

# First Sunday In



## **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 That:**

All are created in the image of God, God loves everyone, and through Christ, He saves, revives, and renews the world, that God, through the Holy Spirit, changes lives, that the church is the body of Christ with a mission, that the Bible is the word of God, that God has gifted everyone and the church for the purposes of God, and that discipleship is a continuing journey.



†† – 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.

†† **Gathering Hymn**

*“Woke Up this  
 Mornin’ ”*

566 AAHH  
 (congregational praise song)\*\*

**Morning Prayer**

Ronald Bell, III

**Prayer Response**

*“Learning to Lean”*

John Stallings

**Ministry of Music**

*“Concerto”*

Edward Elgar, Op 85  
 Cheynne Osley, **Cellist**

**Scripture Reading**

*Psalm 32:1-5  
 Matthew 4:1-11*

David Bell  
 Bryanna Zavala

**Black History Skit**

*“The Who’s in Our History”*

Drama Ministry

**Sermonic Seletion**

*“You Are Holy”* Asbury Youth Choir, David Bell, Pianist

Lisa McClendon\*\*

**Sermon**

*“Keeping Hope Alive”*

Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, Jr.  
 Lead Pastor

†† **Invitation to Christian Discipleship** “Through it all”

Andrae’ Crouch\*\*

**Invitation to Give**

Aiden Campbell

**Offertory Selection**

*“I want Jesus to Walk with Me”*

Timothy Amukele\*\*  
 Edward Washington II, **Tenor**

†† **Sending Hymn**

*“Bless that Wonderful Name of Jesus”* 295 AAHH arr. Stephen Key\*\*

**Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, Jr.

**Postlude**

*“Oh, To Be Kept by Jesus”*

Thurston Frazier\*\*

**\*\* Indicates Black composers & arrangers**

**During the month of February, please note the many composers of color whose music we are performing. Take some time to look them up so you are aware of their contributions to the music field.**

**Worship Participants**

Minister of Music

Everett Williams, Jr.

Music

Everett Williams, Jr., Cheynne Osley, (**Cellist**);  
 David Bell, (**Pianist**); Edward Washington II (**Tenor**)

Liturgists

Ronald Bell, III; David Bell  
 Bryanna Zavala, Aiden Campbell

Trustee On Duty

Beverly Allen

# Asbury's Week At A Glance

Sunday, February 22, 2026

## Sunday, February 22, 2026

- 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]

## Monday, February 23, 2026

- 3:00 PM**                      **Asburyan Deadline**
- 7:00 PM**                      **Small Group Bible Study**  
Adrienne Neal  
Zoom [Link](#): Dial In: 312-626-6799  
Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283  
Passcode: 768211

## Tuesday, February 24, 2026

- 11:00 AM**                      **Weekly Office Staff Meeting**
- 9:00 AM**                      **Small Group Bible Study**  
Dr. Shopshire  
Zoom [Link](#): Dial In: 312-626-6799  
Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283  
Passcode: 768211
- 7:00 PM**                      **Small Group Bible Study**  
Robert Mallett  
Zoom [Link](#): Dial In: 312-626-6799  
Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283  
Passcode: 768211

## Wednesday, February 25, 2026

- 12:00 PM**                      **Midweek Intercessory Prayer**  
Prayer Ministry
- 6:00 PM**                      **Small Group Bible Study**  
Rev. Ronald Bell, II  
Zoom [Link](#): Dial In: 312-626-6799  
Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283  
Passcode: 768211

## Thursday, February 26, 2026

- 1:00 PM**                      **Small Group Bible Study**  
Brenda Reid-Sanders  
Zoom [Link](#): Dial In: 312-626-6799  
Meeting ID: 841 7757 828  
Passcode: 768211
- 5:30 PM**                      **Small Group Bible Study**  
Bryana Zavala  
Zoom [Link](#): Dial In: 312-626-6799  
Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283  
Passcode: 768211

## Friday, February 27, 2026

## Saturday, February 28, 2026

- 1:00 PM**                      **Small Group Bible Study**  
Tawana Jackson  
Zoom [Link](#): Dial In: 312-626-6799  
Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283  
Passcode: 768211
- 1:00 PM**                      **Small Group Bible Study**  
Clyde Nelson  
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### From The Senior Pastor's Desk | February 2026



#### Word for the Month: Bandages and Bibles

*Grace and peace to you!* We began this year with a guiding question: **Who is the Holy Spirit?** We explored not only who the Spirit is, but how the gifts and fruit of the Spirit shape our lives and form our faith. As we step into Black History Month, that same question invites us deeper. We know who the Holy Spirit is.

