

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LOVING...SERVING...TRANSFORMING LIVES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 ~ 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

Only Love



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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 AM WORSHIP

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

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING PRAISE

Open My Eyes, That I May See (454 UMH, verse 1)

The Blood Will Never Lose It's Power (256 AAHH)

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Those who trust in the Lord shall never be shaken.

People: Those who place their faith in God stand on firm foundations.

Leader: Just as mountains surround Jerusalem, God's love and mercy surround God's people.

People: Just as rivers flow through mountain ravines, God's mercy and compassion flow through us.

Leader: Come! Let us worship the One who brings us peace.

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

James 2:1-10, 14-17 (NT, Pages 229—230)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

A City Called Heaven ... arr. Hall Johnson

Renee Barnes ... Soprano

SERMON

"Only Love"

Rev. Ginger Gaines-Cirelli

Foundry United Methodist Church, Senior Pastor

†INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYER AND PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Lord Is My Light ... arr. Frances Allitsen

Renee Barnes ... Soprano

†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.

†RECESSIONAL

In Christ There Is No East or West (398 AAHH)

†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

Spirit Song ... arr. John Wimber

††INTROIT

I Love You, Lord, Today ... arr. William Hubbard

††PROCESSIONAL

Heralds of Christ (567 UMH)

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Gloria McFadden

††HYMN OF PRAISE

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (57 UMH)

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

CALL TO PRAYER

Just a Little Talk With Jesus (378 AAHH)

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Move Me ... arr. Richard A. Henderson

SCRIPTURE READING

James 2:1-10, 14-17 (NT, Pages 229—230)

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

We'll Praise the Lord ... arr. T. G. Steward

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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.

PRAYER AND PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERING

OFFERTORY

It's Alright (Spiritual) ... arr. Bill Cummings

†OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

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†RECESSIONAL

Open My Eyes, That I May See (454 UMH)

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POSTLUDE

Calvary (Negro Spiritual)

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister of Music & Liturgical Arts Director: Everett P. Williams, Jr.

Soloist: Renee Barnes (8:30 am)

Music: Male Chorus (10:30 am)

Liturgists: Cortney Donnalley Roberts (8:30 am) & Tracey Collins (10:30 am)

Ushers: Women (8:30 am & 10:30 am)

Acolyte: Moses Boyd (10:30 am)

Greeters: Rene` Carter, E. Marilyn Williams & Martel Cooper (8:30 am)

Greeters: Carol Travis, Marian Lewis & Mary Roberts (10:30 am)

Trustees on Duty: Beverly Allen (8:30 am) and Michelle Jefferson-Atkins (10:30 am)

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 am—10:00 am

- ♥ Adults—1-9
- ♥ Children—2-8/2-9
- ♥ Youth—1-12

You Tube

Asbury UMC Live Stream

Go to asburyumcdc.org and select the **live stream button** on the home page to watch the 10:30 am and 5 pm services. Change your browser if there's no connection.

Asbury's Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, September 9, 2018

7:30 am - Valet Parking
8:00 am - Coffee Hour, G-1
8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:00 am - Asbury Federal Credit Union, G-1
9:00 am - Adult Sunday School, 1-9
9:30 am - Children's Sunday School, 2-8/2-9
9:30 am - Youth Sunday School, 1-12
10:30 am - Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
12:00 pm - Bible Study Sign-Up, Fellowship Hall
12:30 pm - Birthday Celebrations Jul-Sept., Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm - Community Football, 1-11/1-12
5:00 pm - The Bridge Contemporary Worship Service, G-1

Monday, September 10, 2018

7:45 am - Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Ctr., G-1/OSH/1-11/1-12
8:00 am - EMT Medical Classes, 2-8/2-9
3:30 pm - **Asburian Deadline for submissions**
6:30 pm - Nominations Meeting, 1-11/1-12

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

7:45 am - Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Ctr., G-1/OSH/1-11/1-12
8:00 am - EMT Medical Classes, 2-8/2-9
7:00 pm - ALPHA Bible Study Meeting, 1-11/1-12
7:00 pm - Fitness and Exercise Class, 2-8/2-9

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

7:45 am - Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Ctr., G-1/OSH/1-11/1-12
8:00 am - EMT Medical Classes, 2-8/2-9
1:00 pm - Weekly Staff Meeting, 1-8
6:30 pm - SPPRC Meeting, 1-8
7:00 pm - Wesley Theological Seminary Classes, G-1

Thursday, September 13, 2018

7:45 am - Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Ctr., G-1/OSH/1-11/1-12
8:00 am - EMT Medical Classes, 2-8/2-9
7:00 pm - Homecoming Concert, Sanctuary

Friday, September 14, 2018

7:45 am - Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Ctr., G-1/OSH/1-11/1-12
8:00 am - EMT Medical Classes, 2-8/2-9
3:00 pm - Church Historian Office Hour, Church Archive Center
7:00 pm - ALPHA Bible Study, Mathis Home

