



# *The View*

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## **From Mt. Pisgah**



### **MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR JAY B. BROADNAX**

Happy New Year!

We are excited to present to you our renewed and revitalized periodical, “The View from Mount Pisgah” (also known as “The View”)!

The View was established almost 20 years ago as the official newsletter of Mount Pisgah African Methodist Episcopal Church of Philadelphia, and has been distributed within the congregation to regular attendees, friends, families, and to sick and homebound persons so that they could stay connected to the church’s activities. Over the years it has gone through ups and downs, but the church has always had within its vision to provide this information on a consistent basis. For this reason we rejoice in this new opportunity to keep Mount Pisgah disciples at the cutting edge of the many wonderful things that God is doing in and through our church family!

With 2020 having been such a challenging and difficult year for so many, we want our readers to know that there are still reasons to rejoice. God is still on the throne and worthy of our praise. Mount Pisgah is still living, active, and engaged in relevant ministry. This publication (which will be in both printed and electronic forms) will hopefully be a light shining from “the peaks of Pisgah” to remind folks that God still has a “promised land” vision for us!

I want to give God praise for Brother Keith Arrington and his faithfulness in keeping this vision alive for us over the years. I am especially grateful to God for Sisters Dolores Clinton and Betty Hammond and their tireless efforts in bringing this vision to reality. We pray that many will be inspired to contribute articles and photos that highlight the work that God is doing through the ministries of Mount Pisgah. God has been good to us, and we look forward to telling our story!!

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# PLEASE REMEMBER



# WE ARE NOT IN THE CLEAR YET!



## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR KEITH W. ARRINGTON SR

*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ~ Romans 8:28*

The year 2020 has sure been one to test that well-known passage of Scripture. The year 2020 thrust upon us a pandemic the likes of which this world had not seen in over 100 years. For many, there has been tremendous financial strain. For others, there has been sorrow, pain, grief, and despair. Our lives have been altered in unimaginable ways. We've been isolated from family and friends. We've been separated from our workplaces and separated from social gatherings. We've even had to forego the gathering of the saints, unable to physically come together in worship.

With all that we've been unable to do, with all that we've been through, how, you might ask, is this still working out for our good? To answer that question, I want you to first consider a favorite cliché for the Christian man or woman: *The place where we worship is just a building; we the people are really the church.* This pandemic, this separation from the beautiful edifice that is named Mt. Pisgah that we've had to endure, has compelled us to test whether what we say is truly what we believe. What happens when we can no longer get into the church building? Do our worship and praise close along with the building? Is our love for God similarly placed on quarantine? Do we still walk in our calling, according to His purpose? Is it still all good?

Praise be to God, the purpose of this edition of The View is to proclaim the story that all is well with the Mighty Mt. Pisgah African Methodist Episcopal Church. Yes, the building is on hiatus but the church marches on! In this edition, you will get a glimpse of how we have reimagined ministry, worship, and praise. You will read about how, though we may be physically distant from one another, we have drawn nearer to our God as we've grown deeper in our faith. Ministry should extend beyond the four walls of the church you would always say? Well, in 2020, we haven't had much choice but to do just that, and God is working that out for His good!

Yes, we all yearn to come back together in worship, to once again be in our beautiful sanctuary, and perhaps even once again exchanging holy hugs and heavenly kisses. Yet, until that time comes, we are still triumphantly climbing to the top of Mt. Pisgah. Thank you to the Newsletter committee and to all of those who made a contribution to this Edition, just to reassure us that Mt. Pisgah is still alive and well, and The View is still a beautiful sight to behold!

## Campaign for Working Families Free Tax Program at Mount Pisgah A. M. E. Church

*free*  
*tax*  
**Preparation**

God blessed us to participate for our 18<sup>th</sup> Tax Season with the Campaign for Working Families Free Tax Program. We opened our Tax Office on Friday, January 17, 2020. We were preparing taxes and serving our community until we had to close at 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2020 because of the Covid-19 virus. We reopened our Tax Site on June 8, 2020 and continued preparing tax returns for all who came.

We had to practice social distancing and take customers by appointment only. Customers either made their appointment on the CWF Families website or they called Mt. Pisgah and Rev. Harris returned their call and made their appointment. They were required to come to their appointment wearing a mask and with their pen to complete the IRS and CWF Intake form they were given by our Intake Specialists. We were given protective gear (masks and gloves) to wear at all times. We were given hand sanitizer and spray cleanser.

