

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LOVING...SERVING...TRANSFORMING LIVES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM (IN-PERSON & ONLINE SERVICES)

“Don’t Throw It All Away”



Faith of a Mustard Seed

Asbury United Methodist Church

Homecoming

188th Anniversary



This Far By Faith



September 15, 2024

10:00 A.M.

In-Person and Online

*Dr. Barry Clayton Black,
U.S. Senate Chaplain
Guest Preacher*



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

188TH HOMECOMING CELEBRATION ~ “THIS FAR BY FAITH”

September 15, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM WORSHIP (IN-PERSON & ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE)

†† = Those who are able may stand

†INTROIT		<i>My Tribute...Andrae Crouch/arr. Everett Williams Jr</i>
†GATHERING HYMN		<i>Walking Up the King's Highway (402 AAHH)</i>
†A LITANY OF FAITH		Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills Senior Pastor
WELCOME AND THE OCCASION		Wilhelmina Goff
ANTHEM		<i>O For A Faith...arr. Nathan Carter</i> Anamer Castrello (mezzo-soprano) Devin Davis (tenor)
MORNING PRAYER		Patrick Wilkerson
PRAYER RESPONSE		<i>Philippians 4:19...David Frazier</i>
SCRIPTURE READINGS	Deuteronomy 4:9 Hebrews 10:32-39	Bryana Zavala Cedrick Southerland
INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST PREACHER		Bryana Zavala
SERMONIC SELECTION		<i>Resting Place...Margaret Douroux</i> Kathy Richburg (soloist)
SERMON	“Don’t Throw It All Away”	Rev. Dr. Barry Clayton Black United States Senate Chaplain
†INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP		<i>Just As I Am (345 AAHH)</i>
INVITATION TO GIVE		Robert Mallett
OFFERTORY SELECTION		<i>I Live By Faith...Steven Ford</i>
†DOXOLOGY		<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>
†SENDING HYMN		<i>I Will Trust in the Lord (391 AAHH)</i>
†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills
POSTLUDE		<i>The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power...Andrae Crouch</i>



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister of Music: Everett P. Williams, Jr.
Pianist: Stephen Key
Percussionist: Jon Lewis
Music: The Asbury Ensemble
Liturgists: Robert Mallett, Cedric Southerland, Patrick Wilkerson, Bryana Zavala
Trustee On Duty: Willie Clark

A Litany Of Faith

by Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills (2024)

Pastor: By faith... this worshipping community has served at the corner of 11th & K Streets for 188 years.

Voice#1: By faith... in 1836, a group of 75 Black men and women led by Eli Nugent left Foundry Methodist Episcopal Church to form their own congregation to worship freely.

Voice#2: By faith... the people borrowed \$300 and built the first church, a small, white frame structure.

Voice#3: By faith... Asbury Chapel was organized.

SUNG RESPONSE: *We've come this far by faith; Leaning on the Lord.*

Child: By faith... in 1837, a public school was opened in Asbury Chapel for Black children.

Youth: By faith... in 1848, teenaged members Mary and Emily Edmonson tried to flee slavery on the ship *Pearl*.

Veteran: By faith... in 1863, a meeting was held at Asbury Chapel for the organization of a "Colored" Regiment in the District of Columbia.

Pastor: By faith... in 1864, with the founding of the *Washington Annual Conference*, Asbury's role and leadership as a Black congregation were firmly established with the appointment of its first Black pastor, Reverend James Peck.

Voice#1: By faith... in 1945, the people of Asbury established Asbury Federal Credit Union, increasing access to financial resources for Black people.

Voice#2: By faith... in 1947, the people of Asbury established the first integrated apartment building in the District of Columbia.

Voice#3: By faith... in 1963, the people of Asbury joined the March on Washington and provided shelter for many of the thousands who participated.

SUNG RESPONSE: *Trusting in his holy Word; He's never failed us yet.*

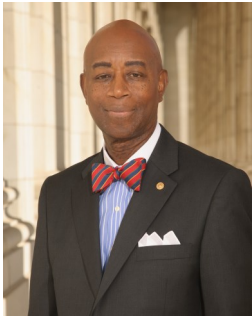
Voice#1: By faith... in 1978, the people of Asbury established Asbury Dwellings to provide affordable senior housing.

