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EPHESIANS 4:3, NKJV

Keep the
UNITY OF
THE SPIRIT
in the **BOND**
OF PEACE.

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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THE GREAT COMMISSION



“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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Welcome to Mount Zion

PUBLICATIONS

THE MESSENGER, our Church bulletin, is distributed every Sunday. Announcements should be sent to Publications.

All announcements are due by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

THE ZIONEWS is distributed on the first Sunday of each month; it is also available on the website: www.mountzion.net.

The deadline for submitting articles is the

15TH OF EACH MONTH.

You August send articles and announcements via e-mail to ycarr@mountzionseattle.org. Mount Zion information receives priority and all other announcements and articles will be considered based on space availability and content.

The Zionews Coordinating Committee was organized in 1956 by Deacon Tom Brown under the pastorate of Reverend Gil B. Lloyd.

Charter members included Edith Smith, Bessie Lyles, and Alva Smith. F. J. Johnson, Jr. was the editor of the first edition published in 1957.

That same year, the Committee expanded to include Yvonne Beatty, Zelda Brown, Clara Coleman, Nora Hatter, Helen Hornbuckle, Willie Horton, Katherine Houston, Linzy Macklin, Marguerite Robinett, S.C. Valley and Barbara Washington.

The mimeographed, hand-stapled Zionews was distributed every Sunday after church services.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



Ms. Catherine Acox	Mr. Iray Frederick	Mr. Alain Patience Mizero
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Ms. Yvonne DeArmitt	Mr. Derrick and Mrs. Karen Jones	Mr. Steven Walcott
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Ms. Lori A. Emerson	Mr. Phillip Miller	Mr. Alvin Whittaker
Deacon John H. Ervin, Jr.	Deacons Albert and Dorothy Mungin	Mr. Herman and Mrs. Sharon Williams
Ms. Robin Finley		Dr. R. Y. Woodhouse

Praying for Healing and Recovery



Sister E. Carolynn Daye
October 12, 1943 - June 20, 2025
 A Memorial Service was held on July 18th

With Sympathy

Our condolences, love, prayers, and support are extended to the family and friends of
Mrs. Gloria A. Nelson (OH), grandmother of Jamekia Nelson
Mr. Andre L. Nellams (50), son of Robert Nellums and grandson of Constance Bown
Actor/Director Malcolm-Jamal Warner (54)
Mr. Michael-Jerome Torrey, son of Lisa Alexander and nephew of Deacon Carol Versey



OUR PRAYERS SHALL REAP A HARVEST

To our Members, Ministry Leaders, and Officers,

We extend to each of you and your family a standing invitation to be a part of our **Wednesday Night “Church Family PRAYER Connection”**, aka Prayer Service! This will include a period of focused prayers based on themes and companion scriptures each week.

The overarching monthly themes will appear in the Zionews, and weekly prayer focused themes will appear in the Messenger with an accompanying scripture.

We encourage our entire congregation to be a part of this “prayer sustaining” movement of our beloved church family. ***Praying together strengthens the bonds of our church family. As we do so, may we be filled with expectancy, trusting that God hears us, and will move in ways beyond what we can ask or imagine!***

If you are unable to join us in person, please consider dedicating a few minutes between 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. from wherever you are. Synch up with us, one in the spirit, during our hour of prayer service.

August Theme: “We are **ONE** in the Spirit”

Scripture: Ephesians 4: 4-6



*“There is one body and one spirit, just as you are called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; **one God and Father of all**, who is over all and through all and in all!”*

“Church Family PRAYER Connection” Service:

Wednesday nights in the Church Parlor from **6:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

Mount Zion, let’s seize the moment and keep the prayer momentum moving within our church body!

In His Name and for His Sake,

***Deacon Leslyn Jones-Petitt and Deaconess Doris Smith,
Diaconate Ministry***

VIRTUAL WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

7:00 p.m.

WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCH THEIR FLOCK

Focus question : *What does It Take to Be A Shepherd?*

Rev. Dr. Phyllis R. Beaumonte, Instructor

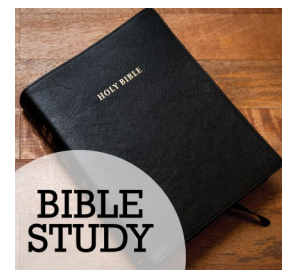
August 6, 2025: Greener Pasture, Jeremiah 3:15

August 13, 2025: Feed My Sheep, Jeremiah 50: 19

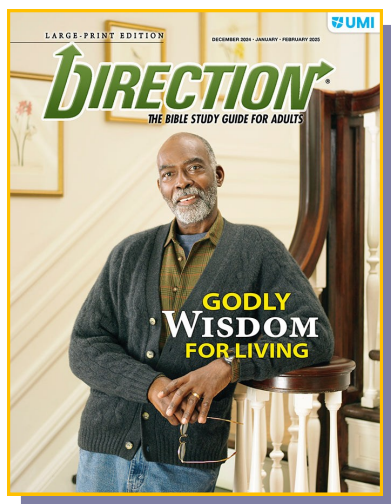
August 20, 2025: The Shepherd Healer, Proverbs 27: 23 and James 5: 14 - 16

August 27, 2025: Midwives and Nurses, Isaiah 40: 11

Rev. Dr. Julie L. Vaughn, Ministry of Christian Education



AUGUST 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®* encourages in-depth reading, studying, and application of the Bible.

August 3, 2025 ~ Joy in the Midst of Trials

1 Peter 4:12-19

Life tests us in many ways. How will we respond to the trials and sufferings that come our way? Peter believed that those who suffered as Christians should rejoice as they follow Christ, even as the apostles did when they were arrested for teaching people about Jesus. Joy is a Christian's response when they suffer for the sake of the Gospel.

August 10, 2025 ~ Assurance to Believe God's Love

1 John 4:13 - 5 and 5

Community is built on unity and mutuality. What holds the members of a community together? The writer of 1 John says believers are complete as a community when they abide in the assurance of God's love and the Spirit of God's love abides in them.

August 17, 2025 ~ We Need to Remain Steadfast in Faith

Jude 3:-4, 8, 10, 12 -13, and 16 -23

We need discernment for our lives, churches, and world. Jude warns believers. against those who deny that Jesus Christ is Lord and Master. We can remain steadfast in faith against those who preach immoral practices.

August 24, 2025 ~ Eternal Life Is the Alpha and Omega

Revelations 22: 12 -21

People recognize that all things have a beginning and an end. What is the source and final purpose of human life? The book of Revelations affirms that God, Alpha and Omega controls everything.



Dr. Georgia S. McDade, 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

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 (ON SUMMER BREAK)

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=SXhzZDBBRkdzWEJzWTZ0bDlczFtUT09>

Meeting ID: 865 4026 4986 Password: 311725#

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

Dr. Georgia McDade, Sunday School 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/MountZionAdultSundaySchoolRoom206

Dr. Virgie Harris-Haley, Instructor

UNITY SUNDAY ~ AUGUST 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#



IN-PERSON WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE

6:00 p.m. ~ Parlor

We are ONE in the Spirit ~ Ephesians 4: 4 - 6

Diaconate

VIRTUAL WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

7:00 p.m.

Community Stewardship: *What Does It Take to Be A Good Shepherd?*

Rev. Dr. Phyllis Beaumonte, Instructor

PRAYERLINE TELECONFERENCE SERVICE

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY at 7:00 a.m.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY at 7:30 p.m.

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

Sister Elma Horton, Coordinator 206.325.6941



AUGUST CHURCH CALENDAR

WEEKLY IN-PERSON

August 2025						
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

SUNDAY - SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 A.M., #205, 206, 208 & 212B
 SUNDAY - WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:00 A.M., SANCTUARY
 WEDNESDAY- PRAYER SERVICE: 6:00 P.M., PARLOR
 SATURDAY - TEAM ISSACHAR: 10:00 A.M., #117
 SATURDAY - CHOIR REHEARSAL: NOON, SANCTUARY
THE OFFICE IS CLOSED ON MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS
 OFFICE HOURS: 11:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

AUGUST IS NATIONAL...

