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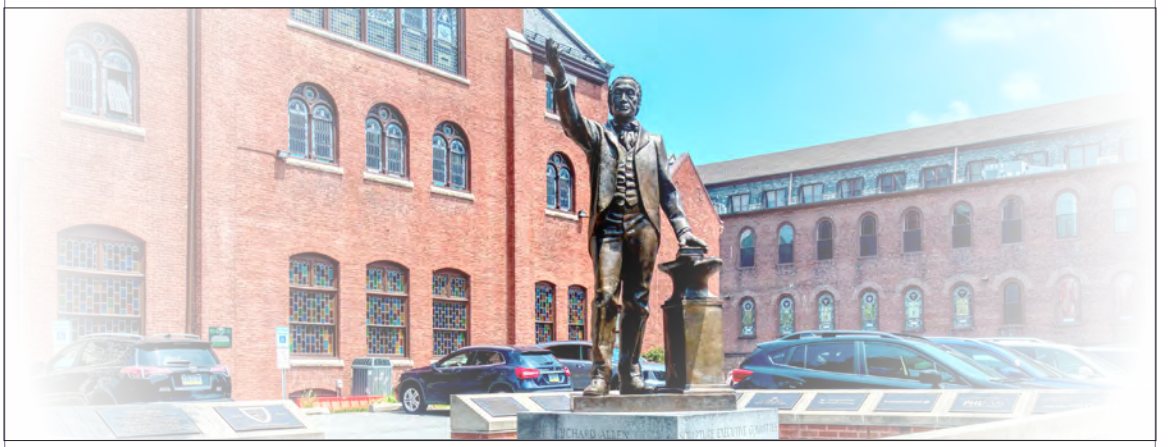
1776 ★ THE USA SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL ★ 2026

Heaven's Gate

The Oldest Parcel of Land Continuously Owned by African Americans purchased by Richard and Flora Allen in 1791.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026 ▪ 9:30 AM

POWER HOUR WORSHIP SERVICE



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God Our Father • Christ Our Redeemer
The Holy Spirit Our Comforter • Humankind Our Family

The Reverend Carolyn Clarene Cavaness, *Pastor*
The Reverend Stanley Hearst,Sr., *Presiding Elder*
The Right Reverend Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr., *Presiding Prelate*

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The Hour of Power Worship Service

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026 • 9:30 AM

THE PERIOD OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

THE DOXOLOGY *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow, Praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

THE OPENING HYMN *"Blessed Assurance"*

Hymn #450

* THE INVOCATION

THE WELCOME/THE PASSING OF THE PEACE Brother Eric Stewart

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

THE SERMONIC SELECTION Mother Bethel Music Ministry

* THE SCRIPTURE AND THE SERMON Rev. Rodney C. Weaver, Jr.
21st Senior Pastor
Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
Philadelphia, PA

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

THE DOXOLOGY

THE BENEDICTION

THE MOMENT OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

All worshippers are invited to the altar for prayer or remain in your seat for moments of silence and reflection on the Sunday Worship.

* Worshipers are asked to refrain from entering and exiting sanctuary at these times.

Farmers Market immediately following Worship today!

REV. RODNEY C. WEAVER, JR. | *Guest Preacher*

REVEREND RODNEY C. WEAVER, JR. is a dynamic, jubilant, approachable, and vibrant man of God whose life and ministry reflect a deep commitment to preaching, pastoral care, and serving God's people. His preaching is marked by the wisdom of a seasoned minister and a style that is engaging, innovative, thought-provoking, and creatively rooted in the Word of God.

At the tender age of 13, Reverend Weaver received a clear and undeniable call to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. By the age of 14, he was licensed and ordained at Holy Light Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Since answering that call, he has remained steadfast in his commitment to proclaiming the Gospel and serving the Church.

Reverend Weaver joyfully celebrates 24 years of preaching ministry and 12 years of pastoral ministry. Throughout his journey, his ministry has extended far beyond the pulpit. For more than a decade, he faithfully served as a hospice chaplain, walking alongside individuals and families through some of life's most sacred, difficult, and vulnerable moments.

His passion for restoration and transformation also led him to serve as a Drug and Alcohol Recovery Coach with Pennsylvania Adult & Teen Challenge in Rehrersburg, Pennsylvania, where he worked alongside men seeking freedom from addiction through faith, accountability, recovery, and renewed purpose.

