



Scriptural Foundation For St. Matthew's Ministry

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received **to serve others**, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." – 1 Peter 4:10 NIV

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Sunday, May 31, 2026 | 1st Sunday After Pentecost



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

Rev. Dr. Jo-An Owings
Presiding Elder, Newark District

Rev. Melvin E. Wilson
Pastor/Teacher

Ministerial Staff

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

Rev. Leslie Wilson, Minister to Women

Rev. Marian Sykes Johnson, Local Elder

Rev. Dr. Shirley Roberts, Local Elder

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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 with a parking permit 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, children on the autism spectrum, or any adult or child with special needs. See the Greeters' Ministry located at the front table for directions.

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8:45 am: Pre-Worship Devotions

Setting the atmosphere for worship. If you need to talk, talk to God.

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Members of Class #22 Sitting Together Today

Leader: Sis. Shuwanna Sapp-Greene|**Assistant** – Sis. Paquita Mason

The Order of Worship at 9:00 am

**In-person worshipers may wear masks. Please be kind to those who choose to do so.
Please place your phones on silent or vibrate.**

The Worship Leader – Sis. Tiffany Sobers

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

*The Call to Worship Sis. Sarah McGinnis

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

Leader: Great Spirit, Open our eyes that we may see the needs of others;

People: Open our ears that we may hear their cries;

Leader: Open our hearts so that they need not be without succor;

People: Let us not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich.

Leader: Show us where fear and prejudice blind us. Spirit of the Living God, open our eyes.

Together: Spirit of the Living God, OPEN OUR EYES! Amen.

*The Hymn of Praise AMEH #25 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

(Worshipers May Enter)

1. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore thee Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide thee Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see. Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee. Perfect in power, in love, and purity!

4. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name In earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty. God in three Persons, blessed Trinity! Amen.

The Worship Through Prayer

Bro. Anthony Williams

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

The Worship Through Music

Mass Choir

(Worshippers May Enter)

The Welcome of Visitors

"13 Hugs"

Sis. Rachel McGinnis

"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

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 (Scan QR Code), mail, or at www.stmatthewame.org.

Please remember gifts to the Restoration Fund & 5th Sunday Scholarship Ministry Offering

The Worship Through Scripture

Acts 11:1-18 NIV

Bro. Jordan Owens

(Please Read In Unison – No Walking, Entry, or Exit At This Time)

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him ³and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them."

⁴Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. ⁶I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. ⁷Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.' ⁸"I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹"The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.' ¹⁰This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up

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, Rev. Leslie Wilson, Toni Tonge 5/6: Andrea Boseman, Gabrielle Pearson 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 – 48 years; 5/16: Eldred & Barbara Bennett – 34 years; 5/20: Lawrence Gamble & Sharon Simpkins-Gamble – 26 years; 5/22: Fred & Beth Ludd – 44 years; 5/23: Joseph & Robyn Sorbino – 28 years; 5/25: Jonathan & Michele Ridley – 2 years; 5/26: Anthony & Zina Williams – 12 years; 5/28: Roland & Genay Tucker – 10 years

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

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

The Manna From Heaven Food Pantry members have some items to distribute. All members of Class #12 are asked to meet with Pastor Wilson in his office after worship. Church School & Bible Study for all ages following worship. Free Vision Testing is taking place from 9 am – 3 pm. Service of Recognition for Rev. Dr. C. Carlton Woodward here at 4 pm.

Monday 6/1 - Food Pantry at 11:30 am. Last Week: 51 families served 2,543 pounds of food distributed. YTD: 933 families served; 39,707 pounds of food distributed. Mental Health Support Group at 6:30 pm.

Tuesday 6/2 – Election Day. Bible Study at 6:30 pm.

Wednesday 6/3 - Viewing & Homegoing in the sanctuary at 9 am. No Youth Choir or Harmony Choir. Spiritual Movement Exercise online at 7 pm.

Thursday 6/4 – 1st District Planning Meeting begins at 1st District Plaza, Philadelphia. All ministers, officers, and members are invited to attend. Orange Police Dept. Community Council meeting at 7 pm at the Orange Police Department.

Saturday 6/6 – Inspirational Choir singing at Planning Meeting worship in Philadelphia. We leave at 8:30 am. Anyone can travel. Donation is \$10.

