Asbury
United Methodist Church | Washington, DC

Loving, Serving, and Transforming Lives!

November 29 2026

10:00 AM

In-Person & Online Services

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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	*"My Lord! What a Morning"*	Negro Spiritual
++Gathering Hymn	*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel "*	211 UMH
Lighting of the Advent Candles		Rev. Ronald Bell, II & Family
Morning Prayer		Carol Travis
Prayer Response	*"More Love to Thee, O Christ"*	453 UMH
Scripture Readings	*Numbers 24:17 & Luke 1:26-38*	Melvin Thomas
The Anthem	*"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*	French Carol//arr. Gustav Holst Brenda Reid Sanders soprano ***(soloist)***
Sermonic Selection	*"Soon and Very Soon"*	Andrae Crouch Denise Garrett ***(soloist)***
Sermon	***"Hope"***	Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, II
++Invitation to Discipleship	*"I just want to say Thank you Lord"*	Walter Hawkins
Invitation to Give		Carol Travis
Offertory Selection	*"While We Are Waiting, Come"*	Don Cason
++Sending Hymn	*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*	211 UMH
++ Benediction		Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, II
Postlude	*"There's Something About That Name"*	William Gaither

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister of Music/Organist	Everett Williams, Jr.
Music	Everett Williams, Jr., The Asbury Ensemble
Liturgists	Carol Travis, Melvin Thomas
Trustee On Duty	Rene Carter

Asbury's Week At A Glance

Sunday, November 29, 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 30, 2026

3:00 PM — **Asburyan Deadline**

Tuesday, December 1, 2026

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

Wednesday, December 2, 2026

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

Thursday, December 3, 2026

Friday, December 4, 2026

Saturday, December 5, 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.***

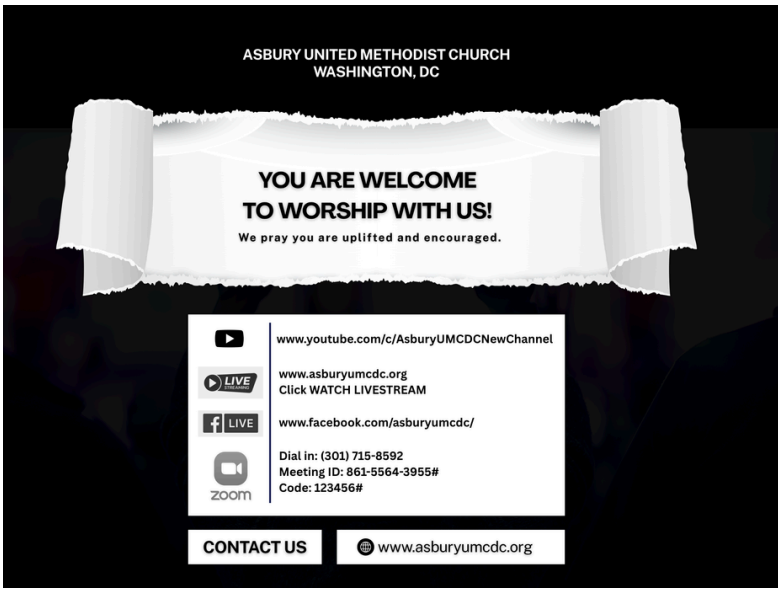
Years matter!

