

**ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**LOVING...SERVING...TRANSFORMING LIVES**  
**SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM (IN-PERSON & ONLINE SERVICES)**

## **“Praying with Power”**



### **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

## 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 29, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM WORSHIP (IN-PERSON & ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE)

†† = Those who are able may stand

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills
†GATHERING HYMN		<i>Tell Me the Stories of Jesus</i> (277 UMH)
MORNING PRAYER		Cheyenne Osley
PRAYER RESPONSE		<i>Kum Ba Yah (Come By Here)</i> (494 UMH)
SCRIPTURE READINGS	James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50	Alejandra Singh Sarita Singh
SERMONIC SELECTION	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness...</i> W. Runyan/arr. David Ritter Gabriella and Jane Apola (violinists)	
SERMON	<b>“Praying with Power”</b>	Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills Senior Pastor
†INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP		<i>Somebody Prayed for Me</i> (505 AAHH)
INVITATION TO GIVE		Sarita Singh
OFFERTORY SELECTION		<i>No More Night...</i> Walt Harrah Gabriella Apola (violinist)
†DOXOLOGY		<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>
†SENDING HYMN		<i>We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder</i> (418 UMH)
†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills

### **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Minister of Music: Everett P. Williams, Jr.  
Guest Musicians: Gabriella Apola & Jane Apola (violinists)  
Liturgists: Cheyenne Osley, Alejandra Sing, Sarita Singh  
Trustee On Duty: Canardo M. Richardson

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## Asbury's Week At-A-Glance

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### Sunday, September 29, 2024

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

9:00 am—Adult Sunday School, Library

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 30, 2024

3:00 pm — Asburyan Deadline

### Tuesday, October 1, 2024

9:00 am—Faithful & Inclusive with Rev. James Shopshire, PhD, Zoom [Link](#), Dial-In: (301) 715-8592, Meeting ID: 850-2943-2696, Passcode: 919397

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

7:00 pm— Faithful & Inclusive with Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills, Zoom [Link](#), Dial-In: (301) 715-8592, Meeting ID: 850-2943-2696, Passcode: 919397

### Wednesday, October 2, 2024

8:00 am—Contagious Faith with Carol Travis, Zoom [Link](#), Dial-In: (301) 715-8592, Meeting ID: 896-9205-2138, Passcode: 906025

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

6:00 pm— Contagious Faith with Min. Christian Watkins, Zoom [Link](#), Dial-In: (301) 715-8592, Meeting ID: 896-9205-2138, Passcode: 906025

### Thursday, October 3, 2024

### Friday, October 4, 2024

### Saturday, October 5, 2024

11:00 am—Altar Guild Set up for Communion, Sanctuary

5:00 pm—Dinner Church, Fellowship Hall

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## 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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# ONLINE

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STREAMING HD**

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Click WATCH LIVESTREAM

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[www.youtube.com/c/AsburyUMCDCNewChannel](http://www.youtube.com/c/AsburyUMCDCNewChannel)

**f LIVE**

[www.facebook.com/asburyumcdc/](http://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](http://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](mailto:patriceghb@gmail.com) or 301-922-9020.

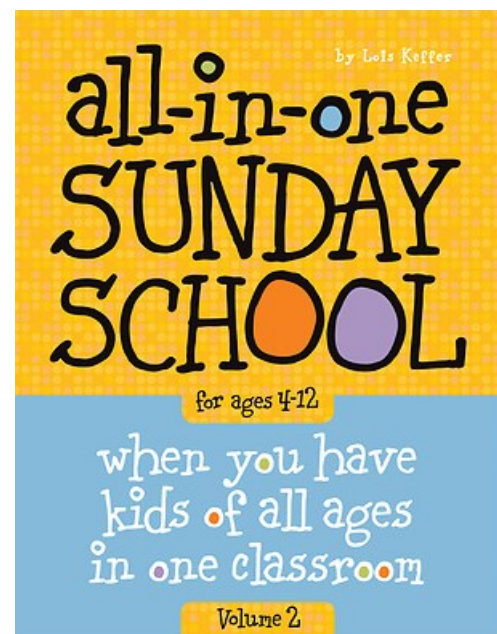
## All-in-one Sunday School

Sunday Mornings

Ages 4-12

9:00-9:50 am

Located on 3rd floor, Room 208



# Contagious Faith

## A Virtual Church-Wide Study



In **Contagious Faith**, author Mark Mittelberg prepares you to share God's love with others in a way that's authentic, comfortable, and impactful.

The **Contagious Faith Small Group Study** contains 6 video lessons that introduce you to the five Contagious Faith Styles--Friendship-Building, Selfless-Serving, Story-Sharing, Reason-Giving, and Truth-Telling—that will enable you to share your faith in Jesus with people around you.

