



## ~What's Happening At The Met~

### November 2023

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**Rev. Allen Page, III ~ Senior Pastor**



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



*Rev. Allen Page, III*

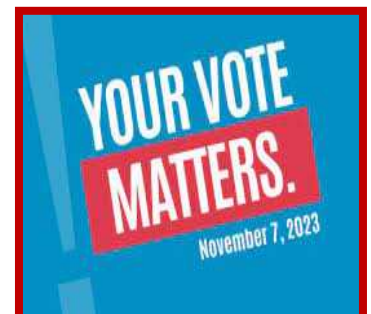
Greetings, Sisters and Brothers of The Met!

Greetings Metropolitan family, as we approach yet another Thanksgiving season, let us be mindful and grateful for the grace of God. Paul reminded the Corinthians in 2 Corinthians 6:1, 2 - "As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.'" God has an acceptable time for us all individually and for the affairs of the world. As recipients of God's grace, we should not grieve God, we should rather be mindful of how we receive this grace. Grace is the overflowing favour of God; you can always reckon it is there to draw upon. "In much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses"—that is where the test for patience comes. So much is going on in our world that requires the appropriate application of God's grace. I implore you as we advance deeper into this season of Thanksgiving that we all strive individually to appropriate God's grace so that the power of God may bring about infusion of God's salvific power in our lives and the lives of others. Are you failing the grace of God there? Are you saying— 'Oh, well, I won't count this time?' It is not a question of praying and asking God to help you; it is taking the grace of God now. We must joyfully receive the grace that God give to each of us, allow it to have its perfect work in our lives. Let us all strive to make prayer the preparation for work, while knowing that prayer is the exercise of drawing on the grace of God. Don't say— 'I will endure this until I can get away and pray.' Pray now; draw on the grace of God in the moment of need. Prayer is the most practical thing; it is not the reflex action of devotion. Prayer is the last thing in which we learn to draw on God's grace. What can you and your family do to effect a move of God's grace in the life of your family and the world around you?

Reverend Allen Page, III  
*Senior Pastor*



**November is  
National Alzheimer's  
Awareness Month**





Check Your Clocks, Make Sure Your Time Is Set Back One Hour!  
Daylight Savings Time Ended  
November 5, 2023 at 2:00 am



Please pray for the members listed below. You may request personal contact information by sending an email to [Metrocme@aol.com](mailto: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*

**Trustees on Duty for NOVEMBER**

**Albert Greer (713) 828-7607 & Herbert Bradford 2810785-9041**

METROPOLITAN CME CHURCH

*Save The Date* Nov. 12, 2023 at 10:30 am

**FAMILY & FRIENDS DAY**



Each Member is asked to contribute \$150.00

Information regarding Food Pantry with Blueridge UMC and Tuscany Village Outreach

Last Day to Donate to Food Pantry at Metropolitan	Bagging/sorting & Distribution at Blueridge
November 12, 2023	November 18, 2023
December 10, 2023	December 16, 2023

Please check donations for expiration dates!  
**Special menu planned for the holidays, please donate accordingly: Stuffing/dressing, yams, cake mix, Mac & Cheese, cornbread mix, cranberry sauce, gravy and monetary donations.**

Tuscany Village 2750 Miller Ranch Rd  
Pearland, TX 77584—2:30—3:30 PM  
November 25, 2023— Missionary Ministry  
December 16, 2023— AFP/Praise Dancers

**Fall Reporting Period In Tyler, Texas**

The Fall Reporting Period for the 8th Episcopal District will be held at St. James CME Church in Tyler, Texas on Saturday, November 11, 2023 under the guidance of Senior Bishop Lawrence Reddick, III.



## Rehearsal Schedule for November

### NOVEMBER 2023

#### 1st Sunday (11/5/2023) MASS CHOIR SINGS

Saturday, 11/4/2023. MASS CHOIR rehearsal, 1:00pm  
*[Rehearsal WILL BE HELD following the church meeting scheduled for the morning]*

#### 2nd Sunday, 11/12/2023 MASS CHOIR SINGS

MASS CHOIR rehearsal,  
Tuesday, 11/7/2023 @ 6:30pm &  
Saturday 11/11/2023 @ 1:00 pm  
Preparation for Family/Friends Day

#### 3rd Sunday, 11/19/2023 MALE CHORUS SINGS

Tuesday, 11/14/ MALE CHORUS rehearsal, 6:00pm  
PRAISE TEAM rehearsal, 7:00pm  
Saturday, 11/18/2023 MALE CHORUS rehearsal, 1:00pm (Praise Team to OPEN)

