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**Sunday, March 9, 2025 | The First Sunday of Lent  
Youth Sunday**



**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

**Ministerial Staff**

Rev. Dr. Donna Ho-Shing, Itinerant 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 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 #5 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 – Sis. Trinity Ponder

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

\*\*The Call to Worship Bro. Christopher Hawk

Leader: The hour is coming and now, not yesterday or tomorrow, but now is when God wants us to worship in spirit and in truth.

People: God is looking for us to worship in spirit and in truth. Our praise should be real. God expects us to be real.

Leader: God has done so much for us. God has protected us from the dangers of this world. God alone can keep us from hurt, harm, gangs, drugs, lust and all the temptations of this world.

People: God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and a sound mind.

Leader: We know we have not done everything God wants us to do.

People: We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Please forgive us Lord. Thank you, Lord, for loving us the way that you do!

Leader: Thank you, Lord Jesus for blessing us.

Together: On this day, we gather as a Generation for Christ to worship God in spirit and in truth. We are thankful for everything that you do for us Lord and for that we give you the Highest Praise with a loud voice: HALLELUJAH! Amen.

\*The Hymn of Praise AMEH #525 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"  
(Worshippers May Enter)

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms; What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms; Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the everlasting arms; O, how bright the path grows from day to day, Leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, Leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

The Worship Through Prayer

Sis. Gabrielle Pearson

The Worship Through Music

Angel Choir

(Worshippers May Enter)

### The Receiving of New Members

Bro. Da`Quon Graham  
Sis. Mamie Green-Ross  
Sis. Akhya Johnson

Sis. Yasmine Johnson  
Sis. Amy Jones-Collins  
Sis. Sandra Long Weaver

Sis. Iyana Williams

The Welcome of Visitors

"13 Air Hugs"

Sis. Aoki Mae

"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 Worship Through Dance

Cicely L. Tyson Community School of Performing & Fine Arts Dance Ensemble  
(No Walking, Entry, or Exit At This Time)

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 (Use QR Code), mail, drop-off, or at [www.stmatthewame.org](http://www.stmatthewame.org).

Those giving electronically, please bring your phone and tap the basket. Please remember love offering for the Preacher.



The Worship Through Scripture

2 Chronicles 32:1-8 NIV

Bro. Ethan Wyllie

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

After all that Hezekiah had so faithfully done, Sennacherib king of Assyria came and invaded Judah. He laid siege to the fortified cities, thinking to conquer them for himself. <sup>2</sup> When Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come and that he intended to wage war against Jerusalem, <sup>3</sup> he consulted with his officials and military staff about blocking off the water from the springs outside the city, and they helped him. <sup>4</sup> They gathered a large group of people who blocked all the springs and the stream that flowed through the land. "Why

should the kings of Assyria come and find plenty of water?" they said. <sup>5</sup> Then he worked hard repairing all the broken sections of the wall and building towers on it. He built another wall outside that one and reinforced the terraces of the City of David. He also made large numbers of weapons and shields. <sup>6</sup> He appointed military officers over the people and assembled them before him in the square at the city gate and encouraged them with these words: <sup>7</sup> "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the vast army with him, for there is a greater power with us than with him. <sup>8</sup> With him is only the arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles." And the people gained confidence from what Hezekiah the king of Judah said.

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

The Worship Through Dance

Youth Dance Ministry

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

The Sermonic Selection

Youth Choir

**(Worshippers May Enter)**

The Preached Word

Rev. Dr. Crystal M. Newby-Reynolds  
Minister of Liturgical Arts & Youth

**Subject: "Certainty in Times of Uncertainty"**

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

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 Doxology & Benediction

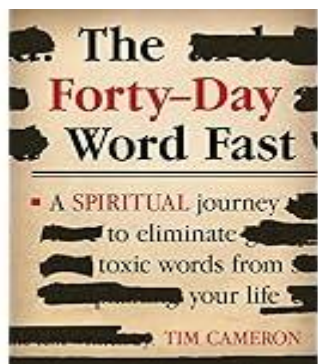
Rev. Dr. Crystal M. Newby-Reynolds

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

Rev. Dr. Crystal Newby-Reynolds is the Prayer Minister today. If you desire personal prayer, please meet her in the chapel after worship or call (973) 600-4068

**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 a sacred space. Thank you.**



This is the book we are reading and using for our Tuesday night Bible Study during Lent. It has very short daily exercises. We can all benefit from eliminating toxic and painful words from our mouths!