Our work station consisted of 3 tables, side-by-side, to seat the Site Manager, Assistant Site Manager and 1 Site Manager or Advanced volunteer from another site sitting socially distanced. Before and after each shift we had to sanitize our work areas. We sanitized 2 tables in front of the church for people who didn't drive to our site and didn't come wearing their face mask. On rainy days we set-up a table (inside the side door of the church) for customers to complete their Intake forms, made sure all the information was complete on the Intake forms and controlled the crowd.

Customers were not allowed to enter the building because of the virus. Our customers were called when their returns were completed and were given our schedule to come back to be given a review of their return and sign a paper copy to keep if they were satisfied with the return before we electronically filed their tax return to IRS and the State of PA.

What a change, but we did it! The total returns filed in **Pennsylvania and New Jersey including virtual tax preparation was 22,094. The total refund amount was: \$34.4 million. The amount tax filers received for the Earned Income Tax Credit was: \$ 7.5 million.**

We would like to thank Sis. Carrie W. Yon (our Assistant Site Manager), Sis. Gwendolyn Burnett who volunteered as an Advanced Tax Preparer, Sis. Darlene Foreman, Bro. Leroy Foreman and Sis. Janet Hilliard (our Intake Specialists) for their dedication and commitment to the program. Rev. Phyllis A. Harris served as our Site Manager.

Submitted by:

Rev. Phyllis A. Harris

## The Church School Convention

### Interview

I wanted to say we were blessed to join the Church School Convention. We haven't been since a few years and I am so thankful to have been connected. It was my son Carle's first time participating in our convention.

We joined a little later and we were in Pastor Jay's Zoom breakout room, as soon as it started. It was interesting being able to reflect on social injustices and ways that may help us to make changes for black lives. I'm also thankful for the opportunity for Carle to receive a book by a black author.

The sermon from the Preacher was very inspiring, to be reminded that no lives matter if black lives don't matter. Because, sometimes you can forget, with all of the injustice over us, it sometimes seems as if we do not have a voice.

It was a great experience for me and my fourteen year old black son, to have a platform for discussion.

Thank you for the experience, to God be the Glory!

By: Daphine Jackson

## Liturgical



This past April, my daughter shared with me The Blessing music video by Kari Jobe, Cody Carnes & Elevation Worship. It immediately put me in a place of worship. I knew at that moment, it needed to be danced by somebody. I carried on with life until the dance ministry leader at Bethel AMEC, Wilmington shared the same song in May. I heard the Lord say "a blessing over the movement for freedom". The Lord confirmed that He was calling me to assemble dancers to communicate His message. The vision was birthed in May and I told the dancers that we would record the video in July. Little did I know that the choreography wouldn't come easy. We recorded in October in three states, PA, NJ and MA. Twenty-four dancers shared their gift of dance. As a result of COVID-19, we recorded outdoors, in small groups, 6 feet apart.

The song is based on Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV), "The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord turn His face toward you, and give you peace." The theme "A Blessing Over the Movement for Freedom" speaks to the strongholds that threaten our freedom: racial injustice, economic injustice, environmental injustice, mass incarceration, oppression, human trafficking, just to name a few.

As dance ministers (levites), we have the assurance and hope that as we dance with the authority that comes only through Jesus Christ, the Lord will indeed bless, keep, and freely give His grace and peace.

Ingrid Broadnax



## Message from Minister of Music Barry Myles

My first day at Mt. Pisgah was exhilarating. The preaching and music were on fire. I was being introduced and was playing new music (as I had never played the selection before). In addition to the service being great I stayed for my first meal (and I love good food) and was quite satisfied. The afternoon service was the Ushers Annual Day. It had been a while since I have had the opportunity to witness ushers “strut,” and strut they did. I also had forgotten how long musicians have to play while they are “strutting.” I was wiped out at the end of my first Sunday at Mt. Pisgah. COVID-19 hit and affected worship services in the worst way. I was grateful to God and felt honored, to be part of the “essential team” of folk who would continue to help spread the gospel weekly.



4-5 months later, I really miss the “getting to know you” period with all of the very fine vocal groups at the church. I never had an opportunity to hear the men or children sing. I was very impressed with the arts ministries (mime and dance, and in particular, **First Lady Broadnax**) who ministered. **I REALLY** miss the opportunity to teach and help to develop voices, and the creative synergy in working with talented folk like **Deidre Harrell Greggs**, who I have really enjoyed in our short time working together. I continue to be exhilarated at the thought of working with some of the best voices in the First District. I have been planted in the right vineyard.

