

THE EPISTLE

"You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men.." 2 Corinthians 3:2



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GOD is Our **Passion**. Serving **People** is Our **Mission**.

The mission of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church is to profoundly *experience*, joyfully *celebrate*, and meaningfully *share* God's grace.

We do this through Christ-centered worship, biblical instruction, prayer, nurturing fellowship, and caring acts that are reflective of our love for God and one another.

We, through the power of the Holy Spirit, proclaim the Gospel and Jesus Christ to all people while supporting the work of missions in our church, our community, our country, and the world.

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Front Cover: Photo by Deacon Deborah Crain-Kemp shows alumni Love Pals, mentors, parents, guests, and Progressive Adults members at the November 26 Love Pal Reunion.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Do Not Be Afraid

By Assistant Pastor Nicholas K. Young



According to Luke, Mary, the mother of our Lord, had an interesting reaction to the words of the angel Gabriel. After Gabriel tells her that she is favored by the Lord, and that the Lord was with her, we are told "she was startled." Luke tells us, Mary, the eventual mother of God in the flesh and a Jewish woman raised in the belief of a messianic coming, was initially startled to

hear that she was *chosen*. She was so alarmed and surprised that the angel had to tell her "Do not be afraid."

Her response is strange, considering the special call on her life and the religious teachings she surely received throughout her life, but her response is not rare. In fact, throughout the Holy Scriptures most people respond to angels in the same manner. Most of our favorite saints and prophets were not only surprised but also shaken by the presence and words of God's angels. But why?

I believe that this is the most critical question for us as we begin the New Year. Why do we allow ourselves to be so shaken by God showing up and speaking great things over lives? Is it that we think too much of ourselves that we can't imagine allowing space for God to be God? Is it that we think too little of ourselves that we can't imagine God bestowing his blessings, grace, and mercy on us? Or is it a mixture of the former and the latter, which leaves us unable to get out of our own way?

Mary is an example of how to get out of our own way, and humbly allow God's work to be done in our lives, as the last words she spoke to Gabriel were, "I am the Lord's servant. Let everything you've said happen to me."

No matter where you find yourself on that spectrum today, I urge you to not be afraid. As we enter 2023, remember you are not too big, too little, too broken, or too blessed for God to do a new thing in you. The God we serve does not send blessings by mistake. You are worthy, you are able, you are exactly who he wants. God's plans for you in this new season will not break or paralyze you. Do not be afraid. ❖

You are Invited to a Welcome Reception for Assistant Pastor Nicholas K. Young

Sunday, December 11 12 to 1:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Come to Meet, Mingle, and Celebrate! Light Refreshments

Please RSVP by calling the church office at 202-829-2773 or emailing office@19thstreetbc.org



MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Church Family,

This is my last issue as Editor of *The Epistle.* I will continue to serve as a co-chair of the Communications Ministry.

I started volunteering with Rev. I. Benni Singleton in 1997 after my friend DeVera Redmond told him I had done the newsletter for another organization. My first assignment was to write an article about the installation of Pastor Derrick Harkins.

By November 1999, I became the Assistant Editor and engaged a graphic designer I knew to do the layout and print production of the newsletters. By July 2008 Rev. Singleton and I swapped titles, and I became the Editor. From that first submission in 1997, I helped to produce 33 more print issues.

Between 2012 and 2015, I stepped away to serve a three-year term as president of my college alumnae association. I assumed my newsletter days were over. However, in late 2015, Rev. James Crosson, who was serving as interim pastor, asked if I would restart *The Epistle* even though there was no budget for design or printing.

In January 2016 we launched the "new" electronic *Epistle* with an ambitious goal of doing it monthly. We were extremely blessed that my designer agreed to help at no cost! The December 2022 issue marks our 70th

electronic issue. That's over 100 *Epistles since* 1997. It is time for me to pass the baton.