Sunday 6/7 – Love Feast at 8:30 am. Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9 am. "Mental Health Office Hour" begins after worship and will be held every first Sunday. Appointments preferred.



MONTHLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

General Zoom Information

Zoom Meeting ID 9736781217
Password - 6781293

Prayer Call

(206) 806-9984
6:00 am & 9:30 pm

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

Monday, Wednesday & 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:ssstukes@stmatthewame.org). You are also invited to join the church's WhatsApp group

Weds. 6/10 – Youth Choir at 6 pm.

Fri. 6/12 – Youth Bowling Night.

Sat. 6/13 – Newark District Church School Convention at St. Luke, Newark from 9 am – 2 pm. All Church School teachers and students should attend.

Sun. 6/14 – Divine Worship & Youth & Graduate Recognition Sunday & Receiving New Members at 9 am. Rev. Dr. Crystal Newby-Reynolds, preaching. Ice Cream Social & New Members Reception following worship.

Weds. 6/17 – Wednesday in the Word at 12 noon. Generation One Senior Ministry at 1:15 pm.

Thurs. 6/18 – Lillian's Closet baby clothes Giveaway at 11 am. Tentative in-person Church Conference at 6 pm.

Fri. 6/19 – **Juneteenth. Church closed.**

We travel to Greater Allen Cathedral's Juneteenth Celebration at 2 pm. See flyer.

Sat. 6/20 – Monthly Nutrition Class online at 10 am.

Sun. 6/21 – **Father's Day.** Divine Worship at 9 am. No Church School. Sons of Allen and anyone interested are asked to go with Pastor Wilson to St. Mark, East Orange for their Men's Day at 10:30 am.

Mon. 6/22 - Monthly Congregational Prayer Meeting online at 6:30 pm.

Fri. 6/26 – We go to Asbury AME Church, Wildwood, NJ with Pastor Wilson at 3 pm.

Sat. 6/27 – Prayer Ministry Prayer Breakfast at 8 am.

Sun. 6/28 – Prayer Ministry Annual Day at 9 am. Rev. Leslie Wilson, preaching. Blessing Table at 12 noon. We go to Calvary AME Church, Glen Cove, NY at 12:30 pm.

Tues. 6/30 – Last Bible Study for the summer **in person** at 6 pm. Bring a dish.

Mon. 7/6 – **Thurs. 7/9** – ASPIRE Christian Ed Congress in Atlantic City, NJ.

We Are Praying For You



Member	Class Number	Class Leader
Bro. Thomas Thornton	4	Bro. Durwin Coppock
Sis. Carol Goodson	8	Bro. Jonathan Ridley
Sis. Dorothy Dix	10	Sis. Sherrill Austin
Bro. Euistace Pryor	15	Sis. Verna Leath-Young
Sis. Mary Green	17	Sis. Shanda Johnson Toler
Sis. Karen Newkirk	19	Sis. Tamika Robinson
Evang. Eva Douglas	20	Sis. Marcie Johnson
Sis. Mary Gibson	24	Sis. Veronica Deveaux
Sis. Laurie Crowley-Martin	25	Sis. Robyn Sorbino
Sis. Joyce Wooden	33	Sis. Mattie Crowley
Sis. Roxanne Blair	35	Sis. Valerie Tummings
Sis. Theresa Pryor	38	Sis. Michele Murchison
Sis. Arise Brown		

NOTE: Please inform the office if you want your name to appear on the weekly Prayer List.

Prayer List

Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr, Dr Phyllis Green, Episcopal Supervisor, Rev Dr. Jo-An Owings, Rev Dr C Carlton & Rev Blanche Woodward, Rev Melvin E & Rev Leslie Wilson & Family, 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 Mikie Sherrill & Family, Lt Governor Rev Dr Dale Caldwell & Family, All Candidates In Public Office, Rev Dr Ronald Slaughter & his Episcopal Campaign, Sis Kori Cheatham, Rev Marian Sykes Johnson & Bro James Johnson, Sis Christine Laureore, Bro Vincent Laureore, Sis Deborah Woody, Sis Theresa Pryor, Sis Barbara Copeland, Sis Christine "Roz" Samuels, Sis Mary Hollingsworth, Bro Saincilio Abraham, Sis Pamela Brooks, Sis Wanda Warren, Sis Princess Jessie, Bro Durwin Coppock, Bro Tayshawn Ware, Sis Kathleen Turpin Merritt, Bro Sam Lemon, Sis Hyacinth King, Bro Billie Dale Simpson, Sis Amanda Goode, Sis Sarah Elizabeth Harrison

