



## ~What's Happening At The Met~

### November 2020

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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. As we approach the season of thanksgiving, I pray that we all look to extend our thanks to God and one another for the great things God has done in our lives and through our lives. I have discovered that often times my thanksgiving to God is aborted by my lack of understanding of what He is seeking to accomplish in my life or through my life. We have been conditioned in this world to want to know the end of all matters; but omniscience was not given to our human condition. The story is told of a Chinese gentleman who lived on the border of China and Mongolia. In those days, there was constant conflict and strife along the perimeter. The man had a beautiful horse. One day, she leaped over the corral, raced down the road, crossed the border, and was captured by the Mongolians. His friends came to comfort him. "That's bad news," they said sadly. "What makes you think it's bad news?" asked the Chinese gentleman. "Maybe it's good news." A few days later the mare came bolting into his corral, bringing with it a massive stallion. His friends crowded around. "That's good news!" they cried. "What makes you think it's good news?" he asked. "Maybe it is bad news." Later, his son, while riding the stallion and trying to break it, was thrown off and broke his leg. "That's bad news," cried the friends. "What makes you think it is bad news?" asked the Chinese gentleman. "Maybe it's good news." One week later, war broke out with Mongolia, and a Chinese general came through, drafting all the young men. All later perished, except for the young man who couldn't go because his leg was broken. The man said to his friends, "You see, the things you thought were bad turned out good; and the things you thought were good turned out bad."

And thus it is with us. We don't know if the things we want will really be good for us, or bad. We can't see the future. That's why James tells us to pray, saying, "If it be thy will.. ." But God does know the future. God is Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last. He knows the end from the beginning, and He knows how all things will turn out. Paul writes in Romans 8:28 "We know that all things work together for the good for those who love the Lord, who are called according to his purpose." Verse 26 says that the Holy Spirit prays for us according to the will of God with intensity, with groanings that words cannot express. And God answers the Holy Spirit's pleas on our behalf. I am thankful that God loves me so much that He would engage the Holy Spirit in my life in this manner. I invite you to join me with a heart of thanksgiving unto God, for considering the whole of our lives!

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Food Pantry collection and distribution has been postponed due to Covid-19,

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Doing Our Part Ministry, sponsored by the Men's Ministry, has been postponed due to Covid-19  
Fellowship Meal

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Monthly visits to Tuscany Village Rehabilitation Center have been postponed due to Covid-19.

## *Grateful Praise Outdoor Worship Service*

**Sunday, November 22, 2020  
@ 10:30 AM**

Enjoy worship from the convenience of your own car in the **church's parking lot**. During this service we will be remembering our beloved members and associates who have passed away during the year. Can't make it to the church? Relax, you can still worship with your family and friends by joining us on Facebook Live. Just go to Facebook, search for Metropolitan-House of Restoration; or you can listen on our Free Conference Call Line. Just dial 605-475-4821; Access Code 306019.

We would love to see you in the parking lot.

Federal Guidelines will be followed., a mask is required along with social distancing.

I have contacted Tuscany Village Rehab to advise them that due to Covid-19/ Coronavirus health orders, we will not be available for Scripture reading sessions with the residents during the remaining months of this year. Michelle Ayala, their Activity Director and I mutually agreed. The Missionaries who were scheduled for November and the Anointed Feet who were scheduled for December have all been canceled. Ministry members, my profound gratitude for your dedication to God's work in all that you do. So, until next year your ministry is asked to stay safe and may God continue to bless you all with health and all that you need. Again, thank you for all that you do. For more information contact Gloria Broom

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The City of Houston will be performing In-Home testing, if you are interested call 832-393-4301 for further information.

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## *Fall Back*

*SUNDAY, November 1, 2020*



## **CONFERENCE CLAIMS**

Each member of Metropolitan is asked to pay \$250.00 toward our annual assessment of \$24,000.00. It can be paid in one lump sum or you may want to split your payments. The goal is to have all conference claims paid as early as possible in the New conference year as possible. A big "THANK YOU" to those who have already paid their complete assessment or made a partial payment.



Veterans Day, originally known as **Armistice Day**, is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11 to honor those who have served in the United States

Armed Forces. It coincides with *Armistice Day* and *Remembrance Day* which are celebrated in other countries. This day marks the anniversary of the end of World War I, which hostilities were formally ended at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. On June 4, 1926 the US Congress adopted a resolution requesting President Calvin Coolidge to issue an annual proclamation calling for the observance of Nov. 11 with appropriate ceremonies. A Congressional Act approved May 13, 1938 made Nov. 11 a legal holiday. In 1945, World War II veteran Raymond Weeks, had the idea to expand *Armistice Day* to celebrate all veterans. The bill to establish the holiday through Congress was presented by US Representative Ed Rees and was signed into law on May 26, 1954 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Congress amended the bill on June 1, 1954, replacing "Armistice" with "Veterans". Make sure this month you thank all the Veterans-Man or Woman-who have served fully and faithfully.