Reverend Weaver has dedicated a significant portion of his ministry to the spiritual development and empowerment of youth and young adults. He has a heart for encouraging the next generation to discover their God-given identity, embrace their purpose, and recognize that their age does not limit their ability to be used by God.

Reverend Weaver currently has the distinct honor of serving as the 21st Senior Pastor of Mount Zion United Methodist Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Through visionary leadership, compassionate pastoral care, community engagement, and powerful preaching, he seeks to lead the congregation in becoming an increasingly vibrant, multigenerational, multicultural, and mission-driven church committed to transforming lives through Jesus Christ.

Committed to continued theological and ministerial formation, Reverend Weaver is a graduate student at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, where he is pursuing the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree in preparation for continued service and leadership within the Church.

While Reverend Weaver treasures the privilege of preaching, pastoring, and serving others, one of the greatest joys of his life is being a devoted father to his son, Rodney C. Weaver III, affectionately known as "Trey." Fatherhood remains one of his most cherished callings and greatest blessings.

Above all, Reverend Weaver is a servant of God who believes that ministry is not simply something one does—it is a life of loving God, loving people, and answering the call to serve wherever God opens the door.

He draws strength, identity, and purpose from the words of **1 Peter 2:9-10**, which he hides in his heart.

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God..."

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

Today's Altar Flowers are Given In Memory of

CATHERINE THOMAS
(AUGUST 16, 2014)

And In Honor of

SARAH L. THOMAS
(AUGUST 16, 1949)

Given by

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REVEREND CAROLYN C. CAVANESS, 53RD *Pastor*

7 AM DAILY PRAYER
EVERY DAY | MONDAY–SUNDAY

All are welcome!

Join us as we come together in prayer each morning via ZOOM.

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Dial In: (305) 224-1968

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WELCOME
to all who are visiting with us today!

- Welkom aan almal wat ons vandag besoek.
- Siya be mukela bonke laba aba si vakashele.
- Bienvenue à tous ceux qui nous rendent visite aujourd'hui.
- Benvenuti a tutti coloro che sono nostri ospiti oggi.
- Wir heiBen Sie herzlich willkommen zu unserem Gottesdienst.
- Karibuni nyote muliokuja kusali na sisi siku ya leo.
- Bienvenidos a todas los que nos visitan hoy.

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All Guests/Visitors are invited immediately following worship to tour the Richard Allen Museum!

The 'One Year Bible Study'

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will resume Tuesday, September 8 and Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

Please continue along our One Year Bible Journey!

Revelation Bible Study *will resume* Monday, September 14 at 6 PM.

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Our mission is to safeguard this sacred site—its buildings, archives, and cultural treasures—so that future generations may experience and learn from its powerful story. Through your generous support, we can restore and maintain this beacon of history, ensuring that its walls continue to teach, inspire, and bear witness to the strength of a people and the faith that sustained them.

Together, we preserve not just a structure, but a story—one that embodies the spirit of perseverance, equality, and hope at the heart of the American journey.

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JOIN US FOR IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL WORSHIP AT MOTHER BETHEL AME CHURCH!

AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY AUGUST 2	SUNDAY AUGUST 9	SUNDAY AUGUST 16	SUNDAY AUGUST 23
SERVICE OF WORD and SACRAMENT	**POWER HOUR WORSHIP SERVICE/ BAPTISM SUNDAY**	**POWER HOUR WORSHIP SERVICE**	**POWER HOUR WORSHIP SERVICE**
The Sarah Allen WMS Bake Sale and Farmers Market immediately following Worship		*Farmers Market immediately following Worship*	*AAAM (Association of African American Museums) Museum Conference, Special Guests*
9:30 AM IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE **8:00 AM** Adult Church School Children/Youth Church during Worship	**9:30 AM** IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE **8:00 AM** Adult Church School Children/Youth Church during Worship	**9:30 AM** IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE **8:00 AM** Adult Church School Children/Youth Church during Worship	**9:30 AM** IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE **8:00 AM** Adult Church School Children/Youth Church during Worship

AUGUST 30

MOTHER BETHEL AME CHURCH and the **RICHARD ALLEN MUSEUM** will be **CLOSED** for IN-PERSON Worship and Tours

VIRTUAL POWER HOUR WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY via YouTube!

