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BETHEL

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**1525 MICHIGAN STREET
BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14209**

33RD ANNUAL LAY DAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1998

10:30 A.M. SERVICE



THE RIGHT REVEREND PHILIP R. COUSIN, PRESIDING BISHOP

REVEREND ERNESTINE M. WARD, PRESIDING ELDER

REVEREND RICHARD A. STENHOUSE, PASTOR

REVEREND LEELAND JONES, JR.

REVEREND THOMAS DAVIS

REVEREND BETSY A. CRUMITY

35th ANNUAL LAY DAY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1998

Organ Prelude

Introit

Minister: The LORD be with you:
Congregation: And with Thy spirit.
Minister: O LORD, show Thy mercy upon us
Congregation: And grant us Thy salvation
Minister: Oh God, make clean our hearts within us
Congregation: And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.
Minister: O lamb of God that takes away the sins of
the world
Congregation: GRANT US THY PEACE. AMEN

Bro. J Carl Bland #602

Processional Hymn

"I Want Jesus To Walk With Me"

#375

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. Amen.

Trustee Meredith Anding

Call to Worship

Minister: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD!" Our feet shall stand within thy gates, Oh Jerusalem!

People: For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Minister: Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek your good.

People: Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Minister: Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. LORD, I have loved thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwelleth.

People: For the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

Minister: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.

People: O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth, sing praises!

Morning Hymn

"Layman's Song"

(see insert)#582

Moment of Meditation

"Take Time To Be Holy"

#286

Morning Prayer

Sis. Alberta Ford

Choral Response	"Take Time To Be Holy"	#286
Psalter	Psalm 111	Sis. Dorothy Black
Lay Litany	(see insert)	Sis. Ruth Holley
Selection		The Brotherhood
Bethel's Lay Organization History		Sis. Carolyn Thomas
Announcements		Sis. Thelma Lanier
Missionary Prayer And Offering		Steward Bettye Wyatt
Acknowledgment of Visitors		Sis. Elnora Turner
Dedicatory		Sis. Delores Davis
Memorial	Sis. Harriett Mathis, Trustee Raymond Walton & Bro. George Alexander	

Worship Through Stewardship

Presentation of Tithes and General Offering	Steward Bettye Wyatt & Trustee Raymond Walton	
Offertory	"All things come of Thee, O LORD and of Thine own have we given Thee." Amen	
Scripture Lesson		Sis. Philomena Daniels.
Sermonic Selection		The Brotherhood
Sermon		Rev. Richard A. Stenhouse
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
Altar Call		
Invitation to Lay Organization		Trustee Meredith Anding
The Lay Pledge	(see insert)	Sis. Sharon Paulding
Moment of Thanksgiving	"Thank You LORD"	
Lay Benediction	(see insert)	Trustee Meredith Anding
Doxology	"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"	

Leader: For the ministry to comfort to all who mourn,
for the ministry of guidance to all who stray,
that forgiveness and salvation from our Lord
Jesus Christ might be received by them as us:

Response: We consecrate ourselves to Thee, O Lord.

Leader: For the witness of the gospel message of light
and salvation through Christ unto the uttermost
parts of the earth, and for the support of all
the departments and agencies of the A.M.E. Church:

Response: We consecrate ourselves to Thee, O Lord.

Leader: For the heritage, the doctrine, and the philosophy
of our Church, and for the spirit of Richard Allen
which continues to inspire us:

Response: We thank Thee, O Lord.

Leader: As the expression of our Christian stewardship in
honoring Thee, O Holy Lord and Heavenly Father,
with our substance and the dedication of our
talents and our personalities and possessions to
Thy service:

Response: We consecrate ourselves to Thee, O Lord, AMEN.



Dedicatory

Sunday, October 11, 1998

The flowers that grace the altar are placed:

In memory of **Sister Bessie Robinson** and **Sister Pearl Richardson**, two of our outstanding lay members, who went home to be with the LORD in 1998. Their service was long and distinguished. They will be missed.

*Each day you were filled with kindly deeds
with thoughts and works for others.*

*Because your hearts were filled with love
you called all men your brothers.*

*The world is full of those who had some blessings made by you.
And so, unnumbered hearts will long remember you.*

Sadly submitted by Meredith Anding, Lay Organization President

In loving memory of **wife, Georgia Hinson** who departed this life on **October 12th, 1991.**

*Gone are the days we use to share,
But in my heart you are always there.
The gates of memory will never close,
I miss you more than anyone knows.
With a love and deep regret,
I who loved you will never forget.*

Sadly missed but not forgotten, your loving husband, William (Sonny) Hinson.

Leader: In grateful recognition of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the giver of every perfect gift, and who has richly blessed us with health and strength of body and mind and soul to do our daily tasks:

Response: We consecrate ourselves to Thee, O Lord.

Leader: For the worship of God, the Father, and Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord and Saviour, and to the Holy Spirit:

Response: We consecrate ourselves to Thee, O Lord.

