



NEW ELIZABETH AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWSLETTER

“The Church Where Heaven and Earth Meet!”

A NEW HORIZON/2012 in Review

WHAT WOULD WE HAVE DONE WITHOUT WASHINGTON?

“The Church Where Heaven and Earth Meet”

When Pastor Karen Washington, placed her foot over the threshold of Elizabeth AME Church in June 2011, she didn't realize all that God had in store for her. She didn't know that, like the Phoenix, the Little Elizabeth Church, that God would raise us from the ashes. We had less than fifteen

Rev. Karen Washington lives each day by the scripture, “Faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things unseen” Hebrews 11:1. She knows without God she is nothing and there is nothing impossible for Him. Rev. Washington strongly believes God is a God of Integrity and a God of His Word!

members when Pastor Washington came to us and today we are fifty-two strong and cultivating ways to increase our membership.

Because God has revealed to her the intent and purpose for His church, “The New Elizabeth” has not changed. Our goals are the same - our revitalization of the ministry and expansion to reach beyond the borders of the parish. In order to effectively minister to a larger and more diverse population of people who reside in various parts of New Castle County, Delaware. We have turned the corner and entered into another conference year. It's time to move on and look towards having a home of our own. We must not only turn a chapter because we have healed many wounds and the old scars are barely visible; our faith has been renewed, restored and all of us are looking forward for our future. We will continue to build and restore with our focus primarily on kingdom building, renewal of the soul and transformation of our people.

How We Grew In 2012

January 2012, was the beginning of our renewed faith, confidence and courage. We really started to feel like a family that had found why we loved each other. God had touched us all and we knew that with our faith in Him, what we could and would accomplish - and we loved it! We no longer felt alone or lost or paranoid about our past - our past was just that, THE PAST.

On January 22, 2012, our families and friends were invited to celebrate the goodness of our *Savior, Jesus Christ and our Family and Friends Day*. The church was overflowing and our members were just amazed at the love that was felt from our guests. As Pastor Karen Washington entered the sanctuary with Rev. Vera Worthy and Sister Arlivia Howard-Holland, you could feel the Spirit of the Lord in New Elizabeth. Everyone had a spirit of eagerness because they knew that they were in for a tremendous treat.

Rev. Worthy served as our worship leader and Pastor Washington preached from the topic “Out with the Old; In with the New.” The theme of the message was clinging onto the old, leaves no room for the new. Our guests were over joyed and filled with the Holy Spirit. It was a great day and a good time was had by all!



From left to right: Bishop Richard Allen, Bishop Morris Brown, Bishop Willis Nazrey, Bishop Jabez Campbell, Bishop Cornelius Shaffer, Bishop Levi Coppin, Bishop William Heard, Bishop John Bright, Bishop Richard Franklin Norris, Bishop Jeffrey Nathaniel Leath, **Rev. Mark Kelly Tyler, Currently serving as the 52nd Pastor** at Mother Bethel

Black History Month “WOW”

Sister Veronica “Rhonnie” Riley

The month of February was bountiful, Sister Riley and her team dedicated each Sunday of the month to our ancestors. As a committee, they combined spiritual gifts along with their experiences, training and natural talents to prepare events for our church.

The first Sunday, February 5, 2012, our theme was “We are Family”. Sister Christol Stewart, shared with us a reading, “A Lesson from the Geese”, which paralleled the ways that geese and humans should support one another. Miss Sierra and Master Sidney Stewart shared a poem “Little Black Boy, Little Black Girl”. Mrs. Cheryle Allen-Spells led the church with Negro National Anthem (Lift Every Voice and Sing). After the service many of the congregation went to a local diner to have a Sunday morning family style breakfast. A great time and fellowship was had by all.

Sister Patrice Parks quizzed us on the second Sunday, February 12, 2012, with our Black History and Civil Rights trivia. She recalled some of those who answered freedoms call in the poem, “Mirror, Mirror”, which highlighted Fredrick Douglas, Harriet Tubman, Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King and many more.

The third Sunday, February 19, 2012 we highlighted the gifts of African American inventors. There were many Black Inventors whose “gifts” have led to the greatness of our country.

Friday, February 17, 2012 was a “Blast”; soul food pot luck held at the Riley’s home and it was D-E-L-I-C-I-O-U-S!! Brother Aaron and Sister Noelle Holiday presented us with an overview of the principals of Kwanzaa. Sister Loni Holiday prepared several Black History games for us to play. We had a great evening of “NEW” Elizabeth Fellowship!

