

DECEMBER 2024

A Monthly Publication of Mount Zion Baptist Church

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that *WHOOVO* believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16, ESV

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

MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

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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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IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



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Praying for Healing and Recovery

Acknowledgment

Dear Mount Zion Baptist Church

The Family of Soloman "Solo" E. Taylor expresses sincere appreciation for your many acts of kindness. We appreciate the calls, cards, emails, flowers and words of encouragement. Special thanks is extended to Rev. Paul Edwards, Pastor Aaron Watson and program participants. We are grateful to Yvonne Ervin Carr, Phillip Miller, Harry Bailey, Tony Hopkins, Brenda Charles-Edwards, the Ushers, and all who provided assistance and support during this difficult time. God bless you.
Please keep us in your prayers.

Sister Anna Rivers and the Emerson Family Peter, Deborah and the Carter Family Lewis, Taylor, Evans, Connor, Johnson, Jones and Evans Family



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HONORING OUR CENTENNARIAN

MRS. JOSEPHINE STRATMAN STOKES

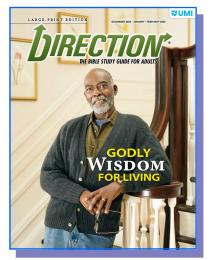
celebrates her **100th** birthday on December 4th!

Active at Mount Zion since 1945, she has served in many capacities including Junior Choir Director and Women's Ministry President. Our resident horticulturalist emerita and Past President of the North Pacific Baptist Convention

Women's Department, currently serves as Vice-President of the Scholarship Ministry and sings in the soprano section of the Combined Choir. She is also co-founder of The Links, Inc. and a charter life member of the NCNW Seattle Section

> HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MRS. STOKES! WE LOVEYOU DEARLY!

DECEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS



PRECEPTS FOR LIVING

Precepts For Living®: *Principles for Living in an Unhinged World* is for individuals and churches who sense the world needs change and covenant to apply God's wisdom to earthly problems. In the clutter and busyness of day-to-day life, it's often hard to find time to study God's Word. *Direction*® helps urban adults (25+) cut through the clutter to focus on their relationships with Jesus Christ. Based on UMI's *Precepts for Living commentary*®, *Directions*®

December 1, 2024 ~ Wisdom Wisdom for Righteousness - Proverbs 3:1-12

When we choose to obey God, He grants us wisdom. Proverbs 3 describes wisdom as a value that protects and brings well-being. Trusting in God's wisdom and guidance helps develop strong faith and offers purpose and meaning in life.

December 8, 2024 ~ Divine Timing

Sowing and Reaping in God's Divine Timing - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8,14-15

Ecclesiastes teaches us that God's divine timing is important. God has a declared season for everything under the sun, including our lives. King Solomon, the teacher, wants us to know that the secret to our peace is with God,

December 15, 2024 ~ Personal Redemption

A Tradition of Intimacy and Love - Song of Solomon 4:8-5:la

Solomon expresses his intimate feelings of love for his bride. He cherishes her love. While traditional interpretations see this book as an allegory of the relationship between God and Israel and Christ and the church, people today can find encouragement in these words as they contemplate love, commitment, and intimacy.

December 22, 2024 ~ Salvation

Salvation in Jesus Foretold - Isaiah 49:1-11

Individuals and nations aspire to accomplish great things even amid significant challenges. How can we make a difference? God the Creator covenants with us to save us—even when we don't realize it—for a higher purpose and important mission.

December 29, 2024 ~ Courage

Lessons on Courage from Jeremiah - Proverbs 3:1-12

No one wants to be the bearer of bad news or challenging advice. How can we find the courage to speak when what we have to say is likely to cause controversy or hard feelings? Jeremiah frankly discussed his concerns with King Zedekiah and then confidently said he was delivering a message from God.

