



*Loving, Serving, and Transforming Lives!*

**April 19, 2026**

10:00 AM

In-Person & Online Services

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER/NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY**



### **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

## Order of Service

<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b>		Rev. Ronald Bell, II
<b>++ Introit</b>	<i>"I Just Came to Praise the Lord"</i>	Wayne Romero
<b>++Gathering Hymn</b>	<i>"The Church's One Foundation"</i>	337 AAHH
<b>Morning Prayer</b>		Min. Christian S. Watkins
<b>Prayer Response</b>	<i>"Praise Him"</i>	Donnie Harper
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	<i>Psalm 116:1-4</i> <i>Luke 24:30-35</i>	Melvin Thomas Melvin Thomas
<b>Sermonic Selection</b>	<i>"We Praise You for Who You Are"</i>	Gerald Smith
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>"Foggy Faith"</i>	Rev. Ronald Bell, II
<b>++ Invitation to Discipleship</b>	<i>"Open the Eyes of My Heart"</i>	Michael W. Smith
<b>Invitation to Give</b>		Min. Christian S. Watkins
<b>Offertory Selection</b>	<i>"God Is My Everything"</i>	Percy Gray
<b>++Sending Hymn</b>	<i>"He Lives"</i>	275 AAHH
<b>++ Benediction</b>		Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, Jr.
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>"Because He Lives"</i>	Gloria & William Gaither

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

<b>Minister of Music</b>	Everett Williams, Jr.
<b>Director of Music</b>	Stephen Key
<b>Liturgists</b>	Min. Christian S. Watkins, Melvin Thomas
<b>Trustee On Duty</b>	Ron Anderson

# Asbury's Week At A Glance

Sunday, April 19, 2026

## Sunday, April 19, 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, April 20, 2026

**3:00 PM**                      **Asburyan Deadline**

## Tuesday, April 21, 2026

**11:00 AM**                      **Weekly Office Staff Meeting**

## Wednesday, April 22, 2026

**12:00 PM**                      **Midweek Intercessory Prayer**  
Prayer Ministry

## Thursday, April 23, 2026

## Friday, April 24, 2026

## Saturday, April 25, 2026

### From The Senior Pastor's Desk | April 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



## DON'T FORGET



Please remember to contact the church when there is a death, sickness or celebration announcement.

Forward updates to:  
[asburymail@asburyumcdc.org](mailto:asburymail@asburyumcdc.org).

Thank You!



# 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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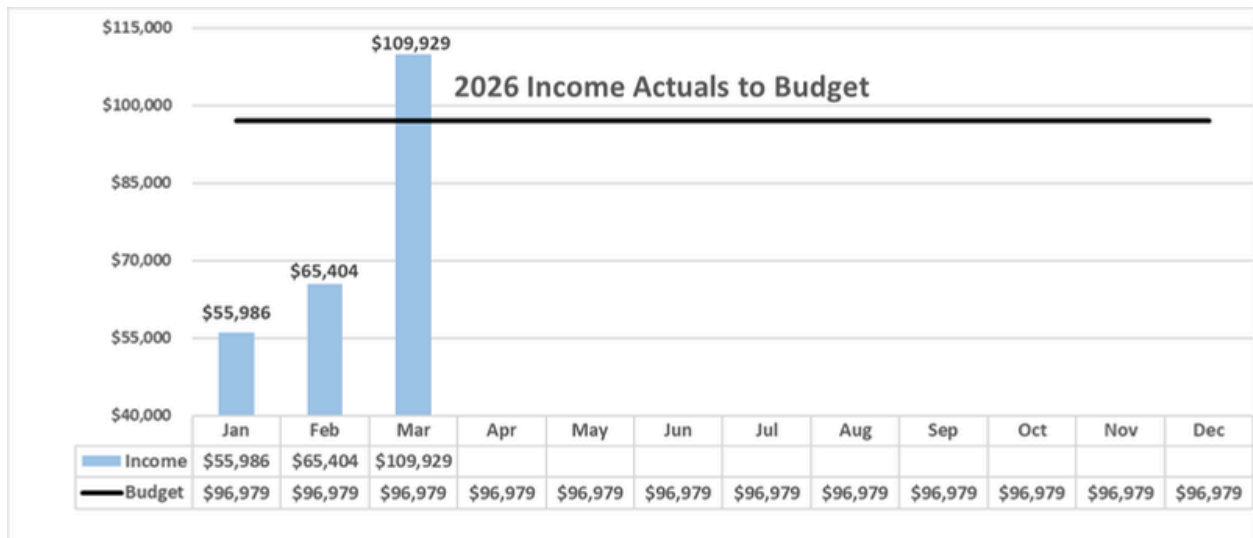