The last Sunday, February 26, 2012 had another awesome sermon by Pastor Karen Washington. The morning featured Sister Angel Washington and the Bethel AME Church Liturgical Dancers. In song were friends of Elizabeth; Beverly Whittaker and Carolyn Chambliss who gave selections that were worthy of celebrating our ancestors. A small brunch followed and then we traveled to Mother Bethel AME Church and Museum in Philadelphia, PA. Brothers Leroy Parks and Jay Stewart, our drivers, concluded our trip in Wilmington at Evelyn’s Restaurant for a soulful dinner.

What a Wonderful Month!

Sunday School

In March we re-launched our Sunday school which opened with much fan fair and over ten children and 5 full-time teachers and part-time volunteers. We appreciate our parents and teachers: Christol Stewart, Tinika Jeffers, Shannon Riley, and Shane Riley and our parents that assisted when needed: Chrishaun Fitzgerald, Adrienne Quarles, and Donna Clack.

The Children’s Choir was started and headed by Sister Josephine Reynolds. Sis. Reynolds and the Children’s Choir rehearse on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. and honors New Elizabeth on the fourth Sunday with ministry in song.

The children are our future and our parents are to be applauded for bringing them out for rehearsals and to participate on fourth Sunday.

New Members Class Statement

Have you ever received a church manual? Can you clearly articulate the doctrine of the church? The new members' class proved to be a wonderful thought-provoking experience. After attending the class, I really understood the church's organizational structure, purposes and duties of leadership and the church doctrine. Our pastor led the class, answered questions and provided a thorough understanding of our core belief system. As a seasoned AME church member, I now have more clarity and understanding of the AME church. I would recommend the new members class to the young and the restless as well as the seasoned saints. It was a wonderful experience! By: Dr. C. Fitzgerald

Annual Women's Day

"Women of God...Pursuing Excellence"

"But covet earnestly the best gifts and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way." 1 Corinthians 12:31

Sister Georgette Jackson and Sister Rev. Vera Worthy, Co-Chairwomen

Women's Day held on April 22, 2012 will forever be remembered as the "New" Elizabeth African Methodist Episcopal Church celebrated under the leadership of our Pastor Karen L. Washington. We take great pride that our Praise and Worship was presided over by **Rev. Everett Jenkins****. Rev. Jenkins was celebrating 25 years in ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Rev. Jenkins allowed the Holy Spirit to use him in a powerful way as he led the congregation in singing and praising the Lord in the morning Praise and Worship Service. His music ministry ushered in the presence of our Heavenly Father into the sanctuary, that fueled the power of the Holy Spirit as it moved upon the congregation.

The Word was proclaimed by Rev. Chandra Ivory Williams, the founder of Chandra Williams Ministries. Her ministry is founded on the principles of Praise and Worship unto God. In 2005 she was officially ordained and installed as Co-Pastor to her father, Pastor Charles I. Williams, Sr. of the United Missionary Baptist Church.

Rev. Williams preached from the topic "You're too much" from Esther 1:10-13. The theme of the message is to think highly of yourself and not allow others to disrespect you because you are "too much." In other words, we as women are "too much of a queen" to be taken for granted and mistreated. Do not compromise your morals and values as a queen of God. What a blessed word!

There was food and fellowship after service and we concluded our day with a gospel concert by Rev. Jenkins in the afternoon. His anointed voice filled the atmosphere and the Spirit of God moved in an awesome and special way. The ministry of music touched and ministered to the hearts of the people.

**** In December 2012, Rev. Everett Jenkins passed on from this life. We will continue to keep his family in prayer. He will always be remembered as a friend of New Elizabeth and a disciple of Jesus Christ.**

On May 19, 2012 we held our first Women's Prayer Breakfast. Rev. Vera V. Worthy, was our morning messenger. We had a great time eating and enjoying the gospel of Jesus Christ. We sang, cried and gave thanks to the Lord for all that he had done for us. A beautiful and great time was held by all.

Thank you Jesus!!!

