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**Sunday, November 3, 2024 | 24th Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Communion Sunday**



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

Ministerial Staff

Rev. Dr. Donna Ho-Shing, Itinerant Elder, Chief of Ministerial Staff

Rev. Leslie Wilson, Minister to Women

Rev. Dr. Crystal Newby-Reynolds, Itinerant Elder | Minister of Liturgical Arts & Youth

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.

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 – Rev. Dr. Crystal Newby-Reynolds

*The Doxology “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Minister: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!” (Psalm 122:1)

People: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. (Psalm 84:10)

Minister: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good. (Psalm 122:9)

People: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God. (Psalm 92:13)

Minister: Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. Lord, I have loved thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwells. (Psalm 26:8)

People: For the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him. (Habakkuk 2:20)

Minister: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

People: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. Make a noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises. (Psalm 98:1, 4)

*The Hymn of Praise AMEH #52 “Guide Me Oh Thou Great Jehovah”
(Worshipers May Enter)

1 Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but Thou art mighty, Hold me with Thy powerful hand; Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through; Strong Deliverer, Strong

Deliverer, Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside: Death of death and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side: Songs of praises, Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee, I will ever give to Thee. Amen.

The Worship Through Prayer

Rev. Dr. Jerome Stenbridge

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

The Worship Through Music

Harmony Choir

(Worshippers May Enter)

*The Contemporary Decalogue

Rev. Eyesha Marable

Leader: Let us express our commitment to keeping God’s law.

People: God of our salvation, only You are God. We will make no idols. We will not invoke with malice your name, O God. We will remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. We will honor our father and our mother. We will not commit murder. We will not commit adultery. We will not steal. We will not be a false witness. We will not covet anything that belongs to our neighbor.

Leader: Jesus said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.”

People: Jesus also challenged us to live justly with a second commandment which is like the first: We shall love our neighbor as ourselves! On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

*The Apostle’s Creed (AKA The Affirmation of Faith)

Leader: Let us affirm our faith together.

People: 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at 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 Spirit, the Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Please Sing The Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

The Welcome of Visitors

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 Presentations – Steward Board, Hospitality Ministry

The Pastor’s Words

Rev. Melvin E. Wilson, Pastor/Teacher

- November Birthdays & Anniversaries

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, drop-off, or at www.stmatthewame.org.

Random Acts of Kindness Offering is received each Sunday in November.

Please remember Special Offering.

Those giving electronically, please bring your phone and tap the basket.



The Worship Through Scripture

Matthew 6:25-34 NIV

Read In Unison

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

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?

²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? ²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

This is God’s Word for God’s people. It is already blessed. Amen.

The Sermonic Selection

Harmony Choir

(Worshippers May Enter)

The Preached Word

Rev. Melvin E. Wilson, Pastor/Teacher

Subject: “A True Test of Faith”

*The Invitation to Salvation|Church Membership|Recommitment

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 Sacrament of Holy Communion

The General Confession (In Unison)

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against Your divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

***The Elements Shared (Previously Consecrated)**

*The Benediction

***Means Stand If You Are Able**

If you desire personal prayer after worship, please contact today’s Prayer Minister:
Rev. Dr. Shirley Roberts (973)672-7285



Procedures

Sign in at the Greeters’ Ministry table

Children must remove shoes before entering the room

Adults must wear shoe coverings (provided)

Hours of Operation: During Sunday morning worship

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.

**Remember that the Sanctuary & 2nd Floor Chapel are open for Prayer
whenever the church is open.**

The Chapel is open on Sundays from 8:15 am – 8:45 am.

