



# BETHEL

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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AMEC MOTTO:

GOD OUR FATHER      CHRIST OUR REDEEMER  
THE HOLY SPIRIT OUR COMFORTER  
HUMAN KIND OUR FAMILY

## WORSHIP GUIDE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

***ZOOM LINK FOR THE WORSHIP SERVICE.***

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*Or call 312 626 6799 ~ Meeting ID: 873 6130 1977*

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## Starting May 7, 2025, you will need a REAL ID to fly in the U.S.



### What is a REAL ID?

REAL ID can be any of the following:

- Your driver's license or ID card but only if it includes the REAL ID star in a gold circle or as part of an image of Michigan.
- Your enhanced driver's license or enhanced ID card
- A valid U.S. passport, passport card, or other document listed at TSA.gov

### How will REAL ID affect me?

Beginning May 7, 2025, you must have a REAL ID-compliant document to board domestic flights and enter certain federal facilities, nuclear power plants and U.S. military bases. REAL ID is a federal law passed after 9/11.

### Applying for a REAL ID driver's license or ID card

Schedule a visit at a Secretary of State office at [Michigan.gov/SOS](https://Michigan.gov/SOS) or by calling 888-SOS-MICH / (888) 767-6424. Bring the following to your office appointment:

1. Your driver's license or ID card.
2. Your certified birth certificate with a raised seal or stamp issued by a governmental agency; your valid, unexpired U.S. passport; or an approved citizenship or legal presence document. **Faxes and photocopies won't be accepted.**
3. If your name differs from what is on your birth certificate, bring certified documents for every time your name has changed, such as marriage licenses or court orders.
4. There is no additional fee for a standard REAL ID if you apply when renewing your license or ID card. If you apply for REAL ID at any other time, a duplicate card fee will be due.
5. There is an additional fee for an enhanced license or ID.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

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MORNING HYMN

**\*INVOCATION**

**\*THE SCRIPTURE**

**\*\*THE DECALOGUE**

**(1st and 3rd Sunday ~ Complete)**

**(2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday ~ Abridged)**

SELECTION

STEWARDSHIP LITANY

MINISTRY OF GIVING

HISTORICAL REFLECTION

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF TRANSITION HEALING  
& DELIVERANCE

ALTAR CALL

TESTIMONY

SELECTION

THE MORNING MESSAGE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

HOLY COMMUNION ( **1ST SUNDAY ONLY**)

CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE

**"I Need You, You Need Me"**

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**\* Denotes there is **no** walking during this part of the service**

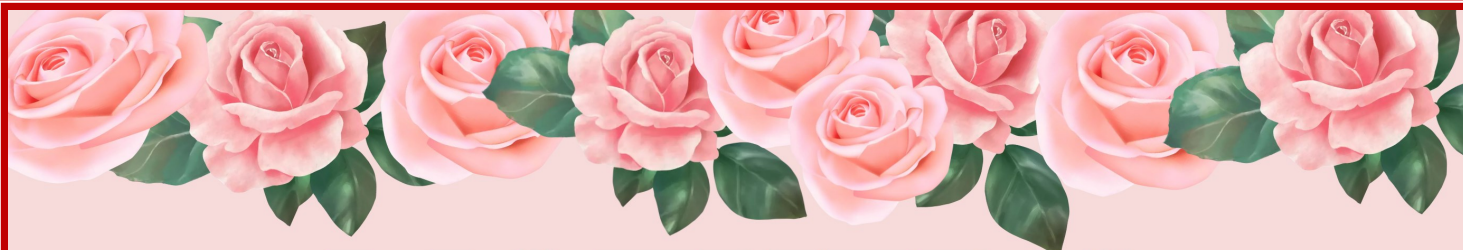
**\*\* Please Stand**

## **I Need You To Survive**

I need you, you need me  
We're all a part of God's body  
Stand with me, agree with me  
We're all a part of God's body

It is His will that every need be supplied  
You are important to me, I need you to survive  
You are important to me, I need you to survive





