

**ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**LOVING...SERVING...TRANSFORMING LIVES**  
**OCTOBER 27, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM (IN-PERSON & ONLINE SERVICES)**

## **“The Measure of True Greatness”**



### **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

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 27, 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
†INTROIT	<i>In the Beauty of Holiness...Nettie Sawyer-Lester</i>	
†GATHERING HYMN	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (110 UMH)</i>	
MORNING PRAYER		Christian Watkins
PRAYER RESPONSE	<i>Thy Way, O Lord...Edward Deas</i>	
SCRIPTURE READINGS	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Mark 10:35-45	Rev. Clyde Nelson Tawana Jackson
SERMONIC SELECTION	<i>How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings (Psalm 84)...Samuel Liddle</i> Hakeem Henderson (tenor)	
SERMON	<b>“The Measure of True Greatness”</b>	Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills Senior Pastor
†INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP	<i>My Hope Is Built (368 UMH)</i>	
INVITATION TO GIVE		Tawana Jackson
OFFERTORY SELECTION	<i>Be Lifted Up/Lift Him Up....L.Scott/arr. Carol Cymbala</i>	
†DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
MUSIC MINISTRY TRIBUTE TO DR. IANTHER MARIE MILLS & MINISTERIAL STAFF	<i>My God Is So High....Negro Spiritual arr. Moses Hogan</i> Hakeem Henderson (soloist)	
†SENDING HYMN	<i>I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (see insert)</i>	
†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills
POSTLUDE	<i>How Great Thou Art...Stuart Hine</i>	

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister of Music: Everett P. Williams, Jr.

Music: Asbury Ensemble

Liturgists: Rev. Clyde Nelson, Christian Watkins, Tawana Jackson

Trustee On Duty: Rene' Carter

GRACE

# 2153 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1. I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
2. I'm gon-na work so (work so)  
3. I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
4. I'm gon-na sing so (sing so) } God can use me —

— an - y - where, Lord, — an - y - time! —  
(an - y - time!)

I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
I'm gon-na work so (work so)  
I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
I'm gon-na sing so (sing so) } God can use me —

— an - y - where, Lord, — an - y - time! —  
(my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

WORDS: African American spiritual  
MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. by Wendell Whalum  
Arr. © Estate of Wendell Whalum

I'M GONNA LIVE  
Irregular

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## Asbury's Week At-A-Glance

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Friday, November 1, 2024

### Sunday, October 27, 2024

8:00 am—Asbury 4th Sunday Outreach, Fellowship Hall  
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  
11:30 a.m.—Clergy Appreciation Reception, immediately following Worship Service, Fellowship Hall

### Monday, October 28, 2024

**3:00 pm — Asburian 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 29, 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 30, 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 31, 2024

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### Saturday, November 2, 2024

11:00 am—Altar Guild Set up for Communion, Sanctuary  
5:00 pm—Dinner Church, Fellowship Hall

## 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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# ONLINE

**LIVE /  
STREAMING HD**

[www.asburyumcdc.org](http://www.asburyumcdc.org)  
Click WATCH LIVESTREAM

**You Tube**

[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.

