



*Loving, Serving, and Transforming Lives!*

**March 29, 2026**

10:00 AM

In-Person & Online Services

## **PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**

**“Making a Way”**



### **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>“Majesty”</i>	Jack Hayford/arr. John Innes
<b>++ Gathering Hymn</b>	<i>“The Palms”</i>	See Bulletin (pp. 3)
<b>Morning Prayer</b>		Bernice Harleston
<b>Prayer Response</b>	<i>“I Feel Jesus in this Place”</i>	Carman
<b>The Anthem</b>	<i>“Lift Up Your Heads</i>	E.L. Ashford Adrienne Neal-Harris (Soloist, <b>Soprano</b> )
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	<i>Zechariah 9:9</i> <i>John 12:12-19</i>	Gwen Outen Gwen Outen
<b>Sermonic Selection</b>	<i>“It Pays to Serve Jesus”</i>	Frank Huston Frances Brooks ( <b>Soprano</b> )
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>“Making a Way”</i>	Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, II
<b>++ Invitation to Discipleship</b>	<i>“He Has Done Great Things For Me”</i>	507 AAHH
<b>Invitation to Give</b>		Bernice Harleston
<b>The Sacrament of Holy Baptism</b>	<b>Noah Declyn Humbard</b>	Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, II
<b>++ Offertory Selection</b>	<i>“Follow Me”</i>	Glenn Burleigh Kevin Green ( <b>Soloist</b> )
<b>Blessing of the Palms</b>	<i>“The Holy City”</i>	Stephen Adams Xavier Joseph ( <b>Baritone</b> )
<b>++ Sending Hymn</b>	<i>“Ride On King Jesus</i>	225 AAHH
<b>Benediction</b>		Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, II
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>“Lamb of God”</i>	Twila Paris

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

<b>Minister of Music</b>		Everett Williams, Jr.
<b>Music</b>		Everett Williams, Jr.; Kevin Dines & Gerald Jones, ( <b>Trumpet</b> ); Kevin Bradley ( <b>Percussionist</b> ); John Buchanan, ( <b>Timpanist</b> )
<b>Liturgists</b>		Bernice Harleston, Gwen Outen
<b>Trustee On Duty</b>		James Gary

## The Palms

Arr. by C. H. G.

1. O'er all the way green palms and blos - soms gay Are strewn this day in  
 2. His word goes forth, and peo - ple by its might Once more their free - dom  
 3. Sing and re - joice, O blest Je - ru - sa - lem, Of all thy songs sing

fest - ival prep - a - ra - tion, Where Je - sus comes, to wipe our tears a - way;  
 gain from deg - ra - da - tion; Hu - man - i - ty doth give to each his right,  
 the e - man - ci - pa - tion; Thro' bound - less love, the Christ of Beth - le - hem

## RESPONSE

E'en now the throng to wel - come Him pre - pare. Join, sing His name di - vine,  
 While those in dark - ness find re - stored the light.  
 Brings forth the hope to thee for - ev - er - more. Join all, and sing Ho - san - na!

Let ev - ry voice re - sound with u - nit - ed ac - cla - ma - tion, Ho - san -  
 Praised be the

na! Praised be the Lord, Bless Him who cometh to bring us sal - va - tion.  
 Lord, Ho - san - na!

# Asbury's Week At A Glance

Sunday, March 29, 2026

## Sunday, March 29, 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 30, 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 31, 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, April 1, 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, April 2, 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, April 3, 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  
Passcode: 768211

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



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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.



# Announcements

*In Loving Remembrance*

*Thank you!*



**Gerald L. Bryant**  
Sunrise: January 5, 1932  
Sunset: February 24, 2026

To my Asbury family, the family of Gerald L. Bryant extends heartfelt appreciation for every prayer, call, visit, floral tributes and other beautiful expressions of sympathy.

Your many acts of kindness warmed our hearts and lifted our spirits. Grace and Peace be with you.