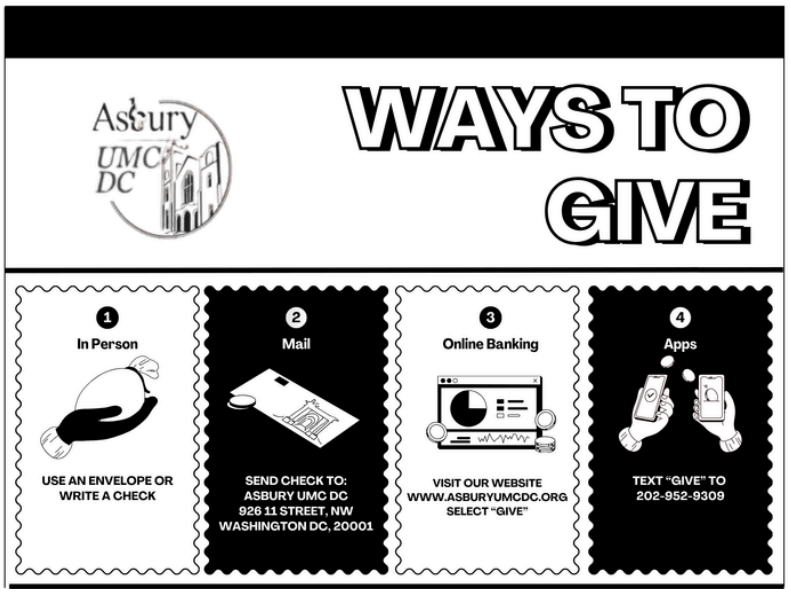
So, for Asbury to begin its 190th year this month—190 years of faithful, prophetic ministry and leadership—***IT MATTERS!***

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]

HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ASBURYUMCDC/

HTTPS://WWW.ASBURYUMCDC.ORG/

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

POINSETTIA ORDERS
2026

Orders are now being accepted for poinsettias to be placed in the sanctuary for the Christmas season on December 20, 2026.

Orders may be placed with:

Pat Crudup: pacrudup@gmail.com; (202) 215-9622
Judith Roberts: judy823@aol.com; (202) 528-2889

Please note, the order form is inserted in the Asbury bulletin. The cost is $20.00 per poinsettia.

Checks may be made payable to Asbury UMC, with "Poinsettia" noted on the memo line.

The deadline for placing orders is Sunday, December 13, 2026.

www.reallygreatsite.com

Continuing the Celebration
190 Years of Asbury!

Take home a keepsake tote bag to commemorate Asbury's 190th Anniversary.

A lmited number of bags with artwork from in house and community artists will be featured on the back of the bags. These keepsakes will be available for a donation of at least $30.

The tote bags will be available **December 20, 2026,** after worship service in the fellowship hall. All proceeds will be given to Asbury's Food Pantry.

Featured Artists:

- **Dr. Eboni Bell**
- **Mr. Marshall Childs**
- **Ms. Grace Hines**
- **Ms. Mary Jackson**
- **Ms. Marilyn Thorton**

special keepsake tote bag



www.asburyumcdc.org

LIVE NATIVITY SCENE
A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



PETTING OF ANIMALS AFTERWARDS
ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
926 11TH STREET NW,
WASHINGTON, DC

CORNER OF 11TH AND K STREET NW – ON THE LAWN

Contact: Ms. Vanessa
williford_v@hotmail.com

Saturday December 19, 2026
6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

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
saritamsingl3@gmail.com
chance.a.humbard@gmail.com

https://www.igniteforyouth.com

- BIG - DREAMS BRIGHT KIDS



STRONG KIDS BRIGHTER TOMORROW

THE WIZ KIDS

Alejandra & Victoria Singh
are now part of the Washington Wizards Youth Dance Team and will be performing at the following Home Games:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2026
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2026
FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2027
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2027
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2027
SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2027
SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2027

JOIN THE YOUTH MINISTRY!
LET'S SHOW UP & SHOW OUR SUPPORT ON:
SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2027

For more information contact the Youth Ministry:
Sarita Copeland: (202) 302-9632; saritamsingh13@gmail
Chance Humabrd: 301 751-7178; chance.a.humbard@gmail.com

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

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 29, 2026	ISAIAH 9: 6-7
MONDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2026	ROMANS 12: 17-21
TUESDAY DECEMBER 1, 2026	JOHN 15: 9-14
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2, 2026	ISAIAH 56: 3-8
THURSDAY DECEMBER 3, 2026	PSALM 119: 105-112
FRIDAY DECEMBER 4, 2026	JOHN 13: 12-17
SATURDAY DECEMBER 5, 2026	PSALM 46: 7-11

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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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