Saturday, September 15, 2018

10:00 am - Intergenerational Bible Study, 2-8/2-9
10:00 am - Small Group Study, 1-11/1-12
10:00 am - Asbury Handbell Choir, G-13
10:30 am - Prayer Bead Ministry, 1-9
11:00 am - Wesleyan Choir rehearsal, OSH
11:30 am - Food Pantry
12:00 pm - Open House, 1-11/1-12, Sanctuary, Library
12:00 pm - Prayer (Open House), Chapel
12:00 pm - Tailgate Picnic (Open H.), Fellowship H.
12:30 pm - Male Choir, OSH
12:30 pm - Women's Usher Board Meeting, 2-8/2-9
2:00 pm - Higher Praise, OSH

From The Senior Pastor's Desk

September 2018

Word for the Month: PRAYER

Scripture of the Month: Luke 11:1-13

Thought for the Month: "Teach us to pray," the disciples asked Jesus, and he responded promptly with a deceptively simple but significant model for prayer. When Christians begin to understand why Jesus chose the precise words of this potent prayer, the true power of the Lord's Prayer will be released to change the Christian faith. Not only will Christianity be revolutionized, Christians themselves will become empowered to revolutionize the world. A resource for individual study and small group action, exploring the practical and transforming potential of the prayer as recorded in Luke 11. Each chapter focuses on a particular phrase—and explores its impact for ministries of service, healing, and justice.

Emphasis for the Month: Spiritual Growth

Pastor's Book of the Month: *The Revolutionary Power of the Lord's Prayer* by Rev. Dr. Alice Burnette Greene



Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli is a life-long United Methodist who is passionate about sharing the good news of God’s liberating love in Jesus Christ. For over 20 years as a pastor-theologian, her ministry has encouraged spiritual growth and engaged discipleship—emphasizing radical hospitality, shared ministry, spiritual practices, and solidarity with the poor and oppressed. With this focus, Ginger brings depth, health, and growth to every community she serves.

Rev. Gaines-Cirelli is the first woman to serve as Senior Pastor of historic Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, DC, within blocks of The White House. Foundry welcomes all, worships passionately, challenges the status quo, and seeks to transform the world through God's love.

A graduate of Yale University Divinity School, Pastor Gaines-Cirelli is a featured teacher and speaker at local, district, conference, jurisdictional, and international connectional events. She is the author of *Sacred Resistance: A practical guide to Christian witness and dissent* and contributed and served on the editorial board for *The CEB Women's Bible*.



THE BRIDGE


SERMON

“A Firm Foundation”
Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV)

Sunday, September 9, 2018
5 :00 pm (new start time)

Pastor Matthew Wilke
Join us in Fellowship Hall
today.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



We hope that through word, music, fellowship and prayer you will experience the presence of God today. Please make sure you sign the attendance register as it is passed so that we can share with you about what is happening in the life of this church.

**Homecoming
Kick Off**



Asbury's July, August, and September

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

September 9, 2018 ~ After the 10:30 Service

Please join this special celebration.

Each member is asked to donate \$20 toward the event.

Thank you for your service.

ASBURY HOMECOMING 2018

FROM PRODIGAL SONS TO FISHERS OF MEN



JOIN US TODAY!!!

Call to Worship and Celebration at The Bridge @ 5:00p

Thursday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m.
182 Years Celebration Concert

Saturday, September 15 from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Open House / Tailgate Party

Sunday, September 16 at 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship featuring
Minister Elijah L. McDavid, III
of Alfred Street Baptist Church
Repast immediately following

Celebrating heritage, history and faith! Meeting our neighbors and community! Worshipping our Lord in celebration, song and fellowship! We are blessed!

Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills
Senior Pastor

**Are You Ready for Some FOOTBA-AA-ALLL?
KICKOFF IS SUNDAY SEPT 9TH @ 1:00PM**

Looking for a Volunteer Opportunity?
Make a touchdown for
fellowship, friendship, and fun!



Thanks to everyone last season for your generous support and donations of food, drinks, and homemade pound cake!

