

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LOVING...SERVING...TRANSFORMING LIVES
OCTOBER 20, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM (IN-PERSON & ONLINE SERVICES)

“The Importance of Preserving Black History”



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

LAITY SUNDAY

THEME: RISE UP AND RETAIN THE SPIRIT'S GOOD AND BEAUTIFUL THINGS

October 20, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM WORSHIP (IN-PERSON & ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE)

†† = Those who are able may stand

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Monica McEaddy
+INTROIT		We Are One
+GATHERING HYMN		Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior (435 AAHH)
MORNING PRAYER		Carol Travis
PRAYER RESPONSE		Alpha and Omega
SCRIPTURE READINGS	Deuteronomy 6:20-25 2 Timothy 1:14 Mark 10:35-45	Darryl Wyles Kisha Woolen Kisha Woolen
LAITY AWARDS PRESENTATION		Monica McEaddy Lay Leader
INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST SPEAKER		Monica McEaddy
MINISTRY OF MUSIC		Jesus, I Love You With My Whole Heart
MESSAGE	“The Importance of Preserving Black History”	Brent Leggs Executive Director, African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund and Senior Vice President National Trust for Historic Preservation
+INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP		Lead Me, Guide Me (474 AAHH)
INVITATION TO GIVE		Darryl Wyles
OFFERTORY SELECTION		Holy, Holy, Holy
+DOXOLOGY		Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
+SENDING HYMN		I Am On the Battlefield for My Lord (480 AAHH)
+BENEDICTION		Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills
POSTLUDE		I Love the Lord, He Heard My Cry

Laity Sunday celebrates the ministry of all Christians as they love God and neighbor. As God's people grow in grace to become "all-love" disciples in community, we gather with others and connect all to God's saving love in Jesus Christ. So, on Laity Sunday, we continue to lift up the vocation of all (all means all) to follow the way of Jesus and lead others to him—particularly as we consider what it means to hold fast to the pattern of healthy, sound words that bring life to all our relationships.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister of Music: Everett P. Williams Jr.

Music: Asbury Ensemble

Lay Leaders: Monica McEaddy and Valentine Davies

Liturgists: Carol Travis, Kisha Woolen, and Darryl Wyles

Trustee on Duty: Josephine Baker



Brent Leggs

Guest Speaker

Brent Leggs is the executive director of the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund and senior vice president of the National Trust. Envisioned as a social movement for justice, equity, and reconciliation, the Action Fund is promoting the role of cultural preservation in telling the nation's full history, while also empowering activists, entrepreneurs, artists, and civic leaders to advocate on behalf of African American historic places.

A Harvard University Loeb Fellow and author of *Preserving African American Historic Places*, which is considered the “seminal publication on preserving African American historic sites” by the Smithsonian Institution, Brent is a national leader in the U.S. preservation movement and the 2018 recipient of the Robert G. Stanton National Preservation Award. His passion for elevating the significance of black culture in American history is visible through his work, which elevates the remarkable stories and places that evoke centuries of black activism, achievement, and community.

Over the past decade, he has developed the Northeast African American Historic Places Outreach Program, and its theme, the *Business of Preservation*, to build a regional movement of preservation leaders saving important landmarks in African American history. As the project manager for several National Treasure campaigns across the country, he led efforts to create the Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument in Alabama, which President Barack Obama designated in January 2017. Other campaign successes include the perpetual protection of cultural monuments like Villa Lewaro, the estate of Madam C. J. Walker in Irvington, New York; Joe Frazier's Gym in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Hinchliffe Stadium in Paterson, New Jersey; A. G. Gaston Motel in Birmingham; Nina Simone's birthplace in Tryon, North Carolina; John and Alice Coltrane's home in Huntington, New York; and more.

Brent has taught at Harvard University, Boston Architectural College and the University of Maryland. He is a Senior Advisor and Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Pennsylvania's Center for the Preservation of Civil Rights Sites (CPCRS) and is an Adjunct Professor at Columbia University's graduate program in Historic Preservation.

2024 Laity Award Recipient

Sandy Adams



As a proud Washingtonian with a BFA in Photojournalism from the Rochester Institute of Technology, I have a deep passion for capturing the beauty of the world through my lens. After a brief hiatus from photography, I rediscovered my love for the craft and sharpened my skills to bring my unique vision to life.

Although I have always admired the art of drawing, it's not a talent that came naturally to me. Instead, I rely on my camera as a means of artistic expression, capturing the world from my perspective with clarity and emotion.