**Now the question becomes how and where.**

**How have the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit protected, sustained, and elevated Black lives throughout history? Where was—and where is—the Holy Spirit in the Black journey?** These are not abstract questions. They are sacred ones.

The Spirit was present in songs and ring-shouts sung under oppression, in prayers whispered in Hush Harbors when safety was uncertain, and in churches that became centers of hope, resistance, healing, and joy. The fruit of the Spirit showed up as joy that endured, peace that surpassed understanding, patience in the long struggle, and love that refused to be erased. The gifts of the Spirit emerged as prophetic courage, wisdom, healing, and communal imagination.

This month, our worship and preaching will lean into the How and the Where of the Holy Spirit in Black history—to testify to God's sustaining presence and liberating power. **Black History Month is not a pause in our walk with the Holy Spirit. It is a deeper step into it.** My prayer is that together we will recognize that the same Spirit who moved then is still moving now—among us, within us, and through us. Amen.

# Parking Instructions



## Monday - Friday

Asburyans and guests on church business should park in the parking garage and bring the printed parking ticket 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 the back (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.**



Asbury United Methodist Church is a Lighthouse Congregation of the Baltimore Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church.

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## HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday to Thursday 8:00 AM — 3:00 PM

Friday 8:00 AM — 1:00 PM [Office Closed]

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[HTTPS://WWW.ASBURYUMCDC.ORG/](https://www.asburyumcdc.org/)



[HTTP://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/@ASBURYUMCDCNEWCHANNEL](http://www.youtube.com/@asburyumcdcnewchannel)



**Pledge Cards  
2026 Stewardship Campaign**

Pledge cards for our 2026 Stewardship Campaign are now available in the pews. We invite you to prayerfully complete your Estimate of Giving card and place it in the collection plate during the offering. Your commitment helps us plan faithfully and sustain our ministry. The campaign concludes on Palm Sunday, **March 29, 2026**. Faithful today, impactful forever.

*Darryl Wyles*

**Asbury Stewardship Chair**

**BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINE**

PLEASE NOTE

Beginning **March 1, 2026**,  
**ALL** bulletin information for the upcoming  
week must be received on

**Mondays at 3:00 pm  
(NO EXCEPTIONS)**

If an item is received after this day and  
time, it will be featured in the next  
bulletin.

Many thanks for your kind cooperation.

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ASBURY MAIN OFFICE

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## UPDATE TO OUR ASBURY FAMILY

Reverend Bell,

My family enjoyed meeting you this past Sunday (after service.) Your message to was particularly relevant and provided food for thought during our travel.

Mona and I give thanks and praise to the Almighty God for gifting our family a mountain-climbing opportunity!

Our 2nd son, Mason Cole Ekundayo Elisha Davies (Morgan State University, 2025), has answered the call to serve, primarily by combining the vocations of his mother (international development) and father (educator.)

On March 7, Mason will embark on a 24-month transformational journey (as a Peace Corps Volunteer) to the Eastern European country of Armenia. He will partner with local English teachers, mostly in rural communities, to teach English as a foreign language (TEFL). His work will be to support teachers and students in gaining access to academic and leadership opportunities through enhanced English.

During this time, Mason will become deeply ingrained in the fabric of his host community largely by immersing himself in the language, culture, and traditions.

Similar to our departure to Abuja, Nigeria over a decade ago, this is truly a life altering, new season for Mason (and the Davies family.) We ask that you keep him (and us) in your prayers throughout his service in Peace Corps Armenia!

We look forward to celebrating Youth Sunday and to working with you in ministry,

*With gratitude,*

**Valentine and Mona Davies**

# EXPLORE

## *Asbury Ministries*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026  
9 - 11 AM**

*Join us if you are*

- A New or Seasoned Ministry Leader
- A Committee Member
- Thinking of Serving in a Ministry

*Want to learn about*

- Asbury's Ministries
- Pastor's Vision
- Ministry Resources

*Answer God's Call*

- Serve those in need
- Share your faith
- Utilize your Gifts to Bless Others

**Continental Breakfast**

**Gathering at 8:30  
Start promptly at 9 am**

RSVP BY 3/2/2026

Church Office (202) 628-0009

Asbury United Methodist Church  
**Fellowship Hall**  
11th and K Streets N.W.  
Washington, DC 20001





Join Us to Plan our  
**190<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Celebration!**

*Grace and peace to you!*

As we look ahead with gratitude and joy, we are excited to begin planning the 190<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Asbury United Methodist Church. For nearly two centuries, our church has been a beacon of faith, service, and community in Washington, D.C. and beyond. This milestone is a wonderful opportunity to honor our rich history and celebrate God's faithfulness to us through the generations.