We are traveling to the August Quarterly Closing Service at the Chase Center!

All are welcome to join us!

For more information, contact the Church office at (215) 925-0616 or motherbethelnews@gmail.com

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ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL · 8:00 AM · MEETING ID: 814 7232 0644

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

POWER HOUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY
AUGUST 23, 2026

9:30 AM

IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL SERVICE

We welcome the **Association of African American Museums** who will be worshipping with us.

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS:
the Sarah Allen Women's Missionary Society invites you to a Meet and Greet *immediately following Worship in Bishop's Hall!*

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MOTHER BETHEL AME CHURCH and the RICHARD ALLEN MUSEUM will be CLOSED for IN-PERSON Worship and Tours

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026

VIRTUAL 9:30 AM Power Hour Worship Service ONLY via YouTube!

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Back to Church School Sunday!

Church School
is the Foundation of the Local Church!

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Adult Church School:
Fellowship Hall every Sunday 8 AM - 9 AM

Children and Youth:
During Sunday Worship Service on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays

Classes for all Ages!

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Dr. Edwin Ferguson, *Church School Superintendent*

HELP US SUPPORT

GENERAL KEARNY SCHOOL

as they start the 2026–2027 school year!

back to school

SUPPLIES DRIVE!

General Philip Kearny Elementary/Middle School is a public school that serves students from kindergarten to grade 8.

The school is in dire need of the following supplies:

- Pencils, crayons, dry erase markers, erasers, folders, composition books, glue sticks, markers, and colored pencils!
- Clorox wipes, tissues, and paper towels!
- Book bags!
- Gift cards of all denominations to Amazon, Staples, etc.!
- Financial donations are welcome as well!

Supplies needed by **Sunday, September 6, 2026.**

Supplies will be distributed to the school the week after Labor Day (September 8–11). All items should be placed in the designated containers in the Fellowship Hall.

We thank you in advance for your donations as our students need us now more than ever.

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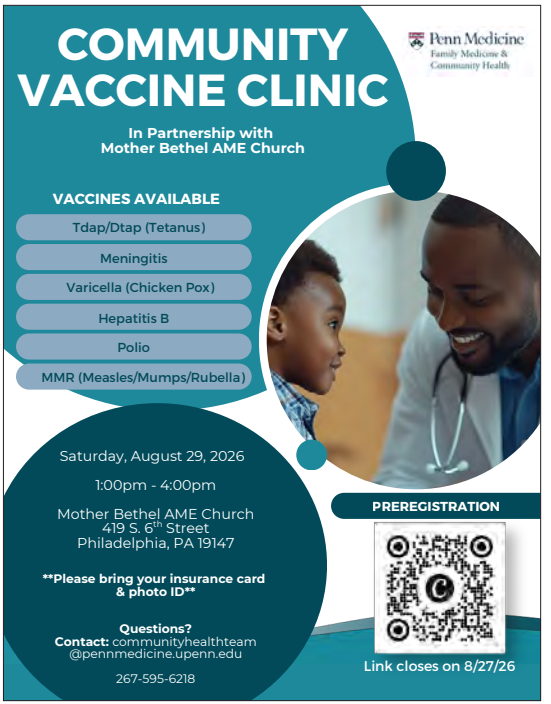

SARAH ALLEN
WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

invites all Young Adult Women to a

Meet and Greet

SUNDAY,
AUGUST 23, 2026

immediately following
9:30 AM Worship

BISHOP'S HALL

Sister Vanetta Reeder, *Coordinator*
Sister Ramona King, *Local WMS President*
Rev. Carolyn Cavaness, *Pastor*

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SUMMER FREEDOM SCHOOL
A 6-week study of
Martin Luther King Jr.
and the
Third American
Revolution
— Through the Birmingham Movement of 1963
August 1st – September 5th
Every Saturday, 10:30 am – 1:30 pm at Mother Bethel AME Church
419 S. 6th St, Philadelphia | Free & open to all ages. Reading materials provided
Week 1 – Sat, Aug. 1st
Martin Luther King Jr. and the Revolution of 1963
Week 2 – Sat, Aug. 8th
Are Black Churches Capable of Revolution?
Week 3 – Sat, Aug. 15th
Children and Youth: Their Revolutionary Consciousness
Week 4 – Sat, Aug. 22nd
Nonviolence: The Weapon That Heals
Week 5 – Sat, Aug. 29th
War, Racism, and Democracy: Our Moral Duty
Week 6 – Sat, Sept. 5th
Philadelphia as a 21st Century Birmingham
To sign up for info, visit bit.ly/SummerFreedomSchool2026
Organized by the Saturday Free School for Philosophy & Black Liberation and Mother Bethel AME Church