I am pleased to share that Donza Poole has agreed to serve as the next *Epistle* editor. You'll hear from her in the new year regarding the start-up date, frequency, and new ideas she has for the newsletter.

Personally, I want to thank Lydia Cole, Robin Smith, and Deborah Heard for their tremendous editorial, writing, proofreading, and emotional support. I also want to thank the many, many faithful contributors who have regularly submitted information and pictures—with and without my nagging. A special thank you also to graphic designer, Jan Sklennik, for donating her talent and time to me and our church for the past six years.

I thank God for allowing me to be your newsletter editor all these years. It has been a wonderful way for me to interact with so many church members, to support ministry activities, and to share stories that draw us closer as a church family. It has been my honor to do this.



In His Service, Karen E. Williamson



Deaconess Catherine Cheatham and Deacon Sandra LeSesne visited with centenarian Deaconess Eleanor Banks on November 13 at her assisted living facility in Bowie, Md. Rev. Jerry Cheatham also came. Deaconess Banks was in good spirits and delighted to see members of her Nineteenth Street church family.

Thanks from the Intercessory Prayer Ministry

We thank our God continually for all of you. Thank you for your faithful and prayerful support as we gathered in focused prayer for the past month. This special season of prayer gave our intercessory efforts even more intentionality as we addressed these prayer themes:

Week 1: A Church that Seeks and Serves God

Week 2: A Church that Serves the Community with Prayers for the Elections

Week 3: A Church of Worship

Week 4: A Church in Thanksgiving

Week 5: A Church in Spiritual Growth

Thank you for including these prayer themes in your private and family devotions. We are confident God will continue to grow our church in the prayer ministry, in our service to our community, and in our faithfulness to the Lord.

Stay tuned for information about teaching workshops and other opportunities to grow your faith and prayer life in the coming year.

The Nineteenth Street Baptist Church Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Rev. Edward Turner Rev. Robin Turner Rev. Lorise White Wolfe

Christmas Bazaar Returns with Something for Everyone

By Donza M. Poole, Chair, Building Fund Committee

Join the Building Fund Committee (BFC) for our annual Fair Trade Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale on Sunday, December 18, following the worship service. After two years of virtual bazaars, we're looking forward to seeing everyone in person in the fellowship hall. It will be a special time of giving, gathering, shopping, and celebrating!

Great Vendors and Bakers + Tees

We're expecting a wonderful group of vendors offering one-ofa-kind gifts, jewelry, accessories, art, and more. The bazaar is a convenient way to shop local, while also supporting mostly female entrepreneurs and creatives, many from the African American community.

The Building Fund Committee will be fundraising for the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) fund through the sale of Fair Trade coffees, teas, chocolates, and more, plus vintage hats. We'll also be selling church logo T-shirts in short- and long-sleeve styles. Get yours while supplies last!

The bazaar's bake sale also returns, offering tasty home-baked goods lovingly prepared by Nineteenth Street bakers.

Christmas Story Hour and Sing-along

This year, the Fruit of the Spirit and New Members Ministries have united to present a Christmas story hour during the bazaar, followed by a Christmas carol sing-along led by the Music Ministry.

We invite children of all ages to gather on the fellowship hall stage to hear the story of Jesus' birth and rejoice in the true meaning of Christmas.



Featured Church Ministry—the Food Pantry

The Building Fund Committee will continue our tradition of featuring a church ministry during the bazaar to highlight this ministry's important work. This year we feature the Food Pantry, which serves hundreds of area families and individuals experiencing food insecurity. The BFC invites all who attend the bazaar to bring a nonperishable food item to donate to the Food Pantry.

Helping You Give Gifts that Give Back

The bazaar offers a way to "give gifts that give back" by shopping local and supporting other good causes. One such cause is the BFC's Fair Trade program. Our sale of Equal Exchange food products and Singing Rooster art helps support the CIP fund and helps better the lives of small farmers and artisans, many from the African diaspora. Fair Trade is a worldwide movement that prioritizes people and the environment. Fair Trade farmers and artisans use sustainable methods to produce their goods and are fairly compensated for the goods they produce.