As far as my background, I came to the Lord at the age of ten, and was placed in leadership of the Youth Choir at the age of twelve. Most of my cousins and many older teens were also in the choir. It was a real learning experience. Not to mention, my mother was over the Young People’s Department. LOLLOL I knew I had a love for music in the second grade. My first instrument was the violin which I played in the All City Orchestra and through college. I attended Overbrook High School’s music magnet program which I absolutely loved. It was like being in the movie Fame, without the drama. I went on to Slippery Rock State College and earned a B.S. in Music Therapy. Then on to graduate school where I earned 31 credits toward a master’s degree, to be continued. Throughout my educational pursuits, I taught music in school and with private students, worked as a Music Therapist in several positions and have always been connected to music ministry primarily in AME Churches in Baltimore, MD; Sacramento, CA and Philadelphia, PA. I love reading, bowling, skating, and teaching music fundamentals and theory.

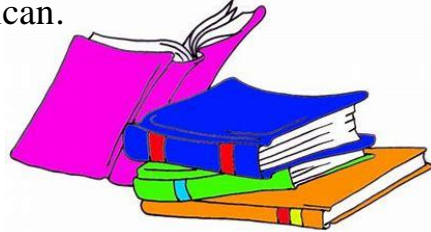
Specific plans I arrived with are the same. I believe in professional development and it starts with me. I continue to be very interested in learning the Rodgers organ at the church. I would love to sit with, and take formal lessons with **Sheila Booker** (hint) and learn more about electronic instruments. I look forward to assisting in building the music ministry, expanding the band, offering piano lessons, and offering music workshops, and I love musical theater. I would like to do an annual Christmas and Easter productions, with other theater opportunities throughout the year.

Words that I offer as encouragement are to continue to trust God in every situation and remember to give thanks, in whatever state we find ourselves in, and to be content. **Isaiah 46:4** (in the **New King James Version**) states “Even to your old age, I am he; and even to gray hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.” Selah!!! Stay encouraged, encourage others, stay safe and check on each other.

# Department of Christian Education

Our Connectional Christian Education had a Virtual Graduation on Sunday June 14, 2020 to honor our 2020 graduates from High School and College and beyond. Bishop Adam J. Richardson, our Senior Bishop, gave the baccalaureate address on the Theme “I Matters.” We celebrated over 1,200 graduates across the Connection. Bishop Richardson also gave us a Bibliography of Books to read for African American.

## List of Recommended Reading from Bishop A.J. Richardson



1. Just Mercy: A story of Justice and Redemption by Brian Stephenson, New York, Random House, 2014
2. The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness, by Michelle Alexander, New York: The New Press, 2012
3. Letter from a Birmingham Jail by Martin Luther King, Jr.  
[https://www.africa.upenn.edu/Article\\_Gen/Letter\\_Birmingham.html](https://www.africa.upenn.edu/Article_Gen/Letter_Birmingham.html)
4. The Third Reconstruction: How a Moral Movement is overcoming the Politics of Division and Fear by William J. Barber II, Boston : Beacon Press, 2018
5. Freedom's Prophet: Bishop Richard Allen, AME Church, and the Black Founding Fathers by Richard S. Newman, New York: New York University Press. 2018.
6. What Truth Sounds Like: Robert F. Kennedy, James Baldwin and our Unfinished Conversation About Race in America by Michael Eric Dyson, New York, St. Martin Press, 2018
7. Freestyle: Reflections on Faith, Family, Justice, and Pop Culture by Michael W. Waters, Nashville: Fresh Air Books, 2014
8. Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America by Ibram X. Kendi, New York: Bold Type Books, 2016
9. We Were Eight Years in Power: An American Tragedy by Ta-Nehisi Coates, New York
10. The Rise and Fall of Black Wall Street by Robin Walker, Reklaw Education, 2010
11. Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Woman Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly, New York: Harper Collins Publishers, 2016
12. The African Methodist Episcopal Church: A History by Dennis C. Dickerson, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press



# Annual Conference Overview By Cheryl Hammond Hopewell



## **FIRST EPISCOPAL DISTRICT** **ANNUAL CONFERENCE SERIES – 2020** **Submitted by Cheryl Hammond Hopewell**

*As many things have changed in 2020, the First District series of Annual Conferences was no different. The Bermuda Annual Conference in early March went off as usual, but COVID hit, and the series of Annual Conferences became virtual. As the term we have all heard on numerous occasions, we had to charter new territory.*

