

EIGHTEENTH 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

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, II

++Gathering Hymn

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

452 UMH

Morning Prayer

David Bell

Prayer Response

“Amazing Grace”

378 UMH

Children’s Moment

Ronald Bell, III

Scripture Readings

2 Chronicles 7:14
Luke 2:41-46

Angelo Price- Estrada
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Sermonic Selection

“Praise the Lord with Me”

Gary Oliver
Asbury Youth Ensemble

Sermon

“Starting Over”

Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, II

++Invitation to Discipleship

“Open the Eyes of my Heart”

Micheal W. Smith

Invitation to Give

Glen Reavis

Offertory Selection

“Alpha and Omega”

Erasmus Mutambira
David Bell, **pianist**

++Sending Hymn

“He's So Real”

237 AAHH

++ Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, II

Postlude

“Christ Is All”

Kenneth Morris

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister of Music/Organist

Everett Williams, Jr.

Music

Everett Williams, Jr., Asbury Youth Ensemble

Liturgists

David Bell, Ronald Bell, III,
Angelo Price- Estrada, Glen Reavis

Trustee On Duty

Beverly Allen

Asbury's Week At A Glance

Sunday, September 27, 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, September 28, 2026

3:00 PM Asburian Deadline

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

11:00 AM Weekly Office Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

12:00 PM Midweek Intercessory Prayer

Thursday, October 1, 2026

Friday, October 2, 2026

Saturday, October 3, 2026

NOTEWORTHY

From The Senior Pastor's Desk | September 2026

Theme: **It's Our Anniversary**



One of the never-ending debates in my house is about birthdays. For me, if a child spends nine months in the womb, then three months after they are born, logically - they should be a year old. For my wife, a year from the day you are born counts as your first year and first birthday. It is a small but fun argument in our house—debating just how “old” someone really is.

Because years mean something.

Years ***lived***, years ***loved***, years ***lost***. Years ***filled with challenges, champions, and changes***. Years ***marked by growth, grief, giving, and grinding***.

Years matter!

So, for Asbury to begin its 190th year this month—190 years of faithful, prophetic ministry and leadership—***IT MATTERS!***

So let us start the celebration...

Let this month be an invitation to welcome and embrace those who have journeyed with us across these 190 years. Let this month be a celebration of those whose faith, sacrifice, prayers, service, and love have brought us thus far. And let this month be a testimony to the God who began a good work 190 years ago, and is still faithful to complete it.

It is our anniversary!

And we have 190 years of reasons to celebrate! 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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 Code: 123456#

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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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ASBURY



APPRECIATION

The celebration of our **190th Anniversary Homecoming Service and Celebration** was truly special in every way. We believe God—and our Asbury ancestors—were "well pleased."

This milestone was made possible because many Asburyans gave generously of themselves. Members shared their time, talents, ideas, resources, energy, and, most importantly, their hearts. From planning and organizing to preparing, decorating, welcoming, serving, and helping behind the scenes, Asburyans stepped forward and answered the call to serve.

It was a beautiful demonstration of what can happen when a church family comes together with a shared purpose. Every contribution mattered, and every helping hand helped make this celebration a success.

We are also grateful for the valued partners who generously shared their time, talents, products, and services in support of our service and celebration:

- B&B Catering
- Magdalene's Custom Framing
- Keenan Alexander, Graphic Design

To our Asbury family and our valued partners, thank you for helping to make this milestone celebration so memorable. Your generosity and service reflect the spirit of Asbury and remind us that our greatest strength has always been—and continues to be—our people.

Thank you for being part of our journey from *deep roots to new horizons!*

JACQUELYN BOOZER AND MOSES BOYD

190TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CO-CHAIRS



Pastor Appreciation Month

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!

REV. DR. RONALD BELL, JR.
TAWANA JACKSON, STEPHEN MINISTRY
MINISTER CHRISTIAN S. WATKINS
JOSEPHINE AKAMPO(SUMMER INTERN)

LET'S COME TOGETHER FOR A BRIEF PROGRAM
HONORING OUR MINISTERIAL STAFF

WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE A WONDERFUL MINISTERIAL STAFF, AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO LET THEM KNOW HOW MUCH THEY ARE LOVED AND APPRECIATED HERE AT ASBURY. THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, SHOW THEM YOUR APPRECIATION WITH GIFTS, LETTERS, CARDS OR OTHER EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE. LET THEM KNOW HOW GRATEFUL WE ARE FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND LEADERSHIP TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY.

SUNDAY OCT. 11, 2026

AFTER 10 AM SERVICE
FELLOWSHIP HALL
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE

WWW.ASBURYUMCDC.ORG

UNBOUND: A MOTHER'S LOVE

A DANCE PERFORMANCE
INSPIRED BY TONI MORRISON'S "BELOVED"
FOR BANNED BOOKS WEEK

Asbury Family & Friends:

A warm invitation is extended to everyone to come and experience my upcoming choreographic work, "Unbound: A Mother's Love", inspired by Toni Morrison's "Beloved", and featuring a cast of dancers from the University of Oklahoma's School of Dance. The **free** event will be co-hosted by the DC Public Library during their Banned Books Week.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL LIBRARY
901 G ST NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20001

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026

REGISTER ONLINE AT
[HTTPS://DCLIBRARY.LIBNET.INFO/EVENT/17267808](https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/17267808)
FOR THE 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM SHOWS

"Unbound: A Mother's Love" is the first dance work in a series inspired by banned books. **Choreographed** by Brandye Lee, a native Washingtonian and Assistant Professor of Ballet at the University of Oklahoma, the work draws inspiration from the themes and characters of Toni Morrison's, "Beloved." Set to a compelling score by acclaimed Broadway and film composer Kathryn Bostic, whose music for Toni Morrison's "The Pieces I Am" helped illuminate Morrison's life and legacy, "Unbound" responds to the novel's emotional landscape rather than retelling its story, examining the ways love can sustain, haunt, and transform us across generations.

Thanks for your support. I'll be thrilled to see you there, Asbury!

Brandye Lee (Jeanarta McEachron's Daughter)

Football & Fellowship

The 4th Sunday of Each Month
(September – December)

NFL game @1:00 PM
in the Fellowship Hall

All Are Welcome



Refreshments Will Be Served

Asbury United Methodist Church • 11th & K Streets, NW • Washington, DC 20001

NOTEWORTHY



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Words cannot fully express my gratitude for the many acts
of kindness shown to me
during my recent surgery and ongoing recovery.
Thank you for your thoughtful cards, phone calls, text
messages, emails, and visits. Your generosity, love, and
support has touched my heart and added healing to my
soul.
I am deeply grateful for your prayers and concern.
May God richly bless you in all your ways.

Brenda Reid-Sanders

UPCOMING EVENTS 2026



OCTOBER 4TH

MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY CHOIR IN CONCERT @ ASBURY

OCTOBER 8TH

UNBOUND: A MOTHER'S LOVE, DC PUBLIC LIBRARY: 2 SHOWS (1:00 PM & 7:00 PM)

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

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 SEPTEMBER 27, 2026	PSALM 4: 1-8
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2026	MATTHEW 6: 25-34
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2026	PSALM 40: 1-13
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2026	2 CORINTHIANS 5: 17-21
THURSDAY OCTOBER 1, 2026	1 THESSALONIANS 5: 11-14
FRIDAY OCTOBER 2, 2026	PROVERBS 3: 1-6
SATURDAY OCTOBER 3, 2026	MATTHEW 5: 14-16



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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