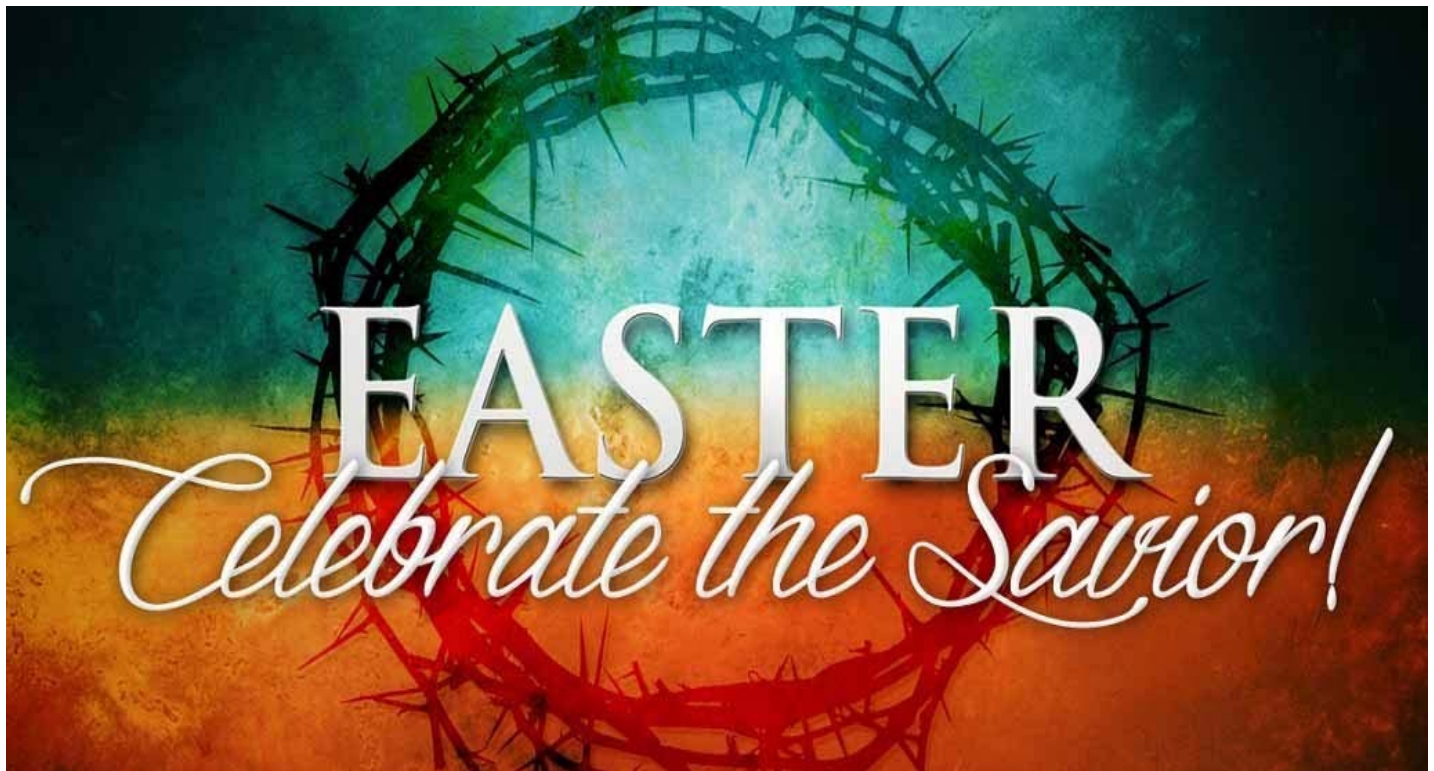


**ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**LOVING...SERVING...TRANSFORMING LIVES**  
**APRIL 16, 2017 ~ 8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM WORSHIP**



**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 all are created in the image of God. We believe God loves everyone and through Christ saves-revives-renews the world. We believe God through the Holy Spirit changes lives. We believe the church is the body of Christ with a mission. We believe the Bible is the word of God. We believe that God has gifted everyone and the church for the purposes of God. We believe discipleship is a continuing journey.

# ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## EASTER SUNDAY

### 8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM WORSHIP

† = Those who are able may stand AAHH = African American Heritage Hymnal - Yellow Hymnal UMH = United Methodist Hymnal - Red Hymnal

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*Please use this time for prayer and meditation as we prepare for worship.*

#### PRELUDE

8:30 am—*My Lord, What a Morning...arr. Shackley*

10:30 am—*My Jesus, I Love Thee...Gordon*

#### ††INTROIT

*Majesty...Hayford/Innes*

### THE CHURCH GATHERS

#### ††CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People: Christ is risen, indeed!**

Leader: Open the gates of justice and righteousness, that we may give thanks to God.

**People: Today we enter the gates of the Holy One as the body of Christ.**

Leader: We are called to do justice and love kindness.

**People: Today is the day of celebration and promise.**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People: Christ is risen, indeed!**

#### ††PROCESSIONAL

10:30 am—*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (302 UMH, verses 1-4)*

#### WELCOME AND WORDS OF HOSPITALITY

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Koinonia (579 AAHH)*

▶▶▶▶▶▶ (Congregants may now enter the Sanctuary)

#### ††HYMN OF PRAISE

8:30 am—*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (302 UMH, verses 1-4)*

10:30 am—*Up from the Grave He Arose (322 UMH)*

#### OPENING PRAYER

God of mystery, God of wonder and love, God of resurrection and new life; last night we wept, because we thought you were dead. This morning, like Mary in the garden, we mistake you for someone else, and ask where you have gone. But you have wakened us with sunshine, opening our eyes to daffodils and cherry blossoms, filling our ears with birdsong, filling our hearts with joy. For you are not dead, but risen, and live among us now. Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

▶▶▶▶▶▶ (Congregants may now enter the Sanctuary)

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** 10:30 am—Sunday School  
**LITURGICAL DANCE** 10:30 am—Takia Gadsden  
**THE ANTHEM** *Behold the Lamb...Rambo/Clydesdale*  
**CALL TO PRAYER** 10:30 am—*Just a Little Talk with Jesus...C. Derricks*  
**MORNING PRAYER**  
**PRAYER RESPONSE** *Alleluia (186 UMH)*

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** John 20:1-18 (NT—Pages 114-115)

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**†HYMN OF PREPARATION** *He Arose (280 AAHH)*

**SERMON** “Risen for a Reason”  
Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills, Senior Pastor

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

**†HYMN OF INVITATION** *Because He Lives (281 AAHH)*

*Worshippers are invited to pray at the altar in private or signal to an Intercessory Prayer member to pray with you. Also at this time, you may come down to join Asbury in Christian Fellowship.*

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *The Old Rugged Cross...Bennard  
Larry Boggs, Jr., Soloist*

**†OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

## WE SCATTER TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**HYMN OF RECESSION**

8:30 am—*He Lives (310 UMH)*

10:30 am—*I'm Gonna Rise...Burleigh  
Phillip Collins & Joette Nelson, Soloists*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

8:30 am—*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart...Kim*

10:30 am—*We Shall Behold Him...Rambo*

The congregation is asked to remain seated for the closing voluntary.

All lilies are scheduled for pick-up after the 10:30 am worship service.

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

**Minister of Music & Liturgical Arts and Asbury Combined Choir Director:** Everett Williams, Jr.

**Organist:** Earl Hargrove (8:30 am)

**Music:** Asbury Combined Choir, Kevin Bradley, Percussionist & Larry Boggs, Jr., Soloist (Both services)  
Phillip Collins & Joette Nelson, Soloists (10:30 am)

**Children's Message:** Sunday School (10:30 am)

**Liturgical Dancer:** Takia Gadsden (10:30 am)

**Liturgist:** Ruth Scarbrough (Both services)

**Ushers:** Men

**Greeters:** Marian Tatum-Webb, Michelle Tatum & Terri Thompson (8:30 am)

Jeanarta McEachron, Judith Roberts & Frankye Warren (10:30 am)

**Acolytes:** Moses Boyd (8:30 am)

Jazmine Scott (10:30 am)

**Trustees on Duty:** James Anderson (8:30 am)

Michelle Jefferson Atkins (10:30 am)

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## Asbury's Week At-A-Glance

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### Sunday, April 16, 2017

7:30 am—Valet Parking  
8:30 am & 10:30 am—Worship, Sanctuary  
9:30 am—Adult Sunday School, 1-9  
9:30 am—Children's Sunday School, 2-8/2-9  
9:30 am—Youth Sunday School, 1-11  
9:30 am—Coffee with Pastors, G-1  
6:00 pm—The Bridge Worship Service, G-1