BLACK BUSINESS MONTH, DIVERSITY MONTH, WELLNESS MONTH, AND FAMILY FUN MONTH

IN-PERSON MEETINGS AND EVENTS

AUGUST 3RD ~ HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M.
 AUGUST 5TH ~ *Vote!*
 AUGUST 9TH ~ YOUTH USHERS - 10:00 A.M., SANCTUARY
 AUGUST 9TH ~ *BOOTS ON THE GROUND* OUTDOOR COOKOUT - NOON
 AUGUST 10TH ~ SECOND SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 A.M.
 AUGUST 12TH ~ MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM - 11:00 A.M., #206
 AUGUST 15TH ~ GOD'S GROCERIES - NOON, NORTH PARKING LOT
 AUGUST 16TH ~ SERVICE FOR MICHAEL TORREY - TBD, SANCTUARY
 AUGUST 17TH ~ YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M.
 AUGUST 20TH ~ AARP - NOON, #208
 AUGUST 24TH ~ FOURTH SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 A.M.
 AUGUST 24TH ~ ARTS MINISTRY INTERVIEW SERIES, PART II - NOON, PARLOR
 AUGUST 31ST~ FIFTH SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 A.M.

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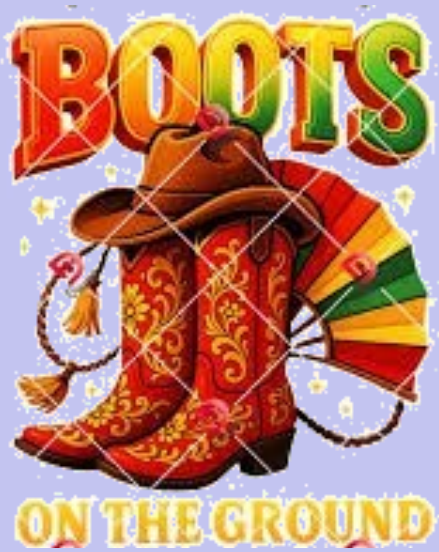
CALL 425.436.6306 CODE 147230#
 PRAYERLINE ~ MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:00 A.M.
 MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M.
 ELMA HORTON, COORDINATOR



<https://www.mountzion.net>

worship
 WITH US





AUGUST 9, 2025

NOON TO 3:00 P.M.



SAVE THE DATE! GET YOUR BOOTS, COWBOY HATS AND FANS!

We are asking the following ministries to provide items listed below:

Diaconate - Fruit/Veggie/Cold Cut Trays

Health - Bottled Water/Baked Beans

Music Ministry - Desserts

M & E/Senior Ministry – Cheese/Crackers/Veggie Trays

Trustee Ministry - Bread (Hamburger/Hotdog buns, Cornbread)

Brotherhood Ministry - Paper plates, cups, napkins, cutlery

Women's Ministry - Fruit/Salads

Ushers - Chips, Snacks and Dip

Youth - Games and Activities

George Thomas is donating Ice beverages

Health Ministry and Phillip Miller are coordinating sign-in, safety and first-aid.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WITH SET-UP & CLEAN UP!

KENNETH ARCHIE, COORDINATOR

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Congratulations to the following members selected to serve on the Pastoral Search Committee (PSC) during the Advisory Council/All-Church Meeting held on July 12, 2025:

Member-at-Large ~ Gloria Bennett, Chair
Brotherhood ~ Harry Bailey, Co-Chair
Music ~ Brenda Charles-Edwards, Sec.
Diaconate ~ Deacon Juanita Twiggs
Trustees ~ Collette Robinson
Women ~ Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn
Young Adults ~ Jeremiah Hobbs

During the July 20th worship service, a Litany of Dedication was led by Rev. Dr. Phyllis R. Beaumonte followed by a Prayer of Dedication for the PSC and congregation given by Rev. Dr. Patricia J. Hunter. We will continue to pray for the PSC and our Church Family during our **in-person Wednesday Prayer Service from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.**



OFFICE STAFF UPDATE



We are pleased to announce the hiring of **Catherine Hailey-Marshall** as our part-time Church Secretary. She will assume her duties on August 12th. More detailed information will be provided later this month.

Gratitude is extended to our dedicated office volunteers who have served faithfully to meet the many needs of this congregation and community. **THANK YOU, Emma Cotton** (9 years), **Deacon Darlene Hobbs** (8 years), **Catherine Acox** (2+years), and **Deborah Hilsman** (9 years as a substitute)!

Deacon Leslyn Jones-Petitt, HR Chair and Chelsea Riddick Most, Trustee Chair

GOD'S GROCERIES

God's Groceries are distributed from **Noon to 2:00 p.m. every THIRD FRIDAY.**

Join us on August 15th in the North parking lot for **FREE** food.