*The Bermuda Annual Conference in early March was lovely. Sister Wanda Ringgold, International YPD Director, Sister Connie Smith, Philadelphia Conference Branch WMS President and yours truly First District Lay President, set off to JFK, NY to catch a flight for the Bermuda Annual Conference. Our pastor, the Rev. Jay B. Broadnax also attends the various annual conferences since he serves as First District Executive Director of Christian Education. The Bermuda Annual Conference started things off well. It had the usual activities and worship services; The Ministry of Evangelism, the WIM Service, WMS Annual Day, the Opening Service with the Rev. Nicholas-Genevieve Tweed preaching the Annual Sermon, Lay Witness Night, Christian Education Service, YPD Annual Day and the Closing Worship Service. Bishop Ingram preaches all of the closing services. Much of the Annual Conference was at the Fairmont Southampton hotel in Southampton, Bermuda but the opening service was one of the services that was offsite. The opening service was at St. Paul AME Church in Hamilton, Bermuda. With that, it was decided that the Annual Conferences would be virtual. All participants for any of the worship services were to pre-record their parts and submit them to be put together. We received a virtual schedule with a reduced conference for each Annual Conference starting with Delaware at the end of May. Delaware had WMS Day, the Opening Service with Rev. Dr. Erika Crawford.*

*Well once the Bermuda Conference ended, so did the series of Annual Conferences as we know them. Next up should have been the Delaware Annual Conference later in March. The world as we knew it got shut down, and so did the annual conferences. Though it did commence with preaching the Annual Sermon, the Closing Service and about 10 minutes of Lay Witness Night, there were too many glitches and the Delaware Annual Conference was shut down. After that, a new tech team was set up and we received a new schedule.*

*The New Jersey Virtual Annual Conference was already scheduled for June and with the new schedule that was kept in place. The services that took place were WMS day, the Evangelism Service, the Opening Service with the Rev. Dr. Ronald Slaughter, Pastor of St. James AME Church in Newark, NJ preaching the Annual Sermon, Lay Witness Night with yours truly as the speaker, the Closing Worship Service, YPD Day, the Christian Education Service and Church School. The first virtual annual conference was fully completed.*

*Next up in June, the Delaware Virtual Annual Conference had to be continued. The services that took place were the Evangelism Service, Lay Witness Night, YPD Annual Day, the Christian Education Service and Church School.*





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*At the end of June came the New England Virtual Annual Conference. The following services took place: WMS Annual Day, the Evangelism Service, the Opening Service with Presiding Elder Jocelyn*

*Hart-Lovelace preaching the Annual Sermon, Lay Witness Night, the Closing Service, YPD Day, Christian Education Service and Church School.*

*At the beginning of July, the Women in Ministry (WIM) decided to have one virtual service instead of having one at each Virtual Annual Conference. Next up in July was the New York Virtual Annual and the services that took place were the WMS Annual Day, the Evangelism Service, the Opening Worship Service with the Rev. David Cousin preaching the Annual Sermon, Lay Witness Night, Closing Worship Service, YPD Day, Christian Education Service and Church School.*

*The following weekend came the Western New York Virtual Annual Conference. The services that took place were the WMS Annual Day, the Evangelism Service, Opening Service with the Rev. Richard A. Stenhouse preaching the Annual Sermon, Lay Witness Night, the Closing Worship Service, YPD Annual Day, Christian Education Service and Church School.*

*The final virtual service was the Philadelphia Virtual Annual Conference. Services were the WMS Annual Day, the Evangelism Service, the Opening Worship with our pastor preaching the Annual Sermon, Lay Witness Night, Closing Worship Service, YPD Day, Christian Education and Church School.*

*While six of the seven Annual Conferences were virtual, there were still great meetings, worship services, teaching and business sessions. With the conclusion of the 6 virtual Annual Conferences, everyone was excited to finally take a break from being on zoom so much. Unfortunately, that was not the case because starting in August, more zoom meetings continued including Planning Meeting at the end of August and several zoom meetings leading up to that one. With many churches now using zoom for worship and meetings, and the Connection, the First District and Conference component groups being forced to use zoom for meetings and conferences, it looks like zoom is here for a while so we had better get used to it.*

***Our Sister Cheryl Hammond Hopewell is the President of the First Episcopal District Lay Organization.***



## The Philadelphia Annual Conference By Sister Elaine Gleaves

*My 2020 Philadelphia Annual Conference via Zoom Experience*

*When Pastor Jay asked if I would consider being the delegate representing Mount Pisgah AME Church at the 2020 Philadelphia Annual Conference, I cautiously said, "Yes, I will give it consideration."*

