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 Founder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

1831

160th Anniversary
Bethel AME Church
Buffalo, New York 14209

FOUNDER'S DAY IN WNY OF AME CHURCHES
Friday, February 15, 1991 — 7 P.M.
Hilton Hotel

The Rt. Rev. Frank C. Cummings, Bishop
Mrs. Martha C. Cummings, Episcopal Supervisor
The Rev. Ernestine M. Ward, Presiding Elder
The Rev. Harry J. White, Jr., Pastor

Mrs. Mary Randolph, Gen. Chr.  Mrs. Joya Shepard, Celebrations Chr.
Mrs. Garnet Wallace, Vice Chr.  Mrs. Sandra Gary, Vice Chr.
To Rev. White and fellow Co-workers in Christ:
We greet you in the precious name of the Risen Savior!

Mrs. Cummings and I deem it a pleasure to be with you again in WNY AND THIS TIME AT BETHEL BUFFALO. We bring you greetings from the HEADQUARTERS in Philadelphia.

This significant celebration has a dual purpose and meaning. Your FOUNDER'S DAY and 160th Anniversary will have lasting impressions only if we are prayerfully led by the Master's guiding hand in all we do and say.

God be with you today and always.

Frank Curtis Cummings, Bishop
First Episcopal District

Editor's note: Bishop Cummings is the 95th elected Bishop in the AME Church. He is now at the close of seven years of a possible eight which he is allowed by law to lead us. Your prayers are encouraged for this couple as they complete the work the Lord has given them to do.
Greetings to you Brethren and Sisters of the Faith:

On this memorable occasion I rejoice with you in celebrating “How We Got Over” during the past 160 God-fearing years to reach this significant Founders Day.

We have been abundantly blessed by His grace.

I commend you for your loyalty and stewardship over the years. Remember we gather this evening for the primary purpose of lifting high in praise and thanksgiving our God who has guided us as we chose to follow Him, our Founder who paved the way, and our present Prelate who recognized the tremendous possibilities of AME’s in the First Episcopal District.

Western New York is proud of our Bishop Cummings and his queenly wife. To God be the glory for the things He hath done.

Yours in His Service,
Rev. Harry J. White, Jr., Pastor

Presiding Elder Speaks...

Greetings to our beloved Bishop and First Lady, Pastor White, My Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus:

It is my pleasure and a privilege to share in your great celebration of Founder’s Day in WNY and Bethel’s 160th Anniversary.

You have labored hard and God has blessed your efforts. Your edifice has been beautifully decorated.

Let us continue to pray to keep the spirit of Bishop Richard Allen alive.

God be with you 'til we meet again.

In Love,
Rev. Ernestine Ward, P.E.

50 Years and More Membership in Bethel

Alberta Nelson
Charlotte Lewis
Georgia Tillman
Idella Pope
Louella Davis
General Bass
Mary Bell
Hattie Lou Jones
Sarah Hall
Lula Peoples
Dock Gary

Bessie Knight
Willah B. Dubard
Cleon Service
Glouver Knight
Matilda Seamster
Georgia Hinson
Mamie Hayes
Lillian Parker
Pearl Richardson
Florence Leonard
Clara Tate
HONOREES

Captain Marian Bass

Captain Marian Bass is a dedicated member of Bethel AME Church. She is a career police officer in the Buffalo Police Department and is one of only two female NYS Civil Service Captains of Police in New York State.

Captain Bass holds a Master’s degree in Criminal Justice from the Nelson A. Rockerfeller School of Public Affairs and Policy, State University of New York at Albany. She subsequently earned a Master of Science degree in Applied Public Affairs from the State University of New York at Buffalo where she graduated with honors.

Captain Marian Bass is very actively involved in community affairs. She is on the Board of Directors for the State University College at Buffalo Alumni Association, the Erie County Cultural Advisory Council, Erie County Division of Youth Services and Erie County Medical Center’s Board of Managers to name a few. Captain Bass was cited for outstanding achievement in law enforcement by Ebony magazine in 1980 and has received numerous other honors for her extraordinary accomplishments throughout her career.

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Monroe Fordham, Ph.D.

Dr. Fordham is a member of the Board of Trustees and is very active in the Bethel AME Sunday School Department. As Bethel’s resident Historian, Dr. Fordham conducted extensive research which culminated in the development of a history book which chronicles Bethel’s proud past. This booklet has proven to be invaluable and remains in the church archives today.

Dr. Fordham is chairman of the Department of History and Social Studies at the State University College at Buffalo. He is a member of the board of directors for the Afro-American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier, and the Buffalo — Erie County Historical Society. Dr. Fordham is also editor of the interdisciplinary journal, Afro-Americans in New York Life and History.

Dr. Fordham and his wife Mrs. Freddie M. Fordham received early training in the AME church while residing in native states. They have three adult children.

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E. Paul Smith

Paul Smith is a lifelong member of Bethel AME church and is currently a member of the Board of Trustees and the Male Chorus. Paul’s grandparents, H. Alfred Lewis and Pauline Lewis were well known and respected members of Bethel for many years. They played a very active role in Paul’s overall development as a devout Christian and successful businessman.

Paul graduated from the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science Cum Laude and is currently President of H. Alfred Lewis Mortuary Incorporated which has served the Bethel area for nearly 49 years.

Paul is a Philanthropist in his own right and is the vice-chairman for the Church Building Renovation Committee. He has played a principle role in the accomplishment of the significant remodeling which has taken place to date.

Paul is married to Connie Smith, a Bethel member and Director for the Male Chorus. They have two children, Elizabeth Pauline and Paul Jr.

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Dr. Charles Anderson

Dr. Charles Anderson is an active member of BETHEL AME CHURCH since 1962. He came to Buffalo in 1960. He has served as a Trustee and has always been generous in his giving. Dr. Anderson donated the Tower CHIMES to the church at a cost of $3,000 in honor of his family.

He is the proud father of five children; the two youngest are active in the YPD and sing in their respective choirs.

He has offered FREE high-blood pressure check-ups for senior citizens. Dr. Anderson is President of the Medical Group of Western New York and serves as Medical Director of the Erie County Alcohol Rehabilitation Center. He holds an Education AAS from Alfred University; a B.S. and Post-Graduate Research from the State Univ. of N.Y. at Buffalo. He earned his M.S. on Immunology in Microbiology.