Vacation Bible School

"Fishin' on a Mission"

This was the cry for a week, July 23, 2012 - July 27, 2012, when our Sunday school children, parents and teachers came together for a week of learning about the love of themselves and how Christ wanted them to live as children in today's time. After a joyous week, we ended with an old fashion fish fry and the children gave a program on what they had learned during the week. It was very well attended by parents and children. Our teachers - we give special thanks to Chrishaun Fitzgerald, Tinika Jeffers, Michelle McClure, Christol Stewart, Jonathan Stewart and Josephine Reynolds. Dinner was served nightly thanks to our culinary department; Nedra Crawford, Mary Fitzgerald, Arlivia Howard, Georgette Jackson, Cheryl-Allen Spells, Barbara White and Shirley Roberts.

Truly, we are a blessed church family!!!

“Come One Come All”

The “New” Elizabeth AME Church Community and Youth Outreach Picnic

That was the cry on August 11, 2012 for the children in the community at Glasgow Park. The picnic started at 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. Children were all welcomed to spend a fun-filled day in support of our neighborhood youth. A hearty menu was planned and backpacks were waiting; games, face painting, music and lots of food and drink. We had our master chefs; Bros. Capes Riley, Michael Evans who did a wonderful job on the BBQ grills for us all. A great time was held by all in attendance.

In 2012 we partnered with the Pencader Hundred Community Center at Sparrow's Run on several initiatives. They had several families that participated in our back to school picnic and backpack giveaway this summer. New Elizabeth's members and friends had donated over 100 backpacks with school supplies to be given out to all students that attended the picnic. In addition, we have been providing snacks to the center's homework club. *We sponsored a family from Sparrow's Run during Christmas.* Also, *Elizabeth partnered* with the community center by writing a letter of support to help them obtain a grant that will support their 2013 summer mini-camp and educational field trips. Due to our letter, they were a recipient of the grant. New Elizabeth is now supporting them in a 2nd grant application with the Wells Fargo Regional Foundation Renewal Grant.

On Sunday September 2, 2012, Sister Barbara White had her annual BBQ and invited her whole church family to break bread with her. She really out did herself with the good variety of food. Can we come this year – 2013? (*we promise to leave food*)

First Annual Men's Day

“Men of God...Excellence in Motion”

1 Corinthians 12:31 “But covet earnestly the best gifts; and yet shew I unto you, a more excellent way”

Brother Dr. Capes Riley and Brother Leroy Park, Men's Day Co-Chairmen

The First Annual Men's Day was held on September 16, 2012, with two services dedicated to the men of “New” Elizabeth AME Church. Byrd AME Church Men's Choir, opened our service with Praise and Worship. Brother Sean Quarles was the morning Worship Leader and The Reverend Richard H. Worthy proclaimed the Word and the Holy Spirit was at New Elizabeth with blessings and praises.

Dinner was served immediately after the service and was prepared by the women of New Elizabeth AME Church. A manly feast was enjoyed by all.

Our second service began with the praises and songs of Sister Alice Dansby and the Ensemble of Bethel AME Church Wilmington DE. Brother Keith Illidge was a dutiful Worship Leader and Rev. Dr. Silvester S. Beaman gave the Word Proclaimed. We were truly blessed by Rev. Dr. Beaman and his church on this day; the men were overwhelmed with the goodness of God and the move of the Holy Spirit.

The First Annual Men's Prayer Breakfast was held on Saturday, November 10, 2012. Our guest preacher was Rev. Terrel McBride. The Word that he gave was like D.Y.N.A.M.I.T.E. and we all were truly blessed. The food was good and all that attended had a great morning. Thanks to all who attended; it was a joyful time in the Lord

“I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.”

1 Timothy 2:8

1st Pastoral Anniversary

“Inspired by God, Driven by Faith and Empowered by the Holy Spirit.”

Reverend Karen L. Washington, Pastor of the “New” Elizabeth AMEC, located at 2303 Glasgow Ave, Newark, DE 19702, was honored by the congregation on October 14, 2012. The day had been designated Pastoral Anniversary Sunday. Bro. Kevin Washington was also honored as 1st Man and for his support of New Elizabeth and our Pastor. We pray that we can honor them each year on or about this date.

The theme for the day was “Inspired by God, Driven by Faith and Empowered by the Holy Spirit.” The event was recognition to Reverend Washington for outstanding service to the community and the Church, as a Pastor and Leader. Rev. Washington became the Pastor of Elizabeth AMEC September 13, 2011, and since then, she has earned the respect of the Church and the community as a dedicated leader.