Recently Bereaved Families

Sis Jaylen Wright, Sis Schermelle Wright, Sis Zina Williams, Sis Joy Mills-Davis, Sis Donnette Davis & Family; Bro John, Sis Miriam (Mom Mippi) Clark & Family; The Family of Sis Bertha Griffin-Lowery; The Family of Mother Beulah Sapp; Sis Beth, Bro Fred Jr, Sis Nicole Renee Ludd & Family; Sis Trisha Ware & Family; Sis Theresa McDaniel & Family; Lt. Shelley Massingill & Family

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



May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Myth: Mental health issues can't affect me.

Fact: Mental health issues can affect anyone. In 2020, about:

- One in 5 American adults experienced a mental health condition in a given year
- One in 6 young people have experienced a major depressive episode
- One in 20 Americans have lived with a serious mental illness, such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, or major depression

Additionally, suicide is a leading cause of death in the United States. In fact, it was the [second leading cause of death](#) for people ages 10-24. Suicide has accounted for the loss of more than 45,979 American lives in 2020, nearly double the number of lives lost to homicide.

Myth: Children don't experience mental health issues.

Fact: Even very young children may show early warning signs of mental health concerns. These mental health conditions are often clinically diagnosable and can be a product of the interaction of biological, psychological, and social factors.

Half of all mental health disorders show first signs before a person turns 14-years-old, and three-quarters of mental health disorders begin before age 24.

Unfortunately, only half of children and adolescents with diagnosable mental health conditions receive the treatment they need. Early mental health support can help a child before problems interfere with other developmental needs.

Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Association

(SAMHSA) <https://www.samhsa.gov/mental-health/what-is-mental-health/facts>

From the St. Matthew Health & Wellness Ministry

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21-24 August

Come Travel with Us

Reginald Lewis Museum Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center National Harbour, Md. Mount Zion UMC of Baltimore

Maryland Baltimore & National Harbour

<p>FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 AM Departure Stop in Baltimore at Reginald Lewis Museum Check-in at Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, National Harbor, MD Rest of the Day on your own 	<p>SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Departure for worship at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Baltimore, MD. Bring change of clothes for checkout at the church after worship Return to hotel by 5 pm. Evening on our own 	<p>PAYMENT SCHEDULE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$200 per person non-refundable deposit due May 1 \$200 per person payment due June 1 \$200 per person payment due July 1 Balance due August 1 <p>To Pay: Text at (975) 272-4532, Cash/App (SStMthw), Zelle (975-280-7654), Givently (Use QR Code), mail, or at www.stmatthewame.org</p> <p><small>*Hotel, transportation, bus snacks, gratuities included</small></p>
<p>SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet for lunch at 12 noon (included) Rest of the day on your own 	<p>MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depart hotel for New Jersey at 11:50 AM <p>COST*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Person King - \$1,275 2 People King or 2 Queen Beds - \$855 per person 3 People, 2 Queen Beds - \$655 per person 4 People, 2 Queen Beds - \$550 per person 	

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TRAVEL By Bus

ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

JULY 6-9, 2026

Departing & Returning From St. Matthew AME Church
336 Oakwood Ave., Orange, NJ

Donation: \$40
To Register & Pay Go To:
<https://bit.ly/Bus2ASPIRE>

Departure: Monday, July 6 8 AM
Return: Thursday, July 9 1 PM

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Pastor/Teacher

Saint Matthew AME
Mental Health Support Ministry Conducts

Mental Health Office Hour

FOR THOSE WHO SEEK SUPPORT & RESOURCES FOR THEMSELVES OR A LOVED ONE'S MENTAL HEALTH JOURNEY.

FACILITATED BY: DR. SHARON BOYD - JACKSON AND MAKEDA HAGANS, MSW, LSW

Before You Attend:

- Complete sign-up sheet in Narthex
- 15 - 20 minute consultation.
- Consultations will be first-come, first-served.
- Must be 18+ to participate.

