Asbury
United Methodist Church | Washington, DC

Loving, Serving, and Transforming Lives!

November 1, 2026

10:00 AM

In-Person & Online Services

“Call the Roll”



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	*"Soon-a Will Be Done"*	traditional
++Gathering Hymn	*"I'll Be Somewhere Listening for My Name"*	560 AAHH
Morning Prayer		Ruth Scarbrough
Prayer Response	*"Be Still, My Soul"*	135 AAHH
The Anthem	*"O Divine Redeemer"*	Charles Gounod arr. A.F.M. Custance Adrienne Neal-Harris soprano (***soloist)***
Scripture Reading	*Acts 7: 54-57* *Psalm 90*	Tawana Jackson
Sermonic Selection	*"When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder"*	James Black/arr. Dick Bolks
All Saints' Day Recognition		Michelle Carter
Sermon	***"Call the Roll"***	Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, II
++Invitation to Discipleship	*"I Need You to Survive"*	Hezekiah Walker
Holy Communion		Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, II
Invitation to Give		
Offertory Selection	*"In Bright Mansion Above"*	traditional spiritual arr. by Roland Carter
++Sending Hymn	*"For All the Saints"*	711 UMH ***(verses 1, 4 & 6)***
++ Benediction		Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, II
Postlude	*"We Shall Behold Him"*	Dottie Rambo

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister of Music/Organist	Everett Williams, Jr.
Music	Everett Williams, Jr., The Asbury Ensemble
Liturgists	Ruth Scarbrough, Tawana Jackson, Robert Corbitt/Darryl Wyles
Trustee On Duty	James Gary

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.



Asbury's Week At A Glance

Sunday, November 1, 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, November 2, 2026

3:00 PM — **Asburyan Deadline**

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

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

Wednesday, November 4, 2026

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

Thursday, November 5, 2026

Friday, November 6, 2026

Saturday, November 7, 2026



From The Senior Pastor's Desk | November **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.***

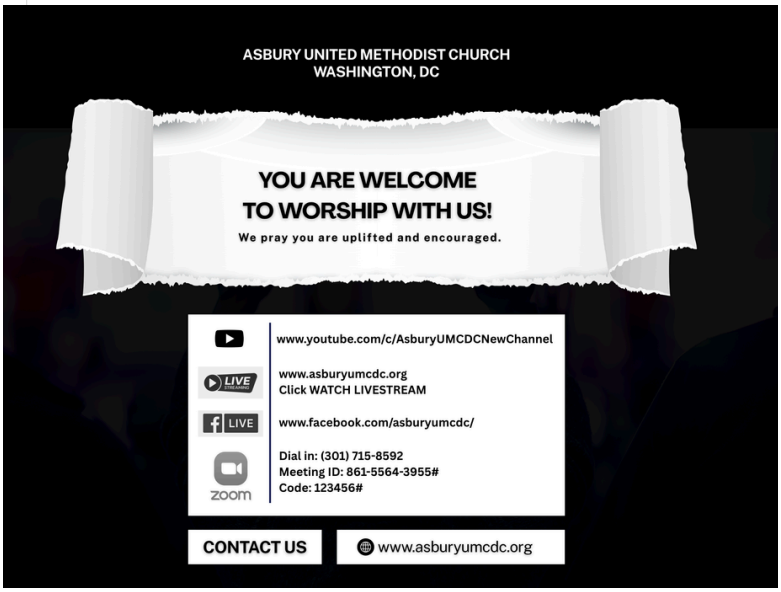
Years matter!

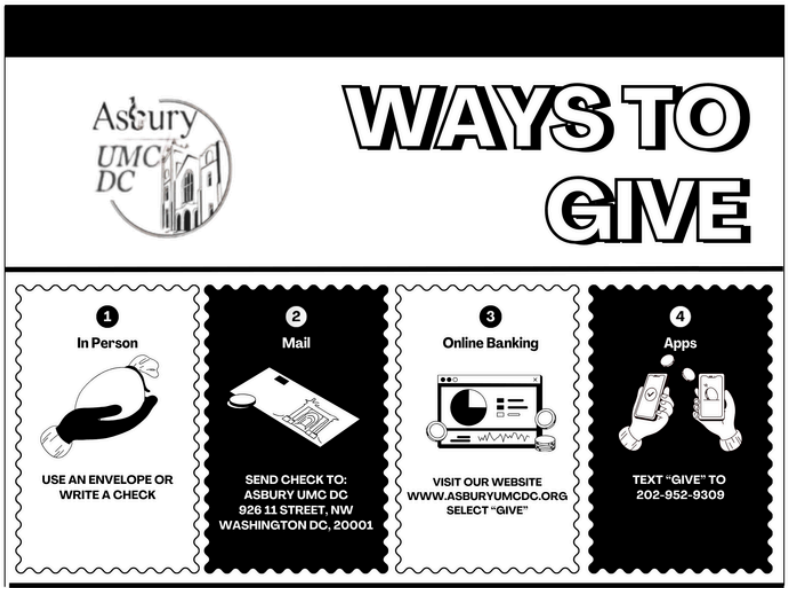
So, for Asbury to begin its 190th year this month—190 years of faithful, prophetic ministry and leadership—***IT MATTERS!***

