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**Sunday, May 4, 2025 | Holy Communion | 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Eastertide**



**The Rt. Rev. Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr.**  
Presiding Bishop, First Episcopal District

**Rev. Dr. C. Carlton Woodward**  
Presiding Elder, Newark District

**Rev. Melvin E. Wilson**  
Pastor/Teacher

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Rev. Dr. Donna Ho-Shing, Itinerant Elder

Rev. Tamoya Buckley-David, Itinerant Elder

Rev. Dr. Crystal Newby-Reynolds, Itinerant Elder | Minister of Liturgical Arts & Youth

Rev. Leslie Wilson, Minister to Women

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**For Tech/IT Support Before or During Worship, Dial (973) 678-1217, Press Option 8.**

**We can park at 280 S. Harrison Street from 8:30 am – 11:30 am.**

The Nursery for parents and children is located at the rear of the sanctuary. Also, there is a Sensory Room (with a monitor to see worship) for parents and children on the autism spectrum or with special needs. See the Greeters' Ministry located at the front table.

**Members of Class #11 Should Be Sitting Together Today**

### **The Order of Worship at 9:00 am**

**In-person worshipers may wear masks. Please be kind to those who choose to do so.**

The Worship Leader – Rev. Melvin E. Wilson, Pastor/Teacher

\*The Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

\*The Call to Worship Rev. Eyesha Marable

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!" (Psalm 122:1)

People: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. (Psalm 84:10)

Leader: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good. (Psalm 122:9)

People: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God. (Psalm 92:13)

Leader: Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. Lord, I have loved thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwells. (Psalm 26:8)

People: For the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him. (Habakkuk 2:20)

Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

People: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises. (Psalm 98:1, 4)

\*The Hymn of Praise

AMEH #461

"Love Lifted Me"

(Worshipers May Enter)

1 I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore, Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more; But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry, From the waters lifted me, now safe am I. [Refrain]

Refrain: Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.  
Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

2 All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling, In his blessed presence live, ever his praises sing. Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs; Faithful loving service, too, to Him belongs. [Refrain]

3 Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves; He will lift you by His love out of the angry waves; He's the master of the sea, billows His will obey; He your Savior wants to be, be saved today. [Refrain]

The Worship Through Prayer

Rev. Tamoya Buckley-David

(No Walking, Entry, or Exit At This Time)

### **The General Confession (In Unison)**

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against Your divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Let us sing together:** Amen.

### **THE FIRST COLLECT**

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn to you, have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Let us sing together:** Amen.

### **THE SECOND COLLECT**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Let us sing together:** Amen.

The Worship Through Music

Harmony Choir

(Worshippers May Enter)

### **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we shall at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your Holy Name,

evermore praising you and saying (together): **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord, most high. Amen.**

### THE PRAYER OF HUMILIATION

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood that our sinful souls and bodies may be made clean by his death and washed through his blood, and that we may ever more dwell in him and he in us. **Let us sing together: Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.**

The Welcome of Visitors

"13 Air Hugs"

Sis. Veronica Morton

"We're so glad you came to worship, we're "God's Love for God's people;" we welcome you with open arms with love that won't go away. Welcome, oh welcome; welcome, oh welcome; welcome, oh welcome, to St. Matthew, to St. Matthew!"

### First-Time Visitors: WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW!

Please take a picture of this QR Code and complete the First-Time Visitors Information Form. Thank you. We are honored that you have joined us today. If you have a church home, return our greetings to your Pastor. If not, please consider St. Matthew as **"the end of your search for a loving church."**



The Pastor's Words

Rev. Melvin E. Wilson, Pastor/Teacher

- May birthdays & anniversaries

### The Worship Through Giving

You can give all tithes and offerings in all categories by text at (973) 272-4332, CashApp (\$StMthew), Zelle (973-280-7654), Givelify (Use QR Code), mail, or at [www.stmatthewame.org](http://www.stmatthewame.org).

**Remember gifts to the Restoration Fund & today's Special Offering.** Please pick up your Holy Communion when you bring your offering.