**S E R M O N N O T E S**

Please take notes on the teaching message of the day!

**Date:** Sunday, March 9, 2025

**Preacher:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Text:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES**

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**Now that I have heard this Word, this is what I learned and/or will do:**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

## **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.**

### March: Women's History Month

**March Birthdays:** **3/1:** Veronica Morton, Raeemah Redd-Strange, Drewsilla Thorne **3/2:** Ernest "Tre" Roberts, III, **3/3:** Carla Denny-Johnson **3/4:** Rev. Marian Sykes Johnson **3/5:** Schermelle Wright, Sylvia Stukes **3/6:** Verna Leath-Young, Andrea McDaniel Wright, Heather Spencer **3/9:** Barbara Bennett, Cynthia Jefferson **3/10:** Pamela Brooks **3/18:** Eric Reynolds, Chris Thorne **3/19:** Brianna David **3/20:** Lucretia Partin, Bridgette Johnson, Sanaa Tulloch **3/21:** Christine Laurore **3/24:** Terry Spicer, Ethan Wyllie **3/25:** LeGail Morton, Merolyn Kelly, Wanda Hunter, Turhan "TAJ" Welch **3/26:** Robin C. Lewis **3/27:** James Johnson, Sophia Wyllie **3/29:** Robert McGinnis, Sr. **3/30:** Stephyne Walker-Hill **3/31:** Karen Cooper, Jared Morton, Jennifer Peaks

**March Anniversaries:** **3/16:** Rev. Melvin & Rev. Leslie Wilson – 6 years



### Bulletin Announcements Due Into The Office By Wednesday

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

Today: Church School classes for all ages following worship. Women's Retreat & Convocation registration continues today. All women are invited to attend. The GO Evangelistic Ministry will do outreach in the community today. All are invited to worship at 2:30 pm as we join our Ushers who are hosting the Eastern Regional Usher's Association's Memorial Service. Pastor Wilson, preaching.

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

**Monday 3/10** – Food pantry at 11 am. Last week: 98 people were served, and 2,703 pounds of food given away. YTD: 821 people served; 26,249 pounds of food given.

**Tuesday 3/11** – Bible Study at 6:30 pm. Lay Organization at 7:45 pm.

**Wednesday 3/12** – Newark District Lenten Service online at 7 pm. Rev. Dr. Crystal Newby-Reynolds, preaching. See flyer for virtual connection options. Spiritual Movement Exercise & Women's Day Choir at 7 pm.

**Thursday 3/13** – Daniel Fast office hour with Sis. Beth Ludd on church Zoom at 7 pm.

### 2025 Women's Weekend

- Friday 3/14 – Opening Reception, Praise & Prayer Session at 6:30 pm
- Saturday 3/15 – Dialogue sessions & Herstory Luncheon honoring Sis. Tency Eason beginning at 9:30 am. Registration is \$100 for all women.

**Saturday 3/15** – Men's Bible Study online at 8 am.

**Sunday 3/16** – 2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday of Lent. Women's Day at 9 am. Rev. Dr. Jane Thomas, Presiding Elder, Fort Valley-Savannah District, 6<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District, CME Church, Guest Preacher. \$250 Women's Day offering due from adult men and women. Pastor & Rev. Leslie's 6<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.



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# MONTHLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

## 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

**Weds. 3/19** – Wednesday in the Word Bible Study at 12 pm. Generation One Senior Ministry at 1:15 pm. Newark District Lenten Service at 7 pm.

**Fri. 3/21** – Annual Conference financial obligation due.

**Sat. 3/22** – ASK Women in the Bible Monthly Study online at 9 am. Usher's CPR/AED training at 10 am.

**Sun. 3/23** – Divine Worship & G4C Youth Church at 9 am. Q&A with Gubernatorial candidate Mayor Steve Fulop following worship. Missionary Blessing Table at 12 pm. We go to Community Baptist Church, Philadelphia at 12:30 pm. Ushers, Male Chorus, Inspirational Choir, and anyone interested asked to travel. Please call the office to put your name on the list.

**Mon. 3/24** – Congregational Prayer meeting **in person** at 6:30 pm.

**Sat. 3/29** – Memorial Service for Sis. Christy Davis Jackson, Esq. at 11 am.

**Sun. 3/30** – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Scholarship Ministry offering. Book signing with Dr. Marcia Brown following worship.

