

# THE MONTHLY DOVE

MAR 2024



## ST. PAUL A.M.E. ZION'S E-NEWSLETTER

# FEBRUARY'S HIGHLIGHTS!

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### HUSTLE FRENZY- GROOVING, LAUGHING, & FELLOWSHIPING TOGETHER!

The Women's Ministry turned up the heat this February with another exciting hustle dance class, led by none other than the dance maestro himself, Steven 'Silk' Sturkey! With smooth moves and fun music, Steven had all the ladies grooving to the rhythm, turning the fellowship hall into a dance extravaganza!



Laughter echoed in Room 3 as feet tapped and the music filled the air. From beginners to seasoned 'hustlers', everyone found their rhythm under Silk's expert guidance. But it wasn't just about the steps; it was about the fellowship amongst the women in attendance shared laughter and dance. Men are also encouraged to attend!

*"Hustle class is a refreshing way to get active while having fun"* says Lady LaTonya Jarrett, Women's Ministry Chair. Stay tuned for more exciting events coming your way. The hustle class meets every 3rd Saturday at 1pm, donations are \$10, payments can be made via the church payment platforms or cash!

## COOKIES AND COMMUNITY DAY

COMMUNITY DAY COMMITTEE HITS THE SWEET SPOT WITH FUNDRAISER!



(L) Rev. Jarrett and Lady Jarrett team up with Sonic the Hedgehog.  
(R) Smiles were all around in the balloon line.

Community Day Committee hosted a *Mrs. Field's* cookie fundraiser which was a major success! The fundraiser was a resounding success, raising essential funds for their popular community event.

*"The Community Day Committee thanks everyone for their support in our first fundraiser! Your efforts help us serve our community in many different ways"* says Tameka Gaddis, Committee Chair.



Children from the community and St. Paul enjoying the petting zoo.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



- Know high school sophomores or juniors interested in healthcare? Enroll them in Henry Ford Health's summer program! Click [HERE](#) for info.
- The Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt takes place March 30 from 10a-12p at Perry Early Learning Center. FREE for all!
- McLaren Careers is hiring an Administrative Assistant. High School Diploma is required. Apply [HERE](#).

The annual Community Day which is set to take place on August 10, 2024, will be an afternoon filled with free backpacks, school supplies, music, community resources, tasty food, and much more!

If you'd like to donate to this event, please see Ms. Tameka Gaddis or use the church payment platforms.



## Featured Ministry – Music Ministry

Every Thursday evening at 6:30 PM, something magical happens at St. Paul: the Music Ministry comes alive with the vibrant energy of the *Voices of Praise* Choir.

Under the spirited leadership of Mrs. Vanessa Pickens –Director of Music, the choir transforms melodies into moments of joy!



The Voice of Praise singing praises during morning worship!

**Did you know these popular singers all started in their church choir?**

- John Legend
- Whitney Houston
- Sam Cooke
- Toni Braxton
- Usher
- Diana Ross
- Anthony Hamilton



**WANT TO JOIN THE VOICES OF PRAISE?**

**Rehearsals are held every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.**

## Featured Ministry - Music Ministry cont.

**Click the songs below to hear a few selections sung by *The Voices of Praise Choir*, in February 2024!**

["I Know I've Been Changed"](#)

["We Shall Overcome"](#)

["Lord, You're The Landlord"](#)



Sister Denise Robinson giving glory to God, with the song 'Changed' by Tramaine Hawkins.

## Member of the Month - Nelson C. McMillan Jr.

**Mr. McMillan, it's an absolute pleasure to chat with you today! Now, you've been a member of St. Paul for quite some time, haven't you?** - *Indeed, I've been a proud member since 1945. St. Paul has been my rock through thick and thin.*

**That's quite a journey! Do you have any heartwarming or funny moments you've experienced at church that you'd like to share?** - *Oh, absolutely! One of the most heartwarming moments was when I met the love of my life, Angelee, right here at St. Paul. We tied the knot in 1955, and Bishop Hilliard's home became our chapel for the day. It was a moment filled with so much joy and love, you could practically feel it radiating through the halls.*

**Wow! Relationship Goals for sure!...Now, being a faithful man, I'm sure you have a favorite scripture. What would it be?** - *Psalm 23 has always been my guiding light. "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want..." It's a reminder of His constant presence and care in my life.*

