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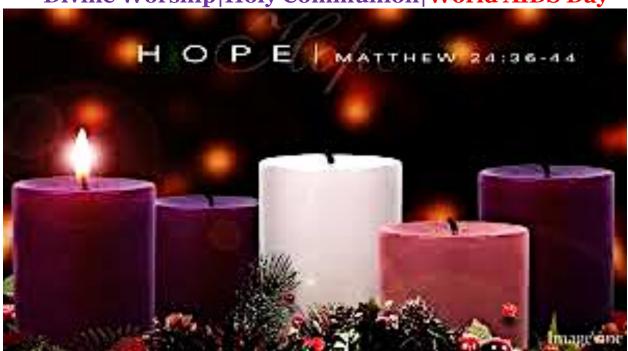
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Sunday, December 1, 2024|First Sunday of Advent Divine Worship|Holy Communion|World AIDS Day



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 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"

\*The Call to Worship

Rev. Marian Sykes Johnson

Leader: We gather again at the end of the year to wait for the Christ child anew.

People: We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.

Leader: We wait, and we remember the astounding things God has done to save God's people.

People: We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.

Leader: We wait, and we pay attention for signs of God's justice and mercy turning the world upside down.

People: We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.

Leader: We wait, and in our waiting, we learn to live as people of God's

promise.

Together: Let us worship in the shocking hope of Jesus Christ, the coming Messiah. Amen.

Lighting of the First Advent Candle of Hope: The Tilus Family Keep awake! Be Ready! (Based on Matthew 24:36-44)

Family Leader: The Son of Man is coming, but about that day and hour, no one knows,

Family: Neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Family Leader: Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Family: Therefore, be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. We light the first candle of Advent to remind us to keep awake and be ready. Amen.

\*The Hymn of Praise

AMEH #102

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel. That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appears. [Refrain]

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

2 O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight. [Refrain]

3 O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heavenly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. [Refrain]

The Worship Through Prayer

Rev. Eyesha Marable

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

The Worship Through Music

**Harmony Choir** 

(Worshipers May Enter)

\*The Contemporary Decalogue

Rev. Dr. Jerome Stembridge

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

"13 Hugs"

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!



#### 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

• December 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 <a href="https://www.stmatthewame.org">www.stmatthewame.org</a>.

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

The Worship Through Scripture Lamentations 3:19-26 Read In Unison
(No Walking, Entry, or Exit At This Time)

<sup>19</sup>I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. <sup>20</sup>I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. <sup>21</sup>Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: <sup>22</sup>Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. <sup>23</sup>They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup>I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." <sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; <sup>26</sup> it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. **This is God's Word for God's people. It is already blessed. Amen.** 

The Sermonic Selection

**Harmony Choir** 

(Worshipers May Enter)

The Preached Word

Rev. Melvin E. Wilson, Pastor/Teacher **Subject: "But Also Remember This"** 

\*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 Benediction

Rev. Melvin E. Wilson, Pastor/Teacher
\*Means Stand If You Are Able

Rev. Marian Sykes Johnson is the Prayer Minister today. If you desire personal prayer, you can call (973) 583-6263

Rev. Dr. Crystal Newby-Reynolds will minister at the White House Healthcare Center today

## The HIV/AIDS Epidemic in the United States: The Basics

This fact sheet was updated on October 9, 2024 to reflect new data sources.

**Key Facts** 

Snapshot of the U.S. Epidemic Today

- Number of estimated new HIV infections: 31,800
- Number of estimated people living with HIV: <u>1.2 million</u>
- Estimated percent of people with HIV who don't know it: 13%
- Estimated percent of people with HIV virally suppressed: <u>57%</u>
- The first cases of what would later become known as AIDS were reported in the United States (U.S.) in <u>June of 1981</u>. <u>Today</u>, there are more than <u>1.2</u> million people estimated to be living with HIV in the U.S. and there are an estimated <u>31,800</u> new infections (cases among people who are both diagnosed and undiagnosed) in 2022. While care and treatment can make HIV a manageable chronic condition, <u>about 8,000</u> people die with HIV-related illness as a contributing cause of death each year.
- HIV continues to have a <u>disproportionate</u> impact on certain populations, particularly people of color, gay and bisexual men and other men who have sex with men, and transgender women.
- HIV testing is important for both treatment and prevention efforts. While knowledge of HIV status is growing, in 2022, an estimated 13% of those with HIV were unaware they were HIV-positive.
- Antiretroviral therapy (ART) has substantially reduced HIV-related morbidity and mortality, improved long-term outcomes for people with HIV, and plays a key role in HIV prevention.
   Treatment <u>quidelines</u> recommend initiating treatment as soon as one is diagnosed with HIV. When an individual with HIV is on antiretroviral therapy and the level of HIV in their body is undetectable, <u>there is no</u> risk of transmission through sex. Still, <u>many people</u> with HIV are not in care, on treatment, or virally suppressed.