*Several weeks later, Pastor Jay called to inform me the meeting to elect a delegate was scheduled for the following Saturday at 1PM. Since I was committed to attending a previously scheduled late morning event the same day, I promised I would be there by 1:15PM. When the morning meeting had almost concluded, I made a hasty exit. I arrived at Mount Pisgah at 1:10PM. Hurriedly, I gathered my purse, tote bag and keys, exited the car and ran across the street to the church. The meeting was already in progress. I eased the door open, hoping to discreetly saunter to a seat in the back row. Suddenly, I hear Pastor Jay say, "Here she is now. Sister Gleaves, you've been elected delegate to represent Mount Pisgah at the 2020 Philadelphia Conference." WHAT?? Did I understand him to say I was the delegate they were going to send to the annual conference? Immediately, I plunged into a state of apoplexy, which melded to a catatonic trance. Surely, I resembled a stupefied deer staring into the blinding headlights of a tractor trailer speeding along a dark and foggy highway.*

*Yes, I did tell Pastor Jay I would consider, but I do not recall expressing, in any way, that I wanted to be the delegate. Is there no way out of my present dilemma? Umm, maybe if I made Pastor Jay aware that writing lengthy, detailed reports is not one of my finer points, he just might reconsider sending me to the conference. So, I told him about my lack of writing skills. He replied, "No worries. We've been moving towards oral reports." Foiled again!!! I appreciate the love and confidence our congregation expressed in electing me delegate. I love each and every one for the support. In fact, I would love them all the more, if they had elected a younger, tech savvy delegate. Well, I guess, by now, you've deduced my being the delegate from Mount Pisgah AME Church of Philadelphia to the annual conference is not on my bucket list.*

*Lord God Almighty, please help me pull myself together, so I can give my very best in service. Enable me to attend every session and worship experience. Empower me to take copious notes. Please give me an understanding, knowledge and wisdom to write a clear and concise report on all information I am to convey to the congregation. Amen.*

*By February 2020, most of the world was talking about and/or affected by the spread of the virulent organism, COVID-19. By March 2020, the virus was rapidly spreading around the globe, like uncontrolled wildfires, with no let-up in sight. Governmental authorities issued orders mandating the wearing of face masks, social distancing, and quarantines. There was speculation and murmurs concerning cancellation of the annual conference. Sometime in May, we were hearing the conference would most likely be postponed, not cancelled. The decision was made to schedule a virtual conference. A virtual conference by way of Zoom? What is Zoom?*

*I had no idea what Zoom was, but I am confident it involves technical knowledge and computer skills of which I have minimal understanding. Obviously, someone with computer skills will be selected and I will be relieved of my role of delegate. YES!!!! Alas, my euphoria was short lived. Pastor Jay called to inform me he and Brother Keith were going to teach me the rudiments of connecting to Zoom. I tried to convince them that whatever skills one needed to learn the basics of "Operation Zoom," I lacked them all. Pastor Jay said, "No worries. It's easier than you think." Always the encourager, Pastor Jay assured me I could do it. So, it was easier than I thought. Brother Keith and Pastor Jay were patient, kind, informative, and reassuring. Within the hour, I had been taught how to access Zoom for the conference. However, I was very nervous and afraid I would not recall what I had been taught. I relaxed, when I remembered all the notes I had written.*

*The opening day arrived. I was up very early, as I had not slept much the night before. I was in my closet looking for an outfit for morning worship. As I was pondering which dress to wear, it dawned on me that I can wear whatever I want. After all, I'll only be visible from the waist up. Who's going to know I have my night gown under my lovely blouse? On second thought, this Zoom thing is great! I like it. Zooming out!*



## Kingdom Connections



On Sunday, October 4, 2020, Mt. Pisgah held its first Kingdom Connections via Zoom for ages 4 to 17, where for the first time we combined Children's Church and Church School. The Class breakouts are ages 8-11, 12-14 and 15-17.

In this virtual environment, this is an effective way to reach youth who normally did not attend Church School or were too old for the Children's Church model which ended at age 11. The merging is a great opportunity for youth to experience the Urban Ministries, Inc. curriculum which was selected by our former Church School Superintendent, Douglas Clark. His vision was to have an interactive curriculum.

The Kingdom Connections model required additional teachers because of 1) the added age groups and 2) Children's Church staff served once a month instead of weekly. Rev. Harris was extraordinary in her efforts to identify teachers. Most of the original Children's Church staff have been assigned to ages 12-14 and 15-17, with a couple of new teachers added. The 15-17-year old meet at a different time because they are older. This model will be revisited when we are able to assemble to ensure a balance for the staff between teaching and attending the worship service. See chart of teachers.

When birthing a new ministry or venture, there are obstacles and challenges that must be overcome to succeed with the mission. We experienced several.

