Asbury
United Methodist Church | Washington, DC

Loving, Serving, and Transforming Lives!

November 15, 2026

10:00 AM

In-Person & Online Services

TWENTY FIFTH 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.

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†† – *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	*"This Is the Day"*	Les Garrett arr. Stephen Key
++Gathering Hymn	*"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"*	464 AAHH
Morning Prayer		Ann Price
Prayer Response	*"Somebody Prayed for Me"*	505 AAHH
Scripture Reading	*Psalm 123 & 2 Samuel 9:1-13*	Brenda Reid-Sanders
Sermonic Selection	*"He's God"*	Edwin Hawkins
Sermon	***"Not Forgotten"***	Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, II
++Invitation to Discipleship	*"You Are My King" (Amazing Love)*	Billy J. Foote
Litany for Blessing of the Bags		Patrice Blackman

LEADER:
We present these reusable bags, symbols of our care for God's people and stewardship of God's creation, to be dedicated to the glory of Almighty God and for service through our food pantry.

PEOPLE:
We offer them in love, that they may carry more than food - may they carry hope, dignity and grace.

LEADER:
Gracious God, you supply us with every good gift, and you call us to open our hands to our neighbors.

PEOPLE:
Accept the gifts of our hands as symbol of our dedication.

LEADER:
We dedicate these bags to the vital work of feeding the hungry. May every handle held be a reminder of your holding presence. May every bag filled be a testament to your overflowing abundance.

PEOPLE:
Bless those who receive them, those who pack them and those who carry them home.

LEADER:
Grant that these simple tools of service may become vessels of your Holy Spirit.

Litany for Blessing of the Bags Cont.

ALL: Consecrate these gifts to your glory, and consecrate our lives to your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***AMEN.***

Blessing & Dedication of Reusable Food Pantry Bags		Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, II
Invitation to Give		Ann Price
Offertory Selection	*"I Woke Up this Morning"*	Sylstea Sledge Dawn Robinson ***(soloist)***
++Sending Hymn	*"Siyahamba" (We Are Marching)*	164 AAHH
++Benediction		Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, II
Postlude	*"I Don't Feel No Ways Tired"*	Curtis Burrell

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister of Music/Organist	Everett Williams, Jr.
Music	Everett Williams, Jr., The Asbury Ensemble
Liturgists	Ann Price, Partrice Blackman Brenda Reid-Sanders
Trustee On Duty	Ron Anderson



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.***

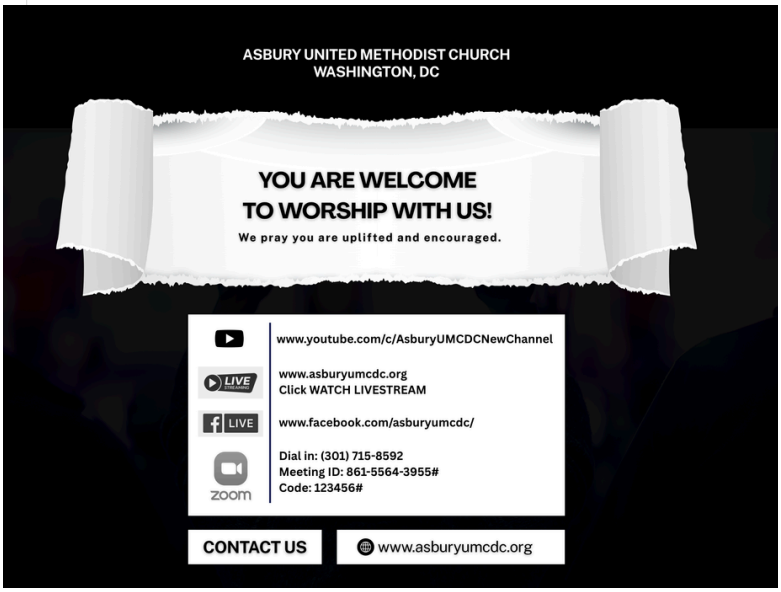
Years matter!

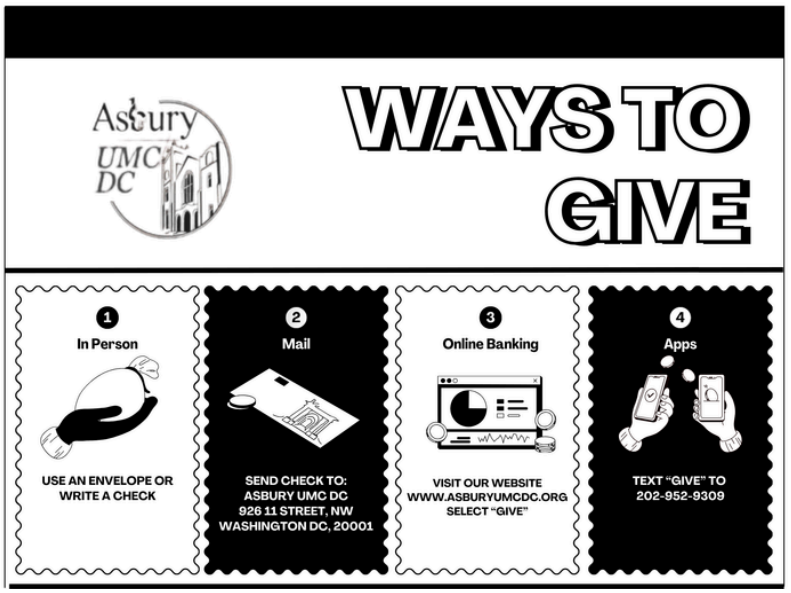
So, for Asbury to begin its 190th year this month—190 years of faithful, prophetic ministry and leadership—***IT MATTERS!***

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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HTTPS://WWW.ASBURYUMCDC.ORG/

HTTP://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/@ASBURYUMCDCNEWCHANNEL

ADVENT STUDY 2026

Hallelujah!

An Advent Devotional on Handel's Messiah

Facilitated by Carol Travis

FOUR WEDNESDAYS IN DECEMBER
December 2, 9, 16 & 23
8:00 a.m. on Zoom

Free digital devotional

Designed for individual or group study

Join the Wednesday class	Contact Carol to sign up and get the Zoom link.
Study on your own	Ask Carol for the free downloadable materials.
Lead a class at another time	Request a copy from Carol for your group.

CONTACT CAROL TRAVIS
carol6303@aol.com

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

F.R.A.N. PLAN SUNDAY

BRING SOMEONE TO CHURCH ON

November 22, 2026



Invite friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors to view us on Facebook or YouTube.
Livestream, Link,
www.youtube.com/c/AsburyUMCDCNewChannel
www.facebook.com/asburyumcdc/

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



RSVP with Sarita or Chance

Sarita: (202) 302-9632 | Chance: (301) 751-1178

926 11th St NW, Washington, DC 20001

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

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

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



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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