Voice#2: By faith... the people of Asbury remained steadfast and vigilant prophetic witnesses when the Proud Boys tore down and burned our Black Lives Matter banner.

Voice#3: By faith... the people of Asbury are still leaders in social justice through its ministries of outreach: the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Breakfast, Sunday Outreach, Food Pantry, Dinner Church, and Social Justice Ministry; and its support of Angel Tree, Children's Playtime Project, Project Transformation, TraRon Center, Thomson Elementary School, and Black Lives Matter.

ALL: Today, we, the people of Asbury United Methodist Church, are still committed to *loving, serving, and transforming lives by faith!*

SUNG RESPONSE: *Oh, oh, oh, can't turn around. We've come this far by faith.*



Guest Preacher

BARRY CLAYTON BLACK

Ph.D., D.Min., D.D., L.H.D., D.P.S., LL.D.

RADMU, USN (Ret.)

U.S. Senate Chaplain

On June 27, 2003, Rear Admiral Upper Barry C. Black (Ret.) was elected the 62nd Chaplain of the Senate. He started his work on July 7, 2003. Prior to Capitol Hill, Chaplain Black served in the U.S. Navy for over twenty-seven years, ending his distinguished career as the Chief of Navy Chaplains. The Senate elected its first chaplain in 1789.

U.S. SENATE

In addition to opening the Senate each day in prayer, Chaplain Black provides counseling and spiritual care for Senators, their families, and staff – a combined constituency of over seven thousand people. He also meets with Senators about spiritual and moral issues, assists with research on theological and biblical questions, and facilitates discussion and reflection small groups among Senators and staff. He also conducts marriage enrichment counseling and officiates at weddings, funerals, and memorial services. Chaplain Black initiates and participates in special and seasonal observances, leads interdenominational prayer gatherings, and cultivates relationships with local clergy and leaders of humanitarian agencies.

In order to stay informed of the needs of the Senate community, Chaplain Black maintains a program with a volunteer liaison in each office to assist him. A member of his staff directs this program. “I see my role as the chaplain to be a confidential counselor, spiritual advisor, scripture teacher, intercessor, and friend to the Senators, their spouses, and the Senate staff as they seek to discover and live God’s wonderful plan.”

The Office of the Chaplain is nonpartisan, nonpolitical, and nonsectarian.

U.S. NAVY

Commissioned as a Navy Chaplain in 1976, Chaplain Black’s first duty station was the Fleet Religious Support Activity in Norfolk, Virginia. Subsequent assignments include Naval Support Activity, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland; First Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa, Japan; Naval Training Center, San Diego, California; USS BELLEAU WOOD (LHA 3) Long Beach, California; Naval Chaplains School Advanced Course, Newport, Rhode Island; Marine Aircraft Group THIRTY-ONE, Beaufort, South Carolina; Assistant Staff Chaplain, Chief of Naval Education and Training, Pensacola, Florida; and Fleet Chaplain, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, Virginia.

As Rear Admiral, his personal decorations included the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (two medals), Meritorious Service Medals (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals (two awards), and numerous unit awards, campaign, and service medals.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Chaplain Black is a native of Baltimore, Maryland and an alumnus of Oakwood University, Andrews University, North Carolina Central University, Palmer Theological Seminary, Salve Regina University, and Alliant International University. In addition to earning Master of Arts degrees in Divinity, Counseling, and Management, he has received a Doctorate degree in Ministry and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Psychology. Chaplain Black has been selected for many outstanding achievements. Of particular note, he was chosen from 127 nominees for the 1995 NAACP Renowned Service Award for his contribution to equal opportunity and civil rights. He received the 2002 Benjamin Elijah Mays Distinguished Leadership Award from The Morehouse School of Religion. In 2004, the Old Dominion University chapter of the NAACP conferred on him the Image Award, “Reaffirming the Dream – Realizing the Vision” for military excellence. In May 2019, Chaplain Black was awarded Becket’s highest honor, The Canterbury Medal, for his worthy defense of religious liberty for people of all faiths. He also received the 2022 Northern Lights Book Award in the Religious/Spiritual category for his children’s book: A Prayer for Our Country.