**November Is National Diabetes Awareness, Alzheimer’s Awareness,
& Military Family Appreciation Month**

November Birthdays: 11/1 Shuwanna Sapp-Greene 11/2: Ruth Deas, Angela McGinnis, Carol Johnson 11/3: Tracee N. Baker, Leon Morton, Daisy Terry 11/4: Sheila Myricks 11/5: Veartrice Long 11/6: Nicole Neal, Joe Sorbino 11/7: Jacquelyn Henry, Desmond Thorne, 11/9: Dorothy Wilson 11/10: Heather A. Solomon, Durwin Coppock 11/12: Rev. Dr. Crystal Newby-Reynolds 11/13: Lavern Palmer 11/16: Ruth Fleming 11/18: H. Daryl Jones 11/19: John Clark, Sr., Sincere Tilus, Darnell Mason 11/20: Jerry Roberts 11/22: Emily Grimball 11/23: Deborah Woody 11/24: Sharon Collier 11/25: Kristian Reynolds, Terrisine Spicer 11/27: Nathalia Boncamper 11/28: Genia Philip 11/29: Dr. Lisa LaCon

November Anniversaries: 11/15: Joseph & Leslie Allen – 26 Years; Yoa & Cassandra Sheffield-Kassegnin – 13 Years; 11/26: Herman and Andrea Williams – 26 Years

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**Bulletin Announcements Due Into The Office By Wednesday**  
**THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW A.M.E. CHURCH**

Today – Church School for all ages begins immediately following worship. The final Tribe Boot Camp Class will meet in the boardroom at 11:30 am.

Church office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 am – 4 pm. Friday, 9 am – 12 Noon.

**Monday 11/4** – Food pantry at 11 am. Last Week: 90 people served; 2,406 pounds of food given. YTD: 3,293 people served; 113,483 pounds of food given.) Mental Health Support Group online at 6:30 pm.

**Tuesday 11/5** – **ELECTION DAY.** No Bible Study. Please **VOTE** if you did not vote early. Be in prayer.

**Wednesday 11/6** – Mass Choir at 7 pm.

**Thursday 11/7** – Bus to 1<sup>st</sup> District Fall Convocation at the HQ in Philadelphia leaves here at 6:30 am, returns after evening service. All attendees must register. It is free. Register at: <https://brushfire.com/ame1/fed-fallconvo24/588042/register>.

**Friday 11/8** – Bus to 1<sup>st</sup> District Fall Convocation at the HQ in Philadelphia leaves here at 6:30 am, returns after evening service.

**Saturday 11/9** – Celebration Brunch honoring Bro. Russell Walker’s 40 years of music Ministry at St. Matthew at 11:30 am at Hanover Manor

**Sunday 11/10** – 82<sup>nd</sup> Church Anniversary & Receiving of New Members at 9 am. \$82 Anniversary offering & Random Acts of Kindness offering to be received. Rev. Dr. Mark Tyler, Executive Director of Research & Scholarship for the AME Church, preaching.





## MONTHLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

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



**Mon. 11/11 – Veterans Day.** Viewing (9 am) & Homegoing Service (11 am) for Sis. Veronica Shears. Repast immediately following the Service.

**Tues. 11/12 –** Interment for Sis. Veronica Shears at Rosedale Cemetery, Orange at 10 am. MFH Food Pantry at 11 am. Bible Study at 6:30 pm. Lay Organization at 7:45 pm.

**Weds. 11/13 –** Angel Choir at 5:45 pm. Youth Choir at 6 pm. Church Conference at 6:30 pm. Book Club at 7:30 pm.

**Thurs. 11/14 –** In-person Class Leaders training at 6:30 pm.

**Sat. 11/16 –** Men's Bible Study & Exercise Class at 8 am. **Rescheduled Women's Bible Study online at 9 am.** Nutrition Class online at 10 am.

**Sun. 11/17 –** Divine worship at 9 am.

Alzheimer's presentation following worship.