### Monday, April 17, 2017

**CLOSED—Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Ctr. & Church Office**  
**3:00 pm—Deadline: Asburian Bulletin & Ads**

### Tuesday, April 18, 2017

7:45 am—Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Ctr., G-1/OSH/1-11/ 1-12  
6:45 pm—Medical Mobile Unit Mtg., 1-9  
7:00 pm—Fitness & Cooking Class, G-1

### Wednesday, April 19, 2017

7:45 am—Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Ctr., G-1/OSH/1-11/ 1-12  
6:30 pm—Finance Committee Mtg., 1-11/1-12

### Thursday, April 20, 2017

7:45 am—Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Ctr., G-1/OSH/1-11/ 1-12  
12:15 pm—Faith & Politics Study, Kabob House  
6:30 pm—Trustee Board Mtg., 1-8  
6:45 pm—Asbury Federal Credit Union Board Mtg., Off-site  
7:00 pm—The Bridge Band Practice, G-1

### Friday, April 21, 2017

7:45 am—Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Ctr., G-1/OSH/1-11/ 1-12

### Saturday, April 22, 2017

10:00 am—Asbury Handbell Choir Rehearsal, G-13  
11:00 am—Pre-set Toiletries/Undergarment Distribution, Library  
11:00 am—Wesleyan Choir Rehearsal, OSH  
11:30 am—Food Pantry, G-4  
12:30 pm—Asbury UMM Monthly Mtg., G-1  
12:30 pm—Male Chorus Rehearsal, OSH  
2:00 pm—Higher Praise Gospel Chorale Rehearsal, OSH



ALL ARE WELCOME—9:30-10:30 AM

Adults—Rooms 1-9 & 1-12  
Children (up to 4th grade)—Rooms 2-8 & 2-9  
Youth (up to 12th grade)—Room 1-11

### From the Senior Pastor's Desk April 2017

**Word for the Month:** FORGIVE

**Scripture of the Month:** Luke 17:1-10

**Thought for the Month:** Only through the process of forgiveness can we free ourselves of the endless and unyielding cycle of pain and retribution.

**Emphasis for the Month:** Christian Living

**Pastor's Book of the Month:** *The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World* by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu



Join the Bridge every Sunday  
in Fellowship Hall.

WORSHIP  
APRIL 16, 6 PM

“RESURRECTION OF CHRIST”  
MIN. MATTHEW WILKE  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP PASTOR

"Join us this April as we journey with Min. Wilke through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ in the Bible. Together we will ask important questions about Christ's journey and what it means for all of us who choose to follow him."

Child care and street parking



WATCH WORSHIP SERVICES ONLINE  
Go to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for

**ASBURY UMC LIVE STREAM**

Watch the traditional and contemporary services live on Sunday or replay them another time!

## ASBURY FINANCE UPDATE

As of March 31, 2017

**Budget — \$296,595**

**ACTUAL — \$281,896**

**Shortfall — (\$14,699)**



## ASBURY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Please be mindful of your accounts. If you have not made a deposit, please do so.

We have loans from \$500 to \$5,000 available to our members. Payable back in 3-36 months. Please check in at the table in G-1 for more information.

*Mark your calendar for these upcoming events*

Asbury FCU Members Only Meeting  
**Sunday, April 23, After 10:30 am worship**  
Rms. 2-8/2-9

Asbury FCU Annual Meeting  
**Sunday, May 7, 1-3 pm**  
Rms. 2-8/2-9

Finally, we still have seats available for the trip to Lancaster, PA to see “Jonah” at the beautiful Sight and Sound Theatre on **Friday, June 16**. Remaining tickets are first come, first serve!