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FREE
SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM
NO COST. NO SIGN-UP. JUST SHOW UP!
This summer, all kids and teens 18 and under can enjoy FREE healthy meals at Mother Bethel AME Church!
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6/29-08/20
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1:00PM
LARGE GROUP? LET US KNOW 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE
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Join Rev. Carolyn Cavaness as she preaches during the
CLOSING SERVICE OF THE
212TH AUGUST QUARTERLY
THE CHASE CENTER, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026

TRIP ITINERARY:

7:30 AM
Depart Mother Bethel AME Church

8:30 AM
Arrive at The Chase Center

9:00 AM–12:00 PM
August Quarterly Worship Service
Rev. Cavaness, *Preacher*

12:00PM- 5:30 PM
Lunch and Gospel Music Festival
Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park Rosa Park Dr. and Market St., Wilmington, DE
Local, regional, and nationally known gospel groups all day long. Cultural vending featuring food and goods. Children's area with youth-related attractions. Experience the tradition of the "Big Quarterly."

5:30 PM
Bus will depart Wilmington, DE for Mother Bethel AME Church

ALL ARE WELCOME! RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY!
$30.00 per adult · $20.00 per child (12 and under)
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For more information, please visit
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The August Quarterly is the oldest outdoor religious festival in the United States.

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Rhythm AND Rejoice

2026 LEGACY TEA

An Afternoon of Tea, Live Jazz, and Fellowship!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026 • 1:00 PM

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Ad Information available!

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SIster Shayla Norman, *Hosts and Hostesses Ministry President*

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026 UNSUNG HERO!

SIS. HARRIETT HUDSON

2026 UNSUNG HERO LUNCHEON

SATURDAY **OCTOBER 3** **12 NOON**

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FULL PAGE ADS: Color: $75 | Black & White: $50
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Brother Kevin Lamb, *Philadelphia Conference Lay Organization President*
Sister Karen Green and Sister Kanisha Chatman,
Local Lay Organization Coordinators

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BLACK FREEDOM MOVEMENTS: THEN AND NOW

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CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSION DATES!

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We hope as many of our Mother Bethel Family and Friends will be a part! A professional photographer will be on site here at Mother Bethel on *Friday, September 25, 2026* and *Saturday, September 26.* ***Thank you in advance for your participation!***

SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!

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OR call the church office at (215) 925-0616 for more information and to secure your time slot.

This will be the **LAST CALL!** *Thank You!*

2 DATES TO CHOOSE FROM:

FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 25, 2026
2 PM – 8:30 PM

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
10 AM – 4 PM

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EXPERIENCE *a* DAY *of* BLACK EXCELLENCE *in* LANCASTER, PA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

DEPARTURE TIME: 8 AM | RETURN TO MOTHER BETHEL: 6:30 PM

JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE:

- ✔ BETHEL AME CHURCH - *Lancaster's Living the Experience: An Underground Railroad Reenactment and Interactive Experience*
- ✔ *The Newly opened* Thaddeus Stevens and Lydia Hamilton Smith Center for History and Democracy
- ✔ *Southern Style Lunch Buffet at Bethel AME Church, Lancaster*

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EVENT SCHEDULE:

8 AM:
Departure from Mother Bethel AME Church
6:30 PM:
Return to Mother Bethel AME Church

$100 *per adult* | **$85** *per child (12 and under)*

Please reserve your seat(s) by
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026

