



Loving, Serving, and Transforming Lives!

August 2, 2026

10:00 AM

In-Person & Online Services

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship God with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.
HEWBREWS 12:28



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		Tawana Jackson
++ Gathering Hymn	<i>"To God Be the Glory"</i>	98 UMH
Morning Prayer		Tawana Jackson
Prayer Response	<i>"Sweet Hour of Prayer"</i>	442 AAHH
Scripture Readings	Genesis 32: 22-31 Romans 9: 1-5	Josephine Akambo Josephine Akambo
Sermonic Selection	<i>"I Talked to God Last Night"</i>	David Guion, Janice Eteme, Soprano (soloist)
Sermon		Rev. Dr. Lillian C. Smith
Invitation to Discipleship	<i>"I Surrender All"</i>	354 UMH
Holy Communion		Rev. Dr. Lillian C. Smith
Communion Hymn	<i>"At the Cross"</i>	264 AAHH
Invitation to Give		Tawana Jackson
Offertory Selection	<i>"No Need to Fear"</i>	Wintley Phipps, Janice Eteme, Soprano (soloist)
Sending Hymn	<i>"Shalom to You"</i>	666 UMH
++ Benediction		Rev. Dr. Lillian C. Smith
Postlude		Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, arr. Mack Wilberg (adapted)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Music	Guest Organist: Alma Castello, Guest Soloist: Janice Eteme Asbury Ensemble
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Guest Organist

Alma Castello

Guest Soloist

Janice Eteme

Liturgists

Josephine Akambo, Tawana Jackson

Trustee On Duty

Willie Clark

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.

The Great Thanksgiving Cont.

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. 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.



Guest Preacher
Rev. Dr. Lillian C. Smith



Born in Sumter, South Carolina, the Reverend Lillian C. Smith is a product of the Prince George's County Maryland Public Schools. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Media Arts from Hampton University, Hampton Virginia, May 1987. In May 1994, Rev. Smith graduated, cum laude, with a Master of Divinity Degree with an emphasis in Systematic Theology from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. In May 2019, she graduated with a Doctor of Ministry Degree from United Theological Seminary. The title of her doctoral project was "Rooted Once Again: Re-Establishing Forgotten or Abandoned Connections with God's Kingdom Mandate."

A clergy member of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church, Rev. Smith became an ordained a deacon on June 12, 1994, and an elder on June 22, 1997. She has also served as a clergy member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. On July 1, 1994, she began serving as an Associate Minister at the church of her childhood, Asbury United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. Her primary responsibilities were for the Youth and Young Adult Ministries while serving simultaneously as Chaplain-Director of the Wesley Foundation - The United Methodist Ministry at Howard University.

Rev. Smith served in the Campus Ministry Section staff of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, Nashville, Tennessee from September 2, 1997 – October 18, 2004. As the Director of Ministries with Women and Persons of Color, her responsibilities focused on program development and administration of the Campus Ministry Section. She worked with campus ministers and college chaplains who are women and persons of color. On October 18, 2004, she began a new ministry as Associate General Secretary, Division on Ministries with Young People, of the General Board of Discipleship. Her charge was guiding the newly created Division on Ministries with Young People as it partnered with United Methodist congregations and campus ministries to "empower youth and young adults as world-changing disciples of Jesus Christ." From September 1, 2006, through June 2011, Rev. Smith served in ministry as the Executive Director, Congregational Transformation/Director of Connectional Ministries, for the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. She served as Pastor, Tindley Temple United Methodist Church in Philadelphia, PA, from July 2011-June 2014, and St. Matthews' UMC, Wayne, PA, from 2014-2016. She served as Pastor, Cheverly United Methodist Church, in Cheverly, MD from July 2016 until June 2024. On July 1, 2024, she began ministry as Superintendent of the Altoona, now Freedom Trail District of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Rev. Smith's membership and activities include:

Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century, Baltimore-Washington Conference, 2022-2024
Call to Action Steering Committee, Baltimore-Washington Conference, The United Methodist Church, 2018-2020
Police Chief's Advisory Board, Cheverly, MD 2018-2024;
Cheverly Women's Club, 2017-2024
Racial Justice Team, Baltimore-Washington Conference, The United Methodist Church, 2018-2022
Association of Directors of Connectional Ministries, 2006-2011
EPA Board of Ordained Ministry, 2006-2011
NEJ Assn of Directors of Connectional Ministries, 2006-2011, President, 2010-2011
Multi-Ethnic Center for Ministry of The Northeastern Jurisdiction Board Member & Program Committee Chair, 2008-
Northeastern Jurisdictional Clergywomen's Consultation, Planning Team Co-Chair, 2010-2011
Representative to the Partner Table, The Northeastern Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church, 2008-2011
Black Methodists for Church Renewal;
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century Resource Person, 1997 – 2006

