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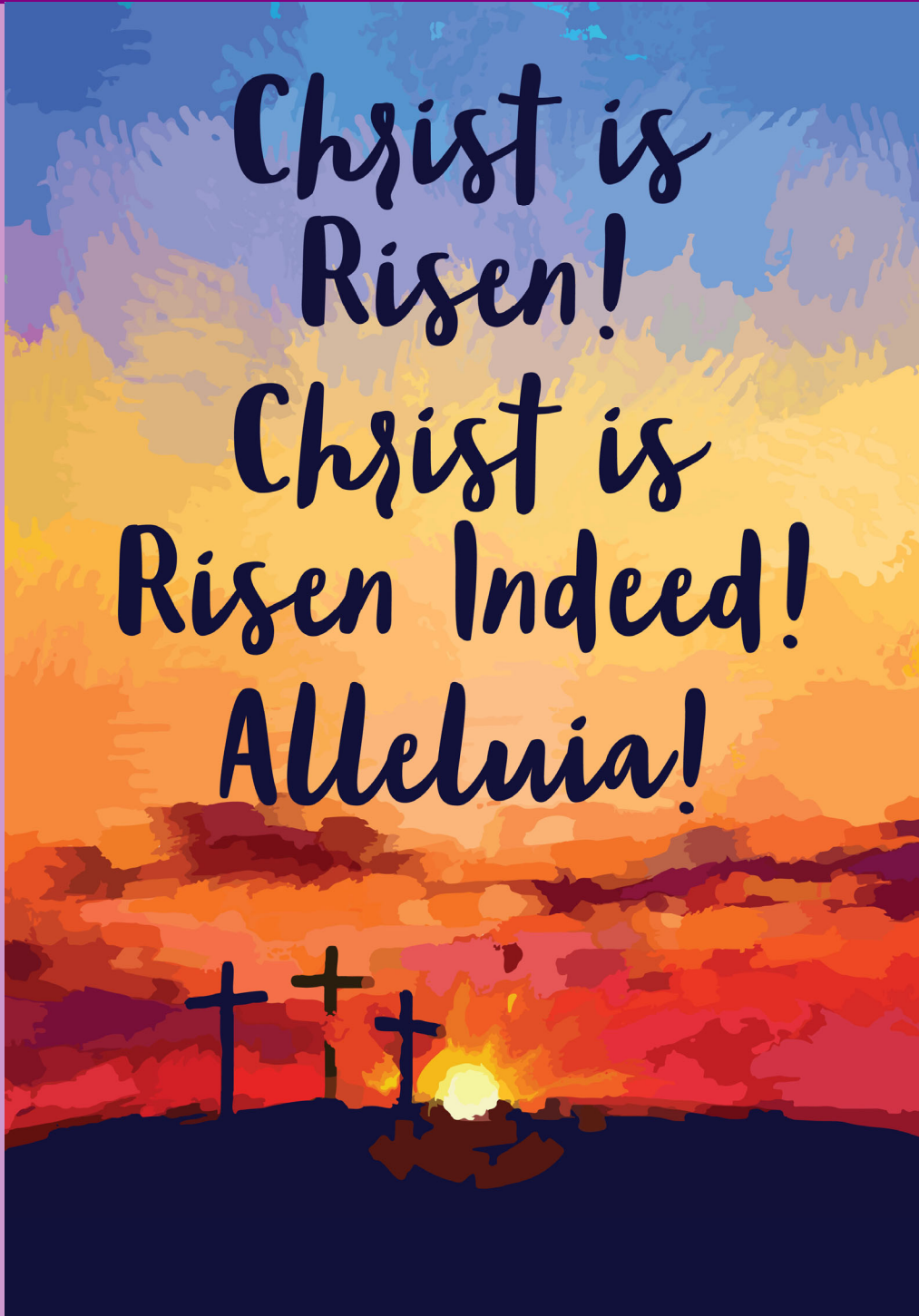


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OUR VISION

Mount Zion is called to be a Christ-Centered Church that addresses the needs of the total person through:

- Liberating worship
- Life-transforming Christian Education
- Progressive and timely ministries
- Effective social activism

OUR MISSION

Mount Zion Baptist Church exists to:

- Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- Develop mature Christian disciples
- Empower the hurting for victorious living
- Seek God's justice in the world

Scripture References:

Mark 16:15 and Matthew 28:19-20, 25:34-40

One God... One People... One Purpose

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“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28: 18-20

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**THE MESSENGER**, our Church bulletin, is published every Sunday. Written announcements should be sent to Publications. Send announcements to be read during the service to [mzannouncements@mountzionseattle.org](mailto:mzannouncements@mountzionseattle.org). **All announcements are due by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday.**

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## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



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*Praying for Healing and Recovery*

### With Sympathy

Our love, support, condolences and prayers are extended to the family and friends  
of

***Mr. Joseph N. Small, Sr.,*** husband of Phoebe Small and father of Erin and Nate;  
service will be March 22nd at 11:00 a.m.



***Former 37th District Representative Peggy Joan Maxie***

August 18, 1936 - February 18, 2024

She was the first African American woman elected to serve in the  
Washington State House of Representative.





# MARCH BIRTHDAYS



|                    |                          |                      |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1                  | 12                       | 23                   |
| Chambliss, Jason   | Smith, A. Carl           | Price, Tahlia        |
| Papillion, Cherro  | 13                       | Semritc, Sara E.     |
| Ward, Cameron D.   | Huey, Ida M.             | 27                   |
| 4                  | 14                       | Petitt, Brandon      |
| Moore-Bell, LeChae | Ramsey, Waldo            | 28                   |
| 5                  | 15                       | Baseden, Kamisha N.  |
| Buckley, Josaphina | Pierre-Antoine, Josette  | Butler, Jimmie L.    |
| French, Darnell L. | 16                       | Smith, Dora E.       |
| Player, Carla J.   | <b>*Peterson, Evelyn</b> | 29                   |
| 6                  | 17                       | Khosa, Godwell T.    |
| Herron, Albert     | Mitchell, Jasmine        | Traylor, Cliff       |
| Shirazy, Samira    | 19                       | 30                   |
| 7                  | Barnes, Sharon L.        | Marshall, Louis      |
| Harris, Anthony C. | Miles, Min. Nate         | Lee, Antwinett O.    |
| 8                  | 21                       | 31                   |
| Smithson, Chad L.  | Harris, Carmaletha M.    | Riggins, Demetria N. |
| 11                 | Johnson-Colston, Cynthia |                      |
| Cotton, LeJhon     | 22                       |                      |
|                    | Jones-Preston, Janet     |                      |



## HONORING OUR NONAGENARIAN

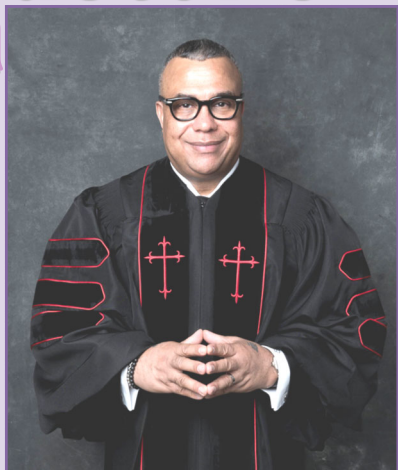
**A VERY SPECIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our NONAGENARIAN**

**MRS. EVELYN M. PETERSON (97)**

It is fitting that **Mrs. Evelyn Peterson** celebrates her birthday during Women's History Month. She is a life member and past Historian of the Seattle Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. She has been a supportive member of Mount Zion for many years.



# Pastor's page



## *Greetings and Welcome to March*

To all the saints, family, and friends of Mount Zion, we are super excited to celebrate National Women's Month 2024!

March is National Women's Month, and we are grateful to God for how women have blessed our lives with their unique gifts, talents, faith, love, care, nurturing, sacrifices, tenacity, leadership, and power!

We cannot imagine where the world would be without their ancestral fortitude for all of life that women have given birth to, and those legacies are still amongst us every day.

Our heritage as a human race would not exist without women fighting for human rights, voting rights, civil rights, and the right to make their own choices with their lives.