**Tues. 11/19 –** Thanksgiving food box distribution from 10 am – 2 pm.

**Weds. 11/20 –** Wednesday in the Word Bible Study at 12 pm. Generation One Senior Ministry at 1:15 pm.

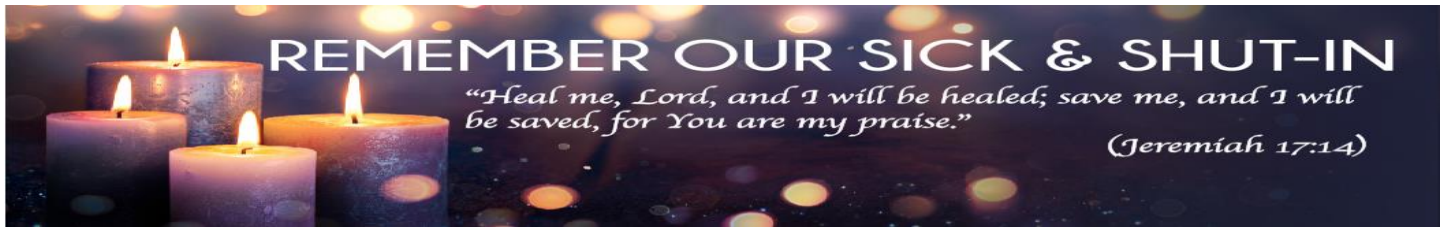
**Sat. 11/23 –** Sight & Sound trip at 9 am. ASK Monthly Study of Women in the Bible at 9 am.

**Sun. 11/24 –** Divine Worship & “Pack the Pews” Sunday at 9 am. Official Re-Launch of the St. Matthew Class System. Missionary Blessing Table at 12 pm. Final RAOK offering.

**Mon. 11/25 –** Monthly Congregational Prayer Meeting online at 6:30 pm.

**Thurs. 11/28 – Thanksgiving Day.** St. Matthew hosts online worship with several Newark District churches at 10 am.

**Sun. 12/1 – World AIDS Day. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent.** Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9 am. Scholarship Ministry applications due.



| <b>Member</b>              | <b>Class Number</b> | <b>Class Leader</b>          |
|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Bro. Chris Thorne          | 1                   | Bro. Durwin Coppock          |
| Sis. Theresa Yarborough    | 2                   | Sis. Karen Taylor            |
| Sis. Norma Davis           | 5                   | Sis. Karen Deas              |
| Sis. Dorothy Dix           | 7                   | Sis. Sherrill Austin         |
| Bro. Thomas Thornton       | 7                   | Sis. Sherrill Austin         |
| Bro. Herman Williams       | 7                   | Sis. Sherrill Austin         |
| Sis. Andrea Williams       | 7                   | Sis. Sherrill Austin         |
| Sis. Ann Hill              | 7                   | Sis. Sherrill Austin         |
| Sis. Joyce Wooden          | 11                  | Sis. Teri Corum              |
| Sis. Mary Gibson           | 12                  | Sis. Christine Laurore       |
| Sis. Sylvia Hunter         | 13                  | Sis. Kathleen Turpin-Merritt |
| Sis. Carol Goodson         | 17                  | Sis. Sherrill Austin         |
| Bro. Euistace Pryor        | 21                  | Sis. Sherrill Austin (Temp)  |
| Bro. Charles Juiston       | 21                  | Sis. Sherrill Austin (Temp)  |
| Sis. Norma Royal           | 22                  | Sis. Shelley Harris          |
| Sis. Helen Johnson         | 22                  | Sis. Shelley Harris          |
| Sis. Janie Scott           | 23                  | Bro. Charles Bracy           |
| Sis. Roxanne Blair         | 25                  | Sis. Terrie Stanley Roberts  |
| Sis. Laurie Crowley-Martin | 26                  | Sis. Betty Neal-Mantion      |
| Sis. Veatrice Long         | 30                  | Sis. Leslie Allen            |

### [Our Prayer List](#)

Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr & Supervisor Phyllis Green, Rev Dr C Carlton & Rev Blanche Woodward, Rev Melvin E 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 Candidates for Public Office, Sis Karen Newkirk, Sis Tracee Baker, Sis Amelia Robinson, Sis Dorothy Dix, Sis Michele Daye, Bro Anthony Williams, Bro Leon Morton, Sis Karen Gibson, Sis Emma Rhymes, Sis Katrice Mitchell-Tanlire, Sis Brielle Martin, Sis Eve Newton, Sis Pamela Brooks, Sis Aleksandra Scott, Sis Mary Gibson, Sis Andrea Carmichael, Sis Mary Green, Sis Thresa Davenport, Sis Ashley Bynum, Sis Cathleen Robinson, Theresa Pryor, Rev. Dr. Donna Ho-Shing, Sis. Deborah Odom, Bro Tayshaun Ware, Sis Bertha Stokes.