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

VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, December 4th, 11th and 18th at 7:00 p.m. Book of Revelation Rev. Dr. Phyllis Beaumonte, Instructor

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CHILDREN'S IN-PERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

9:00 a.m. ~ Room 205 Sisters Carol Bell, Belinda Butler-Bell and Daphne Piggee, Instructors

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10:00 a.m. ~ Room 205

Sisters 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. ~ Sister Debra Coleman, Instructor

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

9:00 a.m. ~ Room 206

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86540264986?pwd=SXhzZDBBRkdzWEJzWTZ0bldlczFtUT09

Meeting ID: 865 4026 4986 Password: 311725#

One tap mobile: +12532158782...86540264986#...0#...311725# US (Tacoma)

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 and Sister Maxine Moore, Instructors ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS #4 FACEBOOK

Mount Zion Baptist Church Adult Sunday School 9:30am | Facebook www.facebook.com/MountZionAdultSundaySchoolRoom Dr. Virgie Harris-Haley, Instructor



UNITY SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 15TH

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#

Monday through Saturday at 7:00 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. PRAYERLINE TELECONFERENCE SERVICE

Use your cell phone to call 425.436.6306. The access code is 147230# Sister Elma Horton, Coordinator 206.325.6941



DECEMBER CHURCH CALENDAR

December 2024							
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WEEKLY IN-PERSON

SUNDAY - SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 A.M., ROOMS 114, 205, 206 & 208 SUNDAY - WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:00 A.M., SANCTUARY SATURDAY - TEAM ISSACHAR: 10:00 A.M., ROOM 117 SATURDAY - CHOIR REHEARSAL: NOON, SANCTUARY THE OFFICE IS CLOSED ON MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS; WE WIL BE CLOSED ON DECEMBER 24TH, 25TH AND 31ST.

IN-PERSON MEETINGS AND EVENTS

DECEMBER 1ST ~ WORLD AIDS DAY/ROSA PARKS DAY DECEMBER 1ST ~ HOLY COMMUNION/FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOPE DECEMBER 7TH ~ NPBC TEA FOR MRS. JOSEPHINE STOKES' 100TH BIRTHDAY DECEMBER 8TH ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: PEACE DECEMBER 8TH ~ EUNICE CIRCLE - NOON, ROOM 208 DECEMBER 8TH ~ PRISCILLA/SOJOURNER TRUTH CIRCLE, ROOM 212B DECEMBER 10TH ~ MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM - 11:00 A.M., ROOM 206

DECEMBER 14TH ~ CHRISTMAS DAY OF CARING

DECEMBER 14TH ~ YOUTH USHERS - 10:00 A.M., SANCTUARY DECEMBER 14TH ~ HARRIET TUBMAN CIRCLE - 2:00 P.M., PARLOR DECEMBER 15TH ~ YOUTH SUNDAY/YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY/THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: JOY DECEMBER 15TH ~ WOMEN'S MINISTRY'S ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION DECEMBER 15TH ~ NCNW SEATTLE SECTION ~ 2:00 P.M., PARLOR DECEMBER 15TH ~ NCNW SEATTLE SECTION ~ 2:00 P.M., PARLOR DECEMBER 20TH ~ GOD'S GROCERIES - NOON, NORTH PARKING LOT DECEMBER 20TH ~ GOD'S GROCERIES - NOON, NORTH PARKING LOT DECEMBER 22ND ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: LOVE DECEMBER 24TH ~ CANDLELIGHT SERVICE W/FIRST A.M.E. CHURCH - 6:00 P.M. *TBD DECEMBER 25TH ~ OFFICE CLOSED/LIGHTING OF PURITY CANDLE

~ CHRIST THE SAVIOUR IS BORN ~

HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 26TH - JANUARY 1ST ~ KWANZAA DECEMBER 29TH ~ WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 A.M. DECEMBER 31ST ~ 11:00 P.M. FREEDOM'S EVE WATCH NIGHT SERVICE *TBD

MOBILE

CALL 425.436.6306 CODE 147230# PRAYERLINE ~ MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:00 A.M. MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. DECEMBER 15TH ~ UNITY SUNDAY SERVICE AT 5:00 P.M.

VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY ~ BOOK OF REVELATION DECEMBER 4TH, 11TH, AND 18TH AT 7:00 P.M. ~ REV. DR. PHYLLIS R. BEAUMONTE

Mount Zion Christmas Day of Caring



A Drive Through/Pick Up Event Saturday, December 14, 2024

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the lower north parking lot.

YOU MUST REGISTER. Visit our website at mountzion.net

https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/mt-zion-baptist-church/christmas-day-ofcaring-holiday-toy-drive-thru-pick-up-mount-zion-church

Families receive a gift for each registered child.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!