He has authored six books beginning with his autobiography, From the Hood to the Hill (2006), The Blessing of Adversity (2011), Nothing to Fear (2017), Make Your Voice Heard in Heaven (2018), Bible Wisdom for Better Living (2019), and A Prayer for Our Country: Words to Unite and Inspire Hope (2022).

Chaplain Barry C. Black is married to the former Brenda Pearsall of St. Petersburg, Florida. They have three sons: Barry II, Brendan, and Bradford.



Asbury's Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, September 15, 2024

9:00 am—All-in-One Sunday School, Ages 4-12, 3rd floor, Room 208

9:00 am—Adult Sunday School, Library

9:30 am—Youth Homecoming Book Giveaway, 3rd floor, Room 208

10:00 am — Worship Service (in-person and online via Livestream, [Link](#)), Dial In: 301-715-8592, Meeting ID: 861 5564 3955, Passcode: 123456

Monday, September 16, 2024

3:00 pm — Asburyan Deadline

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

11:00 am—Office Weekly Staff Meeting, via Zoom

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

12:00 pm—Wednesday Prayer Line, Dial-In: 717-908-1986, Passcode 933092#

7:00 pm—Finance Committee Meeting, via Zoom [Link](#), Dial-In: 301-715-8592, Meeting ID: 879 4074 8235 , Passcode: 543758

7:30 pm—Asbury Dwellings, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting, via Teams Meeting

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Friday, September 20, 2024

Saturday, September 21, 2024

9:00 am—Food Pantry Distribution, Fellowship Hall



From The Senior Pastor's Desk

September 2024

Word for the Month: WITNESS

Scripture of the Month: Book of James

Thought for the Month: Change your church culture. Create an outwardly focused environment where hospitality and invitation happen Sunday and every day of the week. This book offers five steps to help congregations go public with their faith—from service projects to sharing the faith with persons who want to know more about Christ and the church. This book offers tactics to increase individual and church competency with relational evangelism with friends, neighbors, and even strangers. Learn how to start up a conversation, follow up with contacts, and navigate unfamiliar settings. Learn what works and what doesn't.

We may think that just because we invite someone on our church property, they'll come back. Often we don't reach out to help people cross the faith line, because we're uncomfortable with "evangelism" or just plain scared. Gain the confidence to share the good news boldly. After all, we know the name of the One who loves us all and who holds all power over heaven and earth.

Emphasis for the Month: EVANGELISM

Pastor's Book of the Month: *Get Their Name: Grow Your Church by Building New Relationships* by Bob Farr, Doug Anderson, and Kay Kotan.



Asbury United Methodist Church is a Lighthouse Congregation of the Baltimore Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church.



Monday thru Thursday 8:00 am — 3:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am — 1:00 pm (**Office Closed**)

Parking Instructions

Monday—Friday

Asburyans and guests, on church business, should park in the parking garage and bring the printed parking ticket with them 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 scan the back (the 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.**



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You Tube

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www.facebook.com/asburyumcdc/

zoom

Dial-In: (301) 715-8592
Meeting ID: 861 5564 3955#
Password: 123456#



WAYS TO GIVE

you can conveniently give this week
in the following ways:



IN PERSON

use an envelope
or write a check



ONLINE

visit our website
www.asburyumcdc.org
Click GIVE button



TEXT

text "GIVE"
to (202)952-9309



MAIL

send check to
Asbury UMC
926 11th St NW
Washington, DC 20001



Adult Sunday School

Adult Members and Friends! Are you looking for a new avenue of spiritual enrichment, refocus or additional clarity? Come, join us at Asbury for Sunday School. We have just begun our 2024 Fall series and discussions have been enlightening and uplifting. We invite you to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the church library.

For more information, contact Patrice Blackman, patriceghb@gmail.com or 301-922-9020.

