Greeting Church Family and Friends!

What is your gift? As we move into this new season of Spring, we are in anticipation of the Resurrection and reminded of Jesus’ walk and his predestined path He took so that we would have eternal life with our Lord and Savior. We need to know that we are God’s workmanship (See Ephesians 2:10). He created us and we all have a purpose, there is a plan for each of us to walk in our path of faith, which would and should bring us closer with God. He has given us a gift, and each of us in our own right provides something special to the body of believers. What is your God-given gift? Are you using it? We all need to be accountable and active in using our gift for the betterment of the Church.

Using Our God Given Gifts

Everyone has a ministry, each one of us has a gift some plant the good seed, others give it a good old sift. Some are called, into the world to go out others are led to stay home and help those who are without. Some are Bible preachers, teachers and instructors some are Gospel singers, others the choir conductors. Some are the prayer chain, others the church greeters some are the encouragers others the floor sweepers. Some bake and cook, others perform the office work some do the ushering others are the church’s clerk.

April Calendar

- April 1 is All Fools’ Day—otherwise known as “April Fools’ Day.”
- April 2 marks the start of Ramadan (beginning at sunset)
- April 10 is Palm Sunday; the Sunday before Easter and the last Sunday of Lent.
- April 15 is Good Friday. April 15 is the start of Passover, which begins at sundown on this day.
- April 17 is Easter Sunday. (April 24 is Orthodox Easter.) Did you know that Easter’s date is related to the full Moon?
- April 22 is Earth Day. To celebrate, see some Earth Day ideas and activities.
- April 24 is the birthday of Robert B. Thomas, the founder of The Old Farmer’s Almanac.
- April 29 is National Arbor Day. Find out who started Arbor Day and how we observe this day honoring trees.

April’s Birthstone: Diamond
April’s Honorary Flowers: Daisy and Sweet Pea
www.almanac.com

1 Peter 1:3
Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
The Health & Wellness Committee is aware that the community transmission of COVID-19 has changed significantly since the beginning of the year. We know that community transmission is low (below 5%). We are relaxing some of our earlier precautions. As of 4/2/22, the following changes to our COVID-19 protocols are as follows:

1) All people entering the church **MUST** wear masks, social distance as much as possible, wash hands frequently, cover sneezes/cough with forearms, and **DO NOT** attend if you are ill.

2) The pre-screening done during weekdays, and the screening done with the forms/QR codes are no longer required **UNLESS**:
   * You are participating in the worship service. This includes ministerial staff, readers, members of the choir, musicians, and those making announcements. These persons are asked to screen and have temperatures taken because they will be removing their masks at some point in the service.
   * This pertains to children as well.

3) There is no longer a quota of how many members may attend service.

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The Delia C. Jackson Women’s Missionary Society

**WANTS YOU!**

**PLEASE JOIN US**

♦ New Members
♦ Former Inactive Members
♦ Men (Who will become Associate Members)

Women’s Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

**We Want You!!!**  **We Miss You!!!**  **We Need You!!!**

**WE ARE**

**Sisters & Brothers**

**ONE MISSION**

Isaiah 6:8

Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, *Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?*  *Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!*

“We Are God’s Hands and Feet”

For more information contact the church office at 804-643-8157 or see any WMS Member of Associate.

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"Food Talks to You" A Youth Event for students in Grades 6-8

**METRO RICHMOND AREA CHAPTER-NATIONAL CONGRESS OF BLACK WOMEN**

**Presents**

"FOOD TALKS TO YOU" Family Nutrition Program

Saturday, April 30, 2022

10:AM – 2:30 PM

Virginia Center Commons Mall

10101 Brook Rd.

Richmond, VA 23059

• Free program & activities
• Open to students grades 6-8

(*additional grade/age acceptance may be allowed upon request)

• Cooking Demos
• Fun Nutritional Activities
• Free Refreshments
• VA 529 Saving for College Info.
• And more.....

**Featuring**

Celebrity Executive Chef

**Ausar Ariankh**

(Guest Chef on Virginia This Morning

WTVR Channel 6)

• Registration Deadline-Friday, April 8, 2022
  • Limited Spaces, so register early!
  • Students must be accompanied by only 1 parent/guardian
  • MASKS Required

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"FOOD TALKS TO YOU" Continued


For additional information Email us at: [pecbmetrorichmond@gmail.com](mailto:pecbmetrorichmond@gmail.com)

Thanks to our corporate partners: Food Lion, Sheetz, WaWa, ALDI, CVS, Wegmans, Costco

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This event can be found at Eventbrite, "Food Talks to You." (See information posted above.) Members of the Young People's Department in grades 6-8 are strongly encouraged to attend this free event. A parent must accompany the child for this event. There are sessions of interest to both parents and students.