We are inviting twelve (12) dedicated Asburyans to join the **Anniversary Planning Team**. Your creativity, ideas, and heart for our church family will help make this celebration meaningful and memorable for years to come.

Please send an email to **asburymail@asburyumcdc.org** if you would like to join the Planning Team no later than **March 15, 2025**. Provide your **name, email address, and phone number**. We will then be in touch with you regarding the date and time of our initial planning meeting via Zoom.

During our initial gathering, we will:

- **Share the vision for the celebration**
- **Brainstorm themes and event ideas**
- **Form committees (history, worship, hospitality, communications, etc.)**
- **Discuss a planning timeline**

Whether you can help behind the scenes or take a leadership role, your involvement will make a difference. Together, we can create a celebration that honors our legacy and inspires our future.

We look forward to serving alongside you in this special season of preparation and remembrance.

With Hope and Gratitude for your Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Ronald Bell II".

**Dr. Ronald Bell II, Senior Pastor**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monica McEaddy".

**Monica McEaddy, Lay Leader**



## You Are Welcome to Worship With Us!

We pray you are uplifted and encouraged.

### JOIN ON

**YouTube** [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

# NEHEMIAH

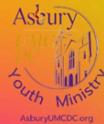
Shoulder to Shoulder  
for the Purposes of God

Thank you for your contributions to The Nehemiah Fund of Asbury United Methodist Church. The Nehemiah Fund provides emergency financial assistance to members of Asbury United Methodist Church and their immediate families who temporarily need help in meeting housing, nutritional, medical, security, or other essentials of daily living. In rare cases, the Fund may be accessed for burial assistance for members of Asbury United Methodist Church. The Fund may also be used to support needs of members of the community at large. The Fund is maintained by general and undesignated offerings made during the Communion offering on the first Sunday of each month or other period when an offering is taken associated with a Communion service at Asbury United Methodist Church. Requests for assistance are held in confidence and administered by our Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, Jr.

## JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY 9:00AM 3RD FLOOR

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

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



### 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](mailto:saritamsingh13@gmail.com)  
Chance Humbard • (301) 751-7178 • [chance.a.humbard@gmail.com](mailto:chance.a.humbard@gmail.com)

## 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.



## 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. For more information text/call Patrice Blackman 301-922-9020.

## OPEN POSITION

We are currently looking for someone to fill the hospitality desk position on Saturdays and Sundays