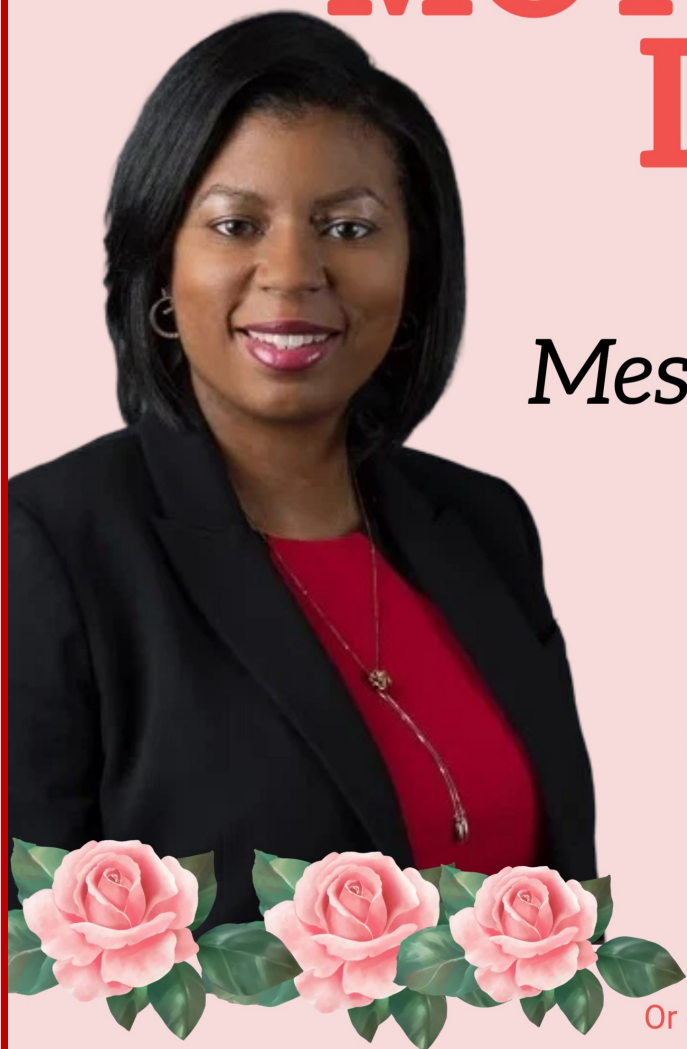
# MOTHER'S DAY

*Service*

Messenger

*Deborah*

Germany, Esq.



SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

11:00 A.M.

In-House and via Zoom

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Rev. Ernest J. Ni'A, Interim Pastor



# Bethel African Methodist Episcopal **CHURCH**

*Anniversary*



**184 YEARS**

**MESSENGER**

**Wallace Bowie, III**

**May 18, 2025 ~ 11:00 A.M.**

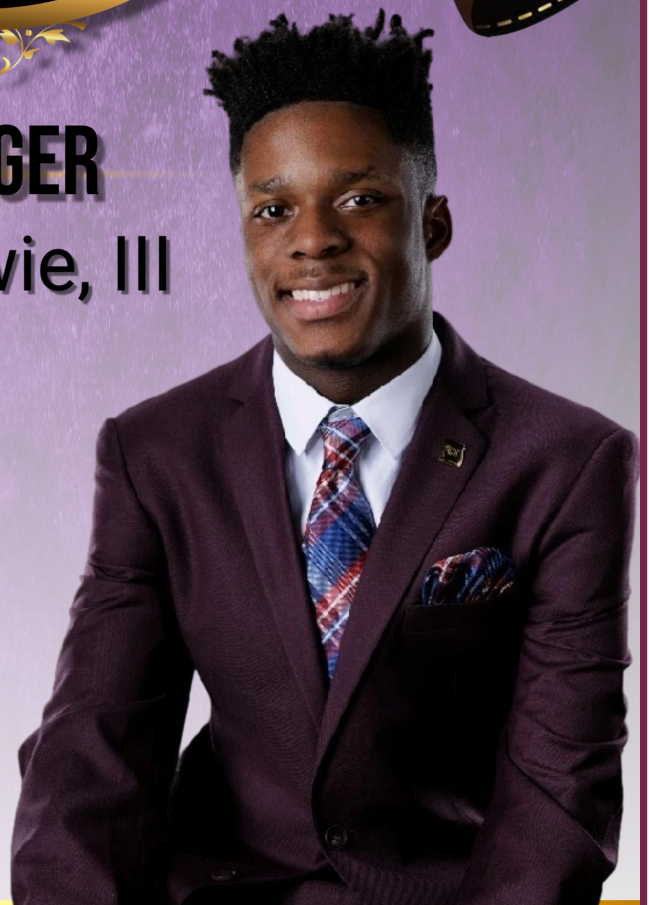
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DAUGHTERS OF DEBORAH  
WOMEN'S INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY  
PRESENTS



**"It's Personal: Fulfilling the  
Mandate of Evangelism, Through  
Witnessing & Discipleship"**

**Facilitator: The Rev. Robert Blake, Pastor,  
Greater Quinn AMEC & Michigan Conference  
Evangelism Chair**

**Saturday, May 31, 2025  
11:00 a.m. ~ 12:30 p.m.**

Michael Harper, Women's Intergenerational Ministry, Chairperson  
Rev. Minnie Autry, Women's Intergenerational Ministry, Consultant  
Rev. Ernest J. Ni'A, Interim Pastor

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Saturday, May 3, 2025 ~ 12 Noon**

Steward Board Meeting

**Saturday, May 10, 2025 ~ 12 Noon**

Trustee Board Meeting

**Sunday, May 11, 2025 ~ 11:00 A.M.**

Mother's Day

Messenger: Deborah Germany, Esq.