**Recently Bereaved Families:** The Family of Bro Rowland Tubi, Bro Jerry Roberts & Family, Bro Devon Edmond & Family, Sis Infalease Murray & Family, Sis Lucinda Bullock & Family, Rev Leslie Wilson & Family, Sis.Tency Eason & Sis.Jessie Mozell and Family, Sis. Gwendolyn Girty & Family, The Family of Retired Bishop John Bryant, The Family of Retired Bishop Robert Webster, The Family of Retired Bishop E. Anne Henning Byfield, The Family of Bro Jerome Morgan. Gloria Shears & The Family Sis Veronica Shears

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



**Happy 81<sup>st</sup> Anniversary to the Joint Usher Board of St. Matthew!**

Did you know that the Joint Usher Board of St. Matthew includes 6 junior ushers and 50 senior ushers? Bro. Bryan London is the President of the Joint Usher Board. He became an usher at St. Matthew when he was 9 years old. Ushers are available to serve not only during normal church services but also at funerals and weddings. There are challenges when funerals happen during the week as many ushers work. However, we are blessed to have a few retirees like Bro. James Sparrow, Sis Carol Wright, and Sis Sarah Williams who usher on weekdays. Those who want to become ushers must go to usher school for 9 months every other Saturday. Ushers are trained for many types of situations. They must know how to communicate, have patience and de-escalate. As Rev. Leslie said last Sunday "Ushers have to love God's people. You have to be willing to serve." Bro. London said, "You have to love what you do and you have to be dedicated." Their dedication shows and we are grateful for all they do. If you missed the Joint Usher Board 81<sup>st</sup> anniversary celebration, you can watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NgXT2vG9gSY&t=5358s>.

**From the St. Matthew Health & Wellness Ministry**

**Medical Debt Outreach Balance - \$10,306. 69% 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.





SAINT MATTHEW AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

82 YEARS ANNIVERSARY Through Prayer, Praise, & Purpose

PRESENTS

# Anniversary Brunch

Honoring

## Bro. Russell Walker I

Minister of Music  
"40 Years of Service"

### Saturday, November 9, 2024

11:30 AM



Faithful



Inspirational



Exquisite

**Hanover Manor**  
16 Eagle Rock Avenue, Hanover, NJ  
**DRESS TO IMPRESS**  
**Ticket: \$110**

Register@ <https://bit.ly/StMatBrunchTReg82>  
Purchase tickets using QR Code



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### **New Class Leader List & Class Numbers**

The A.M.E. Book of Doctrine & Discipline says that “A class is usually composed of twelve (12) or more persons. A class is formed to discern whether its members are indeed working out their own salvation and to receive what they contribute to the support of the Gospel.” ***Every active member of St. Matthew will be assigned to a Class and given a Class Leader.*** You should begin hearing from your Class Leader soon.