The Worship Through Scripture John 21:15-19 NRSV Rev. Dr. Crystal Newby-Reynolds  
**(Please Read In Unison - No Walking, Entry, or Exit At This Time)**

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go

wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go."  
19 (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

**Leader: This is God's Word for God's people. It is already blessed. Amen.**

The Sermonic Selection

Harmony Choir

**(Worshippers May Enter)**

The Preached Word

Rev. Dr. Jerome Stenbridge, Pastor  
St. Paul AME Church, East Orange, NJ

**Subject: "Love It or List It"**

\*The Invitation to Salvation|Church Membership|Recommitment/Rededication

If you want to be Saved, join St. Matthew, St. Paul, Mt. Zion, or Recommit to Christ, you can identify yourself now or text the word JESUS to (973) 840-8874

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**\*The Elements Shared**

**The Lord's Prayer**

\*The Doxology & Benediction

Rev. Dr. Jerome Stenbridge

**\*Means Please Stand If You Are Able**

**The 2026 Annual Conference Prayer**

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Rev. Marian Sykes Johnson is the Prayer Minister today. If you desire personal prayer, please meet her in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor chapel after worship or call (973) 583-6263  
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**PLEASE DO NOT EAT FOOD OR DRINK COFFEE, SODA, OR JUICE IN THE SANCTUARY!!**

**If you need to eat, drink, or feed your children, please do so outside of the sanctuary. This is sacred space and a sacred place. Thank you.**

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As discussed in our last Church Conference, each member is asked to donate \$25 per week to The Restoration Fund as we prepare to host the 154<sup>th</sup> Session of the New Jersey Annual Conference in 2026. These funds will help us with renovations, repairs, installations, and upgrades. Thank you.



**EXPERIENCE the POWER of PRAYER!**

**Resources for Your Spirit and Soul**

**Sis. Karen Deas, President, Prayer Ministry**

**Rev. Dr. Donna Ho-Shing, Spiritual Advisor**

**Rev. Melvin E Wilson, Pastor/Teacher**

**Daily Prayer Line – Call In at (206) 806-9984**

Join us at 6 AM and 9:30 PM Sunday through Saturday- 7 Days a week. Our prayer call line is open to everyone. Invite your friends, family members, and colleagues from anywhere in the United States or internationally. All are welcome!

**Altar Prayer @ St. Matthew AME Church, 336 Oakwood Ave, Orange, NJ 07050**

The Sanctuary and 2nd floor Chapel are open for prayer, Monday through Friday when the church office is open.

**The St. Matthew Prayer Wall - <https://bit.ly/3b4V4U5>**

Request Prayer for an individual by placing their name on the Prayer Wall. Our Prayer Ministry partners pray over these requests daily. The wall is open to the public.

**Request Individual Prayer**

- **Dial** the Church office - (973) 678-1217; choose option 7 to leave a confidential prayer request.
- **Easy Tithe** - Click on the Request Prayer button and leave a confidential message.
- **Church Website** - <https://www.stmatthewame.org/> - Click on the Request Prayer button and leave a confidential message.

A prayer partner will return your call or email when you leave your contact information and pray with you directly regarding your confidential request. If no contact information is left, the prayer partner will pray as you requested.

**Monthly Congregational Prayer Service**

Prayer service is held every month on the **4th Monday** at 6:30 PM on the general Zoom connection and in the sanctuary quarterly. Streaming is available on our website, FaceBook, and YouTube every month.

**Want to grow in prayer?**

We encourage everyone to participate in all prayer opportunities. You are invited to pray on the prayer call and the congregational Prayer services. Let anyone from the Prayer Ministry know that you are interested or call the church office, choose option 7, and leave a message. Additionally, our Ministry is open to all St. Matthew members. Join our ministry, learn about prayer and intercession, and become a prayer partner. All are welcome!

**Do you have the St. Matthew Daily Devotional App? Download "The Word for You Today" app from the Apple App Store or Google Play. After you have downloaded the app, click here to register:**

**<https://app.wordforyou.com/churches/access-code/MVP/register>.**

**You can also share this link with anyone and the link is available on our website.**

The Sanctuary & 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Chapel are open for Prayer whenever the church is open. The Chapel is open on Sundays from 8:15 am – 8:45 am and after 9 am worship for prayer.

