

**Asbury United Methodist Church**  
**Loving...Serving...Transforming Lives**  
March 23, 2025 ~ 10:00 am (In-Person & Online Services)

## **“Come Everyone Who Thirsts”**



### **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

## Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025 ~ 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>I Just Come from the Fountain...traditional</i>
†GATHERING HYMN		<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (127 UMH)</i>
MORNING PRAYER		Brenda Reid-Sanders
PRAYER RESPONSE		<i>Fill My Cup, Lord...Richard Blanchard</i>
SCRIPTURE READINGS	Isaiah 55:1-9 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9	Brenda Reid-Sanders Kisha Woolen Min. Christian Watkins
SERMONIC SELECTION		<i>Sanctus (from St. Cecilia Mass)...Charles Gounod</i> Devin Davis tenor soloist
SERMON	<b>“Come, Everyone Who Thirsts”</b>	Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills
†INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHP		<i>Come, Ye Disconsolate (510 UMH)</i>
INVITATION TO GIVE		Kisha Woolen
OFFERTORY SELECTION		<i>City Called Heaven...arr. Josephine Poelintz</i> Dawn Robinson soloist
†DOXOLOGY		<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>
†SENDING HYMN		<i>Hush, Somebody's Calling My Name (556 AAHH)</i>
†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills
POSTLUDE		<i>'Tis the Ol' Ship of Zion...Negro Spiritual</i>

### **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Minister of Music: Everett P. Williams, Jr.

Music: Asbury Ensemble, Devin Davis, Dawn Robinson

Liturgists: Brenda Reid-Sanders, Min. Christian Watkins, Kisha Woolen

Trustee On Duty: Canardo M. Richardson

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## Asbury's Week At-A-Glance

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### Sunday, March 23, 2025

9:00 am—All-in-One Sunday School, Ages 4-12, 3rd floor, Rm 208  
9:00 am—Adult Sunday School, Library  
9:00 am—Asbury 4th Sunday 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, March 24, 2025

3:00pm — Asburian Deadline

### Tuesday, March 25, 2025

9:00 am – “Share the Dream” Lenten Study, Rev. James Shopshire Sr., PhD, via Zoom, [Link](#), Meeting ID: 851 4594 8597, Passcode: 430182, Dial In: 301-715-8592  
11:00 am—Office Weekly Staff Meeting, via Zoom  
7:00 pm – “Share the Dream” Lenten Study, Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills, via Zoom, [Link](#), Meeting ID: 851 4594 8597, Passcode: 430182, Dial In: 301-715-859

### Wednesday, March 26, 2025

8:00 am – “Share the Dream” Lenten Study, Carol Travis, via Zoom, [Link](#), Meeting ID: 851 4594 8597, Passcode: 430182, Dial In: 301-715-8592  
6:00 pm – “Share the Dream” Lenten Study, Min. Christian Watkins, via Zoom, [Link](#), Meeting ID: 851 4594 8597, Passcode: 430182, Dial In: 301-715-8592  
7:00 pm—Church Council Meeting, via Zoom [Link](#), Dial-In: 301-715-8592, Meeting ID: 814 6394 1055, Passcode: 665544  
Federal Legislative Advocacy Day, [Link](#)

### Thursday, March 27, 2025

7:00 pm – “Share the Dream” Lenten Study, Rev. Carmen Collette, via Zoom, [Link](#), Meeting ID: 851 4594 8597, Passcode: 430182, Dial In: 301-715-8592

### Friday, March 28, 2025

### Saturday, March 29, 2025

9:00 am – “Share the Dream” Lenten Study, Rev. Clyde Nelson & Tawana Jackson, via Zoom, [Link](#), Meeting ID: 851 4594 8597, Passcode: 430182, Dial In: 301-715-8592



## From The Senior Pastor's Desk

March 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.**



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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 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](mailto:patriceghb@gmail.com) or 301-922-9020.