Working to empower God's people, Rev. Smith has a deep commitment to doing what God has called her to do, "work for justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God." An avid reader, Rev. Smith is also a writer. In 2022, she authored *Rooted Again: Re-Establishing Forgotten and Abandoned Connections with God and God's Kingdom Mandate*. She also contributed a chapter to the best-selling book, *I'm Black. I'm Christian. I'm Methodist*. In June 2016, she published her first book, *Words to Live By: Wisdom Keys that Can Change Your Life*. Each of the books are available on Amazon.com and Kindle. Other publications to which she has contributed include: *365 Meditations for Women by Women*, *365 Meditations for Mothers by Mothers*, *The Circuit Rider*, *Letters from the Heart: Reflections on the Psalms/Cartas del Corazon: Reflexiones sobre los Salmos*. Rev. Smith is married to the Rev. David Cassidy, and they are the happy parents of two grown sons - David Charles Jasper and Hayward Felton Earl.

Asbury's Week At A Glance

Sunday, August 2, 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, August 3, 2026

3:00 PM **Asburyan Deadline**

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

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

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

12:00 PM **Midweek Intercessory Prayer**

Thursday, August 6, 2026

Friday, August 7, 2026

Saturday, August 8, 2026

From The Senior Pastor's Desk | August 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

1

In Person



USE AN ENVELOPE OR
WRITE A CHECK

2

Mail



SEND CHECK TO:
ASBURY UMC DC
926 11 STREET, NW
WASHINGTON DC, 20001

3

Online Banking



VISIT OUR WEBSITE
[WWW.ASBURYUMCDC.ORG](https://www.asburyumcdc.org)
SELECT "GIVE"

4

Apps



TEXT "GIVE" TO
202-952-9309

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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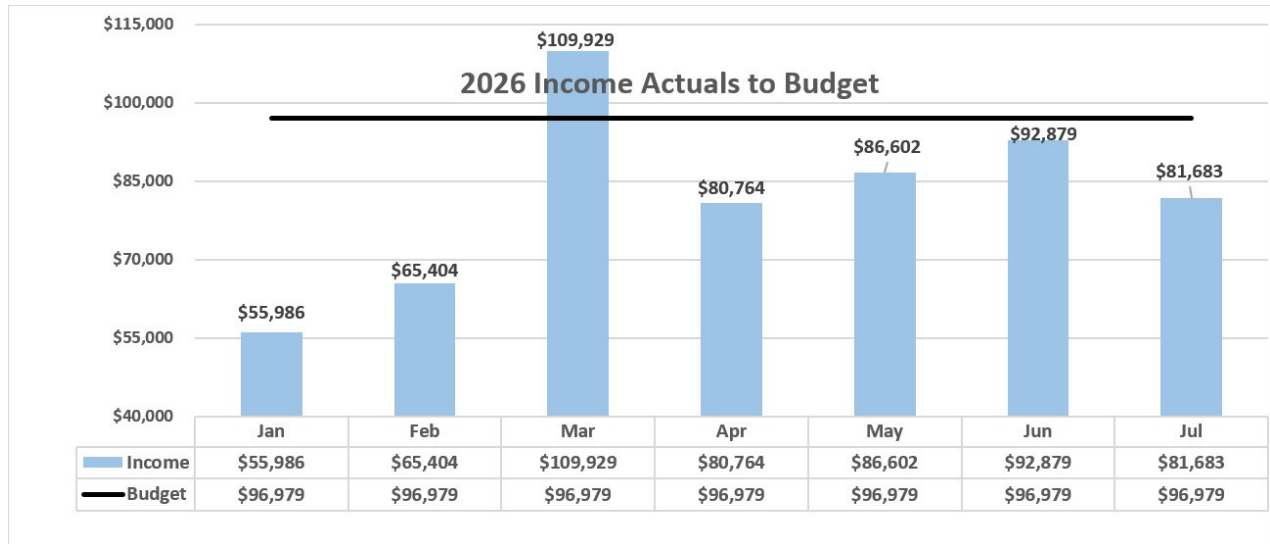


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The Stewardship of Giving



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 and response to the Summer Giving Challenge. Whether your offering is large or small, it carries the same holy weight; a declaration that you believe in this community, in this mission, and in the God who multiplies what we release with open hands.