|                                          |                                             |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Class #1 – Rev. Melvin E. Wilson         | Class #20 – Sis. Marcie Johnson             |
| Class #2 – Rev. Marian Sykes Johnson     | Class #21 – Sis. Miriam Clark               |
| Class #3 – Rev. Leslie Wilson            | Class #22 – Sis. Shuwanna Sapp-Green        |
| Class #4 - Bro. Durwin Coppock           | Class #23 – Sis. Infalease Murray           |
| Class #5 – Sis. Karen Taylor             | Class #24 – Sis. Veronica Deveaux           |
| Class #6 – Sis. Dawn Nelson              | Class #25 – Sis. Robyn Sorbino              |
| Class #7 – Sis. Tency Eason              | Class #26 – Sis. Brenda Clarke              |
| Class #8 – Bro. Jonathan Ridley          | Class #27 – Sis. Terrie Stanley Roberts     |
| Class #9 – Sis. Veronica Morton          | Class #28 – Sis. Betty Neal-Mantion         |
| Class #10 – Sis. Sherrill Austin         | Class #29 – Rev. Dr. Donna Ho-Shing         |
| Class #11 – Bro. Terry Spicer            | Class #30 – Sis. Laury Tilus                |
| Class #12 – Bro. Randy Montgomery        | Class #31 – Sis. Gloria Diane Brown         |
| Class #13 – Sis. Pamela Venable          | Class #32 – Rev. Dr. Crystal Newby-Reynolds |
| Class #14 – Sis. Teri Corum              | Class #33 – Sis. Mattie Crowley             |
| Class #15 – Sis. Verna Leath-Young       | Class #34 - Sis. Darlene Darring            |
| Class #16 – Sis. Kathleen Turpin-Merritt | Class #35 – Sis. Valerie Tummings           |
| Class #17 – Sis. Shanda Toler            | Class #36 – Sis. Carla Denny-Johnson        |
| Class #18 – Sis. Gale Hunter             | Class #37 – Bro. Allan Laidlow              |
| Class #19 – Sis. Tamika Robinson         | Class #38 – Sis. Michele Murchison          |

**SAINT MATTHEW**  
*Recover~Refresh~Renew~Restore*

# Pack the Pews Sunday

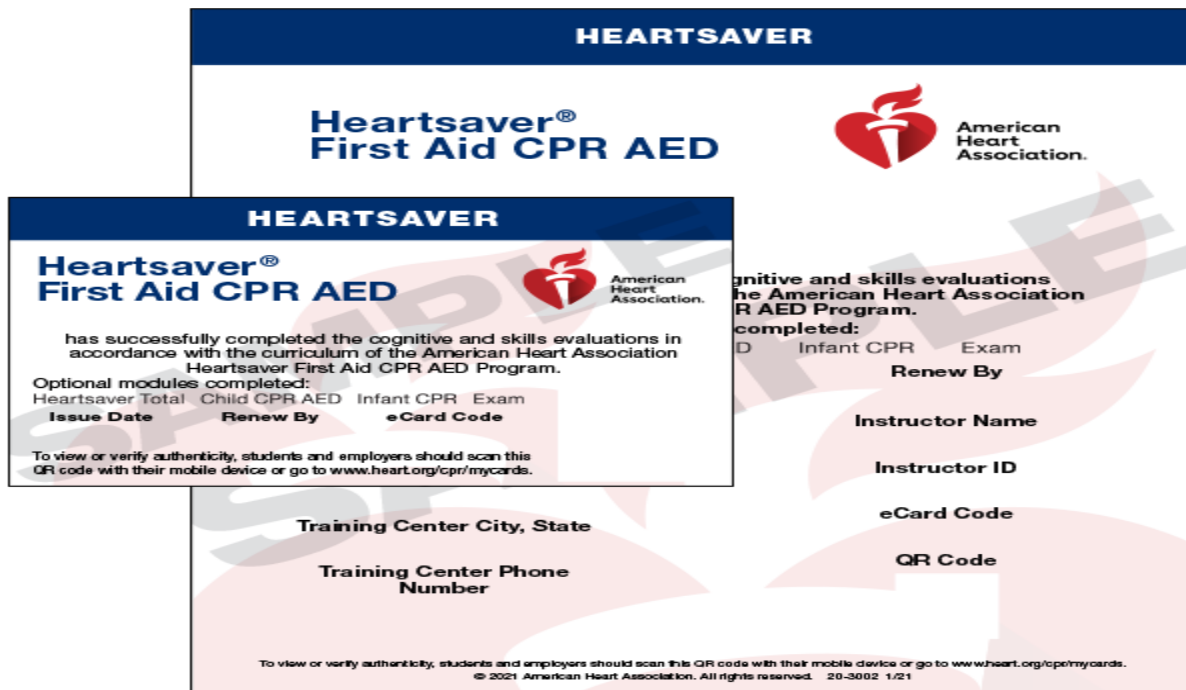
**RE-LAUNCHING THE ST. MATTHEW AME CLASS SYSTEM**

