



# Asbury United Methodist Church

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## Our Mission

*We are in the heart of the city  
sharing the love of God everywhere*

### MINISTRY STAFF

*The Reverend Dr. Carletta Allen*  
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**Lay Leader**

*Patsy Baker Blackshear, Ph.D.*  
Certified Lay Minister  
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**Hospitality and Evangelism**

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**Social Justice**

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**Music and Worship Arts**

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**Christian Formation -  
Children, Youth, and  
Young Adults**

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Certified Lay Minister  
**Finance**

August 12, 2015

Michael Pristoop  
Chief of Police  
Annapolis Police Department  
199 N Taylor Avenue  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chief Pristoop:

I believe in passing along good news wherever possible. Recently I've had occasions to interact with two of your sworn personnel, D/Corporal Ricky Truitt and Officer Mike Prout.

I met D/Cpl Truitt at the Rotary crab feast (I'm a proud member of the Annapolis Rotary). During a lull in the traffic I started a conversation with the three officers working the preferred dining gate. D/Cpl Truitt and I had what turned out to be an inspiring conversation about policing and community relations. I was impressed by his commitment to good policing and his ability to articulate the challenges and solutions before us all.

When I returned home that evening, an out-of-state truck was in my reserved disabled parking spot. The responding officer was Officer Prout. He couldn't have been more helpful. Again, we had an engaging conversation about policing, the community, and the importance of mutual respect. Then, on Sunday evening I was out with other clergy on a 'prayer walk' in the Clay Street neighborhood. A car rolled up and it was Officer Prout asking if he could help in any way. He saw and recognized me long before I knew he was there. Good cop! :-)

Chief, I applaud you and the APD for the commitment and utter professionalism of these men. Thank you for your leadership of our city's force. Please know that our community prays for your safety and well-being as you seek to provide for ours.

Sincerely,