## Forgiven Lenten Study

“The quality of human life on the planet is nothing more than the sum total of our daily interactions. Forgiveness is the way we mend tears in the social fabric. It is the way we stop our human community from unraveling. “

*Blessings to Those Who Walked The Path of Forgiveness!*

### **Sunday, 9:30 am**

Josephine Baker  
Adelle Banks  
Margaret Carter  
Kelvin Childs  
Daphney Gwynn  
Camille Harris  
Mary D. Harris  
Marva Marsh  
Monica McEaddy Johnson  
Carol Thompson-Cole  
Dorothea Watkins  
Joseph Yearwood, III  
*Facilitator: Vanessa Williford*

### **Sunday, 9:30 am**

Deana Banks Beane  
Laura Dunkley  
Claudette John  
Robert McDaniel  
Alston McGann  
William McNeil  
Min. Monica Mzezewa  
Nicholas Mzezewa  
*Facilitator: Sherman Harris*

### **Tuesday, 10:30 am**

Audrey Caldwell  
Doris Hall  
Gertrude Harris  
Gloria Hutchins  
Christine McDonald  
Gabriel Patrick  
Rhonda Pierce  
Elizabeth Saunders  
Josephine Stith  
Lorraine Thompson  
Catherine Waters  
*Facilitator: Rev. Irene Pierce*

### **Tuesday, 10:30 am**

Sleita Giles  
Sharleen Kavetski  
Sandra Kelly  
Sandra King-Shaw  
Mary Simmons  
Bernice Tillett  
Carol Travis  
*Facilitator: Rev. Albert Moser*



## Forgiven Lenten Study (continued)

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### **Tuesday, 7:00 pm**

Barbara Collins  
Phil Collins  
Martrice Green  
Donna Ladson  
Jonathan Ladson  
Jeanarta McEachron  
Brenda Reid-Saunders  
Lauren Semper-Scott  
*Facilitator: Jesse James*

### **Wednesday, 12:00 Noon**

Audrey Drake  
Tawana Jackson  
Frances Neal  
Herbert Preston  
Ruth Scarbrough  
James Wright  
*Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills*

### **Thursday, 7:00 pm**

Charlyn Bachemin  
Rene Carter  
Leatha Graham  
Halimo Hanssen  
Antonio Myers  
Joette Nelson  
Angela Pinder  
Randolph Scott  
Ingrid Simmons  
*Facilitators: Min. Veronica Allen  
Thelma Johnson*

### **Online Course**

Valerie Coleman  
Jacqueline Richardson  
Kisha Woolen  
Rosalind Young  
*Facilitator: Min. Scott Bostic*





## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP CLASSES

TUESDAYS, APRIL 25, 2017 TO JUNE 20, 2017

7:00-8:30 PM, ROOMS 1-11/1-12

**Objective:** To empower and to give hope to everyone about their finances from the financially distressed to the financially secure. **Financial Peace University** teaches financial stewardship – how to manage 100% of what God has given you.

The creator of **Financial Peace University** is Dave Ramsey. He is a personal money management expert, a businessman, a national radio personality and a best-selling author. Dave leads this biblically-based training series for adults. It integrates video lessons, class discussions, and small group activities. In nine sessions, he will teach you how to become debt free; to prepare for the future; and to create a budget or “cash flow plan” that actually works for you and your family.

*“The average family pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700 in the first 90 days.”*  
(Dave Ramsey)

### **Subjects covered in each lesson include:**

- Session #1 – Super Saving
- Session #2 – Relating With Money
- Session #3 – Cash Flow Planning
- Session #4 – Dumping Debt
- Session #5 – Buyer Beware
- Session #6 – The Role of Insurance
- Session #7 – Retirement and College Planning
- Session #8 – Real Estate and Mortgages
- Session #9 – The Great Misunderstanding

**Leader:** Darryl Wyles

### **Related websites:**

**What is Financial Peace University?** – <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu>

**Frequently Asked Questions** – <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/faq>

**Register for Asbury’s class** – <http://fpu.com/1030921>

**For more information contact:** Call Martrice Green at 202-397-3451 or e-mail her at [martrice69@verizon.net](mailto:martrice69@verizon.net).

Forgiveness frees the heart to pray.

-Roy Lessin, meetmeinthemeadow.com



Photo by Marina Bromley

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER—MAY 4

Prayer Matters! Prayer reflects our relationship with God and we pray because we love Jesus. It is a privilege to be able to come before the Throne of Grace, as 1 Timothy 2:1-2 (KJV, Nelson Study Bible) states "Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence." This reminds us that God is the ultimate Sovereign. He is in control, and our prayers affect decisions at the highest level. As believers, we do know from our own experiences that prayer does make a difference.