1. Douglas Clark resigned a few weeks before our launch date to pursue a new venture.. Rev. Harris stepped in and provided the needed help in a timely manner. Kingdom Connections is comprised of two components: Worship and Instruction. Part of the original plan, Doug was to organize the instructional part of Kingdom Connections along the age groupings of the UMI curriculum and Church School (2-5, 6-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15-17). He purchased the materials based on these groupings.
2. We realized from our Children's Church experiences on Zoom that we needed to combine ages 4-11 into one group. The reason is because there are not enough devices in some homes for different ages to use when the groups split into breakout rooms. Youth ages 4 to 14 are together for the worship component (the 1<sup>st</sup> 25 minutes); Youth go into breakout rooms for the instructional component using UMI curriculum for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 25 minutes. Youth come back together for the final 10 minutes. If a family has a 4 year old and an 11 year old and only one device, therein lies the problem. Chances are the 4 year old will have to follow the 11 year old into her/his breakout room. The 4 year old will not be able to experience his or her instruction and the teacher for the 4 year old group will be missing a student. For this reason we made a last minute decision to combine the 4 to 11 year olds into 1 group.
3. An obstacle for the teachers with the combined ages 4-11 is that they are using 3 different student books (2-5, 6-8, 9-11). This is challenging for the teachers, most of whom are new.



## Kingdom Connection

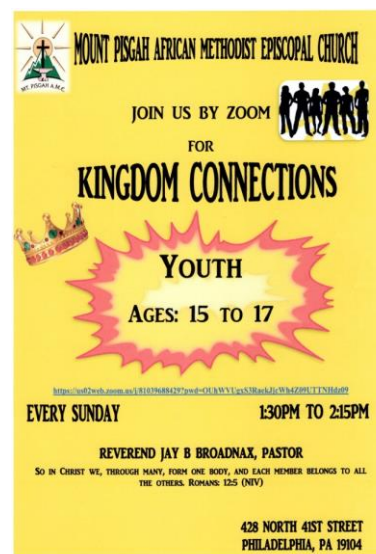


4. Another obstacle is that the wifi in some homes can be unstable which knocks the children out of Zoom.
5. If more than one child in a home are using their own devices, there's a lot of feedback which is disruptive to the class. It's not always possible for families to create enough space between the children to prevent the feedback from their devices.
6. I am the Zoom administrator by default. Because I did not know Zoom, I had to teach myself. The ins and outs of Zoom doesn't come naturally for me and as a result I have spent long hours watching Zoom and YouTube videos to learn. It has been quite stressful particularly ensuring that I gain enough knowledge where I could intelligently teach others. I still make mistakes. God is able.
7. On our first week we saw that the 12-14 year olds, who logged in did not stay on. They didn't log on in the second week. What we've learned is that 12-14 year olds do not want to be in the same session with the younger kids even though after 25 mins we will place them in their own breakout room. The staff decided to place them in their breakout room as soon as they log on. This way they stay with their own age group from beginning to end.

We are still working through the challenges. We know that with much prayer, commitment and dedication, God will bless Kingdom Connections to be a viable ministry of the church

A special shout-out to *Alese Fauntleroy* who came up with the name Kingdom Connections on her own.

Submitted by Sis Ingrid Broadnax





## KINGDOM CONNECTION SCHEDULE

Date	Worship 12:15 to 12:49 Based on Children's Church Model	Instruction 12:40 to 1:05 UMI curriculum
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Horace Ryans II, Chris Joyner, Nashir Diggs	PreK to 11 – Josephine Walden 12-14 – Chris Joyner, Nashir Diggs 15-17 – Horace Ryans II
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Tiffany & Wade Fauntleroy, Daphin Jackson	PreK to 11 – Kimberly Mouzon 12-14 – Tiffany & Wade Fauntleroy, Daphin Jackson 15-17 – Horace Ryans II
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Briana Arrington-Dengoue Michelle Harley	PreK to 11 – Patricia Brown, Tanya Lone 12-14 – Briana Arrington-Dengoue Michelle Harley 15-17 – Dara Broadnax, Nashir Diggs
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Sharon Lovett, Courtenay Robinson & Michelle Harley	PreK to 11 – Sharon Lovett, Courtenay Robinson, Michelle Harley 12-14 – Tiffany & Wade Fauntleroy, Daphin Jackson 15-17 – Dara Broadnax, Nashir Diggs
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Shirley Harris, Chris Joyner	PreK to 11 – Shirley Harris, Patricia Brown 12-14 – Chris Joyner, Nashir Diggs 15-17 – Horace Ryans, II

# YOUNG ADULTS CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS

Sunday, October 4, 2020, we took on the challenges of resurrecting our Young Adult Class for the age group of 18-25 years old in our Sunday Church School. The Urban Faith books were given to 18 young adults who agreed to come to the class. The class meets every Sunday on Zoom from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., the same time as the adult class.

