



~What's Happening At The Met~

December 2021

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Rev. Allen Page, III ~ Senior Pastor



From the Pastor's Desk



Rev. Allen Page, III

Greetings, my Sisters and Brothers, in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Welcome to the season of Advent; the season for turning our minds to the coming arrival of the Christ child. It is a time that initiates the new Christian year where we journey with God toward new discoveries, new revelations and possibilities. The journey for most of us places before us a quest for peace and joy. That quest for the believer, must be taken with a trust and faith in God that is founded in our belief in the precious promises that God provides. It is a journey where we "keep awake therefore," because we "do not know on what day our Lord is coming." Although we find ourselves in the midst of a pandemic that seems to be raging again with a second wave of increased infections and mounting deaths, I write you today to encourage each of you to keep calm and carry on with a daily dedication toward purposeful activity in your relationship with God. Please do not allow your sacred space and your companionship with God, through the Holy Spirit, to be broken by the stresses and pressures of this present moment. Realize and celebrate the beauty of the journey of discovery — stay awake spiritually and remain watchful. Realize that in times like these, opportunities for both good and evil abound. Remember God desires for us to be ready for the coming of the Lord into our lives. Matthew 24:42-44 teaches us that we must wisely entrust our hearts to God's care and strive to maintain our readiness by keeping calm and carrying on! I encourage each of you to develop your spiritual discipline and sharpen your sense of watchfulness.

Stay awake Metropolitan and *Keep Calm!*

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*Wishing Each of You
A Merry Christmas and
A Happy New Year*

~ Rev. Allen & Mrs. Gail Page ~

Advent

Advent means “Coming” in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. **Christians** use the four Sundays and weeks of **Advent** to prepare and remember the real meaning of **Christmas**.



The First Sunday

November 28, 2021 - HOPE

The Second Sunday

December 5, 2021 - LOVE

The Third Sunday

December 12, 2021 –JOY

The Fourth Sunday

December 19, 2021-PEACE

Follow The Star

A Time of Remembrance & Gifting



After the birth of Jesus, wise men in the East followed the star to Bethlehem looking for him. They brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. You can read more about it in Matthew 2:1-2, 7-11. As the celebration of Christmas ends, we are encouraging you to follow the example of the wise men by making a year-end monetary gift to the church “in memory of” or “in honor of” your loved one. Their name, along with yours will be listed in the January 2022 issue of “What’s Happening At The Met”.

Gifts made “in memory of” or “in honor of” should include the honoree’s name and your name in the memo section of Zelle @ metrocm@aol.com or on your check.

This year, we are encouraging you to not let the celebration of Christmas end with the birth of Jesus. We are asking you to be a Wise Man or Wise Woman and “Follow the Star” by December 31, 2021.



Watch Night Service, “An Hour Of Praise” will be held on Friday, December 31, 2021@ 7:00 PM. The service will be virtual using ZOOM and will last approximately one hour. Watch your email for additional information.



Please pray for the members listed below. You may request personal contact information by sending an email to Metrocm@aol.com. To add/remove names on the list, send an email to the same address. Please be sure to include the member’s name, address and phone number. Thank you!

*Sister Nan Wiley Hendley
Sister Freddia Bradley
Sister Melba Sparks
Sister Cheryl Foster & Family
Sister Lula Johnson & Family
Sister Brenda Hayter & Family
Rev. Horace Barron
Sister Patrecia Bailey
Sister Jo Alice Scott
Sister Jackie Cooper
The Family of Milton Pierce*

**CARD RECEIVED FROM LULA JOHNSON
(In the Loss of Her Brother)**

*Just wanted to make sure you knew
how appreciated you are—
not only for all you do,
but for who you are—
a reflection of the One you serve.*

ANNUAL CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENT

Each member is asked to pay a yearly assessment of \$250.00. Thanks to those who paid their assessment in full or made a partial payment. Please pay your assessment as soon as possible so the goal for this Conference Year may be met.



Memorial Service for Mr. Milton Pierce will be held on Friday, December 17, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Metropolitan CME Church, 8955 South Freeway, Houston 77051

Moments In Black History

December is a very important month in our Christian lives. We celebrate the birth of our Savior-Jesus, but also the birth of our Zion-The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. In Jackson, TN on December 16, 1870, 41 former slaves met and organized the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. Having left the Methodist Episcopal Church, South they met and established polity, ordained Bishops and ministers without the interference of the white dominated Methodist Episcopal Church, South. This month take time to celebrate these two important births, remembering men such as: Isaac Lane, Lucius Holsey, William Henry Miles, and Richard H. Vanderhorst.



HAPPY CME FOUNDER'S DAY—DEC. 16



Student Recognition Sunday December 26, 2021

Each church throughout the Connection is requested to observe **Student Recognition Day** as a day set aside to give special recognition to those persons who have received their Christian nurture in that local church, have completed their school requirements and are now engaged in furthering their education in some institution of higher learning.

