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Sunday, October 25, 2026 | 9:30 a.m.

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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: Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost

Order of Worship

Domestic Violence Awareness Sunday
Sunday, October 25, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. Service

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

DOXOLOGY

CALL TO WORSHIP Refer to Bulletin Insert

INVOCATION

Prayer Response: “[Way Maker](#)”

SELECTION Praise Team

SCRIPTURE READING [Matthew 22:34-46](#)

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.”

SELECTION Praise Team

ALTAR CALL ["I Must Tell Jesus"](#) Hymn #388

SERMON Rev. Kevin T. Taylor

**INVITATION TO
CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP** “[All to Jesus, I Surrender](#)” Hymn #251

BENEDICTION Rev. Kevin T. Taylor

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CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader:** Holy God, we enter Your presence with truth that can no longer be hidden or softened. Too often, Your Church has been complicit in silence, protecting abusers, silencing survivors, misusing Scripture to demand endurance instead of escape, and calling it righteousness. Today, we reject the theology that told victims to “pray harder” while the Church looked away. You are a God of liberating and everlasting love. You declare, “I have loved you with an everlasting love” (Jeremiah 31:3) and “with You is unfailing love and redemption” (Psalm 130:7). Meet us here with courage, conviction, and the power to tell the truth.
- People:** **Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kumbayah, Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kumbayah, Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kumbayah, Oh Lord, Kumbayah.**
- Leader:** We name before You the pain we have tried to spiritualize away: homes where love has been replaced by fear, where prayers have been used to cover bruises instead of protect bodies, where children cry themselves to sleep while the Church whispers, “don’t get involved,” and where elders are harmed by those entrusted with their care. We lament every sermon that valued marriage over safety, forgiveness over accountability, and reputation over truth. But You promised to wipe every tear, and that mourning, crying, and pain will be no more (Revelation 21:4). Begin that healing now.
- People:** **Someone’s crying, Lord, Kumbayah, Someone’s crying, Lord, Kumbayah, Someone’s crying, Lord, Kumbayah, Oh Lord, Kumbayah.**
- Leader:** For every survivor of physical, emotional, sexual, financial, or spiritual abuse—known to us and unknown—we speak this truth: You did not deserve what happened to you. Abuse is never your fault. You are worthy of love without harm. May God restore what trauma attempted to steal and surround you with safety, support, dignity, and hope. May your story move from surviving to thriving.
- People:** **Someone’s hurting, Lord, Kumbayah, Someone’s hurting, Lord, Kumbayah, Someone’s hurting, Lord, Kumbayah, Oh Lord, Kumbayah.**
- Leader:** For those who have caused harm, we pray—not to excuse, but to transform. Expose the abuse of power. Disrupt the patterns of control. Break the spirit of domination. Shatter denial and self-justification. Replace manipulation with humility, secrecy with truth, and harm with accountability, repentance, and change. May justice—not image—be the measure of healing.
- People:** **Someone’s praying, Lord, Kumbayah, Someone’s praying, Lord, Kumbayah, Someone’s praying, Lord, Kumbayah, Oh Lord, Kumbayah.**
- Leader:** For those who witnessed and stayed silent—who suspected but said nothing, who minimized, normalized, or hid behind “that’s not my business”—awaken holy courage. Move us from silence to speaking up, from avoidance to intervention, from apathy to action. Make us interrupters of harm, defenders of the vulnerable, and dismantlers of generational cycles of silence and shame.
- People:** **Come by here, Lord, Kumbayah, Come by here, Lord, Kumbayah, Come by here, Lord, Kumbayah, Oh Lord, Kumbayah.**
- Leader:** For Your Church—this congregation and the Church universal—we repent for preaching forgiveness without accountability, submission without safety, suffering without support, and unity without justice. Deliver us from the idolatry of image, the sin of silence, and the misuse of Scripture that has protected abusers and abandoned survivors. Reform us, cleanse us, and rebuild us into a refuge of truth, safety, justice, and healing.
- People:** **Heal Your Church now, Lord, Kumbayah, Heal Your Church now, Lord, Kumbayah, Heal Your Church now, Lord, Kumbayah, Oh Lord, Kumbayah.**
- Leader:** God, You are Jehovah-Shammah—the God who is here. Dwell among us now. Let no one ever again be forced to choose between their faith and their safety. Empower us to protect with courage, listen with compassion, respond with wisdom, advocate with boldness, and love without harm. Make us the Church You intended—where justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.
- People:** **Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kumbayah, Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kumbayah, Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kumbayah, Oh Lord, Kumbayah.**

Source: Adapted from the African American Lectionary



10 MILLION ADULTS EXPERIENCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

ANNUALLY IN THE U.S.

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month helps to unify victims of domestic and partnership abuse, an issue which is prevalent in every community affecting all people regardless of age, gender, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, race, religion, or nationality.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP CAN INCLUDE:



Willful intimidation
and/or threats.



Physical and/or sexual
assault and battery.



Emotional and/or
psychological abuse.



Criminal harassment
(i.e. stalking).