**Happy Veterans Day—Wednesday, November 11, 2020**

### *Church School Classes*

**Young Adult Online Church School Class led by Sister Samisha Davi—Held on Saturdays**

**Tate Nunley Online Church School Class led by Brother Vernon Johnson -Held on Saturdays**

**Sisters Studying the Word Online Class led by Sister Peggy Robinson -Held on Saturdays**

**James Thompson Men's Online Class led by Brother Kevin Wheeler—Held on Sunday Morning**

**Primary/Juniors for Ages 7-11 led by Sister LaRonda Walker—Held on Sundays**

**Youth Ages 12-17 led by Sister Rita Washington—Held on Sunday**

**Hattie Penn Church School Class led by Rev. Allen Page III, Senior Pastor - Held on Sunday**

**Attend Worship Each Sunday Morning at 10:30 AM**

Two ways to enjoy the services:

1. Facebook Live— Search for Metropolitan—Restoration Blvd or
2. Free Conference Call Line by dialing 605-475-4821 Access Code 306019

## **CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER** **November —Confirmed Meetings**

**1 Holy Communion Sunday – 10:30 AM**  
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**

2 Missionary Meeting @ 6:00 PM  
Free Conference Call Line—515-604-9094  
Access Code 342569693#

2 Trustee Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM Via Zoom.

4 Bible Study  
**Mid-Day Bible Study @ Noon** via Free Conference Call Line  
**Evening Prayer & Bible Study—**  
Prayer @ 6:00PM—Bible Study @ 6:30 PM  
Via Zoom and Free Conference Call Line  
**Weekly Meetings—held each Wednesday**

### **COMMUNION CUPS WITH WAFERS**

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



**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  
Call in Zoom # 346-248-7799



## November Birthdays

Javaris Greenwood	Nov. 1
Taylor Smith	Nov. 1
Charles Oliver, Jr.	Nov. 4
Willie Frances Greer	Nov. 4
Darlene Brown	Nov. 6
Matthew Holbert	Nov. 6
Lamond Lee	Nov. 6
Exie Tonsal	Nov. 8
Annie Woodward	Nov. 9
Kaleeba Griffin	Nov. 10
Daniel Myles	Nov. 10
Nicole Lockett	Nov. 12
Sanie Broom	Nov. 13
Clyde Mayberry	Nov. 14
Lance Simmons	Nov. 15
Arthur Williams, Jr.	Nov. 15
Tonie Johnson	Nov. 16
Nesha Edwards	Nov. 17
Evan Goode	Nov. 20
Patrecia Bailey	Nov. 21
Wayne Wade	Nov. 22
Sarah Jammer	Nov. 24
James Huger, III	Nov. 25
Carolyn Williams	Nov. 26
Ashley Melson	Nov. 28
Justin Scott	Nov. 28
KyRhen Whitfield	Nov. 28
Haley Wright	Nov. 29
Joshua Garrett	Nov. 30

**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#.

**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.**

## Operation Christmas Child

On behalf of the Children's Ministry, the time has come for us to do our annual outreach project, Operation Christmas Child.

I want to send a huge SHOUT OUT AND THANK YOU to Sis. Tywana Glapion and Bro. Vernon Johnson for purchasing the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. You will be able to pick up a shoebox and stuff it with toys and gifts to a needy boy or girl ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.

Take this time to decide if you want to do a **boy or girl**, the **age you would like to do (2-4, 5-9, 10-14), and begin purchasing the gifts** that will fit in your OCC box. You are welcome to invite other family members to join us in our efforts. You are also welcome to do more than one box. Keep in mind, for each box you do, there is a \$9.00 fee for shipping and handling.

Your shoebox will need to be filled and returned to the church by Sunday, November 22, the day of the Grateful Praise Outdoor worship Service.

For more information contact Laronda Walker, Director of the Children's Department. You may text her at 832-372-9360

### Suggested Gifts:

**Ages 2-4**—Toys, Cuddly toys, toy car or truck, brightly colored foam ball, baseball cap, sunglasses, woolly hat, gloves, mittens, scarf, hair ties, bows, dress-up headbands, school supplies and creative activities, pencil case, Crayola, games, small musical instruments and hygiene items.

**Ages 5-9**—Same as above but more age sensitive, may also include play dough, tennis ball, building bricks/Lego type kit, glider kit (non military) bead kit, games.

**Ages 10 -14**—Base ball cap, sunglasses, woolly hat, gloves jewelry, football gloves, watch, keyring, magnets, small fishing kit, gardening kit with gloves, brightly colored ropes and ties, water bottle, plate, bowl, small items of clothing, socks, flip-flops, rolled up t-shirt, musical instruments, school supplies and creative activity items, games and hygiene items.

Do not include Candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures, chocolate or food; seeds, fruit rolls or other fruit snacks, drink mixes, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers or aerosol cans

### **Trustees on Duty for Nov.**

*Vernon Johnson ~ 832-418-4713*

*Henry Durley ~ 713-598-6556*