### PLEASE CONTACT

Martrice Green

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Chair

at [martrice69@verizon.net](mailto:martrice69@verizon.net),

for more information

Asbury United Methodist Church in Washington, DC



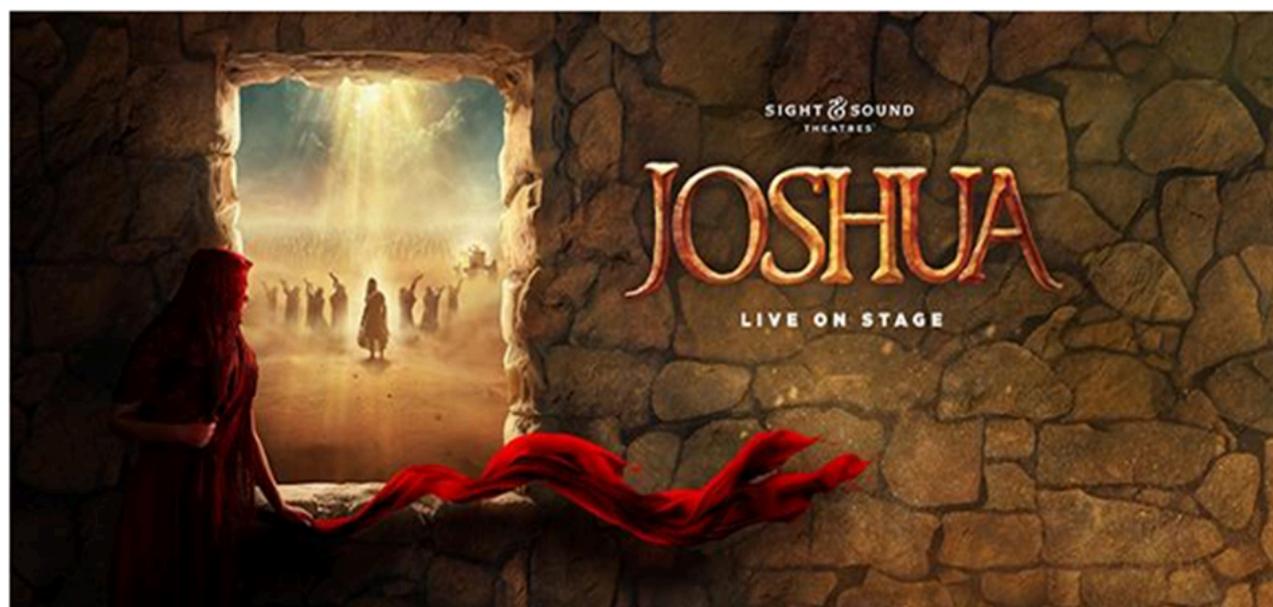
## 21-Day Fast Journey

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](http://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.



**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** \_\_\_\_\_

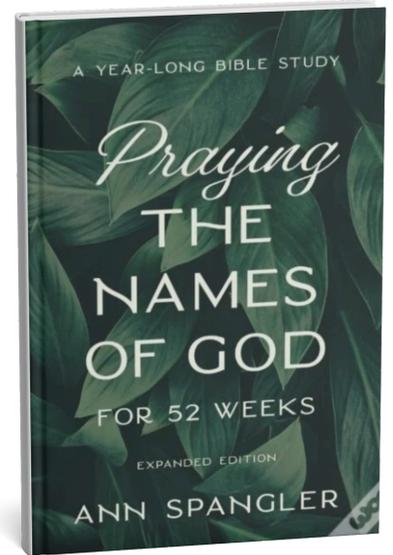
**Please Contact -Margaret Carter for further information.202-213-9146**

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

# A CHURCH-WIDE, YEAR-ROUND SMALL GROUPS BIBLE STUDY

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

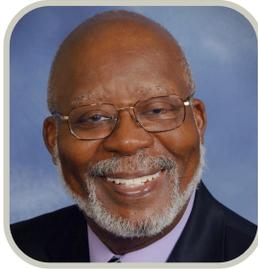
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## ***FACILITATORS:***



**Adrienne Neal**  
Mondays @ 7 PM



**Dr. Shopshire**  
Tuesdays @ 9 AM



**Robert Mallet**  
Tuesdays @ 7 PM



**Rev. Ron Bell**  
Wednesdays @ 6 PM



**Brenda Reid-Sanders**  
Thursdays @ 1 PM



**Bryana Zavala**  
Thursdays @ 5:30 PM



**Tawana Jackson**  
Saturdays @ 1 PM



**Clyde Nelson**  
Saturdays @ 1 PM

## **Zoom Meeting Info + Link**

**Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283**

**Passcode: 768211**

**URL: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84177578283?pwd=SWx8n9T8yhVtk7tMxzF3OHPFajr4EQ.1>**



# UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

**FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> - APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**LENT**

**MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**PARADE OF PALMS**

**APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**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)**

**V. WILLIFORD AT [WILLIFORD\\_V@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:WILLIFORD_V@HOTMAIL.COM)**

**APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH - WOMEN'S DAY 2026**

**OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY**

**OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**LAITY SUNDAY**

**NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING "BAGSKET" DISTRIBUTION DAY: 11:30AM - 1:00PM**

**FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION DAY**

**EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: 9:00AM - 12 NOON**

**TBD**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AT THE SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL ZOO**

**SUNDAYS**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AT 9:00 AM FOR ALL AGES**

**NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR (N2N) 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OUTREACH**

**EVERY 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY FROM 9AM-10:30AM**

## 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.

## UPPER ROOM - DAILY READINGS

DATE	SCRIPTURE
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2026	PSALM 51: 10-12
MONDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2026	PROVERBS 15: 1-9
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2026	1 JOHN 5: 13-15
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2026	1 CORINTHIANS 12: 12-14, 26-27
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2026	GENESIS 45: 1-8
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2026	PSALM 100: 1-5
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2026	ACTS 2: 42-47



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**Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman**, District Superintendent

**Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling**, Episcopal Leader of the Baltimore-Washington Conference

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