Wednesday, December 11 and Friday, December 13, 2024

***** Come help bag presents

Saturday, December 14, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

****** Come help organize and distribute groceries and gifts

DONATIONS NEEDED BY 12/13

PLEASE BRING

New Coats and Jackets for Boys/ Girls - 2T- 2XL

New Toys and place them n the decorated box in the foyer

OR

DONATE \$15 GIFT CARDS FROM TARGET AND WALMART FOR TEENS (100 NEEDED) You may also donate money to help purchase toys for our children. Please make checks payable to Mount Zion and note Day of Caring on your giving envelope or memo line.

Sign-up or contact *Chavela Johnson, Debra Harris-Branham, Patricia Bruce Sullivan* or Jeri Harris if you would like to volunteer.

MZBC Christmas Day of Caring serves over 350 children and teens!



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 ANNUAL REPORTS

<u>MINISTRY LEADERS</u>: We need to provide documentation of your 2024 programs and events for our church records. Please submit your Annual Report using the following format:

- Ministry Name
- Mission Statement
- Officers and Members
- Brief Summary of 2024 Programs

Typed reports should be saved on a USB flash drive or e-mailed to Publications: ycarr@mountzionseattle.org Submission Deadline: <u>December 15th</u>

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT

You are invited to attend the Winter UW Gospel Choir Concert, directed by *Phyllis M. Byrdwell*, on December 2, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. It will be held at Meany Hall - Katharyn Alvord Gerlich Theater. Tickets (\$10) available at venue or online: music.washington.edu/events/2024-12-02/uw-gospel-choir

VIRTUAL WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Virtual Bible Study meets from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. *Rev. Dr. Phyllis R. Beaumonte*, will teach A Study of the Book of Revelation. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend

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GOD'S GROCERIES are distributed from Noon to 2:00 p.m. every THIRD FRIDAY. Join us December 20th in the North parking lot for FREE food. Contact Phillip Miller for more information.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

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- ⇒ In consideration of our limited staff, please complete a Room Reservation form <u>prior</u> to your meeting.
- ⇒ Church announcements are due by **3:00 p.m. on Wednesday.** Send typed announcements to **announcements@mountzionseattle.org**
- ⇒ Zionews articles are due by the 15th of each month. Send to ycarr@mountzionseattle.org NOTE: Late articles may not be published

https://www.mountzion.net







CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS





Let Mount Zion rejoice! We welcome the Carrs to our Church Family! Each received a Certificate of Membership and the Right Hand of Fellowship on November 24, 2024.

They are from Philadelphia, PA and we look forward to more blessings as they share their gifts with us.

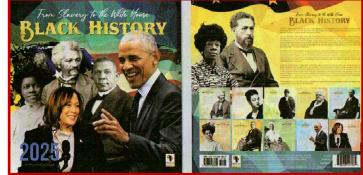
Pictured: Brother Tyree Carr, II, Dr. Rotonya L. Carr and their children, Avery and Tyree Carr, III.

Photo by Patience Mizero

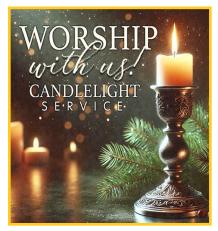
BROTHERHOOD MINISTRY CALENDARS

The Brotherhood Ministry is taking orders for these 2025 Black History Calendars as part of its fundraising efforts. The cost is only \$15.00. We encourage you to purchase calendars and give them as gifts to your family and friends!

Please contact Kenneth Archie, President.



*NOTE: As of printing, we are waiting for confirmation on the following services:



December 24, 2024 **Joint Christmas Eve Service** with First A.M.E. Church at 6:00 p.m. and December 31, 2024 Watch Night/Freedom's Eve WATCHNIGHT Service (virtual or in-person) at 11:00 p.m. *TBD





VETERANS MINISTRY

The Veterans Ministry is grateful to all who attended and supported our Veterans Recognition Sunday program, reception and display. Thank you to the worship service participants and Jamekia Nelson for sharing her experiences in the U.S. Navy. We appreciate the many volunteers who worked to make this event honoring our veterans a success. Special thanks to Emma Cotton and her Committee - Deacon Ricky Cotton, Bonnie Moton, Ken Archie, Catherine Marshall and Phillip Miller - for preparing a delicious meal that was enjoyed by all and Helen Williams and my wife, Deacon Dorothy Mungin, for the patriotic table decorations. Set-up, clean-up assistance was provided by all of the above listed names and George Thomas who donated Ice beverages. The slide show presentation was created by Yvonne Ervin Carr and shown throughout the reception with help from AV/IT members Tony Hopkins, Brooklyn Nelson and Jamekia Nelson..