**11.24 NOVEMBER 2024 9:00AM** **ST MATTHEW AMEC**  
336 Oakwood Ave. Orange, NJ

All Class Leaders and Class Members Will Sit Together

For Information Call (973) 678-1217  
Streaming @ [stmatthewame.org/streaming](https://stmatthewame.org/streaming) YouTube - @stmatthew336  
Facebook Live -@stmatthewamechurch

Rev. Melvin E. Wilson  
Pastor/Teacher



**We acknowledge and celebrate the following persons who have completed First Aid, CPR, & AED training under the leadership of Bro. Durwin Coppock.**

1. Sis. Lorrie Ball Arsenec
2. Sis. Chelsea Coleman
3. Sis. Dolorist Dover
4. Sis. Donna Jenkins
5. Rev. Marian Sykes Johnson
6. Bro. Calvin Ficklin
7. Bro. Robert McGinnis, Sr.
8. Sis. Katrice Mitchell-Tanlire
9. Bro. Randy Montgomery
10. Sis. Elaine Pearson
11. Bro. Jonathan Ridley
12. Dr. Michele Ridley
13. Sis. Barbara White
14. Sis. Zina Williams



## *"I Got Flowers"*

*I got flowers today. It wasn't my birthday or any other special day.  
We had our first argument last night,  
and he said a lot of cruel things that really hurt me.  
I know he is sorry and didn't mean the things he said,  
Because he sent me flowers today.*

*I got flowers today. It wasn't our anniversary or any other special day.  
Last night, he threw me into a wall and started to choke me.  
It seemed like a nightmare.  
I couldn't believe it was real.  
I woke up this morning sore and bruised all over.  
I know he must be sorry,  
Because he sent me flowers today.*

*I got flowers today, and it wasn't Mother's Day or any other special day.  
Last night, he beat me up again.  
And it was much worse than all the other times.  
If I leave him, what will I do?  
How will I take care of my kids? What about money?  
I'm afraid of him and scared to leave.  
But I know he must be sorry,  
Because he sent me flowers today.*

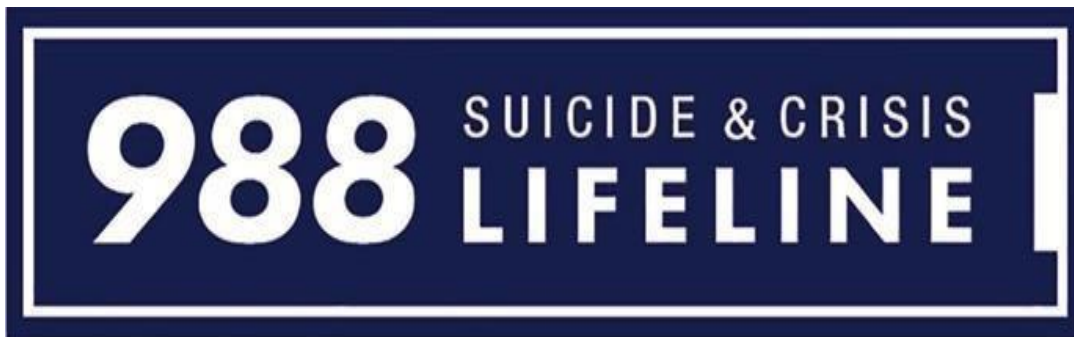
*I got flowers today. Today is a very special day.  
It was the day of my funeral.  
Last night, he finally killed me.  
He beat me to death.  
If only I had gathered enough courage and strength to leave him,  
I would not have gotten flowers today.*



### Main Core Value Of Our Congregation:

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.

**St. Matthew is in the fight against Dementia & Alzheimer’s!**



Alzheimer’s Association helpline #: **800-272-3900**.

This is a free live service, available 24/7 in over 200 languages and dialects, to support individuals and families who are navigating dementia. The Alzheimer's Association website also has a wealth of resources: [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org). It includes a valuable [community resource finder](#), where a person can search for any service that they may need, across the entire country, by simply providing their zip code. For those with a memory loss diagnosis, their [TrialMatch](#) web page allows you to research available clinical trials to discuss with their family and their care team.