

# ~What's Happening At The Met~

## January 2024



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### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Happy New Year Metropolitan! It is my sincerest prayer that God will bless you and keep you, make His face to shine upon you, lift up His countenance upon you, be gracious unto you and give you peace throughout this new year! The other day a good friend asked "did you and Gail make any resolutions for the new year?" I quipped "what for, they don't last." After he and I finished our conversation, God began to speak to me and has not relented on the subject. "Why don't resolutions last Allen? The power is not in the resolution, they only provide direction and inspiration. The power resides in God, and our reliance upon Him for strength to endure with the resolution, through resolve and steadfastness of hope." In other words, resolutions take on their greatest power when we resolve to not just "talk the talk, but rather walk the walk!" Back to my response to my friend's inquiry - what God has been dealing with in me over the past few days is my resolve to be disciplined with my personal commitments (i.e., my promises to myself, and therefore to God). In Isaiah 42:5-9, through the prophet Isaiah God appears to be taking up this subject regarding himself. In this chapter God is saying "I talk the talk, but I also walk the walk." The question is what do people see when they observe us - the believers who declare our hope and trust in God? Do they see us simply "talking the talk, when the spotlight is on us, or are we walking the walk."

Let me be clear, I am not advocating for an expectation of utopic circumstances - no one can be their best self all the time; but we certainly can do as John Wesley (founder of Methodism) encourages - strive toward perfection. We all must admit that we do a better job talking the talk rather than walking the walk. And all too often we fall prey to the temptation of pointing out the faults and shortcomings of others, rather focusing on our own. This time of the year God offers us opportunities to walk the walk with our resolutions. Listen to the prophet in verse 5 thru 9, God raises questions to focus the heart's attention of His people - "who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it." In verse 8, the Lord identifies himself "I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them." God is saying there is no secret to who I am and what I have done, what I am doing, and what I will do - "my name is Lord, and my word is my bond."

This time of year brings a fair amount of joy and hope, but it can also be a difficult time for us regarding making changes that will have meaningful impact in the course of our lives. Metropolitan join me in giving resolutions a second look - make it your dream and quest to live in a way that makes this text come alive for you. How can we all endeavor to walk the walk - have greater resolve, discipline, and determination to fulfill the inspired changes God births within us. You do know that is what resolutions really should be for the believer. This does not mean that we will get it right every time and in every instance; but it should mean we would be found striving for the hope of our resolutions, and thereby, over the course of the year, establish a clear and discernable pathway toward true and effective change within our lives. Should we choose this course for our lives, we would be able to live out verse 10 of the text "Sing to the Lord a new song,...." What would people see in our lives, in our families, in our churches, if we truly backed up, lived out our resolve to be more loving, committed, physically and spiritually healthy, a giver of justice, mercy and grace to those with whom we share community. Would they see heaven right here on earth! Metropolitan join me in a holy endeavor to sing, yes to sing a new song!

Rev. Allen Page III  
Pastor

Thanks to each of you who gave during our "Follow The Star-End of The Year Fund Raiser. A special thanks to those who gave in memory of someone who is no longer with us. They Are:

Mrs. Carristine Willey gave in memory of her husband, Mr. Silas Wiley & daughter, Mrs. Nan Wiley Hendley

Mrs. Christina Chargois gave in memory of her mother, Dr. Betty Carter

Mrs. Annita Lakey gave in memory of her husband, Rev. Lawrence Lakey

Mrs. Susie Stephens gave in memory of her friend and fellow usher, Mrs. Annie E. Douglas

Ms. Carolyn Williams gave in memory of her parents, Mr. Sam & Mrs. Evelyn Williams

Ms. Carolyn Williams gave in memory of her friends, Mrs. Christine Marshall & Mrs. Hattie Collins

Mr. Cory Francis gave in memory of his grandfather, Rev. Percy Francis

Mr. Joe Wilmore gave in memory of his wife, Mrs. Jeanette Wilmore; sister-in-Law, Mrs. Annie E. Douglas and brother, Mr. George Wilmore

Mrs. Claudia Bradford gave in memory of her husband, Mr. Walter Bradford

Mrs. Llonda Toney gave in memory her mother, Mrs. Uaray Edwards; grandmother, Mrs. Florence Session and Mother-in-law, Mrs. Ruth Toney

Mrs. Ruth Linton gave in memory of friend, Mrs. Emily Tate

Mrs. Rose Cheers gave in memory of Mrs. Silena Morris

Mrs. Delois Williams gave in memory of her son, Mr. Brett Burns

Mr. Richard Morris gave in memory of his in-laws, Mrs. Rita and Mr. Melvern Scott and his mother, Mrs. Silena Morris

Mrs. Lolita Johnson gave in memory or her mother, Mrs. Silena Morris and her great aunt, Ms. Annie Mae "Sweet" Robinson

Follow the Star Continues....

Mr. Herbert Bradford gave in memory Mrs. Mary Campbell

Ms. Nedra Y. Washington gave in memory of her mother, Mrs. Oleiva Washington and her church friend, Mrs. Silena Morris

Mrs. Darlene P. Brown gave in memory of her mother, Mrs. Maggie Phillips

Ms. Elayne Scott gave in memory of her mother, Mrs. Martha Williams - "My Girl"

Ms. Sheree Wilmore Roberts gave in memory of her father, Mr. George Wilmore

Ms. Jacquelyn McLemore, MD and Ms. Allison McLemore gave in memory of The Dearly Departed McLemore Family Members: David, Maggie, Stephen Dan, Elouise and Stephen Dan, Jr. Rest In Peace.