We were happy that Co-Chair Stephen Riggins was able to attend and share in this celebration of our veterans which also included the uniform of Tuskegee Airmen, the Late Andre Wooten, loaned to us by Mrs. Josephine Stokes. It was a glorious tribute to our Mount Zion veterans. *Deacon Albert Mungin, Jr., Chair*

***THANK YOU**, Deacon Mungin, for your faithful service and hand-crafting the wooded display easels and lacquered memorial keepsakes.

MINISTRY FAIR

The MZBC Nominating Committee extends our special thanks to Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn for leading the Ministry Fair. The following people contributed their time and talents to make this Ministry Fair a success: Mrs. Colleen Walls, Ms. Collette Robinson, Mrs. Catherine Marshall, Deacon John Capps, Dr. Georgia McDade, Sis. Elma Horton and Sister Doris Jones. Much gratitude to each and everyone of you for your service. *Respectfully submitted, Deacon Leslyn Jones-Petitt, Chair*



FREE THANKSGIVING TURKEY GIVE-AWAY AND VACCINES

Mount Zion was able to host the distribution of 230+ FREE Thanksgiving turkeys because of the generous donations from The Anchor Group, USA, Inc. - W. Larry Williams, Francine Williams, J. Malcolm Williams, Francine Johnson, Safeway, Leschi Elementary School, and Chris H. Bennett, owner of Bennett Media Group and KRIZ Radio, that broadcasted live during the event.

We are grateful to the Washington State Department of Health volunteers who registered and administered FREE flu and covid vaccines.

Mount Zion volunteers included Sharon Riggins, Phillip Miller, Brenda Charles-Edwards, Yvonne Ervin Carr, Rev. Dr. Phyllis Beaumonte, Emma Cotton, Catherine Acox, George Thomas, Deacon John Capps, and Min. Nate Miles, Coordinator.



Hope

Day 1: Jeremiah 29:10-14
Day 2: Romans 15:8-13
Day 3: 1 Peter 1:3-12
Day 4: Hebrews 10:19-39
Day 5: Psalm 33
Day 6: Titus 2:11- 3:8

Peace

Day 7: Isaiah 9:1-7
Day 8: John 14:1-7, 25-31
Day 9: John 16:25-33
Day 10: Romans 5:1-11
Day 11: Ephesians 2:11-22
Day 12: Colossians 3:1-17

Joy

Day 13: Philippians 4:4-9
Day 14: Psalm 16
Day 15: James 1:2-18
Day 16: Psalm 30
Day 17: Luke 2:8-20
Day 18: John 15:1-11

Day 19: Micah 7:18-20
Day 20: Romans 8:31-39
Day 21: John 3:16-21
Day 22: 1 John 4:7-21
Day 23: Philippians 2:1-11
Day 24: 2 Thessalonians 2:13 - 3:5
Day 25: Ephesians 2:1-10



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THE SEASON OF ADVENT

ANTICIPATION...EXPECTATION...PREPARATION... WAITING...HOPE...PRAYER...

MEANING: COMING OR ARRIVAL



Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus in His First Advent and anticipate the return of , Christ the King in His Second Advent. The Season of Advent is a time to focus on both the past and the future as we journey through life with Christ.

<u>TIME FRAME</u>: The observation of Advent starts on **December 1st**, the fourth Sunday before Christmas, and marks the beginning of the liturgical year/church calendar.

HANGING OF THE GREEN: The Evergreen represents growth and immortality. Churches are decorated with evergreen boughs, holly and wreaths during the first week of Advent to symbolize a new and everlasting life through Jesus the Christ.

<u>ADVENT WREATH</u>: A circular evergreen wreath with candles is placed in the church sanctuary. The green wreath represents the **HOPE** that we have in God, the hope of renewal, and the hope for eternal life.

The Circle represents the unending **LOVE** and forever presence of God.

<u>ADVENT CANDLES</u>: The Advent Wreath consists of five candles. One rose (joy) and three purple (royalty - hope, peace and love) candles are placed around the wreath; one white (purity) candle is placed in the center.

On the first Sunday of Advent, one purple candle is lit. On the Second Sunday, that purple candle is re-lit and another purple candle is lit. On subsequent Sundays, the candles are re-lit with each additional candle. Traditionally, the **rose** (joy) candle is lit on the Third Sunday.



The center candle (purity), called the **Christ Candle**, is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas.