Economic abuse
(i.e. power over
finances to control).



Repetitive pattern of
controlling dominance.



1 IN 5 WOMEN
EXPERIENCED DOMESTIC
SEXUAL VIOLENCE
IN THEIR LIFETIME

(i.e. rape, repercussions for
refusing sexual advances, etc).



ONLY 34%
OF DOMESTIC
ABUSE VICTIMS
WILL RECEIVE
MEDICAL CARE

for any physical
injuries that were
caused by an
intimate partner.

DOMESTIC
ABUSE
VICTIMS
BY GENDER:

24%

76%

Men

Women



48%
OF VICTIMS EXPERIENCED
PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE

(at least one psychologically
aggressive behavior) by an
intimate partner.



Speak up and offer resources to anyone you think may be in an abusive relationship. Contact **725-320-2997** or visit **www.SafeHouse.com** to learn more.

Sources: https://assets.speakcdn.com/assets/2497/domestic_violence-2020080709350855.pdf
<https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/domestic-violence-awareness-month/>

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Barriers to Safety for Women of Color

WORD SEARCH

Find all 30 terms. Words may appear horizontally, vertically, diagonally, forward, or backward.

B I C Y N I D B M R R K K B F E K R K W H F A N Y
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E S U B A L A C I S Y H P S E X U A L A B U S E A
C J K Q Z P G P T U Q S Z K M A M Y U Q N V R P U
N Z N E M O W E V I T A N V O T P H Q V N L I Q B
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L L S E A Y K P N A G S C U T L A U L H O M M T R
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SAFETY



ACCESS



ACCOUNTABILITY



SUPPORT



WORD LIST

Domestic Violence
Intimate Partner
Physical Abuse
Emotional Abuse
Sexual Abuse
Financial Abuse
Spiritual Abuse
Sexual Assault
Dating Violence
Stalking

Safety
Victims
Perpetrators
Accountability
VAWA
Control
African American
Native Women
API Women
Immigrant Women

Cultural Barriers
Institutional Barriers
Economic Factors
Law Enforcement
Police Reports
Language Access
Legal System
Counseling
Housing
Medical Attention



October Birthdays

1	Bro. Chrisitan Simmons	12	Sis. Elizabeth Jackson
2	Bro. Bertrum K. Mitchell	17	Bro. Louis A. Williams, IV
2	Bro. Craig A. Moore, Jr.	18	Sis. Veda Wilson
2	Bro. Shana Stallworth	19	Bro. Benjamin F. Mackey
3	Sis. Tamiko Bounds-Davis	19	Bro. Craig A. Moore, Sr.
5	Sis. LaToya Tucker	19	Sis. Natalia Moore
6	Sis. Sophia Moore	27	Sis. Nora Harder
8	Sis. Betty J. Pittman	29	Bro. Kaiden Curry
9	Sis. Honey Courtwright	30	Dr. Ijunanya Holder
10	Bro. Carter Gailliard Vives	30	Sis. Barbara A. Tibbs
10	Bro. Raymond Grant	31	Sis. Amari Jones
11	Sis. Jahnyla Holder-Hughes	31	Bro. Elijah Jones

Upcoming Events

October

- 25 Fall Prevention and Mobility Workshop with Dr. Ijunanya Holder – *immediately after morning worship*
- 26 Weekly First District Prayer Call – 6 a.m.; Zoom ID: 484 639 2641 or by phone at (301) 715-8592
- 27 Virtual Albany-Kingston District Bible Study – 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Weekly Soup Kitchen – 12-1 p.m.
- 28 Virtual Bible Study – 6 p.m.
- 29 Weekly “Prayer Changes Things” Prayer Call – 6:30 a.m.; Dial (516) 259-9554 (no access code)
- 31 Presiding Elder’s Prayer Call – 6 a.m.; Dial (605) 313-5111, Access Code: 824029

November

- 1 Daylight Saving Time ends – *remember to fall back*
- 1 Annual Men’s Day Celebration – 9:30 a.m.; Guest Preacher: Rev. Melvin E. Wilson, Pastor, St. Mathew AMEC – Orange, NJ – *wear black and a shade of purple*
- 2 Virtual Steward Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 2 Virtual Jr. Steward Board Meeting – 8:30 p.m.
- 3 Virtual Albany-Kingston District Bible Study – 6:30 p.m.
- 3 Virtual Trustee Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 3 Election Day – Polls are open from 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.; *Don’t forget to exercise your hard-fought right to vote*
- 5-7 First District Fall/Holy Convocation – Greater Allen Cathedral AMEC – Jamaica, Queens; [Register here](#)
- 8 Trustee Board Annual Day – 9:30 a.m.
- 8 Virtual Albany-Kingston District Fellowship – 3 p.m.; Hosts: Bethel AMEC – Coxsackie; Guest Preacher: Rev. Paulette Adams
- 8 Virtual Adult Church School – 4:30 p.m.; *See Sis. Sharon Van Houter for more information*
- 15 Stewardship Sunday – 9:30 a.m.; *invite a friend or loved one to experience the interactive sermon*

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

