



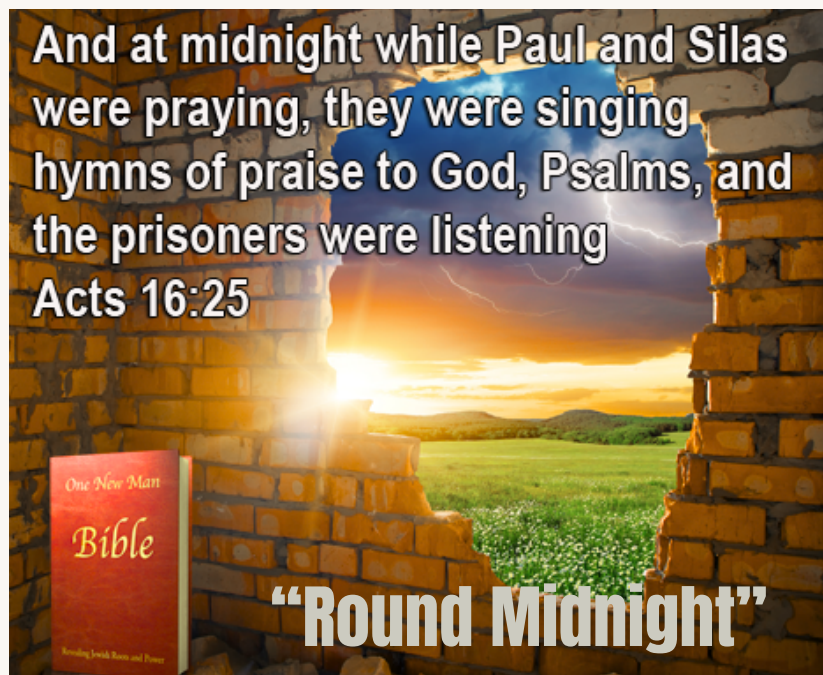
Loving, Serving, and Transforming Lives!

July 5, 2026

10:00 AM

In-Person & Online Services

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, II

++ Introit

“For God So Loved the World”

Lanny Wolfe
arr. Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

++ Gathering Hymn

“God of Our Fathers”

609 AAHH

Morning Prayer

Min. Christian S. Watkins

Prayer Response

“Taste and See”

Kenneth Louis

The Anthem

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

William Steffe
arr. Peter Wilhousky

Scripture Readings

Psalm 23
Acts 16:25-29

Tawana Jackson

Sermon

“Round Midnight”

Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, II

++ Invitation to Discipleship

“Pass me not”

Fanny Crosby

Holy Communion

Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, II

Communion Hymn

“I Know It Was the Blood”

267 AAHH

Invitation to Give

Min. Christian S. Watkins

++ Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, II

The Choral Postlude

“Beams of Heaven”
Dedicated to Pastor Ronald Bell and Family

Charles Tindley
arr. Robert Wooten Sr.



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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister of Music/Organist

Everett Williams, Jr.

Music

Everett Williams, Jr.,
Asbury Ensemble

Percussionist

Rick Slye

Liturgists

Min. Christian S. Watkins, Tawana Jackson

Trustee On Duty

Beverly Allen

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty (Almighty God), creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is Imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

The Great Thanksgiving Cont.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead, he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit, your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father (God), now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Pastor: The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

(The pastor breaks the bread)

The cup which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

(The pastor lifts the cup)

The body and blood of Christ given for you.

ALL: (All partake of the communion elements together while the Asbury Ensemble sings)

AMEN



Asbury's Week At A Glance

Sunday, July 5, 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, July 6, 2026

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

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

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

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

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

Thursday, July 9, 2026

Friday, July 10, 2026

Saturday, July 11, 2026

From The Senior Pastor's Desk | July 2026

Theme: **Summer Giving**



We Give Because We See the Fruit!

Jesus taught that where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also. At Asbury, we believe giving is about far more than meeting a budget—it is about investing in God's work through this church.

Because of your generosity, families facing eviction have remained housed, utilities have been restored, neighbors experiencing hunger have been fed, and people in crisis have found hope and support. Through our connectional giving, lives are also being transformed around the world, including students at Africa University whose education is made possible through the faithfulness of congregations like ours. Simply put, we give because we see the fruit.

As we enter the summer months, we invite every Asbury household to prayerfully consider making an additional gift of \$500 above your regular giving over the next 45 days. While our church is facing real financial challenges, our appeal is rooted not in fear but in faith.