The light of the candles reminds us that *Jesus is the Light of the World* and we are all called to be a light in a world of darkness.

ADVENT COLORS:

TRADITIONAL - Purple is the color of majestic royalty and is used to welcome the Advent of the King. It is also the color of penitence and fasting.

CONTEMPORARY - Blue

Royal Blue also represents royalty and is used as a substitute for the purple because purple is used during Lent and the Holy Week to reflect the suffering endured by Christ.

Bright Blue is sometimes used to symbolize water (beginning life) or the night sky in anticipation of the pending announcement of the coming of the King.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

LUKE 2: 1 - 20

- 1. In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.
- 2. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)
- 3. And everyone went to his own town to register.



- 4. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.
- 5. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.
- 6. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,
- 7. And she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.
- 8. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.
- 9. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.
- 10. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

11. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord.

- 12. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."
- 13. Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,
- 14. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests."
- 15. When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."
- 16. So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.
- 17. When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told to them about this child,
- 18. And all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.
- 19. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.
- 20. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.



Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Family and Friends

THE SYMBOLS OF KWANZAA

Kwanzaa has seven basic symbols and two supplemental ones. Each represents values and concepts reflective of African culture and contributive to community building and reinforcement. The basic symbols re listed in Swahili and then in English.

Mazao (The Crops) These are symbolic of African harvest celebrations and of the rewards of productive and collective labor.

Mkeka (The Mat) This is symbolic of our tradition and history and, therefore, the foundation on which we build.

Kinara (The Candle Holder) This is symbolic of our roots, our parent people -- continental Africans.

Muhindi (The Corn) This is symbolic of our children and our future which they embody.

Mishumaa Saba (The Seven Candles)

These are symbolic of the Nguzo Saba, the Seven Principles, the matrix and minimum set of values which African people are urged to live by in order to rescue and reconstruct their lives in their own image and according to their own needs.

Kikombe cha Umoja (The Unity Cup) This is symbolic of the foundational principle and practice of unity which makes all else possible.

Zawadi (The Gifts)

These are symbolic of the labor and love of parents and the commitments made and kept by their children.

A Supplemental symbol:

Bendera (The Flag)

The colors of the Kwanzaa flag are **black**, **red** and **green**; **black for the people**, **red for their struggle**, and **green for the future and hope that comes from their struggle**. It is based on the colors given by the Hon. Marcus Garvey as national colors for African people throughout the world.







Summarized from Maulana Karenga <u>Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Family, Community and Culture</u> 2008, Los Angeles: University of Sankore Press



THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF KWANZAA





NGUZO SABA

The Seven Principles

Umoja (Unity)



December 26

To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race.



December 27 Kujichagulia (Self-Determination) To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves.

December 28



Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility) To build and maintain our community together and make our brother's and sister's problems our problems and to solve them together.

December 29



Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics) To build and maintain our own stores, shops and other businesses and to profit from them together.

December 30 Nia (Purpose)

To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

December 31 Kuumba (Creativity)



To do always as much as we can, in the way we can. in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it

January 1

Imani (Faith)

To believe with all our heart in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

Founder: Dr. Maulana Karenga



A MESSAGE FROM REVEREND DR. PHYLLIS R. BEAUMONTE Women's Ministry President



The three years I have served as President of the Women's Ministry will come to an end on December 31, 2024. I thank God for enabling me to serve in this leadership position, for it was His grace and mercy that brought me through.

As President, I presided over all Executive Board and General Body meetings throughout my tenure and accomplished the following:

• assisted three families with funeral costs and other financial needs.

• provided excellent workshops and forums for the women and our guests.

- completed and published the Women's Ministry Directory
- the Women's Ministry's Bylaws were reviewed and amended.
- provided funds for women to attend Affiliate conferences and conventions .
- conducted the Women's Ministry Bylaw Orientation Workshop.
- continued our annual giving to the church Scholarship fund.
- established the Help Haiti Project.
- held blanket and warm clothing drives for those in need.
- purchased new table cloths, chair- covers and napkins.
- supported the AB Girls.
- hosted the annual Black History Heritage Tea on behalf of the District Association of the NPBC. Purpose: Education Scholarships.
- purchased components of the church sanctuary sound system.
- Ministry Membership Drives were conducted by Mary Hopkins.
- Reverend Dr. Cynthia Perkins Smith, President of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. conducted a workshop for the Women's Ministry.