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# The Stewardship of Giving



**Faithful Today, Impactful Forever – “Our Future - Paying into Our Past”  
Celebrating 190 years of ministry!**

Dear Asbury Family,

As your Finance Chair and Stewardship Chair, we want to **THANK YOU** for your ongoing generosity. **We surpassed our giving goal for March!**

The 2026 Stewardship Campaign is in full swing. This year, we have a bold and faithful goal of receiving 200 pledges and we are on our way! Every pledge - large or small - moves us closer to becoming the vital congregation God is calling us to be.

Together, we can ensure that Asbury continues to grow, serve, and transform lives. What we do today will echo for generations to come.

Grace and peace to you,

Robert J. Corbitt, Jr.  
Chairperson Committee on Finance

Darryl Wyles  
Stewardship Chairperson

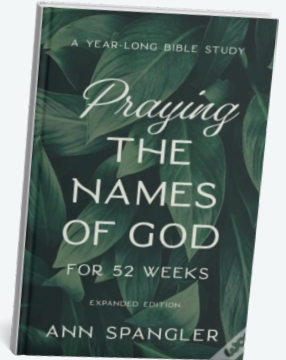


**A CHURCH-WIDE, YEAR-ROUND  
SMALL GROUPS BIBLE STUDY**



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

Buy your books here: [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) or [Christianbook.com](https://www.Christianbook.com)



***FACILITATORS:***



**Drs. Ron & Eboni Bell  
Mondays @ 7 AM**



**Carmen Collette  
Mondays @ 7 PM**



**Dr. Shopshire  
Tuesdays @ 9 AM**



**Bryana Zavala  
Wednesdays @ 7:00PM**



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



**Tawana Jackson  
Saturdays @ 1 PM**

**Zoom Meeting Info + Link**

**Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283**

**Passcode: 768211**

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

# Praying the Names of God

## Updated Bible Study Schedule

**Sunday, April 19, 2026**

**Wednesday, April 22, 2026**

**Monday, April 20, 2026**

**7:00 PM**

**Small Group Bible Study**

**Bryana Zavala**

Zoom Link: Dial In: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283

Passcode: 768211

**7:00 AM**

**Small Group Bible Study**

**Drs. Ron & Eboni Bell**

Zoom Link: Dial In: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283

Passcode: 768211

**Thursday, April 23, 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

**7:00 PM**

**Small Group Bible Study**

**Carmen Collette**

Zoom Link: Dial In: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283

Passcode: 768211

**Tuesday, April 21, 2026**

**Friday, April 24, 2026**

**9:00 AM**

**Small Group Bible Study**

**Dr. Shopshire**

Zoom Link: Dial In: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283

Passcode: 768211

**Saturday, April 25, 2026**

**1:00 PM**

**Small Group Bible Study**

**Tawana Jackson**

Zoom Link: Dial In: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 841 7757 8283

Passcode: 768211

### **ZOOM LINK FOR ALL CLASSES:**

[https://us06web.zoom.us/join/84177578283?signature=KwV5BDAZJ4tqlfRF5pb2mp4rRK6TpOKeithG\\_DfVGYQg](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/84177578283?signature=KwV5BDAZJ4tqlfRF5pb2mp4rRK6TpOKeithG_DfVGYQg)