Going into our 3rd season, we hope you will support us in any and welcome your in-kind donations for the following items:

Sodas (cans only)

Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Ginger Ale, Sprite, Orange Soda, Root Beer, Ice Tea

Snacks & chips (single serve only)

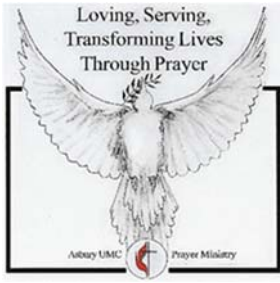
Potato, Cheez-Its, Doritos, Gold Fish, Pretzels, Popcorn
Chili, Sandwiches, Pound cake

Questions? Contact

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Prayers for the Schools

Day 29--Sun., September 9, 2018

Just as David did, let these students praise you, Lord, with all kinds of instruments and songs. Put Christian CD's in every locker and backpack. Let music that glorifies you be "in" – even let the band, orchestra and choirs be influenced by your Spirit. For you are worthy of worship! (Ps. 150; 136; 34)

Day 30--Mon., September 10, 2018

God of truth, put in this nation's youth a hunger for your word. Work miracles in the selection of textbooks and teachers that will declare your truths. Transform their minds to the mind of Christ. In all ways, may biblical realities outshine lies of the enemy (Ps. 119:1-16; Rom 12:2; Lk. 7:7).

Day 31--Tues., September 11, 2018

I pray for your favor to rest on godly student leaders. Give them the respect of other students so that their holiness will become the standard to achieve. May they reflect your wisdom and compassion. Raise them up to minister grace and goodness (Acts 3:1-6; Lk. 2:52).

Day 32--Wed., September 12, 2018

You, O Lord, are a warrior! In Jesus' name, defeat the enemy and put the armor of God on this school: truth to guide them, righteousness to guard their hearts, faith to shield them from Satan's darts, the sword of the Spirit as their weapon. May they be alert and always pray (Eph. 6; Is. 54:17).

Day 33--Thurs., September 13, 2018

I claim that every student at this school will praise you, O Lord, with all their hearts. When they call, you will answer them. Though they walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve them. You will stretch out your hand against their foes and fulfill your purpose for them! (Ps. 138:1, 3, 7-8)

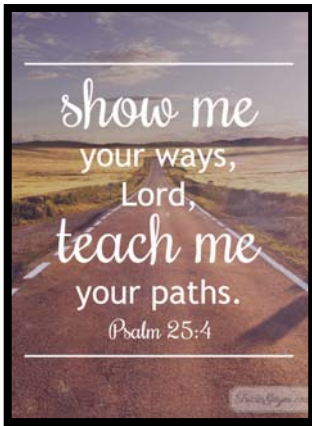
Day 34--Fri., September 14, 2018

God, peer pressure can be powerful! Let it be a positive force at this school instead of a negative one. Let the Christians' actions, appearance, and attitudes cause others to change. Even when they don't feel like it, help them walk in love, humility, gentleness, patience, and sincerity (Col. 3:12).

Day 35--Sat., September 15, 2018

Jesus, you are our best friend. Teach these students the importance of choosing friends wisely. Help them encourage each other to walk with you. Show them that they can have fun and be holy at the same time. May their relationships be examples of Christ-like love (Ps. 1:1-3; Prov. 2:20; 13:20; 27:17).

Bible study opportunities coming soon!



Intergenerational Bible Study with Howard University Students

Saturday, September 8 (8 weeks), 10 am to 12 pm

Disciple Bible Study Fast Track II (Location: First UMC)

Wednesdays, September 12 (12 weeks) 10:30 am

Disciple Bible Study Fast Track II

Tuesday, September 25 (12 weeks) 7 pm

Advent Small Group Bible Study

December 2 (times TBD)

Registration begins today in the Fellowship Hall after the service.



Safe Sanctuary Training

**Saturday,
September 22, 2018
9:00 a.m.**

The training will cover church policy for maintaining a safe environment in which to conduct church activities.

Training is REQUIRED for:

staff, volunteers, and those who work with children/youth or vulnerable adults, including the Sunday School, The Bridge and all church leaders/ministry leaders.

Contact: **Judith Hightower** on 202-291-5442.
Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)



You are invited to a three part class about theologian, preacher, and civil rights activist **Howard Thurman.**

September 26, 2018 @ Foundry

October 10, 2018 @ John Wesley AME

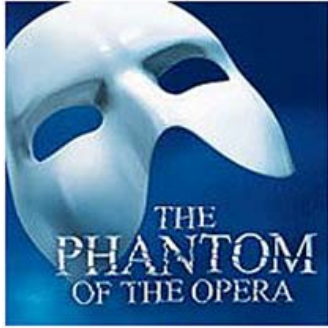
October 24, 2018 @ Foundry

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Thurman taught Gandhi's non-violent resistance principles, mentored Martin Luther King, Jr., co-founded the first intentionally interracial church, and much more.

Moderator: Dr. Deryl Davis, will produce a PBS video on Thurman.

Contact : Carol Travis at 301-459-6303



1st Fridays at Asbury Series

The Phantom of the Opera

A screening of the 1925 silent film

“Phantom of the Opera,” with live organ music.