We celebrated three Women's Ministry Anniversaries:

- 2022 80th Anniversary: Co-chaired by Brenda Charles Edwards and Ozella Rose.
- 2023 81st Anniversary Co-chaired by Catherine Marshall and Deacon Darlene Hobbs
- 2024 82nd Anniversary Co-chaired by Sarah JE Dean and Dr. Virgie Harris.

All of the Co-chairs worked diligently and guided their committees to a Spirit filled Celebration conclusion. A special acknowledgement to Dr. Georgia McDade who coordinated her popular Marketplace event during the celebrations. Her steadfast commitment is commendable.

Gratitude is also extended to our Financial Officers Mattie Taplin and Tanya Jimale for their excellent work; Sarah JE Dean and Committee for the outstanding Women's Directory' Mary Hopkins for her continuous words of encouragement; and Yvonne Ervin Carr who we appreciate for formatting and printing our programs.

Most of all, I thank the Circle Leaders and members for their faithful commitment to the mission of the Women's Ministry and its legacy.

THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2025 - 2027:

President: Reverend Dr. Julie L. Vaughn Vice-president: Sarah JE Dean Recording Secretary: Sonia Brown Assistant Recording Secretary: Minnie A. Collins Coordinator of Personal Development: Winona Hollins-Hauge

OPEN POSITIONS:

Treasurer and Financial Secretary

The Women's Ministry meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Come, join us and grow in Christ.

To President-Elect Rev. Dr. Julie L. Vaughn and other new officers: let God lead you, put Him first in your lives for He never fails. To God be the glory.

Mrs. Josephine Stokes, who is a former President of the Women's Ministry, will be celebrating her 100th birthday this month. She will also be honored for her love and faithfulness to the church, the Women's Auxiliary to the NPBC, and the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. A Tea, held in her honor, will take place this month in the church Parlor. Everyone is invited.



Rev. Dr. Phyllis Beaumo



DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD VENDORS & FACILITIES RENTERS

Private Food Caterers:

Business Name.

Copy of W-9 - Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification.

Copy of Business License.

- \$1,000,000 Indemnity Insurance protects against claims arising from possible negligence or Foodborne illness.
- Business and Church ministry or external organization must provide a copy of the contracted services.

All employees and volunteers must provide a copy of food handler permits.

Invoice form payment must include a detail of services provided.

Payments must be in the name of the business.

Ministry Food Handlers & Servers:

Ministry serving an event must be a recognized Church ministry

Copy of food handler permits for all employees and volunteers

Funds must be requested using an internal voucher

Cash Advance Voucher:

• Voucher must be signed by the ministry member receiving the cash advance and signed by the ministry chair or an authorized representative.

- Original receipts for funds spent must be submitted within 14 days after the event.
- If total receipts are less than funds advanced, the net difference must be remitted by check.

Reimbursement of out-of-pocket Purchases:

• Voucher must be signed by the ministry member requesting the reimbursement and signed by the ministry chair or an authorized representative.

• Original receipts for funds spent must be submitted within 14 days after the event.

Ministry chairs or authorized member of the ministry must approve the invoice prior to submitting to the Church Trustees for payment.

Brenda Charles-Edwards, Trustee Secretary Min. Nate Miles, Trustee Chair

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRUSTEE MINISTRY

WAYS TO GIVE CHEERFULLY AND GENEROUSLY

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

(1) <u>MAIL</u> 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 <u>TEXT</u> 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) **<u>ONLINE</u>** at **www.mountzion.net**. Click **GIVE** and follow the instructions.
- (6) **<u>QR CODE</u>**

Giving envelopes are available in the lobby and Church office.



Min. Nate Miles, Trustee Chairperson

CHARITY MINISTRY

Please remember the many who are experiencing financial difficulties. Write <u>CHARITY</u> next to the "Other" line of your giving envelope so we may assist the growing number of families in need. A special collection is taken on the **First Sunday**. Your generous donation will be greatly appreciated. *Deacon Ricky Cotton, Charity Ministry Charity*

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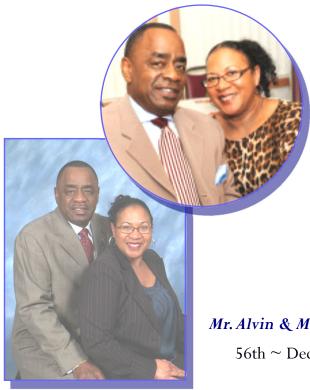


Thank you for all that you did to honor our Veterans last month. We appreciate you!

