

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LOVING...SERVING...TRANSFORMING LIVES
FEBRUARY 9, 2020 ~ 8:30 AM WORSHIP

Black History Month Hymn Festival



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.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH HYMN FESTIVAL

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† = Those who are able may stand AAHH = African American Heritage Hymnal - Yellow Hymnal UMH = United Methodist Hymnal - Red Hymnal

This hymn festival celebrating Black History Month was adapted from “A History in Song” by Alydia Smith, United Church of Canada.

Welcome, Announcements and Passing of the Peace

†Gathering Praise

I Will Trust In The Lord (391 AAHH)

†Call to Worship

Leader: God, you taught our ancestors to sing with their souls while in a foreign land.

People: Through music, you taught Black peoples to persevere and trust in you, even as their hearts and bodies were broken.

Leader: Your power God, moved through our ancestors, as the rhythm and cadence of music moves through our bodies.

People: There would be no Underground Railroad or Civil Rights Movement without a song, and there would be no song without you.

All: Let everything that has breath, praise you! (Psalm 150:6)

A HISTORY IN SONG

The 1600s

In 1619, the first ship with “20 and odd” enslaved Africans from Angola arrived on the shores of Virginia. Over the years the slave trade grew and many of the documented slaves were “owned” by clergy. It was not until the late 1700s that talks of abolishing slavery started. While auction blocks were being built to sell people, the church sang...

†Sung Response:

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (124 AAHH)

The 1700s

“We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness”, so begins the Declaration of Independence. Even as the colonists fought for their freedom from the British, they maintained slavery and avoided the issue in the Constitution. Although the church often attempted to preach a “thin” Bible to Black peoples, focusing on servitude and honouring your master, the power of the Gospel shined through the hymns of Isaac Watts and the Wesleyans, offering hope and empowerment to an enslaved people.

Sung Response:

Love Divine, All Love Excelling (440 AAHH)

Scripture Reading

James 2:1–10, 14–17 (NT– Page 229)

The irony of singing “come almighty to deliver; let us all they grace receive” and reading such passages as James 2 with both oppressor and oppressed was not lost, which is why the Black church responded with...

Sung Response:

Lord I Want to Be a Christian (463 AAHH)

The 1800s

In the early 1800s, the northern part of the United States and Canada gained a reputation for being a safe haven for the enslaved. Seeking freedom, many enslaved peoples travelled secretly North through a concealed network known as the Underground Railroad. Many churches and Quaker meeting houses became “stations” on the route to freedom. Since music and spirituals were often used in Black communities to counter the theologies being preached, music seemed like the perfect way to convey messages of freedom, as music was (and remains) a primary form of communication.

Sung Response:

Steal Away (546 AAHH)

The 1900s

Long after slavery was abolished in 1865 in the United States, life remained difficult for Black people. In the 1950s and 1960s, the fight for civil rights intensified. Several iconic moments included: the landmark case *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*; Rosa Parks refusing to sit at the back of the bus in Montgomery, Alabama; the Montgomery Bus Boycott; the Selma to Montgomery March remembered as Bloody Sunday; and the 1963 March on Washington. Many churches joined in the movement (including Asbury), while many others went about their daily business warning activists to slow down and to temper their voices. When society actively put restrictions on the rights of Black peoples, “You cannot sit here” and “You cannot march there,” the church sang:

†Sung Response:

We Shall Overcome (542 AAHH)

The 2000s

Over 50 years later, the recent deaths of Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Trayvon Martin, and many others have tragically reminded us that the fight for equal rights is far from over. Racial profiling continues to affect every aspect of society. From child care to educational and employment opportunities, it is clear that the fight for racial equality continues. What will our church’s response be to the current reality of Black and other marginalized peoples in our society?

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Sung Response:

Hush! Hush! vs. 1 (556 AAHH)

Let us praise God together in prayer.

Sung Response:

Hush! Hush! vs. 2 (556 AAHH)

How good it is to sing praises of your goodness, God;
for you have called us each here,
and have marked us with a desire to learn about the gospel.
We come with many names:

terms of endearment that we cherish
and labels that we seek to one day destroy.

But you call us by one name, beloved.
We remember your healing acts of salvation.
We remember how you gathered the dislocated
and dispersed Black peoples in the North and South
to build communities
and relearn cultures that were torn away.

