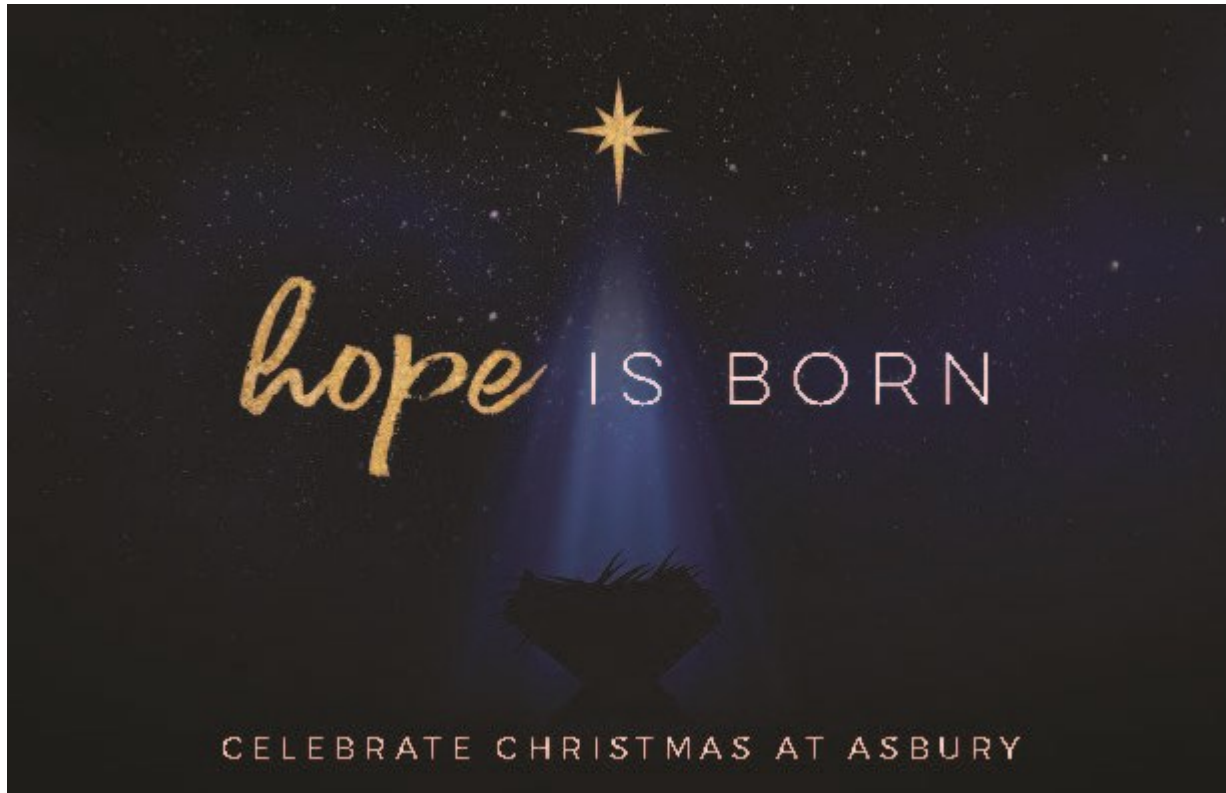


ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LOVING...SERVING...TRANSFORMING LIVES
DECEMBER 29, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM (IN-PERSON & ONLINE SERVICES)



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

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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

†† = Those who are able may stand

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Brett Johnson
†GATHERING HYMN	<i>Angels We Have Heard On High (206 AAHH)</i>	
MORNING PRAYER		Brett Johnson
PRAYER RESPONSE	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night (211 AAHH)</i>	
MINISTRY OF MUSIC	<i>Carol of the Bells/God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen....Matt Riley</i> The Apola Sisters	
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Psalm 148	Jeanna Colbert
†GOSPEL LESSON	Luke 2:41-52	Isaiah Buckley
SERMONIC SELECTION	<i>O Holy Night....arr. Storee Denson</i> Storee Denson (organist)	
SERMON	“Home Sweet Home”	Rev. Clyde Nelson Retired Elder, Virginia Conference
†INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (120 AAHH)</i>	
INVITATION TO GIVE		Moses Boyd
OFFERTORY SELECTION	<i>And Can It Be...David Ritter</i> The Apola Sisters	
†DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
†SENDING HYMN	<i>Go Tell It On the Mountain (202 AAHH)</i>	
†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Rev. Clyde Nelson
POSTLUDE	<i>Carol Rhapsody....Richard Purvis</i> Storee Denson	

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister of Music/Organist: Everett P. Williams Jr.

