

# JANUARY 2024

## THIRD STREET BETHEL

### A.M.E. CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER

*A CHURCH THAT GOES BEYOND THE WALLS TO IMPACT THE WORLD!*

## Happy New Year

### Greetings 3rd Street Bethel Family & Friends!

Welcome to another New Year!

Let us enter this new year with grateful hearts, teachable spirits- eager to walk closer to God to live a life of continual newness in Him. As Pastor Boyd preached, do not cling to old, destructive, harmful ways; let them go as we journey into 2024. Remember that God has plans for us-- "...plans to prosper [us] and not to harm [us], plans to give [us] hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:10). So, let us follow God's commands and "...not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of [our minds]. Then, [we] will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will." (Romans 12:2)

May God Bless and keep you in 2024 and beyond!

The Greeters' Ministry

### January Birthdays and Anniversaries!

*Let's  
Celebrate!*

**To the Birthday Celebrants:** Birthdays are for enjoying, relaxing and celebrating. Have yourself a happy one, you deserve it. Happy birthday!

**To the Anniversary Celebrants:** On your special day and always, this prayer is sent your way. We pray gifts of peace and beauty and happiness each day....for family love surrounding you, friends who really care, a feeling that the Lord is near to answer every prayer...for all the warm contentment that faith and hope impart, all the Lord's bright blessings to treasure in your heart. Happy anniversary!!

### Thanks to Our Church Family for Donating Gifts of Warmth



The Women's Missionary Society thanks everyone who generously provided an outpouring of warm items for those who are served in the Church Feeding Ministry. Donated items included socks, scarves, hats, masks, sweaters, jackets, blankets, underwear, and toiletries. Each person who came through the doors was fed a delicious meal prepared by the 'Great Kitchen Crew' that comes weekly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to make sure we are warming the hearts, stomachs, and souls of our community guests. The gift bags that were received generated warm smiles, and thanks to the volunteers who came out to ensure a Christmas Season filled with heartfelt love and care for our fellowman.

### Young Men's Mentoring Program

The Young Men's Mentoring Program will be hosting a Breakfast Fellowship for those with interest in Mentoring this Saturday, January 13th, at 10:00am, at the 3rd Street Bethel AME Church, Belle Hall.



Rev. Reuben J. Boyd, Jr  
Pastor

## 2024 MENTORING PROGRAM

AVAILABLE TO YOUNG MEN  
AGES 8 AND UP

### Activities Include:

- Self-Talk & Empowerment
- How to be a Youth Leader
- Team Building Games
- Marketing & Branding
- Traditional and Modern Life Skills

Sessions are held  
**BI-WEEKLY**  
In-Person at  
3rd St. AME  
Church

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REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Social: Facebook: [@Third Street Bethel AMEC](#) Instagram: [@Bethel RAYAC](#) Virtual Worship (You Tube): [Third Street Bethel AMEC](#)

“THE ULTIMATE MEASURE OF A MAN IS NOT WHERE HE STANDS IN MOMENTS OF COMFORT & CONVENIENCE, BUT WHERE HE STANDS AT TIMES OF CHALLENGE AND CONTROVERSEY”

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. -



**The Virginia Conference Branch  
Red Flare  
SAVE THE DATE**

**The Virginia Conference YPD New Year's Random Acts of Kindness Challenge & MLK Day of Service**

**MLK Events in Richmond, VA**

- Sun. Jan. 14th—3-6 p.m.**  
A Concert for All Ages  
Dominion Energy Center  
600 E. Grace Street, Ste. 400
- Mon. Jan. 15th—1-4 p.m.**  
Teens R Talkin'  
Black History Museum & Cultural Center of VA, 122 W. Leigh Street
- Mon. Jan. 15th—4-5:15 p.m.**  
Conversation: Honoring Humanity in Storytelling  
Westhampton Center  
406 Westhampton Way
- Mon. Jan 15th—9-11 a.m.**  
Clean City Commission MLK Day Cleanup  
MLK, Jr. Preschool  
900 E. Mosby Street
- Mon. Jan 15th—6-8 p.m.**  
22nd Annual MLK Drum Majors Awards and Celebration  
5th Street Baptist Church  
2800 3rd Ave.
- Mon. Jan 15th—9:30 a.m.**  
2024 MLK Day of Action  
Greater Richmond Convention Center, 403 N. 3rd Street
- Mon. Jan 15th—10:00 a.m.**  
MLK Day of Service at Evergreen Cemetery  
50 Evergreen Rd.
- Wed. Jan 17th—8:30 a.m.—3 p.m.**  
MLK, Jr. Service Opportunities  
Saint Paul's Episcopal Church  
815 E. Grace Street

# JANUARY

## TSBAMEC Health Commission January Newsletter Submission

Happy New Year, Church Family! We pray that your holiday season was healthy, joyful and memorable.

Respiratory-Like-illnesses: The CDC reports that VA is seeing a significant increase in people who visit the emergency room or an urgent care center with symptoms. The VA Department of Health maintains multiple [databases](#) that track infectious diseases and their effect on the citizens of this Commonwealth. For the week ending 12/23/23, the number of adults that were diagnosed with influenza increased by 30% from the prior week. COVID-19 cases increased by 27%. Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) cases are also tracked, and the incidence remains higher than expected. Interestingly, the majority of outbreaks, (when 2 or more persons are infected after a known exposure) have been reported in the central areas of Virginia, including the greater Richmond region.

Because of these statistics, the Health Commission of TSB **strongly** recommends vigorous handwashing, resuming social distancing, and donning a mask in public. This is emphasized for people at both ends of the age spectrum. The highest number of flu cases is being reported in the 5-18 y/o demographic (in VA). Remember, the current strain of COVID-19 is extremely contagious! The CDC estimates that there have been at least 7.1 million illnesses, 73,000 hospitalizations, and 4,500 deaths from flu so far this season. Do whatever you can to avert these infections!!

### Sue Has Flu

In bed  
Stuffed head

Plugged nose  
Can't doze

On pot  
A lot

Throws up  
Can't sup

Back sore  
Pulse poor

Does ail  
Quite pale

Can't rest  
Tight chest

Throat sore  
Ears roar

Temp high  
Eyes dry

Weak knees  
Feet freeze

Has chills  
Takes pills

Did not  
Take shot

Now Sue  
Has flu

By Robert L. Hinshaw



# YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US



## Sunday Worship

(Every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.)

**In Person** - Wearing a mask is optional.

**Virtual Worship** - On YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGoO>

[yQWR\\_zdd\\_t2y-jOE3ZO](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGoO)

Or Audio Only: Dial 929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 677583157

PW: 946932

## Bible Study

Every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.  
via Zoom

## Sunday School

Held every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

**Children and Youth:** In-person

**Adults:** In-person

Also Join Via Teleconference at 1(716)427-1108

Passcode: 956420#

## Prayer Call

Every Wednesday Morning

7:00 a.m.

Prayer Call:

(716-427-1108) PC 956420

### OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

**3 John 1:2** - "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

**Mother Trudie**

**Ms. Thelma McLendon**

**Ms. Joan Christian**

**Ms. Peggy Battle**



**Mr. Joseph Hall**

**Ms. Dorothy Grooms**

**Ms. Carolyn Turner**