Dr. Anderson is a Certified Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians; and is Board certified in Family Practice.
OUR FIRST FAMILY

Rev. John White & Mrs. Julia White
(Mother and Father of Rev. Harry J. White Sr.)

Rev. Harry J. White, Sr. & Mrs. Virginia J. White, Parents of
Rev. Harry J. White, Jr.
Juanita Davidson, and Marion Lehman
Paul & Marion Lehman, Parents of Christopher and Jeffery
Juanita, Mother of Keith
Rev. Harry J. White Jr., Father of Vada White
Pastor White joined Bethel in 1952, under Rev. Harry J. White, Sr.
Rev. White Jr. was licensed to preach from Bethel in 1953

OLDEST LINEAGE IN BETHEL

In Grateful Remembrance

1831 Benjamin Taylor, Great, Great Grandfather, Rev. Richard Williams, Pastor. He was one of the founders of our church on Carroll Street and Vine Alley.
1863 Mr. Taylor was elected to the Board of Trustees to Wilberforce.
1882 Mr. James T. Anderson, father, Rev. Henry Harrison, Pastor.
1882 Miss Amelia Anderson, Aunt, Rev. Henry Harrison, Pastor.
1914 Mrs. Ora L. Anderson, Mother, Rev. H.H. Williams, Pastor.
1917 James E. Anderson, Brother, Rev. Alonzo L. Wilson, Pastor.
1919 Mildred N. Anderson Feekey, Sister, Rev. Alonzo Wilson, Pastor.

AND SALUTING


1948 — THE ALLEN FAMILY GENERATIONS — 1991

Originating from Pittsburgh, PA, Lloyd and Geneva Allen came to Buffalo in 1948, and shortly thereafter joined Bethel A.M.E. Church, Rev. John W.P. Collier, Pastor. With them, came a loving family and Bethel Church became their church home. Sadly to say, Mr. Allen passed away, but the family carries on the tradition of Bethel's dedication as families are honored on this Founder's Day.

First Generation — Lloyd and Geneva M. Allen.
Second Generation — Mary Ellen Foote (Lonnie).
— Toddie Elaine Rogers, L.C. David Rogers, III.
— Lisa Monique Kragbe, Tatchy Benny Kragbe.
— Nicholas Allen Ogden, Nathalie Ogden, Marcella Alma Ogden, Matthew Paul Ogden.
— Cassandra Lynn Foote — Lia Marie Foote, Joshua Emmanuel Foote — Marlon Foote

Fifth Generation — Tomeika Dawson, Roosevelt Dawson, Sasha Dawson, Donald Thagard.

Highlights of church participation over the years:
Mrs. Allen — Co-founder and Charter Member of Bethel's Federal Credit Union, president for 24 years.
Missionary Society — president for 18 years.
Past Chairlady of Women's Day
First member of Bethel to be elected to Quadrennial. Member of The Evening Choir.
Family participation in The Children's Choir, Youth Choir, Celestial Choir, Cathedral and Senior Choir, YPD President, Sunday School delegates, Chairpersons for Young Adult Day, Bethel's African American Heritage Society, Credit Union Committees.
THE ALEXANDERS
AND THE HUNTS SINCE 1947

James P. Alexander, Rev. Harry White, Sr. and
Carrie W. Alexander, Rev. D.O. Walker

Male Usher Board
Former Trustee, Missionary Society
(Here Am I Unit)
Men's Day Journal
Bethel's Council of Churches
Honoree 1987

Llewellyn Hunt, Rev. G. Grant Crumpley and
Lou Jim Hunt, Rev. G. Grant Crumpley

Male Usher Board
Missionary Society
(Here Am I Unit)
Culinary Arts Com.

George Alexander, Rev. E. Eugene McAshan and
Leola B. Alexander, Rev. E.E. McAshan
Faithful Member
Lay Organization (Fin. Secty)

Herman Alexander
Rev. E.E. McAshan
Male Chorus
Former Trustee

Serving Bethel A.M.E. Church with
Love and Sincerity

THE BASS HERITAGE

John and Ellen Bass — 1923 — Rev. Spencer Carpenter, Pastor
Usher & Trustee
Trustee Aid Club
General Bass, Son — 1928 — Rev. M.E. Jackson, Pastor
Usher and Trustee
Missionary Society (Dorcas Sisters Unit)
Board of Ch., Comm. of Public Relations
Antoinette Yvette Michelle Bass, Daughter
Clydean Amaker, Sister — 1932 — Rev. M.E. Jackson, Pastor
Choir, Usher Board, Artistic
Frank Amaker, Husband (deceased)
Frank Amaker, Jr. son — 1957
Cindy (Brian) Ferrier — 1959
Beatrice Stenson, Sister — 1934 — Rev. M.E. Jackson
Choir, Hospitality Board
Frank Stenson, Husband — 1982 — Rev. E.E. McAshan, Pastor
Douglas Parham, Son — 1950 — Rev. Charles Stewart, Pastor
Wayne Parham, Son — 1951 — Rev. Charles Stewart, Pastor
Andrew Bonds, Husband
Teresa Boone Sister (deceased)
Derrick Boone, Son — 1958 — Rev. Harry J. White, Pastor
Rodney Boone, Son — 1960 — Rev. Harry J. White, Sr. Pastor
“Study To Show Thyself Approved — —”

Ellen M. Morse joined Bethel in 1944 under Rev. D Ormonde Walker. Served in Sunday School, Stewardess Bd. Missionary Dept., (Dorcas Sisters), Sr. Steward Board Charter Lay Member, Volunteer in the Church Office Instructor in the Tutorial Program, 13 years, Married to Mr. Willard A. Morse, 1971, Son Jackie Sloan, 1st baby christened in Bethel after Rev. Walker became Bishop. He was a Sunday school scholar and choir member. Now resides in Oakland, Ca.