Guest Organist: Storee Denson

Music: The Apola Sisters (Drusilla, Gabriella, and Jana)

Liturgists: Moses Boyd, Isaiah Buckley, Jeanna Colbert, Brett Johnson

Trustee on Duty: James Gary

Asbury's Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, December 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, December 30, 2024

3:00 pm — Asburian Deadline

6:00 pm — Melodies of Faith Advent Study, Rev. Ianther Mills, (Zoom [Link](#)), Dial In: 301-715-8592, Meeting ID: 847 1226 5946, Passcode: 238841

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

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

7:00 pm—Watch Night, (online via Livestream, [Link](#)), Dial In: 301-715-8592, Meeting ID: 861 5564 3955, Passcode: 123456

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

***New Year's Day* - Office is Closed**

Thursday, January 2, 2025

Friday, January 3, 2025

Saturday, January 4, 2025

9:00 am — Melodies of Faith Advent Study, Tawana Jackson and Rev. Clyde Nelson, (Zoom [Link](#)), Dial In: 301-715-8592, Meeting ID: 847 1226 5946, Passcode: 238841

11:00 am—Celebration of Life for Sharon Banks & Mark Wendell Beane, Sanctuary

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

5:00 pm—Dinner Church, Fellowship Hall



From The Senior Pastor's Desk

December 2024

Word for the Month: HOPE

Scripture of the Month: Luke 1-2

Thought for the Month:

Join us as we read *Melodies of Faith: An Advent Devotional for African American Churches & Families*. *Melodies of Faith* is more than a devotional—it's a journey through the heart of the holiday seasons, designed to deepen your faith and bring your family closer together. Daily reflections from distinguished contributors guide you through the sacred seasons, offering hope, peace, joy, and love. Engage with scripture and music that celebrate the rich heritage and traditions of the African American church. Thought-provoking reflection questions encourage meaningful conversations at home and in church communities. Special litanies, prayers, and songs for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany enrich your worship experience. Join us in celebrating the miracles of Advent, the joy of Christmas, and the revelations of Epiphany with this beautifully crafted devotional.

Emphasis for the Month: ADVENT/ CHRISTMAS

Pastor's Book of the Month: *Melodies of Faith: An Advent Devotional for African American Churches & Families* - editors Charisse L. Gillett and Tanya J. Tyler



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**)

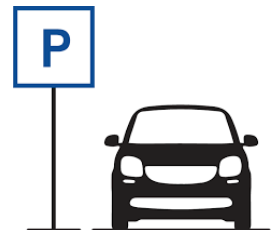
Parking Instructions

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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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.

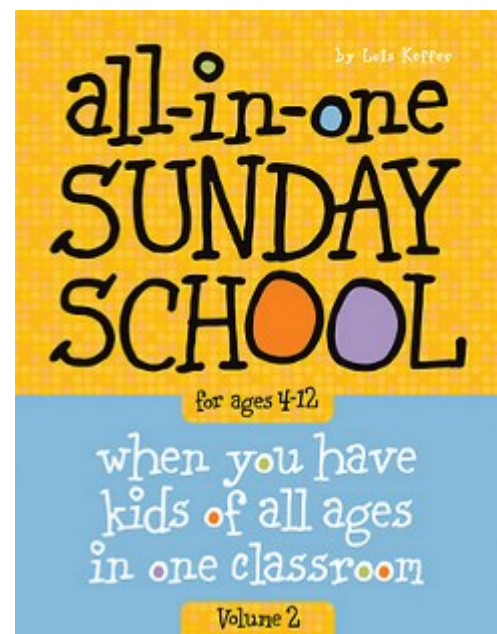
All-in-one Sunday School

Sunday Mornings

Ages 4-12

9:00-9:50 am

Located on 3rd floor, Room 208



Tuesday, December 31, 2024

7:00 pm

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2024

WATCH NIGHT

December 31 ~ 7:00 p.m.

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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! Your gifts support Asbury’s operations and the impactful ministries that serve our community. The 2024 monthly budget **giving target is \$94,229** (see the solid line in the graph below). **Through November**, we have met this target in April, July, and September (December 31, 2023 was a Sunday, resulting in funds deposited in January). 2024’s lower giving levels has negatively impacted our ability to fully fund our ministries. We ask you to prayerfully consider increasing your December gifts, to enable ending 2024 in a healthy financial position.

