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Sunday, January 18, 2026 | Second Sunday After Epiphany Inspirational Choir Annual Day



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. 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 and children on the autism spectrum or 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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The Order of Worship at 9:00 am

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

Members of Class #5 Sitting Together Today

Leader: Sis. Karen Taylor | **Assistant Leader:** Sis. Jeannie Pierre

The Worship Leader – Bro. Bryan London

*The Doxology

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

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

**The Call to Worship

Bro. Harold Johnson

Leader: We gather to worship God,

People: Who creates us and loves us;

Leader: Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

People: Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;

Leader: Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,

People: To seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;

Leader: Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,

People: and whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.

Leader: We gather to worship God.

All: To God be all glory, honor, and praise. Amen.

*The Hymn of Praise

AMEH #571

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

(Worshipers May Enter)

1 Lift every voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise, High as the listening skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us, Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, Let us march on till victory is won.

2 Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chastening rod, Felt in the days when hope unborn had

died; Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet Come to the place for which our fathers sighed? We have come over a way that with tears has been watered, We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered; Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at last Where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.

3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; Thou who hast by Thy might, Led us into the light, Keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee, Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee; Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand, True to our God, True to our native land.

The Worship Through Prayer

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

Sis. Darlene Darring

The Worship Through Music

(Worshippers May Enter)

Inspirational Choir

The Welcome of Visitors

"13 Air Hugs"

Bro. Anthony Williams

"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 Black History Moment

Sis. Edie Way

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

The Worship Through Scripture

Deuteronomy 30:11-20 NIV

Sis. Sheltry Ward

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

¹¹ Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. ¹² It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" ¹³ Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" ¹⁴ No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. ¹⁵ See, I set before you today life and

prosperity, death and destruction. ¹⁶ For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸ I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.¹⁹ This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰ and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

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

The Sermonic Selection

Inspirational Choir

(Worshippers May Enter)

The Preached Word

Rev. Melvin E. Wilson, Pastor/Teacher

Subject: "What Are We Really Supposed To Do?"

*The Invitation to Salvation|Church Membership|Recommitment/Rededication
If you want to be Saved, join St. Matthew, St. Paul, Mt. Zion, or Recommit/Rededicate Your Life to Jesus Christ, you can identify yourself now or text the word JESUS to (973) 840-8874

*The Doxology & Benediction

Rev. Melvin E. Wilson, Pastor/Teacher

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**\*Pentecostal Prayer Power at the Altar After the Benediction\***

A Member of the Prayer Ministry will be available to pray with you individually after worship in the Chapel on the second floor. The Sanctuary & Second 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 personal prayer.

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Things To Do Before You Leave The Church Today

1. Join us at the altar for prayer.
2. Register to get a free flu shot next Sunday if you need one. Flu shots are available for anyone 6 months of age or older.
3. Register for this Saturday's Membership Boot Camp Class
4. Choose a Church School Class to attend (Children, Youth, Younger Adults, Adults)
5. Remember that you are not alone, you are loved and appreciated!

January: The Month of New Beginnings

January Birthdays – **1/1:** Evonne Fields **1/2:** Barbara Copeland **1/3:** Beth Ludd, Evan Reynolds **1/5:** Nancy Smith, Dakota Johnson **1/6:** Nia Sorbino **1/8:** Marcie Johnson, Ramon Mozell **1/9:** Brenda Clarke, Jesse Brown **1/10:** Jacqueline Herran **1/12:** Carolyn Davidson **1/13:** Joy Mills **1/14:** Coretta Craig, Marendra Brooks-Glover **1/15:** Tency Eason, Michael Brown, Sr., Pamela Cuff **1/17:** Jennifer Ransom **1/19:** Dr. Sharon Boyd-Jackson, Jerry Mosley **1/20:** Rose Tilus **1/22:** C. Claire Stevens **1/24:** Annie Golden, Laurie Crowley-Martin **1/25:** Arba Della Foster **1/30:** Lauren Wilson **1/31:** Cathleen Robinson, Sha'Riah Harris

January Anniversaries – **1/14:** Darnell & Paquita Mason – 27 years; **1/27:** John & Miriam (Mippi) Clark – 53 years



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

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

Coffee & tea are available in the narthex after worship. Suggested donation is \$2. Church School for all ages after worship. All adults and youth are invited to attend a Class.

Monday 1/19 – Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday observed. The church is closed. No food pantry.

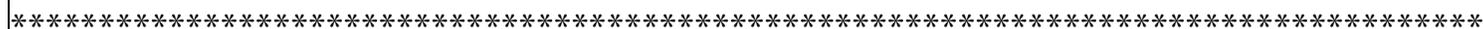
Tuesday 1/20 – Inauguration of New Jersey's 57th Governor, Mikie Sherrill at NJPAC at 11 am. MFH Food Pantry at 11:30 am. **Last Week:** We served **69 families, and 4,028 pounds of food were given away.** **YTD: 121 families served, 7,243 pounds of food given away.** Viewing for Bro. Ronald Mozell from 4 pm – 8 pm. Bible Study online at 6:30 pm.