Women are the bedrock of our society, the foundations of our families, and the continuity of our communities. Women represent fighters for equality against injustice and marginalization. Women teach us how to live in harmony, bring life into chaotic situations, and give guidance through turbulent times. Women are who God made them in His image and likeness, and we celebrate them all!

Please join us all month to celebrate the women in our families, communities, associations, organizations, businesses, and churches!

Also, during March, we get a double bonus to celebrate our Christian heritage with Palm Sunday on the 24th, Holy Week (25th-30th), Good Friday on the 29th, and Easter on the 31st.

During Holy Week on the 27th, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, I will witness the first sermon of Rev. Shirley Lytle as a Baptist minister. Please keep her in your prayers.

Finally, the Senior Pastor will be preaching Palm Sunday at the 8:00 a.m. Service at Church by the Side of the Road, in Sea-Tac, WA, and Good Friday Service at Goodwill Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m.

Please keep me in your prayers!

Have a great month!

## *Pastor P*

*Your Brother in Christ and Creation,*  
**Rev. Dr. Paris L. Smith, Sr.**

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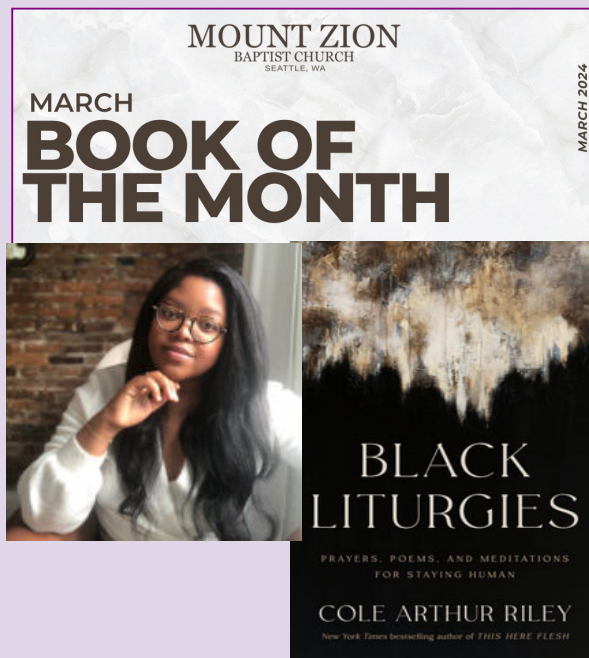


  
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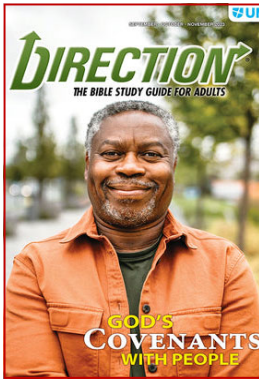
### LET MOUNT ZION REJOICE!

Sister Caprina Stone, Sister Cindy Gibbs-Brown and Brother Dae'meion Purdy received the Right Hand of Fellowship last month. They completed all required classes and received a Mount Zion Certificate of Membership.

*We welcome them to our Church Family and look forward to their active participation!*



# MARCH SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS



## PRECEPTS FOR LIVING:

### THE ENTIRE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

The *Precepts for Living®: The Entire Bible in One Year* commentary will enhance personal study with powerful, life-transforming insights, an amazing depth of study, and instructional resources. It will also help you achieve your goal of reading the entire Bible in in one year.

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**March 3, 2024: Habakkuk**

***Rejoice Anyway ~ Habakkuk 2:1-5, 3:17-19***

Some people experience so many difficulties in life that they lose all hope for the future. Job and Habakkuk both affirmed that—no matter what calamities might come their way—they would trust God, rejoice in His presence in their lives, and praise Him for strength to carry on.

**March 10, 2024 : Zephaniah**

***Zephaniah Announces God's Justice ~ Zephaniah 3:1-5, 8-9***

Israel's leaders have turned away from God. The officials, the rulers, the prophets, and the priests have been arrogant and treacherous. They have profaned God's sanctuary and done violence to His Law. But the day will come when God will judge all the nations. Israel's God will be acknowledged by the nations, and God's people will be held in honor by them.

**March 17, 2024 : Haggai**

***The Temple Rebuilt ~ Haggai 1:1-4,7-10,12-15***

The prophet Haggai reminded the Israelites of their first priority: to keep their covenant with God and rebuild the temple in Jerusalem.

**March 17, 2024: Zechariah**

***Zechariah Calls for a Return to God ~ Zechariah 1:1-6; 7:8-14***

Zechariah invites the people to return to God with the sure promise that God will return to them. Zechariah says that when we return to the Lord, wholeness and happiness becomes available to us as well.

**March 24, 2024: Malachi**

***Return to a Just God ~ Malachi 3:1-10***

Fairness and philanthropy are most apparent during times of great tragedy and loss. How do the faithful demonstrate the same benevolent and just spirit all the time? Malachi informs the faithful that God requires justice and faithfulness and will bestow bountiful blessings in proportion to what they are willing to give.



**Dr. Georgia S. McDade**  
**Sunday School Superintendent**

**Sister Gracie Williams, Assistant**  
**Sunday School Superintendent**

*Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase. ~ M.L.K., Jr.*



# SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH TEACHING AND PREACHING VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. ~ Zoom Meeting ID: 885 0041 5163 Passcode: 229945

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88500415163?pwd=VXBaaXNITXI2b0hKWHN6akRENmtNQTO9>

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## CHILDREN'S IN-PERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

9:00 a.m. ~ Room 205

Carol Bell, Belinda Butler-Bell and Daphne Piggee, Instructors

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10:00 a.m. ~ 1st, 2nd and 4th Sunday in Room 205

Deborah Hilsman and Gwen Howard, Instructors

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Grades 3 - 5. ~ 9:00 a.m., Room 212B

Contact Dr. Karen Jackson, Instructor - karjackson9@gmail.com (206.605.1288)

## YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ~ YOUTH LOUNGE

9:00 a.m. ~ Debra Coleman, Instructor

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## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS #2 IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

9:00 a.m. ~ Room 206

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86540264986?pwd=SXhzZDBBRkdzWEJzWTZ0bldlcFtUT09>

Meeting ID: 865 4026 4986 Password: 311725#

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Contact Dr. Georgia McDade, SS Superintendent or Gracie Williams, Assistant Superintendent

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS #3 IN-PERSON

Room 206 at 9:00 a.m.

Min. Edward Jackson, Instructor

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS #4 FACEBOOK

Mount Zion Baptist Church Adult Sunday School 9:30am | Facebook

[www.facebook.com/MountZionAdultSundaySchoolRoom](http://www.facebook.com/MountZionAdultSundaySchoolRoom)

Dr. Virgie Harris-Haley, Instructor

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## UNITY SUNDAY ~ MARCH 17TH

Third Sundays at 5:00 p.m. Deaconess Doris Smith, Coordinator

Use your cell phone to call 425.436.6306. The access code is 147230#

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**MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY at 7:00 a.m. &**

**MONDAY AND FRIDAY at 7:30 p.m.**

## **PRAYERLINE TELECONFERENCE SERVICE**

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Sister Elma Horton, Coordinator 206.325.6941





