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The St. Matthew Messenger

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My Brother's Keeper

#WEAREBETTERTOGETHER

**WORSHIP WITH US
IN-PERSON OR
ONLINE!!**

SUNDAYS AT 9AM

IN-PERSON EVERY 4TH SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

CONFERENCE LINE **848.220.3300**

PASSCODE **325 4055**

SUNDAY SERVICES AT 11AM

IN-PERSON

OR CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK LIVE OR

YOUTUBE LIVE!!

METHODIST MOMENT

As members of the AME Zion Church, our weekly Responsive Reading is centered around a liturgical calendar, 'liturgical' meaning public worship.

The liturgical calendar is the Church's system for organizing the year around the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, guiding worship, prayer, and spiritual growth.

The liturgical calendar, also called the liturgical year or Christian year, is a structured cycle of seasons, feasts, and holy days that organizes the Church's worship and spiritual life around the central events of Christ's life. It is not merely a schedule but a tool for spiritual formation, helping the faithful relive the mysteries of salvation throughout the year.

The AME Zion Church recognizes 7 seasons: Advent, Christmastide, Epiphany, Lenten, Eastertide, Pentecost, and Kingdomtide. We are currently in the Lenten season. Lent is 40 days of spiritual preparation, reflection, and penance leading up to Resurrection Sunday, emphasizing prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

The season commemorates the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness, facing temptation and preparing for His public ministry, and serves as a time for Christians to grow closer to God through self-discipline and reflection.

ONLINE PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM

(BIBLE STUDY HANDOUTS, IF ANY, WILL BE LINKED TO OUR YOUTUBE PAGE AFTER BIBLE STUDY)

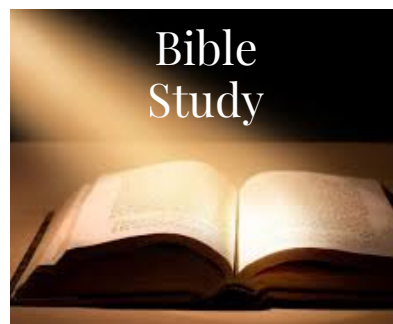
IN PERSON EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY

ZOOM INFO: MEETING ID **5442587453**

PASSWORD **153467**





OR

DIAL IN OPTION **1.312.626.6799**



2026 April



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	01  HOLY WEEK St. Paul KCKS 6:30pm	02  HOLY WEEK Mt. Zion KCKS 6:30pm	03  HOLY WEEK Metropolitan KCMO 6:30pm	04
05  RESURRECTION SUNDAY	06	07	08 Prayer and Bible Study 6pm	09	10	11
12	13	14	15 Prayer and Bible Study 6pm	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Prayer and Bible Study 6pm	23	24	25 Checkup Meeting Three St. Matthew KCMO
26	27	28	29 Prayer and Bible Study 6pm	30	01	02
03	04	Notes: KC District Prayer Ministry call in number 657.390.4634 - 7am Saturday before 1st Sunday				



4/1/2026 – 4/3/2026 HOLY WEEK

CLASS LEADERS AND MEETING SCHEDULE



- REV. CYNTHIA LEWIS – WEDNESDAYS @ 7PM
- BUDDY HOLLAND – MONDAYS @ 6:30PM
- SAMUEL BELL – WEDNESDAYS @ 7PM
- PATRICIA CRAWFORD – SATURDAYS @ 1PM

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CLASS LEADER FOR ZOOM MEETING OR CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION. PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR MARCEL BROWN IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF YOUR CLASS LEADER.



Missouri Annual Conference

Kansas City District | Holy Week Services SCHEDULE

APRIL 1st - APRIL 3rd, 2026

REV. SETH MARTIN MOULTON, PRESIDING ELDER



Holy Week

C E L E B R A T E T H E R E S U R R E C T I O N

Wednesday

April 1st | 6:30PM
St. Paul AME Zion Church
4000 S. Minnie | KC KS 66102

Thursday

April 2nd | 6:30 PM
Mt. Zion AME Zion Church
1746 S 37th St | KC KS 66106
Maundy Thursday

Friday

April 3rd | 6:30 PM
Metropolitan AME Zion Church
2828 Prospect Ave. | KC MO 64128

HOLY COMMUNION

Good Friday

Holy Week

APRIL 3, 2026

GOOD FRIDAY

THROUGH HIM YOU ARE HEALED

FIRST SERVICE

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 1ST

THE PREACHER:

The Rev. Lisa Anderson

WORSHIP LEADER: The Rev. William Brown

MUSIC: The Music Dept.