Get tested, know your status!

We continue to lift up in prayer those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS!

## SERMON NOTES

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	heard this Word, I am challenged to make the following changes in my life

#### **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 <a href="https://www.stmatthewame.org/">https://www.stmatthewame.org/</a> 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 & 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Chapel are open for Prayer whenever the church is open.

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

## **December Celebrates The Coming & Birth of Jesus Christ**

**December Birthdays** – 12/1: Carolyn Davidson, Isidra Myricks, Mary Greene 12/2: Monica Mann 12/5: Eronia Bennett 12/6: Drefus Tarpkin 12/7: Christopher Hawk 12/8: Rev. Dr. Shirley Roberts 12/9: Louise Nixon, Donna Jenkins 12/10: Norma Mackey, Calvin Bennett 12/11: Shaniya Riddle, Ernie Roberts, Norma Royal 12/13: Makayla Costas, Dolorist Dover 12/15: Sylvia Hunter 12/16: Dr. Sharifa Simmons, Rev. Dr. Donna Ho-Shing 12/18: Shana Richardson, Geri Ficklin 12/19: Russell Clayton Walker, I, Mikaylah Harden 12/24: Mary Swain 12/25: Paquita Mason, Chris Thorne 12/27: Kim Clark, Esther Barney 12/29: Gloria Shears-Washington 12/30: Sarah McGinnis, Myles Sorbino, Debra Thomas, Rose Morris, Norma Davis, Cassandra Sheffield Kassegnin 12/31: Marcus Beckett, Clarence Barry-Austin

**December Anniversaries** – **12/1:** Deric & Roslyn Britton - 2 years; **12/9:** Clarence & Andrea Boseman – 57 years; **12/12:** Howard & Yvonne Myricks – 4 years; **12/26:** Anson & Veronica DeVaux – 30 years; **12/27:** James & Rev. Marian Johnson – 30 years

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

Today – Youth Church School classes are canceled today. The Adult Church School Class will meet. You are invited to join Pastor Wilson in worship today with the members of Bethel, Passaic at 2 pm at the Silver Star Lodge, 84 Tulip St., Passaic, NJ.

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

Monday 12/2 – MFH Food Pantry at 11 am. Last Week: 94 people served; 3,635 pounds of food given. YTD: 3,666 people served; 126,555 pounds of food given. Mental Health Support Group at 6:30 pm.

Tuesday 12/3 — National Roof-Over-Your-Head Day. Bible Study at 6:30 pm.

<u>Wednesday 12/4</u> – We host Veterans Appreciation Lunch at 12 pm. Angel Choir & Youth Choir at 6 pm.

<u>Saturday 12/7</u> — Men's Bible Study at 8 am. Dance Ministry at 9 am. Mandatory Joint Usher Board Meeting at 9 am.

<u>Sunday 12/8</u> — 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent. Divine Worship & Youth Sunday at 9 am. NJ Conference Advent Service at Mt. Zion AME Church, New Brunswick, NJ at 6 pm. The bus will not be going.



### **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



Weds. 12/11 – Church Conference at 6:30 pm. Fri. 12/13 – Scholarship Ministry applications due. Please send to Scholarship Ministry email at scholarship@stmatthewame.org.

**Sat. 12/14** – Men's Bible Study at 8 am. Women's Bible Study at 9 am. WMS meeting at 10:30 am.

**Sun. 12/15** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent. "Luggage with Love" collection is to be received at 9 am. We go to St. Paul, Kenilworth at 1 pm. Pastor Wilson, preaching. Ushers, Inspirational Choir, members asked to travel. The bus will be going. **Weds. 12/18** – Wednesday in the Word Bible Study at 12 pm. Generation One Senior Ministry at 1:15 pm. Baptism Class online at 6:30 pm. Please review the Baptism Policy before class. **Sat. 12/21** – Monthly Nutrition Class online at 10 am. Pastor Wilson preaches for Upper Room on conference line at 11 am.

**Sun. 12/22** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent. Christmas Sunday. Divine Worship & Church School presentation at 9 am. Sons of Allen "Happy Birthday Jesus" event. Flower Ministry Christmas Stocking Luncheon at 12 pm. Missionary Blessing Table at 12 pm. Christmas Hymn Sing & Candlelight Service at 3:30 pm. **Mon. 12/23** - Monthly Congregational Prayer Meeting online at 6:30 pm.

Weds. 12/25 – Celebrating the Birth of Jesus Christ. Christmas Worship in person at 11 am. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Never Alone Christmas gathering from 12 pm – 2 pm. Everyone bring a dish. Thurs. 12/26 – Fri. 12/27 – Church closed. Fri. 12/27 – A Tribe Called Thrive Holiday gathering.

**Sat. 12/28** – ASK Monthly Study of Women in the Bible at 9 am.

Sun. 12/29 – Divine Worship & Holy Baptism.