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. Please be sure to include the member's name, address and phone number. Thank you!

- Sister Freddia Bradley
Sister Brenda Hayter & Family
Sister Jeanne Grimes
Sister Gracie Deason
Sister Joyce Shepherd
Sister Patrecia Bailey
Sister Willie Frances Greer
Rev. Waldo Murphy
Sister Allison McLemore
Bro. L C. Patterson
Sister Jo Alice Scott
Rev. E. Anne Ross
Sister Ollie Byrd
Sister Annie Melson
Sister Nancy Curtis
Brother Daniel Myles
Brother Darryl Bowers

Sis. Melba Sparks & Family on the loss of her brother, Bro. Tederick "Teddy" Warren

Mrs. Gwendolyn Douglas and Mrs. Cheryl Foster on the loss of their mother, Mrs. Joyce Shepherd.

## Black History Moment

# Martin Luther King Jr.



Martin Luther King Jr. was an American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokesperson and leader in the civil rights movement.

**Born:** January 15, 1929, [Atlanta, GA](#)

**Assassinated:** April 4, 1968, [Memphis, TN](#)

**Famous speech:** [I Have a Dream](#)

*Celebrate his life on January 15, 2024*



### JANUARY 2024 PROPOSED

#### MUSIC DEPARTMENT CALENDAR

**Rehearsal Tues., 1/2/2024, 6:00pm**

MALE CHORUS

**Rehearsal Tues., 1/2/2024, 7:00pm**

MASS CHOIR

**1st Sunday, MASS CHOIR SINGS 1/7/2024**

MASS CHOIR SINGS (Communion)

**Rehearsal -Tuesday, 1/9/2024, 6:00pm**

Saturday, 1/13/2024, 1:00pm

MALE CHORUS

**2nd Sun., 1/14/2024– MALE CHORUS SINGS**

**Rehearsal–Tuesday, 1/16/2024, 6:30pm**

PRAISE TEAM

**3rd Sunday, PRAISE TEAM SINGS—1/21/2024**

**Rehearsal Tuesday, 1/23/2024, 6:30pm**

MASS CHOIR

**Rehearsal–Saturday, 1/27/2024, 1pm**

YOUTH/CHILDREN

**4th Sun., YOUTH/CHILDREN SINGS –1/28/24**

**Rehearsal Tuesday, 1/30/2024, 6:00pm**

MALE CHORUS REHEARSAL

## January 2024 —Confirmed Meeting

- 6 Stewardess Meeting
- 7 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**
- 7-8 **25th Annual Pastor's Conference/Phillips 77th  
Founder's Day**
- 8 Missionary Meeting @ 6:00 PM  
Free Conference Call Line—267-807-9495  
Access Code 342-569-693#
- 8 BOCE Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- 13 Houston District Lay Prayer Breakfast @ 9:00 AM
- 13 Ministry to Men Meeting 11:00 AM
- 14 **Last date to donate to the Food Pantry for January 2024**
- 9 Board of Christian Education Meeting 7:00 pm
- 15 MLK Ecumenical Services—Virtual
- 17 Prayer and Bible Study Resumes. Prayer at 6:00 PM  
Bible Study at 6:30 PM
- 20 Food Pantry sorting and bagging at Blueridge UMC  
10:00 am -12:00 pm
- 20 Houston District WMS Meeting
- 27 Church School to visit Tuscany Village at 2:30 PM
- 28-2/4 Connectional Youth & Young Adult Week

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.

### Trustees on Duty for January

*Peggy Robinson 832-885-0178*

*Allen Casey 832-656-6233*



### Bible Study Resumes January 17, 2024

**Evening Prayer & Bible Study** resumes on  
Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM  
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#

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

## Missionary Society Awards Scholarship



The Houston District Women's Missionary Society's 4th Hybrid/Virtual Lola B. Clark Scholarship Reveal was held on Saturday, December 9, 2023. Metropolitan's member, Tyra Clemons received a scholarship to assist her as she attends college at Prairie View A & M University.



Thanks to those who went Caroling at Tuscany Village on December 23, 2023 with the Children and Youth Departments of Metropolitan CME Church. Pastor Allen Page, III and Mrs. Gail Page and other adult members joined with the children and youth in caroling as reflected in the picture above.

## A Prayer for the New Year

Father, As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.

May your ear be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

— Rev. Marcy Sheremetta

**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#.



## January Birthdays



Josalind Casey  
Ubong Inyang  
DeAndrea Jones-Crooms  
David Tonsall  
Tianni Williams  
Telia Marshall  
Sherri L. Myles  
Janie Morris  
Richard Spiller  
Flozella Ayers  
Jamica Smith  
Brent Green  
Demetria Williams  
Brenda Davis

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Evelyn Monmouth  
Ella Boxley  
Jamie Dooley Renfro  
Cyrus Hill  
James Crowder  
Paula Nervis  
Roshanda Williams  
Gloria Broom  
Sean O'Neal  
Lola Morris  
Kourtney Mitchell  
Alexandria Green  
Rev. Jerry Smith, Sr.  
Patricia Jones-Valdez

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