



~What's Happening At The Met~

April 2023

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Greetings My Brothers and Sisters,

Today we begin to turn our attention toward Passion Week and another Easter worship experience. Simultaneously, we are embarking on another springtime experience where we are reminded of the endearing love of God as witnessed through all the evidence of life springing up all around us. Similarly, Easter provides us with many promises of new possibilities, and new life with Christ. But what should that look like as we come out of seasons of enduring an exhausting pandemic? Scripture makes clear that the peace of God and his saving power is one sure sign of God's love for us and our opportunity for unity one with another. We praise God who delivers and saves us. But I also challenge us to join in procession with the multitude and shout Hosanna! Our time of challenge should result in something profound and effective in our spiritual walk with God - we should have a reason to shout because as Luke states in chapter 19 a king has come once again to us in the name of the Lord. All of us should hold dear our own personal testimony of how God has come to strengthen us, protect us, and provide for us. Just as we hear birds chirping and singing from the trees, and just as we see the flowers blooming in the breeze, we should have a praise for God springing up from our soul in the days ahead. There should be a blooming in each of our souls as a result of what God has brought us through over the past three years. I challenge us to do as the early church did. Come out of places of rest and privacy to shout about what God has done for us. We should shout so loud that those standing around would request, as the Pharisees did when they said, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." Our voices, our witness about what God has done for us, should agitate the spirit of those who are standing around who may not yet believe. What are some practical ways we can reclaim fellowship with one another and care for each other in such a way that brings peace to another's heart? Therefore, let us breathe in the fragrance of the Easter lilies, and join in with the chorus of joyful song as we strive to feel the joy of family and friends through telephone calls, zoom calls or facetime. Take a holy risk with them to share your heart so the light of God can shine through and bring peace to someone on this Easter Day. God bless you and keep you!

Reverend Allen Page III
Senior Pastor



[Sunday, April 9, 2023 Join Us For Easter Sunday](#)

09:00 am—Easter Program

**10:30 am—"In Person" Worship Service OR
on Facebook Live OR Free Conference Call Line
1+(605) 475-4821 Access Code 306019**

Please attend in person April 5th-7th, 7PM Nightly at Metropolitan or online - Facebook Live.

Houston District CME Ministerial Alliance Presents

HOLY WEEK 2023

APR 5TH - 7TH / 7PM NIGHTLY
 HOSTED BY: METROPOLITAN CME CHURCH
 8955 SOUTH FWY, HOUSTON, TX 77051
 Electronic Contribution via Zelle: METROCME@AOL.COM

WED - APR 5TH
Rev Dr. Otis Lane

THU - APRIL 6TH
Rev. Jeremiah Burton

7 LAST WORDS

OF JESUS CHRIST ON THE CROSS

APRIL 7TH - GOOD FRIDAY

REV. HAROLD HARRINGTON
 REV. KATRINA TROTMAN
 BRO. NAPOLEAN MARSHALL
 SIS. CARLA LEWIS
 BRO. TYRELL METCALF
 REV. RONALD DANIELS
 REV. DR. CHARLES JOHNSON

Watch Online: METROPOLITAN CME CHURCH - RESTORATION BLVD



The Spirit Day Committee, consisting of Shandra Smith, Tywana Glapion and Susie Stephens, would like to thank the Metropolitan Church Family for your support in making the day a success. Truly the Holy Spirit fell fresh on us!



PROPOSED REHEARSAL SCHEDULE APRIL 2023

Thursday, 3/30, 6:30, MASS CHOIR
 Saturday, 4/1, 12 Noon, YOUTH REHEARSAL
 Saturday, 4/1, 1pm, MASS CHOIR
 1st Sunday, 4/2, MASS CHOIR

TUESDAY, 4/4, 6:30, MASS CHOIR
Thursday, 4/6, 7:00, HOLY WEEK/MASS CHR
 Saturday, 4/8, 12 Noon, YOUTH REHEARSAL
 Saturday, 4/8, 1pm MASS CHOIR
 2nd Sunday, 4/9, **RESURRECTION/EASTER SUNDAY**

Thursday, 4/13, 6:30pm, PRAISE TEAM
 Saturday, 4/15, 1pm, PRAISE TEAM
 3rd Sunday, 4/16, PRAISE TEAM

Thursday, 4/20, 6:00, MALE CHORUS
 Saturday, 4/22, 1pm, MALE CHORUS
 4th Sunday, 4/23, MALE CHORUS

Thursday, 4/27, 6:30, WOMEN CHOIR
 Saturday, 4/29, 1pm, WOMEN CHOIR
 5th Sunday, 4/30, WOMEN CHOIR

Children
 SKITS
 YOUNG ADULTS
 SPEECHES

Come join us!

Easter Program will be
 Sunday, April 9, 2023
 at 9:00 am

READINGS
 YOUTH
 ADULTS

Invite family and friends!

NO SUNRISE SERVICE

Do you have a child aged 4-11?

Do you want your child to grow spiritually?

Do you want your child to learn about Jesus in a kid friendly way and environment?

Children's Church will return on Sunday, April 23, 2023 @ 10:30 am.

If you answered YES to all of these questions, then you're in luck!

See Sis La Ronda Walker if you have any questions.