**Saturday, May 17, 2025 ~ 12 Noon**

Official Board

**Sunday, May 18 2025 ~ 11:00 A.M.**

Church Anniversary

Messenger : Wallace Bowie, III

**Saturday, May 24, 2025 ~ 10:00 A.M.**

Church Conference

**Saturday, May 31, 2025 ~ 11:00 a.m. ~ 12:30 p.m.**

Women's Intergenerational Ministry

Daughters of Deborah

**Koffee Klatch**

Facilitator: The Rev. Robert Blake, Pastor, Greater Quinn AMEC  
& Michigan Conference Evangelism Chair

# **The Dangers of Credit Card Debt**

When signing up for free airline miles or cash-back rewards, most people do not consider the potential dangers of credit card debt. Credit cards help build credit, protect against unauthorized charges, and offer useful benefits when used responsibly. However, if not managed well, credit cards can lead to a dangerous debt trap.

## **How do credit cards work?**

Credit cards let people borrow money and pay it back later.

“For the most part, using credit cards and understanding how credit card companies work are pretty straightforward,” said Todd Ossenfort, Chief Operating Officer of Pioneer Credit Counseling. “Just remember, you are expected to pay back any money you spend when the monthly statement comes.”

People can choose to pay back the full amount each month or pay a minimum amount of the balance due.

When paying off the full credit card bill each month, credit cards can help people build good credit. They may also offer perks, such as mileage awards, cash back or other rewards.

On the other hand, if you choose to pay just the minimum payment, only a small portion of your payment goes toward your debt. Most of your payment will go to paying interest. Since credit cards carry high interest rates, it can take a long time to pay off debt when only making the minimum payment.

If you miss a credit card payment, then the bank can charge you interest on top of the original payment owed. If this happens repeatedly, the interest can grow significantly or “snowball,” meaning you will owe more and more each month. People refer to this as a debt trap, and it can hurt your credit score.

## **How do credit card companies make money?**

Credit card issuers are banks and credit unions that allow you to borrow money from them based on certain terms and conditions. Issuers make their money from interest and fees charged to cardholders.

Credit card issuers often pair with a network company, like Visa or MasterCard. Network companies authorize and process credit card transactions. They earn money from transaction fees paid by businesses that accept credit cards.

Most of credit card issuers’ revenue comes from interest charges on credit card balances. High interest rates on credit card balances are the biggest cause of ongoing credit card debt for consumers.

Fees also generate revenue for the credit card companies. Some common fees include annual fees to use the card, cash advance fees, balance transfer fees and late fees.



**RINGING THE BELL  
FOR OUR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING  
EARTHLY DEPARTURE  
OF THEIR LOVED ONES**

The Adegaboya/Deadwilder Families  
The Hatter/Ceasar Families

**Let us also pray for those who are  
scheduled for  
SPECIAL PROCEDURES**



**Praying for Others**

Brothers and Sisters convalescing  
Business and Career Success

Our marriages and family cohesiveness

Individuals undergoing medical testing &  
treatments

Individuals with health challenges

Our Caregivers

Our College Students living away from home

Those in Hospitals, Rehabilitation and Nursing Facilities

Those in need of healing from various medical conditions

Those incarcerated

Those living alone with health challenges

Victims of Physical, Mental and Emotional Abuse



## **Birthdays**

Ra'Nia Lyte	3rd
James Reaves III	7th
John Smith	11th
Andrea Wall House	14th
Angela Adegboyega	22nd
Clarence Jackson	23rd
Dinez Edwards	23rd
Sydney Smith	24th
Kerwin Johnson	25th
Carter Edwards	28th
Rev. Joseph Johnson	28th
Caroline Germany	30th



## **Anniversaries**

James and Michelle Reaves	May 6th
Leonard and Anita Smalls	May 23rd

# SUNDAY MORNING Health Corner

## Breaking the Stigma

**Mental health is health.**

And yet, for far too long, stigma and silence have stood in the way of healing.

This week, we're breaking the silence and lifting the shame. Whether you're managing stress, anxiety, depression, or simply navigating life's pressures, know that seeking help is a sign of strength—not weakness.

Faith and mental health are not in opposition—they are partners in your wellness journey. Therapy, prayer, rest, and community can all work together to support your healing.

**Let's change the narrative.**

**Let's support one another.**

Let's make mental health care a normal, compassionate, and accessible part of life.

### Take Action This Week:

- Talk to someone you trust
- Check in with your mental health
- Share a resource with a friend
- Don't hesitate to ask for help

**Your mind matters. Your healing matters.**



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[www.balmingilead.org](http://www.balmingilead.org)



# NOTES

# CHURCH ACTIVITIES

## **Wednesday**

11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study

6:15 p.m. Empowerment Prayer Ministry  
**Conference Line (313) 209-3070 Code 532391**

## **Friday**

6:30 p.m. Walk, Woke Bible Study

**ZOOM:**

*<https://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/86462584791>  
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## **Saturday**

Meeting Day

## **Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service