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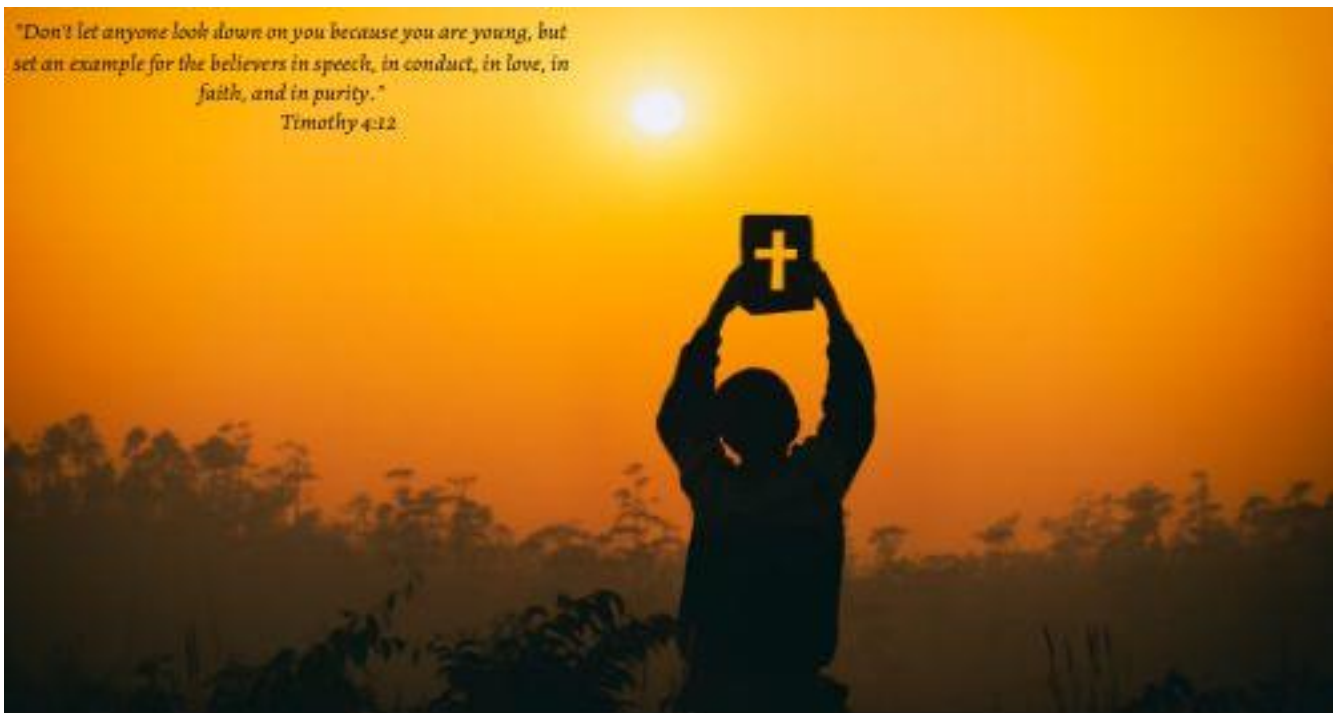
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Sunday, January 12, 2025 | First Sunday After Epiphany



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

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Rev. Dr. Donna Ho-Shing, Itinerant Elder

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Rev. Leslie Wilson, Minister to Women

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 – Bro. Everett Reynolds

*The Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

**The Call to Worship Sis. Makayla Costas

Leader: When I think of God's presence in the world, I am grateful:

People: **Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.**

Leader: And when I think of God's presence in my life, I am humbled:

People: **Humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to begin again.**

Leader: And when I think of God's presence in this community, I am glad:

People: **Glad to be surrounded by holy people worshipping our Holy God.**

Together: **Thank you God, for bringing us together. We worship you together! Amen.**

*The Hymn of Praise AMEH #5 "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"
(Worshipers May Enter)

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall, Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him Lord of all.

2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall, Ye ransomed from the fall, Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him Lord of all.

3 Sinners whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall, The wormwood and the gall, Go spread your trophies at His feet, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him Lord of all.

5 O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall, We at His feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him Lord of all.
Amen.

The Worship Through Prayer

Sis. Tukiyah Tilus

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

The Worship Through Music

Angel Choir

(Worshippers May Enter)

The Welcome of Visitors

"13 Hugs"

Sis. Trinity Ponder

"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 Pastor's Words

Rev. Melvin E. Wilson, Pastor/Teacher

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.



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

The Worship Through Scripture

Matthew 16:13-20 NIV

(Please Read In Unison - No Walking, Entry, or Exit At This Time)

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

The Worship Through Dance

Youth Dance Ministry

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

The Sermonic Selection

Youth Choir

(Worshippers May Enter)

The Preached Word

Rev. Melvin E. Wilson, Pastor/Teacher

Subject: "It's About Time"

*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 Benediction

Rev. Melvin E. Wilson, Pastor/Teacher

***Means Stand If You Are Able**

Rev. Marian Sykes Johnson is the Prayer Minister today. Meet her in the Chapel on the second floor after worship if you desire personal prayer or call (973) 583-6263

PLEASE DO NOT EAT FOOD OR DRINK
COFFEE, SODA, JUICE IN THE
SANCTUARY!!