To Live In The Hearts of Those We Leave Behind

Is Not To Die

Myrtle M. Holley, Mother 1935, Rev M.E. Jackson
Theodore N. Holley, Son 1914, Rev. H.H. Williams
Pumped Organ at Vine St. Church

Celebration of Family

Daniel A. Holley, son 1951, Rev. Harry J. White, Sr.
Lay Organization
Evening Choir
Married Aug. 6, 1944
Ruth L. Holley, wife 1944, Rev. D. Ormonde Walker
Former Trustee
Former Secretary, W.N.Y. Area Bethel’s Queen 1969
Missionary Society 1 Financial Secy. Stewardess Board # 2
Missionary Society 1 Corres. Secretary Georgia Clu
Dorcas Sister’s Unit 1 King’s Daughter Clu
Former Dorcas Sister’s Chairperson 1 Nautilus Circ.
Atty. Dannye R. (Joyce) Holley, Son
Youth Employer Kenneth B. (Sharon) Holley
Teacher Cheryl B. (Robert) James
9 Grandchildren

Beulah L. Jones, El Capitan of Fund Raising

Trustee under Pastorate of Rev. Harry J. White, Sr. and served 32 years on the Board and as Secretary
Served in every Rally under Rev. Harry J. White, Sr. Worked in Ebony Campaign
Solicited Books for the defunct library
Charter Member of Lay Organization in 1956 when Rudolph Lane was President
Women’s Day Captain for 35 years
1st Women’s Day Queen 1965
Former Secretary of Lay Organization
Missionary Society (Here Am I Unit)
Former Class Leader
Chairman of Altar Flowers
Donated $500.00 to Scholarship Fund 1990
Trustee Emeritus Status under Rev. Harry J. White, Jr.

Vera B. Battle

Sunday School Teacher for 18 years
Former Vacation Bible School Director and teacher.
Superintendent of the Beginner’s Department of Church School.
Treasurer of Dorcas Sisters Missionary Unit.
Member of Church Women United.
Was Queen of Bethel 1976 to 1977.
May 1st 1989 awarded Outstanding Volunteer Award by Mayor James Griffin.
Member of Bethel Head Start Policy Committee.

Garnet Hicks Wallace

Joined Bethel on a 1st Sunday in 1947 under the Reverend D. Ormonde Walker. Appointed to Junior High Department as Sunday School Teacher in 1948. Subsequently taught in the Senior High Department and became Superintendent of the school.
Charter Member — Nautilus Club
Director of Christian Education (under Rev. Crumpley)
Twenty Year Missionary
Member Exec. Board, New York Conference Branch WMS
Member Exec. Board Learning experience
Co-founder Junior Church
Queen of Bethel — 1974
Trustees Deputy Chair
Former Area Chairperson
Western New York WMS
First District Newsletter
Editor “The Reflector”
Chairperson — Policy
Committee Bethel Head Start
From Bethel AME of New York City Came the McCants Family

Year Joined | Pastor
--- | ---
Leonard Davis | 1939 | Rev. H.P. Anderson
A Steward, Pastor's Aid

Dollie Davis | 1941 | Rev. D. Ormonde Waer
Member Usher Bd. #1

George McCants | 1940 | Rev. Ormonde Walke
(Deceased)

Sarah Simmons (Sister) | 1945 | Rev. Ormonde Walke
(Usher Board #1)
(Deceased)

Jennie Jelks Lett (Sister) | 1941 | Rev. Ormonde Walke
(Usher Board #1)

Alfred Jelks | 1941 | Rev. D. Ormonde Waer

Eleanor Jelks Minnfield | 1953 | Rev. Harry White, Sr.
(Daughter)

President Usher Board #2

Jamar Swindle (Grandson) | 1990 | Rev. Harry White, Jr.

Charles and Alberta Brunson, 17 Vine, 1922. Active Members at the time of Bethel Church moving to 551 Eagle St. — 1928.

Children: (L.A.)
Leonard, (deceased) Male Usher Bd
Adeline Rogers, (deceased) married Leonard Rogers, (deceased) and 3 children
Co-founder Usher Bd. #2, Sr. Steward, Solidarity Club, Pres.
Queen of Bethel 1975, Hospitality Bd. and Stewardess Bd. #3.
Ruby, (deceased) Usher Bd. #2, Pres.
Florence Leonard married George Leonard, 1951 Rev.
Charles Stewart
Usher Bd. #2, Solidarity Club, Secretary, Founder and Organizer
President Hospitality Board, Rev. Grant Crampley, 1974
Leonard, Adeline, Ruby, and Florence re-affirmed their faith in 1940 under Rev. Dawkins.
Charles Brunson, (deceased) Sr. Choir, Viola Johnson Chorus, Trustee Bd.
Alberta Brunson (deceased) Pres. of Stewardess Bd. #3 for 35 years and Missionary Society, Vice Pres. 12 years, Viola Johnson Chorus.

Florence and George’s Children:
Gervais, Boy Scout, Usher Bd., Jr. Choir, Sunday School
Garcia, Boy Scout, Usher Bd., Choir, Sunday School
Gavina (Princess) Jr. Trustee, Finance Com., Credit Union

Because We Are Family

MR. AND MRS. CLAY WILSON
"The Family is the Rock Bed of the Church"

Annie P. Chambers Wilson joined Bethel AME in July 1974 under Rev. G. Grant Crumpley. Moved to Buffalo from Birmingham, Alabama where she was a member of St. John AME Church. Rev. C.E. Thomas, Pastor and who is now a Bishop.

Former teacher of the Junior High Sunday School class and was appointed a Stewardess by Rev. James Baldwin. She later married Clay Wilson, a Trustee who joined under the leadership of Rev. Eugene McAshan. Clay is a trustee, the Male Usher Board, and Male Chorus.

Annie is the mother of Larissa and James Chambers. Clay has a daughter, Cynthia, we have four granddaughters, Marchear Thompson, LaTonya Chambers, Veronica McCrimage and Vanessa Wilson.