My pause from photography came during a 30-year career in public service, beginning in New York, where I made history as the first Black and the first Black female EMT, as well as the first Black and first Black female marine firefighter. I also served as a police officer and concluded my public service as a special agent with the District of Columbia's Office of Inspector General. Throughout my career, I was honored to be the first DCOIG recipient of the prestigious U.S. Department of Justice, United States Attorney's Office Award. Other recognitions include the Green Cross for Safety from the City of Rochester and two Excellent Police Service Awards.

Alongside my public service career, I own and operate Outdoorvisions Photography, where I specialize in outdoor decorative art and event photography. My work is an escape from the demands of everyday life, capturing a wide range of scenes, from urban man-made environments to breathtaking natural landscapes. My personal photojournalism projects focus on candid, authentic moments, reflecting both my artistic vision and commitment to truth.

In addition to running my own business, I have worked briefly with Lifetouch Church Division and have had the privilege of assisting esteemed Black photographers such as Sharon Farmer, Leigh Mosley, and George Tolbert. My photography career has earned me honors including 2nd Place Photographer of the Year and Merit of Excellence at the 2019 14th Annual Black and White Spider Awards, and Category Winner, Open Theme, at the 2024 24th Julia Margaret Cameron Award. I am also the author of *Icebergs and Glaciers: Vanishing Beauties*, with work featured in numerous publications and exhibitions, including the 2024 50th Anniversary of Artomatic. My photographs are also part of several private collections.

As an active member of The Exposure Group - An African American Photographers Association, I currently serve as secretary, although I suspect they may be encouraging me toward the role of vice president.

Beyond my professional pursuits, I remain deeply involved in my church community, from my early days as an acolyte and youth choir member to more recent roles such as church photographer, Chair of Church Council, Assistant Lay Leader, and Audio/Video Technician. Some might even say I'm the unofficial assistant to the Trustee Board.

2024 Laity Award Recipients

The McFadden Family



Mary L. McFadden has been a member of Asbury for over 55 years. She has been active as a member of United Women in Faith. Mrs. McFadden has dedicated most of her time and talents to the children of Asbury, starting out working in the nursery and then taking over as the coordinator. She was even the Coordinator of Children's Ministry at one time. She has faithfully served as a long-time Sunday school teacher for children and continues to support children's activities at Asbury.



Levi N. McFadden has been a member of Asbury for over 55 years. Over the years he was a member of the United Methodist Men, actively participated in Sunday school programs, and was an usher. Mr. McFadden is most loved and known for his exemplary service to Asbury's Bus Ministry for many years.



Gloria S. McFadden has been a member of Asbury all of her life. She grew up in the church and attended Sunday school and Girl Scouts. She continues to serve Asbury as a Sunday school teacher for both children and youth.

Asbury's Week At-A-Glance

Friday, October 25, 2024

Sunday, October 20, 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

1:00 p.m.—Book Launch, Author Adelle Banks, *Becoming a Future-Ready Church*, Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 21, 2024

3:00 pm — Asburyan Deadline

7:00 pm—Contagious Faith with Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills, Zoom [Link](#), Dial-In: (301) 715-8592, Meeting ID: 896-9205-2138, Passcode: 906025

Tuesday, October 22, 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 23, 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

7:00 pm—Church Council Meeting, via Zoom [Link](#), Dial-In: 301-715-8592, Meeting ID: 814 6394 1055, Passcode: 665544

Thursday, October 24, 2024

12:30 pm—Mary Southerland's Celebration of Life, 3401 Bladensburg Rd., Brentwood, MD

Saturday, October 26, 2024

From The Senior Pastor's Desk

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



WAYS TO GIVE

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in the following ways:



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926 11th St NW
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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.

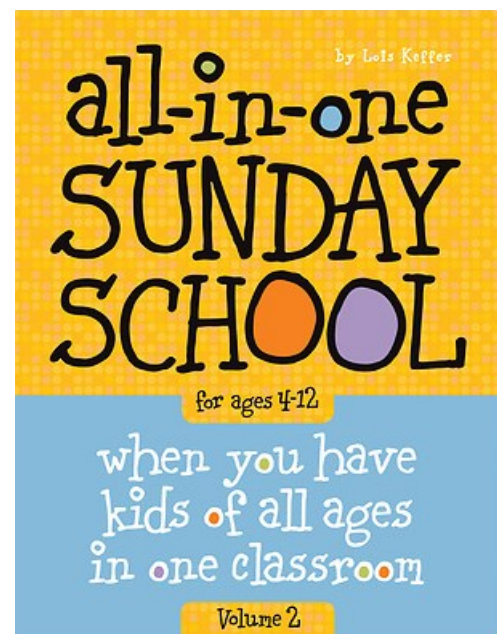
All-in-one Sunday School

Sunday Mornings

Ages 4-12

9:00-9:50 am

Located on 3rd floor, Room 208



UPDATED

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

Susan Etherton

Arlington Presbyterian Church Elder

With contributions from co-author Daniel Yang

DETAILS



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



Panel with signing to follow



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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)