Contact Phillip Miller, Coordinator, for more information.



SUMMER BREAK

CHILDREN'S CHURCH will be closed during the month of August and re-open on September 7th. We invite parents who are able to volunteer and assist this ministry to do so.

Deborah Hilsman, Gwen Howard and Daphne Piggee, Coordinators

The **AB GIRLS** will not meet this month. Our next meeting will be held on September 21st.

Deacon C. Maxine Jenkins, Yvonne Chandler and Jamekia Nelson, Advisors

The **GREETING MINISTRY** will not be on duty this month. We will be back to welcome you in September.

Yvonne DeArmitt, Chairperson

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR STORIES:

Part II of A Series of INTERVIEWS

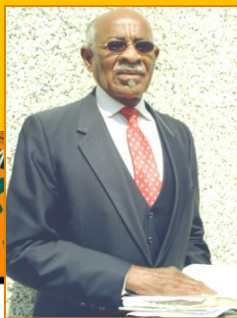
Join the **ARTS MINISTRY** for the Second Informal gathering after the worship service on August 24th. Building on the **SUCCESS** of the first event, we will meet in the Parlor and learn about three more Beloved, Esteemed and Treasured Members here at Mount Zion....*their life stories and early Mount Zion memories.*

*Debra Harris-Branham, Malver B. Haynes and
Patricia Bruce Sullivan, Co-Chairs.*



Evelyn M. Peterson

MZBC/RHF: 1980



Iray Frederick

2008



Olive J. Hunter

1948!



Dear Mount Zion Church Family and Scholarship Ministry,
Thank you s-o-o much for your love, support and prayers
through my College Journey. You're the best!

I earned a Master of Science degree in Nursing from Johns
Hopkins University and will continue my studies and practice
as an RN in Washington, DC. I have come this far by Faith.

*Love,
Lyric Harris, Class of 2025*
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*Sincere appreciation is extended to the volunteers who assisted  
with the folding and inserting of handouts for The Messenger.  
Bless you, \*Catherine Acox (typist), Gayle Carlisle, Brenda  
Charles-Edwards, Emma Cotton, Deacon Joel Hobbs, Rev.  
Archie Pinkney, Rhonda Staton, Berhanu Wells, \*Faye  
Williams, and the Usher Ministry! Kudos to Phillip Miller,  
George Thomas and our Security Team.*

### LOOKING FOR AV & IT VOLUNTEERS



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in  
volunteering in AV or IT,  
please sign up

[care@mountzion.net](mailto:care@mountzion.net)

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Scholarship Ministry announced our scholarship recipients last month and awarded a total of \$23,500.00. Jeremiah Hobbs, Chair, introduced the recipients and Colleen Robinson Walls presented the awards.

All of the recipients met required g.p.a.'s and demonstrated outstanding volunteer community service.

**Samira Shirazy**, a former recipient who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Centered Design and Engineering from the University of Washington Seattle campus in June, shared information about her educational journey and offered words of encouragement to the students.



Pictured l to r: Jeremiah Hobbs (podium), Clifton Marshall, Nahjé Daniel, Fitzgerald Beaver, LaDrina Davis, Angela Burgess, Marion Cooke and Jamekia Nelson.

Photo by M. Salamah O'Brien

*Congratulations to all of the proud family members who provided support for our recipients.  
We pray for their continued success as they pursue their educational goals.*

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

**Angela Burgess** – North Seattle College where she is pursuing an Associate of Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Education.

**Marian Cooke** – Sophomore at the Fort Valley State University in Georgia where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

**LaDrina Davis** – Green River College pursuing the Associate of Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Education.

**Nahje Daniel** – Senior at Arizona State University where he is majoring in Business Administration with a focus on Sports Management.

**Fitzgerald Beaver** – Junior year at Morehouse College in Atlanta where he is majoring in Business Administration with a Marketing and Fashion concentration.

### GRADUATE STUDENTS

**Clifton Marshall** – Received a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health from the University of Washington Seattle campus in June. He is enrolled in the Medical Assistant Certificate Program at Seattle Central College.

**Jamekia Nelson** – Received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Southern New Hampshire University. She is studying for a Master of Science degree in Information Technology from Northwest University in Kirkland.

