Asbury
United Methodist Church | Washington, DC

Loving, Serving, and Transforming Lives!

November 8, 2026

10:00 AM

In-Person & Online Services

TWENTY FOURTH 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	*"You Alone Deserve My Praise"*	P. Carter
++Gathering Hymn	*"How Firm a Foundation"*	146 AAHH
Morning Prayer		Bernice Harleston
Prayer Response	*"Jesus, We're Depending On You"*	P. Bady
Scripture Reading	*Psalm 78:1-7;* Matthew 25:1-13	Frances Neal
Sermonic Selection	*"This House of the Lord"*	M. Williams
Sermon		Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman
++Invitation to Discipleship	*"I Need You to Survive"*	Hezekiah Walker
Invitation to Give		Robert Corbitt, Darryl Wyles
Offertory Selection	*"I Am Blessed"*	P. Gray Sharleen Kavetski ***(soloist)***
++Sending Hymn	*"Jesus Is A Rock in a Weary Land"*	222 AAHH
++ Benediction		Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, II
Postlude	*"'Tis the Ol' Ship of Zion"*	Negro Spiritual

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister of Music/Organist	Everett Williams, Jr.
Director/Pianist	Stephen Key
Music	Everett Williams, Jr., The Asbury Ensemble
Liturgists	Bernice Harleston, Frances Neal, Robert Corbitt, Darryl Wyles
Trustee On Duty	Beverly Allen

Asbury's Week At A Glance

Sunday, November 8, 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 9, 2026

3:00 PM — **Asburyan Deadline**

Tuesday, November 10, 2026

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

Wednesday, November 11, 2026

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

Thursday, November 12, 2026

Friday, November 13, 2026

Saturday, November 14, 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.***

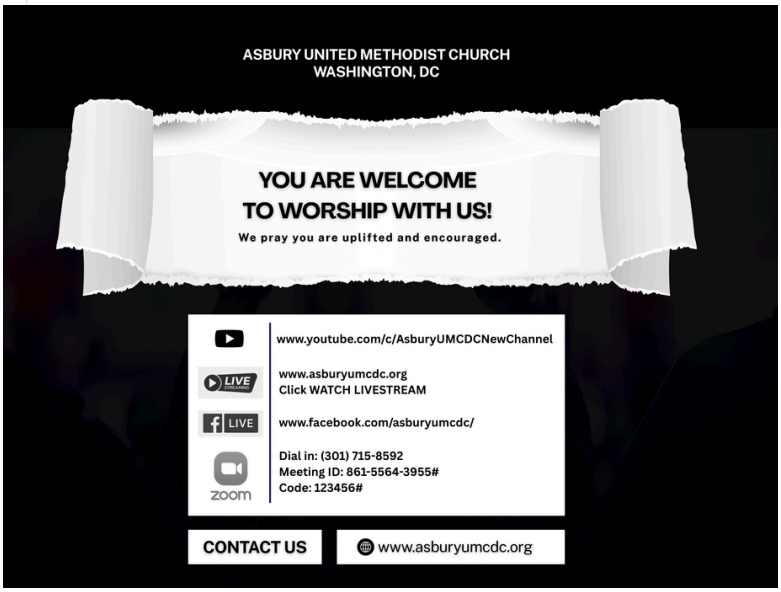
Years matter!

