

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LOVING...SERVING...TRANSFORMING LIVES
JANUARY 12, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM (IN-PERSON & ONLINE SERVICES)

“But Now...”



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

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

January 12, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM WORSHIP (IN-PERSON & ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE)

†† = Those who are able may stand

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills
†INTROIT		We Are One
†GATHERING HYMN		Certainly Lord (678 AAHH)
MORNING PRAYER		Brenda Reid-Sanders
PRAYER RESPONSE		Alpha and Omega
FIRST LESSON	Isaiah 43:1-7	Patrick Wilkerson
SECOND LESSON	Acts 8:14-17	Randolph Scott
†GOSPEL LESSON	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	Randolph Scott
SERMONIC SELECTION		Trust Me....Richard Smallwood
SERMON	“But Now...”	Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills Lead Pastor
†INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP		Take Me to the Water (675 AAHH)
INVITATION TO GIVE		Brenda Reid-Sanders
OFFERTORY SELECTION		God Is My Everything
†DOXOLOGY		Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
†SENDING HYMN		I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (400 AAHH)
†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills
POSTLUDE		Spirit Song Everett Williams

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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

Music: Asbury Ensemble

Liturgists: Brenda Reid-Sanders, Ruth Scarbrough, Patrick Wilkerson

Trustee on Duty: Beverly Allen

Asbury's Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, January 12, 2025

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

3:00 pm—Opening Reception, The Exposure Group African American Photographers Association Inc. , “Colors of Life” featuring work from **Sandy Adams**, Photoworks at Glen Echo Park at 7300, MacArthur Blvd. Glen Echo, MD 20812.

Monday, January 13, 2025

3:00 pm — Asburyan Deadline

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

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

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

7:00 pm—Finance Committee Meeting, via Zoom [Link](#), Dial-In: 301-715-8592, Meeting ID: 879 4074 8235 , Passcode: 543758

Thursday, January 16, 2025

Friday, January 17, 2025

Saturday, January 18, 2025

9:00 am—Food Pantry Distribution, Fellowship Hall



From The Senior Pastor's Desk

January 2025

Word for the Month: DREAM

Scripture of the Month: Luke 10:25-37

Thought for the Month:

It's Time to Share the Dream. . .

Dr. King and the men and women around him were able to change history through the power of a dream that was not rooted in mere human principles. That dream was rooted in the love of God for all his children made in his image.

Share the Dream® is a six-session video Bible study (streaming code included) based on the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Each session revolves around one of the biblical principles that shaped Dr. King's life and motivated him to speak on behalf of African Americans in the Civil Rights Movement: Love, Conscience, Justice, Freedom, Perseverance, and Hope.

Be a part of the Share the Dream® movement that's helping a new generation understand, live, experience, and form a community around the unifying principles at the heart of the dream to which Dr. King dedicated his life.

Emphasis for the Month: SOCIAL JUSTICE

Pastor's Book of the Month: Share the Dream: Shining a Light in a Divided World Through Six Principles of Martin Luther King, Jr. by Matthew Daniels and Chris Broussard



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**)

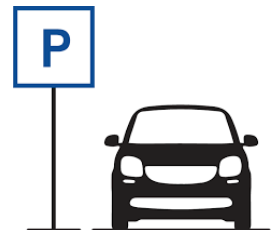
Parking Instructions

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.**



JOIN US



ONLINE

**LIVE /
STREAMING HD**

www.asburyumcdc.org
Click WATCH LIVESTREAM

You Tube

www.youtube.com/c/AsburyUMCDCNewChannel

f LIVE

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
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 2025 Winter/Spring 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.

