

~What's Happening At The Met~

January 2023



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**FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK**



Rev. Allen Page, III

Greetings sisters and brothers, and welcome to the new year. Each year we cycle through emotions of pondering our future while longing for a brighter path filled with new and restored dreams. We long for light in the midst of a dark or darkening world. We are reminded that the space between the future and the past is so thin, which seems to particularly be our reality this new year. We have endured a pandemic for the previous 24 to 36 months, and even though it has been declared over, we are still experiencing days filled with many of same concerns as we have faced in past. As I have shared over and over again, we all need to be reminded that God is with us. I hear the cries so clearly - but for how long shall we have to endure? Only God knows, my dear friends, but we are called to remain faithful, believing that the God of our weary years is still with us!

Our relationship with God through Jesus Christ is our light on this pathway of life! We must walk on remembering that God loves us and reveals His truth to us through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Jesus displays the love and acceptance of God regardless of our present condition. What is marvelous about this acceptance, but oftentimes underwhelming is that God desires not only to know the secret of our inward parts, but desires that we know the truth of our lives as well - so that we might position ourselves for His grace to grow us. This becomes the focus of our work under God's divine hand on our faith. When we make ourselves available to the light of God, through Jesus Christ, our faith abounds through the fullness of God's grace, and we become recipients of God's blessings. When we accept the truth of Jesus in our lives, we accept the light of a transformative salvific power. The power of God comes to work in partnership with us to drive the power of evil away from our lives. As we submit to the power we begin to see, hear and believe the changes God offers to us. Therein lies the glory of God, my friends! We enter into a deeper and more intimate relationship with God wherein the new mercies we see day by day.

I encourage each of you to remember as we enter yet another cycle of life - in Jesus there is hope, joy, peace and love. All of these create a light that shines within each of us to share with the world around us! With this light we can restore broken relationship, approach festering wounds with the confidence for spiritual healing, and we can walk forward with the blessed assurance of making meaningful progress. Go forth dear loved ones - new mercies we can see!

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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:

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

Cyrus and Xavier Hill gave as expression of love.

Ruth Linton gave in memory of her Friend
Mrs. Virgie Rowe

Julia Jones gave in memory of her daughter,
Ms. Janice Jones

Julia Jones gave in memory of her husband
Rev. Alfred Jones

Elayne Scott, Whitnie Scott, Justin Scott and Clifton Scott
 gave in memory of their mother/grand-mother
Mrs. Martha Williams

Susie Stephens gave in memory of her friend
Mrs. Annie E. Douglas

Joe Wilmore gave in memory of his wife
Mrs. Jeanette Wilmore



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 Please pray for the members listed below.  
 You may request personal contact information by send-  
 ing 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 Cheryl Foster & Family*
- Sister Brenda Hayter & Family*
- Sister Jeanne Grimes*
- Rev. Horace Barron*
- Sister Patrecia Bailey*
- Sister Willie Frances Greer*
- Rev. Waldo Murphy*
- Sister Jo Alice Scott*
- Sister Carristine Wiley & Family*
- Rev. E. Anne Ross*

**Pastor’s Conference & Phillips School of  
 Theology Founders Day will be held  
 January 9 –10, 2023  
 See Presiding Elder Mays for more information**



Remember to donate to the Food  
 Pantry provided by Metropolitan  
 CME Church/Blueridge United  
 Methodist Church. Deadline to  
 donate for the month of January  
 is the 8th of January 2023.

Sorting, bagging and distribution will take place on  
 January 21, 2023. Sorting starts at 9:00 am.  
 Distribution is 10:00 am—Noon. Volunteers are  
 needed.

See Gloria Broom or any usher for more information.



The monthly visits to Tuscany  
 are active and monthly visits are  
 being made to the facility  
 located at 2750 Miller Ranch  
 Road in Pearland, Texas.

Thanks to those of you who went Christmas Caroling  
 in December with the Anointed Feet of Praise, (AFP).  
 Church School is schedule to visit on January 28, 2023  
 at 2:30 PM.



**Fellowship Meal**

Doing Our Part Ministry,  
 sponsored by the Men’s  
 Ministry of Metropolitan  
 CME Church has been  
 postponed until further notice.

**Trustees on Duty for January**

*Peggy Robinson 832-885-0178  
 Allen Casey 832-656-6233*

**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**.**

## 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 16, 2023*



**1st Sunday, 1/1/2023, 9:30am**

MASS CHOIR- Communion Sunday

**Thursday, 1/5/2023, 6pm**

MALE CHORUS

**Saturday, 1/7/2023, 1pm**

MALE CHORUS

**2nd Sunday, 1/8/2023, 9:30am**

MALE CHORUS

Thursday, 1/12/2023, 6:30pm

MASS CHOIR

Saturday, 1/14/2023, 1pm

MASS CHOIR

3rd Sunday, 1/15/2023, 9:30am

MASS CHOIR

Thursday, 1/19/2023, 6:30pm

MASS CHOIR

Saturday, 1/21/2023, 1pm

MASS CHOIR

4th Sunday, 1/22/2023, 9:30am

MASS CHOIR

**WOMEN'S MISSIONARY CHOIR**

Will rehearse the following 3 days

Thursday, 1/26/2023, 6:30pm

Saturday, 1/28/2023, 1pm

5th Sunday, 1/29/2023, 9:30am

## January 2023 —Confirmed Meeting

- 1 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**
- 2 Missionary Meeting @ 6:00 PM  
Free Conference Call Line—267-807-9495  
Access Code 342-569-693#
- 4 Bible Study Resumes  
**Mid-Day Bible Study** @ Noon—Free Conference  
call Line (See New Number Below)  
  
**Evening Prayer & Bible Study @ 6:00 Prayer &  
6:30 Bible Study (See Below)**
- 8 **Last date to donate to the Food Pantry for January 2023**
- 9-10 **Pastor's Conference**
- 9 Board of Christian Education Meeting 7:00 pm
- 16 MLK Ecumenical Services—Virtual
- 21 Food Pantry sorting and bagging at Blueridge UMC  
10:00 am -12:00 pm
- 28 Church School to visit Tuscany Village at 2:30 PM
- 29 5th Sunday—Missionary Emphasis Sunday



### **Bible Study Resumes January 4, 2023**

**Noon Day Bible Study** resumes on

Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 12 Noon

Via Free Conference Call Line

945-218-0044 Access Code 495037#

**Evening Prayer & Bible Study** resumes on

Wednesday, January 4, 2023 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 3rd Virtual Lola B. Clark Scholarship Reveal was held on Saturday, December 10, 2022. Metropolitan's member, Asia Johnson received a scholarship in the amount of \$750.00. Congratulations Asia!

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What's Missing?

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If you have not been attending regular Sunday Morning Worship Service at the Met then **U R** truly being missed. Come join the fellowship each Sunday Morning at 10:30 am in person at 8955 South Freeway, Houston, TX 77051

## *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  
Trina Johnson  
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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