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 Cheryl Foster & Family*
- Sister Brenda Hayter & Family*
- Sister Jeanne Grimes*
- Rev. Horace Barron*
- Sister Patrecia Bailey*
- Sister Willie Frances Greer*
- The Family of Brother Lorenza Butler, Sr.*
- Rev. Waldo Murphy*
- Sister Jo Alice Scott*
- Sister Carristine Wiley*
- Rev. E. Anne Ross*
- Sister Ollie Byrd*
- Bro. Rosco Carr*

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Upcoming Weekend Events

May 19—Balancing Our Mental and Spiritual Health

May 20—Balancing Our Mind, Body, and Soul

May 21- Finding Balance In An Unbalanced World

Be on the lookout for registration information.

Gail Page and Darlene Brown, Event Coordinators

April 2023 — Confirmed Meetings

- 01 Stewardess Meeting –10:00 AM
- 02 Holy Communion Sunday/**Palm Sunday** – 10:30 AM
“IN PERSON” Worship at 10:30 am OR
 Join us via Facebook Live - Metropolitan CME Church—Restoration Blvd. or Free Conference Call Line 605-475-4821 Access Code 306019#
- 02 **Minister’s Spouses Connectional Day**
- 03 Missionary Meeting @ 6:00 PM
 Free Conference Call Line—267-807-9495
 Access Code—342569693#
- 05.-07 **Holy Week Services at Metropolitan**
- 05 Bible Study—6pm & 6:30 pm local sessions skipped
 Mid-Day Bible Study @ 12:00 Noon
- 09 **EASTER PROGRAM —9:00 AM**
- 09 **EASTER SUNDAY** Worship Service 10:30 am “In person OR
 Facebook Live OR Free Conference Call Line
- 09 **Last Day to Donate to Food Pantry for April**
- 10 BOCE Meeting 7:00 pm
- 12 Bible Study
 Mid-Day Bible Study @ 12:00 Noon
 Evening Prayer & Bible Study @ 6:00 & 6:30 PM
- 15 Food Pantry—Blue Ridge –Sorting, bagging, distribution
- 16 **Annual Usher Day Celebration 10:30 am**
- 21 **Stanley Thornton Leadership Awards Banquet 7 pm**
- 22 Tuscany Village (Men’s Ministry)
- 22 Fishing Trip—Youth Department 10:00 am
- 23 **Open House—Meet & Greet Ministries**
- 30 **5th Sunday—Missionary Emphasis—**
- 30 **Fiscal Year Ends**

WANTED ALL METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES

LET’S REFRESH. MEET AND GREET ON SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SERVICE.

Ministry Leaders should:

COMPLETE AND SUBMIT FORM TO UPDATE MINISTRY INFORMATION (SENT VIA EMAIL OR PICK UP HARD COPY AT GREETER’S STATION)

ATTEND ZOOM CALL FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON APRIL 10TH @ 7PM - ZOOM MEETING ID: 886 7072 2144
 PASSCODE: 8955

FELLOWSHIP AT THE MEET & GREET! ON SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023



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.



Albert Greer	April 02
Angela Tigner	April 02
Cynthia Jones Carter	April 03
Rebecca Baddock	April 04
Madison Morris	April 04
Whitnie Scott	April 04
Jada Newsome	April 06
Marcus Storey	April 09
Nancy Curtis	April 10
Ophelia Jammer	April 10
Margaret Loggins	April 10
Errol Windle, Sr.	April 10
Darryl Bowers	April 11
Derrick Carter	April 12
Earlan McCray	April 13
Ardyth Guyer	April 15
Arthur Williams, Sr.	April 15
Christina Garcia	April 16
Lolita Johnson	April 16
Debra Jones	April 19
Norma Huger	April 22
Kenneth Holden	April 23
James Dixon	April 26
Kenneth Davis, Jr.	April 27
Zara McLemore	April 27
LaGayle Wallace	April 28

STANLEY THORNTON 2023 LEADERSHIP AWARD BANQUET

Presented virtually on **April 21, 2023@ 7:00 PM**
Sponsored by the Houston District Lay Ministry

The event will be virtual via Zoom
Watch your email for meeting ID and Passcode

DONATION \$25.00



Let's go fishing

Saturday—April 22

10:00 AM—1:00 PM

Adults and children under the age of 12
who are accompanied by a parent

are welcome to join the **Youth Department** at

Clear Lake Park on Saturday, April 22.

see *Rev. Jerry Smith* or *Bro. Joe Wimmore*
for more information.

BLACK HISTORY MOMENTS



The Selma to Montgomery Marches were three protest marches held March 7-21, 1965 in support of voting rights for Black people. It was along the 54 mile highway from Selma, Alabama to the state capital of Montgomery, Alabama. The first march took place on March 7, 1965 and became known as **Bloody Sunday**. As unarmed marchers passed over the county line they were attacked with billy clubs and tear gas by state troopers and county possemen. The second march took place on March 9, 1965. Troopers, police, and marchers confronted each other at the county end of the Edmund Pettus Bridge, but when the troopers stepped aside to let the marchers pass, Martin Luther King Jr. turned them back to Selma. This march is known as **Turnback Tuesday**. That night, a white group, beat and murdered civil rights activist James Reeb, a Unitarian Universalist minister from Boston who had come to Selma to march in the second protest. With Reeb's murder and the violence of **Bloody Sunday**, there was a national outcry and the national government was forced to protect the marchers on the third and final march on March 21, 1965. The marchers entered the state capitol on March 25, 1965 with 25,000 protesters in support of voting rights. The Voting Rights Act became law on August 6, 1965.

Usher's Annual Day

Sunday, April 16, 2023

During 10:30 am

Worship Service

Join us for an "In Person"
Celebration



Trustees On Duty for April
Kevin Wheeler 281-703-2407
And L. C. Patterson