

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LOVING...SERVING...TRANSFORMING LIVES
JANUARY 5, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM (IN-PERSON & ONLINE SERVICES)

“New Year...New Possibilities”



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

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 5, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM WORSHIP (IN-PERSON & ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE)

†† = Those who are able may stand

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills
†INTROIT	O God, our Help in Ages Past....Carl Mueller	
†GATHERING HYMN	All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (293 AAHH)	
MORNING PRAYER		Rev. Clyde Nelson
PRAYER RESPONSE	Let's Just Praise the Lord....William Gaither	
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Ruth Scarbrough
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Isaiah 60:1-6	Rev. Clyde Nelson
EPISTLE LESSON	Ephesians 3:1-12	Tawana Jackson
†GOSPEL LESSON	Matthew 2:1-12	Ruth Scarbrough
SERMONIC SELECTION	A Mighty Fortress Is Our God...Martin Luther/arr. Carl Mueller	
SERMON	“New Year... New Possibilities”	Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills Lead Pastor
†INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP	Go, Tell It On the Mountain (202 AAHH)	
HOLY COMMUNION		Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills & Rev. Clyde Nelson
COMMUNION HYMN		At the Cross (264 AAHH)
INVITATION TO GIVE		Robert Corbitt & Darryl Wyles
OFFERTORY SELECTION	Your Grace and Mercy....Franklin Williams Charles Miller tenor soloist	
†DOXOLOGY	Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow	
†SENDING HYMN	I Know It Was the Blood (267 AAHH, verses 1, 5 & 6)	
†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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

Music: Asbury Ensemble

Liturgists: Rev. Clyde Nelson, Tawana Jackson, Ruth Scarbrough

Trustee on Duty: Canardo M. Richardson

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR EPIPHANY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty (almighty God), creator of heaven and earth. Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation. You sent a star to guide wise men to where the Christ was born; and in your signs and witnesses, in every age and through all the world, you have led your people from far places to his light. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Pastor: Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

(The pastor breaks the bread)

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

(The pastor lifts the cup)

The body and blood of Christ given for you.

ALL: *(All partake of the communion elements together while the Asbury Ensemble sings)*



Asbury's Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, January 5, 2025

9:00 am—All-in-One Sunday School, Ages 4-12, 3rd floor, Room 208

9:00 am—Adult Sunday School, Library

9:00 am—DC BID Community Outreach, Fellowship Hall

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, January 6, 2025

3:00 pm — Asburyan Deadline

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

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

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

7:00 pm—SPRC Meeting, via Zoom

8:00 am — Melodies of Faith Advent Study, Carol Travis, (Zoom [Link](#)), Dial In: 301-715-8592, Meeting ID: 847 1226 5946, Passcode: 238841

Thursday, January 9, 2025

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

Friday, January 10, 2025

Saturday, January 11, 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



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 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.