## Holy Week Events

| CRUCIFIXION TIMELINE                                                   | Events (                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, April 10, 30 AD</b>                                         | <b>Palm Sunday; Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem; stays in Bethany</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Monday, April 11, 30 AD</b>                                         | <b>Jesus drives out money changers and declares His Temple be used as a House of Prayer; Argues with chief priests; Curses the Fig Tree</b>                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Tuesday, April 12, 30 AD</b>                                        | <b>Jesus continues to Teach, Challenge, Preach, Debate, Question and Heal; announces His impending execution; responds to question about the greatest commandment</b>                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Wednesday, April 13, 30 AD</b>                                      | <b>Jesus warns against false prophets; tells everyone to be watchful. From the Mount of Olives, He mourns Jerusalem's rejection and pending destruction; Preparation and Anointing by Mary of Bethany</b>                                                                                           |
| <b>6pm-11:30pm<br/>Thursday, April 14, 30 AD</b>                       | <b>Jesus has Last Supper/Lord's Supper with disciples - Passover; Feast of the Unleavened Bread</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>11:30pm Thursday, April 14 to<br/>1:00am Friday, April 15, 30AD</b> | <b>Jesus goes to the Garden of Gethsemane with His disciples to pray; they couldn't stay awake (Judas had slipped away to complete betrayal plans)</b>                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>1:00am-1:30am<br/>Friday, April 15, 30 AD</b>                       | <b>Confrontation in the Garden of Gethsemane by armed crowd and soldiers sent by chief priests; Arrest of Jesus</b>                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>1:30am-3:00am<br/>Friday, April 15, 30 AD</b>                       | <b>Trial 1: Annas, former Jewish High Priest for 16 years - Jesus receives initial physical abuse</b>                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>"</b>                                                               | <b>Trial 2: Current Jewish High Priest, Caiaphas, and the Sanhedrin Court; Jesus receives more physical abuse</b>                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>3:00am-5:00am</b>                                                   | <b>Jesus is imprisoned at Caiaphas' palace</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>5:00am-6:00am<br/>Friday, April 15, 30 AD</b>                       | <b>Trial 3: All the Jewish elders, including the High Priest, scribes and the Sanhedrin ask the Roman government to kill Jesus</b>                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>6:00am-7:00am<br/>Friday, April 15, 30 AD</b>                       | <b>Trial 4: Hearing before Roman governor Pilate, who declares, "I find no guilt in this man."</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>7:00-7:30am<br/>Friday, April 15, 30 AD</b>                         | <b>Trial 5: Hearing before Herod Antipas, the son of Herod the Great, who had jurisdiction over Galilee. Jesus refused to answer his questions so Herod returned Him quickly to Pilate</b>                                                                                                          |
| <b>7:30am-8:30am<br/>Friday, April 15, 30 AD</b>                       | <b>Trial 6/7: Pilate repeatedly tried to release Jesus but the Jewish leaders continued to object. Pilate had Jesus physically tortured and beaten, seeking to satisfy the Jewish leaders. However, they demanded that Jesus be crucified. Pilate resisted but gave the order to execute Jesus.</b> |
| <b>8:30am-9:00am<br/>Friday, April 15, 30 AD</b>                       | <b>Pilate's Roman soldiers take Jesus into the court ("Praetorium") and enjoy mockery and continued torture, including driving a crown of thorns into His skull</b>                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>9:00am-Noon</b>                                                     | <b>Jesus [Simon of Cyrene] forced to carry His cross; Crucifixion of Jesus</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Noon - 3:00pm</b>                                                   | <b>3 hours of darkness came over the land while Jesus hung from the cross</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>3:00pm</b>                                                          | <b>"Death" - Jesus died on this day in Golgotha for our sins</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Friday, April 15, 30 AD</b>                                         | <b>Joseph (Arimathea)/Nicodemus wrap and bury Jesus' body; "Resting</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Sunday, April 17, 30 AD</b>                                         | <b>RESURRECTION...APPEARANCES...ASCENSION!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |



## PALM SUNDAY - Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Matthew 21-22, Mark 11-12, Luke 19-20, John 12

**Palm Sunday**, also known as "Passion Sunday," is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week; it commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem. Christians believe it was a week before His death and resurrection, and the events of that day are recalled in special Palm Sunday services where the faithful receive palm branches. Palm branches symbolize victory and triumph over death. Palm Sunday is the feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter.

The holy city of Jerusalem was crowded with pilgrims who had come for the annual Passover celebration. Jesus had spent many months traveling through the towns and villages of Palestine. He preached about the kingdom of God and healed the sick wherever He went. Now the time had come for Him to claim His title as the Messiah - the Savior that God had promised to the Jewish people.

Jesus knew His mission was almost finished. As they traveled to Jerusalem, **Jesus warned His disciples that He would soon be put to death, and after three days He would rise again.** As they came near Jerusalem, Jesus told two of His disciples to go into a nearby village and bring a donkey that would be waiting there. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the donkey. Crowds of people spread their cloaks on the ground in front of Him. Some waved branches of palm trees, a sign of victory. The people sang and shouted,

***Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord – the King of Israel!***

**Cleansing of the Temple:** Jesus went to the temple once He got into Jerusalem, and He didn't like what He saw. This most holy of places had been turned into a marketplace. Merchants were selling animals for temple sacrifices. Money changers were exchanging the pilgrims' money for special coins used in the temple. Many of these people were cheating the pilgrims who came to celebrate Passover in Jerusalem.

Jesus turned over the seats of the merchants and the tables of the money changers, scattering their coins. He told them all to leave. He made a whip of some cords and used it to drive out the animals. He said, It is written, ***'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations,' But you have made it a den of robbers!***

**Teaching and Healing:** Jesus went to the temple every day. Blind people, crippled people and sick people came to Him, and He healed all of them.

An expert on the Jewish Law asked Jesus which of God's commandments was most important. Jesus replied, ***'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.'*** This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is just as important: ***'Love your neighbor as yourself.'*** All the other commandments and the teachings of the prophets are based on these two.

**Conflict with the Chief Priests and Elders:** Not everyone was happy that Jesus was preaching at the temple every day. The chief priests and elders of the temple were angry. The temple officials felt their authority slipping away.

These temple officials came up with a plan to trap Jesus with His own words. They came to Jesus and demanded to know by what authority he was doing all these things. If Jesus said His authority was from God, they would accuse Him of blasphemy. If He did not claim authority from God, they could say He was just a crazy man.

But Jesus knew it was a trap. Instead of answering the question, He asked them another question: "Did the baptism of John come from heaven?" The temple officials realized this was also a trap. So, they refused to answer. As usual, Jesus had defeated his opponents at their own game. But the temple officials were even more angry and began to plot to have Jesus killed.

**Lessons:** For the Jews, Jerusalem was the holy City of God. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, He fulfilled an Old Testament prophecy (Zechariah 9:9-10) and left little doubt that He was accepting the title of \*Messiah. Jesus was adored by the crowds of people who had come to Jerusalem for Passover.

But there was harsh conflict between Jesus and Jerusalem's religious leaders. These conflicts led to Jesus being crucified less than a week after entering Jerusalem.

Jesus did some of His most important preaching during this final week. He spoke of His second coming and told parables of the kingdom of God. Most of all He said we must put our total trust in God and put that trust into action with kindness for other people.

**\*Messiah** comes from a Hebrew word meaning "the anointed one." In Old Testament times, important people like kings and priests were anointed with oil as a sign of their office. For hundreds of years, the Jews had expected God to send them a special king (Daniel 9:25-26, Isaiah 7:14-17, 11:1-9, Micah 5:2). Jesus avoided accepting the title Messiah until the very end because the people were expecting their Messiah to be a military and political leader instead of a spiritual leader. In Greek, the original language of the New Testament, *christos* means "anointed one," and that is from whence the word "Christ" is derived.

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

**Maundy Thursday**, observed during Holy Week on the Thursday before Easter, commemorates the Last Supper when Jesus shared the Passover meal with His disciples on the night before He was crucified. Derived from the Latin word *mandatum*, meaning "commandment," *Maundy* refers to the commands Jesus gave His disciples at the Last Supper: to love with humility by serving one another and to remember His sacrifice.



Two important biblical events are the primary focus of the Maundy Thursday Passover Meal:

Before the Passover meal, **Jesus washed the feet of His disciples**. By performing this lowly act of service the Bible says in John 13:1 that Jesus "showed them the full extent of his love." By His example, Jesus demonstrated how Christians are to love one another through humble service. For this reason, many churches practice foot-washing ceremonies as a part of their Maundy Thursday services.

During the Passover meal, Jesus took bread and wine and asked His Father to bless it. He broke the bread into pieces, giving it to His disciples and said, **"This is My body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."** Then He took the cup of wine, shared it with His disciples and said, **"This wine is the token of God's new covenant to save you--an agreement sealed with the blood I will pour out for you."**

These events recorded in Luke 22:19-20 describe the Last Supper and form the biblical basis for the practice of **Communion**. For this reason, many churches hold special Communion services as a part of their Maundy Thursday celebrations. Likewise, many congregations observe a traditional **Passover Seder Meal**.