We remember Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Nat Turner,
Frederick Douglass, Ella Baker, Thurgood Marshall, Martin Luther King Jr.,
and other heroes and she-roes of the faith that we name to you now...

(pause)

Sung Response:

Hush! Hush! vs. 4 (556 AAHH)

We remember how your everlasting love
healed the self-esteem and rebuilt the self-worth of Black peoples
who were stripped of their human rights and dignity.
We remember that you continue to heal
the brokenhearted, and bind up their wounds.
In the silence of our hearts
we bring to you those in need of your healing...

(silent reflection)

How good it is, O God, to remember your steadfast presence.
With hands in the air we offer you all of the things
that we can no longer carry on our own:
our burdens, our worries, and our concerns...
We offer to you all of the situations
that we feel ill-equipped for...

(name/list prayers for the world and local community)

(silent reflection)

When we feel downtrodden by our burdens
and weary to the point of collapse,
when we find ourselves in exile,
help us to hear the words of the prophet:
“Those who wait for the Lord shall...mount up
with wings like eagles, they shall run
and not be weary,
they shall walk and not be faint.” (Isaiah 40:31)

Hush, our weary souls, God,
and remind us once more of your everlasting love. Amen.

Sung Response:	<i>Hush! Hush! vs. 5 (556 AAHH)</i>
††Invitation to Christian Discipleship	<i>Lead Me, Guide Me (474 AAHH)</i>
Presentation of Tithes & Offering	
Offertory	<i>Every Time I Feel the Spirit...arr. Harry T. Burleigh Eugene Thomas (tenor)</i>
††Offertory Response	
††Sending Hymn	<i>Lift Every Voice and Sing (540 AAHH)</i>
††Dismissal with Blessing	
Postlude	<i>Higher Ground...arr. Berry</i>

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister of Music & Liturgical Arts: Everett P. Williams, Jr.

Organist: Earl Hargrove

Narrator: Kelvin Childs

Music: ♪ Eugene Thomas (tenor) ♪

Liturgist: Duchanna Brown

Ushers: Men

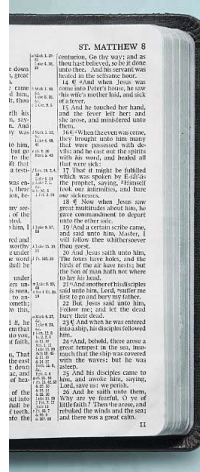
Greeters: Marva Ginyard, Benjamin Ginyard, and Judith Hightower

Trustees on Duty: Beverly Allen



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To the Greeters of Asbury,

If you did not receive the First Quarter Greeters' Schedule, kindly let either Rosa James or E Marilyn Williams know via email.

morrisejames@aol.com or emarilynw@aol.com

DAILY WORD

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9
1 JOHN 4:7-12

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10
MARK 4:35-41

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11
PSALM 23:1-6

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12
JOSHUA 4:1-9

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13
PSALM 37:3-6

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14
COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15
DEUTERONOMY 31:1-8

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.

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Rev. Alexis Brown, Howard University UM Chaplain/ Bridge Worship Service

Tawana C. Jackson, Stephen Minister

Bishop Forrest Stith, Retired Bishop in Residence

Sandy Adams & Darryl Wyles, Lay Leaders

Rev. Gerard A. Green, Jr., District Superintendent

Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling, Episcopal Leader of the Baltimore-Washington Conference

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Please use this time for prayer and meditation as we prepare for worship.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

††PROCESSIONAL

Old Time Religion (161 AAHH)

††CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come and see! God's light is shining brightly.

People: God's light shines in us.

Leader: When we honor God's commandments,

People: God's light shines in us.

Leader: When we feed the hungry and give to those in need,

People: God's light shines in us.

Leader: When we show mercy and compassion,

People: God's light shines in us.

Leader: We are the light of the world!

People: God's light shines in us. Amen.