## 153<sup>rd</sup> Session of the NJ Annual Conference

Hilton Doubletree Hotel, Cherry Hill, NJ

- **Weds. 4/2** – Missionary Day. Bus leaves at 6:30 am
- **Thurs. 4/3** – Opening Day. Bus leaves at 6:30 am. **Pastor Wilson preaching the Annual Sermon.**
- **Sun. 4/6** – Closing Session. Bus leaves at 12:30 pm.

**Sun. 4/6** – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. Divine Worship at 9 am. Health & Wellness Ministry begins eyeglass collection.

**Mon. 4/7** – Mental Health Support at 6:30 pm.





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. Dorothy Dix	10	Sis. Sherrill Austin
Bro. Chris Thorne	11	Bro. Terry Spicer
Bro. Euistace Pryor	15	Sis. Verna Leath-Young
Sis. Cheryl Gordor	17	Sis. Shanda Toler
Sis. Sylvia Hunter	16	Sis. Kathleen Turpin-Merritt
Evang. Eva Douglas	20	Sis. Marcie Johnson
Sis. Mary Gibson	24	Sis. Veronica Deveaux
Sis. Laurie Crowley-Martin	25	Sis. Robyn Sorbino
Sis. Michele Barbara Davis	26	Sis. Brenda Clarke
Sis. Ann Hill	31	Sis. Gloria Diane Brown
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, 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, Sis Bertha Stokes, Rev Dr Shirley Roberts, Sis Cheryl Gordor, Sis Tamika Robinson, Bro John London, Sis Dawn Rodrigues-Glenn, Bro Christopher Glenn, Bro Antone Stevens, Sis Shana Richardson, Sis Carol Wright, Sis Alzada Gatling, Sis Laura Taylor, Bro Durwin Coppock, Sis Karen Cooper, Sis Mia Robinson, Bro Ronald Royal, Sis Lucille Jeffers, Bro Stanley V Wade, Sis Dorothy Arsenec, Sis Lydia Pullum

**Recently Bereaved Families:** Sis Karen Cooper & Family, Bishop Reginald T. Jackson & Family, Bro Ike King & Family, Sis Corinne, Bro Joseph, & Sis Carol Tyree & Family, Bro Jerry & Sis Cynthia Mosley & Family, Bro Turhan Welch & Family, The Family of Bishop Frank Curtis Cummings, Bro Clarence Barry-Austin & Tracy Barry-Austin & Family, Rev. Dr. Crystal Newby-Reynolds & Family, Sis. Lisa Newby, and Sis. Clarissa Newby-Phillips & Family, Sis Valcy Brown & Family, The Family of Sis Janie Scott, Sis Nadine Wright-Arbubakrr, Sis Schermelle & Sis Jaylen Wright, Sis Norma & Sis Donnette Davis, Sis Joy Mills-Davis & Family, Rev Leslie Wilson & Family

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



### **Diabetes**

Diabetes is an umbrella term for multiple conditions that cause dysfunction in the body's ability to metabolize glucose, secrete insulin, or both. While a lack of insulin solely causes type 1 diabetes, type 2 diabetes can be caused by both a sensitivity to insulin and a lack of insulin.

#### **Diabetes is common in older women**

Based on 2022 estimates from the National Health Interview Survey, approximately 19% of women 65 or older have been diagnosed with diabetes. That's over 5.8 million women.

#### **Diabetes and menopause**

After menopause, your body makes less estrogen, which can cause unpredictable ups and downs in blood sugar. You may gain weight, which increases your need for insulin or other diabetes medicines. Hot flashes and night sweats may disrupt your sleep, making managing blood sugar harder. This is also a time when sexual problems can occur.

#### **What you can do**

Ask your doctor about ways you can manage menopause symptoms. If your blood sugar levels have changed, your doctor may need to adjust your diabetes medicines. Heart disease risk goes up after menopause, so make healthy lifestyle choices. These behavior changes like healthy eating and being active help to manage both diabetes and heart disease risks.