Deacons Albert & Dorothy Mungin, Jr. 56th ~ December 28, 1968



Mr. Herman and Mrs. Sharon Williams celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary on November 28th.





Deacons John & Emilee Capps 44th ~ December 22, 1980

Mr. Alvin & Mrs. Janet Whittaker

56th ~ December 31, 1968

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Deacons Wallace & Anne Johnson 65th ~ December 24, 1959

Mr.William & Dr. Karen Jackson

45th ~ December 31, 1979

Proud Grandparents Sam & Belinda Butler Bell ~ Clai Larry & Jeanne Farmer ~ Kendra



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AARP: HOW TO RECOGNIZE TRAVEL SCAMS

The growing population of older Americans is vulnerable to vacation scams because many love to travel. Scammers will play on emotions.

Last year more than 30,000 people reported being *cheated on vacation travel*, with a median loss of \$800, according to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), a consumer protection agency.

<u>"FREE" VACATIONS</u>- If you must pay some fees and taxes first, a legitimate company won't ask you to pay for a free prize.

ROBOCALLS ABOUT VACATION DEALS- Robocalls trying to sell you something are almost always illegal. Sites that claim to be able to help you get a passport, international travel visa, or other documents charge you high fees. Only trust the U.S. Department of State's website.

VACATION HOME AND RENTAL BOOKING SCAMS-These days, it's easy to connect directly with property owners who advertise their vacation homes online. But scammers are also trying to get your rental booking. For example, they hijack real rental listings and advertise them as their own, so when you show up for your vacation, you find out that other people are also booked for the same property. You have no place to stay, and your money is gone. Other scammers don't bother with real rentals — they make up listings for places that are not really for rent or don't exist.

3 WAYS TO AVOID TRAVEL SCAMS:

- 1. <u>Don't sign or pay until you know the terms of the deal.</u> Get a copy of the cancellation and refund policies before you pay.
- 2. <u>Do some research.</u> Look up travel companies, hotels, rentals, and agents with the words "scam," "review," or "complaint."
- 3. <u>Don't pay with wire transfers, gift cards, or cryptocurrency</u>. This is a sure sign of a scam. If there's a problem with what you paid for, you'll lose your money, and there's likely no way to track it or get it back.

If you think you may have been targeted by a travel scam, please report it to the Federal Trade Commission at **ReportFraud.ftc.gov** or your **State Attorney General's office.**

For more information about issues that affect seniors, and the community, listen to Seniors Matter! hosted by *Mrs. Brenda Charles-Edwards*, every Friday at 12:30 p.m. PST on www.rainieravenueradio.world, www.facebook.com/rainieravenueradio.world/videos; YouTube, and Rainier Avenue Radio app.

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THE CHRONICLE OF PHILANTHROPY

Sign In ROMANITA HAIRSTON, daughter of Deacon Carol Versey, was featured in The Chronicle of Philanthropy.

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Romanita Hairston (seated/center) NEW LEADERS

Kara Inae Carlisle, Toya Fick, Romanita Hairston: Gen X Women of Color Leading Foundations

Chief Executive Officer Romanita Hairston oversees all activities of the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust. An accomplished team builder, convener, and leader, Romanita draws on more than two decades of experience and service in her leadership and stewardship of the foundation's mission. This includes work in the nonprofit (World Vision), for profit (Microsoft), and philanthropic (Murdock Trust) sectors alongside a consistent commitment to board service (Candid, Global Partners, Women. India Urban Alliance, Urban Impact, Kids in Need, and Impact Latin America) born out of a desire to engage in her highest and best use. A graduate of the University of Washington, Romanita earned her MBA from Eastern University in Philadelphia. Congratulations, Romanita!

By Alex Daniels



A cospel azz setting of the canticle of Mary by Kent Stevenson Aunday, Dec. 8, 2024 - 4 PM Phinese Ridge Lutheran Church (Greenwood) 2000 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle 98103 Autory, Dec. 14, 2024 - 7 PM First Baptist Church (First Hill) 111 Harvard Ave, Seattle 98124 25 / door \$15 / Student Tor info: 20 57 9 57 57

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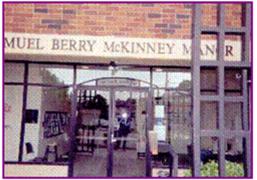
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