*Shirley Bryant Thomas*

**Easter Lilies 2026**  
To Order your lilies, contact:

**Pat Crudup (pacrudup@gmail.com)**  
**OR**  
**Judith Roberts (judy823@aol.com).**

**DONATION: \$20.00 per name**

**ORDERS DUE BY: Sunday, March 29, 2026**




**Parade of Palms  
LIVE DONKEY**

Holy Week Begins...  
March 29th at NOON

Starting in front of the church on K Street



**Sunday School 9:00AM**  
Breakfast  
Music Lesson  
Craft Prep for Parade

**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 ;  
G. McFadden glostar1@comcast.net; or  
V. Williford williford\_v@hotmail.com




*Holy Week*

**SERVICES & EVENTS**

|                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>MAR.<br/>29</b> | <b>PALM SUNDAY</b><br><i>Palm Sunday Service</i><br><b>10:00 AM</b><br><b>SANCTUARY</b><br><i>Children's Parade of Palms</i><br><b>12:00 PM</b><br><b>IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH ON K STREET</b>            |
| <b>APR.<br/>3</b>  | <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b><br><i>Good Friday Service</i><br><b>12:00 PM</b><br><b>SANCTUARY</b>                                                                                                                 |
| <b>APR.<br/>5</b>  | <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b><br><i>Community Sunrise Breakfast Worship Service</i><br><b>7:30 - 9:00 AM</b><br><b>FELLOWSHIP HALL</b><br><i>Resurrection Celebration</i><br><b>10:00 AM</b><br><b>SANCTUARY</b> |

**WOMEN'S DAY 2026**  
**Sunday April 12, 2026 | 10:00 AM**

***“Women of Asbury Empowered by Faith for 190 Years”***

**Please support Asbury's  
United Women in Faith**

**Queen Candace \$290**

**Mary Magdalene \$190**

**Deborah \$90**

**Bathsheba \$50**

**Marion \$25**



**Guest Preacher**  
**The Rev. Nontombi Naomi Tutu**

## CONSTANT CONTACT EMAIL BLASTS



NEED HELP  
LETTING  
EVERYONE KNOW  
ABOUT YOUR  
UPCOMING  
ASBURY MINISTRY  
EVENTS?

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- Email blasts go out on Wednesdays & Fridays.
- Exceptions are:
  - Mid-day Intercessory Prayers (Tuesdays)
  - Bulletin Reminders (Sundays)
  - Rev. Bell's Letter to the Congregation
  - Funeral Announcements (as it occurs)
- Submit camera ready flyers or announcements to [asburymail@asburyumcdc.org](mailto:asburymail@asburyumcdc.org)
- No "pdfs"
- Turnaround time: 48 hours required.
- Test Email will be forwarded to the sender to be proofed before it is sent out.

Many thanks for your kind cooperation.

ASBURY MAIN OFFICE | 202-628-0009 | [asburymail@asburyumcdc.org](mailto:asburymail@asburyumcdc.org)

## BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINE

### PLEASE NOTE

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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# 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



### 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**

# Announcements



## 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

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

**zoom** Doil 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  
Tweens/Teens

## 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.

## Asbury Youth & Young Adult Choir Rehearsal



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

o 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.



## Sunday School

**Asbury Youth Ministry**  
AsburyUMCDC.org

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 • saritamingsh13@gmail.com  
Chance Humbar • (301) 751-7178 • chance.a.humbar@gmail.com

## 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.



PRAYER is the GREATEST POWER  
**Pray2**

## Asbury

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MID - WEEK

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER



EVERY WEDNESDAY | 12 NOON

CALL: +1 (717) 908 - 1986

ACCESS CODE: 933 - 092

WWW.ASBURYUMCDC.ORG



# UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

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

**PALM SUNDAY SERVICE: 10:00 AM**  
**CHILDREN'S PARADE OF PALMS: 12 NOON**

**APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: 12 NOON**

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

**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**

**V. WILLIFORD AT 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 29, 2026   | JOHN 13: 31-38        |
| MONDAY MARCH 30, 2026   | PSALM 109: 21-31      |
| TUESDAY MARCH 31, 2026  | 1 CORINTHIANS 13: 1-7 |
| WEDNESDAY APRIL 1, 2026 | ROMANS 8: 1-6         |
| THURSDAY APRIL 2, 2026  | JOHN 15: 9-17         |
| FRIDAY APRIL 3, 2026    | JOHN 20:19-30         |
| SATURDAY APRIL 4, 2026  | LUKE 24: 13-27        |



## ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, II.**, Lead Pastor

**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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