For 190 years, God has used Asbury to love God, serve our community, and transform lives. Together, we can continue that legacy, ensuring that the ministry we celebrate today remains strong for generations to come. Thank you for your faithfulness, generosity, and commitment to the mission of Asbury. Amen

Rev. Dr. Ron Bell, II

ASBURY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
WASHINGTON, DC

**YOU ARE WELCOME
TO WORSHIP WITH US!**
We pray you are uplifted and encouraged.

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WAYS TO GIVE

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

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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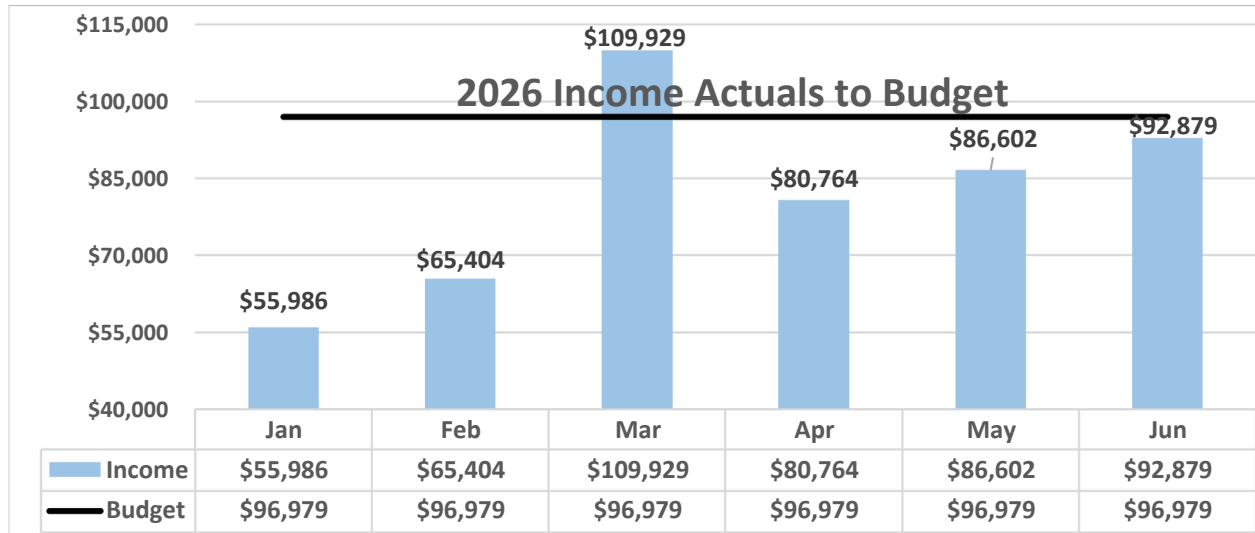


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The Stewardship of Thanksgiving



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

Grace and peace to you,

As your Finance Chair and Stewardship Chair, we want to **THANK YOU** for your ongoing generosity. As we enter the summer months, we invite every Asbury household to prayerfully consider making an additional gift of \$500 above your regular giving over the next 45 days.

For 190 years, God has used Asbury to love God, serve our community, and transform lives. Together, we can continue that legacy. ***We give because we see the fruit!***

Faithful today - Impactful forever.

/s/

Robert J. Corbitt, Jr.
 Chairperson Committee on Finance

/s/

Darryl Wyles
 Stewardship Chairperson





Sight & Sound Theatre
Lancaster, PA
Wednesday, July 15, 2026

ITINERARY DAY OF TRAVEL

- 6:30am: We will meet on the parking lot at the corner of 11th & N Streets N.W. New Bethany Church, Depart shortly after
- 10:15am: Arrive at Sight and Sound Theater, play starts at 11am
- 1:45pm: Leave Sight and Sound Theater
- 2:15pm: Arrive at Shady Maple Smorgasbord: Lunch/Dinner and some shopping. Please eat first.
- 4:00pm: Bus departing Shady Maple
- 7:00pm: Bus will be back at the corner of 11th and N Streets, NW

Enjoy your trip!

For more information: Call Margaret Carter – 202-213-9146

MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY CHOIR IN CONCERT

JOIN US FOR A JOYFUL EVENING OF WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION!



**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 4,
2026
4:00 PM**

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
926 ELEVENTH STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001

TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH
EVENTBRITE AND IN PERSON
FOLLOWING SUNDAY SERVICE AT
TABLE IN THE NARTHEX

PRICES:

ADULTS \$30
CHILDREN \$15

PARKING AVAILABLE IN THE GARAGE.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ON THE LAWN

9:00a.m. - 9:45am

July 5, 12, 19, and 26

Studying NOAH

Donations of stuffed animals requested -
all/any type for use during discussion - are
welcome!

