



ST. JAMES AME ZION CHURCH | 2023 NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S HAPPENING AND WHAT'S NEW

Trustee of the Month
Sis. Sandra Powell

MAY BIRTHDAYS



Sandra Powell 5/4
Curtis Lin 5/14
William Huggins 5/14
Charlotte McAfee 5/23
Diane Banks 5/28
Angelina Liggins 5/28

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MISSION

Our mission is to bring people to Christ by taking Christ to people.

VISION

We strive to be a church that is Christ centered, culturally relevant and community focused.

MOTTO

The church is not the building, it's the people. So come and be the church with us.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: THE YEAR IN REVIEW



Our 14th year together as Pastor and people, has been a good one, an eventful one and I thought it would be beneficial to look back at the highlights of what we've accomplished for the Kingdom of God this conference year.

Health Ministry

We hosted three vaccination clinics as community gatherings this conference year with our community partners, each a little larger and more grand than the last. Over two hundred fifty neighbors were vaccinated against Covid 19, the flu, shingles and

pneumonia through our vaccination clinics. We were also the host site for Curative.com's neighborhood Covid testing site until Curative closed all their testing sites early in 2023.

Ecumenical Efforts

We hosted a Zoom worship service on Thanksgiving morning for the San Mateo community. We hosted home-going celebrations for two community members at St. James and an ash scattering in the Pacific Ocean.

Participated in the Harriet Tubman sculpture selection of descriptors for the plaques on the base of the sculpture as well as participating at unveiling at the Millbrae Bart Station.

We hosted an online presentation on mental health sponsored by NAMI as an introduction to Mental Health Awareness Month in May, where we continue to de-stigmatized mental illness while also gaining greater understanding of how we, as a family of faith, can better help one another through the tough times of life.

Worship

New television and camera in sanctuary and wiring for our Tech Room. We hosted the first Check Up Meeting for the California Conference. We hosted the District Maundy Thursday worship service. We lost our Minister of Music and are desperately seeking a new person, prayerfully someone local so commuting isn't a problem. If you know of anyone, send them Monica's way!

Community Outreach Efforts

Help One Child: Care Portal

We have assisted four young people who are transitioning out of foster care. A young woman received art supplies and a gift card to Michael's to start her own art business; a

young man abandoned by his mom needed a Chromebook in order to take classes and become job ready; a young mother with twins needed household items to furnish her first home; a graduate of the class of June 2023 needed help in order to attend the grad night trip with her class.

We also hosted the first post pandemic Christmas party for transitioning youth in the fellowship hall and blessed the participants with Amazon gift cards from the church.

Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA) We ran a month long giving campaign, beginning with our offering on Thanksgiving Day and ending on Christmas Day to provide funds for CORA. We also donated 10 boxes of groceries for their clients. We had an additional 9 boxes which were distributed to residents of North Central.

Adopt a School: Lead Elementary We provided the children with breakfast items all year long as well as uniform items. A special request came in for tennis shoes, hoodies, socks and undergarments which were also supplied. Thanks to STJ members for your generosity and to the City of San Mateo for the grant funding needed to support the school.

Partnerships

Partnerships are the most effective way to do ministry, in addition to our primary community based organization, BACHAC, this year we increased our community partnerships to include San Mateo Police Department, Police Activities League, Second Harvest Food bank, Samuel Merritt Nursing Program, Safeway

Pharmacy, Peninsula Pharmacists Association, Peninsula Health Care District, Family, Child Services of San Mateo County, and NAMI.

New Happenings

The St. James Community Development Corporation is up and running! The board of directors has been formed, and support staff selected. The logo has been designed and the Face book and website are under construction. The CDC will allow us to enter into the affordable housing space as a legitimate 501(c)3 entity. Stay tuned for more on this exciting development!

If the Good Lord blesses me with a 15th appointment to STJ (and I pray that is the case), my hope is that as you've read what we have been involved in this conference year, that something will strike you as a passion and you'll get involved in the planning and execution of these worthy endeavors, Mary Poppins said it best "many hands makes the work light!" The more people involved in active ministry, the better, amen?

Blessings,

Pastor Bussey



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

*"A Mother's love is something
that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion
and of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish
and enduring come what may,
For nothing can destroy it
or take that love away,
It is patient and forgiving
when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters
even though the heart is breaking,
It believes beyond believing
when the world around condemns
,and it glows with all the beauty
of the rarest, brightest gems,
It is far beyond defining,
it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret
like the mysteries of creation,
A many splendored miracle
man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
of God's tender guiding hand."*

- "A Mother's Love," Helen Steiner Rice

FROM GOOD TO GREAT!