Leader: For the preaching of the Gospel of Christ, our Lord, and for the administration of the Holy Sacraments; for the exposition of the Word of God in the edifying of the Body of Christ:

Response: We consecrate ourselves to Thee, O Lord.

Leader: For the maintenance of the ordained ministry of the Church, the service of the sacred music, the care of the sanctuary, and the promotion of Christian fellowship and the spiritual life:

Response: We consecrate ourselves to Thee, O Lord.

Leader: For the ministry of the Lay persons in our Church whose daily living must reflect an earnest effort to live according to the teachings and examples of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Response: We consecrate ourselves to Thee, O Lord.

Leader: To the demand of Christ, to reach out to other persons who need our help, especially to the young who are searching for answers to the many problems with which our racist society confuses them:

Response: We consecrate ourselves to Thee, O Lord.

THE LAYMEN'S HYMN

(Tune - "Guide Me Oh Thou Great Jehovah)

Laymen now have thus assembled, in the blessed name oh God
Guide us in our true endeavor, light the pathway that we trod;
Give us strength to ever labor for thy cause.
Give us strength to ever labor for thy cause.

We are banded, one in union, to fulfill thy just command.
May we be thy true disciples, holding to thy mighty hand;
Give us blessings, from the fountain of thy love.
Give us blessings, from the fountain of thy love.

As we walk this Christian journey, let us keep our armor bright.
Let our works be pure and holy that we stand within thy sight.
Laymen soldiers, strong in unity and love.
Laymen soldiers, strong in unity and love.

May we stand before thine altar, pledging Lord to work for thee.
In the vineyard, in the pastures let us Lord thy pilgrims be;
Let us lift the cross forever to the skies.
Let us lift the cross forever to the skies.

THE LAY PLEDGE

For God, The Church, The Community in Which We Reside,
It is My Solemn Pledge to Uphold and Defend the Church
And Its Laws by which it is Governed; To Display Good Christian
Love, Harmony and Unity at All Times; To Further Christian Education
and to Promote Goodwill Toward Mankind Through God Our Father. Amen.

LAY BENEDICTION

May God Bless us with the True Spirit of Christianity,
That we may live together, not as man over man, but
as Laypersons working with God.

Announcements

This mornings music is provided by **The Brotherhood Chorus** under the direction of **Sis. Connie Smith** and our **Minister of Music Bro. Walter Kemp, Jr.**

Trustee Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 13th, 6:30 p.m.

Kathleen Carswell, candidate for Queen will sponsor a Pie & Cobbler Sale, TODAY, after service

Dorcas Sisters Missionary Unit Meeting, Tuesday, October 13th, 5 p.m.

Bethel's Village Pride Community Center's After School Program will begin Tues., Oct. 13th, 3-5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. See Prof. Tisdale for further information.

Church School teachers and associates will meet in the home of Evangelist Annie Wilson on Tuesday, October 13th, at 6 p.m.

Geneva Allen Missionary Unit Meeting, Thursday, October 15th, 1 p.m.

Women's Day Chorus Rehearsals, Thurs., Oct. 15th, 6:30 p.m., Tues., Oct. 20th, 7 p.m. and Thurs., Oct. 22nd, 6 p.m.

Girl Scout Registration, Sat., Oct. 17th, 11:30 a.m. Registration fee \$7.00.

A dollar pledge today is a vote for Carolyn B. Thomas, Oct. 24th, for Queen of Bethel. Attend our Spiritual Worship Service, Sunday, October 18th, at 5 p.m.

On Women's Day, October 25th, all Sunday School Classes will be taught by women guest teachers. Please join us in making our guests welcome.

Women's Day is October 25th, Sis. Sharon Stenhouse is praying for 100 women to pledge \$200.00 and 100 men to pledge \$100.00. Help us eliminate our past debt.

Join the Pastor in morning prayer, Thursday at 7 a.m.

Clubs, Organizations, Patrons and Friends please submit your journal material to any committee member, Sis Thelma Lanier, Sis. Vera Battle or Sis. Carolyn Thomas. Families do not miss this opportunity to share your history.

The University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine is currently enrolling patients in need of affordable complete (full) dentures. If you are interested please call 829-3891, between the hours of 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m. by October 31st.

Thank You

Bethel family for your support and attendance at the Black Achievers Dinner at which I was honored. God bless.
Sis. Addie Jackson

Rev. Stenhouse, church family, friends and all who lifted up my family in any way during the loss of my husband. May God bless each of you.
With deepest gratitude, Sis. Virginia Ryan & Sons

Happy Birthday

And congratulations to Sis. Charlotte Lewis on the celebration of her 96th Birthday, October 10th.