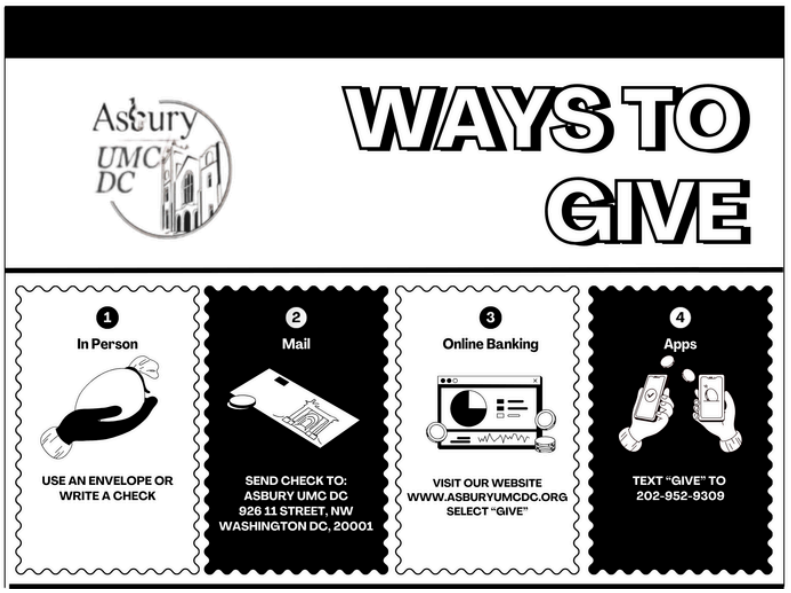
So, for Asbury to begin its 190th year this month—190 years of faithful, prophetic ministry and leadership—***IT MATTERS!***

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

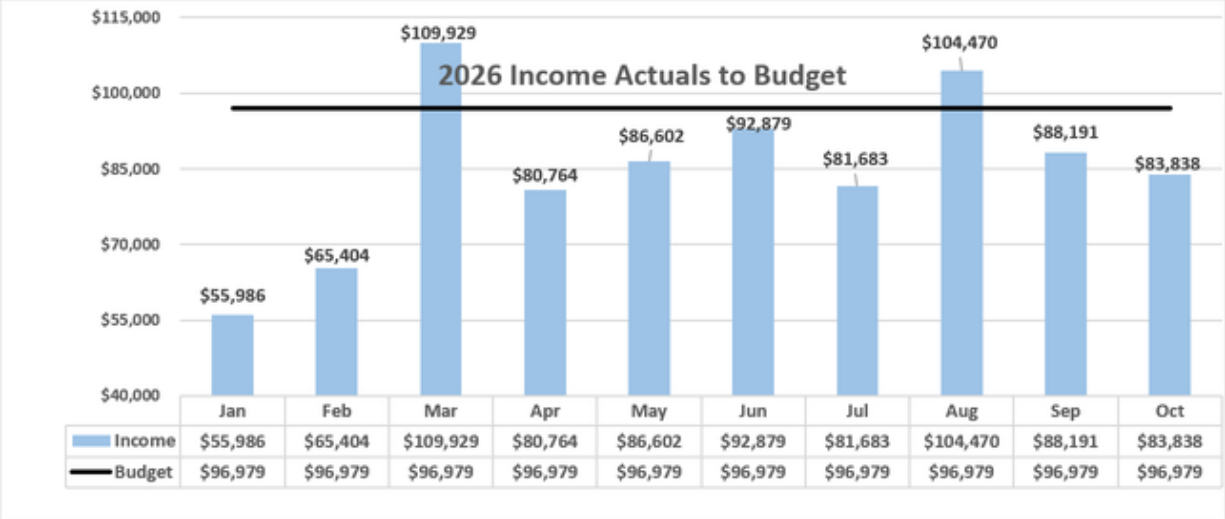
Monday to Thursday	8:00 AM — 3:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM — 1:00 PM [Office Closed]

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The Stewardship of Giving



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Income	$55,986	$65,404	$109,929	$80,764	$86,602	$92,879	$81,683	$104,470	$88,191	$83,838
Budget	$96,979	$96,979	$96,979	$96,979	$96,979	$96,979	$96,979	$96,979	$96,979	$96,979

Faithful Today, Impactful Forever – "Our Future - Paying into Our Past"

Celebrating 190 years of ministry!