The BFC looks forward to seeing church family and friends at our annual Fair Trade Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale! ❖



For more information and to learn about volunteer and vendor opportunities, email BuildingFund@19thstreetbc.org.



With God's help, the Music Ministry and the Liturgical Dance Ministry are making wonderful plans for Nineteenth Street for "A Melodious Christmas Season."

For the December 18 Sunday morning worship service, we will offer a variety of Christmas music—well-known holiday favorites, timeless classics, contemporary renderings, and cherished instrumentals. Musically, there will be something enjoyable for everyone. Immediately following the service, the Music Ministry will support the Building Fund Committee's Christmas Bazaar in the fellowship hall. Those joining the bazaar festivities will be treated to an extra special musical surprise!

At the Christmas morning service on December 25, praises to our newborn King will fill the sanctuary. The congregation will be invited to join the Mass Choir in singing Christmas favorites. Remember the days when the organ would ring out with the first notes of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus," and everyone would stand up and join in? Well, get ready and warm up your voices! That is exactly what is planned for our Christmas Sunday service. You don't have to be a professional vocalist—just bring your Christmas spirit. You don't want to miss it.

Help Us This Christmas Season!

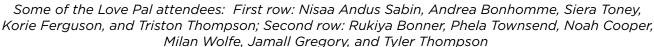
With all we are planning for December, we could use your support. If you have ever participated in or even considered being a part of the Music or Liturgical Dance Ministries, this is the perfect opportunity for you to step up. We need your support now. Special rehearsals are planned to accommodate everyone's schedule.

Contact Minister of Music Kenneth Peagler, Deacon Deborah Crain-Kemp, or Milan Wolfe if you want to join in for the holidays. Minister Peagler is the main point of contact and can be reached at MinisterofMusic@19thstreetbc.org or by calling the church office at 202-829-2773. •

Alumni Gathering Reunites Love Pals

The Love Pal Reunion on Saturday, November 26, brought together former participants and celebrated the program's 30-year history. Attendees included 14 Love Pals, 26 mentors, parents, and Progressive Adults Ministry members. The reunion theme was "Welcome Home Love Pals," and attendees ranged from the inaugural class of 1992 up to 2022. The Love Pal Bingo icebreaker was a fun activity that allowed guests to mix and mingle and learn interesting bits of information about each other. The reunion program included speakers who addressed the program's history, the importance of giving back, and the role of a mentor. It also provided an open mic for Love Pals and parents to offer comments. It was an enjoyable gathering. •











Nineteenth Street Health Initiatives Are Ready to Roll

By Health Navigator Janyce F. Jefferson, RDH, MPH



Do you believe the adage that "Health is Wealth?" Would you like to live your best life in the healthiest ways possible? Are you ready to start now? If so, let's go!

Nineteenth Street is fortunate to be working with two organizations to raise awareness and improve the health of our church family and community. We are one of nine area churches that received a Choose Healthy Life grant. We also collaborate with the Leadership Council

for Healthy Communities. I am humbled to serve as our church Health Navigator. My charge is to inspire and lead our church members and the surrounding community toward their healthy place.

Working with Pastor Roberts and me are team members El'Lohna Jones, who has a Master of Science degree and is a Doctor of Dental Surgery candidate at Howard University, and Jaia Wilensky, a senior at Georgetown Day School. Since Nineteenth Street began participating in the Choose Healthy Life Program, we've been working on introducing programs that help our congregation and our community to live our best lives in the healthiest ways possible.

We hope you'll join us for the launch of our speaker series and take advantage of the screening and vaccine clinics that are planned for December.

Choose Healthy Life Speakers Series Saturdays, 11 a.m. – noon

You are invited to engage your mind with our Choose Healthy Life Speakers Series on the six components of health. The one-hour virtual monthly sessions will be held on Zoom. Information on the December and January sessions is below. To RSVP, send an email to office@19thstreetbc.org with "RSVP to Jaia Wilensky" in the subject line.

