

Asbury United Methodist Church
Loving...Serving...Transforming Lives
March 30, 2025 ~ 10:00 am (In-Person & Online Services)

“It’s a Setup: We’re Under-Reacting”



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

Fourth Sunday in Lent/Youth Sunday

March 30, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM WORSHIP (In-Person & Online Worship Service)

†† = Those who are able may stand

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills
†GATHERING HYMN		Amazing Grace (378 UMH)
MORNING PRAYER		Daniel Boyd
PRAYER RESPONSE		Jesus Loves Me (191 UMH)
SCRIPTURE READINGS	Jeremiah 12:1-5 Psalm 13 John 2:13-17	Alejandra Singh Sirena Iwu Cheyenne Osley
SERMONIC SELECTION		<i>The Goodness of God</i> Nadia Watts-Michaels
SERMON	“It’s a Setup: We’re Under-Reacting”	Min. Christian Watkins Social Justice Minister
†INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP		Down at the Cross (248 AAHH)
INVITATION TO GIVE		Daniel Boyd
OFFERTORY SELECTION		<i>Elegie (Op. 24)...G. Faure</i> Cheyenne Osley cello
†DOXOLOGY		<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>
†SENDING HYMN		O How I Love Jesus (170 UMH)
†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Min. Christian Watkins
POSTLUDE		<i>Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling...W. Thompson</i>

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister of Music: Everett P. Williams, Jr.

Music: Asbury Ensemble, Nadia Watts-Michaels, Cheyenne Osley

Liturgists: Daniel Boyd, Sirena Iwu, Cheyenne Osley, Alejandra Singh

Trustee On Duty: Beverly Allen

Asbury's Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, March 30, 2025

9:00 am—All-in-One Sunday School, Ages 4-12, 3rd floor, Rm 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, March 31, 2025

3:00pm — Asburian Deadline

Tuesday, April 1, 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, April 2, 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

12:00 pm – Mid-Week Intercessory Prayer, Dial 1-717-908-1986, Access Code: 933-092

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

Thursday, April 3, 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, April 4, 2025

Saturday, April 5, 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

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

5:00 pm—Dinner Church, Fellowship Hall



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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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.

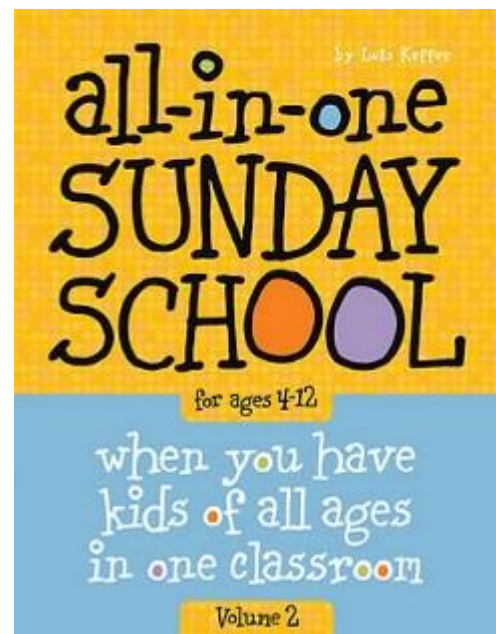
All-in-one Sunday School

Sunday Mornings

Ages 4-12

9:00-9:50 am

Located on 3rd floor, Room 208






YOUTH MINISTRY News

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 23rd 10:00am - 2:00pm

RSVP by May 10th
Sarita Singh
Youth Ministry Coordinator
saritamsingh13@gmail.com



SPECIAL
SUNDAY

“For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”

- MATTHEW 25:35



UMCOR SUNDAY

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March 30, 2025

UMCOR Sunday seeks to increase awareness and support for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Gifts given on UMCOR Sunday play a vital role in enhancing the church's global humanitarian response because these funds cover UMCOR's administrative costs. This support ensures that 100% of donations given to UMCOR throughout the year can be directed toward on-the-ground relief and recovery efforts, allowing UMCOR to effectively respond to crises

and provide assistance where it's needed most.

By investing in UMCOR's operations, we empower the church to mobilize resources quickly and efficiently, making a meaningful impact in communities affected by disaster and hardship around the world. Your [donation](#) helps us continue this vital ministry.

Asbury
United Methodist Church | Washington, DC

MID-WEEK
INTERCESSORY
PRAYER

EVERY WEDNESDAY | 12 Noon

CALL: 1-717-908-1986

ACCESS CODE: 933-092

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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:

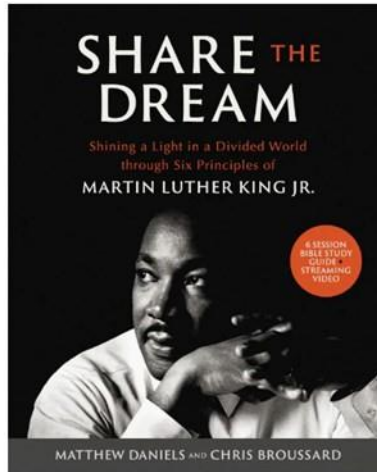
- During the 40 days of Lent, we will write to the House and Senate, advocating *against* recent Executive Orders that erode our civil rights, erode our first admendment rights, and harm the poor and most vulnerable.
- During the 40 days of Lent, we will engage in economic fast from at least one of the 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.)*

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://us06web.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

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HOLY WEEK

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

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Holy Week Begins...
Children's Parade of Palms
Starting at the corner of 11th and K Street NW

PALM SUNDAY



COME SEE OUR LIVE DONKEY!!!!

April 13, 2025
12:00 NOON

Sunday School 9:00AM
Breakfast for Children
Music
Lesson & Craft
Prep for Parade

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Sunday School and Children & Family Ministry

Sunday School and Children & Family

For information on how to participate contact P. Blackman pab3@erols.com ; G. McFadden glostari@comcast.net; or V. Williford williford_v@hotmail.com



SEVEN

LAST WORDS OF JESUS CHRIST

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025
12 NOON



HOSTED BY:
DR. IANTHER MILLS



Dr. Kay
Albury

Dr. Donna
Sokol

Dr. JaNice
Parks

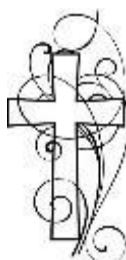
Rev. Ginger
Gaines-Cirelli

Min. Grace
Toney

Dr. Stacey
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UNITED METHODIST

2025 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY DAYS

MARYLAND LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY DAY

FEBRUARY 26, 2025

ASBURY UMC - ANNAPOLIS

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

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FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY DAY

MARCH 26, 2025

CAPITOL HILL UMC - WASHINGTON, D.C.

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D.C. LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY DAY

APRIL 30, 2025

ASBURY UMC - WASHINGTON, D.C.

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“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 30
MATTHEW 6:25-34

MONDAY, MARCH 31
JAMES 3:5-13

TUESDAY, APRIL 1
EXODUS 3:1-4

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2
2 CORINTHIANS 12:1-10

THURSDAY, APRIL 3
ISIAH 43:16-21

FRIDAY, APRIL 4
1 JOHN 3:16-24

SATURDAY, APRIL 5
GENESIS 32:22-32

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

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