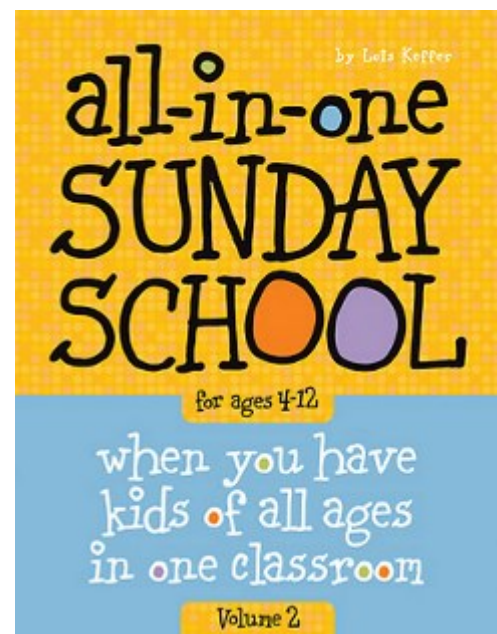
All-in-one Sunday School

Sunday Mornings

Ages 4-12

9:00-9:50 am

Located on 3rd floor, Room 208



THE STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

Financial Update: 2024 Giving Summary

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.”*

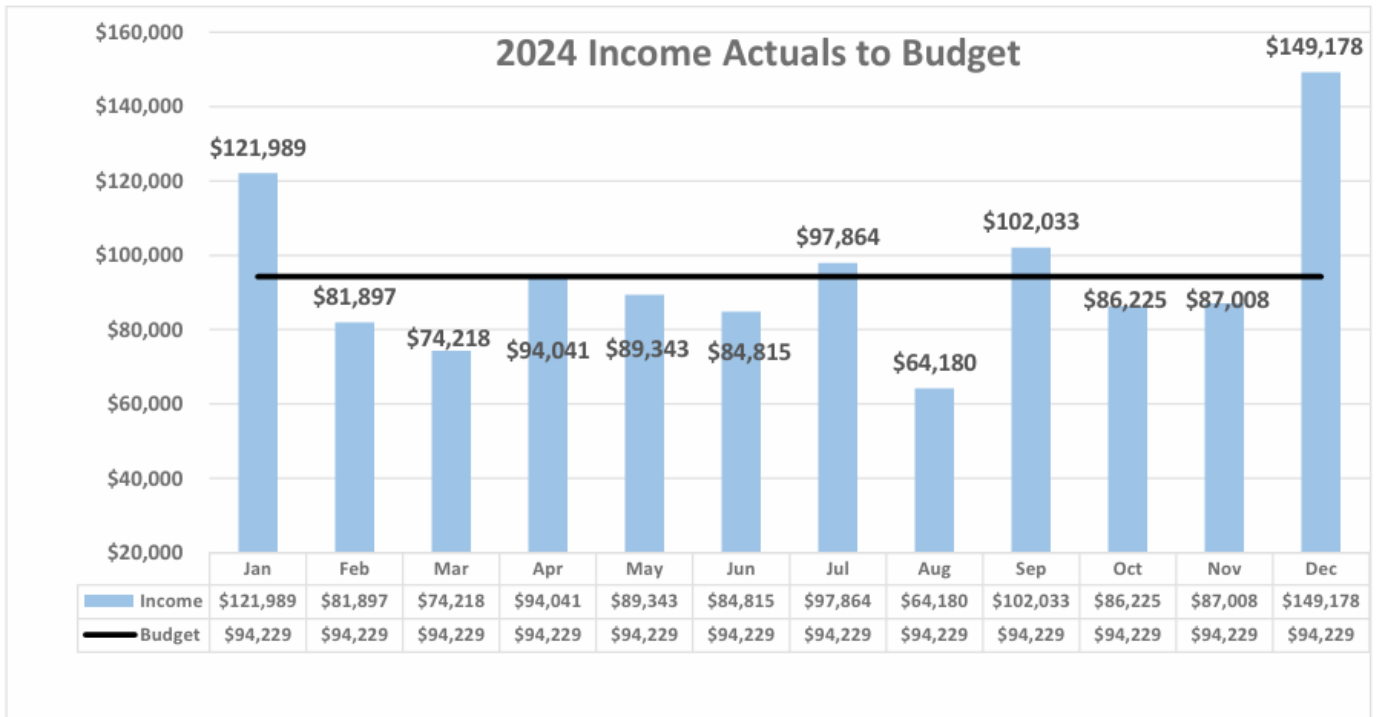
Robert J. Corbitt

Robert J. Corbitt, Jr.
Chairperson Committee on Finance

Darryl Wyles

Darryl Wyles
Stewardship Chair

TOTAL
BUDGET: \$1,130,748
GIVING: \$1,132,791



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.