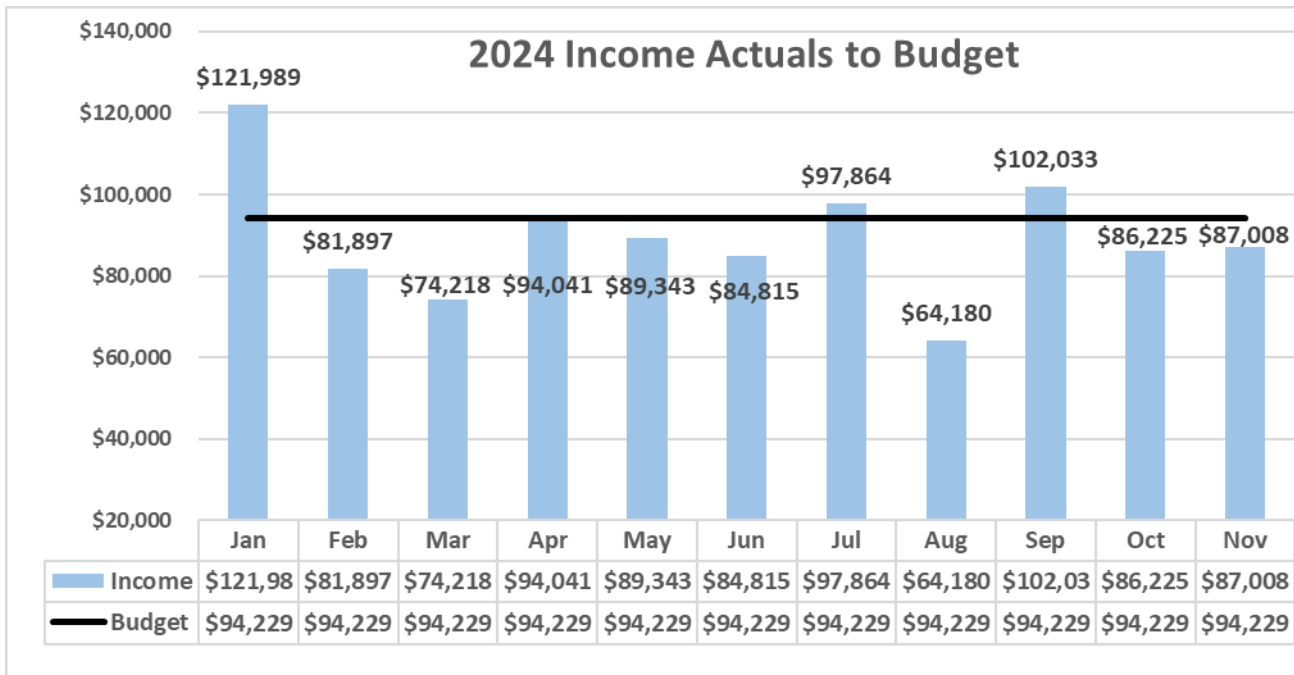
- **2 Corinthians 9: 6-8:** The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.
- **Luke 6:38:** Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

Robert J. Corbitt

Robert J. Corbitt, Jr.
Chairperson, Committee on Finance

Darryl Wyles

Darryl Wyles
Stewardship Chair



Saturday, January 25, 2025



*New
Members*
ORIENTATION

Saturday - Jan 25
10:00 -11:30 a.m.



ZOOM LINK: <https://zoom.us/join>
MEETING ID: 832 1261 6077
PASSCODE: 178994

Facilitators:
Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills
Robert Mallett
Valentine Davies
Monica McEaddy
Carol Travis
Tawana Jackson

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Coming Soon

January 2025

Membership Profile

As we embark on a new year filled with hope and renewed purpose, we are excited to announce an important initiative for our church community.

In 2025, we will be mailing out a Membership Profile to members of Asbury United Methodist Church.

Stay tuned for further information during the worship service each Sunday beginning in December or posted on our social media and website.

We encourage every member to participate.

Your Voice Matters!



Please fill out the profile and mail it back to the church in the return envelope. If you prefer, you can fill out the profile on our website.

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Website: asburymcdc.org



“JAF CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE”

**Birmingham, Montgomery, and Selma, Alabama
From Atlanta, Georgia**

Congregations of

**John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church
Asbury United Methodist Church
Foundry United Methodist Church**

**June 16 – 21, 2025
[5 Nights / 6 Days]**

*“JAF is committed to challenging the unjust power structures
that support oppression and are working for equality in all
areas of life.”*



MARS Tours and Travel

“Southern Civil Rights Tour: Echoes of Justice”

Website/Registration Link: <https://takeafuntrip.wetravel.com/trips/southern-civil-rights-tour-echoes-of-justice-mars-tours-and-travel-50727806>

- ◇ Reservation Due by February 1, 2025 – No Deposit is Due at the Time of Online Registration
- ◇ First Deposit Due by April 17, 2025 - \$750.00
- ◇ Second Deposit Due by May 7, 2025 – Determined by the Room Occupancy Rate Category
- ◇ Final Deposit Due by June 2, 2025 – Determined by the Room Occupancy Rate Category



“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, DECEMBER 29
ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30
MATTHEW 8:23-27

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31
PSALM 106:1-5

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1
ROMANS 12:1-2

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2
PSALM 103:1-8

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3
ISAIAH 30:15-18

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4
MATTHEW 3:1-12

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

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Everett P. Williams, Jr., Minister of Music

Tawana C. Jackson, Stephen 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 asburyumcdc.org for information about our ministries. Find us on Facebook and Twitter.

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