If you need to eat, drink, or feed your children, please do so outside of the sanctuary. **This is a sacred space.**
Thank you.

IN CASE YOU FORGOT

YOU
MATTER



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 and after 9 am worship.

January: The Month of New Beginnings

January Birthdays – **1/1:** Evonne Fields **1/2:** Barbara Copeland **1/3:** Beth Ludd, Evan Reynolds **1/5:** Nancy Smith, Dakota Johnson **1/6:** Nia Sorbino **1/9:** Brenda Clarke **1/10:** Jacqueline Herran **1/13:** Joy Mills **1/15:** Tency Eason, Michael Brown, Sr., Pamela Cuff **1/16:** Alvin James Lindsey **1/17:** Paulette Jennings, Jennifer Ransom **1/19:** Dr. Sharon Boyd-Jackson, Jerry Mosley **1/20:** Rose Tilus **1/22:** C. Claire Stevens **1/24:** Annie Golden **1/30:** Lauren Wilson **1/31:** Cathleen Robinson

January Anniversaries – **1/14:** Darnell & Paquita Mason – 26 years; **1/27:** John & Miriam (Mippi) Clark – 52 years



Bulletin Announcements Due Into The Office By Wednesday

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW A.M.E. CHURCH

Today: Church School for all ages immediately following worship. A Tribe Called Thrive Young Adult Church School/Bible Study Class meets in the boardroom on the second floor.

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

Monday 1/13 –MFH Food Pantry at 11 am. Last week: 68 people were served and 5,297 pounds of food were given away. YTD: 135 people served, 8,825 pounds of food given.

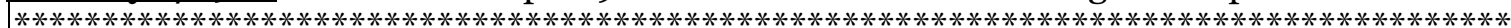
Tuesday 1/14—Bible Study at 6:30 pm. Subject: “How the Church Works” – Part 2.

Wednesday 1/15 – Birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Spiritual Movement Exercise & Inspirational Choir at 7 pm.

Thursday 1/16 - Spiritual Movement Exercise at 7 pm. Joint Steward & Trustee Board at 6:30 pm.

Saturday 1/18 – Men’s Bible Study at 8 am. Monthly Nutrition Class online at 10 am. People’s Organization for Progress March of Resistance at 12 noon at the MLK Statue, 495 Dr. MLK Jr. Blvd in Newark.

Sunday 1/19 — Divine Worship at 9 am. Church School following worship.



Special Announcement

New Jersey will elect a new Governor in 2025. Several persons have already declared their candidacy, and a few more are expected to do so. We need to talk with these candidates and know where they stand on policies and issues that are important to us. I have tasked one of our Stewards with arranging for each declared candidate for Governor to come to St. Matthew for worship and a Q&A after worship beginning this month. We plan to have one candidate per month leading up to the primary in June. Please make yourself available for these important conversations. **The first will be on January 26 with Jack Ciattarelli. We will host Mayor Ras Baraka on February 23.** Thank you.



A Servant Church
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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. You are also invited to join the church's WhatsApp group

- Mon. 1/20** – National Observance of the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Inauguration of the 47th President of the United States.
- Weds. 1/22** – 2025 Annual Meeting for all members at 6:30 pm.
- Fri. 1/24** – Male Chorus rehearsal & election.
- Sat. 1/25** - Membership Boot Camp Class at 9 am. Please register. ASK Monthly Study of Women in the Bible at 9 am. Flower Ministry in person at 10 am.
- Sun. 1/26** – Candidate Q&A after worship with Jack Ciattarelli. Immersion Baptism at Bethel Baptist Church at 2 pm.
- Mon. 1/27** – Monthly Congregational Prayer Meeting online at 6:30 pm.
- Weds. 1/29** – Virtual Narcan training at 6:30 pm.
- Sun. 2/1** – Divine Worship, Holy Communion, & Installation of Officers at 9 am.
- Thurs. 2/6 – Sat. 2/8** – 1st District Founder's Day Celebration in Philadelphia.
- Sun. 2/9** – Youth Sunday & AME Founder's Day worldwide.
- Sun. 2/16** – D9 Sunday.
- Mon. 2/17** – President's Day. Church closed. Food pantry moved to Tuesday.
- Sun. 2/23** – Candidate Q&A after worship with Mayor Ras Baraka.
- Mon. 2/24** - Monthly Congregational Prayer Meeting online at 6:30 pm.
- Sun. 3/2** – Divine Worship, Holy Communion & Holy Baptism at 9 am.
- Weds. 3/5** – **Ash Wednesday.** We begin the Daniel Fast. Newark District Ash Wednesday Service in-person at 7 pm (Place TBD)
- Fri. 3/7 – Sun. 3/9** - We host Eastern Region Usher's Association Conference.
- Fri. 3/14 - Sun. 3/16** – **Women's Weekend.**