## May Is Mental Health & Lupus Awareness Month

**May Birthdays** – 5/2: Joseph Allen, Peggy Miller, Joenika Ponder 5/3: Robyn E. Williams 5/4: Stephen Jennings, Mumtaz Bari Brown, Aoki Mae 5/5: Cathy Ingram, Grayson Mae, Gabrielle Pearson, Rev. Leslie Wilson, Toni Tonge 5/6: Andrea Boseman 5/7: Thaddeus Hammond 5/8: Shuwanna Sapp-Greene 5/9: Lisa Newby 5/10: Clarissa Newby-Phillips 5/11: Calvin Ficklin 5/14: Terrance Mainor, Zabrina Johnson 5/15: Lorelei Harrison-Cromer, Donna Hunter, Melissa Young 5/16: Gale Hunter, Laura Jessie 5/17: Chris Rodrigues-Moore 5/19: Jonathan Ridley, Caden Taylor 5/20: Iyana Williams 5/22: Miriam "Mippi" Clark, Rayann McCallum-Brown 5/25: Rellinda Barnes 5/26: Jeremiah Johnson 5/28: Howard Myricks 5/31: Carlene Veronica Devaux

**May Anniversaries** – 5/14: Calvin & Geri Ficklin - 47 years; 5/16: Eldred & Barbara Bennett – 33 years; 5/20: Lawrence Gamble & Sharon Simpkins – 25 years; 5/22: Fred & Beth Ludd – 43 years; 5/23: Joseph & Robyn Sorbino – 27 years; 5/26: Anthony & Zina Williams – 11=2 years; 5/28: Roland & Genay Tucker – 9 years

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**Bulletin Announcements Due Into The Office By Wednesday**

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW A.M.E. CHURCH

Church office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 am – 4 pm. Friday, 9 am – 12 Noon.

Today – Church School classes for all ages convene after worship.

**Monday 5/5**– Food pantry at 11 am. Last week: 92 people were served, and 2,488 pounds of food given away. YTD: 1,551 people served; 47,896 pounds of food given. Rev. Leslie's birthday. Development Team at Kean University at 2 pm. Mental Health Support Group at 6:30 pm. Dance Ministry 6:45 pm.

**Tuesday 5/6** –Bible Study on the church Zoom at 6:30 pm.

**Wednesday 5/7** – Angel Choir at 5:30 pm. Youth Choir at 6 pm. Health & Wellness Ministry Vision Health Workshop at 6:30 pm. Spiritual Movement Exercise at 7 pm.

**Thursday 5/8** –Spiritual Movement Exercise at 7 pm.

**Friday 5/9** – Viewing (10 am) & Homegoing (11 am) for Sis. Ann Hill. Repast following interment.

**Saturday 5/10** – Men's Bible Study & Dance Ministry at 8 am. Women's Bible Study at 9 am. Missionary meeting (Gift Box preparation) at 10:30 am.

**Sunday 5/11**– **Mother's Day**. Divine Worship & Youth Sunday at 9 am. Sons of Allen Annual Mother's Day gift distribution. Church School at 11 am.





# MONTHLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

## General Zoom Information

Zoom Meeting ID 9736781217  
Password- 6781293

## Pastor's Bible Study

Every Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Zoom Meeting ID 9736781217  
Password- 6781293

## Men's Bible Study

Every Saturday at 8 am for adult and young men

Zoom Meeting ID: 875 0243 0162  
Passcode - 497743

## Women's Bible Study

Every second Saturday at 9 am

Zoom Meeting ID: 786 035 380  
Passcode - 6781293

Phone Dial-In Number: (929) 205-6099, Meeting ID 786 035 380

## Nutrition Class

Every third Saturday at 10 am

Zoom Meeting ID: 866 862 387  
Passcode - 6781293

Phone Dial-In Number: (929) 205-6099, Meeting ID 866 862 387

## Exercise and Spiritual Movement Class

Thursday at 7 pm.

Zoom Meeting ID: 860 4686 5587  
Passcode - 6781293

Video class. No dial-in option.

## ASK Women's Ministry

Every fourth Saturday at 9 am

Zoom Meeting ID: 716 275 876  
Passcode - 6781293  
(929) 205-6099, Meeting ID 716275876

If you are not on the church's email list or text messaging list, please forward your name, cell number, and email address to Pastor Wilson at [sstukes@stmatthewame.org](mailto:sstukes@stmatthewame.org). You are also invited to join the church's WhatsApp group