Know your numbers: Fasting 8-12 hours

**Normal range.** Less than 100 milligrams per deciliter (mg/dL).

**Indicates prediabetes.** Between 100–125 mg/dL.

**Indicates diabetes.** Higher than 125mg/dL on two occasions.

**RESOURCES:** CDC: DIABETES AND WOMEN. HEALTHLINE: DIABETES IN AFRICAN AMERICAN: Is Diabetes More Prevalent Among African Americans?

*From the St. Matthew Health & Wellness Ministry*

**Medical Debt Outreach Balance - \$ 12,311 82% 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

82% \$12,311






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LADIES SISTERS WOMEN



The Members of the Women's Ministry 2025 Planning Committee

*Cordially Invite You To Join Us For*

# SAINT MATTHEW AME CHURCH WOMEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT AND CONVOCATION

*"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

*Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)*

## "I AM MY SISTER'S KEEPER"

March 14, 2025 – March 15, 2025

**Friday, March 14, 2025**

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Opening Retreat & Convocation  
Reception, Praise and Prayer  
Session**

**Sunday, March 16, 2025**

**Women's Day Worship Service**

**Preacher: Reverend Dr. Jane E. Thomas  
Presiding Elder  
Fort Valley-Savannah District  
6th Episcopal District of The Christian  
Methodist Episcopal Church**

**Saturday, March 15, 2025**

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Dialogue Session Titles**

**"Think About What You Trying To Do To Me"**

**"Defining Sisterhood Intergenerational Panel"**

**"Count On Me"**

**"I Am My Sister's Keeper"**

***"HerStory" Honoree Luncheon***

**Celebrating The Honorable Tency Eason**

**Councilwoman, North Ward 4, Orange, New Jersey**

**Municipal Council**



**IN PERSON AND ON-LINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN - \$100.00 PER PERSON**

**DONATIONS TO SPONSOR SENIORS (OVER 70) & YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT or SUPPORT THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY ARE WELCOME!**

**Weekend Colors – Shades of Purple!**

**First Lady Rev. Leslie M. Wilson, Minister to Women**

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



## Upcoming Travel

Please call the office and put your name on the list if you plan to travel to any of the following trips.



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**153<sup>rd</sup>**  
**NJ ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
APRIL 2, 2025



**LEAVING ST. MATTHEW AT 6:30 AM**  
**LEAVING ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT 4:00 PM**

**COST: \$20 PER PERSON**  
**RESERVE YOUR SEAT BY MARCH 16, 2025**

CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE : 973-678-1217  
OR SIS. LISA MILLER 201-932-6329

FAITH OVER FEAR PSALM 118:6



**Heroes come in all "TYPES" - O,A,B,AB**  
**Please help. Support patients with Sickle Cell disease.**

## BLOOD DRIVE

**Friday, March 21, 2025**  
**11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Essex County Hall of Records**  
84 West Market Street, Newark NJ

Learn more today! Visit [sicklecellspeaks.com](http://sicklecellspeaks.com) and [TogetherForRare.com](http://TogetherForRare.com)

Sponsored by the  
Essex County Office of Public Health Management, Pfizer and Pathways To Trust.

Medical eligibility questions answered by calling 732-235-8100 ext. 221. Please bring a photo ID and be sure to eat and drink prior to donating! All donors will receive a Wawa or Starbucks coffee card!



**APPOINTMENTS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED.**  
**USE THE QR CODE OR VISIT: [GIVEBLOOD.RWJBH.ORG](http://GIVEBLOOD.RWJBH.ORG)**



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**HEALTH**



### ARC Encounter & Creation Experience Williamstown Kentucky

Experience Bible history at the life-size Noah's Ark! Meet Noah, his family, and the animals on the Ark.

Bible history comes to life at the Creation Museum! This family-friendly attraction near Cincinnati explores creation science with stunning exhibits, dinosaur bones, fossils, botanical gardens, a planetarium, zoo, zip line course, and more.

The price includes the following and based on a how many in room price:

- 1) Single room - \$1,100 - 1 Person
- 2) Double room - \$1,500 - 2 People @ \$750 each
- 3) Triple room - \$1,900 - 3 People @ \$635 each
- 4) Quad room - \$2,300 - 4 People @ \$575 each

The cost includes Lodging, daily full breakfast, both parks entry fee, lunch in each park, snacks on bus, transportation and gratuities.