***A Special THANKS to Catherine Marshall and all who assisted with the reception in the Parlor!***



### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

**Jeremiah C. Hobbs, Chairperson,  
Phyllis M. Byrdwell, Deacon Dorothy L.  
Mungin, Josephine S. Stokes and  
Colleen Robinson Walls.**

**Anise J. Marshall, M.D.**



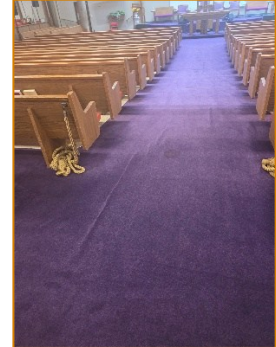
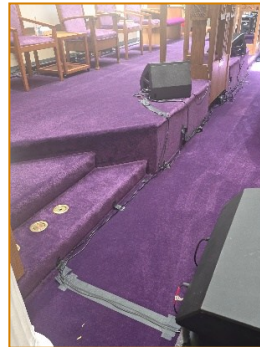
## Trustee Corner

### WE AINT' TRIPPIN'!!!

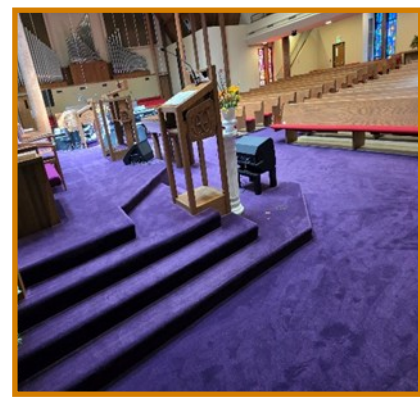
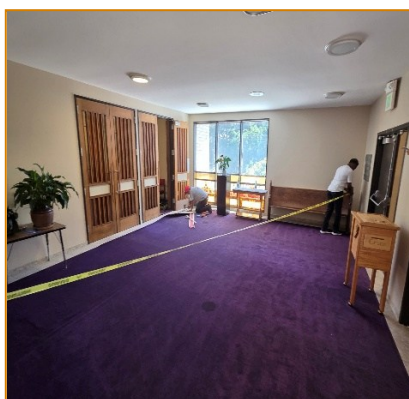
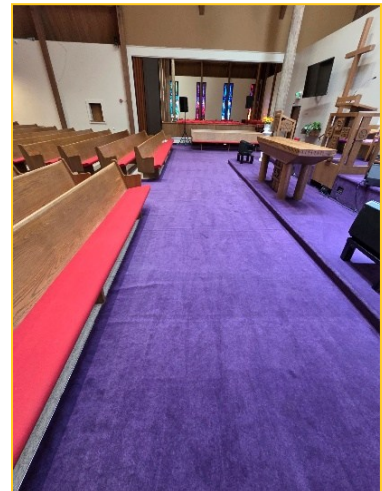
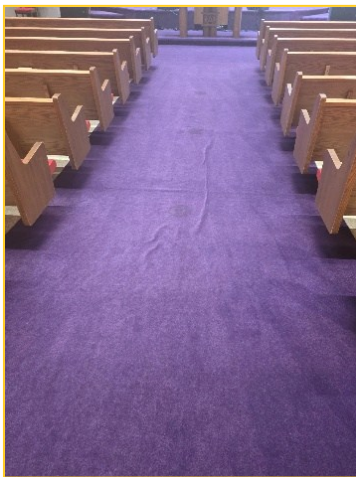
The next time you enter our beautiful sanctuary, take a moment to look down—you'll notice something different---No more buckling, ripples, or tripping hazards in the carpet. That's right—it's been smoothed out and made safe for all.

So come on in and ***Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving...*** because ***"We Ain't Trippin'!"***

#### BEFORE:



#### AFTER:



## Trustee Corner

### **“ON THE ROAD AGAIN”**

The church van has been fully repaired and is now ready for use. For availability and usage requirements, please contact Security or the Church Office.

### **ATRIUM**

As the Church Atrium is undergoing renovation, we're excited in unveiling a refreshed **"Jesus in the Garden"** display in the coming weeks—stay tuned and thank you for your patience!

*Catherine Hailey Marshall, Trustee Co-Secretary*

### **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](http://www.mountzion.net)**. Click **GIVE** and follow the instructions.
- (6) OR **QR CODE**.



