



Oak Grove African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

# EXPRESS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Our First Issue, Sunday June 14, 2020

## The Pastor's Corner Rev. Joshua P. Logan



### "The State of the Godly"

Psalm 91:1-10 (KJV)

*<sup>1</sup> He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*

*<sup>2</sup> I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.*

*<sup>3</sup> Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.*

*<sup>4</sup> He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.*

*<sup>5</sup> Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;*

*<sup>6</sup> Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.*

*<sup>7</sup> A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.*

*<sup>8</sup> Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.*

*<sup>9</sup> Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;*

*<sup>10</sup> There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.*

All of the best,  
Reverend Joshua Paul Logan  
Senior Pastor

## OG Food Ministry

**2nd Corinthians 9:12** in the Life Application Bible. For the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

I thank Pastor Logan for allowing me to continue the OG Food Ministry. I thank God for the continued relationship and support of the **Rainbow Community Development Center** for supplying food and resources to the OG Food Ministry. I thank God for the faithful OG volunteers that give of their time by delivering food throughout the community.

During this dark season of the Corona Virus the OG Food Ministry has seen how God blesses and provides for his people. We have been the recipients of fresh fruits, vegetables, cornish hens, chicken, beef, eggs, a variety of cheeses and pastas not to mention an assortment of delicious candies. The surrounding community and members of the OG family have received food twice a week. Recently I have had the opportunity to work with a produce company that delivered 112 boxes of fresh produce to the church. Because God gives us resources to use and invest for him we blessed members of Scotland AMEZ, The Montgomery County Sober Houses, Mt. Zion United Methodist church, Amazing Grace, Lee Memorial in Kensington and others in the community that maybe facing food insecurities.

The retail value of food that the OG Food Ministry received and distributed this week was \$5,206.00 To God Be the Glory.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Submitted by Trustee Barbara Henley



## Church Schedule

**Sunday Morning Service at 11:00 am**

**Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00 pm**

### Recommendations from Philadelphia and Baltimore Annual Conference:



**Rev. Lori Hill**  
recommended to  
Committee for  
Ordination as Elder



**Sis. Juanita Dale**  
admitted to Annual  
Conference on Trial



**Sis. Samantha Brackett**  
admitted to Annual  
Conference on Trial

## Words of Comfort

from Rev. Dr. Pearl



### We Serve A Faithful God

Lamentations 3:22-24 ESV.

*22. The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;*

*23 They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

*24 "The Lord is my portion", says my soul, "therefore I will hope in HIM."*

I am grateful to report today that we serve a God whose actions line up with His Word. Although in the midst of this pandemic there has been loss of love ones, jobs, businesses, finances and relational ties; there has also been a newness and fresh awareness of who we really are in Christ Jesus. There has been a tremendous outpouring and awakening of God's Spirit on His people. God knows what we need to continue our walk with Him and do the work that has been assigned to our hands.

We have experienced the steadfast love of God and are reminded that it is His mercy that sustains us day by day. The faithfulness of our God in meeting our needs and surpassing our expectations reminds us of what it means to be held in the palm of His hand.

Many of our lives have been redirected and we have found ourselves more in line with our purpose and destiny than ever before. As we approach the season of Pentecost, may we continue to be enlightened by the love and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

*Rev. Dr. Pearl J. Selby*



Good evening family!



In this Covid Culture we must ensure that your votes count. Submit an Absentee Ballot Application which will allow the extended family and friends of Oak Grove to vote without leaving the confines of your homes. So please take the time to fill out the application as soon as possible.

Also, if you have not done so already, please remember to complete your 2020 Census of which you can do online: <https://2020census.gov>



Have a blessed day!  
*Sis. Barbara McClary*

## Thanks

**From a long time member of OG,**

I just want thank Sister Barbara Henley, another dedicated member of OG, for her generosity and connections with surrounding business owners for bringing food to our community weekly. This has truly been a blessing to all. Additional thanks to Rev. Dr. Pearl Selby for her continued support.