December 10 - Psychological Health

Living Your Best A.W.E.-filled Life in 2023 (Awareness of Wondrous Experiences)

Speaker: Janyce F. Jefferson, Registered Dental Hygienist, Master's in Public Health

January 7 - Spiritual Health

The Healing Power of Thank You...Breathing with Intention Speaker: Minister S. Omarr Saunders, Certified Hypnotherapist

Blueprint for Wellness Screenings December 11, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Quest Diagnostics will conduct diagnostic screenings for height, weight, blood pressure, glucose, and cholesterol in a screened-off area in the fellowship hall. The screenings will be offered by appointment only. To make an appointment, email me at jfjhealthnavigator19@gmail.com or by text at 410-804-9325. There is no charge for the screenings.

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Vaccine Clinic December 11, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Giant Pharmacy will conduct the vaccination clinic in the fellowship hall. The clinic will offer the COVID-19 vaccine and booster shots, and flu and shingles vaccinations. Receiving a vaccination is free, and no appointment is required.

Walk This Way

Walk with us on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 9 a.m.

Expect more health information and programs to keep you in good health in the new year!

Fun Daily Reminders

Consider these healthy, fun daily reminders, and let's Choose Healthy Life together!

Soulful Sunday - Focus on "Food" for Thought... Refresh, Restore, Renew Yourself

Mindful Monday - Mind your Mind and Surroundings. Be Present for Yourself.

Self-Talk Tuesday Affirmations - Mirror Messages Make the Difference

Wellness Wednesday - Anything Healthy Goes

Thirsty Thursday - Rethink Your Health Drink Choices: More H20, More Water, More Water

Fruitful Friday - Choose to Shop and Eat a Rainbow of 7 Fruits/Veggies (ROY G. GIV = red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet)

Silly Saturday - Get Your Humor On. Listen Live, Recorded, or Read and Write Something Humorous &

Let's Finish Strong: 90-Day Giving Challenge Ends this Month

By Donza M. Poole, Chair, Building Fund Committee

It's hard to believe, but we're nearing the end of the 90-Day Giving Challenge. The Building Fund Committee (BFC) launched the Challenge on October 3 to raise \$10,000 for the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) fund by Stewardship Sunday, October 23, and even more by the December 31 challenge end date.

As of early November, members had contributed \$3,020 to the CIP. While short of our goal, the BFC truly appreciates the support of the 30 church family members who helped raise the \$3,020.

Funds raised during the 90-Day Giving Challenge will go toward capital improvements to the sanctuary sound system, exterior doors, and administrative office area. The Trustee Board identified these three areas, and the costs are estimated to be \$115,000, which includes approximately \$80,000 for sound system improvements. Funds raised may also be used to address other improvements, as determined by the Board.

There's still time to support the 90-Day Giving Challenge by signing up and committing to including the CIP in your giving through December 31. Your gift, in any amount, will bring our church that much closer to raising over \$10,000 for the CIP by year's end.

We appreciate the financial support of all members who have already contributed to the CIP. While your contributions will go towards the total amount raised, to include all members in the total number of challenge participants, all contributors must sign up for the challenge. Please sign up for the challenge here. It's quick and easy!

We thank everyone who has already supported the challenge. ❖

Mark Your Calendar for Ushers' Day 2023!

By Deacon Yvonne Gowdy, Ushers' Day Chair

Nineteenth Street's Usher Board will observe 54 years of service on January 8, 2023. Please join us as we celebrate this special day.

We look forward to starting off the new year at the church and joining the faithful few who have been ever present as "Door Keepers." •



Ushers regaled the congregation as they strutted down the church aisles at Ushers' Day 2017.