Think of your church as a digital organization with a physical presence rather than a physical organization with a digital presence!

Why? Because the way people determine which church to explore, attend and join is often a function of what they first see in online investigation, aka church shopping via the internet!

Here are some tips for us all to remember as we continue to put our best foot forward in the digital world of online church while also doing our best to draw people to the physical church building. They are in no particular order and are based on observations while viewing the online service, which the tech team and Pastor do periodically. In fact, I would invite everyone to view the service online on our FB site (during the week, NOT during service 😊) so you can see why the issues below are listed.

1. The choir should remain seated until the pastor reaches the back door. The cameras are still rolling and everything you do and say is caught on camera 😊 😊
2. Please sit close to the front and on the center aisle. The reason is that though we may have a good crowd on a given Sunday, if everyone sits on the edges, the camera gives the appearance that the church is much more empty than it actually is. Believe it or not, people don't want to attend a church that no one else is attending (as far as they can see on camera). 😊 😊

3. Once church has begun, please refrain from using the center aisle. It is distracting to those in the sanctuary as well as those online and since we have two side isles, it's not necessary either. 😊

4. On a related note, the first Sunday of the month is our "formal" Sunday when the choir and ministers engage in processional entry into the sanctuary. No one should enter the sanctuary via the center aisle after the Pastor has processed in, but instead, use the side aisles to take your seat, as close to the front and to the center aisle as you are comfortable. This will also leave room for those who are late to be able to slide in easier.

5. The STJ sanctuary has outstanding acoustics and the microphones pick up absolutely everything! So...please keep your voice low once you're in the sanctuary before service begins and by all means, if you are anywhere in the vicinity of a mic, remember it is a hot mic!! 🗣️ 🗣️

6. When we have visitors and we do almost every week, please remember to greet them, ask their name, tell them yours and invite them to come again. We are known as a genuinely friendly, loving church so this one is just a reminder to keep up the good work of radical hospitality! 🙌 🙌 🙌

Thanks so much for your consideration and cooperation! 😊 😊 😊

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

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Mental Health Awareness Month has been observed in May in the United States since 1949, reaching millions of people in the United States through the media, local events, and screenings. While 1 in 5 people will experience

a mental illness during their lifetime, everyone faces challenges in life that can impact their mental health.

Each year **Mental Health America** designs a digital toolkit that everyone can use to improve their mental health and increase resiliency regardless of the situations they are dealing with. Considering the current climate, we believe that these tools – even those that may need to be adapted for the short term because of COVID-19 and social distancing – will be more useful than ever.

For additional resources please visit:
www.mhanational.org

DATES TO REMEMBER

Important Dates:

Quarterly Conferences (on Zoom)
May 6, 2022

154th Session of the Californian Annual Conference: June 1-5, 2022 Kyles Temple Vallejo hosting service 10am

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PEAS
PINEAPPLES
RADISHES
RHUBARB
SCALLIONS
SPINACH
WATERCRESS



HEALTHY LIFE
FOR ME

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE WH&OMS PRESENTS

APPRECIATION

Reception

CELEBRATING

MISSIONARY SUPERVISOR **REV. FELICA R. THOMPSON**
WESTERN EPISCOPAL DISTRICT OF THE AME ZION CHURCH

JUNE 2, 2023 | 6:30 P.M.

COURTYARD MARRIOTT SACRAMENTO CAL EXPO
1782 TRIBUTE ROAD, SACRAMENTO, CA 95815

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL MISSIONARY PRESIDENT FOR TICKETS, \$65 PER PERSON

FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT BAY CITIES DISTRICT
MISSIONARY PRESIDENT RHONDA SMITH AT
BCMISSIONARYPRESIDENT@GMAIL.COM

ZION
Church

THE RT. REV. BRIAN R. THOMPSON, SR., PRESIDING PRELATE



May 1- May 8, 2023 Dr. Vilma D. Leake Walk-A-Mile for Second Mile

Bay Cities District WH&OM Society

Choose your own time & location

Let's move for better health & to support our overseas missionaries.

Schedule time to walk/move together or individually.

Join our Stridekick Team - <https://bit.ly/3Le3A6n>

Consider making a donation of \$2.00 per mile.