It has been a while since we have had a young adult class in this age group and we thought that while we are in virtual mode, this would be a good time to start the class again.

To keep the momentum going, the members of the class receive a text every week to remind them of their class because they do have busy schedules. It's our prayer that we can reach as many of them to teach them how they can live for God in their everyday life according to the Bible.

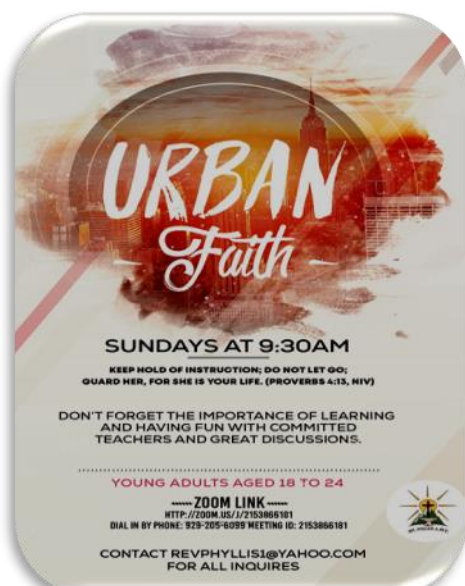
We have 5 adults who are Leaders for the class.

1st Sunday: Evang. Angela Ryans

2nd & 4th Sunday: Sis. Briana Arrington-Dengoue & Sis. Donielle Warren

3rd Sunday: Sis. Kimberly Mouzon

5th Sunday: Evang. Angela Ryans or Bro. Keith Arrington, Sr.

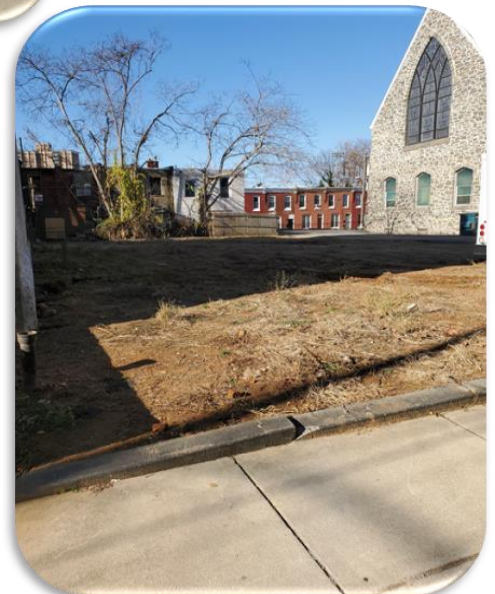


I want to thank Sis. Briana Arrington-Dengoue who did a great job on our flyer and Bro. Brandon Winfield who was a masterful help to me, Rev. Phyllis A. Harris, with creating an information sheet sharing Mt. Pisgah's responsibility to our young adults, and their responsibility to themselves to grow spiritually.

Submitted by Rev. Phyllis A. Harris

# PENDING PROJECTS

Demolition of Houses, Parking Lot, Wayside Pulpit





**SPECIAL THANKS GOES OUT TO:**



## **Our Stewards and Trustees**

**"Keith Arrington and Wade Fauntleroy for Video and Calls."**

**RICK FOR SECURITY**



**Carl Wilson for making sure that we had Heat and Air!**



**Feeding Program**

**Kim and Patty for their faithfulness in keeping the feeding program going!**



**MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

**To Our Musicians**

**Barry, Leonard, & Christopher, Also Keith Keys recently returned.**

**To Our Praise Team**

**Tiffany, Wade, Bern, Val, Kim, Gloria, Leslie and Brandon**





**CONGRATULATIONS AND  
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**Full Membership on  
July 1, 2020**



Mary M. Collins  
Brightday Osceola Brooks  
Hope Richards, Mamie L. Young  
Brian Durkson, Vilena Green  
Jermaine Jordan,  
Gisele L. Quarterman  
Joseph J. Allen

**Congrats to:**

**ADRIENNE BAILEY**

Who joined the Church School  
August 23, 2020  
&  
Daphin Jackson  
November 15, 2020

**We Have Four New Teachers For  
New Members Classes**

Rev. Lisa Richardson,  
Shirley Moore Harris,  
Dolores M. Clinton,  
Sandra Crooms.