Friday, October 5 @ 7pm

Contact: Kelvin Childs: Kelvin87@aol.com or 301-938-0358

Celebrating Women’s Day 2018

An Evening of Jazz, Soul, & Fellowship

Featuring: **Samuel Prather & Friends**

Friday, October 12, 2018

7:00 pm

Asbury Fellowship Hall

Donation: \$30 (includes light refreshments)



Reservations accepted in Fellowship Hall following today’s worship service

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Children’s Defense Fund



Annual Women’s Day Celebration 2018

Continuing Boldly: In Faith, Love and Action

Sunday, October 21, 2018

Guest Speaker: **Marian Wright Edelman**

Founder and President, Children’s Defense Fund



Service & Luncheon in Honor of:
Rev. Dr. Alfonso J. Harrod
Celebrating 52 years in Ministry

Save the date: October 27, 2018

Music and tributes from 1-2:30 p.m.

Free to all with a luncheon to follow at \$35 per person

All events take place at First United Methodist Church Hyattsville at 6201 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

Souvenir book ads are: Full page-\$100, Half page-\$75, Quarter page-\$40, and Business card size-\$25.

Please send camera ready copy of ads to McKendree Simms Brookland United Methodist Church 2421 Lawrence St., NE Washington, DC 20018 **by September 30, 2018.**

Contact : Belva Martin at 301-792-4613 for information.

See Carol Travis, the Asbury contact for this event if you have additional questions.

Asbury Archives and History Center has an **Oral History Project**

We have collected very interesting and entertaining personal stories of five Asburyans. There will be a showcase of these stories featuring the storytellers. At this showcase, you will be able ask storytellers about their personal journeys.

This is an event you do not want to miss!



When: **November 10, 2018**

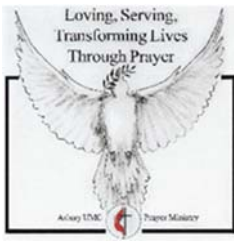
Where: Asbury Fellowship Hall

Time: 1:30 pm

Until the lion learns to write, the story will always glorify the hunter. -

African Proverb

Come hear highlights of our story from our perspective.



Prayer of Thanksgiving for Grandparents/Elders

God of Abraham and Sarah, grandfather and grandmother in the faith God of all generations:

We thank you today for those who are grandparents/elders. We thank you for our grandparents who have played such an important role in our lives. We remember with joy all of the time spent together doing simple things like fishing, doing a puzzle, baking cookies, taking a walk, reading a story and learning about the wonder of nature.

Thank you for the privilege of hearing their stories of life in another time and place that inspired us to work hard, be patient, courageously endure hard times and to dare to follow our dreams. We especially thank you for those who are grandparents to us —those who are grandparents by blood relationships. We are forever grateful for the wisdom and stability they provided when we felt our world was falling apart. What a great gift to us that they loved us just because we were their grandchild. Thank you that they counted it joy to spend time listening as we told them about the big and little things going on in our lives.

We ask your kind forgiveness for the times we failed to appreciate our grandparents, for the times we were too wrapped up in ourselves and our own activities to spend more time with them.

Help us to become more like them as we age, learning how to accept with grace the limitations of aging bodies. Give us their strong and supernatural grace to face the loss of our own aging friends and family the same way our grandparents have. May we learn from them how to face the prospects of our own limited time on earth and our own deaths with the dignity, peace and assurance of eternal life with You. And when our time comes to be grandparents ourselves, help us to follow in their loving footsteps.

May we continuously feel their hugs and feel the warmth of their smiles so that we can better comprehend your constant and unchanging love for us.

We bless you for the gift of grandparents, and we ask your blessing on them, that their days may be filled with delight in their grandchildren. May their giving and grace toward younger generations bring fulfillment to them and may they be a blessing to all they love and call grandchildren, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



(Taken from BWCumc.org and Prayerideas.com websites.)

do you not know that your body is a
TEMPLE : HOLY SPIRIT
 within you, whom you lease from God?
 YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN;
GLORIFY GOD
 with your body,
 1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20



FITNESS WITH THAMAR DAVIS

TUESDAYS@7 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

THIS CLASS OFFERS

Resistance bands & weights Circuit & target training
 No judgement zone Move at your own pace
 Drop-ins welcome Pay as you go

Call 202-628-0009 for details.



*Join us for refreshments, resources,
 and fellowship in the
 Fellowship Hall from
 9:30 –10:30 am on the
 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th Sunday.*

DAILY WORD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

NEHEMIAH 12:31-43

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

JOB 42:1-5

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

MATTHEW 10:40-42

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

PSALM 5:1-7

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

EXODUS 16: 1-8

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

MATTHEW 6:5-13

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

1 PETER 1:3-9

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.

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Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills, Senior Pastor

Rev. Alexis Brown, Howard University UM Chaplain

Min. Matthew Wilke, Contemporary Worship Pastor

Tawana Jackson, Stephen Minister

Bishop Forrest Stith, Retired Bishop in Residence

Sandy Adams & 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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Monday-Friday ~ 8:00 am-4:30 pm