## PASSOVER FEAST - PESACH:

Passover commemorates the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, as recorded in the book of Exodus. On Passover, Jews also celebrate the birth of the Jewish nation after being freed by God from captivity. The Hebrew word *Pesach* means "to pass over." During Passover Jews take part in a meal known as the Seder, which incorporates the retelling of the story of Exodus and God's deliverance from their bondage in Egypt. The following food items traditionally appear on the Seder plate:



- Matzoh**: Unleavened matzohs are placed within the folds of a napkin as a reminder of the haste with which the Israelites fled Egypt, leaving no time for the dough to rise.
- Maror/Chazeret**: bitter herbs, like horseradish or romaine lettuce, used to symbolize the bitterness of slavery.
- Charoses**: a mixture of apples, nuts, wine, and cinnamon, as a reminder of the mortar used by the Jews in the construction of buildings as slaves
- Beitzah**: a roasted egg, as a symbol of life and the perpetuation of existence.
- Karpas**: a vegetable, usually parsley or celery, representing hope and redemption; served with a bowl of salted water to represent the tears shed.
- Zeroah**: traditionally a piece of roasted lamb shankbone, symbolizing the paschal sacrificial offering.

There is also **Wine/Grape Juice** (4 servings) representing God's four promises and words of redemption; a time for rejoicing; and **Candles** representing God's presence at the meal.



**"You shall tell your child on that day, saying,  
'It is because of what the LORD did for me  
when I came out of Egypt.'"**

**Exodus 13:8**



# GOOD FRIDAY

**GOOD FRIDAY** commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus and His death at Calvary. Services are traditionally observed from Noon to 3:00 p.m. during Holy Week as part of the Paschal Triduum on the Friday preceding Easter Sunday. (Read Matthew 27:1-62, Mark 15:1-47, Luke 22:63-23:56, and John 18:28-19:37).

The most important symbol of Good Friday, also called Holy Friday, is the crucifix, or cross, which represents the way in which Jesus died. Jesus died for us. Christ knew in death He would take on the sins of the world to set believers free from sin and death.

The night before He died, Jesus and His disciples took part in the Last Supper and then went to the Garden of Gethsemane. There, Jesus spent His last hours praying to the Father while His disciples slept nearby.

Late that evening in Gethsemane, Jesus was betrayed with a kiss by Judas Iscariot. Before morning dawned, Jesus was arrested. At daybreak, He was questioned by the Sanhedrin and condemned. But before they could put Him to death, the religious leaders first needed Rome to approve of their death sentence. Jesus was taken to Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor in Judea. Pilate found no reason to charge Jesus. When he discovered that Jesus was from Galilee, which was under Herod's jurisdiction, Pilate had Jesus sent to Herod who was in Jerusalem at the time.

Jesus refused to answer Herod's questions, so Herod sent Him back to Pilate. Although Pilate found Him innocent, he feared the crowds who wanted Jesus crucified, so he sentenced Jesus to death.

Jesus was brutally beaten, mocked, struck on the head with a staff and spit upon. A crown of thorns was placed on his head and He was stripped naked. He was made to carry His own cross, but when He grew too weak, Simon of Cyrene (Matthew 27:32) was forced to carry it for Him.



Jesus was led to Calvary where soldiers drove stake-like nails through His wrists and ankles, affixing Him to the cross. An inscription that read "King of the Jews" was placed over His head. While He was on the cross, soldiers cast lots for Jesus' clothing. Onlookers shouted insults and jeered.

Two criminals were crucified at the same time. One hung on Jesus' right and the other on His left.



## The Seven Last Words of Christ

First Word: *Father, Forgive Them...* Luke 23:34

Second Word: *Today, Thou Shall Be With Me...* Luke 23:43

Third Word: *Woman, Behold Your Son...* John 19:26

Fourth Word: *My God, My God...* Matthew 27:46

Fifth Word: *I Thirst...* John 19:28

Sixth Word: *It Is Finished...* John 19:30

Seventh Word: *Father, Into Thy Hands...* Luke 23:46

As evening fell, Joseph of Arimathea with the help of Nicodemus took Jesus' body down from the cross and had Him placed in His own new tomb that was guarded by Roman soldiers. A great stone was rolled over the entrance, sealing the tomb.

But the story does not end here...

# RESURRECTION SUNDAY

## EASTER

**Easter**, also called **Pascha** (Aramaic, Greek, Latin) or **Resurrection Sunday**, commemorates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day after His burial following His crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary c. 30 AD. It is the culmination of the Passion of Jesus preceded by **Lent**, a 40-day period (not counting Sundays) of fasting, penance and prayer.

**Palm Sunday** commemorate Jesus's entry in Jerusalem. Most Christians refer to the week before Easter as "**Holy Week**," which contains the days of the Easter Triduum (Latin for "Three Days"), including **Maundy Thursday**, commemorating the Maundy and Last Supper, as well as **Good Friday**, commemorating the crucifixion and death of Jesus. The day before Easter is called **Holy Saturday**. Many churches begin celebrating Easter late in the evening of Holy Saturday at a service called the Easter Vigil. Eastertide, or Paschaltide, The Easter Season, begins on Easter Sunday and lasts seven weeks, ending with the coming of the 50th day, **Pentecost Sunday**.

Easter and the holidays that are related to it are *moveable feasts* which do not fall on a fixed date in the Gregorian or Julian calendars which follow only the cycle of the Sun; rather, its date is offset from the date of Passover and is therefore calculated based on a lunisolar calendar similar to the Hebrew calendar. Easter is linked to the Jewish Passover (Hebrew: *פסח* *pesach*, Aramaic: *ܩܕܫܐܫܚܐ* *pascha*) by much of its symbolism, as well as by its position in the calendar. In most European languages the feast is called by the words for Passover in those languages; and in the older English versions of the Bible the term Easter was the term used to translate passover.

Easter customs vary across the Christian world, and include sunrise services, exclaiming the Paschal greeting, clipping the church, and decorating Easter eggs (symbols of the empty tomb). The Easter lily, a symbol of the resurrection, traditionally decorates the chancel area of churches on this day and for the rest of Eastertide. Additional customs that have become associated with Easter and are observed by Christians and some non-Christians include egg hunting, the Easter Bunny, and Easter parades. There are also various traditional Easter foods that vary regionally.

The resurrection of Jesus, which Easter celebrates, is one of the chief tenets of the Christian faith. The resurrection established Jesus as the Son of God and is cited as proof that God will righteously judge the world. For those who trust in Jesus's death and resurrection, "death is swallowed up in victory." Any person who chooses to follow Jesus receives "a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead". Through faith in the working of God those who follow Jesus are spiritually resurrected with Him so that they may walk in a new way of life and receive eternal salvation, being physically resurrected to dwell in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Easter is linked to Passover and the Exodus from Egypt recorded in the Old Testament through the Last Supper, sufferings, and crucifixion of Jesus that preceded the resurrection. According to the three Synoptic Gospels, Jesus gave the Passover meal a new meaning, as in the upper room during the Last Supper He prepared Himself and His disciples for His death. He identified the bread and cup of wine as His body, soon to be sacrificed, and His blood, soon to be shed. Paul states, "Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed"; this refers to the Passover requirement to have no yeast in the house and to the allegory of Jesus as the Paschal lamb.





## EASTER SUNDAY LITANY

On that first Easter morning, as the sun was dawning, Jesus rose triumphantly from the dead. The earth shook as the angel rolled the stone away.

**No grave could hold his body down. He is risen. He is risen indeed!**

As Mary Magdalene and the other Mary looked on in fear, the Risen Lord revealed himself to them, and they departed with great joy.

**Rejoice! And again I say rejoice! For Christ Jesus has broken the curse of death and destroyed the power that it once had over us.**

Although we live in a world filled with moral decay and violence, and although we were stripped of our original culture and our past as a people, we, like Christ, can be resurrected.

**Give glory to God, who humbled himself, even to death on a cross. Give glory to the exalted Christ!**

The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is now given to each of us and to all those who believe on him.