## LOOK AHEAD 2, 3, 4, WEEKS SCHEDULE



- Weds. 5/13** – Lay Organization at 7:45 pm.
- Sat. 5/17** – Nutrition Class at 10 am. Memorial Service for Bro. David Fong, partner of Sis. Valerie Tummings at 11 am.
- Sun. 5/18** – Eyeglass collection ends. Rutgers Vision Exam Team here (appointments only, capacity reached).
- Mon. 5/19** – Monthly Congregational Prayer Meeting online at 6:30 pm **(Note date change)**
- Tues. 5/20** – **Last day to register to vote in June primary.**
- Weds. 5/21** – Wednesday in the Word Bible Study at 12 pm. Generation One Senior Ministry at 1:15 pm. Attorney Crystal West Edwards will do a presentation on Elder law.
- Sat. 5/24** – ASK Women in the Bible Monthly Study at 9 am. Hearing & Speech Awareness event at 2 pm.
- Mon. 5/26** – **Memorial Day.** Church closed.
- Thurs. 5/29** – **Ascension Day.** Memorial Service for Sis. Christy Davis Jackson, Esq at 6 pm.
- Sat. 5/31** – Membership Boot Camp Class from 9 am – 4 pm. All new members are asked to attend. Class #28 & #33 meeting at 10:30 am.
- Mon. 6/2** – Mental Health Support at 6:30 pm
- Tues. 6/3** – **Early gubernatorial primary voting begins through June 8.**
- Sat. 6/7** – All officers, members, and leaders are asked to travel with Pastor Wilson to Bethel AME Church, Asbury Park, NJ for a Leadership Training Workshop. The bus will leave here at 8:30 am. Please call the office to put your name on the list.
- Sun. 6/8** – **Pentecost Sunday.** Divine Worship & Youth and Graduate Recognition Sunday at 9 am.
- Tues. 6/10** - NJ gubernatorial primary.



| Member                     | Class Number | Class Leader                 |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| Bro. Herman Williams       | 4            | Bro. Durwin Coppock          |
| Sis. Andrea Williams       | 4            | Bro. Durwin Coppock          |
| Bro. Thomas Thornton       | 4            | Bro. Durwin Coppock          |
| Rev. Dr. Shirley Roberts   | 5            | Sis. Karen Taylor            |
| Sis. Carol Goodson         | 8            | Bro. Jonathan Ridley         |
| Sis. Carol Wright          | 8            | Bro. Jonathan Ridley         |
| Sis. Laura Taylor          | 9            | Sis. Veronica Morton         |
| Sis. Dorothy Dix           | 10           | Sis. Sherrill Austin         |
| Bro. Chris Thorne          | 11           | Bro. Terry Spicer            |
| Bro. Euistace Pryor        | 15           | Sis. Verna Leath-Young       |
| Sis. Sylvia Hunter         | 16           | Sis. Kathleen Turpin-Merritt |
| Sis. Karen Newkirk         | 19           | Sis. Tamika Robinson         |
| Evang. Eva Douglas         | 20           | Sis. Marcie Johnson          |
| Sis. Tracee Baker          | 23           | Sis. Infalease Murray        |
| Sis. Mary Gibson           | 24           | Sis. Veronica Deveaux        |
| Sis. Laurie Crowley-Martin | 25           | Sis. Robyn Sorbino           |
| Sis. Norma Davis           | 33           | Sis. Mattie Crowley          |
| Sis. Joyce Wooden          | 33           | Sis. Mattie Crowley          |
| Sis. Roxanne Blair         | 35           | Sis. Valerie Tummings        |
| Sis. Veatrice Long         | 35           | Sis. Valerie Tummings        |

### Our Prayer List

Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr & Supervisor Phyllis Green, Rev Dr C Carlton & Rev Blanche Woodward, Rev Melvin E Wilson & Family, Sis Linda Callahan, All Persons on Sick & Shut-In List, All Bereaved Families, All Elected Officials, All Persons & Situations on Our Prayer Wall, The Unjustly Imprisoned, Domestic Violence Survivors, Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors, Cancer Patients & Survivors, All Pastors & Churches of the First Episcopal District AME Church, Churches & Houses of Faith of All Denominations, All Veterans, Gov Phil & Tammy Murphy, All Persons Serving in Public Office, Rev Dr Ronald Slaughter & his Episcopal Campaign, Sis Karen Newkirk, Sis Tracee Baker, Sis Amelia Robinson, Sis Dorothy Dix, Bro Anthony Williams, Sis Karen Gibson, Sis Emma Rhymes, Sis Katrice Mitchell-Tanlire, Sis Eve Newton, Sis Pamela Brooks, Sis Alexandra Scott, Sis Mary Gibson, Sis Andrea Carmichael, Sis Mary Green, Sis Thresa Davenport, Sis Cathleen Robinson, Sis Christine Laureore, Sis Theresa Pryor, Rev Dr Donna Ho-Shing, Sis Deborah Odom, Rev Dr Shirley Roberts, Sis Cheryl Gordor, Sis Tamika Robinson, Bro Christopher Glenn, Bro Antone Stevens, Sis Shana Richardson, Sis Carol Wright, Sis Alzada Gatling, Sis Laura Taylor, Bro Durwin Coppock, Bro Ronald Royal, Sis Lucille Jeffers, Bro Stanley V Wade, Sis Dorothy Arsenec, Sis Lydia Pullum, Bro Darren Johnson, Sis Trisha Ware, Bro Donald Hagans, Sis Kimberly Mangum-Ross