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

“A Celebration and Conversation”

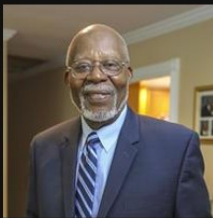
Honoring Our Pillars of Faith

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

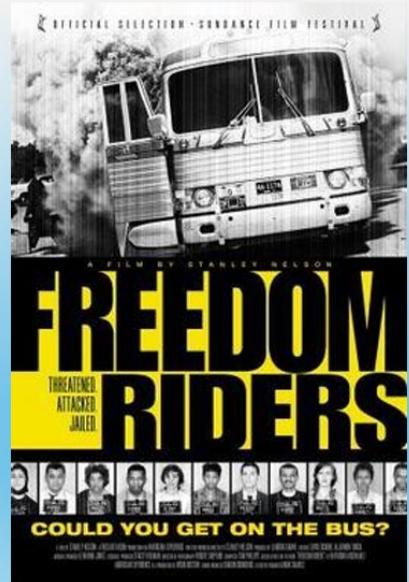
Friday, February 28, 2025 @ 6:30pm

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

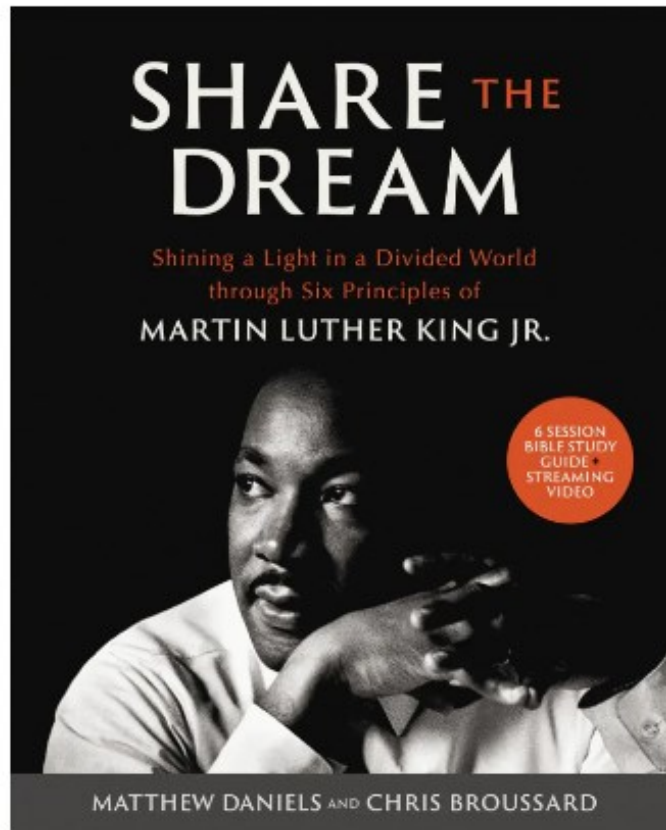
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LENTEN *Bible Study*



*Shining a light in a Divided World through
Six Principles of Martin Luther King Jr.*



Dates/Times: To be Announced

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Medical emergencies can happen at any time but become more frequent as we age. Preparation is key to handling such situations and will enhance safety and peace of mind for you and your loved ones.