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





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.**

Lighthouse
CONGREGATION

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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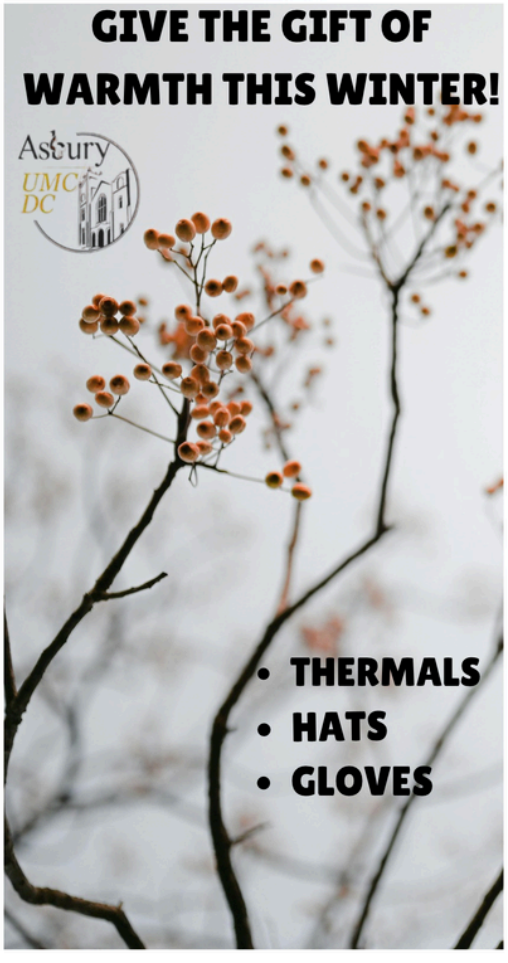
Expression of Gratitude

Melvin Allen and his family wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to the congregation for the overwhelming expressions of sympathy, prayers, and kindness shown during the recent passing of his beloved sister,

Beatrice A. Bennett

Your comforting words, cards, and thoughtful gestures have brought immense peace and strength to the family during this difficult time.

With deep appreciation and blessings,
Melvin Allen



Let's Work Together To Help
Keep Our Neighbors Warm this Winter!

Faithful support from our Asbury Family sustains our Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) Outreach Ministry. Throughout the year, we are blessed to share a warm breakfast, toiletries, underclothes, and socks on 4th Sundays.

Also, this year, we would like to give thermals, hats, and gloves to our neighbors, and we need the support of our Asbury Family. Members of our N2N Team will be in the Narthex after worship service every Sunday through November.

Checks or cash will be accepted. Checks should be made payable to Asbury UMC, with a note on the memo line, "N2N Winter Items." Our goal is to begin giving the thermals, hats, and gloves to our neighbors on the 4th Sunday in November.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support,
Jeanarta McEachron
Thank you!

FELLOWSHIP HALL



Asbury UMC DC

CHURCH CONFERENCE

AFTER 10 AM SERVIC

July 17 SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2026

PLEASE ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S MEETING.
HEAR ABOUT OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS YEAR.

COMPLETE CHURCH BUSINESS REQUIRING YOUR VOTE,
AND SET GOALS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR.

Article about Rev. Irene Pierce in BWC E-Connection

Called to serve

Rev. Irene Pierce turns 100

Posted onOct18,2026

By Erik Alsgaard

Photos courtesy of Adelle Banks



The Rev. Irene Pierce may be one of the oldest United Methodist clergywomen alive.