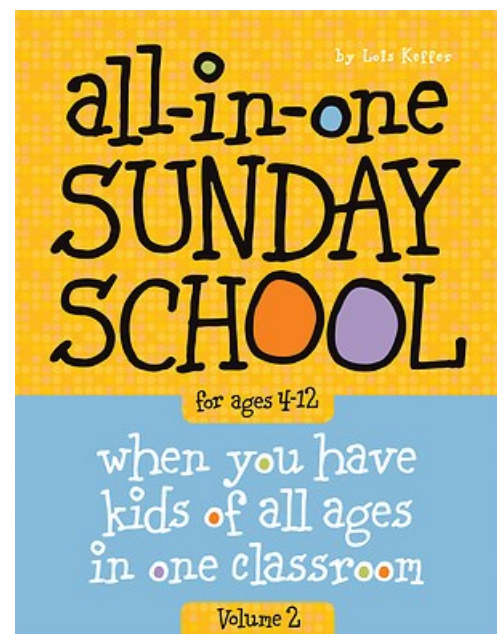
## All-in-one Sunday School

Sunday Mornings

Ages 4-12

9:00-9:50 am

Located on 3rd floor, Room 208





# CHILDREN'S PAINTING PARTY



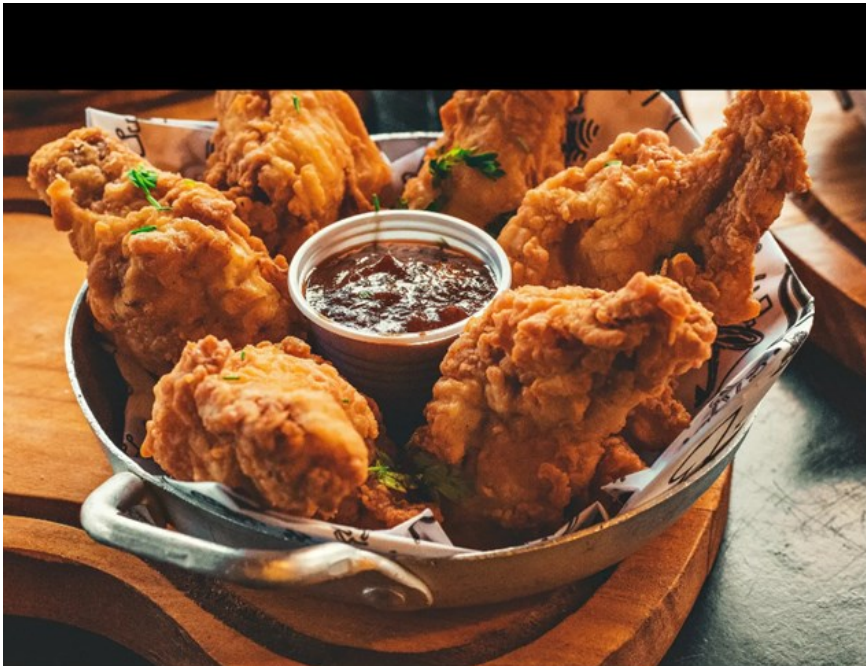
**Saturday, November 2, 2024**

**11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 2-9**

**Reusable grocery tote bags will be painted and donated to Asbury's Food Pantry.**

For more information contact V. Williford at [williford\\_v@hotmail.com](mailto:williford_v@hotmail.com)



## *Dinner Church*

**A Meal - A Message - Music**

**Saturday, November 2**

**5:00 p.m.**

***Preaching: Rev. Dr. Ianber Mills***

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# *All Saint's Sunday*



NOVEMBER 3, 2024  
10:00 A.M.



## Church Meeting



### **Special Church Conference**

Sunday, November 10, 2024

~ 11:30 a.m.

*(Immediately After Morning Worship)*

## **DONATE To SUPPORT The 2024 ANGEL TREE PROGRAM!**

Greetings, Asburyans and Friends,

Christmas is fast approaching and the Angel Tree committee is already gearing up for its 2024 celebration. About this time every year, the Prison Fellowship mails us the names of participating children and their families. We are expecting the names of at least 40 children. Asbury will once again follow the Prison Fellowship recommendation that in lieu of Christmas gifts, we will give each child a gift card. We hope that you will continue to support our efforts to add much holiday happiness and joy to these children and their families by making a \$40.00 donation. Please make your check payable to the United Methodist Women with Angel Tree written on the memo line and mail it by November 16, 2024 to:

Christine C. McDaniel  
2008 Houston Street  
Suitland, MD 20746

Your overwhelming response last year allowed us to give each child a \$50.00 card, a gift bag and a stocking filled with miscellaneous goodies. On December 14, 2024, members of the Angel Tree committee will don their Christmas caps, pack their vehicles with gifts and spend the afternoon sharing the Christmas spirit with these families.

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Angel Tree program. It is greatly appreciated. For additional information, you may contact Angel Tree coordinators, Christine C. McDaniel at (301) 420- 2540 or Claudia Thompson at (301) 261-5822.

Yours in Christ,

Christine McDaniel and Claudia Thompson



## Offering Envelope Announcement

Dear Asburyans:

We constantly look for ways to save on expenses and devote more resources to missions and “*transforming lives.*” Every year, printed offering envelopes are purchased for all members. We are aware that many of you no longer use envelopes and instead use online platforms to share your tithes and offerings. This year, we will order envelopes only for members who request them. This will save money for Asbury and help preserve the environment for us now and generations to come.

Please complete the form below and drop it in the offering plate or call the Church Office, Monday-Thursday (8 am-3 pm) to request/decline printed offering envelopes. We must have your response no later than **November 15**. Envelopes will be available for pick-up as usual, beginning December 29, following morning worship.

Help us save money and preserve the environment.

### Offering Envelope Response

- I want to continue receiving printed offering envelopes.
- I no longer want to receive printed offering envelopes.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

All responses are due no later than November 15, 2024.

