

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

AND STILL WE RISE!



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-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

†† = Those who are able may stand

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills
†INTROIT		<i>You Alone Deserve My Praise</i>
†GATHERING HYMN		<i>How Great Thou Art (77 UMH)</i>
MORNING PRAYER		Brenda Reid-Sanders
PRAYER RESPONSE		<i>If Heaven Was Never Promised</i>
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Psalm 127	Brenda Reid-Sanders
EPISTLE LESSON	2 Corinthians 4:5-12	Christian Watkins
†GOSPEL LESSON	Mark 12:38-44	Tawana Jackson
SERMONIC SELECTION		<i>In This Place</i>
SERMON	“And Still We Rise!”	Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills Senior Pastor
†INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP	<i>The Lord is My Light and My Salvation (160 AAHH)</i>	
PRESENTATION OF BLESSING BAGS		Asbury Children’s & Prayer Ministries
INVITATION TO GIVE		Tawana Jackson
OFFERTORY SELECTION		<i>I Shall Wear A Golden Crown</i>
†DOXOLOGY		<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>
†SENDING HYMN		<i>Lift Every Voice and Sing (540 AAHH)</i>
†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills
POSTLUDE		<i>Sweet Hour of Prayer</i>

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister of Music: Everett P. Williams, Jr.

Pianist: Stephen Key

Music: Asbury Ensemble

Liturgists: Brenda Sanders, Christian Watkins, & Tawana Jackson

Trustee On Duty: James Gary

Asbury's Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, November 10, 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

11:30 am—Special Church Conference, immediately after Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, November 11, 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, November 12, 2024

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

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

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

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—SPRC Meeting, via Zoom

Thursday, November 14, 2024

7:00 pm—Trustee Board Committee Meeting, [Link](#), Dial-In: 301-715-8592, Zoom Meeting ID: 967 7383, Passcode: 851426

Friday, November 15, 2024

Saturday, November 16, 2024

9:00 am—Food Pantry Distribution, Fellowship Hall

11:00 am—Toiletries Ministry, OSH



From The Senior Pastor's Desk

November 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.

HOURS of OPERATION

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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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.

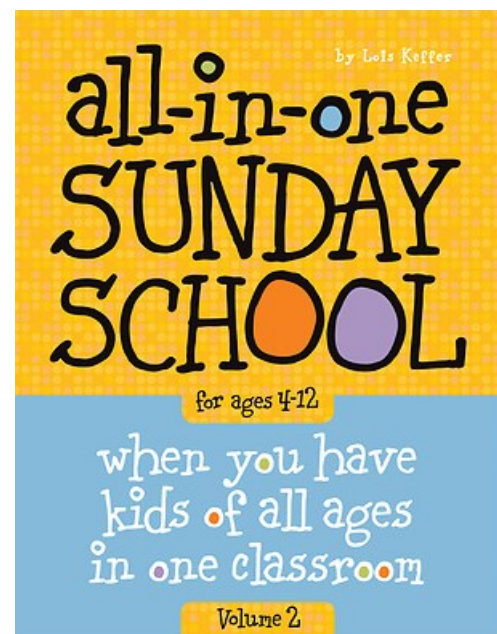
All-in-one Sunday School

Sunday Mornings

Ages 4-12

9:00-9:50 am

Located on 3rd floor, Room 208



Church Meeting



Special Church Conference

Sunday, November 10, 2024

~ 11:30 a.m.

(Immediately After Morning Worship)

Asbury Celebrates National Family Caregivers Month November 2024

Caregiver Prayer

Dear God, Give me the strength
and hopeful perspective
to be a good caregiver...

To care for my loved one,
and still take care of myself;

To have patience with my loved one,
and have patience with myself;

To remember that Your guiding
spirit is within my loved one,
and it is within myself;

To remember that my loved one
is doing his or her best to deal
with life's challenges,
and I'm doing my best to
deal with my own challenges;

To focus more on the good within
my loved one, and on the blessings
within both of our lives, as I also
focus on the good within myself.

Help me, God, to encourage,
to listen, and to share your Love... to
share moments of faith, relaxation,
and joy with my loved one...
to help bring out the best in them,
as You help me to bring out
the best within myself.

Amen.

Source: The Christophers



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.