**Let us receive this spiritual power and use it wisely for the liberation of all God's people!**

Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord. For there is none like him who can break the chain of oppression, evil, and the grave. He is risen and is seated at the right hand of God.

**"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" (Rev. 5:12)**

Who is worthy? Christ is worthy. "Because he lives, I can face tomorrow. Because he lives, all fear is gone. Because I know he holds the future and life is worth the living just because he lives."

**"Who is worthy? The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." (Rev. 5:13)**

Who is worthy? The One seated on the throne and the Lamb. To them be all blessing and honor and glory and might!

**He is worthy! The Risen Christ! The Resurrected One! Praise him! Praise his Holy Name!**





## *Sister Janice Lee*

### *Luncheon Speaker*

Currently the president and CEO of Tacoma Urban League, Janice Lee has over 20 years as an experienced leader, collaborator, and critical thinker committed to bringing about positive change. Lee has proved experience in piloting a dynamic leadership team while leveraging the talent of the staff and board of trustees.

This also includes experience in providing strategic oversight and leadership. Mrs. Lee has experience in building a framework that supports the execution of strategic plan initiatives. She has a proven track record of producing positive outcomes because of direct leadership action. She has an extensive

range of organizations' portfolios, including programs, investments, and community engagement. She has successfully collaborated with the board of trustees and offered strategic critical thinking to accomplish organizations' current and long-term goals.

Mrs. Lee is a graduate of Liberty University; she began her career in the nonprofit sector at non-profit charitable organizations providing human services. Over 20 years, She gained a deep understanding of nonprofit service, management, and leadership as she held various roles, including a decade as an executive leader.

In 2010 Mrs. Lee entered the philanthropic sector, joining a non-profit organization as CEO. During her tenure, she walked alongside dozens of nonprofit leaders as they pursued capacity-building grants with the charitable organization. In addition, she collaborated with staff, partners, and community organizations to develop enrichment programs and convenings designed to serve the diverse needs of the communities.

Lee earned an Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Masters in Business Administration through Healthcare Management from Liberty University School of Business in Lynchburg, Virginia, Volunteers with WA State Crisis Line.

She is married to Robert Lee, civil engineer for the City of Seattle. They have a beautiful family of 6 adults! She continues the legacy of caring for ALL people instilled by her late father, Bishop Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr., and her living mother Dr. Addie B. Davis.

*Purchase your ticket and join us on March 16th at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall*





*Rev. Dr.*  
*Jacqueline A. Thompson*



Described as a Transformational Preacher, Dynamic Leader and Ministry Trailblazer, Rev. Dr. Jacqueline A. Thompson is an inspiring example of what God can do with a life committed to the call.

She currently serves as the beloved Senior Pastor of The Allen Temple Baptist Church in her native Oakland, California. Her 2019 election made history nationwide as the first woman called to serve as Senior Pastor of this historic African American Baptist Church founded in 1919. Before being called in this capacity, Dr. Thompson served as the Assistant Pastor at Allen Temple and as Youth Minister at Shiloh Baptist Church of Washington, D.C., the first woman to serve in both capacities.

Committed to excellence in scholarship, Dr. Thompson received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Economics from the University of California, Berkeley; the Master of Divinity from Howard University School of Divinity in Washington, D.C. While at Howard, she received the Nannie Helen Burroughs Award for Academic Excellence and the Henry G. Maynard Award for Excellence in Preaching and Ministry. Believing in the importance of both orthodoxy and orthopraxy, Dr. Thomson continued her studies at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California where she was awarded the Doctor of Ministry degree in African American Church Leadership.

She is a member of the NAACP and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated. Her activism and leadership have been recognized by various chapters honoring her with Community Excellence and Leadership Awards and Distinguished Woman of the Year.

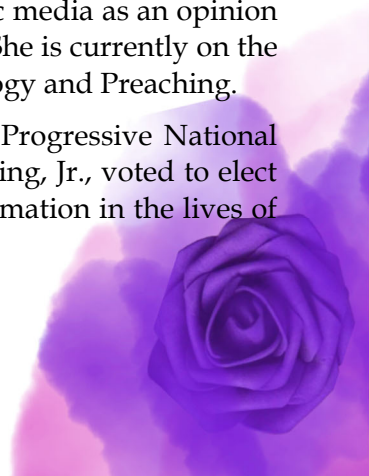
Among other honors, Dr. Thompson has been inducted into the distinguished Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Board of Preachers.

Dr. Thompson is a gifted preacher, administrator and published author traveling and ministering extensively nationally and internationally often in arenas previously uncharted by women. In addition, she has been called upon by local and national print and electronic media as an opinion leader to offer perspective and hope amidst the pressing issues of the day. She is currently on the teaching staff of the Berkeley School of Theology in the area of Public Theology and Preaching.

In August of 2022, history was made, once again, as the members of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. - the denominational home of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., voted to elect her 2nd Vice-President of the National body. Her mission is to see transformation in the lives of others.

Dr. Thompson is humbled by every opportunity to serve.

*Reverend Dr. Jacqueline Thompson will preach on March 17th at 10:00 a.m.*







## *Women's Ministry Intergenerational Prayer Service*

Five reasons you should commit to attend the Women's Ministry's Intergenerational Prayer service on Thursday, March 7th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

One - the opportunity to grow in sound knowledge about '*The Goodness of God*'

Two - to be renewed, refreshed and revived by the Spirit of God.

Three - to be fortified to flee from sin and to pursue God's Righteousness.

Four - to be motivated to study, pray, and praise God, and

Five - to serve as a living witness of living a Christ and Word-centered life.

There will be praise dancers and prayers. Our three Anointed speakers are



**Min. Beaver and Min. Brandee Banks**  
**Phyllis Banks**  
(not pictured)



**Mobley, Sister Chardonnay**

***You do not want to miss your 'Goodness of God' blessing!  
Rebecca Anderson and Angela Burgess, Prayer Service Co-Chairs  
Sarah JE Dean and Dr. Virgie Harris, 82nd Anniversary Co-Chairs  
Rev. Dr. Phyllis Beaumonte, Women's Ministry President***

### **VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY: PREACHING AND TEACHING**

In keeping with the Month of March being Women's History Month, Pastor Smith has requested we have Women teaching and preaching on Wednesday nights AT 7:00 p.m. throughout the month of March.

Please note the following schedule:

March 6, 2024: Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn.

March 13, 2024: Dr. Georgia McDade.

March 20, 2024: Rev. Dr. Phyllis Beaumonte.

March 27, 2024: Something special is going to happen: Rev. Shirley Lytle will preach her Trial Sermon as a Baptist minister. God's blessings to her. The Zoom access numbers will be sent

***Rev. Dr. Phyllis Beaumonte***



# Mount Zion Baptist Church Women's Ministry 82nd Anniversary Celebration

You're Invited to Attend the Women's Ministry 82nd  
Anniversary Events



Mount Zion Baptist Church  
*Celebrating the Goodness of God*

Psalm 145:5-7

Thursday, March 7, 2024  
Intergenerational  
Word and Prayer  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 16, 2024  
Luncheon  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Tickets available in Foyer

Sunday, March 17, 2024  
Worship Service  
10:00 a.m.  
Reception after Service



Rev. Dr. Phyllis Beaumonte, Women's Ministry President  
Sarah J.E. Dean and Dr. Virgie Harris Haley, Co-Chairs  
Rev. Dr. Paris Lee Smith, Senior Pastor and Keva Smith, First Lady



American Baptist  
**Women's**  
MINISTRIES

## Women's History Month

Monday March 4, 2024  
12:00pm-12:30pm EST

**Rev. Dr. Cheryl Price**  
Publisher, Judson Press



Register at:  
[www.abwomensministries.org/events](http://www.abwomensministries.org/events)

**Rev. Dr. Cheryl Price** is a trailblazer in the publishing industry, dedicated to amplifying diverse voices and advancing social justice through literature. Her insights and experiences are sure to inspire and empower you.



During Women's History month, ABWM curates a brief virtual gathering every Monday at 12:00pm ET during March 2024. We hope you'll join us in celebrating Women's History Month!