This Weeks Prayer Scriptures

Psalms 13, Psalms 101 & Psalms 119:1-8

Remembering our Homebound

Mattie Adams
Beatrice Anderson
Lucretia Burns
Jessie Chase
Martha Cranston
Tina Cook
Cheryl Costley
Frances Costley
Cena Crable
Dollie Davis
Alice Davenport
Frances Davenport
Sheryl Dunbar
Lurline Facen
Azalee Fountain
Sarah Hall
Inez Harris
Annie Johnson
Jessica Johnson
Helen Lee
Callie Lockett
Julia Moore
Lillian Parker
Florence Scott
Lillian Tucker
Pat Turner
Vanetta Williams

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60 Chapel Woods
36 Durham Avenue
274 Riley Street
114 Oxford Avenue
8 Elton Place
127 Bissell Avenue
127 Bissell Avenue
42 Butler Avenue
100 Florida Street
206 Brunswick Blvd.
33 Linwood Avenue, Apt. 204
111 Stevens Avenue
61 Kane Street
175 Laurel Street
55 Woodlawn Avenue
St. John's Tower, 865 Michigan Avenue
256 Chester
120 Meyer Road, Apt. 200
114 Arden Street
591 Northampton Street
82 Sussex Street
1015 Delaware Ave., Apt. 1201
LBJ Apt. 902
300 Peach Street
45 Glenwood Avenue
8 Covington Road

Hospital / Nursing Home Patients

Robert Boone
David Fields
Leonard Garr
Walter Hamilton
Mamie Hayes
Orea K. Lidge
Idella Pope
Lula Smith
Joseph Thompson

Veteran's Hospital, Batavia, NY
Millard Fillmore Hospital, Gates Circle
Deaconess Nursing Home
Delaware Heights, 1014 Delaware Ave., Rm. 238D
Sister's Hospital Nursing Home, Rm. 809
Waterfront Health Care Center 200 7th St. Rm. 205R
St. Andrews Presbyterian Manor, Rm. 322D
Delaware Heights, 1014 Delaware Ave., Rm. 431D
Bridgewell Adult Care Facility, Main & Amherst

Women's Day 1998 Pledges

Two Hundred Dollars

*Sis. Sharon Stenhouse
Sis. Harriet Mathis
Sis. Vera Gladden
Sis. Jean Hill
Sis. Adabelle Harris
Sis. Cecelia Sharpe
Sis. Rose Castro
Sis. Brenda Smith
Sis. Dorothy Trueheart
Sis. Mildred Battle
Sis. Sarah Fogan
Sis. Diane Townsend
Sis. Yvonne Ragan
Sis. Kathleen Carswell
Sis. Paula Young
Sis. Lula Peoples
Sis. Julie Hartley
Sis. Cheryl Dublin
Sis. Marian Bass
Sis. Frances Costley
Sis. Florida Strickland*

*Sis. Kathy Benjamin
Sis. Marjorie Butler
Sis. Carrie Alexander
Sis. Mary Randolph
Sis. Vanetta Williams
Sis. Linda Edwards
Sis. Beverly Abram
Sis. Amour Funderburg
Sis. Bettye Wyatt
Sis. Edith Robinson
Sis. Cynthia Flood
Sis. Cynthia Tolbert
Sis. Gladys Brown
Sis. Alberta Ford
Sis. Ruthetta Scott-Smikle
Sis. Rosa Manee
Sis. Garnet Hicks-Wallace
Sis. Agnes Fogan
Sis. Eleanor Dent
Sis. Eleanor Finch
Sis. Virginia Ryan*

One Hundred Dollars

*Rev. Richard Stenhouse
Sis. Collie Arrington
Sis. Pearl Richardson
Bro. William Hamilton
Bro. Nelson Townsend
Bro. Philip Ragan
Sis. Marian Bass
Bro. Cleo Jwey
Bro. Melvin Williams
Bro. Collin Ransom
Sis. Ellen Morse*

*Bro. James Willis
Sis. Mary Alice Le Shoure
Bro. George McMillan
Bro. Jeffery Washington
Bro. Thomas Randolph
Rev. Leeland Jones, Jr.
Bro. David Edmunds
Bro. Luther Robinson
Sis. Rosa Edwards
Bro. Henry Manee
Bro. Douglass Cassell*

Sis. Sharon Stenhouse, Chairperson of Women's Day, is asking 100 women to pledge \$200.00 and 100 men to pledge \$100.00 for Women's Day. Please see Sis. Addie Jackson or Sis. Stenhouse to make your pledge. God bless.

WEEKLY AT BETHEL

Please join Rev. Stenhouse in **Bible Study**
Wednesday at 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m.
& Morning Prayer, Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
All are welcome.

Rehearsals

Gospel Choir, Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Senior Choir, Thursday, 6:00 p.m.
Male Chorus, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Sunbeam Choir, 2nd and 4th, Saturday, 11:30 a.m.
Youth Choir, 2nd and 4th, Saturday, 1:00 p.m.

Boy Scouts, Tuesday, 6:30
Liturgical/Modern Dance Class, Tuesday, 6:30

Credit Union Hours: Thursday, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, After Service

If you need to call the church, **after hours**, please dial, **886-1650**

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