LONG LIVE THE BRUNSON FAMILY

Because We Are Family
By Willah Greene DuBard

OUR BETHEL FAMILY TREE

— In Loving Memory Of —

Grandmother – Lou Ross — 1921-1958
Mother (Stewardess) – Emily Ross Green — 1921-1956
Aunt — Deaconess Ruth Ross Jackson — 1935-1976

Willah B. Green DuBard — 1931
Raymond E. DuBard Sr. — 1943
Raymond C. DuBard — 2nd
Sharon Foote DuBard
Raymond A. DuBard — 3rd
Stephenie R. Dubard

Jon I. DuBard
Joyce A. DuBard
Jon C. DuBard

— In Memory Of —

By Raymond DuBard

Mother — Jessie B. DuBard
Sister — Claryce Henderson
Brother — Raphael DuBard

GARY FAMILY HISTORY

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Devoted Member
Gospel Choir
Devoted Member
Gospel Choir
Gospel Choir
Gospel Choir and Stewardess #1
Gospel Choir
Children's Choir, Christian Endeavor Instructor, Sunday School Instructor, Celestial Choir, Jr. Steward Board & Jr. Trustee Board (Present)
Devoted Member
Mile Choir (Present)
For Love of God and Love for Bethel
The Harrison, Brinkley, Cook Family

Anne Harrison (Stewardess) 1921 — Rev. H. Allen Garcia
John Harrison 1921 — Rev. H. Allen Garcia
Children:
Mattie Brinkley (Deceased) 1972 — Rev. M.E. Jackson
David Harrison (Deceased) 1927 — Rev. M.E. Jackson
Cecil Harrison (Deceased) 1927 — Rev. M.E. Jackson
Mae Kindle 1927 — Rev. M.E. Jackson
Usher Bd., Hospitality Bd. 1927 — Rev. M.E. Jackson
Tina Cook
Children’s Choir, Jr. Steward Bd.

A PROUD TRADITION

In Memory of
Louie Veasey — 1922 and Edith Veasey — 1954

Louie T. Veasey, son — Rev. Harry J. White, Sr. 1961
Jr. Trustee, Finance Committee
Mae, wife
Louie T. Veasey, Jr., (Son)
Tonya Simone, (Daughter)

“Train up your child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

FIVE GENERATIONS

Emma Frasier (deceased)
1929 — Rev. M.E. Jackson
Stewardess Board #3

Mamie Frasier Hayes
1929 Rev. M.E. Jackson
Only living charter member of King’s Daughters

Cleveland Frasier (AC) (deceased)
1929 — Rev. M.E. Jackson
Cena Crable
1933 — Rev. M.E. Jackson
President — King’s Daughters

Lelia Martin, (deceased)
1937 — Rev. J.A. Portlock
Member of King’s Daughters

Robert Hayes (deceased)
Male Usher Board
Missionary Helper

Clara Pitts Tate (Mamie F. Hayes’, daughter)
Secretary — King’s Daughters
Former Queen of Bethel (1978-1982)
Women’s Day Chairlady (1974-1975)
Lelia Henry (deceased)
1952 — Rev. Harry J. White, Sr.

Denyse Tate Lewis — Keith Tate
Renee Tate Wright — Kevin Tate — Stephen Tate
Reginald (Boo and Tiana)
Kyana
FOUR GENERATIONS
PEARL RICHARDSON

Joined Bethel under pastorate of Rev. Mansfield E. Jackson in 1930 along with Mother — Sylvia A. Griffin.
Served as church secretary for 12 years under 5 ministers; was Sunday School Teacher, Religious Instructor at the weekly Religious Classes; Girl Scout Leader for 9 years; Junior Choir, Senior Choir (took leave from Senior Choir to organize Intermediate Choir) Organized a Young Adult Group known as the Nautilus Circle under the pastorate of Rev. Charles E. Stewart; the H.P. Anderson Club; Chairperson of the 150th Anniversary Celebration Journal; Chairman of Women’s Day in 1950, the Senior Choir; the Bethel Lay Organization; Trustee Board; Treasurer/Manager of Bethel Federal Credit Union (served since 1949).
Mother of Joyce E. Bennett and Dennis C. Richardson; Grandmother of Craig H. and Jennifer S. Bennett.

DEDICATION
EDNA LOTT

Joined Bethel under pastorate of Rev. John W.P. Collier, Jr. — 1948 along with four of her children — Norma Jean, John, Gwendolyn and Robert W.
Edna and daughter Norma Jean were members of the Evening Choir, all the family attended Sunday School under Superintendents Ellis Clark and Rev. Thomas A. Moore. Edna is a member of the Pastors Aid Club. Mother of 10 children, 24 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren. Those in Buffalo still affiliating with Bethel Church.
Noma Jean served on Ladies Usher Board #2.
A tribute of love and rememberance for the deceased members of my family — Mother — Mrs. Mary Cooper, an active member of Bethel AME Church, Bluefield, W. Va.; husband, John, sons: Donald and James.

Continued Growth to Bethel A.M.E. Church
from
The Garr, Lockett, and First Families
Dorothy J. Garr (deceased) 1951-1973
Stewardess Board/Pastors Aid

LEONARD GARR

LEONARD J. GARR
1951 — Rev. Charles Stewart
Nautilus Circle
Usher Board
Trustee Board
Church Treasurer (20 yrs.)
Jeanette P. Garr, wife
1957 — 1978 Rev. Harry J. White, Sr.
Solidarity Club
Roderick S. Garr, Actor
1962 Rev. Harry J. White, Sr.
New York City resident

CALLIE GARR LOCKETT

CALLIE GARR LOCKETT, Mother
1953 — Rev. Harry White, Sr.
H.P. Anderson Club
Charles H. Lockett, Father
1988 — Rev. Eugene McAshan
Usher Board
Children:
Charlyce Lockett Washington
1957 — Rev. Harry J. White, Sr.
Senior Choir
Ivan G. Lockett, Sp/5
Weisbadgen, W. Germany
Jeffery C. Lockett, Eng.
Freemont, Ca.
Byron C. Lockett, Teacher
Columbus, Ohio
Ursula Y. Lockett

MELBA FIRST

MELBA GARR First
Still a faithful member
**“God Cares for Us”**

**THE WYATT FAMILY**

Maynard N. Wyatt, (deceased)  Rev. D.O. Walker
Past Credit Union, Pres., Asst. Supt. Sunday School, Nautilus Circle,
Cathedral Choir, Male Chorus, Male Usher Bd.