Special Sunday morning and afternoon services featured Anniversary messages by Rev. Vera V. Worthy and Rev. Dawn S. Christopher, respectively. The Church members expressed appreciation to our Pastor and Bro. Kevin Washington during the morning service. The “New” Elizabeth AMEC honored the Pastor with a banquet meal following the morning service. We would like to thank Dr. Carol Benton, Dr. Jacquita L. Wright-Henderson, Rev. Lulu Custis, Phil and Montrel Ward, Bro. Kevin Washington and the entire family of Elizabeth AME Church. **Praise God!**

Kevin's Financial Corner on Stewardship

Lesson: Maximizing the 90%

Lesson 1 we discussed “Our Part” in maximizing the 90% and how handling money affects our fellowship with God. In lesson 2 we discussed “God’s Part.”

God’s Part

- A. Ownership (1 Chronicles 29:11-12, Psalms 24:1). We must transfer all ownership of our possessions to the Lord.
- B. Control (Daniel 4:34-35). God does as He pleases with the powers of heaven and the people of earth.
- C. Provision (Matthew 6:33). But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

TITHES

Annual Income \$	Weekly Income \$	WEEKLY PERCENTAGE GIVING GUIDE					
		3%	6%	7%	9%	10%	15%
5,200	100	3.00	5.00	7.00	9.00	10.00	15.00
6,500	125	3.75	6.25	8.75	11.25	12.50	18.75
7,800	150	4.50	7.50	10.50	13.50	15.00	22.50
9,100	175	5.25	8.75	12.25	15.75	17.50	26.25
10,400	200	6.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	20.00	30.00
11,700	225	6.75	11.25	15.75	20.25	22.50	33.75
13,000	250	7.50	12.50	17.50	22.50	25.00	37.50
14,300	275	8.25	13.75	19.25	24.75	27.50	41.25
15,600	300	9.00	15.00	21.00	27.00	30.00	45.00
16,900	325	9.75	16.25	22.75	29.75	32.50	48.75
18,200	350	10.50	17.50	24.50	31.50	35.00	52.50
19,500	375	11.25	18.75	26.25	33.75	37.50	56.25
20,800	400	12.00	20.00	28.00	36.00	40.00	60.00
26,000	500	15.00	25.00	35.00	45.00	50.00	75.00
31,200	600	18.00	30.00	42.00	54.00	60.00	90.00
36,400	700	21.00	35.00	49.00	63.00	70.00	105.00
41,000	800	24.00	40.00	56.00	72.00	80.00	120.00
46,800	900	27.00	45.00	63.00	81.00	90.00	135.00
52,000	1,000	30.00	50.00	70.00	90.00	100.00	150.00
62,400	1,200	36.00	60.00	84.00	108.00	120.00	180.00
72,800	1,400	42.00	70.00	98.00	126.00	140.00	210.00
83,200	1,600	48.00	80.00	112.00	144.00	160.00	240.00
93,600	1,800	54.00	90.00	126.00	162.00	180.00	270.00

WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Praise the Lord for bringing New Elizabeth AME Church (New Elizabeth) through another year! The year 2012 was filled with God's blessings and His miraculous works. As I reflect upon the last year, I am truly grateful to the Lord. God proved once again that He is faithful. The manifestation of God's glory was evident and relevant in 2012. Evident in God demonstrating His glory in so many ways: miracles, increase in membership, new ministries; debt cancellation, favor, donation of equipment, increase in tithes and offerings and spiritual gifts to name a few. Relevant in how God has ministered to us individually and collectively as a body; demonstrating that His "Word will never return unto Him void" (Is. 55:11) and that He is the "same yesterday, today and forever" (Heb. 13:8). At the same time many of us have experienced hard times, but God has proved He is still faithful. God has demonstrated to us what it truly means by "walking by faith and not by sight" (2 Cor. 5:7) and that His "steadfast love endures forever" (Ps. 136).

The year 2012 was the year of government; God was establishing and setting up His cabinet to do the work He is calling us to. Without a strong foundation the church cannot stand (Matthew 7:24-27). Praise God for all that He has done in 2012! Today is a new day, a new year and a new season to experience God's glory in greater ways. The year 2013 is the year of order; God is re-ordering and aligning. To re-order means to set things how they should be; to straighten out or rearrange in the correct order; to put back into proper order or alignment. To align means to put things into correct relative positions. In other words, God is re-ordering things to line-up with His plan and purpose for His Church and your life.