**Recently Bereaved Families:** Sis Valcy Brown & Family, Sis Infalease Murray & Family, Sis Valerie Tummings & Family, Bro Robert & Rev Vanessa Perry & Family, The Family of Rev George Ann Alston & Mt Pisgah AME Church, Bro Antone & Sis Claire Stevens & Family, Sis Carol Johnson, Sisters Dorothy, Timia, Dalya Wilson & Family, The Family of Sis Ann Hill

**Want to know more about the ministry of St. Matthew? Scan this QR code.**



### The Power of Rest: Prioritizing Sleep for Health and Well-Being

As we recognize National Sleep Week, let us reflect on the gift of rest that God has given us. Adequate sleep is essential for our physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. Without sufficient rest, our bodies may struggle to fight off illness, our minds can become foggy, and emotions may feel overwhelming. Chronic sleep deprivation has been linked to heart disease, high blood pressure, and weakened immune function, as well as anxiety and depression. Just as Jesus took time to rest, we too are called to care for ourselves by embracing healthy sleep habits. By honoring this need for rest, we can better serve our families, communities, and the Lord with renewed energy and clarity. Let us strive to make restful sleep a priority in our lives.

*From the St. Matthew Health & Wellness Ministry*

**SAINT MATTHEW AME CHURCH  
HEALTH & WELLNESS MINISTRY**

**USED EYEGLASSES DRIVE**

**APRIL 6TH - MAY 18TH**

**All eyeglasses accepted in any condition**

- CHILDREN'S & ADULTS
- PRESCRIPTION/NON-PRESCRIPTION
- CLEAR OR COATED LENSES
- READERS

**\*NO CONTACT LENSES PLEASE\***

All eyewear will be cleaned and tested for redistribution to those in need, or recycled if damaged beyond repair, through the New Jersey Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center.

**Medical Debt Outreach Balance - \$ 13,185 88% of our \$15,000 goal.**

St. Matthew is doing its part to eliminate medical debt for the community.

**MEDICAL DEBT ELIMINATION FUND**

We are saving towards the next \$15,000 Donation. Each member is asked to give \$5- \$10 weekly towards our medical elimination fund.

**GOAL: \$15,000**

88% \$13,185

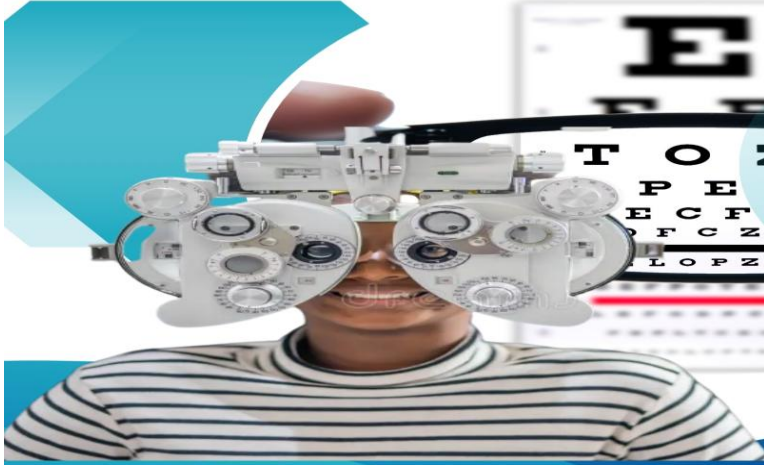
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HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY PRESENTS

# Vision Health Workshop

Join us for an eye opening session where you'll:



✓ Discover the link between vision health and child behavior.