Bettye Wyatt  Rev Harry J. White, Sr., 1952
Missionary Worker, Church Clerk, Steward
Daughter: Cynthia Jewell Colbert
Children:
Cory, Larry, Kim, Kisha
Daughter: Cheryl Elaine & Major Bradford Caldwell (husband)
Children:
Brittney, Brad, Jr., Bryant

_In Loving Memory of Maynard Wyatt, Husband & Father_

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**“We do not need more to be thankful for:
We just need to be more thankful.”**

**THE CROSBY-CHAPPELLE FAMILY**

Marie Crosby Cunningham (Mother)  Presiding Elder James A. Manning 1939
Children:
3 sons
Mary Crosby Chappelle  Rev. J.A. Portlock  1935
Steward, Sr. Missionary Society, Sunday School, Supt., Usher Bd, #1 Chair,
Senior Choir, Class Leader, The Gary Singers, Public Speaking, Comm. on
Public Relations

Husband: Clarence Chappelle
Niece (Doris Jean Crosby)  Rev. Portlock  (deceased) In Loving Memory

A Charter Member of the H.P. Anderson Club  1940

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**BETHEL’S 2ND OLDEST MEMBER**

*Founder of Credit Union*

Mrs. Alberta F. O’Leary Nelson
Joined 1921 — Rev. H. Allen Garcia
Birthdate: Aug. 7, 1891
Married Dr. Ezekiel E. Nelson — 1920

Both had matriculated at Wilberforce University in Ohio, and
graduated in 1911. The couple moved to Buffalo in 1920 following
the Doctor’s graduation from Boston University and Mrs. Nelson’s
nine-year teaching experience. Dr. Nelson founded the Buffalo
Cooperative Economic Society, a Black self-help organization
which operated a grocery store and later organized the first Black
Federal Credit Union in Buffalo.

In 1950, Mrs. Nelson brought the Credit Union idea to Bethel
Church where she organized the Bethel A.M.E. Federal Credit

Served as President in 1950 to 1960.

Dr. Nelson died in 1975. Today, Mrs. Nelson is a resident of the
Hamlin Park Nursing Home, Buffalo, N.Y.

An active leader and pianist, she served in many church
organizations and programs.
History — Bethel A.M.E. Church, 1831 — 1981

The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church was organized on April 28, 1831, one year before the City of Buffalo was incorporated as a village, and three years after the first railroad ran out of Baltimore, and six years after the opening of the Erie Canal which made the vast resources of the west accessible to the Atlantic Coast.

The Rev. Richard Williams was the first A.M.E. Minister to be sent to the Western New York Region. Rev. George Weir, Sr. was the first regular A.M.E. Pastor to be assigned to the Colored Methodist Church of Buffalo. The Church was first located on Carroll Street, later moved to Vine Alley, which is that block of William Street between Elm and Elm Streets.

From 1847 to 1941, 44 Pastors served Bethel.

The stock market crashed and the onset of depression began less than two years after the Bethel congregation moved into the Eagle Street Church. Rev. D. Ormonde Walker served Bethel as pastor from 1941 - 1948. Rev. Walker left $15,000 in the church treasury earmarked for the future purchase of a larger church. He became a Bishop following his tenure at Bethel.

Rev. John W.P. Collier, Jr., became pastor of Bethel and served until 1950. Under Rev. Collier the membership increased and many young people were brought into the church. During his administration a Credit Union was started. Mrs. Alberta F. Nelson played an important role and the following were charter members — Lloyd and Geneva Allen, O.H. Thomas, Fred Bell, Jack Glass, Janie Tucker Hampton and Rudolph S. Lane.

In 1950 the Rev. Charles E. Stewart, a great speaker, came to Bethel. A parsonage was purchased on Eaton Street during Rev. Stewart's administration. In 1952 Rev. Harry J. White, Sr., a transferee from the California Conference, was sent to Buffalo. He remained for thirteen years. It was during this period that Bethel moved to its present location at Michigan and Ferry Street. A parsonage was also purchased on Voorhees Street.

In 1965 Bethel received the Rev. G. Grant Crumpley (now deceased) as their pastor. The bowling alley in the basement of the church was transformed into a carpeted multipurpose room with a day nursery program in mind. The parsonage on Jewett Parkway was also purchased during this period. In 1977 the Rev. James K. Baldwin became pastor of Bethel. Under his leadership a mini bus was purchased and a History Committee was appointed to secure a history book on Bethel. We are also indebted to Dr. Monroe Fordham for his assistance in the writing and publication of A History of Bethel Church.

In 1980, Rev. Eugene E. McAshan was assigned to Bethel. He came from Brooklyn, N.Y. He and his wife Jewell are a team. Rev. McAshan paid off a large indebtedness of $50,000, made extensive interior renovations, burned the parsonage mortgage, and purchased 445 Cornwall, our 2nd. parsonage.

Our present pastor, Rev. Harry J. White, Jr. was assigned to us by Bishop Cummings in Nov. 1988. He is our native son and it doth not yet appear the great things that lie in store for us under his eloquent preaching and leadership.

It is our hope that a more thorough knowledge and appreciation of the church's rich heritage will serve to inspire the membership to not only work to keep up Bethel's tradition of high standards and service to the community, but it will cause the congregation to move the church on to greater achievements.

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Founder Day Awards Banquet
160th Anniversary Program

Processional .................................. Mrs. Ruthetta S. Smikle

Introduction of Master of Ceremonies .......... Joya Shepard

M.C. ........................................... Nelson Townsend

“Life Every Voice and Sing” ...................... AME District Choir

(arr. Coates)

Welcome ........................................ Shandra Gary

“Amien” ....................................... Bethel African Heritage Society

(Ivory Coast Chant) ........................... Directed by Kim Randolph

“Adesua Ye De” ................................ Bethel African Heritage Society

(Song from Ghana) ............................. Directed by Carmita Akiwumi

Invocation ..................................... Rev. G. Stanford Bratton

Council of Churches

DINNER

Introduction of Dais Guest ...................... Mrs. Garnet Wallace

“To God Be The Glory” ........................ AME District Choir

(arr. Crouch)

History of Bethel AME ......................... Dr. Monroe Fordham

Monologue in Recognition of Church .... Mrs. Carolyn B. Thomas

Organizations: The Bishop’s Care

Introduction of Bishop ........................ Rev. Harry J. White, Jr.

Speaker ....................................... Bishop Frank C. Cummings

Awards Presentation .......................... Rev. Harry J. White, Jr.

Mary Randolph

Remarks ........................................ Mrs. Martha C. Cummings, Epis. Supr.

“Battle Hymn of the Republic” .............. AME District Choir

Benediction ................................... Rev. Ernestine M. Ward, P.E.
IN MEMORIAM
“When the Mist has rolled away.”