Payment is due by **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026**

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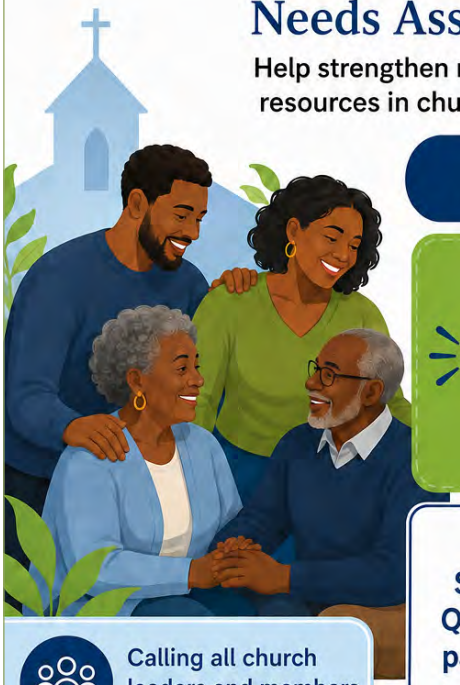
Church Mental Health Assets and Needs Assessment Project

Help strengthen mental health and wellness resources in churches and our community.



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ENTER TO WIN A $100 GIFT CARD

Calling all church leaders and members to participate!

Scan the QR code to participate

Health & Wellness Survey

Church Mental Health Needs and Assets Study 2026

Questions? Contact Dr. Kimberly Arnold Jenkins

kimberly.arnold@pennmedicine.upenn.edu | (302) 317–1603

The Mother Bethel Community Outreach Feeding Ministry

invites Members and Friends to volunteer at

Our Brother's Place Fellowship and Meal

EVERY 4th Saturday of the month!

Volunteers are needed to assist with:

- Friday Food Pick-Up from Caring for Friends Warehouse
- Saturday Food Shopping
- Saturday Day of Fellowship and Feeding: Cooking, Set-Up, Serving, Clean-Up

If you are interested, please email
motherbethelnews@gmail.com or call (215) 925-0616.

Brother Keith Matthews and Sister Lystra Harris, Co-Coordinators

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Mark Your Calendar!

New Member Classes: Summer 2026

IN-PERSON CLASS:

CLASS #3: SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 • 10 AM–12 PM

Tour of the Richard Allen Museum and Ministry Leader Meet and Greet

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 • 9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

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SAVE THE DATE!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026

The Official Renaming Ceremony of 6th and Lombard Sts. to

BISHOP RICHARD ALLEN WAY

More information forthcoming!

SAVE THE DATE: 2026 SOUL RETREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026 • *More information to come!*

2026 MOTHER BETHEL AME CHURCH COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS
in celebration of AMERICA'S 250TH CELEBRATION!

COMMEMORATIVE CALENDAR

Facts pertaining to AME Church history on each page!

Calendar: $30 each

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This pin honors Mother Bethel's historic role in the birth, faith, and freedom journey of our nation.

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Zip-Up Hoodies
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Long-Sleeve T-Shirts

Prices vary.

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SEPTEMBER 2026

FRIDAY–SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18–20
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Black Freedom Movements: Then & Now...
Mother Bethel AME Church

OCTOBER 2026

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 · 8 AM–6:30 PM
A Day of Black Excellence:
An Underground Railroad Reenactment, Southern Style Lunch, and Center for History and Democracy
Lancaster, PA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 · 9:30 AM
Acknowlegment of Land Purchase
Mother Bethel AME Church

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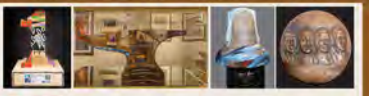

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SUN., AUG. 16	Morning Prayer **	7 AM
	Power Hour Worship Service	9:30 AM
	Virtual Fellowship Hall *immediately after Worship* via ZOOM: Meeting ID: 814 7232 0644 Passcode: 696328 • Dial-In: (646) 931 3860	
	Richard Allen Museum Tours	11 AM–1 PM
MON., AUG. 17	Morning Prayer **	7 AM
TUE., AUG. 18	Morning Prayer **	7 AM
WED., AUG. 19	Morning Prayer **	7 AM
THU., AUG. 20	Morning Prayer **	7 AM
	Mental Health Insight Hour *	7 PM
FRI., AUG. 21	Morning Prayer **	7 AM
SAT., AUG. 22	Morning Prayer **	7 AM
	Lay Organization Meeting and Elections	10 AM
	Summer Freedom School	10:30 AM–1:30 PM
	Richard Allen Museum Tours	10 AM–2 PM
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