



Loving, Serving, and Transforming Lives!

March 08, 2026

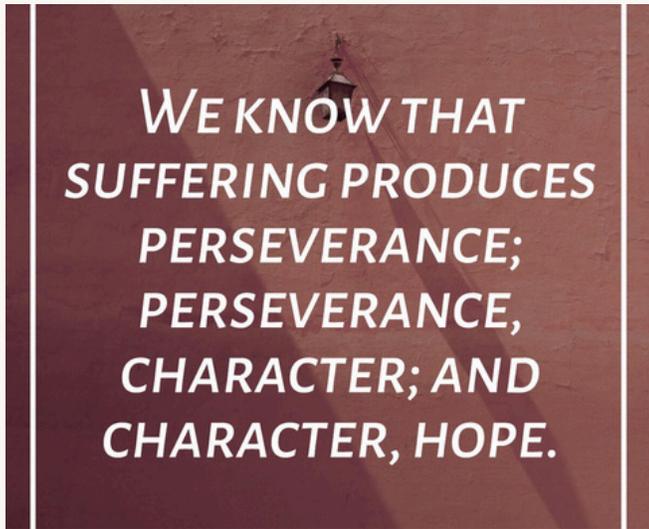
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In-Person & Online Services

# Third Sunday In *Lent*



## “The Problem with the Process”



### MISSION STATEMENT

Love God and one another, serve our community, and transform lives.

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### VISION

A radically inclusive community, empowered to spread God’s love throughout the world.

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### 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

<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b>		Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, II
†† <b>Introit</b>	<i>"In the Beauty of Holiness"</i>	Nettie Sawyer-Lester
†† <b>Gathering Hymn</b>	<i>"He's Sweet I Know "</i>	510 AAHH
<b>Morning Prayer</b>		Carol Travis
<b>Prayer Response</b>	<i>"Alpha and Omega"</i>	Erasmus Mutanbira
<b>Ministry of Music</b>	<i>"Lord, Make Me An Instrument"</i>	Roger Holland
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	<i>Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-9</i>	Min. Christian S. Watkins
<b>Sermonic Selection</b>	<i>"The Lord Is Blessing Me"</i>	arr. VaShawn Mitchell
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>"The Problem with Process"</i>	Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, II
†† <b>Invitation to Christian Discipleship</b>	<i>"Lead me to the Rock"</i>	Stephen Hurd
<b>The Sacrament of Holy Baptism</b>	<b><i>Kylo Enyi McKiver-Reid</i></b>	Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, II
<b>Invitation to Give</b>		Carol Travis
†† <b>Offertory Selection</b>	<i>"Hush, Somebody's Calling My Name"</i>	556 AAHH
†† <b>Sending Hymn</b>	<i>"He's So Real"</i>	237 AAHH
<b>Benediction</b>		Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, II
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>"Jesus, Keep me Near the Cross"</i>	William Doane

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

<b>Minister of Music</b>	Everett Williams, Jr.
<b>Director of Music</b>	Stephen Key
<b>Music</b>	Everett Williams, Jr.
<b>Liturgists</b>	Min. Chrisitan S. Watkins, Carol Travis
<b>Trustee On Duty</b>	Josephine Baker

# Asbury's Week At A Glance

Sunday, March 08, 2026

## Sunday, March 8, 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, March 9, 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, March 10, 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, March 11, 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, March 12, 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, March 13, 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**  
Zoom [Link](#): Dial In: 312-626-6799  
Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283  
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### From The Senior Pastor's Desk | March 2026

#### Word for the Month: The Gift of Lent



Grace and peace to you!

Can we talk about 40 days and 40 nights?

While that language is directly connected to Jesus's wilderness experience in the Gospel of Matthew 4:1-2, it also becomes the model upon which the season of Lent is built. Lent operates like a wilderness. It is a sacred interruption, a time meant to help us shed the external, unnecessary, and trivial distractions that keep us distant from ourselves and, sometimes, distant from God.

It is a season set aside to quiet the noise of life so we can hear again the whisper of God. Not the thunder. Not the earthquake. But the **whisper**.

The thing I love most about the framing of forty days and forty nights is something I learned from all my traveling. If you stay in a hotel and ask for forty days and forty nights, you are actually paying for forty-one days. They charge you for that last night. That final night completes the circle. You don't leave at midnight. You leave in the morning. You leave when the night has done its work.

And so, whatever you carry with you into this Lenten season, know that when the season is over, when it has ended, when **we learn to leave "it" there**, it will literally be a brand-new day.

That is the gift of



# 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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## Monthly Highlight Focus on The Stewardship of Giving Neighbor to Neighbor Outreach Ministry ~ Jeanarta McEachron

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Faithful giving is the heartbeat that sustains the 4th Sunday Neighbor to Neighbor Outreach Ministry at Asbury United Methodist Church. Because of consistent generosity, we are able to provide nourishing meals, essential toiletries, and warm clothing during the winter months; and compassionate medical care to nearly 100 of our underserved and unhoused neighbors each month. Ongoing financial support ensures that this decades-long ministry not only continues, but expands its reach—sharing tangible resources, spiritual encouragement, and the transforming love of Christ with every neighbor we serve.



