



THE *Mount Calvary* MESSENGER

SMALL ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU, LARGE ENOUGH TO GROW YOU!

FEBRUARY

2022

CELEBRATING Black History Month



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From The Pastor's Pen...



Greetings Family!

February is here! Even though it is a short month, it is a very exciting month. For it is filled with love and celebration. **In this month we celebrate Founder's Day, Black History Month and Valentine's Day.**

We celebrate the love of our religious heritage. On the second Sunday, members and friends across the globe will pay homage to our illustrious founder Bishop Richard Allen. As **AME's, we have a heritage to be proud of and our** contributions to the history of these United States are numerous. When **Richard Allen and others walked out of St. George's that Sunday morning, we became the** first African Americans to lead a non-violent protest. When Allen and others purchased the old blacksmith shop in Philadelphia, we became the first African Americans to own real estate in America. We also were the first African American to publish a newspaper in America. Through the Free African Society, Allen passed on to us notable values such as liberation, justice, self-determination, education, and economic empowerment.

We celebrate love for our ethnic heritage. Black History Month is a time to remember our history. We cannot fully know who we are unless we know from whence we have come. In addition, our history helps us to know what we have contributed to America as a people. While it is true that portions of our history have been forgotten, ignored, overlooked, dismissed, misstated, and eulogized **instead of historized, but there is no doubt that America's history is incomplete** without seeing where it intersects with Black history. Therefore, to celebrate our African American heritage, I suggest we support a Black business, donate to a Black organization or an HBCU, visit a Black History or Civil Rights Museum, read a book by a Black author, mentor a Black child, call out racism and prejudice in the community or engage in Black History conversations on social media.

So, what does Founder's Day, Black History Month and Valentine's Day all have in common? In a word, LOVE. When we remember and celebrate these important days, we are called to recommit ourselves to loving our neighbors, all of our neighbors.

The late Archbishop Desmond Tutu wrote in his book, *The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World*, **"We are made for goodness. We are made for love. We are made for friendliness. We are made for togetherness."**

And so, my sisters and my brothers in faith, during this month of February, let us commit ourselves to our Christian calling: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God...If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is perfected in us. (1 John 4:7, 12). Let the celebration begin!!!! Be Encouraged and Stay in His Grip!

Pastor Bob

ORDER of *Worship*

Welcome

Invocation

Scripture

Selection

Preached Word of God

Invitation to Accept Christ

Tithes, Missionary, and General Offering

This is My Tithe

I acknowledge that God is the giver of every good and perfect gift. I can only reap what I have sown. I cannot out give God no matter how I try, and as I act in obedience to the word of God, I bless my church, myself and my family.

This is the promise of God. Malachi 3:10

Benediction

“You’ve come to Worship, now leave to Serve!”

Mt. Calvary A.M.E. Church Mission and Vision

We are a Christ-Centered church that believes in the full gospel message. We believe in building and equipping disciples and we are committed to reaching our city, state, and world with the Gospel. We want to connect with people and grow an authentic relationship with Jesus. We are a word-based, soul-winning, love-centered church that hopes-

“The Distance Was Worth The Difference!”



Church-Wide Announcements

◆ Harvest Meals 4 The Hungry Ministry

The serving of the *Grab and Go Meals* will begin on Wednesday, February 2nd. Monetary donations are accepted. If you would like to volunteer for this much needed ministry, please contact the following persons: Bro. Andrew Adams: andrewadams99@msn.com or 443.370.1690; Rev. Thomasine Adams: adamsthomasine7@gmail.com or 410.967.6788

◆ 2nd Episcopal District Virtual Founders Day & Mid-Winter Convocation

The Second Episcopal District in the African Methodist Episcopal Church James L. Davis and Arelis B. Davis, Servant Leaders invites you to register for the 2022 Mid-Winter Meeting Founder's Day and Mid-Year Convocation that will be held on February 10-11, 2022 at 8:30 A.M. Register in advance for this webinar: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mSdQEjhUO1SaggAi1o_yiA After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

◆ **Beads of Wisdom Senior's Ministry Zoom Stay at Home Tea:**

The Beads will host a Zoom Stay at Home Tea on February 26, 2022, from 2pm-3pm.

◆ **Disciples for Christ Men's Ministry Soup Kitchen:**

Serving hot soup and sandwiches to the homeless twice monthly through March. NEW Items, such as socks, gloves, and warm hats are needed through the end of March. Please contact Bro. Andrew Adams for donations: andrewadams99@msn.com or 443.370.1690.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH...

This month we celebrate Black History Month, also known as African-American History Month, in the United States. It began as a way to remember important people and events in the history of the African diaspora. Let us continue to honor and remember our notable black



figures, some of which are featured on our cover this month, who have made a difference in the lives of Black Americans. We salute them all!!

