

Asbury United Methodist Church
Loving...Serving...Transforming Lives
March 9, 2025 ~ 10:00 am (In-Person & Online Services)

“Here We Stand”



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 in Lent

March 9, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM WORSHIP (In-Person & Online Worship Service)

†† = Those who are able may stand

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills
†INTROIT		<i>An Offering of Praise...Carlos Younger</i>
†GATHERING HYMN		<i>Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days (269 UMH)</i>
MORNING PRAYER		Henry Brown
PRAYER RESPONSE		<i>Goodness of God</i>
SCRIPTURE READINGS	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13	Henry Brown Carol Travis Min. Christian Watkins
SERMONIC SELECTION		<i>Psalm 117....James Glover</i> Randolph Scott soloist
SERMON	“Here We Stand”	Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills
†INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP		<i>Take Time to Be Holy (395 UMH)</i>
INVITATION TO GIVE		Carol Travis
OFFERTORY SELECTION		<i>I Came to Magnify the Lord...Mark Condon</i>
†DOXOLOGY		<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>
†SENDING HYMN		<i>I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (563 AAHH)</i>
†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills
POSTLUDE		<i>Give Me a Clean Heart...Margaret Douroux</i>

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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

Music: Asbury Ensemble

Liturgists: Henry Brown, Carol Travis, & Min. Christian Watkins

Trustee on Duty: Willie Clark

Asbury's Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, March 9, 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 10, 2025

3:00pm — Asburian Deadline

Tuesday, March 11, 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 12, 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—SPRC Meeting, via Zoom

Thursday, March 13, 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

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

Friday, March 14, 2025

Saturday, March 15, 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

10:00 am – Visitation Celebration of Life for Lorraine Thompson

Saturday, March 15, 2025 (cont.)

11:00 am – Service Celebration of Life for Lorraine Thompson, Sanctuary

1:00 pm - The Choir for Women's Day rehearsal, all women welcome

2:00 pm – Freedom Riders Movie/Screen & Discussion, 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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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.

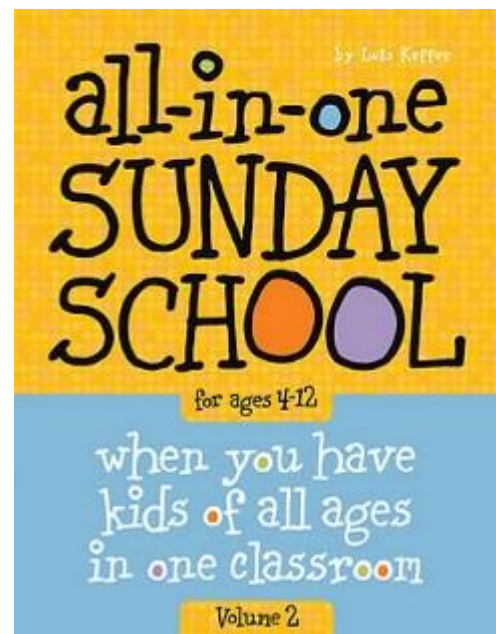
All-in-one Sunday School

Sunday Mornings

Ages 4-12

9:00-9:50 am

Located on 3rd floor, Room 208





**YOUTH
MINISTRY
News**



THE CHOIR FOR WOMEN'S DAY will be under the direction of guest conductor Josepha Hammond.

We will rehearse on the following SATURDAYS: March 8th & 15th from 1:00-3:00pm.

All ladies are welcome to be part of the choir this year.

Everett Williams Jr
Minister of Music



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:

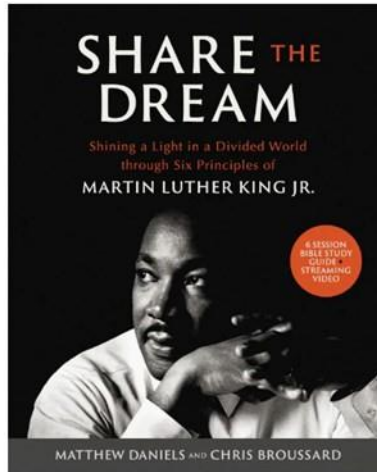
- During the 40 days of Lent, we will write to the House and Senate, advocating *against* recent Executive Orders that erode our civil rights, erode our first amendment rights, and harm the poor and most vulnerable.
- During the 40 days of Lent, we will engage in economic fast from at least one of the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

JAF Civil Rights Pilgrimage Screening and Discussion

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JAF CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE

**YouTube Clips
Screening and Discussion**

of

“Freedom Riders”

Facilitator: Gregory McGruder, Foundry UMC

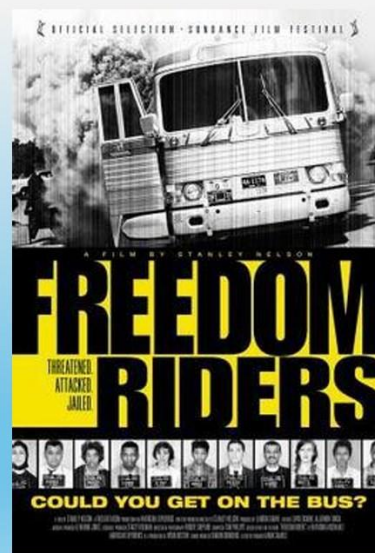
**Saturday, March 15, 2025
2:00pm – 4:00pm**

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

[Free Parking Available in the Garage Next to the Church]

Hosted by

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



“JAF CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE”
Birmingham, Montgomery, and Selma, Alabama
From Atlanta, Georgia

Congregations of

John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church
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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.”



