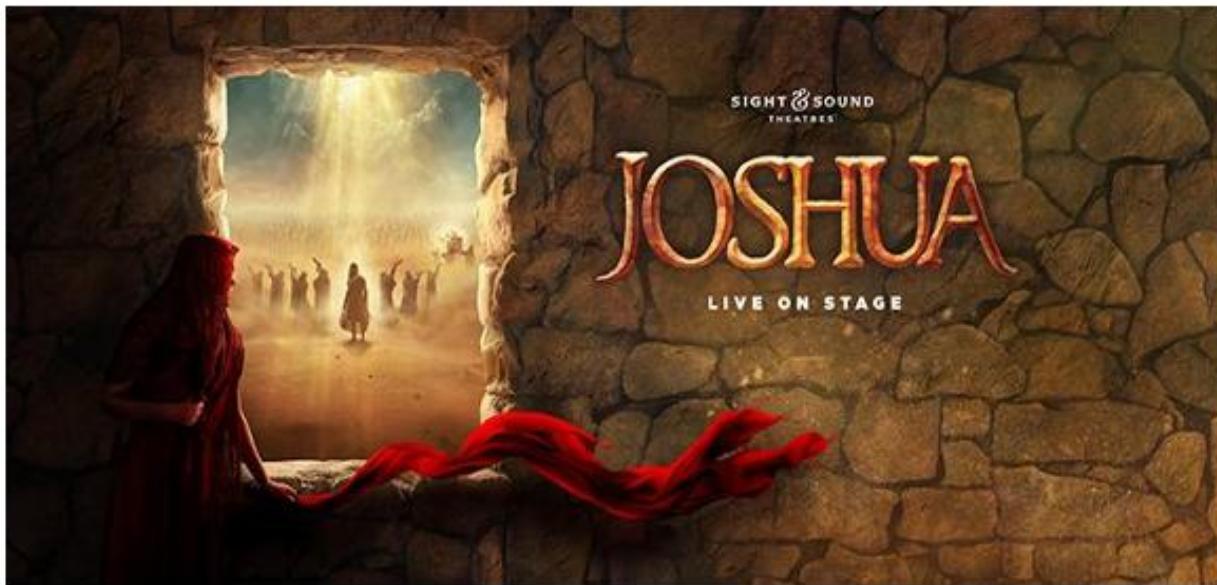
April 5 Easter with the children

Easter Baskets for children- interested in helping/donating contact
P. Blackman at patriceghb@gmail.com; G. McFadden at
glostar1@comcast.net or V. Williford at williford_v@hotmail.com

TBD Sunday School @ Smithsonian National Zoo



Gathering Every Sunday Morning 9:00 a.m. for ALL AGES



Sight & Sound Theatre

Lancaster, PA

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Price per Adult Person \$205.00

Price per child 10 and under is \$120.00

Deposits for both is due by March 1, 2026

Adults \$105.00 and Children \$60.00

FINAL BALANCE IS DUE Sunday, May 17, 2026

Package Includes

Round trip Motorcoach on Air Condition Bus with Restroom & DVD Player to enjoy movies

Lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord

Admission to Theater with Center ORCHESTRA SEATING

All taxes & Meal Gratuities

ONCE DEPOSITS ARE PAID, ALL TICKETS ARE FINAL, NO REFUNDS

NAMES _____

#of Tickets _____

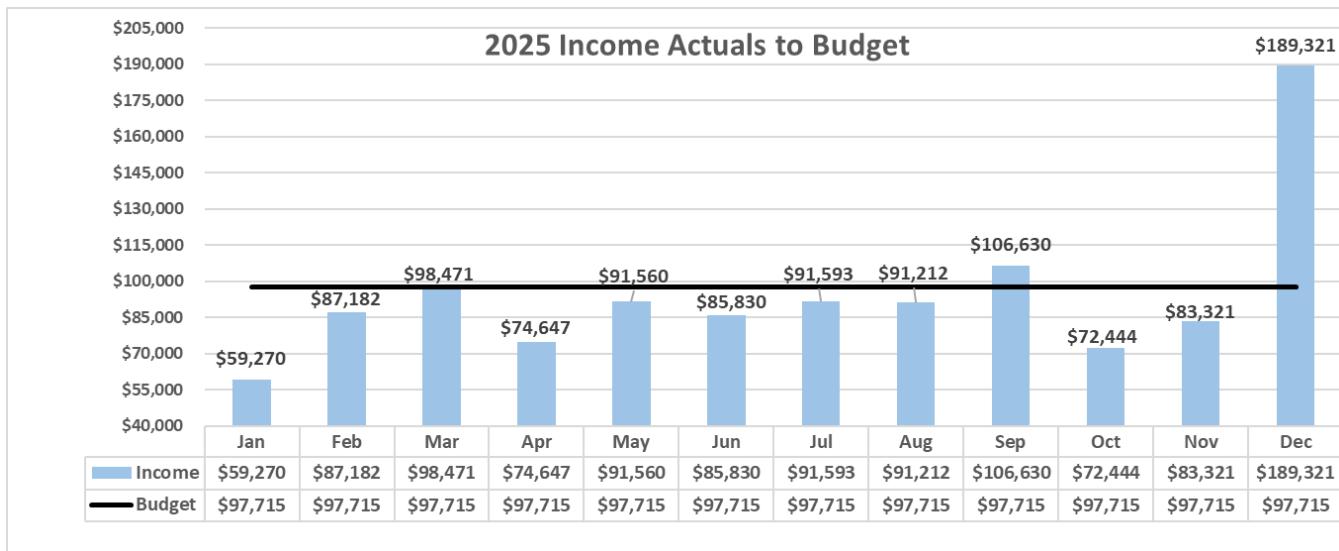
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Phone _____

Please Contact -Margaret Carter for further information.202-213-9146

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THE STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING



Faithful Today, Impactful Forever: 2025 Celebrating 189 years of ministry.

Dear Asbury Family,

As your Finance Chair and Stewardship Chair, we want to **THANK YOU** for your ongoing generosity. We finished the year strong and regained momentum heading into 2026. This year we will celebrate 190 years of ministry - **Faithful Today, Impactful Forever** – and introducing our spiritual principles for giving, “**Our Future Paying into Our Past**”.

Begin today to determine how you will honor, celebrate, and contribute your gifts, skills, talent and time to Asbury’s future.

With gratitude,

Robert J. Corbitt, Jr.

Robert J. Corbitt, Jr.
Chairperson Committee on Finance

Darryl Wyles

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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, JANUARY 11
EPHESIANS 3:14-21

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15
MATTHEW 25:31-46

MONDAY, JANUARY 12
PHILIPPIANS 4:10-13

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16
HEBREWS 10:19-25

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13
2 CORINTHIANS 3:13-18

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17
EPHESIANS 2:1-10

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14
GENESIS 33:1-9

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

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