**NO REHEARSALS THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING, 11/20-25/2023**

#### 4th Sunday, 11/26/2023 –YOUTH SINGS

YOUTH SUNDAY - TENTATIVE  
*[Alternative- PRAISE TEAM]*

#### Rehearsal -Tuesday, 11/28/2023

MALE CHORUS rehearsal, 6:00pm  
MASS CHOIR rehearsal, 7:00pm



**The Empowerment Banquet** is scheduled for Friday, November 10 in Tyler, Texas at the Green Acres Baptist Church, Crosswalk Convention Center. The event will occur soon however, your support can still be utilized. If you would like to make a financial donation please do so by submitting your check or Zelle donation payable to Metropolitan CME Church and note in the comment section that the donation is for the EMPOWERMENT BANQUET. Your donation will be properly noted and forwarded to the coordinators.

## November 2023 — Confirmed Meetings

- 03 Church Women United @ Metropolitan
- 03-05 Ministry to Men Retreat Via Zoom
- 04 Metropolitan Townhall Meeting 9:00 am
- 04. Stewardess Meeting at 11:00 am
- 05 Holy Communion Sunday – 10:30 AM—Join us **IN PERSON** or via Facebook Live - Metropolitan CME Church—Restoration Blvd. or Free Conference **Call Line 605-475-4821 Access Code 306019#**
- 06. Missionary Meeting— 6:00 PM –Free Conference Call Line Call 267 807-9495 Passcode 342-569-693
- 07. Election Day
- 08. Prayer & Bible Study -Wednesday Evening  
Prayer @6:00 PM; Bible Study at 6:30 PM via ZOOM Meeting ID 975 142 7923 Passcode 8955 or Free Conference Call Line Call 605-475-4821 Access Code 306019#
- 10. Empowerment Banquet—Tyler, Texas 6:00 PM
- 11. Fall Reporting—St. James CME –Tyler, Texas
- 11. Ministry to Men Mtg @ 11:00 AM—Men Church School Room
- 12. Annual Family & Friends Day 10:30 AM**
- 13-16 10th Annual Healthy Churches Virtual Conference**
- 14. **Lay Ministry Honors Veterans @ 7:00 pm Via ZOOM**
- 18. Food Distribution—Blueridge UMC 9:00 am**
- 19. Casual Sunday, wear your Metro T-Shirts**
- 23 Thanksgiving Day
- 25 Tuscan Village—Woman’s Missionary Society @ 2:30 pm
- 26. Connectional One Church/One School Day of Giving



### 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  
Meeting ID: 975 142 7923; Passcode 8955

The Women’s Missionary Society would like to thank each of you for supporting The Salty Snacks for the Children of Haiti Drive and for participating in the HBCU/Scholarship Sunday on October 29, 2023

## Thanksgiving Prayer

Thank you, Father,  
for having created us and given us  
to each other in the human family.  
Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows,  
for your comfort in our sadness,  
your companionship in our loneliness.  
Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow  
and for the whole of our lives.  
Thank you for friends, for health and for grace.  
May we live this and every day conscious  
of all that has been given to us. Amen.



Javaris Greenwood	November 1
Charles Oliver, Jr.	November 3
Willie Frances Greer	November 4
Darlene Brown	November 6
Matthew Holbert	November 6
Lamond Lee	November 6
Annie Woodward	November 9
Kaleeba Griffin	November 10
Daniel Myles	November 10
Trinity Melson	November 10
Nicole Lockett	November 12
Sanie Broom	November 13
Leah Jones	November 13
Clyde Mayberry	November 14
Lance Simmons	November 15
Arthur Williams, Jr.	November 15
Tonie Johnson	November 16
LaKeith Jackson	November 16
Tityuana Melson	November 18
Nesha Edwards	November 17
Evan Goode	November 20
Patrecia Bailey	November 21
James Dixon	November 21
Sarah Jammer	November 24
Carolyn Williams	November 26
Jade Lockett	November 27
Justin Scott	November 28
Ashley Melson	November 28
KyRhen Whitfield	November 28
Haley Wright	November 29
Tiffany Frink	November 30
Joshua Garrett	November 30

**HOUSTON DISTRICT MONTHLY PRAYER GROUP**

**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); Access Code [604403](tel:604403). For more information, call Peggy Robinson.**

**MESSAGE FROM JEANNE GRIMES**

Thank you Pastor Page and my Metropolitan CME Church for All the visits, calls, cards and gifts making My 80th Birthday so special. You really warmed my heart and I'm grateful to each of you.

I thank God for such a wonderful church family.

Love,  
JEANNE GRIMES



**Veterans Day**



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. November 11, 2023**