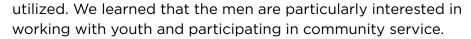
Men's Breakfast Offers Fellowship and a Message

By Charles Sprow, Men's Ministry Chair

Thirty men of Nineteenth Street attended the Men's Ministry Fellowship Breakfast on November 12 at the Golden Corral in Largo, Md. Pastor Roberts welcomed the men and encouraged them to participate in Sunday church services and to sign up for ministries where their individual talents and skills could be

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A follow-up luncheon at the church is planned for January 21, 2023, and will focus on better defining needs and obtaining commitments for service. Contact Men's Ministry Chair Charles Sprow for more information and to get engaged. *

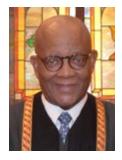






Surviving Life's Changing Seasons

By Rev. Reginald Townsend, Associate Minister



The Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year holidays bring back precious memories of deceased loved ones who continue to live in our hearts. We learn from psychology that grief and bereavement are normal processes in response to loss. We grieve because we love. Just as the seasons change, so too do emotions change as life moves forward. When

you are desperate for help and direction, God's silence can sometimes feel disheartening. You begin to wonder if God has forgotten you, or if He really cares at all. In these moments we must pray hard and say, "Jesus, I will trust you even when You are silent. I want Your will to be done more than anything."

When we kneel and pray, the light of God's Word and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit will lead and guide us through the darkest night and challenging seasons of life. God often shows up when we least expect Him. He has a way of showing us how He can accomplish great miracles amid our doubts and fears. We gain emotional, physical, and spiritual strength as we pray for God's help. When we commit ourselves to Jesus, God's power is released in us in astounding ways.

Jesus is the Reason for the Season

At Christmas, we celebrate the gift of forgiveness and eternal life that Jesus brought us. So, if you find that you are discouraged during the holidays, remind yourself that God made a way out of no way when He sent Jesus. Jesus came, not only to save you from your sin, but to heal your heart from the pain of this world. And right now, in the middle of your hurt and

pain, Jesus wants to be a part of your life to comfort you and help you heal.

Study the Word

The Apostle Paul teaches that the sufferings of this present time are not worth being compared with the glory that is to be revealed in us. (Rom 8:18). "And we know that all that happens to us is working for our good, if we love God and are fitting into His plans..." (Rom 8:28, NLT)

Pray and Give Thanks Anyway

Remember God is always with you during this season. Evil wants to steal and destroy your joy, while taking your focus away from God. If this happens to you, pray, and ask the Father to make you thankful and help you voice your gratitude to Him.

Encourage Others

Finally, encourage one another. Remind others of the gifts God gives us: grace, mercy, love, joy, hope, and peace that will be with us always. (2 Cor 13:11, NLT)

If you are experiencing holiday grief and bereavement, the GriefShare Ministry would like to listen and support your journey from mourning to joy, while helping to make you feel whole again. For further information you can call the church office (202-829-2773) or email **office@19thstreetbc.org**. All inquiries are held in strict confidence.

October 29 YardFest Was Fun for Everyone!

College Choirs, Trunk or Treat, Fellowship, and Food!











































Thanksgiving Giveaway Volunteers



On November 21 and 22, Nineteenth Street hosted NBC4's FOOD 4 Families campaign during which 5,000 turkeys were donated to families in need.

NBC4 gave 75 of the turkeys to Nineteenth Street to distribute to families we identified. Volunteers who helped to hand out the turkeys included Rev. James Harris, Janyce Jefferson, Carol Barnes-Bryant, Sandra Keaton Brown, Sandy Rivers, and Deacon Sandra LeSesne. ❖



The Church School Thanksgiving Project Committee wishes to extend a "WORLD of THANKS" to our church ministries, church family, and friends for your compassion, generosity, and support this year.

On November 17 and 18, we distributed Giant Food gift cards to families for Thanksgiving. Our goal for this year was to provide 70 families with gift cards. Through your generous donations, we surpassed our goal and provided 94 families, totaling 440 persons, with gift cards!

