

UNION WESLEY

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church



Rev. Dr. Brian S. Relford, Sr., Pastor

WORSHIP GOD • SHARE CHRIST • SERVE OTHERS

182nd Founder's Day

THE ORDER OF SERVICE | OCTOBER 11, 2026| 10:00 AM

The Call to Worship

Invocation Rev. Demetros Benton

The Morning Hymn.....“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed.....

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost. Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead, and buried: The third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy catholic church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Announcements.....

The Scripture Reading.....Philippians 3:12-16 (NRSV).....Sara Lucas

The Morning Prayer.....Rev. Demetros Benton

The Musical Selection.....

***OUR GIFTS TO GOD** *The giving of Tithes, Offerings and the Ministry of Kindness Offering*
THE OFFERTORY *“All Things Come of Thee”*

The Musical Selection.....

The Message.....Rev. Dr. Rita J. Colbert
Episcopal Administrative Presiding Elder Mid-Atlantic

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship.....

The Benediction.....

UPCOMING EVENTS



OCT 11 | 182nd Founder's Day
OCT 15-17 | Leadership Training Institute
OCT 18 | Connectional Lay Sunday
OCT 24 | Senior Ministry Brunch & Fashion Show
OCT 25 | Stewardess Board Ministry Annual Day
OCT 30 | CED Harvest Feast

NOV 5 | 2nd Quarterly Conference | 7pm
NOV 11 | Veteran's Day
NOV 22 | Greeters Ministry Ice Cream Social
NOV 22 | WD Joint Thanksgiving Service | 3 pm
NOV 26 | Happy Thanksgiving

DEC 5 | 2nd Cyber Checkup Meeting
DEC 6 | Class Leaders Sunday
DEC 20 | Christmas Worship Service
DEC 25 | Merry Christmas
DEC 31 | Watch Night Service



OCTOBER IS LIFE MEMBERS MONTH

AGE GROUP

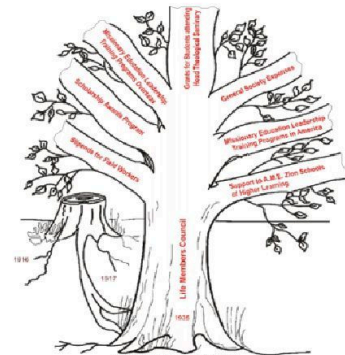
All Ages

MOTTO

"Each One, Make One"

COLORS

White (purity, joy) and Red (fire, blood, charity)



MISSION

The person serving in the role must be a Life Member. The purpose of the department is to organize all Life Members, Matrons, Patrons, and Honorary Life members into a local council.

The Life Members Council is the most exciting department in the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society! This department captures the hearts and interests of men, women, boys, and girls from across the width and breadth of Zion. An investment in this department is an investment in the lives of Zion's greatest resource: Her People!

Becoming a member and investing in the Life Members Council supports the following ministries as listed on the Tree of Hope:

- A scholarship fund for students attending Hood Theological Seminary.
- Grants and support to each of our A.M.E. Zion Church Schools.
- Salaries and stipends for field workers in the overseas area.
- Missionary training in America and Overseas.
- Operational expenses of the General Society.
- Scholarship awards for students attending an A.M.E. Zion Church School of Higher Learning.

In addition to your initial investment and receipt of a stole, we ask that you continue to support these ongoing ministries by: Paying \$5.00 annual due.

Mrs. Joy Williamson Foster, Connectional Chairman Life Members Council
Mrs. Deborah Hobbs, Local Life Members Chairman
Mrs. Heidi Hill, President, Parent Body



WEEKLY MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Intercessory Prayer

Tuesdays at **7:00 PM** via conference call.

Wednesday Bible Study (No Bible Study Wednesday, October 14th)

12:00 PM – In Person | 6:30 PM – Virtual Only

Thursday Morning Manna

Thursdays at **6:00 AM** via conference call.

Sunday School

Sundays at **9:00 AM** Join us as we learn, grow, and strengthen our walk together in Christ.

Children's Church

Ages **2–12** 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays at **10:00 AM**

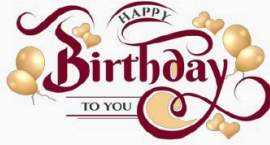
OCTOBER | CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

The Stewardess Board Ministry invites the Union Wesley Church Family to join us in celebrating and honoring our ministerial staff on Sunday, **October 25th**, in recognition of Clergy Appreciation Month.