Wednesday 1/21 – Viewing (10 am) & Homegoing Service (11 am) for Bro. Ronald Mozell. Repast following interment. No Wednesday in the Word or Generation One Senior Ministry. Spiritual Movement Exercise at 7 pm.

Friday 1/23 – Male Chorus at 7 pm.

Saturday 1/24 – Men's Bible Study at 8 am. Membership Boot Camp at 9 am. All new members and any member are welcome to attend. Please see the flyer for registration. Usher's School at 10 am. Scheduled meetings with Roland David from 10 am – 1 pm.

Sunday 1/25 – Divine Worship & G4C Youth Church at 9 am. Free flu shots from 11 am – 1 pm. **"Book Signing Sunday"** from 12 pm – 2 pm. Missionary Blessing Table at 12 pm.



Deadline for ordering Annual Conference shirts is January 31. Here is the link: <https://www.customink.com/g/uqso-oodo-zbtt> Direct any questions to Sis. Paquita Mason or Sis. Lauren Wilson

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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
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



Mon. 1/26 – Monthly Congregational Prayer Meeting online at 6:30 pm.

Sat. 1/31 – Deadline to order Annual Conference shirts. Classes 10 & 27 to meet at the church at 11 am.

Sun. 2/1 – Black History Month begins. **Please wear African attire each Sunday all month.** Love Feast at 8:30 am. Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9 am.

Mon. 2/2 – Mental Health Support Group at 6:30 pm.

Weds. 2/4 – Angel Choir at 5:30 pm. Youth Choir at 6 pm. Daniel Fast information session at 7 pm online.

Sat. 2/7 – **“A Day of AME History in Philadelphia”** will be rescheduled.

Sun. 2/8 – **AME Founder's Day worldwide.** Youth Sunday at 9 am. Rev. Dr. Leonard Santucci, Pastor of Vernon Temple AME Church, Bermuda, preaching.

Tues. 2/10 – Thurs. 2/11 – 1st District Founder's Day at Mother Bethel, Philadelphia

Sun. 2/15 – Divine Worship at 9 am. Black Art display. NJ Memorial Service in Memory of Bishop Reginald T. Jackson at 3 pm.

Mon. 2/16 – President's Day. Church closed.

Tues. 2/17 – **Shrove Tuesday.** Food pantry at 11:30 am. Pancake Supper & Bible Study in person at 6 pm.

Weds. 2/18 – **Ash Wednesday.** Lent & Daniel Fast begins. Newark District Lenten Service at 7 pm (TBD).

Fri. 2/20 – 1st District Lay Mid-Year meeting.

Sun. 2/22 – **1st Sunday of Lent.** Divine Worship at 9 am.

Mon. 2/23 – Congregational Prayer.



Member	Class Number	Class Leader
Bro. Thomas Thornton	4	Bro. Durwin Coppock
Sis. Emma Rhymes	5	Sis. Karen Taylor
Sis. Carol Goodson	8	Bro. Jonathan Ridley
Sis. Laura Taylor	9	Sis. Veronica Morton
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.

Our Prayer List

Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr & Supervisor Phyllis Green, 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 Phil & Tammy Murphy, Gov-Elect Mikie Sherrill & Jason Hedberg (husband), Lt Governor-Elect Rev Dr Dale Caldwell, All Candidates In Public Office, Rev Dr Ronald Slaughter & his Episcopal Campaign, Sis Diane Worley, Sis Kori Cheatham, Sis Sarah Williams

Recently Bereaved Families

The Family of Bishop Reginald Jackson; Sis Edie Way & Family; The New Hope Baptist Church, Newark Family, Bro Roland Tucker & Family; Sis Yvonne & Arielle Hinds & Family; The Family of Mother Amelia Robinson; Sis Hawaiian Thompson-Epps & Family; Mother Anna Gibson, Sis Felicia Jaycox & Family; Sis Shelley, Sis Shariah Harris & Family; Sis Beulah Sapp, Sis Shuwanna Sapp-Greene, Sis Yasmine Johnson, Sis. Eliza Walker & Family; Sis Jessie Mozell, Sis Tency Eason, Bro Al-Yasim Mozell, Bro Roman Mozell & Family; Sis Eve Newton & Family; Ret. Colonel Patrick Callahan & Family

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



The 2025–26 U.S. seasonal flu vaccines are formulated to protect against three influenza viruses: A(H1N1) pdm09, A(H3N2), and B/Victoria lineage. These choices are based on global surveillance and predictions about which strains will circulate this season.

Match matters but isn't perfect: Some circulating viruses — particularly some subtypes of H3N2 (like a mutation called *subclade K* that's been detected this season) — may differ somewhat from the vaccine strain. This can reduce how well the shot prevents *any infection*.