**Amen to that. And what about your favorite hymn? What melody uplifts your spirit?** - *"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" holds a special place in my heart. The power and majesty in those words never fail to move me.*

**Wonderful choice. What's a fun fact about yourself that might surprise your church family?** - *While many know me for my love of singing and watching football, what they might not know is that I once found myself on stage in an opera! I had the opportunity to lend my voice to "Faust" at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts.*



**The next time you see Mr. McMillan, congratulate him on being Member of the Month!**

# Important Upcoming Events

DETROIT WESTERN MICHIGAN DISTRICT MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

## HOLY WEEK Services

27 MARCH 28 MARCH



Services held in person at:  
St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church,  
11359 Dexter Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48206

7:00 PM Nightly

Rev. **QuanTez PRESSLEY** Rev. Dr. **Jessica INGRAM**

Rev. David A. Williams, 2nd Vice President  
Rev. Orea H. Peterson Jr., President  
Rev. Dwight L. Guttridge, Presiding Elder

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## THE Seven LAST WORDS FROM The Cross



12 PM FRIDAY, MARCH 29

PASTOR  
**REV. TODD N. JARRETT**

Join us after service for a FREE fish fry!

St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church  
11359 Dexter Ave. Detroit, MI 48206

DETROIT WESTERN MICHIGAN MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

## HOPE at the FOOT of the CROSS

A 7 Last Words Reenactment

In person at:  
Lomax Temple  
A.M.E. Zion Church  
17441 Dequindre St.  
Detroit, MI 48212

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024 | 07:00PM

Rev. David A. Williams, 2nd Vice President  
Rev. Orea H. Peterson Jr., President  
Rev. Dwight L. Guttridge, Presiding Elder

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You're invited to

# Easter Breakfast

Sunday, March 31, 2024  
9 a.m.

St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church  
11359 Dexter Ave.  
Detroit, MI 48206

Join us afterward for church service at 10:30 a.m.




Mrs. LaTonya Jarrett, First Lady Rev. Todd N. Jarrett, Pastor

D.W.M. DISTRICT

## WH&OMS

Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society  
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church



### Missionary Mass Meeting

In-Person  
Saturday  
April 6, 2024  
10:00 - 1:00 PM

- Panel Discussion - Self-Care  
April is Stress Awareness Month
- Stoling Ceremony
- Buds Pinning Ceremony
- Buds Promotion Ceremony

Host Church:  
Greater St. Peter A.M.E. Zion Church  
4400 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207

Mrs. Patricia Peterson, District President  
Rev. Dr. Anthony D. Johnson, Host Pastor  
Rev. Dwight L. Guttridge, Presiding Elder

**\$5.00** Registration

The Freedom Church

# THE SHEPHERD'S SCROLL: INSIGHTS FROM PASTOR JARRETT



## Greetings St. Paul!

I pray everyone had a blessed BLACK HISTORY MONTH! Everyone looked great in their African attire. The celebration of our culture and people was truly a great thing to see!

As we continue to embrace our 2024 theme, "*Getting Ready for IMPACT: Let Your Little Light Shine*," I am reminded of the profound significance of our individual contributions to the world around us. Each one of us possesses a unique light—a divine spark—that holds the power to illuminate the darkest corners and bring hope to those in need.

It's a powerful reminder that as followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to shine brightly, illuminating the world with love, kindness, and the transformative power of the Gospel.

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***YOU, LORD, KEEP MY LAMP BURNING; MY GOD TURNS MY DARKNESS INTO LIGHT. - PSALMS 18:28***

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Let us also remember that our community looks to us as beacons of hope and inspiration. Now, more than ever, it is imperative that we strive to be the best version of ourselves. Together, united in purpose and faith, we have the power to uplift and enrich the lives of those around us.

As we embark on this journey of newness, growth, and development, I am filled with an overwhelming sense of gratitude for each and every one of you. Our church's push toward embracing change and progress is a testament to our unwavering commitment to our faith and community.

Together, united in purpose and faith, let us make a commitment to embrace impact and radiance in every aspect of our lives.

-With Love,  
Rev. Todd N. Jarrett