### Sessions include:

1. Discovering Your Contagious Faith Style
2. Initiating Relationships and Serving Others
3. Telling Your Faith Story in a Natural Way
4. Offering Reasons for Your Faith
5. Sharing the Truth of the Gospel
6. Partnering with Others to Impact Lives

### Join a Study/Discussion Group

**Dates: October 2 – November 16**

<b>Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills</b>	<i>Mondays, 7:00 p.m.</i>
<b>Carol Travis</b>	<i>Wednesdays, 8:00 a.m.</i>
<b>Min. Christian Watkins</b>	<i>Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.</i>

**Zoom Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89692052138?pwd=pUMYEDOVLT6A8WqxWFEF8Q9oSsDnd0.1>

**Dial-In:** (301) 715-8592

**Meeting ID:** 896 9205 2138

**Passcode:** 906025

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If you are interested in participating, the **Contagious Faith Study Guide** is available on [Cokesbury.com](http://Cokesbury.com), [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com), and [Christianbook.com](http://Christianbook.com).

# Faithful & Inclusive

## A Virtual Study



General Conference decisions related to ministry by, with, and for LGBTQ persons naturally leads church leaders to seek clarity and discernment on next steps in ministry. Asbury will begin a period of congregational discernment using the bible study ***Faithful and Inclusive: The Bible Sexuality and the United Methodist Church*** by Rev. Rob Fuquay. ***Faithful and Inclusive*** 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.

### Sessions include:

1. Introduction to the Study/ How United Methodists Interpret Scripture
2. Old Testament Passages
3. The Influence of Culture on How We Read the Bible
4. New Testament Passages
5. The Jesus Ethic: What Did Christ Say?
6. Where do we go from here?

### Join Us!

**Dates: October 1 – November 12**

**Rev. James Shopshire, PhD**

*Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.*

**Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills**

*Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.*

**Zoom Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85029432696?pwd=9VmZL9lrzvR5CPYAdnAsHebr0YiCY4.1>

**Dial-In:** (301) 715-8592

**Meeting ID:** 850 2943 2696

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## Dinner Church

### Saturday, October 5, 2024



## *Dinner Church*

**A Meal - A Message - Music**

Saturday, October 5  
5:00 p.m.

*Preaching: Min. Christian Watkins*

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## Celebration Service

### Sunday, October 13, 2024



### **WE COME WITH JOY...**

*Members from throughout the Baltimore-Washington and Peninsula-Delaware Area will gather on Sunday, October 13, for a celebration service to welcome Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling back to the Area and celebrate her historic assignment as our episcopal leader for the next quadrennium.*

**DATE:** OCT. 13  
**TIME:** 4 P.M.

**VENUE:**  
SEVERNA PARK UMC  
731 BENFIELD ROAD  
SEVERNA PARK, MD

**SAVE THE DATE**

# Book Signing with Adelle Banks

**BOOK LAUNCH** SUNDAY OCTOBER 20

## BECOMING A FUTURE-READY CHURCH

Panel Discussion and Book Signing



Join religion journalist Adelle Banks and panelists for a discussion on innovation and inspiration as she introduces *Becoming a Future-Ready Church*, her collaboration with missiologist and futurist Daniel Yang and church researcher Warren Bird. The book expertly navigates the way through eight fundamental shifts needed for your church to flourish in the future.

By analyzing several converging trends—including increased skepticism toward institutions, rising mental health challenges, and the digitization of our daily lives—*Becoming a Future-Ready Church* will help you ask better questions about the issues facing the church.

### PANELISTS

#### **Adelle Banks**

Co-Author and Religion Journalist

#### **Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills**

Senior Pastor

#### **Rev. Dr. F. Douglas Powe, Jr**

Professor and Church Leadership Expert

With contributions from co-author Daniel Yang and others

### DETAILS



Sunday, October 20, 2024  
1:00 p.m.



Panel with signing to follow



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K Streets)  
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## October - Pastor Appreciation Month

The entire month of October is designated as Pastor Appreciation Month. We will be celebrating Pastor Appreciation Sunday on **October 27, 2024**. Our pastors are a source of strength, guidance, and support. They inspire and teach us, comfort and encourage us, and share joys. They go above and beyond to care for our needs. Asbury's Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) will host a Pastor Appreciation Reception (cake and punch) following worship service on October 27. Everyone is invited. Asburyans are encouraged to find ways to show appreciation to our pastors for their love, care, and concern for us.

***Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other.***

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 (New Living Translation)



United  
Women  
in Faith

## THANK YOU, ASBURY MEMBERS

Asbury United Women in Faith implemented three summer mission projects, Ditty Bags for DC summer campers, Asbury United Women in Faith Tee-shirts for the church picnic to raise money for the Food Pantry and School Supplies for the students at the Thomson Elementary School. Each project was successful because of the tremendous support from the members of Asbury. The world needs more people like Asburyans who are willing to reach out with love and compassion for others to make a difference. Thank You for supporting.





“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20

### THE UPPER ROOM — DAILY READING

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**  
GENESIS 37:12-28

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**  
ISAIAH 54:4-7

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1**  
MATHEW 8:23-27

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2**  
ROMANS 8:18-27

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3**  
PSALM 94:16-19

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4**  
JEREMIAH 29:11-13

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5**  
COLOSSIANS 1:1-14

### 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

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