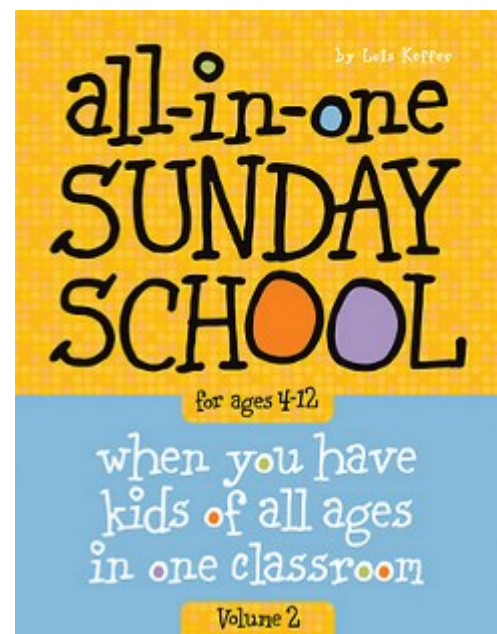
All-in-one Sunday School

Sunday Mornings

Ages 4-12

9:00-9:50 am

Located on 3rd floor, Room 208



THE STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

Financial Update: 2024 Giving Summary

January 12, 2025

Grace and Peace Faithful Asburyans,

We reached our giving goal for 2024! Thank you for your contributions and answering the 'call to action'. We are closing the books for 2024 and will have a complete financial update in February. The Finance Team will continue to share with you Asbury's financial status throughout 2025. May God continue to bless you and your family(ies) as we journey together into this new year.

- **2 Corinthians 9: 6-8:** *The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 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."*

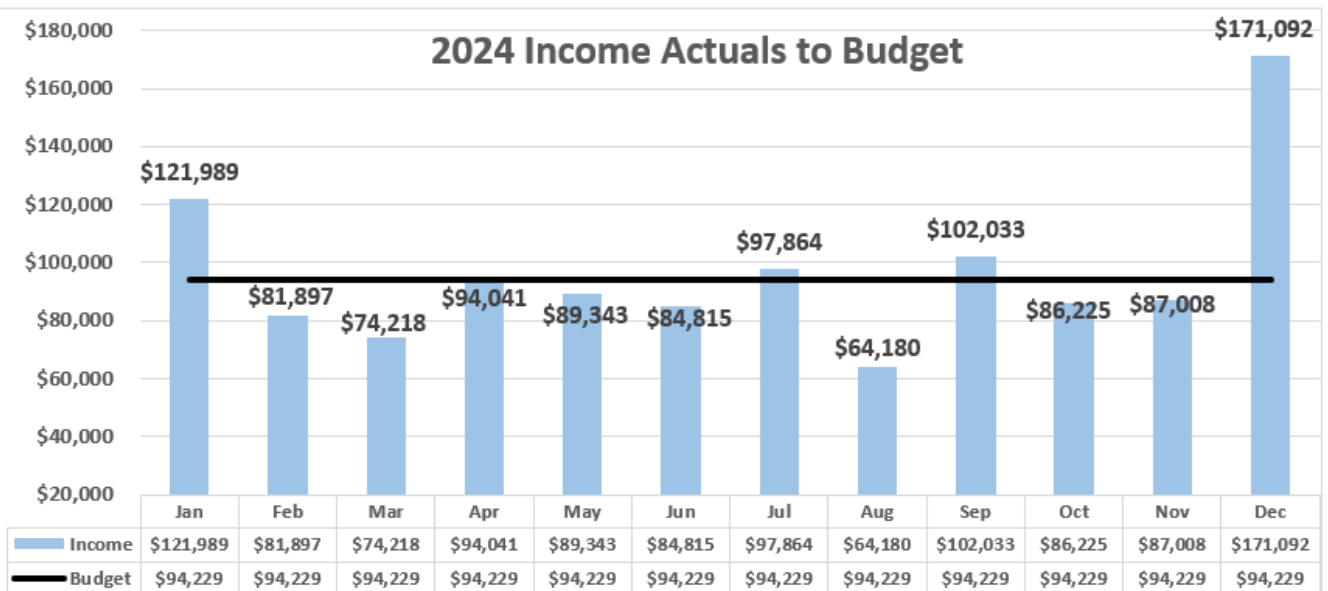
Robert J. Corbitt

Robert J. Corbitt, Jr.
Chairperson Committee on Finance

Darryl Wyles

Darryl Wyles
Stewardship Chair

TOTAL
BUDGET: \$1,130,748
GIVING: \$1,154,705



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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Washington, DC 20001

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.

Church Phone: (202) 628-0009
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



**BLACK
HISTORY MONTH
CELEBRATION**

**SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 16, 2025**

10:00 AM

**ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
926 11th STREET NW | WASHINGTON, DC 20001**

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“A Celebration and Conversation”

Honoring Our Pillars of Faith

Sunday, February 23, 2025



Asbury United Methodist Church | Washington, DC / UMC DC

“A Celebration and Conversation”
Honoring Our Pillars of Faith
February 23, 2025 @ 10:00am and 12:00 noon



HONORING

BISHOP FORREST C. STITH
BISHOP MARCUS MATTHEWS
REVEREND IRENE C. PIERCE
REVEREND JAMES M. SHOPSHIRE, PH.D
REVEREND DR. IANTHER M. MILLS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



