



~What's Happening At The Met~

February 2025

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

WATCH HOW YOU MARCH!



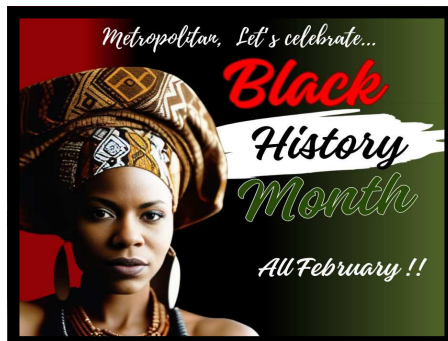
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Greetings, my brothers and sisters of Metropolitan:

As we embark on our worship month and consider the circumstances facing our community life, I am reminded of a colloquialism we often shared during my corporate experiences: *"If you can January and February; you can March right on through."* Each new year brings vestiges of excitement and anticipation of what the year will bring. But each new year also brings moments of anxiety and questions that must be answered with each faithful step we take forward.

Isaac Watts wrote the hymn, *"We're Marching to Zion."* The first verse encourages, "Come we that love the Lord, and let your joys be known; join in a song of sweet accord, join in a song of sweet accord; and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne." The song, when sung joyfully, leads us to practices that can help us with our *March* through any year – yes, to help us *March* right on through. The song begins by encouraging us to come, and not individually, but in the unity of "we." All of us must decide whether or not we will come forth when commanded by God. We all have our own unique places from which we must climb to the places God calls. God calls us to a community, (i.e., common unity); a place where we share our similarities and differences respectfully and lovingly. We are also called to let our joys be known – God has given each of us experiences that we can draw joys of endurance, accomplishment and victory. These are nuggets God calls us to share one with another, as we bind our hearts together in Christian love. God calls us to join in song on sweet accord – did you know that we all can be singing the same song, but yet not be on one accord? I believe that communities, like ours, *March* more effectively throughout the year when we are of one mind, heart and spirit. Sure, we all have our unique personalities, but in Christ we are called to strive for common ground, where the grace of God synthesizes our individuality into a wonderful harmonic unity. The Christian must always remember that unity does not mean uniformity. We can be unified, while maintaining the beauty of our unique nature. The first verse of Watts' hymn concludes "and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne." The hymnologist seems to be suggesting that we are not fit to gather around God's throne until certain criteria are met. When we *March* as a community, when we come together, when we let our heart's joys be known, when we sing songs of sweet accord, we acquit ourselves nicely for placement around God's throne. Well, Metropolitan, we *January-ed*, we now must *February*, but the question remains will we *March* through the year? I pray that we all have *January-ed*, and will *February* with the Lord, so we can *March* right on through! God bless you all.

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In the past we have recognized others who have done great things. This year the Black History Committee would like to recognize Metropolitan members who have excelled in their family or community. If you were the first in your family or community to achieve a particular goal then share that information with others. Contact a young adult and let them know your accomplishment (s).



Please pray for the members listed below. You may request personal contact information by sending an email to Metrocme@aol.com. To add/remove names on the list, send an email to the same address.

<i>Sister Freddia Bradley</i>	<i>Sister Ollie Byrd</i>
<i>Sister Brenda Hayter/ Family</i>	<i>Rev. E. Anne Ross</i>
<i>Brother Calvin Brown, Jr.</i>	<i>Sis. Jo. Alice Scott</i>
<i>Sister Jeanne Grimes</i>	<i>Sis. W. Frances Greer</i>
<i>Sister Gracie Deason</i>	<i>Bro. Henry Durley</i>
<i>Sister Patrecia Bailey</i>	<i>Rev. Waldo Murphy</i>
<i>Sister Allison McLemore</i>	<i>Bro. L. C. Patterson</i>

Please pray for Bro. Arthur Scott, Sr. an his family in the loss of his loved one.
Please pray for Sister Cheryl Cook and her family in the loss of her brother.

Total Contributions From Metropolitan to Blueridge UMC Food Pantry Sept.-Dec. 2024

Month	Food Donations	Cash Donations
Sept. 2024	389	\$ 29.00
Oct. 2024	70	\$ 0
Nov. 2024	261	\$ 20.00
Dec. 2024	129	\$120.00

On behalf of the Usher Ministry we would like to say Thank You to the Met Family who have continually blessed this community with heartfelt love in the sharing of food and all of it's resources.

Information regarding Food Pantry with Blueridge UMC and Tuscany Village Outreach

Last Day to Donate to Food Pantry at Metropolitan for current month	Bagging/sorting & Distribution at Blueridge 9:00 am–12:00 pm
February 09, 2025	February 15, 2025
March 09, 2025	March 15, 2025

Please check donations for expiration dates!

**Tuscany Village 2750 Miller Ranch Rd
 Pearland, TX 77584—2:30—3:30 PM**
 February 22, 2025— Prayer & New Members Min.
 March 22, 2025—Trustee Ministry

Again asking for sacrificial commitments, from all singers and choir members of all choirs, for this NEW YEAR. Please and thank you in advance.

Rehearsal Saturday 2/1/2025 at 12:00 Noon. & Male Chorus 1:00 PM

1st Sunday, 2/2/2025—MASS CHOIR SINGS Communion Sunday

Rehearsal on Thursday, 2/6/2025, 6:30pm

MALE CHORUS REHEARSAL

Saturday, 2/08/2025, 1:00pm

MALE CHORUS REHEARSAL

2nd Sunday, 2/09/2024—MALE CHORUS SINGS

Meet in the Choir Room at 10:00 am.