WESTERN EPISCOPAL DISTRICT OF THE AME ZION CHURCH

CALIFORNIA

Annual Conference

MAY 31 - JUNE 3, 2023

HOST CHURCH
KYLES TEMPLE A.M.E. ZION CHURCH
2940 42ND STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95817

WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE AND OUR ZION FAMILY TO KYLES TEMPLE SACRAMENTO FOR THE 2023 CALIFORNIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE!

HOST HOTELS
FAIRFIELD INN SACRAMENTO CAL EXPO
1780 TRIBUTE ROAD | SACRAMENTO, CA 95815
PHONE: (916) 929-6000
GROUP RATE: \$119.00 PER NIGHT + TAXES

COURTYARD SACRAMENTO CAL EXPO
1782 TRIBUTE ROAD | SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95815
PHONE: (916) 929-7900
GROUP RATE: \$139.00 PER NIGHT + TAXES



REV. DR. & MRS. BRANDON FISHER, HOST PASTOR AND FIRST LADY
REV. GLORIA CLEMONS-WHITE, HOST PRESIDING ELDER - CENTRAL VALLEY DISTRICT



REV. FELICA R. THOMPSON, MISSIONARY SUPERVISOR
THE RT. REV. BRIAN R. THOMPSON, SR., PRESIDING PRELATE



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St. Rhonda Smith



Bay Cities District
Balm in Gilead Director
Rev. Vicki Collins



Bay Cities District
Mission Education
NCBM OGAC Health Co-Chair
St. Pat Hunsler

Discussion with Dinner

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023
7:00PM - 8:30PM

Health Talk Workshop with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

GREATER COOPER
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH
1420 MYRTLE STREET
OAKLAND CA 94607

CONNECTING THE DOTS IN HEALTH THROUGH
PARTNERSHIPS
BE MADE WHOLE



J O I N U S

Light meal to be provided



WORSHIP WITH US



Sunday Service

On site at 11:00

following COVID-19 protocols

Facebook Live

www.facebook.com/stjamesanmateo

Instagram Live

[@stjamesamezchurch](https://www.instagram.com/stjamesamezchurch)

Phone Audio

via Zoom

Meeting ID: 871 8884 0303

Passcode: 670043

Wednesday Night Bible Study

7:00p.m.-8:00 p.m.

via Zoom

Meeting ID: 871 8884 0303

Passcode: 670043

A REMINDER FOR THOSE ATTENDING IN PERSON WORSHIP:

Please, please, please refrain from watching the sermon on your phone, iPad or other electronic device while worshipping in the sanctuary. There is a limited amount of bandwidth for streaming the service. Every device that is in operation in the sanctuary draws on that bandwidth and slows down the internet connection and the streaming capacity. Please help the tech team provide the best possible delivery of the worship service to everyone by enjoying the worship experience

live. Thank you so much for your cooperation and assistance.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Tithes & offerings can also be mailed to the church

Text Give to:
650-800-6925

Cash App
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PIC-COLLAGE

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

- If you would like to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior
- If you have a prayer request
- If you would like to join St James AME Zion Church as a physical or e-member:
Please contact us directly at:
stjamesamezchurch@gmail.com

STAY CONNECTED

Website:

www.stjamesanmateo.org

Facebook:

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MAY PRAYER LIST



St. James AME Zion Church family, Pastor Marlyn Bussey and family, Board of Bishops, Bishop Brian Thompson, Sr. and family, The AME Zion, Stephanie Page and family, Rev. Kristi Dunham, Marie Davis and family, Sis. Jean Wilson and family, Sis. Evelyn Neely, Rev. Claybon Lea, Michael and Ann Wasson, Sis. Pearl Rochon, Sis. Charlotte McAfee, Kyle Parker, Jr., Sis. Linda Clayton, the Lax family, Maria Ho and Jazz Svarda. Those grieving losses, the people of Ukraine, the homeless and hurting; those fighting sickness, safety for houses of faith, educators, students, the unemployed; students and educators, families and victims of gun violence, essential workers, those traveling; the incarcerated; the lonely, those feeling as though they have no hope. Prayers for those dealing with tornadoes, storms, floods, earthquakes and other natural disasters across this country and this world. All those who are blessed by the Care Portal Ministry, the children nourished by the Breakfast Tree Ministry. Congress, President Biden and his administration. Pray for those enduring extreme weather conditions. The work of the Juvenile Justice Commission of San Mateo County, Supervisor Noelia Corzo, Mayor Amourence Lee. Finally, let us pray for all those we interceded for on Sunday morning and throughout the week.