# THE STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

## Financial Update: 2024 Year-to-Date Giving Summary

Grace and Peace Faithful Asburyans,

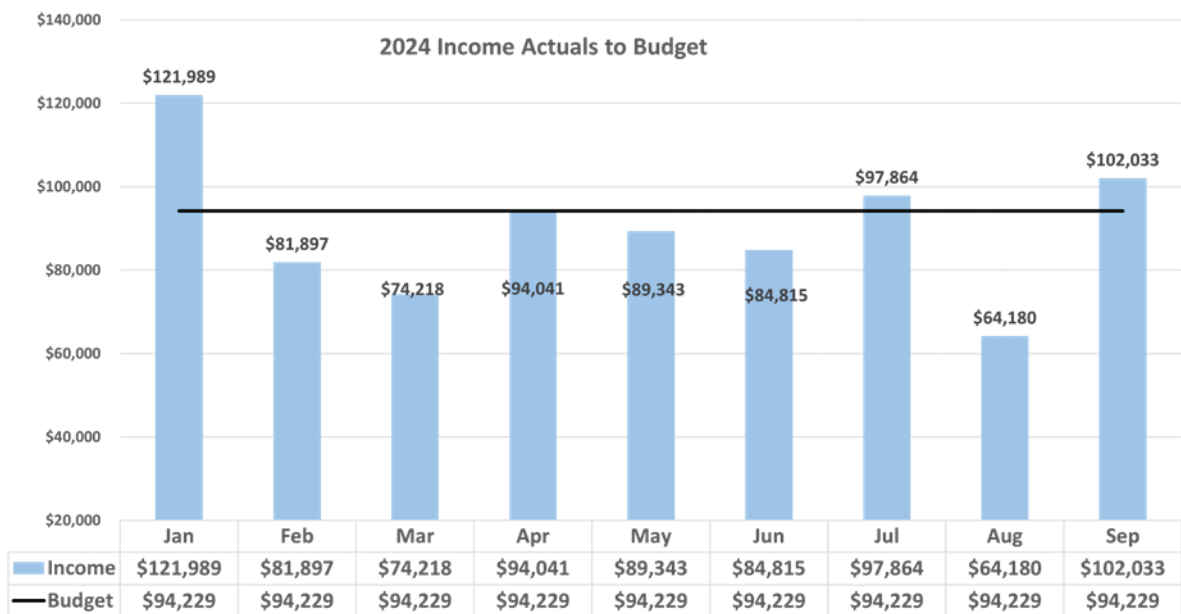
Thank you for your past and ongoing stewardship! During the State of the Church meeting in June, Asbury’s financial team shared that the 2024 monthly budget giving target is \$94,229 (see the solid line in the graph below). Your gifts support Asbury’s operations and the impactful ministries that serve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



# 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=pUMYEDOVLT6A8WqxFWEF8Q9oSsDnd0.1>

**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=9VmZL9lrzR5CPYAdnAsHebr0YiCY4.1>

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

**Meeting ID:** 850 2943 2696

**Passcode:** 919397

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If you are interested in participating, please contact the church office.



Asbury Youth Ministry Invites All Youth in Grades 6-12 to

## **IGNITE**

An annual Youth Spiritual Conference

March 7-9<sup>th</sup> in Ocean City, Maryland

IGNITE will build on the former ROCK and Youth Rally experiences. It is a holistic, transformative, year-round experience for young people that includes fellowship, worship, learning, and service components. In addition, young adults will be lending their service and mentorship through the IGNITE Squad.

For More Information about Ignite and to see the full schedule of events visit:

<https://igniteforyouth.com/>

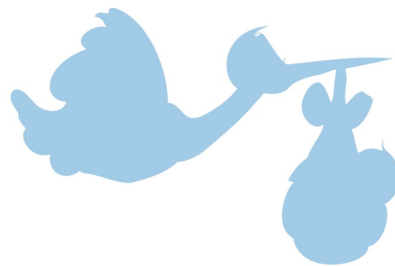
The Asbury Youth Ministry will cover the costs of room, board, and event registration for all youth (ages 11 and up) who are interested in attending.

To Join the Asbury Youth Ministry Group Registration please RSVP to

Sarita Singh  
Asbury United Methodist Church  
Youth Ministry Coordinator  
[saritamsingh13@gmail.com](mailto:saritamsingh13@gmail.com)

## Corbitt Family-Birth Announcement

Celebrate with the Corbitt Family as they welcome Micah Jamel Corbitt, born 8/14/2024 to Melanie and Jamilah Corbitt and Robert James Corbitt IV, born 10/18/2024 to Kaiya and Robert Corbitt III. Janet (Ms. Senior DC) and Robert Corbitt Jr. are the proud grandparents.



### THE UPPER ROOM — DAILY READING

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27**  
EXODUS 18:5-27

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 28**  
JOHN 10:1-10

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29**  
PSALM 84:1-9

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30**  
LAMENTATIONS 3:19-24

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31**  
EXODUS 13:17-22

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1**  
HEBREWS 11:17-28

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2**  
ROMANS 8:12-17

### 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](http://asburymcdc.org) for information about our ministries. Find us on Facebook and Twitter.

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