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



THE STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

Financial Update: 2024 Year-to-Date Giving Summary

Grace and Peace Faithful Asburyans,

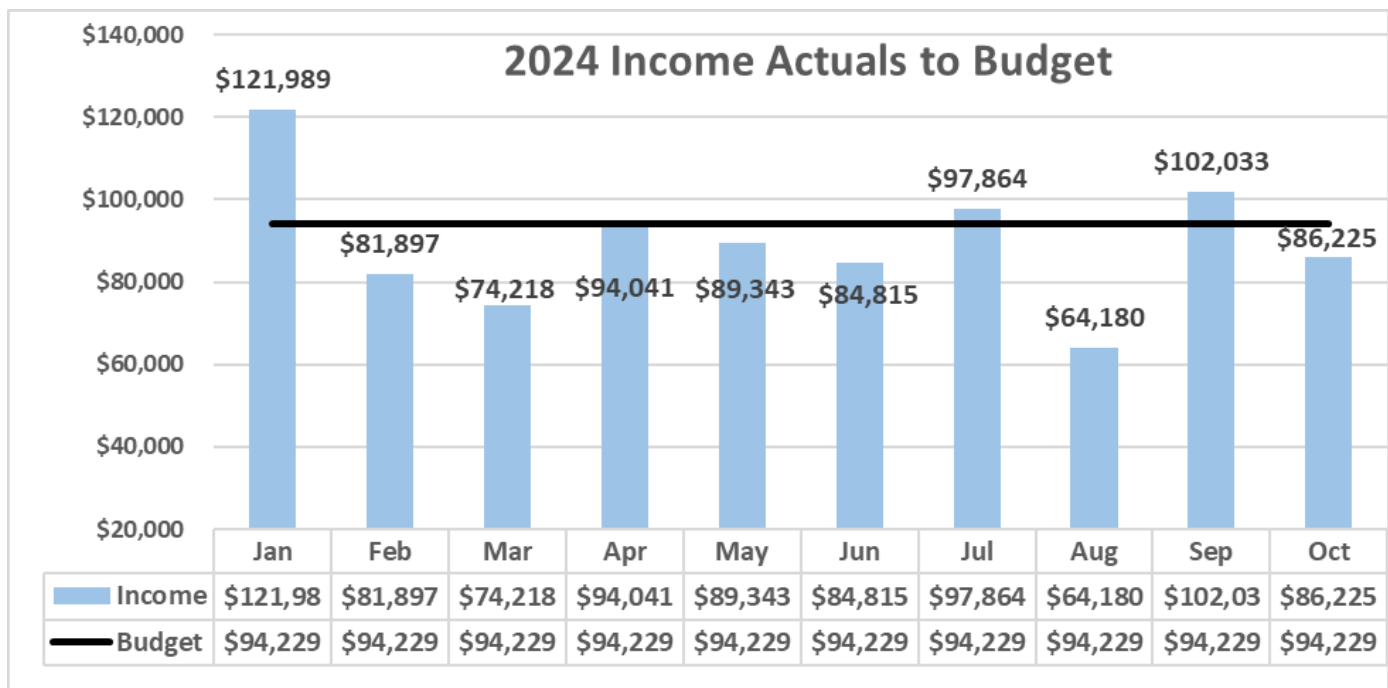
Thank you for your past and ongoing stewardship! During the State of the Church meeting in June, Asbury’s financial team shared that the 2024 monthly budget **giving target is \$94,229** (see the solid line in the graph below). Your gifts support Asbury’s operations and the impactful ministries that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

FINAL SESSION

Monday, November 11, 7:00 p.m.

Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89692052138?pwd=pUMYEDOVLT6A8WqxWFEF8Q9oSsDndo.1>

Dial-In: (301) 715-8592

Meeting ID: 896 9205 2138

Passcode: 906025

Faithful & Inclusive

A Virtual Study for Church Leaders

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.

FINAL SESSION

Tuesday, November 12, 7:00 p.m.

Co-Facilitators:

Rev. James Shopshire, PhD & Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85029432696?pwd=9VmZL9lrzvR5CPYAdnAsHebroYiCY4.1>

Dial-In: (301) 715-8592

Meeting ID: 850 2943 2696



“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, NOVEMBER 10
PROVERBS 16:1-9

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11
MATTHEW 14:22-33

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
JONAH 1:1-17

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13
1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14
1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15
JOHN 15:9-17

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16
MATTHEW 28:16-20

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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Monday-Thursday ~ 8:00 am-3:00 pm / Friday ~ 8:00 am-1:00 pm Teleworking (The Office is Closed)