



Loving, Serving, and Transforming Lives!

August 23, 2026

10:00 AM

In-Person & Online Services

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/YOUTH SUNDAY/FAN PLAN

Worship God with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

HEW BREWS 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		Sarita Copeland
++ Gathering Hymn	<i>"Praise Him! Praise Him!"</i>	178 AAHH
Morning Prayer		Alejandra Singh
Prayer Response	<i>"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"</i>	382 UMH, (vs. 1 & 3)
Scripture Readings	Psalm 124 Romans 12:1-8	Bryana Zavala
Sermonic Selection	<i>"My Tribute"</i>	Andrae Crouch, Dr. Andrew Smith, bass-baritone (soloist)
Sermon	<i>"Go With God"</i>	Sarita Copeland
Invitation to Discipleship	<i>"Plenty Good Room"</i>	352 AAHH
Invitation to Give		Alejandra Singh
Offertory Selection	<i>"How Great is Our God"</i>	Chris Tomlin, Dr. Andrew Smith, bass-baritone (soloist)
Sending Hymn	<i>"Precious Name"</i>	536 UMH, vs. 1, 2, & 4
++ Benediction		Sarita Copeland
Postlude	<i>"Only A Look"</i>	Roberta Martin

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Guest Organist	Storee Denson
Guest Soloist	Dr. Andrew Smith, (bass-baritone)
Music	Guest Organist: Storee Denson, Guest Soloist: Dr. Andrew Smith, (bass-baritone); Asbury Ensemble
Liturgists	Alejandra Singh, Bryana Zavala
Trustee On Duty	Ron Anderson

Speaker
Ms. Sarita Copeland



Sarita Copeland, while born in Brooklyn, New York, has been a daughter of Asbury from birth. Sarita was christened and confirmed, at Asbury. She is a fourth generation Asburyan, starting with the Ridley's and Doby's, and her daughters, Gabriella, Alejandra, and Victoria are the fifth generation in her family to be members of Asbury. Growing up at Asbury, Sarita was active in youth activities and loved playing the Bells and ushering on First Sundays. Sarita has continued her service to Asbury in many areas, but most significantly, serving as Youth Ministry Coordinator since 2019.

Sarita graduated ***magna cum laude*** from The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, while working full time as a Veterinary Technician for the Department of Defense. She obtained her Juris Doctorate in 2013, and earned a Certificate in Comparative and International Law. Sarita is licensed to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court, the State of Maryland, the District of Columbia, and the United States Army Court of Criminal Appeals. Sarita received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Maryland, College Park, in 2005.

Sarita has served as a Senior International Trade Attorney with U.S. Customs and Border Protection for over a decade. In this position Sarita writes binding decisions regarding international trade law, protecting our nation from fraudulent and illegal imports. Sarita previously clerked for the Chief Judge of the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Administrative Law Judges. Additionally, Sarita has volunteered as a Guardian *ad litem*, representing minor children involved in contentious custody disputes before the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

In 2021, after years of civil service, Sarita decided to join the U.S. Army Reserve, Judge Advocate General Corps (JAG Corps) to better provide representation to those in need. From September 2022 until August 2024, Sarita was Special Trial Counsel for the Office of the Chief Prosecutor within the Office of Military Commissions. As Special Trial Counsel, she assisted in the prosecution of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba detainees accused of terrorism and war crimes. Prior to becoming Special Trial Counsel, Sarita was Trial Defense Counsel with the JAG Corps. Over the span of two years, as Defense Counsel while working part-time, she assisted over eighty U.S. Army Soldiers facing criminal and administrative action before the U.S. Army. Currently, Sarita serves as a National Security Attorney for the largest military law enforcement agency, the Department of the Army Criminal Investigation Division. In this capacity, Sarita handles classified, high-profile law enforcement matters, including reviewing sensitive criminal records and investigative files to make legal determinations that affect the life, liberty, and financial well-being of Service members.

Lastly, Sarita is the **author** of a six-book children's book series, the ***unGrateful Gabby Series***. She also serves as Logistics Manager of a non-profit organization, The Well Read Child, which helps facilitate book fairs in underprivileged schools to promote culturally relevant children's books and connects authors, schools, and families to stories that reflect and affirm young readers.

Sarita is devoted to serving Asbury, her community, and the nation through her public service.



Asbury's Week At A Glance

Sunday, August 23, 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 24, 2026

3:00 PM **Asburyan Deadline**

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

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

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

12:00 PM **Midweek Intercessory Prayer**

Thursday, August 27, 2026

Friday, August 28, 2026

Saturday, August 29, 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

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



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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"

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Apps



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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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Dear Asbury Family,

I'm excited to invite you to come support me as a featured artist at the **Black Girl Art Show DC** on **Saturday, August 29, from 3:00 to 9:00 PM** at the **Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center**.

It would mean so much to have some of my Asbury family there as I share my artwork and celebrate this special moment.

I hope to see you there!

With love,
Eboni

 **Purchase Tickets Here:**

<https://www.eventeny.com/events/black-girl-art-show-dc-23951/>



UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

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

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 23, 2026	JEREMIAH 18: 1-6
MONDAY AUGUST 24, 2026	LUKE 10: 38-42
TUESDAY AUGUST 25, 2026	JOHN 8: 12-20
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26, 2026	1 THESSALONIANS 5: 8-15
THURSDAY AUGUST 27, 2026	2 TIMOTHY 3: 14-17
FRIDAY AUGUST 28, 2026	ROMANS 5: 12-17
SATURDAY AUGUST 29, 2026	MARK 8: 14-21



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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