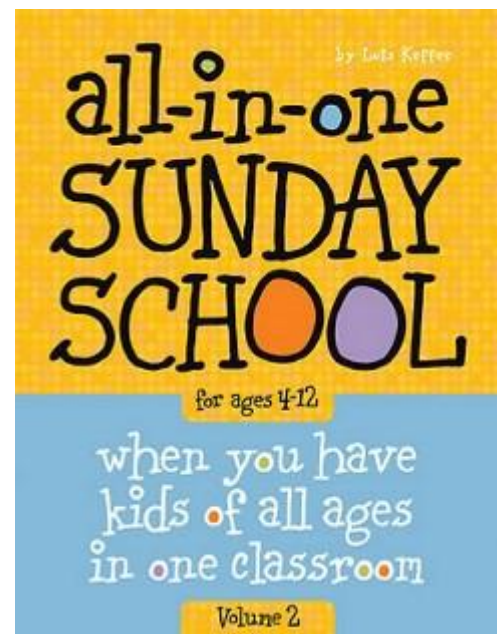
## All-in-one Sunday School

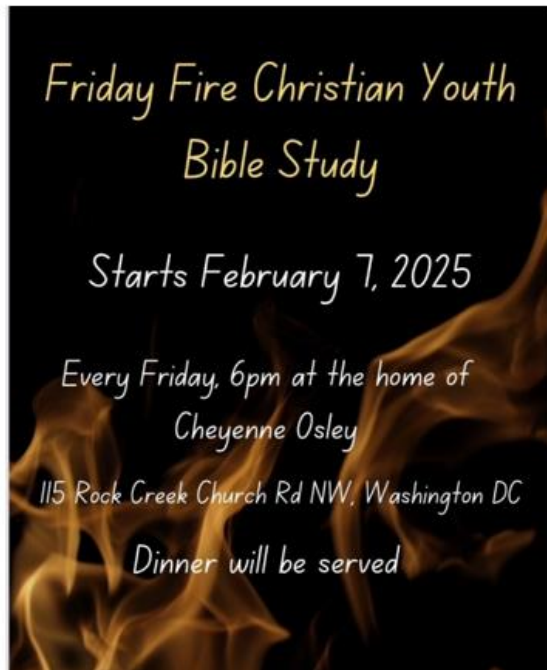
Sunday Mornings

Ages 4-12

9:00-9:50 am

Located on 3rd floor, Room 208






# YOUTH MINISTRY News

A poster for Youth Sunday at Asbury United Methodist Church. The background is dark blue with a blurred image of a man in a suit and glasses, identified as Minister Chrisitan Watkins. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font. It reads: "YOUTH SUNDAY", "MARCH 30 | 10:00 AM", "Preaching" (in a cursive font), "Min. Chrisitan Watkins", "ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH", "926 11TH ST NW | Washington, DC 20001", and social media icons for Facebook and YouTube.

**YOUTH SUNDAY**  
**MARCH 30 | 10:00 AM**

*Preaching*  
**Min. Chrisitan Watkins**

**ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**926 11TH ST NW | Washington, DC 20001**

# An Exhibition of the Photography of SANDY ADAMS



**Asbury Fellowship Hall March 15th-March 30th**

## ***Beyond the Ordinary: The Seen, the Unseen, and the Stories in Between***

Through the lens of award-winning photographer Sandy Adams, *Beyond the Ordinary: The Seen, the Unseen, and the Stories in Between* invites viewers on a journey through moments both familiar and hidden. This exhibition captures the awe of nature's grandeur, the unexpected beauty in the mundane, and the powerful energy of political demonstrations in the city. Each image challenges perception—revealing not just what is visible, but also the emotions, histories, and narratives that lie beneath the surface.

From the rhythm of city streets to the stillness of remote landscapes, Adams' work explores the interplay between light, shadow, and time, urging the viewer to look beyond first impressions. Every frame serves as an invitation to pause, reflect, and discover the subtle yet profound moments that often go unnoticed.

## **Artist Talk and Reception**

**Immediately after the March 23rd Worship Service**





## Asbury's Lenten Discipline for 2025



All are invited to join us in the ***Share the Dream*** Bible Study based on the life and teachings of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Each session addresses a biblical principle that shaped Dr. King's life and motivated him in the Civil Rights Movement: *Love, Conscience, Justice, Freedom, Perseverance, and Hope.*

As a church, Asbury commits to the following social action:

- During the 40 days of Lent, we will write to the House and Senate, advocating *against* recent Executive Orders that erode our civil rights, erode our first admendment rights, and harm the poor and most vulnerable.
- During the 40 days of Lent, we will engage in economic fast from at least one of the big three companies who enjoy our patronage but not our inclusion:
  - Target
  - Walmart
  - Amazon
- During the 40 days of Lent, we will support local displaced federal government workers with assistance for basic essentials. *(This support will be provided on a need-eligible basis through our Nehemiah Fund.)*

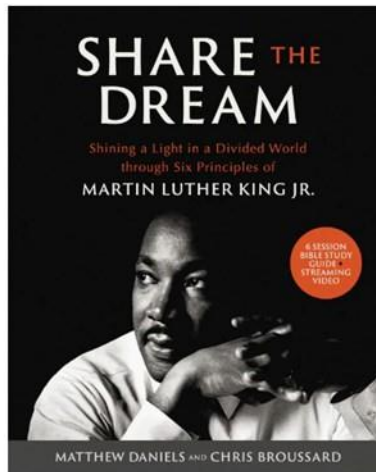
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### How you can participate?