The committee extends special thanks to Shirley France, Portia Thompson, and Robin Smith for all their help and support.

In this time of uncertainty, we are so blessed to be a part of a community that believes in sharing God's gifts.

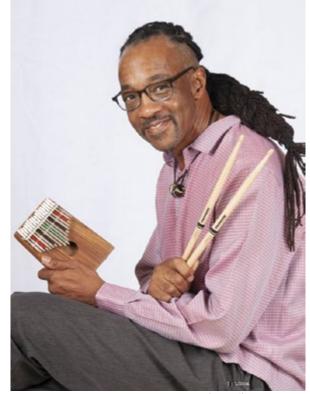
> Church School Thanksgiving Project Committee

Dorothy Jordan Curtis Karen Sidney-Drumgold Robin Williams

Congratulations!

Darryl Singleton, son of the late Associate Minister Rev. I. Benni Singleton and Dr. Carol Singleton, was spotlighted in The Daily Evergreen, a Washington State University (WSU) student online publication. Singleton is a jazz musician, percussionist, and WSU instructor of Black American music and social justice/jazz percussion. He credits his father's love for big band and 1960s jazz music and his mother's love of funkier jazz for instilling his appreciation for the music. The article is a tribute to his impact on his students and his contributions to the university.

Click **here** to read the entire article.



The Daily Evergreen



Happy Birthday Pastor Roberts December 3



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jerry A. Moore III	12/1	Deacon Harrison Lightfoot	12/10	Sandra W. Howell	12/19
Patricia C. Thomas	12/1	Deaconess Evangeline F. Stevens	12/10	Karen E. Williamson	12/20
Bernadette Swanson-Thomas	12/2	William Washington Jr.	12/10	Malcolm Holley	12/21
Valarie B. Ashley	12/3	Deaconess E. Louise White	12/10	Trustee William R. Hyde	12/21
Taquanna Bolden	12/3	Kenneth Martin	12/12	Dorothy Whyte	12/21
John E. Jackson	12/3	Bumni Okunola	12/12	Reverend Leslie A. Wiley	12/21
Beverly Janine Page	12/3	William Smith	12/13	Brother Erik A. Moses	12/22
Rev. Darryl D. Roberts	12/3	Melvin J. Spann	12/14	Brother Nathaniel Slayton III	12/22
Deacon Gerald Young	12/3	Sheryll D. Cashin	12/15	Ronald F. Williams	12/22
Stephanie Sprow Owens	12/4	Ashley Lewis Sturdivant	12/15	Kariel McMillan	12/23
Allison D. Thomas	12/4	Julia V. Clark	12/16	Deacon Stephanie M.	10 /07
Deaconess Jean R. Jordan (93rd)	12/5	Stephanie E. Gordon	12/16	Thomas-Gordon	12/23
DeVera Y. Redmond	12/6	Opal Hyde	12/16	Marsha G. Browne	12/27
Billy Wiley	12/6	Odelia McFadden	12/16	Michele Watson	12/29
Mark Mann	12/7	Cynthia H. Thompson	12/16	Renee Bovelle	12/30
Ronald J. Taylor	12/9	Stacey Burch	12/17	Tonya R. Robertson	12/30
Deaconess Sandra Caviness	12/10	A. Samantha Buggs-Neel	12/18	Please notify the church office	
Rev. James A. Crosson Jr.	12/10	Debra Datcher	12/19	of additions or correction	

Weekly Bible Study and Prayer Calls

Every Tuesday:

Intercessory Prayer Conference Calls, led by Ministers, 6:30–7 a.m.

Bible Study with Rev. Nicholas Young, Zoom, 7 p.m.

Every Wednesday:

Intercessory Prayer Calls, led by Deaconesses, noon-12:15 p.m.

Every Thursday:

Prayer Meeting Calls, led by Deacons

December 8: Rev. Reginald Townsend preaching, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

December 22: Rev. Edward Turner preaching, 6:30–7:30 p.m.