THE OCCASION

RECOGNITION OF HBCU ALUMNI AND MEMBERS OF GREEK ORGANIZATIONS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ruth Scarbrough

††HYMN OF PRAISE

We'll Understand it Better By and By (418 AAHH)

▶▶▶▶▶ (Congregants may now enter the Sanctuary)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Ring-a them Bells...arr. Akers
Asbury Handbell Choir*

CALL TO PRAYER

Just a Little Talk With Jesus (378 AAHH)

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Thank You, Lord (531 AAHH)

††SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 2:1-12 (NT-Page 36)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

SERMONIC SELECTION

*Christian Simmons (bass-baritone)
Morgan State University Alumni*

SERMON

“Pick Up Your Mat”
Rev. Alexis F. Brown
United Methodist Chaplain for Howard University
The Bridge at Asbury UMC - Pastor

‡INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Guide My Feet (131 AAHH)

Worshippers are invited to pray at the altar in private or signal to an Intercessory Prayer member to pray with you. Also at this time, you may come down to join Asbury in Christian Fellowship.

PRAYER AND PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Christian Simmons (bass-baritone)

‡OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him, above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

‡SENDING HYMN

He Has Done Great Things for Me (507 AAHH)

‡DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Randolph Scott

The congregation is asked to remain seated for the closing voluntary.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister of Music & Liturgical Arts: Everett P. Williams, Jr.

Organist: Earl Hargrove

Music: ♪ Asbury Handbell Choir and Christian Simmons (bass-baritone)

Acolyte: Moses Boyd

Liturgist: Jackson Fuller and Jennifer Nnadozie

Ushers: Men

Greeters: Rosa James, Morris James, and Laura Dunkley

Trustees on Duty: Rene Carter

Asbury's Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, February 9, 2020

9:00 am — Adult Sunday School, 1-9
9:30 am — Children's Sunday School, 2-8/2-9
9:30 am — Youth Sunday School, 1-11/1-12
10:00 am — Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
5:00 pm — The Bridge Contemporary Service, Fellowship Hall



Monday, February 10, 2020

7:45 am — Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Ctr., G-1/OSH/1-11/1-12
3:00 pm — Asburian Deadline

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

7:45 am — Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Ctr., G-1/OSH
11:00 am — Office Weekly Staff Meeting
7:00 pm — Fitness & Exercise with Gerald Davis

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

7:45 am — Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Ctr., G-1/OSH
6:30 pm — SPRC Meeting, 1-8

Thursday, February 13, 2020

7:45 am — Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Ctr., G-1/OSH/1-11/1-12
6:30 pm — Trustee Board Meeting, 1-8

Friday, February 14, 2020

7:45 am — Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Ctr., G-1/OSH/1-11/1-12

Saturday, February 15, 2020

9:00 am — Asbury Reading Program, 2-8/2-9/Nursery
10:00 am — Asbury Handbell Choir Rehearsal, G-13
10:30am — Prayer Bead Workshop, 1-9
11:00 am — Wesleyan Choir Rehearsal, OSH
11:30 am — Food Pantry
12:30 pm — Male Chorus Rehearsal, OSH
2:00 pm — Higher Praise Choir Rehearsal, OSH

From The Senior Pastor's Desk

February 2020

Word for the Month: "Our Roots Run Deep"

Scripture of the Month: Psalm 1

Thought for the Month: Within these 28 devotions, you'll discover new ways to celebrate your heritage, deepen your faith, and build stronger communities. A Scripture verse, a reflection on the Scripture, a prayer, and related activities are included for each day and are perfect for use by families and groups as well for individual devotion. Although this intergenerational devotional makes a wonderful study for use during Black History Month, it may be used at any time of the year.

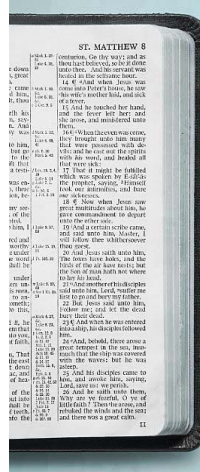
Emphasis for the Month: Heritage

Pastor's Book of the Month: *African American History & Devotions: Readings and Activities for Individuals, Families, and Communities* by Teresa L. Fry Brown



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1. Alabama A & M University
2. Alabama State University
3. Bishop State Community College
4. Gadsden State Community College
5. Concordia College-Selma
6. Miles College
7. Oakwood University
8. Selma University
9. Shelton State Community College
10. Stillman College
11. Talladega College
12. Tuskegee University