She began attending then-Asbury Methodist Church in the 1940s and joined the church in 1953. If you do the math, that's 73 years ago. Today, after turning 100 this past August 28, Pierce was honored at two celebrations, one at her church and one with her family.

In her years of service, Pierce not only retired as a federal government employee, but served her local, regional, and general church in almost too...

Read the entire article at:
https://myemail.constantcontact.com/e-connection-10-19-2026.html?soid=1116130639892&aid=0C3ms61VnHE

🗓️November 5, 2026
⏰10:00AM - 3:00 PM
📍Oxford Properties
1101 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC





Let’s support our next-door neighbor.
Your donation can save up to three (3) lives...

BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW

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ANGEL TREE IS BACK 2026

CELEBRATING 33 YEARS OF SERVICE TO CHILDREN

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ASBURY FAMILY AND FRIENDS,
THE ANGEL TREE COMMITTEE IS BUSY PLANNING TO BRING CHRISTMAS CHEER TO CHILDREN. EACH YEAR, BECAUSE OF YOUR ENDLESS SUPPORT, THE PROGRAM IS SUCCESSFUL IN BRINGING HOLIDAY HAPPINESS, EXCITEMENT, AND JOY TO ANGEL TREE FAMILIES.

CURRENTLY, PRISON FELLOWSHIP HAS SENT THE NAMES OF APPROXIMATELY 30 CHILDREN ALONG WITH THEIR GUARDIANS. WE PLAN TO SERVICE 40 OR MORE CHILDREN.

ON DECEMBER 12, COMMITTEE-MEMBER "ELVES" WILL FILL THE SLEIGH AND DELIVER GIFT CARDS AND STOCKINGS FILLED WITH MISCELLANEOUS "GOODIES" TO THE CHILDREN.
TO HELP FINANCE OUR EFFORTS,

WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU MAKE A $40.00 DONATION (OR ANY AMOUNT YOU ARE ABLE TO GIVE) BY NOVEMBER 15, 2026.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (WRITE ANGEL TREE ON THE MEMO LINE) AND EITHER GIVE YOUR DONATION OR MAIL IT TO:

MRS. DELORIS DEMPSEY
815 DECATUR STREET NE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20017

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION,
CONTACT THE ANGEL TREE COORDINATORS:
CHRISTINE C. MCDANIEL AT (301) 420- 2540 OR
CLAUDIA THOMPSON AT (301) 261-5822.

YOURS IN CHRIST,
CHRISTINE MCDANIEL AND CLAUDIA THOMPSON
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IGNITE

Youth Weekend Retreat

Asbury UMC DC Youth Ministry

AsburyUMDC.org

2027 THEME —
"God's call is Personal, Powerful, and Purposeful"



JANUARY 22–24, 2027
Ocean City, Maryland

IGNITE for the Youth — A holistic, transformative experience for young people that includes fellowship, worship, learning, and service components.

Please RSVP by 5 December to ensure tickets and rooms are secured by contacting the below:

Sarita Copeland (202) 302-9632
Chance Humbard (301) 751-7178
saritamsing13@gmail.com
chance.a.humbard@gmail.com

https://www.igniteforyouth.com

Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration

Asbury UMC DC Youth Ministry

AsburyUMCDC.org

NOVEMBER 28, 2026 / 5PM - 7PM
THE PARK AT CITY CENTER

Join our Young Adults, Youth, and Children's **Ministries** as we bring in the Holiday Season in our community.

- Live Performances
- Face Paintings
- Balloon Artists
- Holiday Treats
- and more!

RSVP with Ms. Vanessa Williford:
(202) 628-0010
williford_v@hotmail.com

FOURTH ANNUAL YOUTH MINISTRY

FOOD PANTRY

Community Thanksgiving Bags

9AM - 12PM | 21 NOVEMBER 2026

Asbury UMC DC Youth Ministry

AsburyUMCDC.org

JOIN OUR MINISTRIES AS WE SERVE THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND EARN SOME COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS



A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be (Proverbs

RSVP with Sarita or Chance
Sarita: (202) 302-9632 | Chance: (301) 751-1178
926 11th St NW, Washington, DC 20001

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

NATIONAL MOTTEP

Gala

Celebrating the 35th Anniversary of National MOTTEP, the 30th Anniversary of National Minority Donor Awareness Day and Dr. Clive O. Callender's 90th Birthday

NOVEMBER 14TH, 2026

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Marriott Bethesda Downtown
7707 Woodmont Ave, Bethesda, MD 20814

Attire: Semi-Formal

Scan the QR Code below to Register

Celebrate Thanksgiving and 190 Years of Asbury!