Yours in Prayer,  
Sister Norma Bishop

## Happy Birthday

- April 9 Shirley Riggs-Dorsey
- April 9 Richard Selby
- April 21 Michelle Anderson
- April 24 Tiffany Benjamin
- May 6 Gloria Jackson
- May 6 Kristina Wallace
- May 22 Beulah Selby-Jones
- May 23 Tiwana Richardson
- May 25 Stephen Richardson
- May 29 Linda Washington Martinez

## Happy Anniversary

**Richard and Rev. Dr. Pearl Selby**  
55<sup>th</sup> *Wedding Anniversary*  
April 24

## Congratulations



## 2020 Graduates

**Brittney Dorsey**  
Trinity Washington University  
Class of 2020  
*Bachelors of Human Relations*

**Ayris Hopkins**  
West Chester University  
*Bachelors of Art*

**Caleb Clark Logan**  
Suitland Senior High School

**Donyae Smith-McClary**  
Crossland Senior High School



Our Rev. Dr. Pearl delivers flowers for *Mothers Day* to our "Shelter in Place" members, on Sunday, May 10, 2020

### OG Member's Creations



A delicious spinach lasagna created from donated items.



Another scrumptious meal created from donated items.

# COPING DURING THE PANDEMIC



Rev. Dr. Pearl (and volunteers) delivering meals from Harp and Ferry restaurant to rainbow community development center



OG Member Mary Hopkins (*Barbara Henley delivers food to Mary Hopkins weekly*)



Fresh produce delivered to OG families



Barbara Henley's refrigerator full of 10 lb pork roast a variety of cheeses orange juice



From the desk of  
**Rev. Lori Hill**

I bring you Greetings from our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ! During the Pandemic, I have yet been busy continuing my parking lot ministry at the grocery stores, gas stations and on the streets of Germantown Maryland. I recently had the opportunity to minister to a gentleman named Kevin at the gas station. He only had a bag of change to pay for his items and when I realized that I paid for his items and left the store. He followed me outside to thank me with tears running down his face. He explained that he was homeless and that most people avoided contact with him. His heart's desire was to have a clean, secure place to bath and lay his head and to see his Mother on Mother's Day.

As Kevin continued to talk, I realized that he was actually ministering to me. I had been complaining about what I did not have and here this man did not have a place to lay his head. I began to tell him about the goodness of Jesus Christ and how God desires to bless all people. I shared information I heard on the news as to how he could possibly get a hotel room for free. He was so blessed by this information and the fact that I took the time to talk with him. He called me his "angel" sent from God to minister to him.

I told him that the greatest blessing that he could give his mother, was to get on his feet. I ended the conversation by sharing the Scripture of the day, *Zechariah 17:7*, which says, "This third I will put into the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold.

They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, 'They are my people,' and they will say, 'The LORD is our God.'" I continued to keep him in my prayers.

A week later, I ran into Kevin again. He wanted to share his testimony with me. He shared that since we last spoke, three more angels had come to talk to him. One woman paid for a hotel room for a week. Another woman gave him a brand-new backpack filled with snacks and wanted to know what size he wore. Another gentlemen gave him a \$40 gift card and took the shoes off his feet and gave it too him. "To God be the Glory" Kevin was so happy and begin to share with me his new life's plan.

One other ministry I have been involved with is the Prison Ministry at Maryland Corrections Training Center in Hagerstown Maryland. I have been sending my sermons to my nephew, who has been sharing them with other inmates at the facility. They have been blessed by God's Word and continually ask for more. "To God be the Glory". All praises belong to God!



During these times of stress and uncertainty we need to pull together as a community. We need to trust in God and know that he will only give us what we can bear.

*Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

Isaiah 41:10



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RAINBOW FAMILY  
CHRISTIAN CENTER

**Building a community bridge  
over the cultural divide  
with the love of God  
to gather believers of all colors  
into fellowship**



PASTOR HORACE & REV. PAT DRUMMING

Pictured below is Pastor Horace Drumming, Rainbow Family Christian Center moving pallets of fresh produce to be distributed to clients at the Rainbow Community Development Center. The Oak Grove AMEZ Church families thank Rainbow for all of their support during this Corona Virus period.