ARKANSAS HBCUs

13. Arkansas Baptist College
14. Philander Smith College
15. University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

CALIFORNIA HBCUs

16. Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science

DELAWARE HBCUs

17. Delaware State University

WASHINGTON, DC HBCUs

18. Howard University
19. Howard University School of Law
20. University of the District of Columbia

FLORIDA HBCUs

21. Florida A&M University
22. Florida Memorial University
23. Bethune-Cookman University
24. Edward Waters College

GEORGIA HBCUs

25. Albany State University
26. Fort Valley State University
27. Savannah State University
28. Clark Atlanta University
29. Interdenominational Theological Center



- 30. Morehouse College
- 31. Morehouse School of Medicine
- 32. Morris Brown College
- 33. Paine College
- 34. Spelman College

KENTUCKY HBCUs

- 35. Kentucky State University
- 36. Simmons College of Kentucky

LOUISIANA HBCUs

- 37. Dillard University
- 38. Grambling State University
- 39. Southern University and A&M College
- 40. Southern University at New Orleans
- 41. Southern University at Shreveport
- 42. Xavier University of Louisiana

MARYLAND HBCUs

- 43. Bowie State University
- 44. Coppin State University
- 45. Morgan State University
- 46. University of Maryland, Eastern Shore

MISSISSIPPI HBCUs

- 47. Alcorn State University
- 48. Coahoma Community College
- 49. Hinds Community College-Utica
- 50. Jackson State University
- 51. Mississippi Valley State University
- 52. Rust College
- 53. Tougaloo College

MISSOURI HBCUs

- 54. Harris-Stowe State University
- 55. Lincoln University of Missouri

NORTH CAROLINA HBCUs

- 56. Barber-Scotia College
- 57. Bennett College
- 58. Elizabeth City State University
- 59. Fayetteville State University
- 60. Livingstone College
- 61. Johnson C. Smith University
- 62. North Carolina A&T State University
- 63. North Carolina Central University
- 64. Winston Salem State University
- 65. St. Augustine's College
- 67. Shaw University

OHIO HBCUs

- 68. Central State University
- 69. Wilberforce University

OKLAHOMA HBCUs

- 70. Langston University

PENNSYLVANIA HBCUs

- 71. Cheyney University of Pennsylvania
- 72. Lincoln University



SOUTH CAROLINA HBCUs

- 73. Allen University
- 74. Benedict College
- 75. Claflin University
- 76. Clinton Junior College
- 77. Denmark Technical College
- 78. South Carolina State University
- 79. Morris College
- 80. Voorhees College

TENNESSEE HBCUs

- 81. Tennessee State University
- 82. American Baptist College
- 83. Fisk University
- 84. Knoxville College
- 85. Lane College
- 86. LeMoyne-Owen College
- 87. Meharry Medical College

TEXAS HBCUs

- 88. Huston-Tillotson University
- 89. Jarvis Christian College
- 90. Prairie View A&M University
- 91. Paul Quinn College
- 92. St. Philip's College
- 93. Southwestern Christian College
- 94. Texas College
- 95. Texas Southern University
- 96. Wiley College

VIRGINIA HBCUs

- 97. Norfolk State University
- 98. Virginia State University
- 99. Hampton University
- 100. Saint Paul's College
- 101. Virginia Union University
- 102. Virginia University of Lynchburg

WEST VIRGINIA HBCUs

- 103. Bluefield State College
- 104. West Virginia State University

VIRGIN ISLANDS HBCUs

- 106. University of the Virgin Islands
- 107. University of the Virgin Islands-Kingshill

Historically Black Colleges and Universities — 11 United Methodist Institutions
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- ◆ Bennett College
- ◆ Bethune-Cookman University
- ◆ Claflin University
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- ◆ Dillard University
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- ◆ Meharry Medical College
- ◆ Paine College
- ◆ Philander Smith College
- ◆ Rust College
- ◆ Wiley College

Greek Organizations



Founded: December 4, 1906

Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African American Men, was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

Mission: “Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. develops leaders, promotes brotherhood and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy for our communities.”

