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Sunday, May 18, 2025 | 4th 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. Dr. Crystal Newby-Reynolds, Itinerant Elder | Minister of Liturgical Arts & Youth

Rev. Tamoya Buckley-David, Itinerant Elder

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 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 #12 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. Darlene Darring

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

*The Call to Worship Sis. Carla Denny-Johnson

Leader: We fix our eyes on you, Jesus, our Lord, our Savior and King.

People: Come fill our hearts with your endless love and send the wind of your Spirit to blow new hope through our lives.

Leader: Come light up our souls to rise in faith, to stretch out and take in your kingdom.

People: Come pour out your Spirit upon us as we stand together as brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Leader: Come lift up our heads, brush away the shadows of guilt and shine your grace into our minds.

All: And so Lord, we arise to worship. We shake off the shackles of a fallen world and join with heaven to sing your praise. We will declare your goodness now and celebrate your greatness forevermore! Amen.

www.living-prayers.com

*The Hymn of Praise AMEH #210 "More About Jesus"
(Worshipers May Enter)

1 More about Jesus would I know, More of His grace to others show; More of His saving fulness see, More of His love who died for me. [Refrain]

Refrain: More, more about Jesus, More, more about Jesus; More of his saving fulness see, More of His love who died for me.

2 More about Jesus let me learn, More of His holy will discern; Spirit of God, my

teacher be, Showing the things of Christ to me. [Refrain]

4 More about Jesus on His throne, Riches in glory all His own; More of His kingdom's sure increase; More of His coming, Prince of Peace. [Refrain]

The Worship Through Prayer

Evangelist Drefus Tarpkin

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

The Worship Through Music

Inspirational Choir

(Worshippers May Enter)

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 Black History Moment

Sis. Gale Hunter

The Lay Moment

Sis. Kathleen Turpin Merritt

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, or at www.stmatthewame.org. Remember gifts to the Restoration Fund.



The Worship Through Scripture

John 20:24-31 NIV

Dr. Crystal Jones

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

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." ²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples,

which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

The Worship Through Dance

Combined Dance Ministry

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

The Sermonic Selection

Inspirational Choir

(Worshippers May Enter)

The Preached Word

Rev. Melvin E. Wilson, Pastor/Teacher

Subject: "You Can't Make Me Doubt Him"

*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 Doxology & Benediction

Rev. Melvin E. Wilson, Pastor/Teacher

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

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**Rev. Leslie Wilson** 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  
(202) 256-8531

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We are asking each member 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.

**Date:** Sunday, May 18, 2025

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

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

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

## NOTES

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



## **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, 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 - 47 years; 5/16: Eldred & Barbara Bennett – 33 years; 5/20: Lawrence Gamble & Sharon Simpkins-Gamble – 25 years; 5/22: Fred & Beth Ludd – 43 years; 5/23: Joseph & Robyn Sorbino – 27 years; 5/25: Jonathan & Michele Ridley – 1 year; 5/26: Anthony & Zina Williams – 11 years; 5/28: Roland & Genay Tucker – 9 years

### 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 – Today is the last day that we are collecting used eyeglasses. Also, Rutgers University is providing vision exams today. Church School for all ages after worship.

**Monday 5/19** – Food pantry at 11 am. Last week: 97 people were served, and 2,849 pounds of food given away. YTD: 1,740 people served; 56,477 pounds of food given. Monthly Congregational Prayer Meeting online at 6:30 pm.

**Tuesday 5/20** – Bible Study on the church Zoom at 6:30 pm. Last day to register to vote in June primary.

**Wednesday 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. Development Team at 3 pm. Spiritual Movement Exercise at 7 pm.

**Thursday 5/22** – Spiritual Movement Exercise at 7 pm.

**Friday 5/23** – Male Chorus at 7 pm.

**Saturday 5/24** – Men's Bible Study at 8 am. ASK Women in the Bible Monthly Study online at 9 am.

**Sunday 5/25** – Divine Worship at 9 am. G4C Youth Church. Church School at 11 am. Missionary Community Blessing Table at 12 pm.



# 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:ssstukes@stmatthewame.org). You are also invited to join the church's WhatsApp group

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



**Mon. 5/26 – Memorial Day.** Church closed.

**Thurs. 5/29 – Ascension Day.** Memorial Service for Sis. Christy Davis Jackson, Esq. at 6 pm.

**Fri. 5/30 –** Memorial Service for Bro. Merlin Hackett at 6 pm.

**Sat. 5/31 –** Membership Boot Camp Class from 9 am – 4 pm. All new members are asked to attend. Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Women's Summit here from 9 am – 4 pm. Class #28 & #33 meeting at 10:30 am.

**Sun. 6/1 – Ascension Sunday.** Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9 am. **All East Orange residents are asked to have a Q&A with Mayoral candidate Narda Morant after worship.**

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

**Tues. 6/3 – Early gubernatorial primary voting begins through June 8.** Bible Study at 6:30 pm.

**Weds. 6/4 –** Lillian's Closet baby clothes give away at 11 am. Angel Choir at 5:30 pm. Youth Choir at 6 pm.

**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 am. Please call the office to put your name on the list. Men Who Cook at 2 pm.

**Sun. 6/8 – Pentecost Sunday.** Divine Worship & Youth and Graduate Recognition Sunday at 9 am. **Last Sunday of Church School before summer break.**

**Tues. 6/10 -** NJ gubernatorial primary. **WE MUST VOTE!**

**Weds. 6/11 –** "How Do I Find the Right Therapist for Me" workshop at 7 pm.

**Sat. 6/14 –** Bus to Philadelphia for the day to visit historical church sites at 8 am.





| 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 Deveau         |
| 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 & Rev Leslie 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 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 Theresa McDaniel & Family, Sis Carol Johnson, Sisters Dorothy, Timia, Dalya Wilson & Family, The Family of Sis Ann Hill, Sis Lorrie Ball-Arsenec & Family, Sis Merolyn Kelly & Family, Rev George & Sis Merlyn Britt & Family, Sis Tanzania, Bro Lloyd, & Sis Giselle Guyton & Family

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



**DID YOU  
KNOW?**

**MAY**  
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

1 in 5 U.S. adults experience  
mental illness each year



1 in 20 U.S. adults  
experience serious  
mental illness  
each year

1 in 6 U.S. youth aged 6-17  
experience a mental  
health disorder each year



You are not alone. Millions of people are impacted by  
mental health each year.

*From the St. Matthew Health & Wellness Ministry*

**Medical Debt Outreach Balance - \$ 13,491 90% 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





# IRON SHARPENING IRON

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025 AT 8:30-11AM  
ST. MATTHEW A.M.E. CHURCH  
336 OAKWOOD AVENUE  
ORANGE, NJ 07060

PROVERBS 27:17

COMING SOON  
*Stay Tuned*



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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

The new St. Matthew window parking permit will be available in 2-3 weeks. If you already have the old-style parking permit, you do not need to get a new one. Please use your permits now.

**PARKING PERMIT**

**St. Matthew  
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Orange, NJ**

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## Main Core Value Of Our Congregation: Radical Hospitality



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988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. If you need to call, CALL!  
You can also text 988 or text 741741.



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