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Sunday, February 18, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

CELEBRATE
**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**



We shall overcome

Church School Lesson: “Faith in the Times of Trouble” **Lesson Text:** Daniel 6:10-11, 14, 16, 19-23,26-27

Key Text: My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.”

Happy Birthday - Sis. Rosemary Manley, Sis. Jean Bond and Sis. Lydia Goodman

Black History Moment: submitted by Linda Taylor – Div School portrait revives legacy of first black Yale student. As a student at the Divinity School, **James W.C. Pennington** was only allowed to sit in class. He could not speak, enroll, nor receive a degree from the Univ. But eighteen decades later, a new oil portrait of Pennington — **the first African American to ever attend Yale** — hangs in the Divinity School’s common room. The portrait of Pennington, a minister and the author of “The Fugitive Blacksmith,” was unveiled during a ceremony on Wednesday, marking the culmination of a year’s long effort to honor the former student. The ceremony included remarks from Divinity School Dean Greg Sterling and the painting’s artist Jas Knight, as well as two members of a task force chartered to select the artist, Elijah Heyward DIV ’07 and Professor Clifton Granby. Yale has a history that is more diverse than what is sometimes recognized,” Sterling said in an interview with the News. “This is an attempt to capture some of the diversity in our own past. Not everything about that past is what I wish it were, but we try to tell the story honestly, and we deal with it.” The Divinity School has already renamed one of its largest classrooms after Pennington and hung two depictions of him throughout the school. The portrait unveiled at Wednesday’s ceremony, painted by Knight, replaced the lithograph reproduction of an older Pennington illustration that previously hung in the common room. The school has made other recent attempts to diversify the “iconography of the walls,” Sterling said. These efforts have included a conscious effort to display female emeriti faculty as well as the creation of a high-resolution hall of fame for alumni award winners, many of which come from diverse backgrounds. “Our mission as a committee is to ensure that YDS expresses our values and tells our story on the walls of YDS,” wrote Divinity School Director of Communications Tom Krattenmaker, chair of the school’s Committee on Walls and Art in an email to the News. “Given that diversity and inclusion are important parts of who we are as a community, the committee — like our students, faculty, and staff — was struck by the lack of diversity on the walls. We have made significant progress these past three years or so, as exemplified by this James Pennington portrait (and other advances). And, we still have more to do.” Knight said he intended to depict Pennington as a “dignified man,” despite the lack of dignity he received throughout his life and during his time at Yale. In an artist’s statement, he said Pennington was not rewarded for his efforts to counter the ignorance of the society in which he lived. In his remarks prior to the unveiling, Granby, a Divinity School professor, emphasized the importance of displaying Pennington’s legacy in the common room. “The question isn’t simply whether Pennington deserves to be so prominently displayed here in the common room,” Granby said. “The real question involves the sort of entitlement that would incline a person to ask that question in the first place.”

Sunday Worship Webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/93197056304> - **Webinar ID:** 931 9705 6304 –

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Bible Study, Meetings, Church School & Special Services - Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/99882887220> -

Meeting ID: 998 8288 7220 **Mobile** +1 (301) 715-8592 then dial 998 8288 7220#

ANNOUNCEMENTS - “Virtual Bible Study” – Tuesdays @ 7:30p - All are Welcome!

TODAY – @ 3:00 p.m. “Annual Lay Day Service 2024”, The Rev. Jacqui Pinkney, Pastor of Bethlehem AMEC is the preacher. Lunch will be served after the morning service. All are welcome.