As a gesture of love and gratitude for their faithful service, we encourage everyone who is able to share a small monetary gift or simply a card beginning Sunday, September 13th thru October 18th. Your kindness will help us express how much we appreciate their leadership, dedication, and spiritual care over the years.

You may give online (please indicate *Clergy Appreciation*) or see **Brenda Ruffin** or **Glenna Joyner** for in-person contributions.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



OCT 1 Alexis Baker

OCT 1 Aubrie Winstead

OCT 2 Cassandra Jackson

OCT 3 Barbara Mitchell

OCT 5 David Watson,

OCT 5 Gerlyn Garrett, Quinten Ziegler

OCT 6 Dorothy Bates

OCT 7 Delores Guy

OCT 7 Sara Lucas, Robert (CJ) Pettice, Jr.

OCT 10 Jason Joyner, Diarra Robertson

OCT 11 Kyle Minor

OCT 11 Nicole Tichawonna, Carol Milligan

OCT 12 Paula Fleet

OCT 13 Lila Stroud

OCT 13 Veronica Keith

OCT 13 Ira Hobbs III

OCT 14 Viktoria Trimmer

OCT 18 Rev. Verlie H. Peters

OCT 18 Joy Onuegbu

OCT 19 Vernell Dickens

OCT 19 Evon Phipps-White

OCT 20 Sharon Hardy

OCT 21 Sean Delbe

OCT 21 Uju Onuegbu,

OCT 21 Jaedon Joyner

OCT 21 Betty Weaver

OCT 22 Candice Labbe`

OCT 22 Kandi Tobe

OCT 23 L'Orelle Bookard

OCT 24 Gertrude Buchanan

OCT 24 Isabella Selmon

OCT 25 Khadiyjah Pendergraph

OCT 27 Elise Lytle

OCT 28 Brian Relford, Jr.

OCT 29 Arlene Battle

OCT 29 Alisa Carter

OCT 30 Wayne Young

HAPPY
Anniversary

8 John and Barbara Kidwell

9 Ivie and Melinda Higgins

14 Ernest and Kathleen Barber

Let's keep our sick and shut-in members in our thoughts and prayers. Take a moment to reach out with a card, a call, or a heartfelt prayer to let them know they are not forgotten. Your kindness and support can make a world of difference to those who need it most.

“Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints.” Ephesians 6:18 (CSB)

Mrs. Kathleen Barber
4218 12th Place, NE Washington, DC 20017

Mr. James Crawford
The Hebrew Home of Greater Washington, 6121 Montrose Rd., Rockville, Md. 20852

Ms. Carolyn Howard
10118 Towhee Avenue, Adelphi, MD 20783

Sis. Delores Guy
Life Springs Elder Care, 6207 Joyce Drive
Temple Hills, MD 20748

Ms. Patricia Ann Martin
Cadia Health Care Wheaton, 4011 Randolph Rd. #201-B, Silver Spring, M

Mr. David Watson
9711 Surratts Manor Drive, Clinton, MD 20735

Mrs. Mignon Wilson
6404 Gateway Blvd , District Heights, MD 20747



SUNDAY SCHOOL | 9:00 AM

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Sunday Worship
www.unionwesleyamez.org
Facebook | **YouTube**

Tuesday Prayer | 7:00 p.m.
1-978-990-5000 Code: 791926

Wednesday Bible Study | 12pm and 6:30 PM
www.unionwesleyamez.org
Facebook | **YouTube**

Thursday Morning Manna (starting Sept.)
Dial-in: 1-267-807-9495 | Code: 355-119-736

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MINISTERIAL STAFF

Reverends Cedric Stroud, Verlie H. Peters, Christine Madison,
Veronica Graves, Stacey Lytle, Delmar Lytle, Ray Gregg,
Sis. DeLores Guy, Sis. Adwoa Aggrey



The Reverend Dr. Alvin T. Durant, Presiding Elder, Washington District
The Rev. Felica R. Thompson, Missionary Supervisor, Mid-Atlantic Episcopal Area
The Right Reverend Brian R. Thompson, Sr., Presiding Prelate Mid-Atlantic Episcopal Area

OUR VISION

To be a growing church of faith that passionately models the life of Christ by equipping and training seekers and believers to do the work of ministry in the church and community.

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of Union Wesley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church to love God and one another, impact and improve our community and the world; and to proclaim and witness to the life changing message of Jesus Christ.



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