Founded: January 5, 1911



On January 5, 1911, the Fraternity then became known as *Kappa Alpha Nu*, possibly as a tribute to the Black students of 1903 (the Alpha Kappa Nu Greek Society) who preceded them at Indiana University. The name was officially changed to Kappa Alpha Psi on a resolution adopted at the Grand Chapter Meeting in December 1914.

Motto: Achievement in Every Field of Human Endeavor

Founded: November 17, 1911



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is the first international fraternal organization founded on the campus of a historically black college, Howard University located in Washington, D.C.

Purpose: To attract and build a strong and effective force of men dedicated to its Cardinal Principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift.

Founded: January 9, 1914



Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Mission: The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma are the Fraternity’s most valuable resource and strength. They are the primary means by which the Phi Beta Sigma objectives will be achieved. In order to accomplish the Fraternity’s objectives, it is essential that systems are instituted that effectively embody “Culture For Service and Service For Humanity” and promote brotherhood, scholarship and service.

Founded: September 13, 1963



It was founded at Morgan State University (then Morgan State College) in Baltimore, Maryland.

Purpose: "The Development and Perpetuation of Scholarship, Leadership, Citizenship, Fidelity, and Brotherhood among Men."

Motto: "Building A Tradition, Not Resting Upon One"

Founded: January 15, 1908



Alpha Kappa Alpha, the first Negro Greek-letter sorority, was founded at the historically black Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Mission: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA) was founded on a mission comprised of five basic tenets that have remained unchanged since the sorority's inception more than a century ago. Alpha Kappa Alpha's mission is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of "Service to All Mankind".

Founded: January 13, 1913



Delta Sigma Theta was founded at Howard University to promote academic excellence and provide assistance to those in need.

Mission: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is an organization of college educated women committed to the constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community.

Purpose: It's purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. The major programs of the sorority are based upon the organization's Five-Point Programmatic Thrust.

Founded: January 16, 1920



Zeta Phi Beta was founded on the campus of Howard University. In 1920 five women from Howard University envisioned a sorority that would raise the consciousness of their people, encourage the highest standards of scholastic achievement, and foster a greater sense of unity among its members.

Mission: To foster the ideas of service, charity, scholarship, civil and cultural endeavors, sisterhood and finer womanhood. These ideals are reflected in the sorority's national program for which its members and auxiliary groups provide voluntary service to staff, community outreach programs, fund scholarships, support organized charities, and promote legislation for social and civic change.

Founded: November 12, 1922



Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. was founded at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. It is the only sorority of the four historically African-American sororities which comprise the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) established at a predominantly white campus.

Mission: It is the mission of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. to enhance the quality of life for women and their families in the U.S. and globally through community service, civil, and social action. Our goal is to achieve greater progress in the areas of education, health awareness, and leadership development. Our members, affiliates, staff, and community partners work to create and support initiatives that align with our vision.



Collage Dance Collective's RISE is returning to THEARC on

Friday, February 14th at 7:30pm and

Saturday, February 15th at 2:30pm and 7:30pm

Tange Mills will be performing. If you are interested in attending, please contact either Jeanarta McEachron at 202-669-2653 or Sanjana Tamrakar at 301-875-2201. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Thank you!



International Day Celebration

Sunday, February 16, 2020

“Sharing Our Similarities – Celebrating Our Differences”

“The Beauty of the World Lies in the Diversity of Its People”

Join us as we celebrate International Day, Sunday, February 16, 2020 at our 10:30 am worship service. Come dressed in your native garb and join us after service for a tasting of foods from around the globe. Your food donations are encouraged and welcomed.



Calling All Men



SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES AND PLAN TO ATTEND:

- ◆ BIBLE STUDY : **FEBRUARY 16 - MARCH 29** EACH SUNDAY 8:45 - 9:45 ROOMS 1-11 and 1-12 SIGN UP TODAY
- ◆ MEN'S FORUM SUBJECT: PROSTATE CANCER : SUNDAY, **FEBRUARY 16** 12:30 PM
- ◆ JOIN BISHOP STITH AS HE HIGHLIGHTS HIS FAMILY HISTORY AS DOCUMENTED IN HIS DAD'S BOOK " SUNRISES AND SUNSETS FOR FREEDOM" SUNDAY, **FEBRUARY 23** 12:30 PM

PLEASE NOTE THAT ASBURY UNITED METHODIST MEN'S MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON THE FIRST SUNDAY AT 12:30 PM BEGINNING **MARCH 1**.