Register at:  
[www.abwomensministries.org/events](http://www.abwomensministries.org/events)

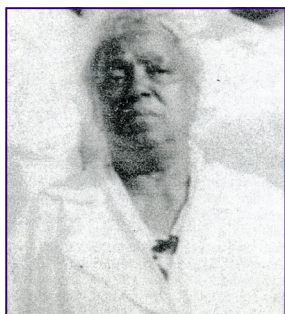




## OUR FOREMOTHERS: WOMEN OF WISDOM

Since the founding of Mount Zion Baptist Church in 1890, our foremothers have been faithful servants of the Lord and an integral part of this Church. They were prayer warriors, members of the predominantly white congregation at First Baptist Church, who wanted a church for their own community. Many of their names are lost to us; however, some records have listed the following women as founding members of Mount Zion: **Mrs. Birdett, Mrs. Braxton, Mrs. E. W. Butler, Mrs. Robert A. Clark, Mrs. Edmunds, Mrs. Eliza Washington, Mrs. Sheppard and Miss Sallie Freeman**. They were the foundation for our current Women's Ministry.

**Mrs. Martha Payne**, who initiated negotiations in 1904 for the purchase of the property on which Mount Zion's first building was erected, served as the President of the Women's Missionary Society in the early 1900's; **Former First Lady Corine Carter** also held this position in the 1910's; **Mrs. Annie Coleman** (1920's) and **Mrs. Ora Bell Jackson** (1930's)



**Deaconess Clara J. Bonner** served three terms as President of the Women's Baptist Missionary Society, 1920's – 1930's.

She served eight consecutive terms as President of the Women's Convention of the General Baptist Association of Washington and was our representative for the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. She chaired the Deaconess Board from 1942 to 1945, and was awarded **Life-Time Deaconess** status in 1947.

### **Deaconess Virgin Mary Christian**

served as President from 1938 to 1941.

She was the President of the Women's Department of the North Pacific Baptist Convention in 1948 and from 1950 to 1953.



**Former First Lady Vivienne Penick** was President of the Women's Missionary Society, 1941 - 1942. She holds the title of **President Emeritus** for the Women's Department of the North Pacific Baptist Convention where she was President from 1948 to 1950. She was also the Recording Secretary for the Women's Department of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. from 1948 to 1950.



**Deaconess Allen Mae Douglas** was elected to serve as the first President of the re-organized Women's Society in January of 1943. (1942 - 1944). She also served as Chair of the Deaconess Board in 1954.



Documents on which we base our 81st Anniversary recorded **Former First Lady Doris Watts Lloyd** as the speaker for the first Women's Day Program that was held on May 13, 1956, at 3:00 p.m.

She was president of the NPBC Women's Department from 1966 to 1969.

# PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY



**\*Deaconess Cecile K. Jones**  
1944 - 1945



**\*Deaconess Bessie D. Ratcliff**  
1945 - 1946



**\*Mother Mable L. Harris**  
1954 - 1958; 1958 - 1966



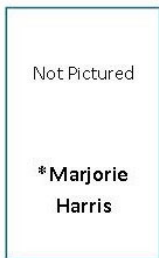
**\*Mrs. Rilla L. Allen**  
1956 - 1958



**\*Mrs. Virgie Gallerson**  
1971 - 1973

Not Pictured

**\*Deaconess Edna Woodson**  
1946 - 1954



Not Pictured

**\*Marjorie Harris**



**\*Mrs. Marie Brooks**  
1973 - 1975



**Mrs. Joyce Coleman**  
1975 - 1979



**\*Mrs. Nan Edwards**  
1979 - 1983



**\*Mrs. Nancy S. Buchanan**  
1983 - 1987



**\*Mrs. Lorraine B. Harris**  
1987 - 1991



**Mrs. Josephine S. Stokes**  
1991 - 1996



**Rev. Dr. LaVerne C. Hall**  
1996 - 1997



**\*Mrs. Thelma Pegues**  
1997 - 2000



**\*Mrs. Frances B. North**  
2000 - 2003



**Dr. Georgia S. McDade**  
2003 - 2006



**NPBC President**  
**Mrs. Gwendolyn D. Howard**  
2006 - 2009



**Mrs. Colleen C. Walls**  
2009 - 2012



**Former First Lady. Michelle W. Williams**  
2012 - 2016



**Mrs. Elma Horton**  
2016 - 2019



**Mrs. Mary C. Hopkins**  
2019 - 2022

\*Deceased

# MARCH CHURCH CALENDAR

## WEEKLY IN-PERSON

| March 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 3          | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10         | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17         | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24         | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31         |    |    |    |    |    |    |

SUNDAY - SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 A.M. #114, 205, 206 & 208

SUNDAY - WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:00 A.M. SANCTUARY

SUNDAY - CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 10:00 A.M. #205

SATURDAY - TEAM ISSACHAR: 10:00 A.M. #117

SATURDAY - YOUTH PRAISE DANCERS: 1:30 P.M.

CHURCH CLOSED ON MONDAYS

## IN-PERSON MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MARCH 2ND ~ ADVISORY COUNCIL - 10:00 A.M., FELLOWSHIP HALL

MARCH 3RD ~ ABIGAIL CIRCLE - NOON, #208

MARCH 4TH - UW GOSPEL CONCERT - 7:00 P.M., SANCTUARY

MARCH 7TH ~ WOMEN'S MINISTRY PRAYER SERVICE - 6:30 P.M., SANCTUARY

MARCH 9TH ~ ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH MEETING - 10:00 A.M. FELLOWSHIP HALL

MARCH 10TH ~ EUNICE CIRCLE - NOON, #208

MARCH 10TH ~ PRISCILLA CIRCLE - NOON, #212B

MARCH 12TH ~ MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM - 11:00 A.M., #206 ~ BALLOTS DUE

MARCH 16TH ~ WOMEN'S MINISTRY LUNCHEON - 1:00 P.M., FELLOWSHIP HALL

MARCH 17TH ~ WOMEN'S MINISTRY RECEPTION - NOON, PARLOR

MARCH 17TH ~ NCNW SEATTLE SECTION - 2:00 P.M., PARLOR

MARCH 22ND ~ SERVICE FOR MR. JOSEPH N. SMALL - 11:00 A.M., SANCTUARY

MARCH 23RD ~ ELECTION OF OFFICERS - 10:00 A.M., FELLOWSHIP HALL

MARCH 30TH ~ LLC's/REAL ESTATE MEETING - 10:00 A.M., FELLOWSHIP HALL

## MOBILE

PRAYERLINE

CALL 425.436.6306 CODE 147230#

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:00 A.M.

MONDAY AND FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M.

REV. DR. PARIS SMITH, SR.

WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 A.M.

MARCH 17TH ~ UNITY SUNDAY SERVICE: 5:00 P.M.



## LIVESTREAM/ZOOM

MARCH 6TH, 13TH, 20TH, 27TH ~ WOMEN'S PREACHING AND TEACHING SERIES, 7:00 P.M.





# UW GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT



The University of Washington Gospel Choir will present its winter quarter final concert at Mount Zion Baptist Church on **Monday, March 4, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.**

Mount Zion's Praise Team and Praise Dancers will assist the choir.

Please come out and enjoy an evening of Gospel music and support them with your presence.

***Phyllis Byrdwell, Director***

## Acknowledgments

*Dear Mount Zion Church family,*

We appreciated your support during a very difficult time in our lives. Thank you for your kindness and your love, as we said our final goodbyes to **Brother Willie Thomas.**

We are truly grateful to Minister Nate Miles for the wonderful job he did officiating the service; Brother Harold Kelsie for the outstanding and touching angelic gift of his a Capella songs; Rev. Dr. Phyllis Beaumonte for her heartfelt Prayer of Comfort; Deaconess Doris Smith for scripture readings; Dr. Georgia McDade for sharing the acknowledgments; Deacon Joel Hobbs, Sr., for sharing his personal memories of Brother Thomas; and Minister Marvin Charles Cotton for the touching Eulogy and Benediction. A very special thank you to Sister Ckathy Marshall and Sister Yvonne Ervin Carr for their endless support and dedication! We are thankful to all who participated and made this homecoming a blessing.