All Saint's Sunday



NOVEMBER 3, 2024
10:00 A.M.

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

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

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89692052138?pwd=pUMYEDOVLT6A8WqxFWEF8Q9oSsDnd0.1>

Dial-In: (301) 715-8592

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If you are interested in participating, the **Contagious Faith Study Guide** is available on Cokesbury.com, Amazon.com, and 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=9VmZL9lrzR5CPYAdnAsHebr0YiCY4.1>

Dial-In: (301) 715-8592

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THE STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

Financial Update: 2024 Year-to-Date Giving Summary

Grace and Peace Faithful Asburyans,

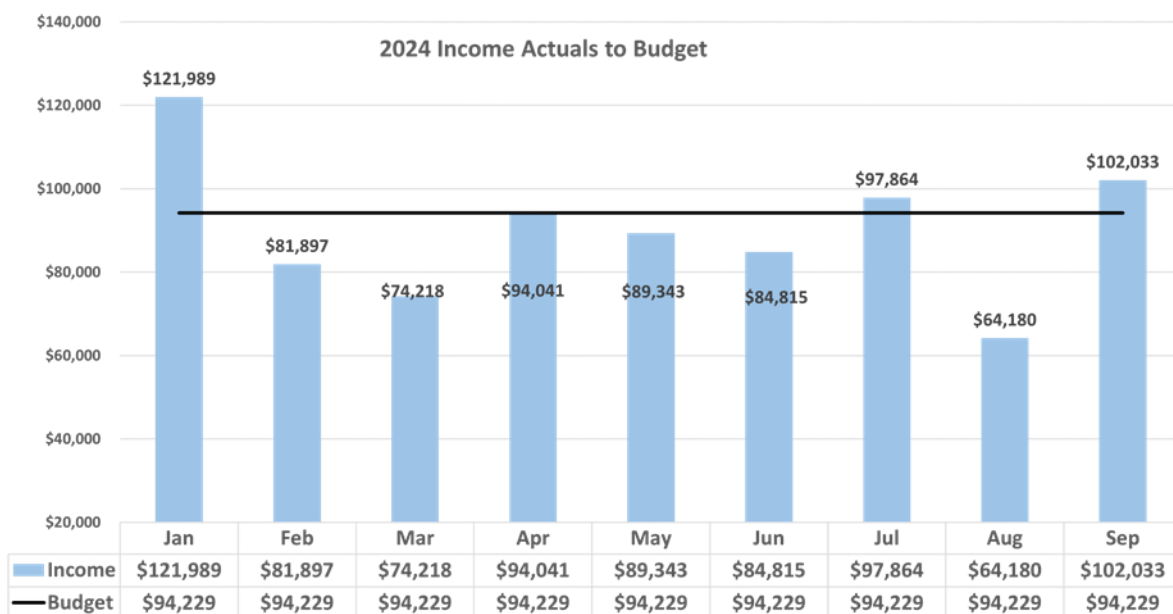
Thank you for your past and ongoing stewardship! During the State of the Church meeting in June, Asbury’s financial team shared that the 2024 monthly budget giving target is \$94,229 (see the solid line in the graph below). Your gifts support Asbury’s operations and the impactful ministries that serve our community. Through September, we have met this target only 3 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





Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory of Robert Reid on the first anniversary of his eternal rest. A devoted husband, father, father-in-law, brother and uncle—your presence is greatly missed but your memories and your spirit lives in each of us and will forever remain in our hearts.

Don and Brenda Reid-Sanders, daughter and son-in-law

THE UPPER ROOM — DAILY READING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20
PSALM 34:1-7

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21
ROMANS 8:35-39

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22
PSALM 4:1-8

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23
1 THESSALONIANS 5:9-18

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24
LUKE 9:23-27

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25
ISAIAH 40:27-31

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
JEREMIAH 18:1-6

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

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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