**Mt. Pisgah recognized our nine (9)  
graduates on Youth Sunday,**

**June 14, 2020.**

**Alese Fauntleroy and Gianna  
Knight are going to Middle School.**

**Rafig Harvey, Ivan Green and  
Joshua N. Harris are going to High  
School.**

**Hala N. Ryans, Hali T. Ryans and  
Horace Ryans III are going to  
college.**

**Dara J. Broadnax is attending  
Law School at Temple University.**

**We mailed certificates of  
achievement from Mt. Pisgah to all  
our graduates. We also have books  
for them to encourage their  
spiritual growth.**

**We celebrate our graduates and  
will continue to pray for them.**

**The Work is all Divine!**



To Everything There Is A Season And A Time, For Every Purpose Under Heaven.

BIRTHDAYS/BIRTHS

A Big **SHOUT OUT!** to all the Birthdays during the months we've been apart...



*Flora James  
Roberta King  
Claudia Hammond  
Willie Holloway*



*Elizabeth Hopkins*



*Leroy Foreman  
Elizabeth C. Kamara  
Rev. J.N. Patterson  
June Shorts  
Mamie Young  
Marlene Winfield*

**CONGRATULATIONS  
ON YOUR BUNDLE OF JOY!  
GOD BLESS YOU!**

*Pastors Saleem & Rahisha Wright*

*Son, Jonah Richard Aaron  
Born: November 3, 2020*



*Destiny Robinson*

*Daughter, Milana  
Born June 25, 2020*



## A TIME TO BE HEALED....."

### Sick and Shut-in

Darrell Alston	5121 Cedar Ave (43)
Verbatine Alston	6212 Sansom Street (39)
Sheila Booker	118 E. Hortter Street (19)
Robert Brown	1420 Clearview Street, Apt H110 (32)
Elizabeth Cason Kamara	4928 N. Camac St (41))
Phyllis Covington	418 No. 53rd Street (39)
Verna Cox	Harston Hall RM# 324B 350 Haws Lane, Flourt
Jackie Gardiner	2133 S. 58th Street (43)
Vivian H. Gee	3600 Conshohocken Ave., Apt. 513(31)
Melvin Francis	1030 Belmont Ave., Apt 706, (04)
Willie Hamwright	The Watermark Logan Sq., Apt. 812 2 Franklin Town Blvd. (03)
Bertha Harmon	Wyncote Place Memory Care Facility, RM# 213 240 Barker Road, Wyncote, PA (19095)
Elizabeth Hopkins	1220 No. 53rd Street (31)
Therion Hudson	306 N. 41st Street (04)
Syreeta Jeter	411 N. 42nd Street (04)
Diane Pope	2338 W, Cheltenham Ave., Phila, PA 19150
Elizabeth Kamara	2100 N. 49th St. Apt. 103 (31)
Corine McKeithan	4239 Pennsgrove St. (04)
Arleatha D. Pierce	5524 Haverford Ave. Apt 413 (39)
Ida Pierce	5458 Locust Street (39)
Maryetta Reid	4511 Walnut Street, Apt 220 (39)
David Rivers	5524 Haverford Ave. Apt 509 (39)
Audrey Washington	6213 Carpenter Street (43)
Australia Weaver	3713 Mimi Circle, Phila, PA 19131
Mamie Young	4342 Pine Street, Phila, PA 19104
Elsie Gallaway	454 Morgan Ave., Drexel Hill, PA 19026
William (Billy) Cash	1118 E. Sydney Street, Phia, PA 19150

### REHABILITATION AND NURSING CARE

Madeline Logan	Manor Care, RM 24A, 14 Lincoln Ave., Yeadon, PA., (19050)
Henrietta Stukes	Simpson House, 2101 Belmont Ave, Apt. 3102 Phila, PA 19131

*Please remember our Sick and Homebound with a card and or a phone call. Most important, always keep them in your prayers.*

# *Precious Memories*

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE  
FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS**



**Diane Cash  
Reginald Claxton  
Eugene Fowler  
Kelli Criss Joyner  
Geraldine Harris**

**Rev. Larry Thompson  
Dr. Beatrice Johnson**

**Minnie Harris  
Barbara Kennedy  
Artist Lone  
Richard Minor  
George Wicks**







# Weddings



*Diedre Zoe and Maurice Brown*

*The Marriage ceremony took place at Commitment Community Church in Lawnside, N.J. Nuptials were performed by the Pastor Cedric Brown. The ceremony was really nice. Everything and all 8 of us, including the bride and groom and little Goddaughter were merrily in attendance.*

*My brother Doug gave her away virtually from Philadelphia. I now have a really nice son in love.*



*The parking lot was full of church members in their cars blowing horns after the ceremony. That was a surprise and exciting. A marriage ceremony like this is a first for all of us; in the middle of a pandemic. So grateful to God for everything.*



## Our Wedding Day



*Anthony & Kim Williams  
October 10, 2020*