Contact Shelley White at [shelley_white@msn.com](mailto:shelley_white@msn.com) if further information is needed.
Married Couples Ministry

Calling all Married Couples...Back by popular demand. Come hike with us and work off those extra pounds after Easter. Bring water and snacks. Bring the kids. Bring chairs and blankets. Dress in layers and wear comfortable hiking shoes. We plan to eat lunch together after hiking, so bring your own lunch. There is a Zoo for those of you who are animal lovers. Cost for Zoo is $18 adults, $16 seniors, $12 children, and free for 2 and under. Hiking is FREE. See website for more info: https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/natural-bridge or google natural bridge visitor center or call 540-291-1326. CDC COVID PRECAUTIONS WILL BE FOLLOWED. Contact Zelda Johnson for more info. Zet770@comcast.net

Natural Bridge
6477 South Lee Highway
Natural Bridge, VA 24578

Health/Wellness Ministry

Health & Wellness Commission!

Say Yes To No Debt

A 4th COVID vaccination (based on age)!!!
By the way: how many people do you know that have been infected by COVID-19 or one of its variants?

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES: WHAT CAN A PERSON DO?

5 ways to prevent STDs include:
1. Abstinence - The most reliable way to avoid infection is to not have sex.
2. Vaccines - They are safe, effective and recommended ways to prevent Hepatitis B and HPV.
3. Reduce Number of Sex Partners – If you have more than one sex partner, it is imperative that you and your partners tested, and that you share your test results with one another.
4. Mutual Monogamy - Being in a long-term, mutually monogamous relationship with an uninfected partner is one of the most reliable ways to avoid STDs.
5. Use Condoms - Correct and consistent use of the male latex condom is highly effective in reducing STD transmission. Use a condom every time you have anal, vaginal, or oral sex.

Check the following links to insure that you and your family are protected against the most common infectious diseases:

Age 50+: https://health.gov/myhealthfinder/topics/doctor-visits/shots-

Ages 19-49: https://health.gov/myhealthfinder/topics/doctor-visits/shots-

Birth -18: https://health.gov/myhealthfinder/topics/doctor-visits/shots-

And for ages 11 + 12: 2 shots to prevent HPV-related malignancies (Gardasil), PLEASE TALK TO YOUR CHILD’S PEDIATRICIAN OR FAMILY PHYSICIAN. For more info: https://health.gov/myhealthfinder/topics/doctor-visits/shots-vaccines/get-

DID YOU KNOW?

You DON’T have to be a licensed Health Care practitioner to participate in the Health & Wellness Commission! We need volunteers (especially those less than age 65!!), and incidentally, you might learn something!! We’re particularly interested in students who are considering a health-related field.

Contact Dr. Rodgers at: rodgersp55@gmail.com
LUKE 4:40 – At sunset, the people brought all those who were sick to Jesus to be healed. Jesus laid his hands on them one by one, and they were all healed of different ailments and sicknesses.

Mother Trudie
Ms. Thelma McLendon
Mr. John Hall
Ms. Joan Christian

Mr. Joseph Hall
Ms. Sylvia Ritchie
Mr. Raymond Ritchie

Ms. Grace McClendon
Ms. Lula Anderson

In Person Worship
The Health Commission has agreed to open up the church for in-person church services and no longer have a quota of how many members may attend as of April 2, 2022. All parishioners are required to wear a mask and social distance. This will allow us to serve you and maintain the highest standards of safety for our in-person worship.

Virtual Worship
Every Sunday at 11 am on YouTube
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGoO
yQWR_zdd_t2y-iO3EZQ
Or Audio Only: Dial 929-205-6099
Meeting ID: 677583157  PW: 946932

Virtual Sunday School
Held every 2nd and 4th Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Beginners - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84428940911?
pwd=MG5oN2hUSWpvVmF4NDRz
YJFiQitDdz09
Passcode: 292835

Intermediate - https://thryv.zoom.us/j/93036530009?
pwd=WjBNWEpaY3VwQmFmY0dN
NTVQNS9RZz09
Passcode: 541221

Senior - https://thryv.zoom.us/j/92284893479?
pwd=MTQ2N2hHelZSczBRS1VKU0
RCNUHUT09
Passcode: 541221

Bible Study
Every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
via Zoom
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/808126440?
pwd=VzJMcHYyWGVodTc5VXZD
azg5NmJczd09
Audio Only: 301-715-8592
Meeting ID: 808-126-440  PC: 157706

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Happy Easter