### **ELEVATOR STATUS UPDATE**

To our Mount Zion Congregation:

We want to thank you for your continued patience regarding the elevator repair. While the elevator has been out of service for an extended period, we were originally told it would be operational by July 18th.

The company we've worked with since the elevator was installed in 2013 has recently experienced staffing shortages and turnover, which has unfortunately impacted progress.

Please know this remains a top priority, and we are actively working toward a resolution. We will continue to keep you updated as we receive new information.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding.

*The Trustee Board*

*Chelsea Riddick Most, Chairperson*

### **CHARITY MINISTRY**

Please remember the many who are experiencing financial difficulties. Write **CHARITY** next to the "Other" line of your giving envelope so we can 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 Chairperson*

# MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

is asking ALL ministries and members  
to



Donate a  
**Backpack**  
w/Supplies



this month for 1st to 5th grade students at  
Leschi and Bailey Gatzert Elementary Schools

Your support is welcomed and appreciated. Please donate the following items by **SUNDAY, AUGUST 24th**:

1. **BACKPACKS - SOLIDS OR PATTERNS AND**
2. Wide-ruled lined paper
3. Wide-ruled lined Composition Notebooks
5. #2 Pencils and Erasers
6. Highlighters and Markers
7. Pens/Colored Pencils
8. Rulers
9. Socks/Gloves

*[Electronic devices: computers, tablets, iPads, etc. would be an exceptional blessing!]*

*\*We can also use monetary donations and gift cards to purchase other items.*

**Please designate M & E Backpacks on your giving envelope/check.**

***For more information, contact Mattie Taplin, Chairperson***

Thanking you in advance for helping children to thrive and achieve their educational goals for the upcoming school year.

## MOHAI MANDELA EXPOSITION



**Nkosi Zwelivelile Mandela,**  
**Co-Executive Producer**

This exhibition explores the life of the world's most famous freedom fighter and political leader. His epic journey is told in a series of experiential galleries, from his rural childhood home through years of turbulent struggle against the apartheid regime, to his eventual vindication and final years as South Africa's first democratically elected president.

In this exhibition, MOHAI also highlights Mandela's 1999 visit to Seattle and presents a look at Seattle's role in the anti-apartheid movement, including the work of the Seattle Coalition Against Apartheid..

**Mandela recognized Seattle as one of the first U.S. cities to boycott South African goods.**

An immersive and interactive experience, the exhibition features previously unseen films, photos, and the display of historical artifacts and personal effects on loan from the Mandela family, museums, and archives world-wide. This unprecedented exhibition offers



fresh insights into the people, places, and events that formed Nelson Mandela's character and the challenges he faced.

*Mandela: The Official Exhibition* was produced by Round Room Live in partnership with The Royal House of Mandela (RHoM) and RHoM Investments.

**AUGUST 12, 2025 7:00 PM -The AFRICAN AMERICAN WRITERS' ALLIANCE (AAWA)**

presents an evening of poetry and prose honoring Nelson Mandela's legacy, where art meets activism in a powerful dialogue of remembrance. Through verse and narrative, we'll trace how words fueled the anti-apartheid movement—as protest, prayer, and proof of our shared humanity, inviting reflection on how these enduring stories continue to shape our pursuit of justice today.

### MOHAI

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Performers include: Jacqueline Ware (top left); Miz Floes; Noni Ervin;  
**Dr. Georgia McDade** (bottom left); Santiago Vega; La Toya A. Hampton.

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Celebrating in Seattle-Town Hall Seattle

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**AARP's national SS expert Jammie Lyell will be there. For more information, contact Brenda Charles-Edwards, [blackorchidenterprises@gmail.com](mailto:blackorchidenterprises@gmail.com), 206.683.2636**



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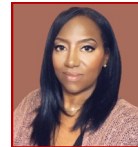
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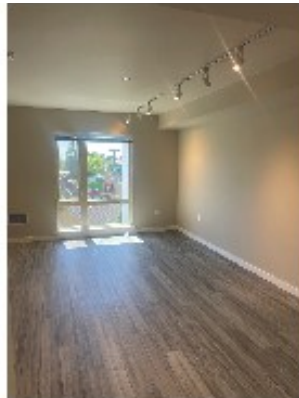
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