Our theme for 2013 remains *"A New Elizabeth is on the Horizon; Reclaiming the Vision."* However, there is a "New" emphasis, *"Expect Anything to Happen."* As we reclaim the vision *"Reaching, Reclaiming and Transforming Lives through the Power of Jesus Christ,"* it is important that we remain faithful and diligent in the things of the Lord. As a body we need to increase our level of faith, hence, *"Expect Anything to Happen."* In 2013, we are moving in a spirit of expectation; expecting God's promises to manifest and His glory to be revealed even the more. We are expecting God to lead and direct us to our new land; the land that He will show us (Genesis 12:1-3); land and a building we did not build; full of good things that we did not fill; overflowing with riches we did not plant (Deut. 6:10-11). **We are expecting God to out do what He has already done!**

As we look to expand beyond the horizon, it will take continued commitment, perseverance, hard work and keeping God's vision for the church in perspective. It will entail an aggressive growth plan through evangelism, increasing our financial strength, eliminating remaining debt, enhancing the worship experience, expanding the ministry team, developing new ministries and developing a strategic plan for the land and building God will show us.

New Elizabeth continues to be a powerful testimony of the divine providence and faithfulness of God. By His Spirit, He continues to move on our behalf. **I decree and declare that this year will be our best year to date; we will walk in the abundance of the Lord; we shall take back everything the devil has stolen and full recovery will be our lot!** As a family knit together by the power and Spirit of the living God, your obedience and willingness to help has made the difference in 2012 and will in 2013. Thank you for your commitment and hard work. **IT IS A PLEASURE TO SERVE AS YOUR PASTOR!**

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Karen L. Washington, Pastor

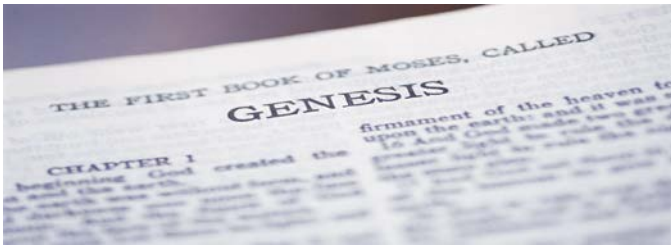
What's in a Name?

With a new beginning come many changes. In November 2012, our Hattie Brown Missionary Society decided and voted on a name change. The Holland-Jackson Missionary Society was voted on by all members. These two members are *New* Elizabeth's longest members.

Sister Arlivia Howard – Holland

Sister Georgette Jackson

Calendar of Events



2013

JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH						
Family and Friends Day							*Black History Month Events							Women's' Prayer Breakfast						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	Founders Day							Delaware Annual Conference						
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Women's Day

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*Check our weekly Sunday Programs

Founder's Day - February 7-9, 2013	March 19-22, 2013	Women's Prayer Breakfast - March 30, 2013
Worship Services - 7:00pm	Delaware Annual Conference	
First Episcopal District	Mt. Zion AME Church	Women's Day - April 21, 2013
3801 Market St,	101 North Queen St,	
Phila, PA 19104	Dover, DE 19904	

Editors Notes

Thank You Jesus!!!!

He has given up another day, week, month and year to be the children we should be in his Holy Name. We, as a church, have grown in faith because of all the things we witnessed happening at New Elizabeth. If you are not a believer in Jesus Christ and His Father Jehovah, you need to be a part of New Elizabeth.

We have gone through a few ups and downs. But we stood in Faith and we came through the Fire. Our leader Rev. Karen L. Washington, there is no words to compliment her. I will say that if a word was chosen it would be LOVE. She has shown great leadership; not only in her faith, but the faith and trust she places in her brothers and sister. She is fair but no nonsense in the Praises and the Love of God.

Also, to our sick and shut-in we will always pray for your wellness. When one of us is sick at New Elizabeth, we all are sick. Our prayers and blessings go out to our church family, family and friends.

If our newsletter is to survive, it is up to our church family to keep it moving. So, please consider the fate of our newsletter.

Don't forget to pray for those that need to know Jesus Christ and what we are offering at "New" Elizabeth AME Church.

Praises to all!!!

Sister Arlivia Howard-Holland