

Church Profile 2025

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

County: Anne Arundel District: Annapolis

Parsonage: no Housing Allowance: \$22,477 Salary: \$65,000

Number of worship services: 1

Average Worship Attendance in person: 38 on-line: 75

Number of appointed clergy: 1 Number of additional paid staff: 5

What are the characteristics of the church and community?

Asbury is located in downtown Annapolis, in the heart of both the business and government area. The immediate community was an historic African American community but development and gentrification have changed the area significantly in the past several decades. A pressing need for the congregation's ministry moving forward is to honor the rich legacy of the past while also connecting with the community as it exists today (immediate neighborhood and across the city).

The Asbury congregation is an historic African American congregation which seeded a number of other congregations in the county, following the migration of its members out of the city. Asbury's laity include many dedicated and gifted persons. The congregation has experienced decline in numbers in recent years, due in part to COVID, as well as an aging congregation and their changing community.

What is the vision for the next 3-5 years?

To become more diverse, more financially stable, and to work with other congregations more proactively.

What are the expectations of the pastor?

- Relational leader
- Lead by the Holy Spirit
- Vision of what draws people in
- Establish a strong community involvement
- Ensure accountability from staff