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Buffalo, N.Y. — Saturday, November 9, the Bethel AME Fellowship Hall was the setting for the First Annual “Fruit of the Spirit” Awards Luncheon. This activity initiated by the pastor, the Rev. Harry J. White, Jr., serves to focus not only the activity of the awardee, but the personality of that individual synonymous with those listed in the Bible.

Awardees: Henry Nance — the fruit of patience. Mr. Nance, a retired supervisor of Bethlehem Steel Corporation, has had as a vocation carpentry. He has used this skill to renovate, repair and enlarge various areas around Bethel. He has planned what is now to be our history room, built a handicapped lavatory, a utility room to store or make ready the monthly communion, renovated our stage, to name a few. He is the President of the Male Chorus, runs the tape duplication program, and still is available to members in the church family to remedy their ills.

Cleo Ivey for faithfulness — has given over four thousand hours of volunteer time in his service as the pick-up driver with the van for Sunday services. He is the trustee representative to take care of the repair at Bethel and see that the facility is maintained. He is a member of the Male Usher Board, the President of the Men’s Club, a Trustee and a former Jr. Steward.

Ruthetta Scott-Smikle — the fruit of joy. She serves as the Minister of music, Sunday School Superintendent, Chairperson of the “Dorcas” Missionary unit, and Chairperson for Special Projects of the N.Y. Conference Branch and a member of the 1st District Music Committee. Despite dealing with illnesses in her family and being responsible for the entire music department for the Buffalo Board of Education, she always wears a smile and thinks and acts in a positive fashion.

A ‘surprise’ awardee — Frances McAllister Davenport, Chairperson of the Renovation Committee — the fruit of self-control. Mrs. Davenport has accepted the very confining responsibility of being there when pledges are paid contacting and supervising contractors to make certain that any agreements are upheld and when possible, doing some finishing touches herself. All restrooms have been renovated and refurbished. The Ferry Street has been renovated and beautified.

The Male Chorus furnished the music under the direction of Mrs. Connie Smith. Mrs. Freddie Fordham presided.