Asbury's Family and Children's Ministry is excited to continue its tradition of designing and decorating canvas bags for the Food Pantry's annual Thanksgiving distribution.

This year, the children's creative artwork will be joined by a special tribute to Asbury's 190th Anniversary!

Want to take home a special keepsake while supporting this meaningful ministry? A limited number of bags, with or without the children's artwork, will be available for purchase following the Food Pantry's distribution in mid-November.

For more information, please contact Vanessa Williford at williford_v@hotmail.com.

special keepsake tote bag



www.asburyumcdc.org

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!



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.

ASBURY MAIN OFFICE|202-628-0009|
asburymail@asburyumcdc.org

By Drs. Clive and Ealena Callender



Simple ways to help prevent stroke

Each year, about 800,000 people in the US suffer a stroke. A stroke occurs when something stops blood flow to part of the brain. Without a blood supply, brain cells die from lack of oxygen. Stroke survivors may experience physical or intellectual effects that can lead to severe disability.

The best way to prevent a stroke is to maintain a healthy lifestyle by exercising regularly, eating a well-rounded diet and managing any chronic health conditions you may have. Here are some simple ways to help prevent stroke and improve your overall health.

Pick up the pace. Regularly walking at a brisk pace – over 3 mph – is linked to a lower risk of stroke. Adding about 20 steps per minute is enough to make a difference.

Tighten your grip. Individuals with weak hand strength are more likely to have a stroke. Work with a physical or occupational therapist to strengthen your grip with exercises such as squeezing tennis balls or putty.

Test the waters. Higher waist circumference is linked to higher stroke risk. Water aerobics two to three times a week for 10 weeks or more can reduce waist circumference enough to reduce your risk.

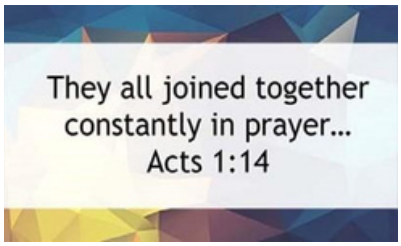
Floss daily. Because gum disease is linked to higher stroke risk, flossing daily protects more than your teeth and gums. A recent study found flossing was linked to a 23 percent lower risk of ischemic stroke, the type caused by a blood clot interrupting blood flow to the brain.

Sleep soundly. If you snore, get checked for sleep apnea, a condition that causes you to stop breathing while asleep. Sleep apnea increases your chance of having high blood pressure and irregular heart rhythms – both of which make stroke more likely. Treatment may include a device to wear while you sleep. Exercise, weight loss and decreased alcohol intake may also help.

Ask about A-Fib. Atrial fibrillation, or A-fib, is an irregular heart rhythm that is a leading cause of stroke. Symptoms include fatigue, heart palpitations, trouble breathing and dizziness. Without treatment, A-fib makes stroke five times more likely. Proper treatment can dramatically lower the risk.

Many health conditions that increase the likelihood of stroke develop slowly over time and may not cause noticeable symptoms. So it is important to see your doctor at least once a year (or as often as they suggest). Your doctor will help you manage any warning signs before they increase your risk of a stroke later on.

Follow your doctor's instructions to manage your chronic illnesses and take your medications as directed. Monitor your cholesterol and blood sugar and keep them as close to normal as possible. For an overall healthy lifestyle, experts recommend meditation and regular exercise, at least 30 minutes daily, five days a week. A high-fiber, plant-based diet with limited fried foods and meat also offers significant health benefits.



ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Care and Concern List

November 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

MARYLAND RESIDENCE

- Lina Reynolds
- Andrewlette Thompson

MARYLAND NURSING HOMES, HOSPITALS & ASSISTED LIVING

- Barbara Collins, Grand Oaks Assisted Living, 5901 MacArthur Blvd NW, Apt #402, Washington, DC 20016
- 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

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 NOVEMBER 1, 2026	HEBREWS 12: 1-3
MONDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2026	PSALM 139: 19-24
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2026	RUTH 2: 1-16
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2026	EXODUS 2: 23-25
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2026	MATTHEW 6: 25-34
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2026	PHILLIPIANS 4: 6-7
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2026	LUKE 15: 3-7



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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