It is not too late. While health officials prefer people get vaccinated by the end of October, January is actually a critical time to get the shot if you haven't already.

Here is why getting the flu shot in January is still a smart move for the 2026 season:

1. Flu season typically peaks between December and February, but it can last well into May. By getting the shot in January, you are still protecting yourself against several months of high virus circulation and potential "second waves" that often occur in the spring.
2. As of late December 2025, flu activity is rising sharply across the U.S. In fact, current CDC data shows that some regions are seeing their third-highest hospitalization rates since 2010.
3. January is also a peak time for other respiratory viruses like COVID-19 and RSV. While the flu shot only targets influenza, preventing a severe case of the flu reduces the risk of your immune system being compromised or facing a dangerous co-infection with another virus.
4. Even if you happen to catch the flu shortly after your shot, having those antibodies in your system significantly reduces your risk of: Hospitalization, Severe complications and developing long-term issues if you have underlying conditions like asthma or heart disease.

The Flu Shot will be available at St. Matthew on January 25th from 11 am to 2 pm.

Important Reminder: The "Two-Week Window"

Keep in mind that it takes about two weeks for the vaccine to become fully effective.

- If you get the shot on January 25th: You will be fully protected by February 8th.
- Until then: Continue to practice good hygiene, like frequent handwashing, as you won't have the full immune response immediately.



From the St. Matthew Health & Wellness Ministry



MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Boot Camp

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026
9AM - 4PM



Class

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/StMattmembcamp2026>
- 336 Oakwood Ave., Orange, NJ
- For Information Call (973) 678-1217



Rev. Melvin E. Wilson
Pastor/Teacher



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Provided by Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center's Community Health & Outreach Department

Flu Shots

Saint Matthew AME Church, Orange NJ

- Sunday, January 25**
- 11:00 am - 1:00 pm**
- 336 Oakwood Avenue Orange**

Please note:

- Flu Shots for ages 6 months and older
- Pre - registration recommended!
- Photo ID on day of vaccination required

To pre-register:

Sis. Trachelle M. Apson or Sis. Susan Jennings 973-678-1217
email: healthwellness@stmatthewame.org





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BOOK SIGNING SUNDAY

January 25, 2026

12 PM - 2 PM

FEATURED AUTHORS...

- Min. Najiyah Bailey
- Dr. Jacquelyn Bobien Blanton
- Dr. Marcia Brown
- Rev. Dr. Michael Chism
- Daniela Drew & Tobie Buford
- Hashim Garrett
- Rev. Rochelle Haggins
- Bahir Jessie
- Harold Johnson
- Rev. Natasha Johnson- Rouse
- Dr. Fatima McCoy-Leonard
- Tracie Morrison
- Nicole Neal & Leila Rogers
- Rev. Dr. Deforest "Buster" Soaries
- Rev. Dr. Carl Stuart
- Rev. Kevin Taylor
- Daisy Terry
- Stephanie Tokpe



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REV. JOHN WESLEY JACKSON COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE



CALL FOR ART

We are looking for church-appropriate submissions for display for our 2026 Black History Month Art Show. The theme is **Black Visual Expressions** with a focus on black artists and art featuring black subjects/figures. Any mediums (paintings, photography, textiles, etc.) or styles (figurative, abstract, landscape, etc.) are welcome. Artists and art lovers of all ages are encouraged to contribute and participate!

Please contact Merolyn Kelly by **Jan. 25th** for submission review and confirmation. Drop-off will be coordinated following first contact.

Phone: 973-420-0005
Email: mtkelly325@gmail.com

PLEASE BE SURE TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR SUBMISSION:

- Photo of the art
- Dimensions
- Artist's name
- Name of the piece
- Brief description of the piece
- Contact information



Main Core Value Of Our Congregation: Radical Hospitality!



A blue rectangular advertisement for the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. At the top, the number "988" is in large white font, followed by "SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE" in smaller white font. Below this, white text reads: "No matter where you live in the U.S., you can easily access 24/7 emotional support. Call or text 988 or visit 988lifeline.org/chat to chat with a caring counselor. We're here for you." At the bottom right, there is a white line-art illustration of a hand holding a smartphone with a heart icon on the screen.

A light gray rectangular graphic with the heading "Help Us Grow" in bold black font. Below the heading are four small green plant icons of increasing size. The text "Be a Part of What God is Doing at" is centered. Below that is the logo for "A Servant Church SAINT MATTHEW AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH" with the tagline "God's Love for God's People" and "Recover • Refresh • Renew • Restore". At the bottom, it says "Together, we spread love, hope and faith". On the right side, there is a list of social media actions: "Remember to Connect with our Posts" followed by icons and text for "Like", "Comment", "Share", "Subscribe", and "Follow".

LIKE US on social media! The more Likes we have, the more exposure The Church has to the world!