Robert Hayes  Edward Hall  James Mays
Luther Taylor  Henry Davenport  Eugene Peoples
L.A. Brunson  Manning Fogan  Eugene Dobbs
Willie Arrimington  Zingo Terry

MALE USHER BOARD

Vernon Taylor — President

THE LANE LEGACY

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Sincerely, your daughter/niece in Christ

Patricia A. Boyd
February, 1991
The Edmund/Dublin Family

David Edmunds, Sr. 1952, Rev. Harry J. White, Sr., Pastor

Gospel Choir member, faithful until retirement and relocation to Calhoun Falls, S. Carolina. He became a Steward at Glover A.M. Church. He brought his children, Cheryl and David to Bethel in 1956.

Cheryl Edmonds Dublin, Junior Choir Pianist — 1966-1972
Married John Dublin, 1973
At present: Jr. Steward, Secretary for Sunday School.

Children:
Jason Dublin, President Bethel’s YPD
Jennifer Dublin, Junior Choir

Atty. David Edmunds attributes much of his early training at Bethel to his success.

The Harris and Sharpe Family

Roy Harris, 1950
(Rev. Charles Stewart)
Male Usher Board
Ada Bell Harris, 1947
(Rev. D. Ormonde Walker)
Senior Steward Board, (Assistant Chairperson)
Supervisor of Junior Steward Board
Missionary Society (Sisters Sharing Unit) and Georgia Club.

Yvonne Sharpe, 1945
(Rev. D. Ormonde Walker)
Cecelia Sharpe, 1948
(Rev. John P. Collier)
Senior Steward Board
Missionary Society (Sister’s Sharing Unit)
and President of Georgia Club

The Ivey Clan

Geraldine Ivey
1954 — Rev. Harry J. White, Sr.
Stewardess Board, Usher Board,
Missionary Society (Dorcas Sisters Unit)

Cleo Ivey, Husband
1968 — Rev. Grant Crumpley
Trustee, Pres. Men’s Club
Male Chorus, Usher Board

Renee (Kent Lowrey, Daughter

Tammy, Sabrina, and Victoria Lowery, Granddaughters

Vicky (Grady) Jackson, Daughter

Mia Jackson and Desiree (Didi) Jackson, Granddaughters

Grady and Jeremiah Jacksons, Grandsons

Dwight Ivey, Son
Dwight Ivey, Jr. Grandson
Kenneth Ivey, Son

Le Roy (Gina) Ivey, Son
Wayne Ivey, Grandson

Keon Jones, Great Granddaughter
“Blest Be The Tie That Binds”

William G. Hamilton, Sr. (deceased) Father
Rev. Harry J. White, Sr. — 1959
Gladys Hamilton, Mother
Rev. Harry J. White, Sr. — 1959
Atty. William G. Hamilton, Jr., Son
Rev. G. Grant Crumpley, 1965
Trustee Board
Children:
Jada, Courtney, Heather, Hamilton
Rev. Harry J. White, Jr. — 1989

In Memoriam
William G. Hamilton, Sr.

“We Believe in Hands that work, Minds that think and Hearts that love”

Emma Brown (Sister) 1943 Dr. D.O. Walker
Ethel M. Wilder 1943 Dr. D.O. Walker
Steward Board
Children: Joined under Rev. Harry J. White, Sr.
Atty. Elmon Wilder — Sunday School — Young Adults
Delores J. (Wilder) Davis — Lay Org.
Margaret A. Wilder — Lay Org.
(on leave as Doctoral candidate)

THE PERRY-PAULDING FAMILY

Deceased: April 1990
Married: Leroy Perry — 1950 — Rev. Charles Stewart officiated
Two Daughters:
Sharon J. joined at age 17
Member of children’s choir
Sunday School — Cathedral Choir
Sister’s Sharing Missionary Unit 1986
Married Jimmie E. Paulding — 1979
Rev. James K. Baldwin, officiating
Sharon’s son: Shawn C. Perry
Served as Altar Boy
Jr. Usher Board
Serves as Treasurer
Janis R. at age 16
Children’s Choir, The Sunday School, The Cathedral Choir
Married Paul Johnson
Member Bridge St. A.M.E. Church, Rev. Fred Lucas, Pastor
Two Daughters:
Lauren Christian
Toi Lynn
Alice Ruth Perry — a faithful, active and dues-paying Member.
Member The Steward board, Solidarity Blub
Sister’s Sharing Missionary Unit, Pastor’s Aid, North Carolina Club

“Gone But Not Forgotten”
A TRUE BLUE CLAN OF A.M.E. HERITAGE
FROM FLORIDA


Bessie M. Washington, President of Stewardess Board #1. Greetings from her children, Rev. Dr. T.R. and Rev. Lilly R. Johnson of California. Laura Beth Johnson, Granddaughter, University Santa Barbara, California

Julia Bethel, President of Ladies Usher Board #1 for 25 years. Her children, Priscilla (Clarence) Hunter of St. Louis Mo. of Wayman A.M.E. Church and their children Kenneth and Kymberlee

Linda (Randy) Edwards of Bethel, Chaplain of the Junior Steward Board and Sunday School Teacher. Their children David and Teresa members of the Junior Choir and the Sunday School. Teresa was Bethel's Baby of the Year 84-85.


Deborah Evans, a member of Bethel. Her children: son, Lamon serving on the Jr. Usher Board, and Daughters Tiana and Da'nia.

Brenda J. Smith, a member of Bethel and her daughters: Davina A., Jr. — Usher Board, Anisha, and Kendra, Bethel's Baby of the Year 89-90 — Pearlie also has two grandchildren living in Alabama, Bryon and Bridget Smith. (Reuben Smith's deceased children.

God Bless Bishop and Mrs. Frank Cummings, Presiding Elder Ernestine — Ward, Rev. Harry J. White, Jr., Rev. Thomas Moore, and all who represent the Bethel A.M.E. Church Family.

THE ABRAM — MCCOMB FAMILY

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Married Hooker W. McComb in 1983 under Rev. Eugene McAshan. President of Stewardess Board #3 Missionary Society Senior Unit. Senior Choir — Corresponding Secretary

Son #1

Elijah Abram, Jr. Married to Anne and parents to three children. Employed by the Buffalo Police Department.

Son #2

Gregory D. Abram Attorney for New York State Housing in Hempstead, New York.

Son #3

Maurice W. Abram Married to Idella and employed by the Buffalo Police Department.

Daughter

Beverly J. Abram Junior Trustee Board, Celestial Choir, Gospel Singers and Bethel Head Start Policy Committee. Employed by the City of Buffalo as a Truant Officer.