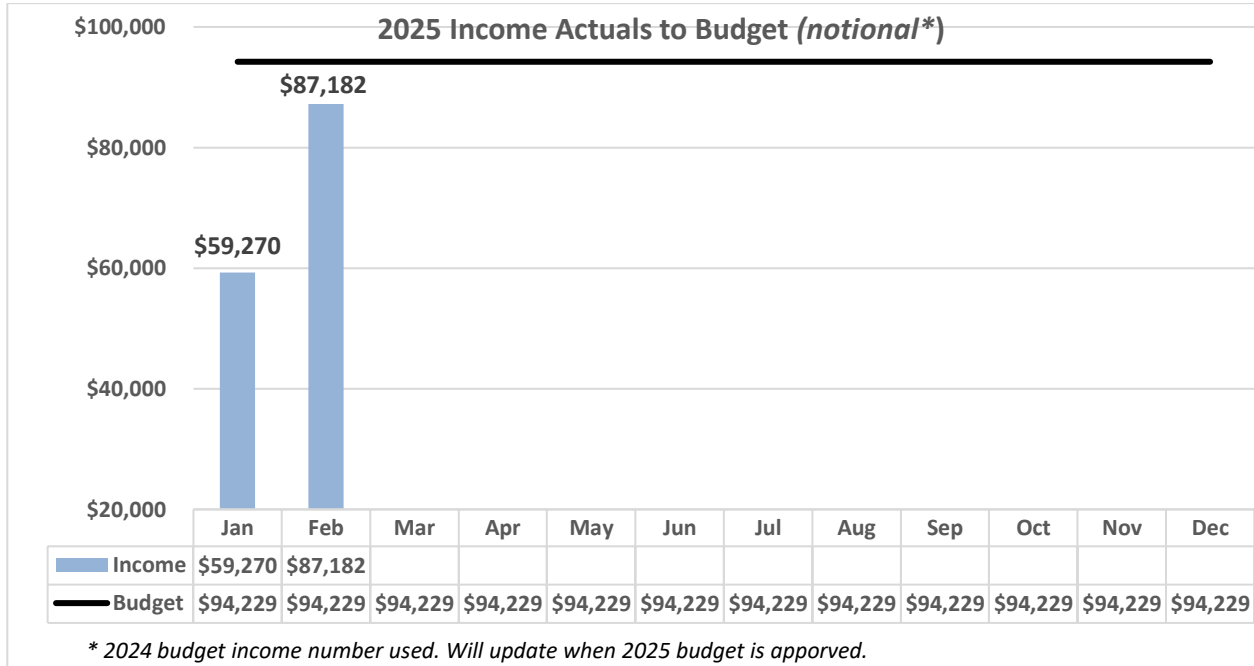
MARS Tours and Travel

“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

Finance/Stewardship Monthly Update



Dear Beloved Members of Asbury United Methodist Church,

This year, our stewardship theme, **“Faithful Today, Impactful Forever,”** invites us to reflect on the importance of sustained giving and the lasting impact it has on our church’s mission and ministries. We are called to live out our faith through actions, ensuring that Asbury continues to be a beacon of hope and transformation for our congregation and the community we serve.

As we embark on this journey together, we encourage you to prayerfully consider your commitment to giving through the year. Consistent giving ensures the ongoing success of our ministries, eliminates the need for late-minute year-end campaigns, and allows us to plan effectively.

Let us move forward in faith, embracing the opportunities before us, and ensuring that Asbury continues to thrive for generations to come. Together, we can make 2025 a year of meaningful impact and enduring faithfulness.

With deep appreciation for your unwavering dedication,

Robert J. Corbitt, Jr.

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Chairperson Committee on Finance

Darryl Wyles

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Stewardship Chairperson

WOMEN'S DAY 2025

Sunday, March 16, 2025 - 10:00 am

“Bold Women of Faith for Just Such A Time As This”



Guest Preacher: Rev. Kelly Brown Douglas

Canon Theologian, National Cathedral

Visiting Professor of Theology, Harvard Divinity School

Please support Asbury's United Women in Faith

100 Women of Asbury	\$100.00
Queen Candace	\$500.00
Mary Magdalene	\$250.00
Deborah	\$100.00
Bathsheba	\$50.00
Marion	\$25.00

*A portion of funds raised for Women's Day 2025 will be sent to support Altadena United Methodist Church. A predominately African American congregation, Altadena UMC, was recently destroyed by the Southern California wildfires.



United
Women
in Faith

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BWC Legislative Advocacy



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)

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)





“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 9
EZEKIEL 36:33-38

MONDAY, MARCH 10
ROMANS 8:18-30

TUESDAY, MARCH 11
1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-8

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12
JAMES 5:13-16

THURSDAY, MARCH 13
JOB 42:12-17

FRIDAY, MARCH 14
1 PETER 1:1-9

SATURDAY, MARCH 15
MATTHEW 25:31-40

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)