USHERS: THE WOMEN'S TEAM

SECOND SERVICE

THURSDAY | APRIL 2ND

THE PREACHER: The Rev. Kenneth Pegue

WORSHIP LEADER: The Rev. Frances Spearman

MUSIC: The Music Dept.

USHERS: The Men's Team

DEACONESSES:

ALL DEACONESSES OF THE DISTRICT

HOLY COMMUNION

GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY | APRIL 3RD

WORSHIP LEADER: The Rev. Michael Murray

MUSIC: The Music Dept.

USHERS: District Team

THE IMPACT OF THE CROSS OF CHRIST

"Father Forgive Them For They Know Not What They Do"

Sister Andrea Jamison

"Today, Shall Thou Be With Me In Paradise"

The Rev. Cynthia Lewis

"Woman, Behold Thy Son! Behold, Thy Mother"

The Rev. Frances M. Spearman

"My God, My God, Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me"

The Rev. Dr. Lelar Williams

"I Thirst"

The Rev. William Marcell Brown

"It Is Finished"

The Rev. Frankie Witherspoon

"Father, Into Thy Hands I Command My Spirit"

The Rev. Seth Martin Moulton



YOUR VOTE • YOUR VOICE • YOUR FUTURE

Get Ready for the 2026 Elections across MO, KS, and IA

2026 KC DISTRICT VOTER GUIDE

IMPORTANT 2026 ELECTION DATES

ELECTION	PRIMARY	GENERAL
MISSOURI (inc. Kansas City):	AUGUST 4	NOVEMBER 3
KANSAS (inc. Wyandotte):	AUGUST 4	NOVEMBER 3
IOWA (inc. Des Moines):	JUNE 2	NOVEMBER 3



SENIORS & HOMEBOUND SPECIAL ASSISTANCE



- ★ PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTING (MO, KS)
- ★ NO NOTARY NEEDED FOR SENIORS (MO)
- ★ CURBSIDE VOTING AVAILABLE!
- ★ HELP FILLING OUT FORMS! (Call us!)



GETTING READY

1. **REGISTER TO VOTE!**
Deadlines: MO (Oct 7), KS (Oct 13), IA (Oct 19 or Same Day with ID).
2. **FIND YOUR POLL!**
3. **BRING PHOTO ID!**



MAKE "GOOD TROUBLE": GET INVOLVED



- Request Absentee Ballot help
- Register to vote
- Volunteer to Drive to Polls
- Help check on Homebound Seniors

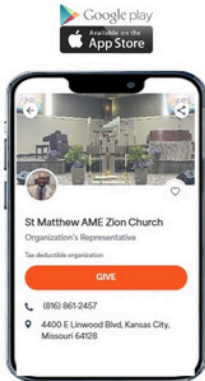
The vote is precious... use it.


— John Lewis



STAY INFORMED • MAKE A PLAN • VOTE

3 WAYS TO GIVE



Download  givelify to give on your smartphone



Visit our website
stmatthewkc.org
to give online



Mail your offering to
St. Matthew AME Zion Church
4400 E. Linwood Blvd
Kansas City, MO 64128



Please drop payments off at the church by 2pm on Sundays to ensure payment is counted toward the current week's financial report.

For members who are unable to bring payments to the church and don't have access to technology, Karen Anderson will pick up your money from your home Saturday mornings between 9am and 1pm, please call her at 816.606.6001 to make arrangements.

Acknowledgements



For those of you who were born in April, we would like to wish you the Happiest of Birthdays! Praise God for another year!!



April 9th -Mr. Bernard Stevenson

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, ADDITIONS?

Please call the church at 816.861.2457 and leave a message or send an email to adminasst@stmatthewkc.org