Nineteenth Street is now a registered charity on AmazonSmile, so you can support the church when you shop on Amazon. Under the program, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price of an eligible purchase to the charity you've designated at no extra cost to you.

If you have an Amazon account, just sign up for AmazonSmile and select Nineteenth Street as your charity. If you don't currently have an Amazon account or need more information, click **here** for additional instructions on the church website.

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Access LIVESTREAM (current and past)
on YouTube here

Access the **PRAYER MEETING** and **PRAYER CALLS** at 605-472-5349, access code 348952#

Access CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES via Zoom

Contact organizers for access to **ZOOM** programs



Pastor Roberts on the Air

Tune into the Coach Butch McAdams Show on Sunday, December 18 at 12:30 p.m. to hear Pastor Darryl Roberts talk about Nineteenth Street ministries and initiatives.

Listen live on radio stations WOL (1450 AM) and MAGIC (95.9 FM) or listen to live radio streaming on a computer or cell phone by going to **woldcnews.com**. *



December Calendar

Saturday, December 3

Choose Healthy Life "Walk This Way" Walking Group, meet at church, 9:30 a.m.

Board of Deacons Meeting, 9 a.m. (Zoom)

Liturgical Dance Practice, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., sanctuary

Board of Deaconesses Meeting, 10:30 a.m. (Zoom)

Sunday, December 4

Church School, Adult Class, in person & Zoom, 9 a.m.

Worship Service, Second Sunday of Advent & Communion, in person & livestream, 10 a.m.

Church School, Primary & Middler, Hybrid: Moore Conf. Rm. & Deacon Bd. Rm. and Zoom, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, December 7

Choose Healthy Life "Walk This Way" Walking Group, meet at church, 3:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal, chapel, 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 8

Food Pantry and Clothes Closet, open 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday, December 10

Choose Healthy Life "Walk This Way" Walking Group, meet at church, 9 a.m.

Liturgical Dance Practice, sanctuary, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Building Fund Committee Meeting, Zoom, 11 a.m.

Choose Healthy Life Speaker Series, "Living Your Best Life," fellowship hall, 11 a.m.

Missionary Society Meeting, conference call, 12 p.m.

Sunday, December 11

Church School, Adult Class, in person & Zoom, 9 a.m.

Worship Service, Third Sunday of Advent, in person & livestream, 10 a.m.

Church School, Tweens & Teens, Sisterhood Room, 10:30 a.m.

Church School Primary & Middler, Zoom, 12:30 p.m.

Blueprint for Wellness Screenings, fellowship hall, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Welcome Reception for Rev. Nicholas Young, fellowship hall, 12 p.m.–1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14

Senior Ministry Bridge Class, 1-3:30 p.m.

Choose Healthy Life "Walk This Way" Walking Group, meet at church, 3:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal, chapel, 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 17

Choose Healthy Life "Walk This Way" Walking Group, meet at church, 9 a.m.

Liturgical Dance Practice, sanctuary, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Progressive Adults Step Afrika! Theater Outing, Arena Stage, 2 p.m.

Sunday, December 18

Church School, Adult Class, in person & Zoom, 9 a.m.

Worship Service, Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Program, in person & livestream, 10 a.m.

Building Fund Committee, Holiday Bazaar, fellowship hall, 12-2 p.m.

Wednesday, December 21

Helping Hand Club, Christmas Basket Assembly, fellowship hall, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Thursday, December 22

Food Pantry & Clothes Closet, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve, church office closed

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Worship Service, in person & livestream, 10 a.m.

Monday, December 26 – Christmas Federal Holiday, church office closed

Wednesday, December 28

Senior Ministry Bridge Class, 1-3:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal, chapel, 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 31

New Year's Eve Pre-Watch Night Service, in person, with special guests Pastor Keith Byrd, and members of Zion Baptist Church, 3 p.m.

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