Rehearsal Tuesday, 2/11/2025 7:00pm –Mass Choir

Final Rehearsal for Choir/Mania and Black History Month (Mandatory).

3rd Sunday, 2/16/2025 - MASS CHOIR SINGS

MASS CHOIR report to MARRIOTT HOBBY AIRPORT 9100 Gulf Freeway for TGMEA Choir/Mania 4:00 PM

Rehearsal Saturday 2/22/2025, at 12 Noon

Children & Youth

4th Sunday, 2/23/2025-YOUTH/CHILDREN SINGS

Rehearsal -Thursday, 2/27/2025 at 6"30 pm

Mass Choir

1st Sunday in March-MASS CHOIR SINGS

FOR THE CULTURE

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Dress to impress in your finest cultural attire, and let's celebrate Black history in style. Prizes will be awarded to the best-dressed!



WEAR YOUR AFRICAN ATTIRE ON FEBRUARY 23



February is
HEART Health
Month

FOLLOW THE STAR CONTRIBUTION

Mrs. Gloria Broom gave in memory of her parents

Mr. Henry and Mrs. Ida Green, Sr., her brother—Mr. Henry Green, Jr. & Mr. Worth & Mrs. Earnestine Broom, Jr.

Page for Bishop in 2026



Exciting News for our Church Family!! Our beloved pastor, Rev. Allen Page, III, is stepping into a new season of leadership and will be running for the **Office of Bishop in 2026.**

Let us unite in prayer and support as we trust God's guidance in this journey.

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. This is the number to call: 605-468-8885; then enter the code – 616984#.

February 2025 — Confirmed Meetings

1. Stewardess Meeting 10:00 am]
2. Holy Communion Sunday – 10:30 AM-
Join us for **“IN PERSON WORSHIP OR** via Facebook Live or **Free Conference Call Line** 605-475-4821 Access Code 306019#
2. Scouts Sunday—Connectional Observance
2. Groundhog Day.
3. Missionary Meeting @ 6:30 PM
Free Conference Call Line—267-807-9495
Access Code—342569693#
5. Bible Study at Noon VIA Zoom
Meeting ID 885 2896 7154; Passcode 8955 or
Evening Prayer @ 6:00 & Bible Study 6:30 VIA ZOOM
Meeting ID 975 142 7923; Passcode 8955
09. Last Day to donate to food pantry for February
10. HD Women's Missionary Meeting
13-16 TX Gospel Music Awards—Marriott Hobby Hotel
15. Sorting/bagging/distribution —Food Pantry at Blueridge
- 22 Tuscany Village Visit/ Prayer and Assimilation Ministries
22. Houston District Ministers Spouses 10:00 am
- 23 Social Concerns Sunday (Connectional Observance)
23. Annual Missionary Day—Sunday at 3:00 PM
27. Church Conference Thursday, 7:00 PM Via Zoom

Metropolitan Women's Missionary Society will



hold their Annual Day on February 23, 2025 at 3:00pm.

For more information see Demetria Williams the local Society's President.

BIBLE STUDY

NOON DAY AND WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Noon-Day Bible Study VIA ZOOM at 12:00

Meeting ID # 885 2896 7154 Passcode 8955
or

Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study

Via Zoom - Meeting ID: 975 142 7923
Passcode 8955 or Phone 1-346 -248-7799

Free Conference Call Line
605-475-4821; ACCESS CODE 306019#

Or phone in to either session at 1 346-248-7799
Have your meeting ID and Passcode handy.

Evening Prayer led by Sis. Peggy Robinson is at 6:00 PM
Bible Study led by Pastor Allen Page, III at 6:30 PM



February Birthdays



Aniyan Richardson	February 02
Tatiana Richardson	February 04
Kelce Thurmond	February 05
Wilma Glenn	February 06
Freddia Bradley	February 08
Helen Collins	February 09
Shirley Stringfield	February 09
Tonidjra Cook	February 10
Carrie Melson Coleman	February 11
Lewis Preston	February 12
Kenneth Davis	February 14
LaToya Johnson	February 14
Claudia Bradford	February 15
Janet Gipson	February 18
David Edward	February 24
Myia Johnson	February 25



Your yearly contribution statement is now available and should have been mailed out or picked up by most of you. Please see any Steward Board member or email Metrocme@aol.com if you have not received your statement.

Trustees on Duty for Feb.

Ardyth Guyer 713-409-2508
Kenneth Davis 713-446-2799



James Thompson Sunday (Church) School Class is inviting **EVERYONE** to **BREAKFAST** on the **16th of February 2025 at 8:30 am.**

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**. and your access code **604403**. For more information call Peggy Robinson.

Moments in Black History



Carter G. Woodson

Carter G. Woodson is credited with starting Black History Month, originally establishing it as "Negro History Week" in 1926 to celebrate the achievements of African Americans throughout history.

Official recognition: President Gerald Ford formally recognized Black History Month in 1976.

This Black History Month we will celebrate the Black Worker, their achievements and their dedication to work.

SAVE THE DATE

★ Church School Convention to be held **March 7 & 8, 2025** at Metropolitan CME Church. Friday Night will be Movie Night.

★ Watch for More information on the Spring Convocation which will be held on **March 14 & 15** at Christian Chapel CME Church in Dallas, TX

ATT: PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND FRIENDS

Register Your Student in the

Metro Space Academy STEM Program

- ➔ ROBOTICS
- ➔ FIELD TRIPS
- ➔ IN CHURCH SESSIONS
- ➔ FOR GRADES 3 - 12