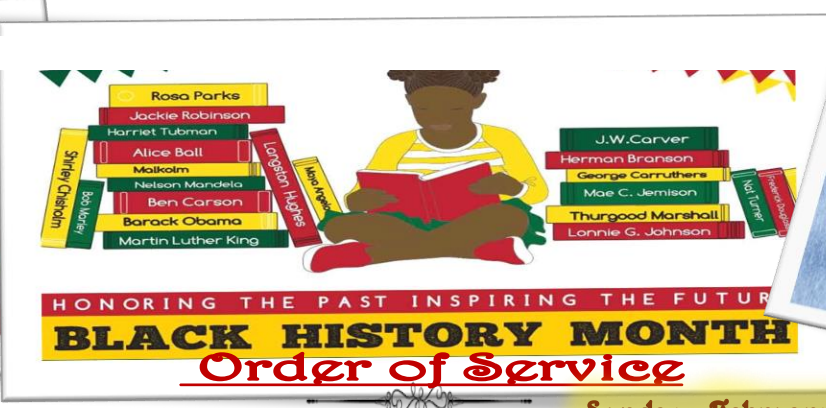
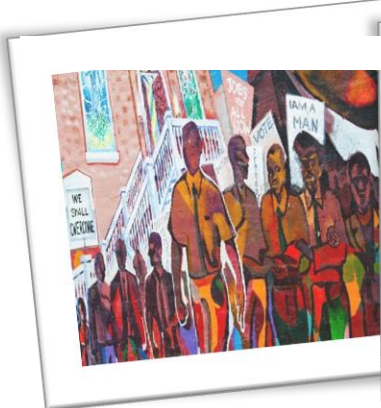
TODAY is the last day – after the morning service to finish up the **“90th Birthday Cards for Rev. Dr. LeRoy Attles**, Pastor’s Father. Anyone who would like to make a card is welcome.

Wed., Feb. 21ST -Sister Ebony Chatmon is speaking at an event on financial literacy.

Anyone interested in attending can register <https://www.theunionatacereel.com/financial-literacy-workshop.html>

Or use the QR Code . Please see Sis. Ebony for more info.

Sat., Feb. 24th Virtual Church School is **Cancelled.**



Scripture of the Month:

Sunday, February 18, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

"I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." Psalm 91:2 NKJV

FLAG CEREMONY

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 23

L: Caring Shepherd, you supply all our needs. We celebrate God's generous care of us all. Good Shepherd, you take us by the hand and lead us through the dark and fearful times in life.

P: We celebrate God's compassion and understanding.

L: Gracious Shepherd, your goodness and mercy nurtures and blesses us, and it enriches our soul.

ALL: As we worship you, we share together in the feast you prepare for us, and it restores and refreshes us. Amen

OPENING HYMN "Lift Every Voice and Sing" (see insert)

***PRAYER**

***PRAYER RESPONSE**

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

DECLARATION **Brother Robert Love** - This is my Bible. I am what it says I am. I can have what it says I can have. I can do what it says I can do. Today I will be taught the word of God. My mind is alert. My heart is receptive. I'll never be the same again. In Jesus' name. Amen

***READING OF THE WILL-Old Testament-** Genesis 38: 9-11 **New Testament-**1 Corinthians 7: 12-16
The Gospel~ Luke 2: 45-50

***DECALOGUE "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"**

Gloria Patri - "Glory Be To The Father"

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

***SERMON**

The Rev. Dr. Louis P. Attles, Pastor

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THE PASTOR'S WORD/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

BLACK HISTORY PRESENTATION **Sister Lydia Goodman, Bro. Keith English**

BENEDICTION "Reach out and Touch Somebody's Hand"



***WORSHIPPERS** Are Asked To Refrain From Entering In The Sanctuary At These Times.



Bro. Carl Rollins in the hospital and Sis. Delores Rollins home healing, Bro. Brett & Natasha Patterson and family on the passing of his brother, Bro. Bryan Patterson, Sis. Virginia Braxton Sister of Sis. Jackie Sewell, Sis. Maggie Bullard at home healing, , Bro. Leroy Williams, husband of Sis. Debbie Williams,, Sister Lottie Chisholm's mother, Lula King, Rev., Dr. & Mrs. Melvin D. Wayns, Sis. Deb Williams' Mom & Dad, Tuwana Jones, niece of Sis. Mary & Keith English those who have family members and friends who are sick and have lost loved ones. **Birthdays or Anniversaries in February.**

Happy Birthday February -



February - Nicole Swaayze 3rd Rosemary Manley 11th Jean Bond 17th Lydia Goodman 24th
February - Willie & Betty Johnson 15th - **49 years**

A friend to LaMott - Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Melvin D. Wayns celebrated **63 years** of Marriage - Feb. 11th