Each year the National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the United States Congress, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation." Since its inception, the president has signed a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day.

Prior to the National Day of Prayer on May 4, 2017, we urge you to make April a month of preparation and join the Prayer Ministry in praying and interceding for everyone.

*Prayer Ministry Team*



# STATE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, May 7

A meeting will be held after the 8:30 am and 10:30 am services. Please remain in the sanctuary for the meeting.

## ALBRIGHT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fourth & Rittenhouse Streets, NW  
Washington, DC 20011  
Rev. Gerald L. Elston, Sr., Pastor

Invites you to its Twenty-Ninth Annual Spring Concert  
to support Albright's Restoration Project



Scripture: Psalm 150 -- May 7, 2017 - 4:00 P.M.

**Concert Location:**  
Colesville United Methodist Church  
52 Randolph Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20904  
Host Pastor - Rev. Michael W. Armstrong  
(Parking in rear of church)

### FEATURING

Everett P. Williams, Renowned Organist/Pianist  
Director of Music and Liturgical Arts, Asbury UMC, Washington, DC

Evangelist Wanda Ross, Soloist  
Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church, Washington, DC

Heaven's Song  
Dupont Park Seventh Day Adventist Church, Washington, DC

Bryan Jackson, Baritone Soloist  
Director of Music at Saint Timothy's Catholic Church, Chantilly, VA

Sponsors and Ads are welcomed! For further information, please call  
Gertrude White, Chair, 301-656-9116

Rev. Dr. Sparkle Raymond, Mistress of Ceremonies  
New Destiny Baptist Church, Fredericksburg, VA



Donations  
are Greatly  
Appreciated!

**HOWARD UNIVERSITY MISSION TRIP**

Wesley Foundation at Howard University will be serving on a Mission trip to Honduras from May 18-29. On this mission, we will be teaching Vacation Bible School and doing light construction for our church site. Mission trips can be life changing for students, as it gives them a sense of purpose and provides them with an opportunity to think "globally and act locally." As we all know, obtaining a college education is very expensive and many of the students have trouble finding resources to finance their education. We are asking for financial donations to offset the cost for our students. If you feel inspired to support us on this Mission, you may make your check payable to:

The Baltimore Washington Conference  
c/o: Deb Trowbridge  
11711 East Market Place, Fulton, MD 20759  
*Memo: Honduras Mission Trip*

Please watch our video at:  
<https://youtu.be/H9axPTgl-tk>



**2017 STUDENT  
RECOGNITION CEREMONY  
Sunday, June 18  
(Father's Day)  
10:30 am Service**

Higher Education and Campus Ministry (HECM) is the official presence of The United Methodist Church on the college and university campuses of the world. We are called to share with our campuses the transformational nature of Christ in a way that raises up a new generation of thoughtful, articulate Christians who care about making the world a better place.

Asbury United Methodist Church will officially recognize the 2016-2017 accomplishments and aspirations of our students at Asbury's **2017 Recognition Ceremony Program**.

To be included in this year's program booklet, the HECM Committee needs to hear from you ASAP. We go to print 2nd week of May so don't delay, email your updated bio **today** to [vmdavies99@gmail.com](mailto:vmdavies99@gmail.com).

Students and parents, if you are unsure what information to provide HECM, please call or text Valentine Davies at 301-919-7357.







### DAILY WORD

**SUNDAY, APRIL 16**  
LUKE 24:1-12

**MONDAY, APRIL 17**  
ROMANS 8:28-39

**TUESDAY, APRIL 18**  
1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19**  
JOHN 17:20-26

**THURSDAY, APRIL 20**  
GENESIS 21:1-7

**FRIDAY, APRIL 21**  
LUKE 15:11-32

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22**  
PSALM 103:1-12

### 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. You may 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.

## Asbury United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills, Senior Pastor  
 Rev. Albert Moser, Associate Pastor  
 Rev. Alexis Brown, Howard University UM Chaplain  
 Min. Scott Bostic, Youth Pastor  
 Min. Matthew Wilke, Contemporary Worship Pastor  
 Bishop Forrest Stith, Retired Bishop in Residence  
 Robert Mallett & Darryl Wyles, Lay Leaders  
 Rev. Gerard A. Green, Jr., District Superintendent  
 Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling, Episcopal Leader of the Baltimore-Washington Conference

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