✓ Understand key principles of eye health

✓ Learn simple strategies for protecting your eyes daily



Meeting ID: 918 9665 6929  
Passcode: 6781293

Presenter  
**Dr. Stephanie R. Johnson-Brown**  
Optometrist, Co-Owner of Plano  
Optometrics. LTD Chicago, IL



Date/Time  
**Wed. May 7th**  
6:30pm (EST)



## Mother's Day

### Boxes of Blessings

A Ministry Project of the Angenetta S. Jackson Women's Missionary Society

*Help Us To Bless Mothers in the Community  
Who Need to Be Remembered on Mother's Day!*

Please prepare as many shoebox size gift boxes as you are led to prepare. Fill the boxes with gift cards, lotions, perfumes, toiletry items, etc., then wrap the box. Include a personal note from you. Drop the boxes off at St. Matthew AME Church now through May 10. We will deliver the boxes on Saturday, May 10th to sheltered, unsheltered, DV, and single mothers.

For more information, contact Sis. Lisa Miller at (201) 932-6329

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Rev. Leslie Wilson, First Lady/Missionary Advisor  
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# MEMBERSHIP CLASS

## *Boot Camp*



**SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025**

**Class 9 AM - 4 PM**

The Membership Class is transitioning to one full-day format on one Saturday each month in person at the church from 9 am - 4 pm. Lunch will be served. All books and reading materials will be provided.



### Subject

All subjects covered: The History of the AME Church, The Structure & Organization of the AME Church, The Doctrine of the AME Church, and The History and Ministries of St. Matthew AME Church.



### Participants

Open to new members, current members, and persons interested in membership and seeking membership. Classes will be team-taught by the Pastor and members of the Membership Ministry.

**REGISTER NOW**



Register at: <https://bit.ly/StMattmembcamp>  
336 Oakwood Ave., Orange, NJ  
For Information Call (973) 678-1217



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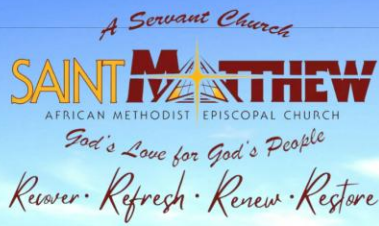
## *How Do I Find the Right Therapist for Me?*

Is it the Right Time? What Questions Should I Ask?  
What Should I Expect? What if I Don't Like My Therapist?

**Date: June 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM**

*Presented By: Sharon Boyd-Jackson, Ph.D.*

**Zoom Information: 918 9665 6929;  
Passcode: 6781293**



TRAVEL WITH US TO  
**PHILADELPHIA**  
**Saturday, June 14, 2025**

Bus leaves from St. Matthew AME Church Orange, NJ 07050 8AM

Stops Include

Historic St. George's United Methodist Church  
Mother Bethel A.M.E. Church  
First District Headquarters  
Pennsylvania, Pa

Open to All Former Membership Class Graduates and All Members  
First Come First Served

**Donation: \$35 per person**

Includes: Transportation, Tours of Both Churches, Continental Breakfast and Gratuities  
Stopping to eat on the way home | Each person is responsible for their own lunch

**Full Payment Due By May 31, 2025**

To Reserve a Seat Register @ [bit.ly/travelsmc](https://bit.ly/travelsmc)  
Payment by cash, check to St. Matthew AME or Givelify

For Additional Questions Contact Sis. Shelley Harris (973) 454-0534

Website: [www.stmatthewame.org](http://www.stmatthewame.org)

Rev. Melvin E. Wilson  
Pastor/Teacher





# Come Travel With Us to... Maryland

## The Chesapeake State

**Saturday, August 9 - Sunday, August 10, 2025**  
Departure 6 AM



### Visit & Stay at Baltimore's Inner Harbor

Overnight Hotel Accommodations at  
Homewood Suites by Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor  
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- Snow Crab & Seafood Feast
- Snow Crab Legs (2 hours)
- Steamed Hard Shell Crabs
- Steamed & Fried Shrimp
- Seafood Buffet



DJ  
Music  
Dancing

### Worship on Sunday, August 10 @ 11 am

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church  
Rev. Martin Odom, Pastor  
Son of St. Matthew A.M.E. Church



### Prices (All Inclusive of Hotel, Bus, Crab Feast, and Gratuities)

- 1 Person King Room (1 bed) - \$525
- 2 People King Room (1 bed) - \$440 per person
- 2 People Double Room (2 beds) - \$445 per person
- 3 people Double Room (2 beds) - \$415 per person
- 4 people Double Room (2 beds) - \$400 per person

### Payment Schedule

- \$50 nonrefundable deposit due April 1, 2025
- \$100 second payment due May 1, 2025
- \$100 third payment due June 1, 2025
- Full balance due July 1, 2025

Updated Stop

To Register Scan QR Code or Go To: <https://bit.ly/StMattCrabFest>



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