\$100 nonrefundable deposit per room by: February 17, 2025  
50% of the cost of trip paid :  
by Tuesday, April 15, 2025  
Final Payment due by Friday, May 30, 2025

*Additional Event Options available in the parks for an additional cost upon request.*

Register @ <https://bit.ly/ArcEncounter> or Scan QR Code

Pay by Giveliy, Zelle, or check in person at church office



### Shubert Theater New Haven, Connecticut Saturday, April 26, 2025

#### Ticket & Information

Ticket Price: \$120  
Departure from St. Matthew @ 2:30 PM  
Ticket Price Includes:  
Plated Dinner - Shubert Private Dining Hall 5 PM  
Performance Show Time 7 PM  
Deposit \$60 non refundable  
Final Payment March 20, 2025  
Payable to St. Matthew AME - Giveliy: Check: Zelle

Featuring Tami Nichole as  
*Rahab*  
Daughter of St. Matthew Member  
Sis. Sherry Ward

#### About the Play

"Call Forth A Woman takes you on a Journey of the powerful women in the bible, often forgotten but notably heroic."

Register @ <https://bit.ly/StMattShubertTrip>

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Additional Information or questions please contact Shelley Harris, [ssharris3@yahoo.com](mailto:ssharris3@yahoo.com) (973) 454-0534

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# YOUR MVC IS COMING TO YOU!

Questions? Please contact your local hosting group.

**Host:** St. Matthew A.M.E. Church

**Location:** 336 Oakwood Avenue, Orange, NJ

**Date:** Tuesday, April 8, 2025

**Time:** 10:00 am - 2 pm

**Notes:** You can begin to make appointments on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 3:00 pm

*\*Cancellations may occur due to weather conditions or at the discretion of the MVC over unforeseen circumstances.*

## Make your appointment today!

Go to <https://telegov.njportal.com/njmvcmobileunit> to sign up for:

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- Registration Renewal
- Initial Permit \*\*Tests are NOT given at Mobile Unit
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- Duplicate/Replacement Title or Registration

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# You can make an appointment beginning Thursday, March 11 at 3 pm.



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to... **Maryland**

**The Chesapeake State**

**Saturday, August 9 - Sunday, August 10, 2025**

Departure 6 AM



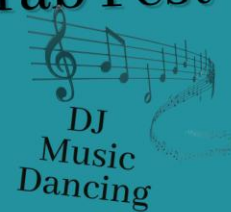
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Snow Crab & Seafood Feast  
Snow Crab Legs (2 hours)  
Steamed Hard Shell Crabs  
Steamed & Fried Shrimp  
Seafood Buffet



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

Rev. Melvin E. Wilson  
Pastor/Teacher





# NEWARK DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP

## JOINT LENTEN SERVICE Wednesdays

### 7PM



**March 5**  
Rev. Dennis Hughes  
Bethel AMEC, Vauxhall

beginning...

## Ash Wednesday



**March 12**  
Rev. Dr. Crystal M. Newby-Reynolds  
Itinerant Elder  
Saint Matthew AMEC, Orange

**In-Person**

**March 5**

Bethal AME Church, Madison  
53 Central Avenue, Madison, NJ 07940



**March 19**  
Rev. Curdy Begon  
Associate Minister  
Allen AMEC, Newark

**Virtually**

**March 12 - April 16**

ZOOM ID: 954 6986 0851 PASSCODE: 021424

Streaming at [stmatthewame.org/streaming](http://stmatthewame.org/streaming)

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**March 26**  
Rev. EYESHA MARABLE  
Mount Zion AMEC, Millburn



**April 9**  
Rev. K. Pearl Marsh  
Itinerant Elder  
Bethel AMEC, Madison



**April 16**  
Rev. Dr. Cynthia Jackson, Esq.  
Allen AMEC, Newark

Rev. Dr. Angela Battle, President  
Rev Dr. C. Carlton Woodward, Presiding Elder

## Main Core Value Of Our Congregation



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You can also text 988 or text 741741.



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**St. Matthew is in the fight against Dementia & Alzheimer's!**



Alzheimer's Association helpline # **800-272-3900**.

This is a free live service, available 24/7 in over 200 languages and dialects, to support individuals and families who are navigating dementia. The Alzheimer's Association website also has a wealth of resources: [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org). It includes a valuable [community resource finder](#), where a person can search for any service that they may need, across the entire country, by simply providing their zip code. For those with a memory loss diagnosis, their [TrialMatch](#) web page allows you to research available clinical trials to discuss with their family and their care team.