- Sign on to the letter our Social Justice Ministry will write.
- During Lent, fast (pause) from shopping at one of the companies named.
- Make a donation to the Nehemiah Fund.

# LENTEN *Bible Study*

Begins  
March 1



REVISED

*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
Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. (on Zoom)	Rev. Carmen Collette
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. (on Zoom)	Rev. Clyde Nelson & Tawana Jackson

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/85145948597?pwd=FtfyyKVuHVN2p5BQ9za6DlPbglQP3j.1>

Meeting ID: 851 4594 8597

Passcode: 430182

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



## **APRIL 13 - PALM SUNDAY**

10:00 AM - Palm Sunday Service

12:00 Noon - Children's Procession

## **APRIL 17 - MAUNDY THURSDAY**

7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service

## **APRIL 18 - GOOD FRIDAY**

12:00 PM - "7 Last Words of Jesus"

## **APRIL 20 - EASTER SUNDAY**

8:00 AM - Early Worship

10:00 AM - Sunday Worship

**926 11th Street NW - Washington, DC 20001**

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# SEVEN

LAST WORDS OF JESUS CHRIST

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025  
12 NOON



HOSTED BY:  
**DR. IANTHER MILLS**



Rev. Alexis  
Brown



Dr. Donna  
Sokol



Dr. JaNice  
Parks



Rev. Ginger  
Gaines-Cirelli



Min. Grace  
Toney



Dr. Stacey  
Cole Wilson



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# **2025 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY DAYS**

## **MARYLAND LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY DAY**

**FEBRUARY 26, 2025**

**ASBURY UMC - ANNAPOLIS**

**[HTTPS://NA.EVENTSCLOUD.COM/MDADVOCACYDAY](https://na.eventscloud.com/mdadvocacyday)**

## **FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY DAY**

**MARCH 26, 2025**

**CAPITOL HILL UMC - WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**[HTTPS://NA.EVENTSCLOUD.COM/FEDADVOCACY25](https://na.eventscloud.com/fedadvocacy25)**

## **D.C. LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY DAY**

**APRIL 30, 2025**

**ASBURY UMC - WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**[HTTPS://NA.EVENTSCLOUD.COM/DCADVOCACY](https://na.eventscloud.com/dcadvocacy)**



# Youth Pentagon Tour

## Juneteenth Pentagon Tour



Join me in exploring  
our Nations Defense  
Headquarters

### **"Special Insider Tour"**

**Who:** Asbury United Methodist Church  
Youth Ministry (parents encouraged)

**When:** June 20th 10:00am - 2:00pm

**RSVP by May 10th**

**Sarita Singh**

**Youth Ministry Coordinator**

**saritamsingh13@gmail.com**



Pouring new wine into old wineskins

By John W. Coleman

March 5, 2025 | PHILADELPHIA (UM News)

**Editor's note:** This is the first in a four-part UM News series on [legacy Black United Methodist churches](#) that are maintaining their traditions while also doing innovative ministries to serve the present age. Every week in March, the series will feature venerable yet still vital African American churches in the United Methodist connection.

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*“To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill,  
O may it all my pow’rs engage to do my Master’s will!”  
— From “A Charge to Keep I Have” by Charles Wesley*

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Each year, annual conferences across The United Methodist Church gather and sing Charles Wesley’s venerable hymn “And Are We Yet Alive.” Today, many historically Black United Methodist churches in the U.S. struggle to answer that question, as they strive to overcome decades of decline in membership, money and mission — made worse by the COVID pandemic.

But while still steeped in their traditions, some are trying nonetheless to start new ministries in their old buildings — and perhaps find ways to pour new wine into old but fortified wineskins and make it work.

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[Asbury United Methodist Church’s](#) founding members also left their mother church, Foundry Methodist, in 1836, due to racism. Today, Asbury is holding its ground socially and spiritually, surrounded by the city’s confluence of wealth and poverty. The church has fed its food-insecure neighbors through a weekly distribution of food, along with underwear and toiletries, and a Sunday breakfast for over 25 years — except when the pandemic temporarily closed its ministries.

When the church reopened, its weekly guests were no longer primarily older African Americans but increasingly young Hispanic families and, more recently, Asian families. The congregation’s mission changed, too, when church members decided to feed not only bodies but souls as well.

CLICK LINK TO READ MORE. [Pouring new wine into old wineskins | UMNNews.org](#)





“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, MARCH 23  
PSALM 34:15-22

MONDAY, MARCH 24  
JEREMIAH 29:10-14

TUESDAY, MARCH 25  
1 KINGS 18:22-39

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26  
PSALM 121:1-8

THURSDAY, MARCH 27  
1 SAMUEL 17:38-50

FRIDAY, MARCH 28  
1 JOHN 2:15-17

SATURDAY, MARCH 29  
PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

### 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](http://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)