



Educators' & Administrators' Recognition Sunday



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Sunday, August 30, 2026 | 9:30 a.m.

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Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr., Presiding Prelate, First Episcopal District

Dr. Phyllis N. Green, Episcopal Supervisor, First Episcopal District

Rev. Dr. Faye Banks-Taylor, Presiding Elder, Albany-Kingston District

Sis. Marion D. Smart, District Consultant, Albany-Kingston District

Rev. Kevin T. Taylor, Pastor

Liturgical Color: Green

Liturgical Season: Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Order of Worship

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INTROIT “*Let’s Have Church*”

*We have come to sing our praises, We have come to pray our prayers
And we hail from different places, And we carry different cares
We are rich and poor, young and old, From all around the world
Come on everybody, Let’s have church*

*Can anyone read a scripture, Did anyone bring a song?
Can someone give a testimony, Pray they don’t talk too long
Preacher gonna preach a sermon, And revival’s gonna come
We invite you, Holy Spirit, Have your way in us*

*It is more than just religion, It is more than brick and stone
It is more than just a feeling, It is more than just a song
We’re the house of God, on Christ the Rock
His Kingdom on the earth, Come everybody, Let’s have church*

*Let all of God’s people say, Amen, Amen
It’s good to be here today, Amen, Amen*

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Loving God, we thank you for the people who have presented themselves for the work of education.

People: **Gracious God, thank you for this opportunity for growth and service. We come first as disciples, seeking wisdom and knowledge from you. Teach us so that we can teach others.**

Leader: We covenant to pray for our leaders and for all the children, youth, and adults who will attend classes this year. Lord, enable all of us to grow spiritually and study diligently. May this year of learning enlighten and transform us.

People: **Amazing God, grant each of us fresh vision of faith and a new understanding of your grace.**

Leader: We pray for those, dear God, being drawn by your love, who will venture into our classrooms for the first time.

People: **Accepting God, show us how to welcome the stranger. Use our classrooms and small groups as loving examples of Christian community for persons of all ages.**

Leader: Help us to encourage all in our care to love you with all their hearts, minds, souls, and strength, and let each of us love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

ALL: Empowering God, help us all to believe what we teach and to practice what we preach! Amen.

Source: Adapted from the African American Lectionary

SONG OF PRAISE “[How to Reach the Masses](#)” Hymn #221

INVOCATION

Prayer Response: “[Walking up the King's Highway](#)”

SELECTION Music Ministry

SCRIPTURE READING [Matthew 16:21-28](#)

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS Rev. Kevin T. Taylor

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offering Song: “[Great Things](#)”

Offertory prayer: “All things come of Thee, O, Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.”

ALTAR CALL “[Is Your All on the Altar?](#)” Hymn #333

SERMONIC SELECTION Music Ministry

SERMON Rev. Kevin T. Taylor

**INVITATION TO
CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP** “[We Shall Overcome](#)”

BENEDICTION Rev. Kevin T. Taylor

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August Birthdays

1	Sis. Shetonna Christian	11	Sis. Denise LaBranche
2	Bro. D’Juan Leo Cargill	12	Rev. Charles A. Rogers, Sr.
3	Sis. El’Shoa Lloyd	12	Bro. Roberto J. Vives
3	Bro. Da’Marien White	17	Sis. McKynze Morrison
3	Sis. Betty L. Williams	19	Sis. Grace Claxton
4	Bro. Darrell Davis	20	Sis. Olivette Sturges
4	Bro. Joziah Guthrie	24	Sis. Shari Barnes
6	Bro. Donald B. Coleman	30	Bro. Kaiden Noi
8	Bro. Bryant Jackson	30	Bro. Malachi Jones
11	Sis. Carrie M. Gamble	31	Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr.

Upcoming Events

August

31 Weekly First District Prayer Call – 6 a.m.; Zoom ID: 484 639 2641 or by phone at (301) 715-8592

September

- 1 Virtual Sermon Talk-Back – 6:30 p.m.
- 2 Virtual Bible Study – 6 p.m.
- 3 Weekly “Prayer Changes Things” Prayer Call – 6:30 a.m.; Dial (516) 259-9554 (no access code)
- 5 Presiding Elder’s Prayer Call – 6 a.m.; Dial (605) 313-5111, Access Code: 824029
- 6 Pastoral Office Hours – immediately after morning worship; other times by appointment
- 8 Annual Food Ministry Training – 10 a.m. – noon; contact Sis. Judy Paul-Tucker for more information
- 8 Virtual Trustee Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Grandparents’ Day and Three-Score & Ten Recognition Sunday – 9:30 a.m.
- 13 In-person Albany-Kingston District Fellowship – 3 p.m.; Host: St. Mark’s Chapel AMEC – Kingston, Guest Preacher: Rev. Charles A. Rogers, Sr., Pastor, Bethel AMEC – Schenectady
- 14 Virtual Steward Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Virtual Jr. Steward Board Meeting – 8:30 p.m.
- 16 Weekly Soup Kitchen – 12-1 p.m.
- 19 WNYCB WMS Inaugural Quiet Champion Luncheon – 1-3 p.m.; See Sis. Carolyn L. Williams, Local WMS President or Sis. Pat L. Johnson, Albany-Kingston Area Chair
- 20 Men’s Day Kick-off/Prostate Cancer Awareness Sunday – 9:30 a.m.
- 20 Virtual Adult Church School – 4:30 p.m. – *See Sis. Sharon Van Houter for more information*
- 24 Virtual Monthly Official Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Sick & Homebound Members

Please keep the following persons in your thoughts and prayers this week:

- **Sis. Patricia Allyne**, 24 Dowling Rd., Albany, NY 12205-1910
- **Sis. Carrie Gamble**, 100 Heritage Ln., Case #126, Albany, NY 12211-1106
- **Sis. Elaine Griffin**, 1519 Union St., Schenectady, NY 12309-6003
- **Sis. Nora Harder**, 2476 Poersch Ct., Schenectady, NY 12309-2417
- **Sis. Sadie Harper**, 2 Tanglewood Rd., Albany, NY 12205-5022
- **Bro. Bennie Mackey**, 275 Livingston Ave., Albany, NY 12210-1512
- **Sis. Loretta Myers**, 526 Altamont Ave., Rm. #623A, Schenectady, NY 12303-1039
- **Sis. Everett Walters**, 24A Dowling Rd., Albany, NY 12205-1910
- **Bro. Patrick Walters**, 24A Dowling Rd., Albany, NY 12205-1910