# CHEYENNE OSLEY SENIOR RECITAL

WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 29, 2026  
3:00PM

DUKE ELLINGTON  
SCHOOL OF THE ARTS  
3500 R STREET NW,  
WASHINGTON, DC  
20007

FREE ADMISSION



**Cheyenne Osley competed in NYC last month and has her Senior Recital this Month!**

Duke Ellington School of the Arts High School and Asbury's **Cheyenne Osley**, competed in **The World Strides Heritage Festival Competition** in New York City, last month. Duke Ellington's team won 36 Gold Medals at the competition. Let us all congratulate Cheyenne and her wonderful school, as well as support her at her upcoming Senior Recital!



**WOMEN'S DAY 2026**

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

**Thank you for joining us to celebrate** Asbury's United Women in Faith extend sincere appreciation to all who contributed to this year's observance. We are grateful for donors at every level and for all who offered time, prayer, and support. Your generosity honors the legacy of Women of Asbury Empowered by Faith for 190 Years and ensures that our ministry continues to flourish. Every gift and every act of service helped make this year's celebration meaningful!



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

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES  
**Nursery thru 2nd Grades  
3rd - 5th Grades  
Tweens/Teens**



**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.**



**Neighbor 2 Neighbor (N2N)**

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday | 9AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Come volunteer with the Neighbor 2 Neighbor (N2N) Outreach Ministry as we serve our unhoused neighbors!



**Why Join Us?**

**We provide:**

- Breakfast bags with a hot sandwich
- Underclothes
- Toiletries
- Thermals
- Hats & Gloves in the cold weather



**We offer:**

- Prayers
- Youth may earn community services hours

**For more information contact:**

- Jeanarta McEachron
- Any member of the N2N Team

**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 • saritamsingh13@gmail.com

**Asbury Youth & Young Adult Choir Rehearsal**

Asbury  
GIVE & BE

- 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.



ASBURY UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
WASHINGTON, DC

## YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US!

We pray you are uplifted and encouraged.

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Click WATCH LIVESTREAM

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

**CONTACT US** [www.asburyumcdc.org](http://www.asburyumcdc.org)

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# WAYS TO GIVE

<p><b>1</b> In Person</p> <p>USE AN ENVELOPE OR WRITE A CHECK</p>	<p><b>2</b> Mail</p> <p>SEND CHECK TO: ASBURY UMC DC 926 11 STREET, NW WASHINGTON DC, 20001</p>	<p><b>3</b> Online Banking</p> <p>VISIT OUR WEBSITE <a href="http://WWW.ASBURYUMCDC.ORG">WWW.ASBURYUMCDC.ORG</a> SELECT "GIVE"</p>	<p><b>4</b> Apps</p> <p>TEXT "GIVE" TO 202-952-9309</p>
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## THE NEHEMIAH FUND

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.

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.



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## INTERCESSORY PRAYER



EVERY WEDNESDAY | 12 NOON

CALL: +1 (717) 908 - 1986

ACCESS CODE: 933 - 092

[WWW.ASBURYUMCDC.ORG](http://WWW.ASBURYUMCDC.ORG)

### 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)**

**(NO 'pdfs')**

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

# UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

**JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>**

MEN'S DAY SUNDAY

**SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

190TH HOMECOMING WORSHIP SERVICE - September 21st

**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 9:00AM -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 APRIL 19, 2026	MATTHEW 6: 24-34
MONDAY APRIL 20, 2026	PSALM 34: 15-22
TUESDAY APRIL 21, 2026	1 KINGS 19: 15-21
WEDNESDAY APRIL 22, 2026	GENESIS 1: 20-31
THURSDAY APRIL 23, 2026	JOSHUA 1: 6-9
FRIDAY APRIL 24, 2026	MATTHEW 27: 45-56
SATURDAY APRIL 25, 2026	JOHN 16: 16-28



## ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, Jr.**, 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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