Grandson

Austin Abram son of Beverly. Member of the Male Choir, 6th grade student at North Park Academy.

Brother

James Reynolds 1985 Rev. Eugene McAshan

LADIES USHER BOARD #2

Faithfully serving Bethel A.M.E. Church for over 45 years

"God is willing to guide you but you must choose the way"

Eleanor Minnfield President
Carrie Alexander Vice President
Maurice Anding Rec. Sect.
Bessie Albert Fin. Sect.
Kathy Franklin Treasurer
Lula Smith Sunshine Treasurer
Alma Boles Chaplain

Members

Albert Berry
Tina Cook
Jessie Dale
Sarah Fogan
Pamela Lane

In Memoriam
Bernice Dabney & Cora Moore
LADIES USHER BOARD #1

"I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord than to dwell in the tents of the wicked"

IN MEMORIAM

Mabel Fitzgerald  Ethel Denmark  Emma Brown
Dolly Sullivan  Daisy Byrd  Ethel Thompson
Sadie Stewart  Josephine Peeples

MEMBERS

Julia Bethel  President
Mary Pierce  Vice President
Marie Brown  Secretary
Sandra Williams  Assistant Secretary
Betty Beasley  Corresponding Secretary
Joya Shepard  Treasurer
Wilhemina Postelle
Cora Taylor
Geraldine Ivey
Mary Jackson
Betty Fugate
Lucille Binon
Lounell Levy
Deborah Barton
Bertha Hendricks
Denise Simmons
Thelma Henley

A SALUTE

May my nieces and nephews continue to grow in the spirit of the Lord:


Beulah L. Jones
Member of Long Standing

1957
Rev. Harry J. White, Sr., Pastor

ROSE AVERY
(Mother)

CURTIS R. AVERY, JR.
(Son)

WILLIAM KEVIN AVERY, D.D.S.
(Son)

GLORIA PATRICIA (avery) STOVELL
(Daughter)

IN LOVING MEMORY
CURTIS R. AVERY, SR.
(Husband and Father)
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**IN LOVING MEMORY**

**CURTIS R. AVERY, SR.**

(Husband and Father)
THE SCOTT—SMIKLE FAMILY

Lee Roy Scott
(Father)

Mary Scott 1974
(Mother)

Parents of

Ruthetta Scott Smikle 1973
(Dgts)

(fbprings)

Susan Naomi RN
Daughters:
Regina Lynette
Mary Nicole
Ruthetta V.
Oscar Lynford, Jr.
Counsellor
Son:
Fred A. Peoples
Joanne Lynette B.A. — Main Policy Science

Mary Regina Peoples
M:8.
Rev. G. Grant Crumpley 1973

Ruthetta Scott Smikle

Parents of

Oscar Smikle-Trustee and Renovation Committee
(Husband)

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Oscar Smikle began her professional career as a Music Teacher in the Buffalo Public Schools in September, 1955. Mrs. Smikle continued this part of her career, until January, 1986, when she became Assistant Principal at the College Learning Laboratory/Campus West. She became Principal of Hillery Park Academy in August, 1986. In August, 1990, Mrs. Smikle was appointed Supervisor of Music Education, for the Buffalo Public Schools.

In 1984, Mrs. Smikle was cited as the “Teacher of the Year”, for the Buffalo School System. She serves as Minister of Music at Bethel A.M.E. Church; is the Sunday School Superintendent, and the Director of Christian Education.

Ruthetta is chairperson of the Dorcas Sisters Missionary Unit. She served as Promotion and Missionary Education leader, and as chairperson of the Family Life Standing Committee. On the Conference Branch Level, she serves as the Sarah Gorham “Special” Missions chairperson. Ruthetta also serves as the chairperson of the Music Committee for the Women’s Missionary Society of the First Episcopal District, of the A.M.E. Church.

Mrs. Smikle is a member of the Erie County Music Educators, the Lit-Mus Study Club, the Harriet Tubman 300’s, Pi Lambda Theta, a Sorority and the League of Women voters.

In 1972 Mr. & Mrs. Scott received an award as “outstanding foster parents” for 42 children in the City of Buffalo. Mr. Scott one of the first African American business men here, passed in 1973.

We congratulate Bethel on her 160th Anniversary, and pray that God will richly bless us.

“Duty May Make us Do Things Well,
But Love Makes Us Do Them Beautifully”

PATRONS

Mr. and Mrs. C. Garlington . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Parents
Mr. and Mrs. G. Downs . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Grandparents
Mrs. Nettie Wynn . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Present 90 yr. old member

In Memoriam

Mrs. Mamie Franks
Mrs. Daphne Hill
Mr. Maceo White

by Peggy Heath 1943  Rev. D.D. Walker

I will return

“For The Record of our Beloved Bethel”

THE GLADDEN FAMILY

Usher Steward Men’s Club
Vera Gladden — 1949 — Rev. John W.P. Collier, Pastor
Past President — Lay Organization, Usher, Sunday School Teacher, Missionary
Dorcas Unit, Choir, and Stewardess.
Daughter — Precious Sherry joined Bethel in 1988 under Rev. E. E. McAshan
Celebrity Choir and Jr. Trustee
Daughter- Caroline Hoffman member joined 1989 under Rev. Harry J. White, Jr., Pastor
President of Jr. Trustee Board 1989 —
The Williams — Wilkerson Heritage
BETHEL AME CHURCH

Fannie S. Williams
(Stepmother) Devout Church Woman

Rev. H. Allen Garcia 1922

George Williams
(Father)

Delaine-Waring AME Church 1966

Anne Wilkerson
(Daughter)

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Georgia Club, Solidarity Club

Melvin Williams
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Eugene D. Thomas
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Leonard Davis
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Harriet Mathis
Ruth L. Holley

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Join and Serve

"JOIN THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM" DURING OUR MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Please Print

Date

MAIL: 

ADDRESS: 

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SOLICITOR:

J. Carl Bland

ADDRESS: 418 E. Ferry St., Buffalo, New York 14208

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1915 — Rev. Alonzo Wilson
by Matilda Seamster

Mary Elliot, Stewardess 1930 — Rev. M.E. Jackson
Floyd E. Lanier, Trustee 1967 — Rev. G. Grant Crumpley
by Thelma Lanier