We are grateful to receive the love and support from the Mount Zion family which provided great comfort at our time of need. We will never forget how you strengthened our hearts.

***The Cotton and Thomas Families***



*Dear Mount Zion Church Family,*

*Blessings to you for your outpouring of love in the spiritual transition of my daughter, **Vanessa V. Emerson.***

*Words cannot adequately express how much we appreciate your many acts of kindness. Thank you for your cards, calls, love gifts, flowers, emails, texts, and comforting words.*

*We are grateful for the PrayerLine and all who continue to pray for us.*

***God Bless you***

***Sister Anna B. Rivers and the Emerson Family***

# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SEVEN WAYS TO GIVE CHEERFULLY AND GENEROUSLY

To help maintain our daily operations, the Trustees encourage you to

- (1) **MAIL** your tithes, offering and donations to the church. Please include your membership number on your giving envelope and **send check/money order payable to Mount Zion.**
- (2) Use your cell phone to **TEXT MZBC** and **enter 73256.**
- (3) **GIVE DURING THE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE.**
- (4) **DROP BY** on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays, Noon until 2:00 p.m.**
- (5) **ONLINE** at **www.mountzion.net**. Click **GIVE** and follow the instructions.
- (6) **QR CODE**
- (7) **GIVELIFY:** online and mobile app



\*The Trustee Ministry Board will review voucher invoice requests on the **1<sup>st</sup>** and **15<sup>th</sup>** of each month.

\*If you need giving envelopes, please contact the Church office at 206.322.6500

***Min. Nate Miles, Trustee Chairperson***

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## **CHARITY MINISTRY**

Please remember the many who are experiencing financial difficulties. Write **CHARITY** next to the "Other" line of your giving envelope so we may assist the growing number of families in need. Your generous donation will be greatly appreciated.

***Deacon Ricky Cotton, Charity Ministry Charity***

Circle members may pay their \$105 quota and \$82 pledge as well. If you are interested in serving on a committees for the Women's 82nd Anniversary events, please sign-up after Church in the foyer.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Church announcements are due on Wednesday by 3:00 p.m. If you wish to have an announcement read during the service, please email it to **mzannouncements@mountzionseattle.org**.

Written articles for the Messenger should be submitted to Publications: **ycarr@mountzionseattle.org/**. The deadline for Zionews articles is the 15th of each month.

**<https://my.mountzion.net>**



*worship  
WITH US*

**live**stream

Sundays at  
10:00 a.m.





## *Cecil Beatty Celebrates 100 Years!*

*To the shepherd of this house, Rev. Dr. Paris Lee Smith, Sr., friends, neighbors, community member, and church family,*

it was an honor as well as a pleasure for the Mount Zion Senior Ministry to share **Bro. Cecil Beatty's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday** with everyone. He has been an active member of Mount Zion since 1942. He got married to his lovely bride Yvonne in 1943 at Mount Zion. His life has been a real joy, especially turning 100 years old! Family and friends came from all parts of the State for this special celebration.

There were a lot of MZ family members who made it so special; first Sis. Regina Jackson who had been looking forward to this birthday celebration since late 2023, and she overcame an illness to ensure she decorated the Jessie L. Shields Fellowship Hall. There was many other people who went the extra mile; including three wonderful

Deacons: Sis. Dottie Mungin, Sis. Venus Doyal, and Sis. C. Maxine Jenkins. Also included were Bro. Phillip Miller, Bro. Clifford Marshall, Bro. Marvin McKinley, and the world's greatest Mistress of Ceremony, Sis. Rebecca Anderson. Last but not least, Sis. Catherine Marshall, for her tremendous efforts from the beginning to the end. A very special thank you to all who made this event memorable and joyous for over 200 people, especially Bro. Cecil Beatty.

If I left out anyone who contributed to this wonderful event, please charge it to my head, and not my heart. We are sharing some of the pictures from the event.



**Sis. Emma Cotton, President**

**Mount Zion Baptist Church, Senior Ministry**



**The Beatty -Yasutake** would like to thank Mrs. Emma Cotton and the Senior Ministry members for making our dad, grandfather, uncle and friend Cecil Beatty's 100 birthday so special. We appreciate the program formatted by Yvonne Ervin Carr highlighting our honoree. The food, decorations, music, dancing, accolades and fellowship helped to ensure a festive celebration for this historic event. He is still enjoying the feeling of love and joy of that day.



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY MARKETPLACE AND ARTS FAIR

The Fellowship Hall bustled with activity as the **African-American Writers' Alliance** showed up and showed out to support Mount Zion's **19th Annual Marketplace and Arts Fair**. Members **Kweli Vuur**, **SageAnn Ayers**, **Melany Bell**, and **Jaye Ware** performed. Guests performers included **Tare Yasu**,



**Taru Thompson**, and **Marrico Gordon**. **James Macon**, **Melany Bell**, and **Georgia McDade**, with the help of her musician sister **Mary Stewart**, were vendors. Other vendors included **Lena Foster** (**Lena's Odds and Ends**), **Marrico Gordon** (author), **Linda Hormthoum** (vegetarian, chicken, and beef egg rolls; and rice curry), **Charlotte Jacobs** (**Mary Kay**), **Derrick and Karen Jones** (peach cobbler, spaghetti, and lemon/cucumber/honey water), **Sarah Dean** (**Afro-centric cards and T-shirts**), **Herman Lanier** (**Lanier's Fine Candies**), **Tracy Lewis** (jewelry), **James**

**Macon** (books), **Maria McDaniel**, (**African fabric, paintings, candles**), **Twana Manning** (**duct tape craft, African products**), **Clarisse Middleton** (**art prints, mugs, wall plaques**), **Maura Salamah O'Brien** (**African attire, arts and crafts**), **Mary Stewart** (**cd's and Georgia's books**) **Averionna Wade** (**Youthful Skills + cake**), **Connie**



**Thomas and Sharon Outlaw** (**prints, art-ifacts**) and **National Council of Negro Women** (**information**), and **Mary Clayton** (**Clayton Creates-- African attire.**)

***Please support the vendors by purchasing from them throughout the year! Thank you.***

Many persons contributed to the success of the event . **Patience Mizero** streamed and made it possible for people to see our wares and performances worldwide. **Berhanu Wells** photographed the action. **Carolyn Davis Johnson** designed the flyer. **Ckathy Marshall** made the chicken tortilla soup; **Lou**

**Annie Charles** kept the hot dogs coming. **Angela Burgess** was our first disc jockey. **Rickie Morris** and **Phil Miller** led the set-up operation with aid from **Reggie Oliver** and **Kenny Archie**. **Gayle Carlisle**, **Sheila Brown**, **Vickie**, and **Deborah Hilsman** helped make everything run smoothly on Saturday. **Publications specialist Yvonne Ervin Carr** helped whenever and wherever needed, as usual. Our energetic youth volunteers **Taylor** and **Saige** helped with the raffle drawings.

Twenty vendors paid/donated \$40 each for a total of \$800.00 minus costs, all of which goes to the Mount Zion Scholarship Fund.

A huge thank you to each of you who supported the Marketplace and Arts Fair by coming, greeting, meeting, purchasing, and fellowshiping. We thank you and look forward to our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2025!

***Sincerely,***  
***Dr. Georgia S. McDade,***  
***Marketplace and Arts Fair Chair***



## HEALTH FAIR AND NPBC BLACK HERITAGE TEA

We appreciate all of the dedicated members of Health Ministry and all of the Women's Ministry Volunteers who helped us to successfully greet and host our members after service prior to our collaboration with the NPBC Women's Auxiliary 65<sup>th</sup> Trana Anderson Tea. The following report is designed to recognize the success for both of those programs held during Black History Month at Mount Zion. We were pleased to welcome over 7 of the 13 churches affiliated with the North Pacific Baptist Convention, Women's Auxiliary on Sunday Feb 18th. We were especially proud to incorporate the health agenda for the churches by their request. We were intentional in recognizing two of our many Trana Anderson Scholars, **Clifton Marshall** and **Jeremiah Hobbs**, as our intergenerational speakers; they did an excellent job representing scholarly presentations. We appreciated Deacon Darlene Hobbs in her role as an NPBC officer and proud mother of the former Youth Dept. President.