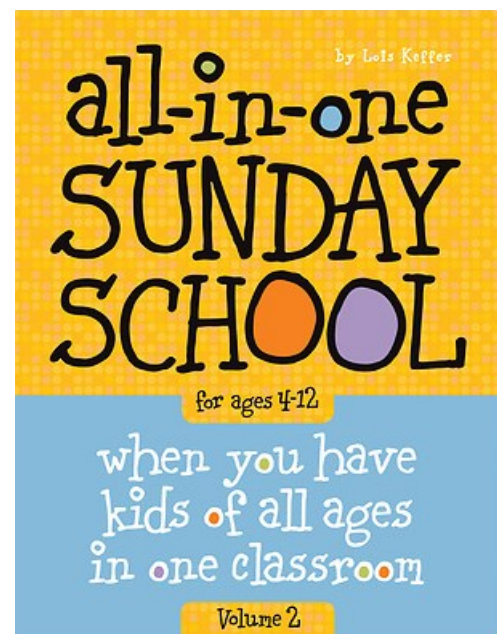
All-in-one Sunday School

Sunday Mornings

Ages 4-12

9:00-9:50 am

Located on 3rd floor, Room 208



Asbury United Methodist Church - Youth Ministry

Dearest Readers...

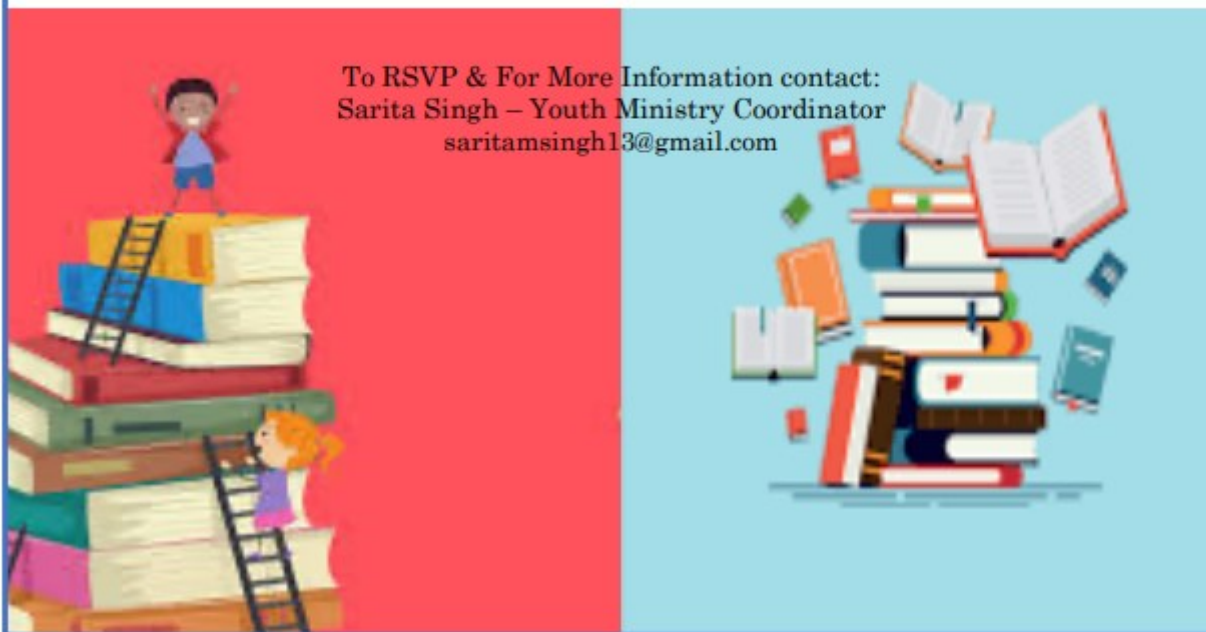
We Cordially Invite Children & Youth of All Ages to
The Youth Ministry's

Homecoming Book Giveaway!