For 190 years, God has used Asbury to serve our community and transform lives – the Church in action. 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





Tips to help take care of your mouth and teeth and decrease the risk of other health conditions like depression, rheumatoid arthritis, Type 2 diabetes and dementia:

1. Regular dental visits at least once a year
2. If you have pain in your gums or teeth see the dentist right away, especially if they bleed or swell up
3. Clean between your teeth with floss at least once daily
4. Drink plenty of water
5. Chew sugar free gum
6. Cut back on added sugar in foods and drinks
7. Wait 30-60 minutes to brush your teeth if you eat something acidic. This is the only time when rinsing your mouth with water instead of brushing is recommended
8. Brush your teeth, twice per day for 2 minutes with fluoride toothpaste and a soft-bristled toothbrush. Do not rinse after brushing your teeth
9. If you already have crowns, bridges or dental implants, make sure you are cleaning them as recommended to improve the effectiveness of at-home oral care

These tips can help keep you healthy from head to toe; your mouth is a window into the rest of your body. Being healthy requires good oral hygiene and good oral health.



DON'T FORGET

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

Forward updates to:

stephenministries@asburyumcdc.org
or
tromajava@gmail.com

Thank You!



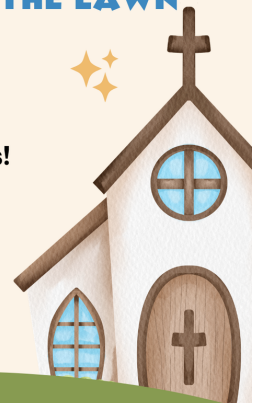
Join Us In the Fellowship Hall after Service

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

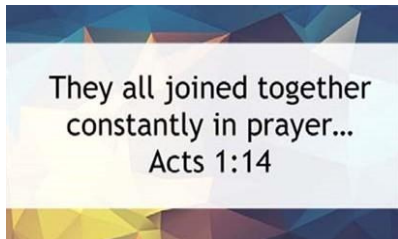
COME and SEE
the great things
God has done!

**JOIN THE CHILDREN AND STAFF
AS WE CELEBRATE 3 YEARS OF THE
SUMMER SERIES:
"SUNDAY SCHOOL ON THE LAWN"**

- See a Lego replica of Noah's Ark and stuffed animals created over the years!
- Enjoy vanilla ice cream cones!



All are Welcome!



ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Care and Concern List

August 2026

When you care for others, you are caring for Christ.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

WASHINGTON, DC RESIDENCE

Northwest

- ♥ Lisa Duperier
- ♥ Renee Huggen

Northeast

♥

Southwest

♥

Southeast

♥

WASHINGTON, DC NURSING HOMES, HOSPITALS & ASSISTED LIVING

- ♥ Gertrude Barnette, Lisner Louise Dickson Hurt Home, 5425 Western Ave NW, Washington, DC 20015
- ♥ Timmie Bouknight, Serenity Rehabilitation & Health Center, 1380 Southern Ave., Rm 319B, SE, DC 20032
- ♥ Mildred Robinson, Forest Hills Assisted Living, 4901 Connecticut Ave., NW, Rm 212, Washington, DC 20008
- ♥ Barbara Collins, Grand Oaks Assisted Living, 5901 MacArthur Blvd NW, Apt #402, Washington, DC 20016

MARYLAND RESIDENCE

♥

♥ Lina Reynolds

♥ Andrewlette Thompson

MARYLAND NURSING HOMES, HOSPITALS & ASSISTED LIVING

- ♥ Elisha Davies, Regency Rehab Center, 9101 Second Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910
- ♥ Lorraine Hightower, Independence Court of Hyattsville, 5821 Queens Chapel Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782
- ♥ Lillian Langford, Collington, 10450 Lottsford Rd., Mitchellville, MD 20721
- ♥ Alice Owens, 304 West Cedar Street, Franklin, KY 42134
- ♥ Floyd Robinson, Arbor Terrace Senior Living, 9885 Greenbelt Road, #322, Greenbelt, MD 20706
- ♥ Zelma Solomon, Grace House Assisted Living, 3214 Norbeck Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20906

NURSING HOMES, HOSPITALS & ASSISTED LIVING

- ♥ Maryland Ellison, c/o Vanessa Burnett, 100 Asch Loop, Apt. # 22F, Bronx, New York 10475
- ♥ Dorothy West, 8804 South North Shore Drive, Apt. #230/232, Knoxville, TN 37923

UPCOMING EVENTS 2026



AUGUST 15TH

CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC

AUGUST 23RD

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING SUNDAY

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 AUGUST 2, 2026	LUKE 12: 22-34
MONDAY AUGUST 3, 2026	PSALM 40: 1-5
TUESDAY AUGUST 4, 2026	EPHESIANS 5: 8-13
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5, 2026	MATTHEW 15: 21-28
THURSDAY AUGUST 6, 2026	PHILLIPIANS 4: 10-20
FRIDAY AUGUST 7, 2026	1 SAMUEL 17: 32-50
SATURDAY AUGUST 8, 2026	DANIEL 9: 17-23



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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