Prior to the presentations led by our esteemed Dr John Vassall, who sits with me on the African American Elders Board of the UW School of Medicine, Our Reverend Dr. Paris Smith and First Lady Keva Smith came down to welcome the attendees and bless the food immediately after service.

We could not have done so much so effectively without the assistance of recruiting for the program participants that Rev. Dr. Phyllis Beaumonte did and most importantly the recruiting of our key Hostess and Refreshments that Sister Elma Horton coordinator. We are grateful to Debra Hilsman, Sonia Brown and Ckathy Marshall who were our lead organizers. Cathy Marshall, MZBC Health Ministry treasurer, did a triple heroic role as a mother of Trana Anderson scholarship recipients Anise and Clifton, a key donor of food, and reception prep and hostess.

We appreciate Sister Horton, a member of the MZBC Health Ministry team, for allowing us to host our Health Ministry night on the PrayerLine for the past four years. We plan to move to a quarterly meeting and some interval zoom meetings that will be held the last week of each month hosted by our partners, the **Center for Multicultural Health**.

We will also be working with our community partners and co-hosts in the **NCNW Good Health WINS** team project and our co-host **Grandmothers Against Gun Violence** until the end of the year to inform our congregation about community health education events. We are appreciative to Eudora Carter and her affiliation with our sister church **FAME** and her work with the Center for Multicultural Health. We will encourage participation in the **AARTH** online courses hosted by our Health Ministry member and their Executive Director Sister Kathleen Wilcox.

We appreciate our MZBC IT Director Patience Mizero for helping us set up the necessary media and taking pictures for us after service to make this church sponsored Health Ministry and the NPBC's annual tea a success. We received accolades from President Crystal Bell; she had asked us to help her meet her target of over 70 attendees and we exceeded that to have over 100 attendees with our pre-tea Community Conversation with Dr. Sheri Buckley and Dr John Vassall, our Community Medical Consultants, Minister Nate Miles and Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn as well as all of the vendors who shared their stories.

We could not have messaged this effectively if it were not for our Advisory Communications experts, Sister Sarah Dean, Samira Shirazy and Sister Yvonne Ervin Carr, who assisted Sister Christian Bell with the program formatting and printing.

We look forward to our annual upcoming Sunday to let the congregation know we care for both their mental,

physical, and spiritual health. We are always recruiting new members to join us in our efforts to ensure that GOOD Health Matters. We continue to ask everyone on the committee in the church family to lift our former **Co-Chair Brother Steve Riggins** up in his recovery.

*Respectfully submitted,*

**Winona Hollins Hauge MSW . Chair of the 65th NPBC Trana Anderson Scholarship Tea' Co-Chair of the MZBC Health Ministry**





# A Tribute to Washington State Legislative Trailblazers

## CARR NOTES

### Rep. Marjorie Pitter-King (1921 - 1996)

Party: Democrat

District: 37 King County

Branch: House of Representatives

**First African-American woman to serve in the House of Representatives**

Served: 1965– 1966 by an appointed to an unexpired term; she focused on civil rights



### Rep. Peggy Joan Maxie (1936 - 2024)

Party: Democrat

District: 37 King County

Branch: House of Representatives

Years Served: 1971-1982

**First African-American woman elected to the House of Representatives.** Rep. Maxie challenged the proposed redistricting based on the 1970 census. She filed an affidavit stating that her district had been undercounted and two years later, a federal court ordered the State to conduct its redistricting using a non-partisan map. 1973 she was the prime sponsor of the House version of a bill that became the Landlord-Tenant Act of Washington State.

### Senator Rosa Lee Franklin (1927 - )

Party: Democrat

District: 29 Pierce County

Branch: House of Representatives and Senate

Years Served: 1991-1993 House of Representatives; 1993-2010 Senate

**First African-American woman appointed to the Senate** where she became the **First African American woman in the US elected to serve as President Pro Tempore, 2001 and 2005 - 2010**



### Rep. Vivian Caver (1928 - 2021)

Party: Democrat

District: 37 King County

Branch: House of Representatives

Year Served: Appointed 1994 to an unexpired term

She ushered for property tax relief for seniors and disability retirees



### \*Rep. Dawn Mason

Party: Democrat

District: 37 King County

Branch: House of Representatives

Years Served: 1995-1998

During her time in Olympia she was the Assistant Minority Whip.

As the **only Black member of the House of Representatives in 1995**, she was instrumental in defeating an anti-affirmative action bill and reforming the system of juvenile prosecution. She was named Legislator of the Year in 1996 by the Washington Student Lobby. In 1998 Rep. Mason was appointed by President Bill Clinton to the Women's Economic Roundtable.



**Former Tacoma City Mayor Marilyn Strickland** represents Washington's 10th Congressional District, which covers parts of Pierce and Thurston Counties. Born in Seoul, **she is the first African-American to represent Washington State at the federal level**, and one of the first Korean-American women elected to Congress.

In the 118th Congress, Strickland sits on the House Armed Services Committee and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. She **serves as whip for the Congressional Black Caucus** and is a member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, the Bipartisan Historically Black Colleges and Universities Caucus, and the New Democrat Coalition.





# *A Women's History Month Tribute to Our Washington State Legislators*



**Sen. T'wina Nobles**

Party: Democrat      District: 28 Pierce County  
Senate      Years Served: 2021 - current

**The Honorable T'wina Nobles is the first Black State Senator Washington has had in a decade, and the second Black woman to serve in the chamber.**

**Rep. Kristine Reeves**

Party: Democrat  
District: 30 King & Pierce Counties  
House of Representatives  
Years Served: 2017-2019; 2023 - current



**Rep. Debra Entenman**

Party: Democrat  
District: 47 King County  
House of Representatives  
Years Served: 2019 - current



**Rep. Melanie Morgan**

Party: Democrat  
District: 29 Pierce County  
House of Representatives  
Years Served: 2019 - current



**Rep. April Berg**

Party: Democrat  
District: 44 Snohomish County  
House of Representatives  
Years Served: 2021 - current

**Rep. Jamila Taylor**

Party: Democrat  
District: 30 King and Pierce County  
House of Representatives  
Years Served: 2021 - current



**Rep. Julia Reed**

Party: Democrat  
District: 36 King County  
Branch: House  
Years Served: 2023 - current



**Rep. Brandy Donaghy**

Party: Democrat  
District: 44th  
Years Served: 2021 - Current

**She and Rep. April Berg join Senator John Lovick as the first All-Black 44th District delegation and the 2nd All-Black delegation in our State's history!**



**Kirsten Harris-Talley**

Party: Democrat  
District: 37 King County  
House of Representatives  
Years Served: 2021 - 2023

**The first All-Black Legislative Delegation was the 37th District (King County) in 1971: \*George Fleming (Senate), Michael K. Ross (House), and Peggy Joan Maxie (House).**

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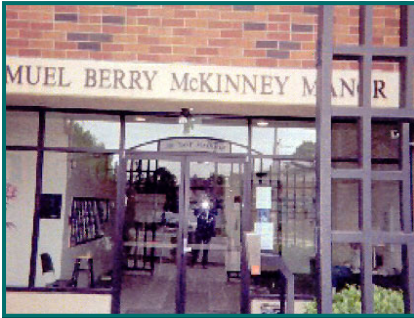


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**Women's History Month** had its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28 which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week." Through the next five years, Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as "Women's History Week."

In 1987 after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9 which designated the month of **March** 1987 as "**Women's History Month.**" Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. Since 1995, presidents have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month."

The National Women's History Month's theme for 2024 celebrates

**"Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion."** The theme recognizes women throughout the country who understand that, for a positive future, we need to eliminate bias and discrimination entirely from our lives and institutions. Women from every background have long realized that an uneven playing field will never bring equality or justice. Throughout 2024, we honor local women from the past and present who have taken the lead to show the importance of change and to establish firmer safeguards, practices and legislation reflecting these values.

