

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

“Check the Receipt”
January 18, 2026



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

Second Sunday After the Epiphany

January 18, 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

We Have Come Into This House (174 AAHH)

†GATHERING HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (138 AAHH)

MORNING PRAYER

Carol Travis

PRAYER RESPONSE

My Faith Looks Up to Thee (456 AAHH)

THE ANTHEM

God and God Alone...P. McHugh/arr. Tome Fettke
Devin Davis (soloist)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 24
Matthew 22:15-22

Gwen Outen
Gwen Outen

SERMONIC SELECTION

We'll Understand It Better By and By (418 AAHH)

SERMON

“Check the Receipt”

Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, Jr.
Lead Pastor

†INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Trust Me ... Richard Smallwood

INVITATION TO GIVE

Carol Travis

OFFERTORY SELECTION

Just For Me...Kenneth Louis
Adrienne Neal-Harris (soloist)

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

†SENDING HYMN

Lead Me, Guide Me (474 AAHH)

POSTLUDE

Alma Castello (guest organist)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister of Music: Everett Williams, Jr.

Guest Choir Director: Ronald D. Johnson

Guest Organist: Alma Castello

Music: Asbury Ensemble, Adrienne Neal-Harris (soloist), Devin Davis (soloist)

Liturgists: Carol Travis, Gwen Outen

Trustee On Duty: Canardo M. Richardson

Asbury's Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, January 18, 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 19, 2026

****Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday ** Office Closed**

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 20, 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 21, 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



6:00 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—Finance Committee Meeting, via Zoom [Link](#), Dial-In: 301-715-8592, Meeting ID: 879 4074 8235 , Passcode: 543758

Thursday, January 22, 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 23, 2026

Saturday, January 24, 2026

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**)

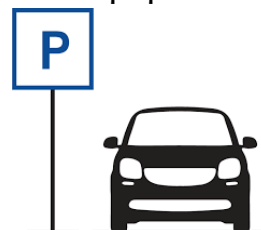
Parking Instructions

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



www.asburyumcdc.org
Click WATCH LIVESTREAM



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

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
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.



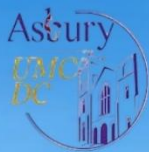
**JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY AT
9AM
ON THE 3RD FLOOR**

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

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



Asbury Youth & Young Adult Choir Rehearsal



○ Every 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.



Asbury United Methodist Church in Washington, DC



21-Day Fast Journey

Question: When do you start?

Answer: When you are ready?

Question: Where do you access the daily scriptures and fast information?

Answer: Go to our website: www.AsburyUMCDC.org, then click on the 21 Day Asbury fast link.



Beloved, this is not just a fast — it's a journey. A season to quiet the noise, listen for God's voice, and realign our hearts together as a community.

Thank you!



Dear Rev. Ronald Bell and Asbury United Methodist Church Family

There are not enough words to fully express my heartfelt gratitude for the sympathy, love and support you have extended to me and my family during the passing and homegoing service for my beloved daughter Donna L. Wright-Miller. Your kindness has meant so much to us during this difficult time. Blessings to each of you.



Donna Wright-Miller
1964 - 2025

Sarah M. Wright & Family

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 @6pm



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=SWp0e0RyYkVhTGpMc0FpZj40EQ.1>

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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:

Christianbook.com

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

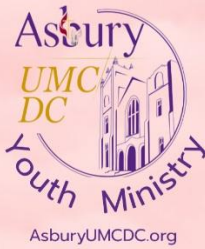
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Praying the Names of God for 52 Weeks, Expanded Edition: A Year-Long Bible Study: Spangler, Ann: 9780310145158: Amazon.com: Books

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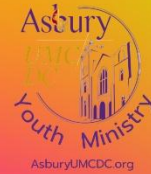
1ST ANNUAL

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR



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

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



CALLING ALL ASBURY YOUTH...
***Asbury's Youth Ministry wants to
hear about your 2026 Special
Events***

LET'S SHOW UP AND SHOW OUT
TEXT OR EMAIL YOUR YOUTH COORDINATORS



Sarita Copeland • (202) 302-9632 • saritamsingh13@gmail.com
Chance Humbard • (301) 751-7178 • chance.a.humbard@gmail.com

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS 2026

March 29 Parade of Palms

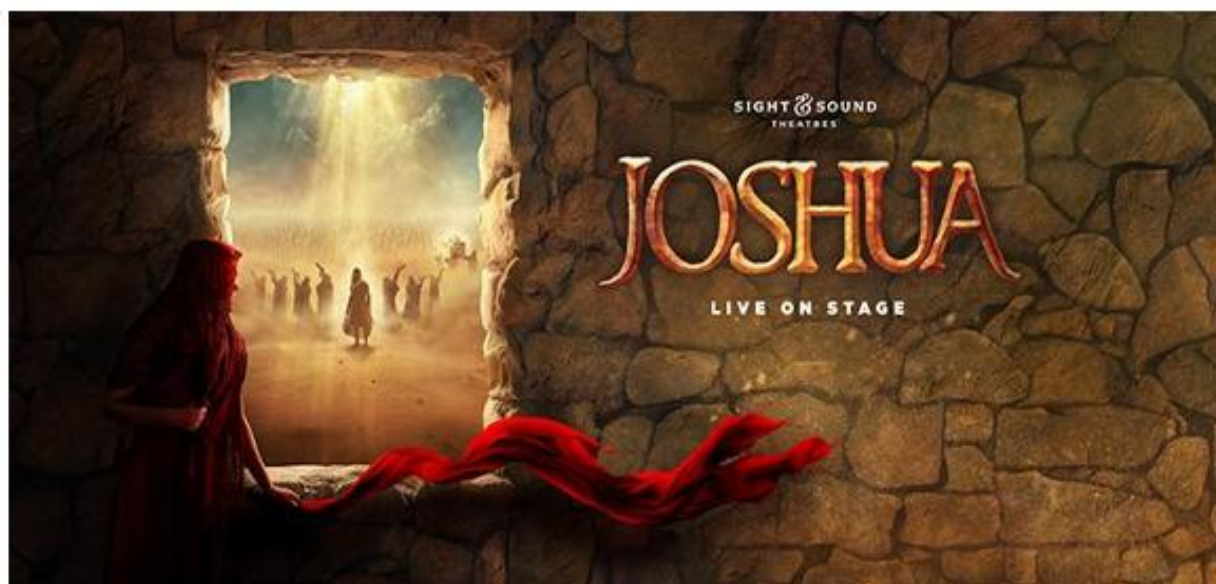
April 5 Easter with the children

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 _____

Email _____ **Phone** _____

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

ALL PROCEEDS LEFT WILL BE DONATED TO ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Monthly Highlight Focus on The Stewardship of Giving Young Adults Ministry ~ Bryana Zavala

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Giving plays a powerful role in creating spaces where our church family can gather, reflect, and grow together. Because of the generosity of our congregation, the Vision Board Party and Table Talk discussion was more than just activities. It was a meaningful moment of connection, faith, and intentional planning for the year ahead. Your gifts made it possible to provide resources, create a welcoming environment, and encourage thoughtful conversations rooted in purpose and vision. This spirit of giving continues to open doors for impactful programming like these and allows us to look forward to more opportunities to elevate our members and strengthen our community.





“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 18  
PSALM 46:1-7, 10

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22  
MATTHEW 5:13-16

MONDAY, JANUARY 19  
GALATIANS 3:23-29

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23  
PSALM 84:1-12

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20  
LUKE 18:1-8

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24  
LUKE 22:39-46

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21  
PSALM 34:1-14

### 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

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