# 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. 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. Andrea Williams	15	Sis. Verna Leath-Young
Sis. Sylvia Hunter	16	Sis. Kathleen Turpin-Merritt
Bro. Thomas Thornton	17	Sis. Shanda Toler
Sis. Helen Johnson	23	Sis. Infalease Murray
Sis. Janie Scott	23	Sis. Infalease Murray
Sis. Laurie Crowley-Martin	25	Sis. Robyn Sorbino
Sis. Norma Royal	30	Sis. Laury Tilus
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
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#### **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 In Public Office, 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 Alexsandra Scott, Sis Mary Gibson, Sis Andrea Carmichael, Sis Mary Green, Sis Thresa Davenport, Sis Cathleen Robinson, Theresa Pryor, Rev Dr Donna Ho-Shing, Sis Deborah Odom, Bro Tayshaun Ware, Sis Bertha Stokes, Sis Betty Neal-Mantion, Rev Dr Shirley Roberts

Recently Bereaved Families: Sis Tency Eason, Sis Jessie Mozell and Family; Sis Gwendolyn Guirty & Family, The Family of Bro Jerome Morgan, Sis Gloria Shears-Washington, Sis Shawn Goodman & Family; Sis Merolyn Kelly & Family, Sis Andrea Boseman & Family, Sis Carol Johnson, Sisters Dorothy, Tamia, & Dalya Wilson & Family; Bro Cayden & Sis Makailyn Taylor & Family

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





Here are some fun facts about the human body:

- Beards are the fastest-growing hair on the body.
- Everyone has a unique smell, except identical twins.
- A fetus acquires fingerprints at three months old.
- Everyone has a unique tongue print.
- o The fastest-growing nail is on the middle finger.

From the St. Matthew Health & Wellness Ministry

Medical Debt Outreach Balance - \$10,771 71% of our \$15,000 goal.



Can we reach our goal by Christmas?

#### **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 for the support of the Gospel." *Every active member of St. Matthew will be assigned to a Class and given a Class Leader.* You can find out who your Class Leader is TODAY!

Class #1 – Rev. Melvin E. Wilson

Class #2 – Rev. Marian Sykes Johnson

Class #3 – Rev. Leslie Wilson

Class #4 - Bro. Durwin Coppock

Class #5 – Sis. Karen Taylor

Class #6 – Sis. Dawn Nelson

Class #7 – Sis. Tency Eason

Class #8 – Bro. Jonathan Ridley

Class #9 – Sis. Veronica Morton

Class #10 – Sis. Sherrill Austin

Class #11 – Bro. Terry Spicer

Class #12 – TBA

Class #13 – Sis. Pamela Venable

Class #14 – Sis. Teri Corum

Class #15 – Sis. Verna Leath-Young

Class #16 – Sis. Kathleen Turpin-Merritt

Class #17 – Sis. Shanda Toler

Class #18 – Sis. Gale Hunter

Class #19 – Sis. Tamika Robinson

Class #20 – Sis. Marcie Johnson

Class #21 – Sis. Miriam Clark

Class #22 – Sis. Shuwanna Sapp-Green

Class #23 – Sis. Infalease Murray

Class #24 – Sis. Veronica Deveaux

Class #25 – Sis. Robyn Sorbino

Class #26 – Sis. Brenda Clarke

Class #27 – Sis. Terrie Stanley Roberts

Class #28 – Sis. Betty Neal-Mantion

Class #29 – Sis. Stephanie Ransom

Class #30 – Sis. Laury Tilus

Class #31 – Sis. Gloria Diane Brown

Class #32 – Rev. Dr. Crystal Newby-Reynolds

Class #33 – Sis. Mattie Crowley

Class #34 - Sis. Darlene Darring

Class #35 – Sis. Valerie Tummings

Class #36 – Sis. Carla Denny-Johnson

Class #37 – Bro. Allan Laidlow

Class #38 – Sis. Michele Murchison





## VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS **HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

Organized by Feeding Our Heroes

Wednesday, December 4, at 12 noon

# St. Matthew **AME Church**

336 Oakwood Ave.

Orange, NJ

For more info:

Email

Register

mgiunta@feedingourheroes.org or call (732) 769-7951



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## **Honor Christ at Christmas**

This Holiday Season Let's Be A Blessing

## Gently Used Luggage Needed

Please search your closets, attics, garages and storage spaces Bring clean and gently used luggage, duffel bags, or overnight bags to our Divine Worship Service

## Sunday, December 15, 2024 9 AM

Luggage will be donated to foster care agencies so children can move with dignity

For Information Call (973) 678-1217

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Rev. Melvin E. Wilson
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## **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.

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS

## 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: <a href="www.alz.org">www.alz.org</a>. It includes a valuable <a href="community">community</a> 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 <a href="mailto:TrialMatch">TrialMatch</a> web page allows you to research available clinical trials to discuss with their family and their care team.