

**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**

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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

The Lord Is My Light (160 AAHH)

SERMON

**“Good Ground”**

Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, Jr.  
Lead Pastor

†INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Order My Steps in the Lord (GMWA)

INVITATION TO GIVE

Brenda Sanders

OFFERTORY SELECTION

Holy, Holy, Holy ... Alvin Slaughter

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

†SENDING HYMN

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (400 AAHH)

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

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## Asbury's Week At-A-Glance

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**Sunday, January 11, 2026**

9:00 am—All-in-One Sunday School, Ages 4-12, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### JOIN ON



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



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



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



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

[www.asburyumcdc.org](http://www.asburyumcdc.org)



## ASBURY UMC

### WAYS TO GIVE

#### IN PERSON

USE AN ENVELOPE  
OR WRITE A CHECK



#### MAIL



926 11 STREET, NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20001

#### ONLINE



VISIT US AT  
[WWW.ASBURYUMCDC.ORG](http://WWW.ASBURYUMCDC.ORG)  
CLICK GIVE

#### APPS

TEXT "GIVE"  
TO  
(202)952-9309

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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  
Twins/Teens



## Asbury Youth & Young Adult Choir Rehearsal



○ Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
Immediately after Service

○ Choir sings 4<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.amazon.com/dp/0830718283) or [Christianbook.com](https://www.christianbook.com/Praying-the-Names-of-God-for-52-Weeks-Expanded-Edition/9780830718283)

#### ***FACILITATORS:***



Rev. Ron Bell  
Wednesdays @7pm



Robert Mallet  
Tuesdays @7pm  
(Zoom)



Tawana Jackson  
Saturdays @1pm



Dr. Shopshire  
Tuesdays @ 9am



Bryana Zavala  
Thursdays @5:30pm



Adrienne Neal  
Mondays @ 7pm



Clyde Nelson  
Saturdays @1pm



Brenda Reid-Sanders  
Thursdays @  
1pm



#### **ZOOM MEETING INFO & LINK:**

**Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283**

**Passcode: 768211**

**URL:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84177578283?pwd=SWx8bn9Tb9hVtk7tMxZlF3OHFFajR4EQ.1>

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## PRAYING THE NAMES OF GOD, Ann Spangler

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### 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:

**Christianbook.com**

**Praying the Names of God for 52 Weeks, Expanded Edition: Ann Spangler: 9780310145158 - Christianbook.com**

**Amazon:**

**Praying the Names of God for 52 Weeks, Expanded Edition: A Year-Long Bible Study: Spangler, Ann: 9780310145158: Amazon.com: Books**

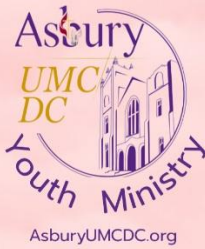
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# 1ST ANNUAL

## YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT

### NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

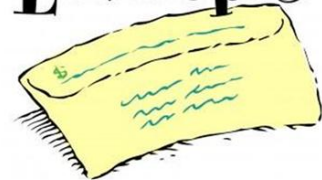


**Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> 2026**  
**8:20am - 10:00am**

***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

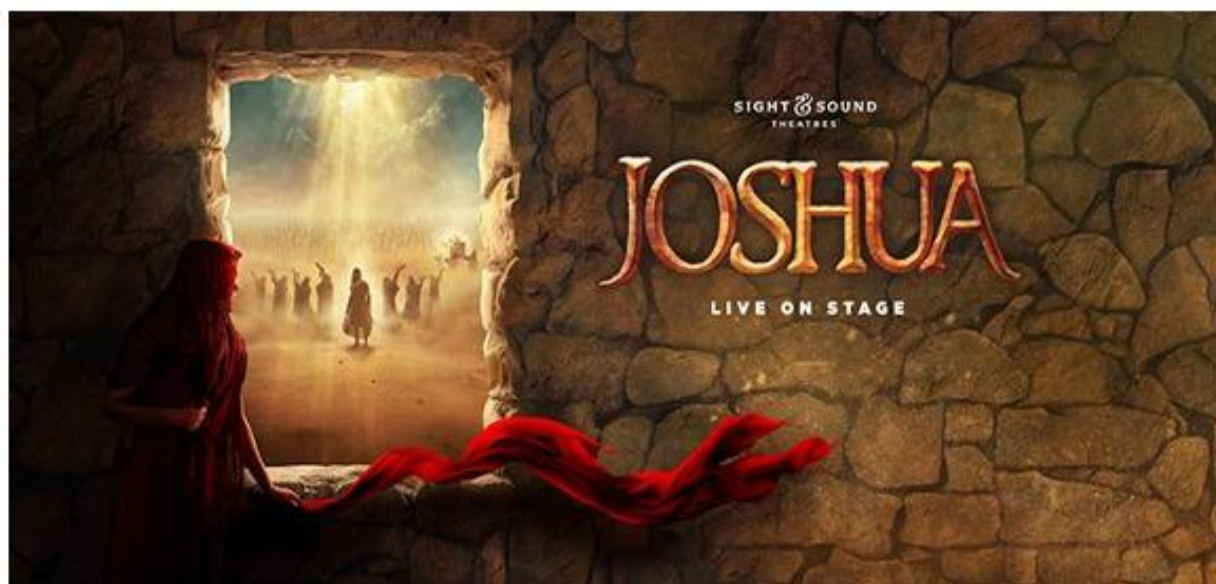
**April 5** Easter with the children

Easter Baskets for children- interested in helping/donating contact  
P. Blackman at [patriceghb@gmail.com](mailto:patriceghb@gmail.com); G. McFadden at  
[glostar1@comcast.net](mailto:glostar1@comcast.net) or V. Williford at [williford\\_v@hotmail.com](mailto: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** \_\_\_\_\_

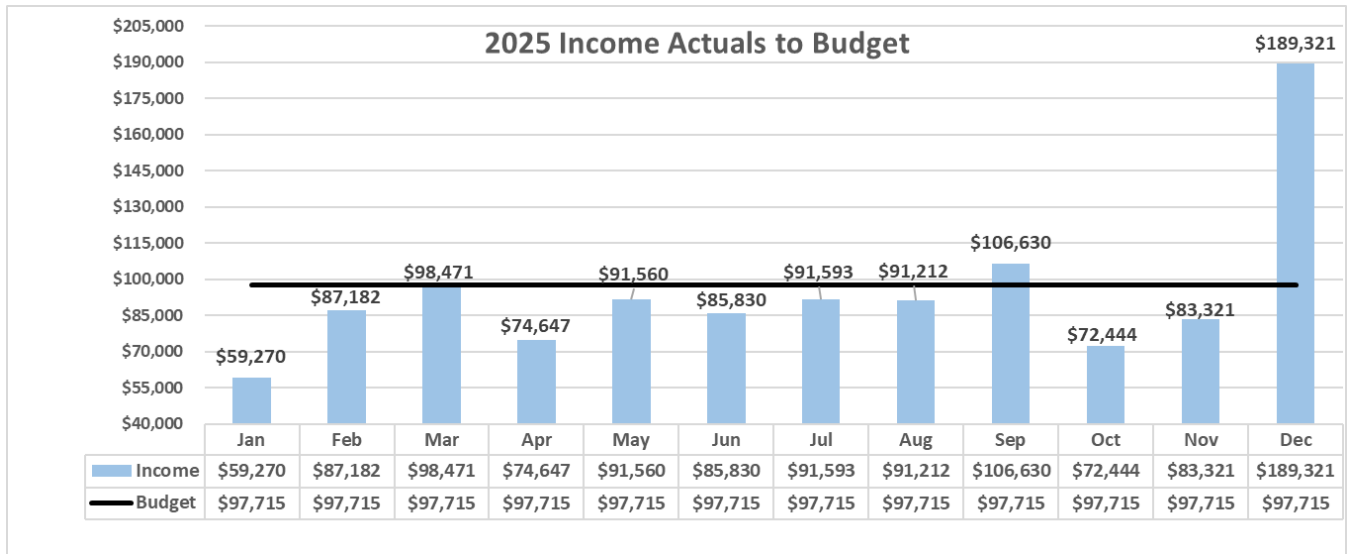
**#of Tickets** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**ALL PROCEEDS LEFT WILL BE DONATED TO ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

## 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*

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, JANUARY 11  
EPHESIANS 3:14-21

MONDAY, JANUARY 12  
PHILIPPIANS 4:10-13

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13  
2 CORINTHIANS 3:13-18

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14  
GENESIS 33:1-9

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15  
MATTHEW 25:31-46

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16  
HEBREWS 10:19-25

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17  
EPHESIANS 2:1-10

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