February Memory Scripture and Theme

“Then the Lord said to me, “You have made your way around this hill country long enough; now turn north.”

Deuteronomy 2:2-3 NIV

Theme: Reposition to align with God’s true purpose and guided direction for your life.

Please join us in our weekly POWER CELLS!

- The Jewel Cromwell Johnson Prayer Line
 - Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday at 6am
 - Phone Conference Call Line: 725-735-9012. NO Passcode:
 - Church School - Sundays at 8:30 am adults (*On the prayer line*).
 - Church-wide Bible Study - Wednesdays at 7pm (*Face Book Live*).
 - YPD Virtual Church, 4th Sunday at 1pm on Facebook Live.
 - Join us every Thursday for Thursday Treats for the Thirsty– Zooming in His Word at 7pm.
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Birthday greetings to all those celebrating a birthday in the month of February, from the Congregational Care Unit ministry. (mtcalvaryamecculeaders@gmail.com)



Sunday Online Services...

We are still having church, just a little differently. Join us online on Face Book Live for our Sunday Morning Worship Service at 10:00 am <https://www.facebook.com/MtCalvaryAMEChurch/>

THE HISTORY OF THE AME CHURCH...



Each year, the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AMEC) celebrates Founders Day, the day that the AME connectional church was established. The church grew out of the Free African Society (FAS) which Richard Allen, Absalom Jones, and others established in Philadelphia in 1787. When officials at St. George's MEC pulled blacks off their knees while praying, FAS members discovered just

how far American Methodists would go to enforce racial discrimination against African Americans. Hence, these members of St. George's made plans to transform their mutual aid society into an African congregation. Although most wanted to affiliate with the Protestant Episcopal Church, Allen led a small group who resolved to remain Methodists.

In 1794 Bethel AME, located in Pennsylvania, was dedicated with Allen as pastor. To establish Bethel's independence from interfering white Methodists, Allen, a former Delaware slave, successfully sued in the Pennsylvania courts in 1807 and 1815 for the right of his congregation to exist as an independent institution. Because black Methodists in other middle Atlantic communities encountered racism and desired religious autonomy, Allen called them to meet in Philadelphia to form a new Wesleyan denomination, the AME.

Today, the AMEC has membership in twenty Episcopal Districts in 39 countries on five continents. The work of the Church is administered by twenty-one active bishops, and nine General Officers who manage the departments of the Church.

LENTEN MESSAGE...

Lenten Season: March 2 - April 17, 2022

Lenten Season 2022

“Prepare”

Isaiah 40:3-5; Mark: 1:1-3



This year Lent takes place from Wednesday, March 2nd, Ash Wednesday, to Thursday, April 14th. Easter takes place on Sunday, April 17th. Lent is a Christian annual period that starts on Ash Wednesday lasting 40 days (not including Sundays) representing the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness.

Lenten Season is a journey. Our Theme for the Lenten Season is **“Prepare.”** We will be intentional as we prepare by fasting, praying, reading Scripture, creating a Sacred Space, and giving to the poor (benevolence) during the Lenten Season.

Rev. Thomasine Adams
Prayer and Spiritual Formation Ministry

February Prayer List

Sis. Virgie Brandt
Rev. Bonnie Epps Burgess
Pastor Bob & Rev. Angie Cox
Bro. Brian Creek
Sis. Vivian Fenton
Mother Mabel Gray
Mother Grace Hicks
Sis. Sherrilyn Ifill
Bro. Ivo Knobloch
Sis. Nadine Marsh
Sis. Wendy Savoy



Bro. Laverne Slade
Sis. Sharon Slade
Sis. Doris Walker
Sis. Liz Weh
Bro. Warren Whitworth
Sis. Lindsey Yik
Cancer patients/Survivors
Coronavirus patients/Survivors
First Responders
Health Care Workers

Opportunities to Give...

Bring the whole tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. For so if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.
Malachi 3:10

5 Ways to Give

Mount Calvary AME Church

ONLINE www.mtcalvaryame.org
click the give tab.

PHONE 410-296-9474

MAIL-IN Mail your gift:
Mount Calvary AME Church
PO Box 20416 | Towson, MD 21286

IN-PERSON
Drop off your gift at the church office; Mt. Calvary AME Church
349 Eudowood Lane | Towson, MD 21286

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Rev. Angie Crawford-Cox, First Lady

Items for the Messenger must be submitted by the 2nd Friday of each month. Leaders, please add the following address to your email contacts to receive a reminder: mtcalvaryamemessenger@gmail.com.