“Freedom Riders”

Movie Screening and Discussion

Friday, February 28, 2025

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

JAF CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE

Movie Screening and Discussion

of

“Freedom Riders”

Facilitator: Gregory McGruder, Foundry UMC

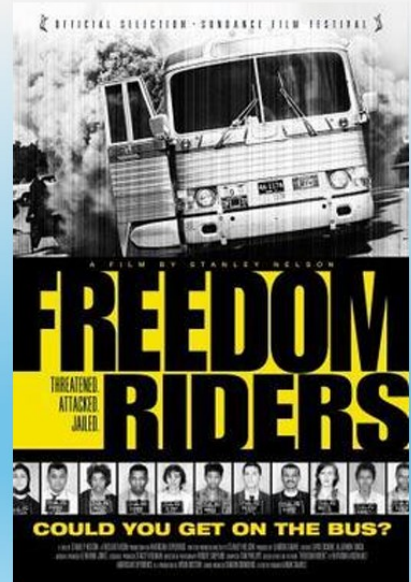
Friday, February 28, 2025 @ 6:30pm

**Asbury UMC - Fellowship Hall
926 11th Street NW, Washington, DC**

[Street Parking Near the Church]

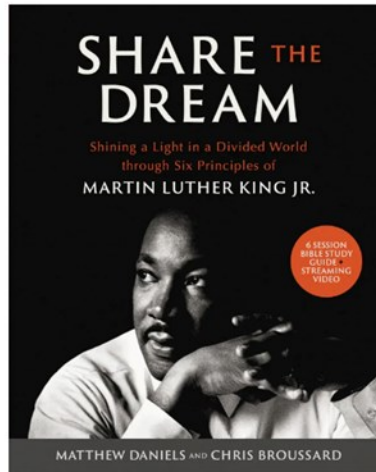
Hosted by

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LENTEN *Bible Study*

**Begins
March 1**



*Shining a light in a Divided World
through Six Principles of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.:
Love, Conscience, Justice, Freedom, Perseverance, and Hope*

Kickoff Meeting: March 1, 10:00 a.m.

Join a Study/Discussion Group

Dates: March 4- April 12

Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. (on Zoom)

Rev. James Shopshire Sr., PhD

Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. (on Zoom)

Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills

Wednesdays, 8:00 a.m. (on Zoom)

Carol Travis

Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. (on Zoom)

Min. Christian Watkins

Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. (on Zoom)

Rev. Clyde Nelson

Join Zoom Meeting

Click the link [Launch Meeting - Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 851 4594 8597

Passcode: 430182

The book Share the Dream is available from Amazon, Christianbook.com, and Cokesbury.

The Exposure Group of African American Photographers Association Inc.

present

"Colors of Life" Exhibition



WHEN: Friday, January 10, 2025 until Sunday, March 2, 2025

WHERE: Photoworks at Glen Echo Park at 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Glen Echo, MD 20812

Opening Reception: Sunday, January 12, 2025 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm.

Artist Talk: “How Photographers Tell Stories”

When: **Sunday, February 2, 2025 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm**

For Information Call: Sandy Adams (240) 355-1348 or Bonita Bing (301) 461-1477

The Photoworks gallery is free and open to the public on Saturday & Sunday from 1-4 PM.

“Colors of Life”, now in its 8th year, celebrates the spectrum of members photographic genres, subject matters and life experiences inside and outside of the nation’s capital. From travel photography to landscapes, cityscapes, portraits, architecture, and photojournalism, this juried show is a visually impactful body of work that will fascinate anyone with an interest in photography.

Featured photographers: *Sandy Adams, RiShawn Biddle, Bonita Bing, Cleveland Bryant Jr, Zandra Chestnut, Jeanine Cummins, Rick Dean, W. Bruce Fagin, Sharon Farmer, Maurice G. Fitzgerald, Gail A. Hansberry, Marvin T. Jones, Karl Rudd, Edward Savvoir, Francesca Scott, Michael G. Smith, Derrick Tabor, and George Dalton Tolbert, IV.*



“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, JANUARY 12
ISAIAH 55:6-13

MONDAY, JANUARY 13
PSALM 46:1-7

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14
1 PETER 2:4-10

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15
1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16
PSALM 57:1-4

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17
JOHN 1:1-13

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18
JOSHUA 1:1-9

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, Lead Pastor

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