IN MEMORIAM
Father Alonzo Smith (Pastor's Steward) — 1920
Daughters: Virginia Ryan, Mildred Battle

IN MEMORIAM
Mrs. Kissie Goldston 1957 — Rev. Harry White, Sr.
A dedicated Christian
by Niece Alberta Ford — Lay President

In Memory of
Father Emanuel Bee (joined Bethel 1954)
by Zerida Bee

In Memory of
Carrie Quarles Stewardess
Vince Street — Buffalo, N.Y. — 1927
by Daughter Mrs. Philomina Daniels

In Memory of
Madison Flood
by Wife Cynthia & Daughter Teresa F. Brown

In Memory of
Matilda S. Briscoe, Rev. M.E. Jackson, Pastor 1935
Civic Worker, Choir Member 50 years
Lula E. Smith, daughter, Rev. J.A. Portlock 1938
Usher Bd. #2
In Memory of All Deceased Members of The Solidarity Club of Bethel A.M.E. Church

Margaret Holbrook
Christine Bailey
Pauline Lewis
Hassie Robinson
Josephine Peoples
Adeline Rogers
Alice Perry
Claudia Thompson

Mrs. Wilhelmina Postelle .................. President
Rev. Harry J. White, Jr. ..................... Pastor

STEWARDS BEYOND OUR VIEW
Courtesy of Leonard Davis

Fred Bull Sr. ....................................
James O. Webb .................................
Willie Arrington ..............................
Alonzo Smith .................................
Ethel Holmes ................................
Manning Fogan ..............................
N.E. McDade .................................
Fred Montgomery .........................
Brother Cates ..............................

Odessa Pickens ..............................
Dr. L.L. Scruggs ...........................
John Smith ................................
Joseph Henderson .......................
Edward Hall ..............................
Brother Woodall .........................
John Wright ..............................
Ann Hart ..............................
Alice Perry ..............................
Burton Worthy

In Memory Of
Joe N. Jackson and Melvin Jackson
By Wife and Mother
Mary O Jackson

In Loving Memory of
Mother, Mrs. Flora Brown
By
Louise McCoultram and Family

In Memory Of
Clemenica Martinez (Grandmother)
Stephnie Martinez Berrios (Mother)
By
Rev’s. Pedro and Clara M. Castro

In Memory Of
Rudolph Lane, Emma Acker
Grace T. Brown, Helen Williams

IN MEMORIAM
Narcissus McDade
By
Jessica Johnson

In Memory Of
Dealia McCarter
By Son
Lindsay McCarter

In Loving Memory of
My Husband
Samuel Trueheart
departed this life January 15, 1991
by wife Dorothey A. Trueheart
Bethelites Who Arrived in 1922

In Loving Memory of

Alexander Harrison, Father — Katie Harrison, Mother
Fannie Williams, Aunt, Gertrude Veasey, Aunt,
Odell Brunson, Uncle, Daisy Byrd, Aunt, and
Lillie M. Harrison, Stepmother.

By Daughters: Jessie M. Dale and Lucretia Burns

Oh what a meeting, there in the skies,
No tears, nor crying shall dim our eyes,
Loved ones united eternally,
Oh what a day break that morn will be.

In Loving Memory of
Father — Rev. Charlie Carter
St. Thomas A.M.E. Church

Mother — Kizzie W. Carter

Godfather — Dr. Martin L. Walden
St. Thomas A.M.E. Church

Son — Theophues Othniel Smith

Sisters — Annie Mae Wilburn & Lucille Cornage

Loved and sadly missed by
Jessie Mildred Smith

DEBORAH STEWART BARTON
STAFF RECOGNITION AWARD

Deborah Barton joined Bethel AME Church in January of 1988 and is a member of the Ladies Usher Board #1 and the Bethel Head Start Policy Committee.

Deborah volunteered as a Tutor for Bethel’s After School program and in December of 1989 assumed the role of Director. She revised the curriculum and obtained grants from the state, county and city Divisions for Youth Services. Deborah has encouraged cooperative efforts with community organizations and Houghton College who recently donated two computers to Bethel’s after school program.

She is the granddaughter of an AME Minister who Pastored churches in Bermuda and Halifax, Nova Scotia. Deborah has a son Ramad, and daughter Courtney who also attends Bethel.

BABER A.M.E. CHURCH
Rochester, N.Y.
Organized by Rev. Harry J. White, Sr.
Rev. Harry J. White, Jr., First Pastor
Rev. John A. Dixon, Present Pastor
Bishop Murray Allen 1st Member of Baber — 1958
Benefactor
Merlin J. Dunn
Mrs. Alberta Bullock
Former Miss. Pres.

In Memoriam
Melvin A. Watts
OUR BISHOP

Theme: “Out of Our Heritage ... The Self-Help Initiative”

Bishop Frank Curtis Cummings, our Erudite President Bishop over the First Episcopal District, (Philadelphia, Delaware, N.J., N.Y., New England, and Bermuda) was assigned to us in 1984 by the Episcopal Committee.

A native Alabamian, he and his lovely wife came to the “First” with deep commitment and spiritual zeal.

Bishop Cummings, a businessman, entrepreneur, and administrator, as well as a devout spiritual leader, tackled the need for a headquarters building in the mother district.

Today, the First District Plaza, a $10M dollar complex with underground parking stands at 3801 Market Street in Philadelphia, a symbol of accomplishment because Bishop Cummings dared to dream.

“The Miracle on Market Street” is an AMEC Enterprise, “To God Be The Glory!”

Mrs. Cummings, our Episcopal Supervisor, has guided the Women’s Missionary Society to new and greater heights through seminars, study courses, and higher education at Cheyney University. Let sisterly love continue.

Bishop and Mrs. Cummings, you have our eternal gratitude

— AMES of WNY

BETHEL BUFFALO

Agape AME Church
Bethel AME Lackawanna
St. Andrews AME Church
Baber Chapel AMEC, Rochester
Mt. Zion AME Church

St. John AME Church, Niagara F.A.
First AME Church, Lockport
Delaine-Waring AME Church
Bright’s Chapel — AME Church, Syracuse
Bethel AMEC — Olean
ARCHIVES ROOM  
Buffalo, New York

FOUNDERS DAY  
AWARDS BANQUET COMMITTEE

General Chairpersons — 160th Anniversary ............... Mary Randol  
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Banquet Co-Chairpersons ................................ Joya Shep
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