# Parade of Palms

## MAIN ATTRACTION: LIVE DONKEY



Holy Week Begins...  
March 29th at NOON

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Starting in front of the church on K Street



**Sunday School 9:00AM**

**Breakfast**

**Music Lesson**

**Craft Prep for Parade**

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**ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

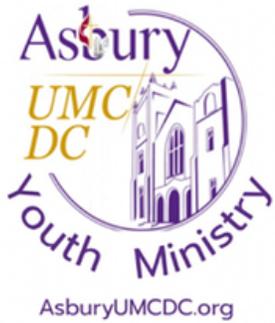
**Sunday School Department and Children & Family Ministry**

**For information or how to participate contact:**

**P. Blackman [pab3@erols.com](mailto:pab3@erols.com) ;**

**G. McFadden [glostar1@comcast.net](mailto:glostar1@comcast.net); or**

**V. Williford [williford\\_v@hotmail.com](mailto:williford_v@hotmail.com)**



## Youth Ministry Highlights - Upcoming March Youth Events Let's Show Up, Show Out, and Support Our Youth!

### March 19 - 22, 2026 -- Cheyenne Osley Competes in NYC

Cellist and Duke Ellington School Of the Arts High School Senior, **Cheyenne Osley**, will be competing in The World Strides Heritage Festival Competition in New York City. Please support Cheyenne with your well wishes and prayers. Also, she is currently fundraising money for herself and other D.C. students to attend the competition. Donations can be made at <https://givebutter.com/dukeIMPG/cheyenneosley>



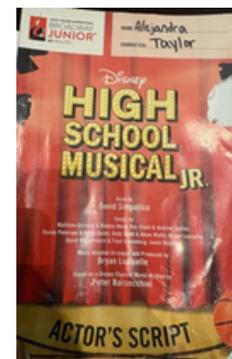
### March 20 – 22, 2026 -- Ignite Youth Retreat

The Youth Ministry will take five (5) youth members to attend Ignite, the Youth Spiritual Weekend Retreat in Ocean City, Maryland. Ignite is a transformative, high-energy experience for youth to fellowship, worship, and workshop with thousands of other youth of our region. <https://www.igniteforyouth.com/about>



### March 26-28, 2026 – Alejandra Singh as Taylor

**Alejandra Singh** will be playing a leading role in her school's play: High School Musical, Jr. at Shirley Chisholm Elementary School in Eastern Market, S.E., D.C., with several showings March 26-28, 2026. The Youth Ministry will sponsor the tickets for any youth member who would like to attend the play on Saturday, March 28, 2026.



If you are interested in learning more or interested in supporting these upcoming Youth Ministry Events, please reach out to:

Sarita Copeland, Youth Ministry Coordinator: 202-302-9632 - [saritamsingh13@gmail.com](mailto:saritamsingh13@gmail.com)  
Chance Humbard, Youth Ministry Committee: 301-751-7178 - [chance.a.humbard@gmail.com](mailto:chance.a.humbard@gmail.com)



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](mailto: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,

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

**Monica McEaddy, Lay Leader**

## 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 deadline, it will be featured in the next bulletin.

Many thanks for your kind cooperation.

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ASBURY MAIN OFFICE



## 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**

[prayer@asburyumcdc.org](mailto:prayer@asburyumcdc.org)

# Pray2

[prayer@asburyumcdc.org](mailto:prayer@asburyumcdc.org)



**PRAYER**  
is the  
**GREATEST POWER**

## We are praying for you....



HOPE IN  
every  
PRAYER

Need Prayer?

Send your specific prayer requests to:

[prayer@asburyumcdc.org](mailto:prayer@asburyumcdc.org).

Complete a Prayer Card

& drop it in the prayer box located in the Narthex or outside the Chapel.



## 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)

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

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

**zoom** Dail 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**

## Sunday School



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



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## 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.



United Women in Faith



### SAVE THE DATE



**More details to follow!**

Women's Day 2026 is  
Sunday, April 12

# 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



# 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 MARCH 8 2026      | HEBREWS 12: 1-13 |
| MONDAY MARCH 9, 2026     | PROVERBS 3: 1-12 |
| TUESDAY MARCH 10, 2026   | 1 JOHN 4: 7-12   |
| WEDNESDAY MARCH 11, 2026 | PSALM 8: 1-9     |
| THURSDAY MARCH 12, 2026  | ISAIAH 30: 19-22 |
| FRIDAY MARCH 13, 2026    | PSALM 27: 1-14   |
| SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2026  | ACTS 2: 42-47    |



## ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**Everett P. Williams, Jr.**, Minister of Music

**Tawana C. Jackson**, Stephen Minister

**Monica McEaddy & Patrick Wilkerson**, Lay Leaders

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

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

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