During Homecoming & All-In-One Sunday School Service:

Sunday, September 15, 2024
9:30am - 3rd Floor

Come for a Book reading, Free Books, and Refreshments



THE STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

Financial Update: 2024 Year-to-Date Giving Summary

Grace and Peace Faithful Asburyans,

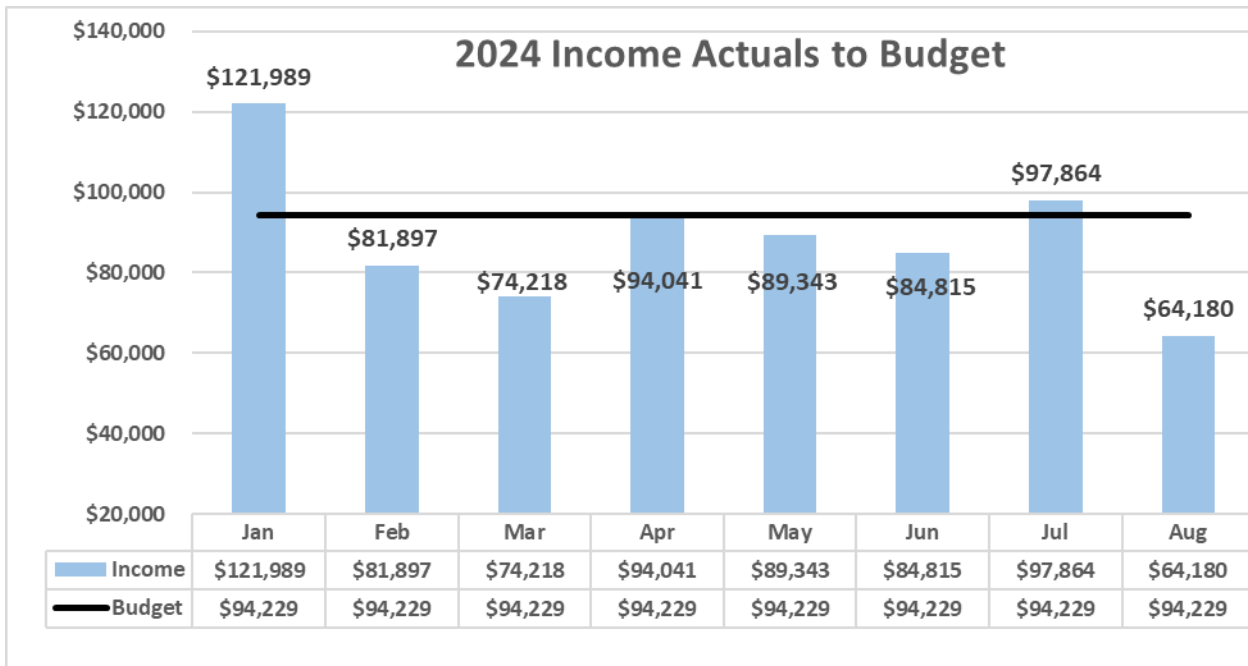
Thank you for your past and ongoing stewardship! During the State of the Church meeting in June, Asbury’s financial team shared that the 2024 monthly budget giving target is \$94,229 (see the solid line in the graph below). Your gifts support Asbury’s operations and the impactful ministries that serve our community. Through August, we have met this target only 2 months this year (not counting the generous gift from the Vivian Campbell estate in February). Now, more than ever, we need to increase our contributions to get back on track. We ask you to prayerfully consider increasing your gifts so we can reach our monthly financial goal and end 2024 in a healthy financial position.

Robert J. Corbitt

Robert J. Corbitt, Jr.
Finance Committee Chair

Darryl Wyles

Darryl Wyles
Stewardship Chair





HOLY
BIBLE

{ STARTING OCTOBER 1 }

Faithful & Inclusive Bible Study

"Faithful and Inclusive: The Bible, Sexuality, and the United Methodist Church" by Rev. Rob Fuquay allows you to gain an understanding of how United Methodists can be both obedient to God's Word and fully welcoming to LGBTQ persons in the church.

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Loving...Serving...Transforming Lives

Share your gifts, talents, and skills. Make a difference in our church, community, and world. Nominations are now being received for lay leadership terms completed at the end of the year. *To indicate your interest, complete the Nominations Interest Form by September 20, 2024.* Interest forms will be reviewed and considered by the Nominations and Leadership Development Committee. Nominations will follow and be confirmed by church vote at the annual Church Conference held in October. Orientation and training will be provided to all new leaders. Terms begin January 1, 2025.