Essential steps to prepare for medical emergencies

1. Create an emergency plan. This plan should outline specific actions to take in various scenarios, such as a fall or sudden illness. Everyone in the household and members of your support system should understand this plan to ensure that everyone knows their roles and can respond quickly and efficiently during an emergency.
2. Identify emergency contacts; local, trusted adults who can advocate for you in an emergency. These individuals should be willing and able to accompany you to the hospital if you need emergency care.
3. Ensure individuals in your support system clearly understand basic first aid. Knowledge of CPR, wound care, and how to assist someone choking can be lifesaving. Consider enrolling in a first aid course to equip caregivers and family members with the confidence and competence needed in emergencies. The American Red Cross has training courses that teach you how to administer CPR and train you to use the Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Both of these are lifesaving measures that anyone can learn and apply.
4. Make sure you have working smoke detectors and operational fire extinguishers located throughout your home.
5. Keep emergency medical information updated and easy to find: You should post up-to-date information where emergency medical personnel can find it - on the refrigerator and in the wallet. Make sure your emergency contact has this list. Your list should include the following important medical information:
 - a. Medical history
 - b. Medication list
 - c. Allergies
 - d. Contact information for doctors and pharmacists
 - e. Emergency contacts information
 - f. Blood type
 - g. Organ donor preferences
 - h. Agents under health care power of attorney (this is someone who is designated to make decisions for you if you become incapacitated)
 - i. Advanced medical directives (In a life-threatening medical emergency, advanced medical directives tell healthcare providers what treatments you would or would not want)
 - j. HIPAA release forms (tells health care providers who they have permission to share health care information with)
 - k. Insurance information
6. If you have a serious allergy or medical condition, talk to your doctor about whether you should have a medical alert ID bracelet or necklace.
7. Make sure your home is clearly marked outside so emergency responders can easily find it. The address should be posted prominently on the mailbox and on the home itself. Use large numbers that are reflective or illuminated so they can be seen day and night.
8. Ensure emergency responders can get access to your home. Consider installing a lockbox that can be accessed by emergency personnel.
9. Get a personal emergency response system. These can help prevent life-threatening injuries from falls and other health emergencies by quickly connecting you to a monitoring center with the press of a button.

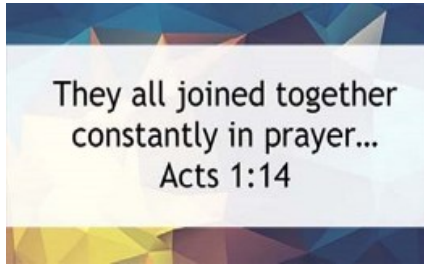


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Key features of medical alert systems:

1. Research shows that using a medical alert system can help seniors remain in their homes for longer, boost confidence in their ability to complete everyday tasks, and reduce anxiety about falling.
2. Most medical alert systems feature a base unit with a help button and a two-way speaker. The unit is paired with a wearable pendant or bracelet. In an emergency, the user presses the help button on the base station or pendant. Pressing the button will call a live operator, who can send first responders or whatever help is needed. If you're incapacitated and the operator can't contact you, they'll send help right away.
3. Professional monitoring: All of the best medical alert systems offer 24/7 professional monitoring from a staffed response center.
4. Water-resistant equipment: Water-resistant equipment allows users to wear the device in the shower or bath, where falls often happen.
5. Coverage range: The coverage range refers to how far away your base unit can be from your wearable help button and still connect. Coverage typically ranges from 400 to 1,400 feet, depending on the system.
6. Automatic fall detection: Most medical alert providers offer automatic fall detection pendants, which you wear instead of a normal help button. These pendants automatically detect the motion of a fall and call for help, even if you can't press your button.
7. Mobile apps: Many systems offer a companion mobile app that loved ones and caregivers can use to track the system's location, battery level, and emergency call history.
8. Health and wellness features: Some systems have health and wellness features like step tracking and daily step goals. This can help users stay active as they age. Caregivers can also monitor activity and look for any abnormal patterns that could indicate a health issue.
9. GPS tracking: GPS tracking allows first responders to quickly locate the user during an emergency. If the system has a mobile app, GPS technology allows someone to check the device's location.
10. Lockboxes: A lockbox is a small, secure container that holds keys to your house. Usually kept on or near the front door, this device will allow emergency personnel to enter your home if you cannot come to the door. Some medical alert providers offer lockboxes for free, while others charge a one-time or monthly fee. The company's monitoring center will send the lockbox code to first responders during an emergency. That way, they can use the key in the lockbox to easily access your home so they don't have to break down the door.





ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Care and Concern List – January 1, 2025

When you care for others you are caring for Christ.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

(2 Chronicles 7:14)

WASHINGTON, DC RESIDENCE

Northwest

- ♥ Sharon Banks
- ♥ Lisa Duperier

Northeast

- ♥ Selma Douglas

Southwest

- ♥

Southeast

- ♥

WASHINGTON, DC NURSING HOMES, HOSPITALS & ASSISTED LIVING

- ♥ Gertrude Barnette, Lisner Louise Dickson Hurt Home, 5425 Western Ave NW, Washington, DC 20015
- ♥ Timmie Bouknight, Serenity Rehabilitation & Health Center, 1380 Southern Ave., Rm 319B, SE, DC 20032
- ♥ Mildred Robinson, Forest Hills Assisted Living, 4901 Connecticut Ave., NW, Rm 212, Washington, DC 20008

MARYLAND RESIDENCE

- ♥ Lina Reynolds
- ♥ Andrewlette Thompson

MARYLAND NURSING HOMES, HOSPITALS & ASSISTED LIVING

- ♥ Elisha Davies, Regency Rehab Center, 9101 Second Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910
- ♥ Lorraine Hightower, Independence Court of Hyattsville, 5821 Queens Chapel Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782
- ♥ Lillian Langford, Collington, 10450 Lottsford Rd., Mitchellville, MD 20721
- ♥ Floyd Robinson, Arbor Terrace Senior Living, 9885 Greenbelt Road, #322, Greenbelt, MD 20706
- ♥ Bernice Tillett, Arbor Terrace Senior Living, 9885 Greenbelt Road, #328, Greenbelt, MD 20706

NURSING HOMES, HOSPITALS & ASSISTED LIVING

- ♥ Maryland Ellison, 100 Asch Loop, Apt. # 22F, Bronx, New York 10475
- ♥ Dorothy West, 8804 South North Shore Drive, Apt. #230/232, Knoxville, TN 37923

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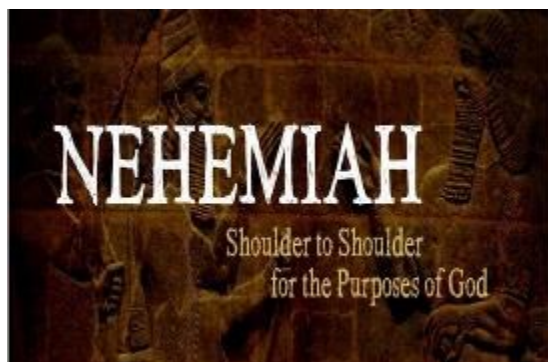
A message from the Membership Assimilation and Records Committee (MARC)
DO YOU KNOW HOW TO CONTACT THE ASBURY MEMBERS LISTED BELOW?

JANUARY 2025

If, yes please use the address change cards located outside the Church Office to provide (an Address, Telephone Number, or Email Address) and deposit it in the box OR contact Sandra Ware at Sandyk4755@yahoo.com. THANK YOU!



**Carla Bradford, Terrance Bradford,
Jasmine Featherstone, Ann Johnson, Lauren McNeil,
Marian Moosa, Phyllis Thompson**



THE NEHEMIAH FUND

Thank you for your contributions to The Nehemiah Fund of Asbury United Methodist Church. The Nehemiah Fund provides emergency financial assistance to members of Asbury United Methodist Church and their immediate families who temporarily need help in meeting housing,

nutritional, medical, security, or other essentials of daily living. In rare cases, the Fund may be accessed for burial assistance for members of Asbury United Methodist Church. The Fund may also be used to support needs of members of the community at large. The Fund is maintained by general and undesignated offerings made during the Communion offering on the first Sunday of each month or other period when an offering is taken associated with a Communion service at Asbury United Methodist Church. Requests for assistance are held in confidence and administered by our Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills.



“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 5

LUKE 16:1-15

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

MATTHEW 2:1-12

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

JOHN 15:1-9

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

PSALM 34:1-7

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

MATTHEW 5:43-48

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

ISAIAH 43:16-21

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

NEHEMIAH 1:1-11

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)