Celebrate the closing event of Asbury's 2020 Black History Month

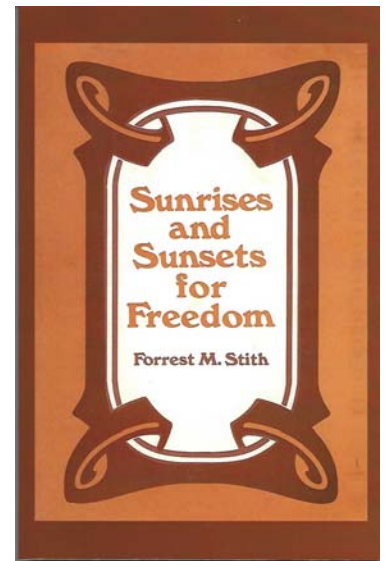
Sunday, February 23 - 12:30 to 1:30 pm

Rooms 1-11 and 1-12

One of our favorite storytellers, Bishop Forrest Stith, will share fascinating highlights of his family's history - including his great grandfather's escape from slavery to the building of the first Black Homestead Settlement.

Signed copies of the book documenting this journey - written by Bishop Stith's father with reflections by Bishop Stith - will be available for purchase.

Light refreshments will be served.





WHO ARE WE

A JOURNEY FROM HEAD TO HEART:

WHO ARE WE AS PEOPLE CALLED METHODISTS?

Begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 26**

Times, Location, and Facilitators will Vary

Contact: Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills, imills@asburyumcdc.org

Week 1: Our Theology of Grace with Rev. Claire Matheny	Week 2: Our Wesleyan Discipleship: the Rule of Discipleship and Means of Grace with Revs. Jessica Hayden and Travis Knoll	Week 3: Our Way of Understanding Scripture and the Wesleyan Quadrilateral with Revs. David McAllister-Wilson, Rebecca Iannicelli and Dana Jones
Week 4: Our Founder: John Wesley the Resister with Bishop Tom Bickerton	Week 5: Our Foundational Doctrine with Rev. Mark Gorman	Week 6: Our Unfinished Business: What Really Happened in 1968 with Bishop Forrest Stith and Rev. Sarah Schlieckert



Sunday, March 15

New Annual Women's Day

This year **Women's Day** will be observed on **March 15** with one service at 10:00 a.m. We need all the women of Asbury to join in helping to make our annual celebration of women a success. Again this year, we are asking at least 100 Women of Asbury to

boldly and faithfully contribute at least \$100. Even if you can't contribute \$100, we want every woman of Asbury to contribute to Women's Day as you are able. Women's Day contributions will be used to support our Neighbor-to-Neighbor Toiletry and Underwear Ministry, sending Asbury Youth to Mission U, the Seniors' Christmas Luncheon, and other mission projects to help women and youth.

Women's Day contributions will be accepted before and after morning worship in the Fellowship Hall, starting today. Thank you.



Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 5, 2020



Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 9, 2020



Good Friday
April 10, 2020

12 p.m.—3p.m.
Seven Last Words Service



Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 12, 2020

Services:

Sunrise 6:15 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

5:00 pm

To the Greeters of Asbury,

If you did not receive the First Quarter Greeters' Schedule, kindly let either Rosa James or E Marilyn Williams know via email.

morrisejames@aol.com or emarilynw@aol.com

DAILY WORD

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9
1 JOHN 4:7-12

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10
MARK 4:35-41

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11
PSALM 23:1-6

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12
JOSHUA 4:1-9

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13
PSALM 37:3-6

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14
COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15
DEUTERONOMY 31:1-8

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, Senior Pastor

Rev. Alexis Brown, Howard University UM Chaplain/ Bridge Worship Service

Tawana C. Jackson, Stephen Minister

Bishop Forrest Stith, Retired Bishop in Residence

Sandy Adams & Darryl Wyles, Lay Leaders

Rev. Gerard A. Green, Jr., District Superintendent

Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling, Episcopal Leader of the Baltimore-Washington Conference

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Monday-Thursday ~ 8:00 am-4:30 pm / Friday ~ 8:00 am-12 Noon