LEADERSHIP DESCRIPTIONS:

- **Church Council** – Provides for planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness, and resources so that Asbury fulfills its mission of loving, serving, and transforming lives; is the administrative agency of the Charge Conference. 3-year term. Meets monthly, usually via ZOOM.
- **Lay Leader**— Works with the Senior Pastor to fulfill the mission and vision of the congregation. Serves as a member of the Church Council, SPRC, Finance Committee, and Nominations and Leadership Development. 3-year term.
- **Lay Members to the Annual Conference** – Serve as liaisons between the church and Annual Conference sessions; report to the church the action of the Conference. 3-year term. Must attend Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference sessions the first week of June.
- **Board of Trustees** – Oversees use and care of all church property, including buildings, grounds, and equipment. 3-year term. Meets monthly, usually via ZOOM.
- **Staff/Parish Relations Committee** – Confers with Clergy and Staff on matters related to effective ministry and relationships with congregation; oversees employment policies and procedures. 3-year term. Meets monthly, usually via ZOOM but also in-person at the church.
- **Nominations and Leadership Development Committee** – Recruits, recommends to the Charge Conference, nurtures, and supports lay leadership. 3-year term. Meets three to four times in fall as called by the Senior Pastor, usually via ZOOM.
- **Committee on Finance** – Establishes and oversees financial policies, including disbursement of contributions. Responsible for developing and implementing plans to raise sufficient income to meet the budget adopted by Church Council. 3-year term. Meets monthly, usually via ZOOM.
- **Stewardship Committee** – Works as a subcommittee of the Committee on Finance to execute an annual program of stewardship. 3-year term. Meets as called, Fall and Spring, usually via ZOOM.
- **Faith Formation (Education)Team** – Plans and implements a program of Christian formation and educational experiences, including the church school, short-term and long-term bible study, small groups, and age-level ministries. 3-year term. Meets as called, at least quarterly.
- **Missions and Social Justice Team** – Plans and implements a program of missional outreach, justice, and advocacy. This includes local, national, and international missions; health and welfare; and church and societal issues such as homelessness, food insecurity, racial justice, and rights of all people. 3-year term. Meets as called, at least quarterly.

- **Witness Team** – Plans and implements the congregation’s ministries of witness, helping all to know and respond to the love of God in Christ. This includes planning communications, evangelistic outreach, and setting goals for congregational growth. 3-year term. Meets as called, at least quarterly.

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2024 Nominations Interest Form

Name	
Email	
Phone #	
Address	
Occupation	

Please check 1-3 areas which best relate to your passion and skills

- ◇ **Church Council**
- ◇ **Lay Leaders**
- ◇ **Lay Members to the Annual Conference**
- ◇ **Board of Trustees**
- ◇ **Staff/Parish Relations Committee**
- ◇ **Nominations and Leadership Development Committee**
- ◇ **Committee on Finance**
- ◇ **Stewardship Committee**
- ◇ **Faith Formation (Education) Team**
- ◇ **Missions and Social Justice Team**
- ◇ **Witness Team**

Please list ministries in which you have previously served or are currently serving

Please describe specialized training, education, skills, and abilities which may help match you with ministry opportunities

Return this form to the Church Office or email it to asburymail@asburyumcdc.org

The flowers on the altar today are presented in memory of Lois B. Hammond.

"Remembering the day you left us 28 years ago today. We miss you so much and will always love you."

Patrice Blackman & Family



THE UPPER ROOM — DAILY READING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
JAMES 1:19-27

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
PSALM 29:3-9

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
MATTHEW 6:25-34

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
EPHESIANS 3:14-19

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
MARK 4:35-40

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
HEBREWS 11:1-16

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
LUKE 18:15-17

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.

Asbury United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills, Senior Pastor

Everett P. Williams, Jr., Minister of Music

Tawana C. Jackson, Stephen Minister

Rev. Irene Pierce, Bereavement Minister

Bishop Forrest Stith, Retired Bishop in Residence

Valentine Davies & Monica McEaddy, Lay Leaders

Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman, District Superintendent

Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling, Episcopal Leader of the Baltimore-Washington Conference

Visit asburymcdc.org for information about our ministries. Find us on Facebook and Twitter.

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