Dates & Time:
1st Sundays:
6/7, 7/5, 8/2, 9/6, 10/4, 11/1, & 12/6
11:00am - 12:00pm

We do not provide medical advice; instead, we offer support and guidance toward mental health services for those in need.

NEWARK DISTRICT Church School Convention

A Lit Church School in a Changing World
"Ye are the light of the world. Shine & glorify your father in heaven."
Matthew 5:14, 16

Saturday, June 13, 2026
9:00AM-2:00PM
Saint Luke AME Church
146 Clinton Avenue, Newark NJ

Teach Recruit
Train Prepare
Nurture
Keeping Hearts Connected to Christ!

Host Pastor
REVEREND DR. JOSEPH A. HOOPER & FIRST LADY THERESA Y. HOOPER

Morning Preacher
REV. BRITTANY BETHEA
Pastor of St. Paul AME, Kenilworth

Presiding Elder
REVEREND DR. JO-AN L. OWINGS

Sis. Francine Davis, Host Superintendent
Sis Lois Myers, NDCS Superintendent

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JUNETEENTH

June 19, 2026



**Forest Hill Stadium
 Queens, New York**

Location Changed to Greater Allen Cathedral

DONATION: \$50

Includes Concert Ticket & Transportation

Bus Leaving St. Matthew Church 2:00 PM

Tickets must be purchased by
 June 10, 2026

Register

@<https://bit.ly/RTBJuneteenthNY26>

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Saint Matthew AME Church
 Rev. Melvin E. Wilson Pastor/Teacher

Health and Wellness Ministry Presents

PLANTING

with Dr. Sheryl

Learn the basics of planting and how to start growing your own food at home. Join Us!

Saturday
 20 June, 2026

Start From
 10:00am

ZOOM LOGIN ID: **866862387**

929.205.6099 ID: **6781293**

Travel with US

8-9 AUG
 SATURDAY - SUNDAY

Itinerary

Saturday, August 8

- Departure from St. Matthew AME Church 7:30 am.
- Lunch @ Nordic Lodge, Charlestown, RI. 11 am - 1 pm
- Travel to Six Flags New England, Agawam, MA
- In park from 3 pm - 8 pm
- Travel to Marriott Hartford/Windsor for overnight stay.

Sunday, August 9

- Departure @ 10:15 am for worship at Allen Chapel AME Church, Hartford, CT
- 11 am service and lunch at the church
- 2 pm departure for return to St. Matthew AME Church

Costs

Includes Nordic Lodge, Six Flags, Hotel, Transportation, Gratuities

- 1 Person, 1 King - \$455**
- 2 Persons, 1 King or 2 Doubles - \$360 per person**
- 3 Persons, 2 Doubles - \$330 per person**
- 4 Persons, 2 Doubles - \$320 per person**

Children 8-12 years, Deduct \$85 per child (must room with an adult)
 Children 3-7 years, Deduct \$110 per child (must room with an adult)

\$150 Deposit Due June 28

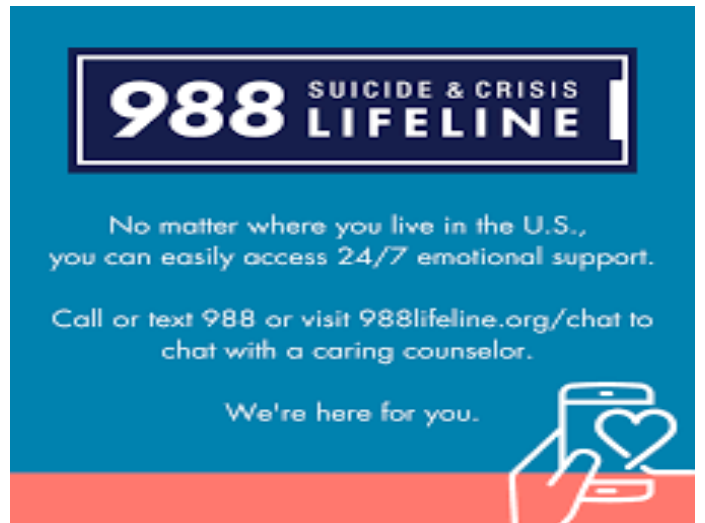
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Main Core Value Of Our Congregation: Radical Hospitality!





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