On November 7, 2021 "In Person Worship" resumed at the church at 8955 South Free-way. You may also Join us remotely each Sunday morning at 10:30 AM on Facebook Live for our Sunday Morning Worship Service. Search for Metropolitan CME Church—Restoration Blvd. on Face Book Live or utilize the Free Conference call Line: 605-475-4821, Access Code 306019

Service times will NOT be effected by Holiday Season.

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER December—Confirmed Meetings

- 5 **Holy Communion Sunday – 10:30 AM**
Join us at the church—**IN PERSON** or
Join us via Facebook Live - Metropolitan CME Church—Restoration Blvd. or Free Conference Call Line 605-475-4821 Access Code 306019#
Regular Weekly Services each Sunday Morning
- 6 Missionary Meeting @ 6:00 PM
Free Conference Call Line—515-604-9094
Access Code 342569693#
- 8 Bible Study
Mid-Day Bible Study @ Noon—Free Conference call Line (See Below)
- Evening Prayer & Bible Study @ 6:00 Prayer & 6:30 Bible Study (See Below)**
- 31 Watch Night Hour of Praise and Worship @ 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY NOON AND EVENING PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY WILL BE ON HOLIDAY BREAK

Bible Study on Wednesday at Noon and Wednesday Evening Prayer and Bible Study will not meet on Wednesday, December 22 and Wednesday, December 29, 2021 due to a Holiday Break.

**All Sessions Will Resume on Wednesday,
January 5, 2022**



Mid-Day Bible Study Via Free Conference Call Line
each Wednesday at Noon
Dial 701-802-5001 Access 495037#

Wednesday Evening Prayer and Bible Study
Prayer @ 6:00 PM & Bible Study @ 6:30 PM
Free Conference Call Line 605-475-4821
Access Code 306019

or
Join Us on ZOOM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9751427923>
Meeting ID: 975 142 7923; Passcode 8955
Call in Zoom # 346-248-7799



Devon Carter	December 02
Mtangulizi Sanyika	December 04
Tyler Pointer	December 05
Chloe Tonsall	December 05
Kayden Simon	December 07
Julia Jones	December 08
Javonnie Smith	December 08
Sally Grant	December 10
Jayla Rhodes	December 10
Llonda Toney	December 12
Nanette Lewis	December 14
Sonya D. Myles	December 14
Allen Melson	December 15
Anthony Cyprien-Price II	December 16
Nicole Ellis	December 16
Elissa Palmer	December 16
Dauida Chatman	December 17
Jazlyn Henderson	December 20
Freddie Banks	December 21
Leonard C. Patterson	December 21
Alicia Robinson	December 21
Charisma Smith	December 21
Breyunna Broom	December 23
James Collins	December 24
Noah Mbong-Devereaux	December 24
Eric Whitaker	December 24
James Huger, Jr.	December 25
Bree Scroggins	December 26
Brian Scroggins	December 26
Charlesetta Sain	December 26
Shira Smith	December 26
Kenneth Campbell	December 27
Kamron Riley	December 27
Susie Stephens	December 27

COMMUNION CUPS WITH WAFERS

Pre-filled and consecrated by Pastor Allen Page, III, sealed communion cups with wafers are available each Saturday before Communion Services. CDC guidelines are closely followed; no personal contact is required. Simply pull up to the entry near the daycare center, open your car trunk or passenger side car door and the number of cups you request will be placed in your car. Proper Personal Protective Equipment is required (Mask/Gloves). Questions should be directed to the Stewardess Ministry President, Mrs. Julia Jones, 832-683-8428

Next Tentative Distribution Date
January 1, 2022—10:00 am—1:00 pm
Watch for official notice from Stewardess Ministry



Early in 2022 we will be passing out and possibly mailing out income statements for the year 2021. If you have moved or changed your address please provide the church office with your new address. You may provide the information by writing to metrocme@aol.com or mailing the information to the church 's address. Please include your name and the new address including the zip code when reporting change.

Monthly Debt Reduction



Please remember that the second Sunday of each month has been designated as **DEBT REDUCTION SUNDAY**. Please pay and honor your previous commitment towards debt reduction.

Please join the CME Connectional Prayer Line! Every weekday morning, in our own time zone (and in time zones across the U.S.), praying starts by 6:30 AM. If that's too late for you, join the Eastern Zone people in prayer by dialing in at 5:30; or in those hours are too early for you, join the Mountain Zone or the Pacific Zone people in prayer at 7:30 AM or 8:30 AM. The number to call is: 605-468-8885; then enter the code – Access Code 616984#.

You are invited to become a member of the Houston District Monthly Prayer Group as they meet to pray on a Conference Call Prayer Line each First Saturday at 7:14 am. **It's open to everyone.** Call in number [605 472-5783](tel:6054725783). and your access code [604403](tel:604403). For more information call Peggy Robinson.

Trustees on Duty for December

Kevin Wheeler (281) 703-2407