Contact: Vanessa Williford
williford_v@hotmail.com

THANK YOU!!

I am deeply grateful to
the United Methodist Men
for presenting me with
the Humanitarian Award.
This recognition holds special
significance for me, as I am the
fourth recipient and the first
woman to receive this honor.
It is humbling to follow in the
footsteps of previous awardees:
Willie Clark,
James Anderson,
& the late Carnardo Richardson.
Throughout my journey,
God has blessed me abundantly,
allowing me to serve in various
roles both within the church and in
the broader community.
I am thankful for these
opportunities to make a positive
impact and for the acknowledgment
of my efforts through this
distinguished award.

~Carol Travis~

JOIN US AT THE...

Church-Wide Picnic RAIN OR SHINE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026

11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

**CANDY CANE CITY / MEADOWBROOK ACTIVITY BUILDING
PLAYGROUND IN CHEVY CHASE, MD**

**7901 MEADOWBROOK LN,
CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815**

TRANSPORTATION WILL NOT BE PROVIDED

**SIGN UP NEEDED:
*CONTACT THE OFFICE:
ASBURYMAIL@ASBURYUMCDC.ORG
*SUNDAYS AT THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX
*DESIGNATE NUMBER OF ADULTS AND
NUMBER OF CHILDREN**





Protect Yourself From The Dangers of Extreme Heat

Dangerous heat waves have become more common and longer-lasting in recent years. Extreme heat poses serious health risks to everyone, but the elderly and very young are particularly vulnerable. While not as visibly destructive as other weather events, heat is responsible for more deaths each year than floods, tornadoes and hurricanes combined. Fortunately, there is plenty you can do to protect yourself.

Due to physiological changes, impaired mobility and social isolation, older adults are in greater danger from extreme heat. Our body's natural defense mechanisms become less effective as we age. Moreover, certain medications and medical conditions can make it more difficult for us to cope with high temperatures.

In a normal response to heat, the heart rushes blood to the skin to radiate heat outward. To do this, the heart pumps faster, and blood vessels open wider. Sweating helps because it cools the skin when it evaporates. The sensation of thirst encourages us to drink water to replenish the fluids we lose in the heat. Older adults tend to feel less thirst and sweat less. Because blood vessels stiffen with aging, the heart has to work even harder to get blood to the skin's surface to help cool us down.

When the natural cooling systems don't work as well, we are likely to overheat more quickly and suffer from heat exhaustion. Symptoms of heat exhaustion include headache, nausea, dizziness, irritability and confusion or poor-decision making. If we don't find a way to cool down, this can progress to heat stroke, a medical emergency that can lead to permanent injury or death without immediate treatment.

There is plenty we can do to protect ourselves from the ravages of extreme heat.

1. **Stay cool indoors:** If you don't have air conditioning in your home, consider getting it. Many localities will help subsidize the cost. Otherwise, keep your home cooler by installing opaque blinds or curtains to block the sunlight during the hottest part of the day. If the temperature remains too high inside your home, consider going to a local cooling center or spending your day at a movie theater, public library or community center with AC.
2. **Stay safe with your meds:** Talk to your doctor or pharmacist about whether your medications can affect your ability to tolerate heat and ask about what precautions you should take during a heat wave.
3. **Stay hydrated:** Drink water throughout the day. The American Red Cross recommends drinking a cup of water every 20 minutes. Don't wait until you are thirsty.
4. **Stay connected:** Check on your neighbors and family to make sure they are staying cool and ask for help if you need it.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2026



AUGUST 15TH

CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 20TH

190TH HOMECOMING WORSHIP SERVICE

OCTOBER 4TH

MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY CHOIR IN CONCERT @ ASBURY

OCTOBER 11TH

PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

OCTOBER 18TH

LAITY SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 24TH

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

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION DAY

EVERY 3RD SATURDAY 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) 4TH SUNDAY OUTREACH

EVERY 4TH 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 JULY 5, 2026	PSALM 37: 1-37
MONDAY JULY 6, 2026	1 PETER 5: 6-9
TUESDAY JULY 7, 2026	EPHESIANS 1: 1-10
WEDNESDAY JULY 8, 2026	1 CORINTHIANS 9: 24-27
THURSDAY JULY 9, 2026	PSALM 25: 1-11
FRIDAY JULY 10, 2026	2 CORINTHIANS 7: 5-7
SATURDAY JULY 11, 2026	ROMANS 8: 31-39



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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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