LET US PRAY



Member	Class Number	Class Leader
Rev. Dr. Shirley Roberts	1	Rev. Melvin E. Wilson
Bro. Herman Williams	4	Bro. Durwin Coppock
Sis. Andrea Williams	4	Bro. Durwin Coppock
Bro. Thomas Thornton	4	Bro. Durwin Coppock
Sis. Mary Gibson	7	Sis. Tency Eason
Sis. Carol Goodson	8	Bro. Jonathan Ridley
Sis. Dorothy Dix	10	Sis. Sherrill Austin
Bro. Chris Thorne	11	Bro. Terry Spicer
Bro. Euistace Pryor	15	Sis. Verna Leath-Young
Sis. Cheryl Gordor	17	Sis. Shanda Toler
Sis. Sylvia Hunter	16	Sis. Kathleen Turpin-Merritt
Evang. Eva Douglas	20	Sis. Marcie Johnson
Sis. Janie Scott	23	Sis. Infalease Murray
Sis. Laurie Crowley-Martin	25	Sis. Robyn Sorbino
Sis. Michele Barbara Davis	26	Sis. Brenda Clarke
Sis. Ann Hill	31	Sis. Gloria Diane Brown
Bro. Charles Juiston	31	Sis. Gloria Diane Brown
Sis. Theresa Yarborough	33	Sis. Mattie Crowley
Sis. Norma Davis	33	Sis. Mattie Crowley
Sis. Joyce Wooden	33	Sis. Mattie Crowley
Sis. Roxanne Blair	35	Sis. Valerie Tummings
Sis. Veatrice Long	35	Sis. Valerie Tummings

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, Sis Karen Newkirk, Sis Tracee Baker, Sis Amelia Robinson, Sis Dorothy Dix, Bro Anthony Williams, Sis Karen Gibson, Sis Emma Rhymes, Sis Katrice Mitchell-Tanlire, Sis Eve Newton, Sis Pamela Brooks, Sis Aleksandra Scott, Sis Mary Gibson, Sis Andrea Carmichael, Sis Mary Green, Sis Thresa Davenport, Sis Cathleen Robinson, Sis Theresa Pryor, Rev Dr Donna Ho-Shing, Sis Deborah Odom, Bro Tayshaun Ware, Sis Bertha Stokes, Rev Dr Shirley Roberts, Sis Cheryle Gordor, Sis Tamika Robinson, Bro John London, Sis Dawn Rodrigues-Glenn, Bro Christopher Glenn

Recently Bereaved Families: Dr. Sharon Boyd-Jackson & Family, Bro Anthony Williams & Family, Sis Karen Cooper & Family, Bishop Reginald T. Jackson & Family, Bro Ike King & Family, The Family of Sis. Norma Royal, Sis Corinne, Bro Joseph, & Sis Carol Tyree & Family, Sis Hawaiian Thompson-Epps & Family, Sis Doretha Simpson & Family, Sis Veronica Devaux & Family

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



Setting New Year's Resolutions

Steps on how to make and keep your goals

- Don't take on too much.
- Start small. Avoid setting overly high expectations of yourself. If you'd like to lose weight, pick a small but realistic weight loss goal. Maybe that's 10 pounds in two months. Once you reach that goal, you can think about losing another 5-8 pounds. Setting small goals can help you achieve big results.

From the St. Matthew Health & Wellness Ministry

Medical Debt Outreach Balance - \$11,382 76% 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.



GROWN WOMAN TALK

Ageing & Brain Health Alliance



RUTGERS UNIVERSITY | NEWARK

Health Advice for Older Black Women from a Prominent OB/GYN

Messiah Baptist Church

Monday, January 13, 2025

Time: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

13 Oak Street, East Orange, NJ



Sharon Malone, M. D.

Author of the book recommended by Michelle Obama

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MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Boot Camp

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025

9 AM - 4 PM



Class

The Membership Class is transitioning to one full-day format on one Saturday each month in person at the church from 9 am- 4 pm. Lunch will be served. All books and reading materials will be provided.



Subject

All subjects covered: The History of the AME Church, The Structure & Organization of the AME Church, The Doctrine of the AME Church, and The History and Ministries of St. Matthew AME Church.



Participants

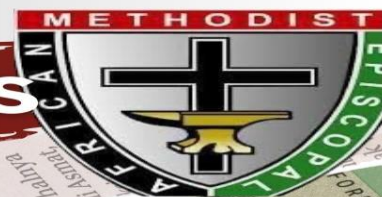
Open to new members, current members, and persons interested in membership and seeking membership. Classes will be team-taught by the Pastor and members of the Membership Ministry.

REGISTER NOW

Register at: <https://bit.ly/StMattmembeamp>
336 Oakwood Ave., Orange, NJ
For Information Call (973) 678-1217



Rev. Melvin E. Wilson
Pastor/Teacher



Main Core Value Of Our Congregation



RADICAL HOSPITALITY



**ALL ARE
WELCOME
HERE.**

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.



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



**ALZHEIMER'S  
ASSOCIATION**

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.