Grace and Peace to you,

THANK YOU for your ongoing generosity and faithfulness. For 190 years, God has used Asbury to serve our community and transform lives – the Church in action. Your giving is an act of worship. Your offering is a declaration that you believe in this mission, in this community and in the God who multiplies what we release with open hands.

During November, we will be announcing the Fall Giving Campaign that will guide our giving through the end of the year. The campaign theme aligns to and pulls forward, Pastor's Bell's vision of Rebuild, Reconnect, Reintroduce. Let's continue to Love, Serve, and Transform lives.

Faithful today - Impactful forever.

/s//s/

Robert J. Corbitt, Jr.Darryl Wyles

Chairperson Committee on FinanceStewardship Chairperson

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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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.

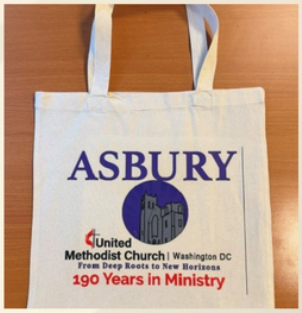
This year, the children's creative artwork will be joined by a special tribute to Asbury's 190th Anniversary!

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.

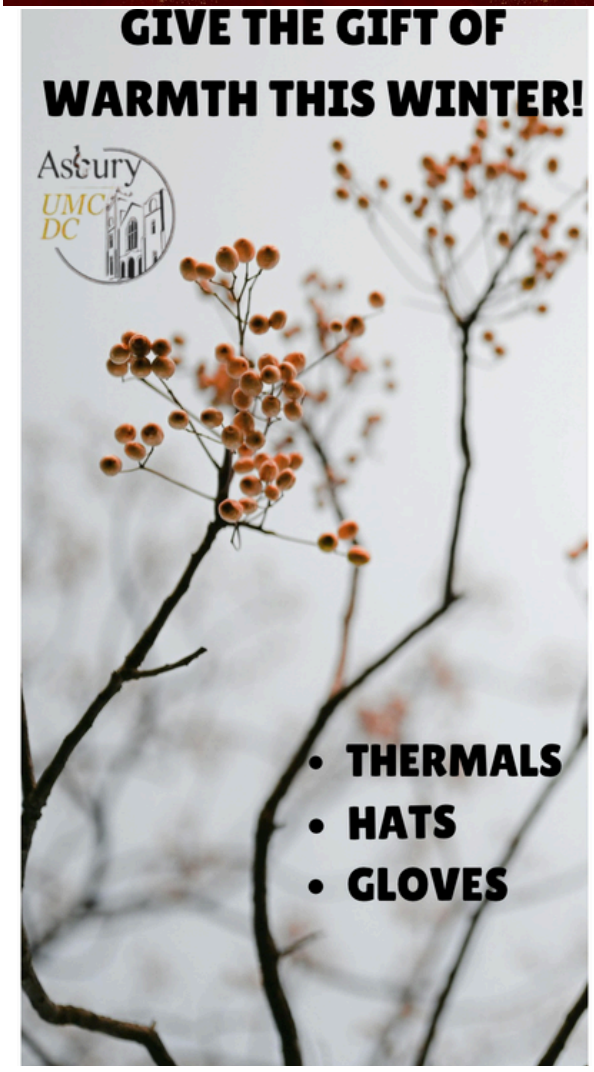
November 15 during worship service, we will be blessing the bags painted by the children of Asbury, Thompson Elementary and the community.

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

special keepsake tote bag



www.asburyumcdc.org



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!

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 8, 2026	LAMENTATIONS 3: 19-33
MONDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2026	MATTHEW 6: 7-14
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2026	EPHESIANS 4: 25-32
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2026	LUKE 22: 39-46
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2026	ISAIAH 43: 1-7
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2026	1 CORINTHIANS 13: 1-13
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2026	ISAIAH 60: 19-21



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Tawana C. Jackson, Stephen Minister
Monica McEaddy & Patrick Wilkerson, Lay Leaders
Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman, District Superintendent
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