

JULY

2023

# THIRD STREET BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH NEWSLETTER

*"Be still...  
and know  
that I am God."  
Ps. 46: 10*

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

### Greetings to Third Street Bethel Family and Friends!

Greetings Third Street Family and Friends as we welcome the beautiful month of July. We pray that everyone stays safe and cool while enjoying the warmth and joys of Summer. May your hearts and minds be open to receive the blessings of this new month. Take time to walk with God and listen to his voice whispering to us through the beauty of nature. God loves us and has incredible futures planned for us, even in the midst of our worldly or physical challenges. May God's unfailing love and peace and freedom through Christ bless you today and every day.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us." (Ephesians 3:20) (NIV)

With peace and love,  
The Greeters Ministry



### Celebrate July Birthdays and Anniversaries!

**Birthday Greetings:** Sometimes, the best moments in life are the simple ones. Wishing you a birthday filled with all the happy little things that make you smile.

**Anniversary Greetings:** Every year it just gets more and more obvious...you two were so made for each other. God bless you and happy anniversary.

### Third Street Bethel AMEC Celebrates Our 2023 Graduates!

On Sunday, June 11, 2023 our High School and College Graduates were honored! High School- Khaliah Boyd, daughter of Ms. Janine Boyd and the Late Kevin Boyd; Aniya & Ayanna Jones, daughters of Ms. Stephanie Hall-Jones and David Jones, A'Lelia Yerby, daughter of Dr. Dennis and Mrs. Angela Yerby, and Iyanna Stith, Goddaughter of Ms. JoAnn Bush.

College Graduate- Maya Jenkins, daughter of Mr. Joseph Jenkins, Jr. and Mrs. Charmagyne Jenkins.

Congratulations Graduates! Well Done!



### Third Street Bethel AMEC Enters Partnership with RISC

On Monday, June 5, 2023, members of the Social Action Commission attended the Richmonders Involved to Strengthen our Communities (RISC) Celebration. Founded in 2002, RISC uses the power of large numbers of organized people to solve critical community problems.



### Third Street Bethel AMEC Enters Partnership with RISC Contd.

RISC follows a yearly process that focuses on building and strengthening the Justice Ministry networking at each congregation to build power for justice.



### 2023 Virginia Annual Conference

The Virginia Annual Conference was held on May 18-20, 2023 at the Sheraton Waterside Hotel in Norfolk, Virginia.

#### Below:

Rev. Boyd delivers the Invitation to Christian Fellowship.

Rev. Boyd is reassigned as Pastor of Third Street Bethel AMEC by Bishop James L. Davis.





**New Annual Conference Year  
Board of Trustees and Steward Board**

Rev. Boyd introduces the Board of Trustees and Steward Board Officers for the new Annual Conference Year!



**Bethel Garden Club**



The above picture represents the membership in our "Bethel Garden Club." Under the leadership of Lula Anderson and Julia Turner; the club is growing fruit, vegetables and herbs to support Third Street Bethel's Feeding Ministry.

**Remembering The Brunswick 15**

CAROLYN BURWELL

ELVERTHA COK

VERNAL COK

BARBARA EVANS

SANDRA GOLDMAN

MARVIN JONES

BEATRICE MALONE

QUEEN MARKS

CECELIA MASON

YVONNE STEWART

FLORENCE STITH

ROSA STITH

ASHTON THURMAN

INDIA WALKER

JOYCE WALKER

**LET US NEVER FORGET THESE TRAILBLAZERS**

Greetings,

On September 9, 2023, Brunswick County will pause to honor and memorialize fifteen courageous African American students who desegregated Brunswick High School (BHS) in Lawrenceville, Virginia, 59 years ago on September 9, 1964.

Although the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1954 via *Brown v. Board of Education* that racial segregation in public schools was unconstitutional, state and local efforts blocked African American students' admission to BHS for another ten years. A decade after *Brown*, these fifteen students—later named **The Brunswick 15**—entered BHS doors, thus allowing others to walk through in pursuit of a free and equal education.

**We invite you to celebrate this group of unsung pioneers with us!**

- Attend *The Brunswick 15 Day of Honor* on September 9, 2023, 2pm at BHS. While this event is free to the public, space is limited so tickets are required for entry. Please follow our Facebook page for emerging details and link to procure tickets. [facebook.com/groups/thebrunswick15](https://www.facebook.com/groups/thebrunswick15)
- Consider adding your voice to this historic moment by lending your financial support. *Only through the generosity of supporters like you can we provide The Brunswick 15 the celebration they deserve.* To commemorate this historic occasion, we will publish a souvenir book to capture the journey of **The Brunswick 15**, personal salutations, and congratulatory messages from public officials.
- Elevate your financial support of *The Brunswick 15 Day of Honor* by purchasing a half page or full page ad in the souvenir book, and receive a complimentary copy.

We are grateful for any donation you make, as it will help to defray the cost of executing an event of this caliber. Any funds remaining after the event will establish *The Brunswick 15 Scholarship* to support college-bound BHS students.

With gratitude,  
*Angela Edmonds-Taylor*

**The Brunswick 15 Initiative Committee**  
Raymond Gaines, Treasurer  
Judy Burnett, Assistant Treasurer

Yes, I want to lend my financial support to give **The Brunswick 15** the celebration they deserve!

BRONZE \$25    SILVER \$50    GOLD \$75

PLATINUM \$100    LEGACY \$500+

Two easy ways to send your contribution:

- Cash App: \$BHS15initiative
- Mail a check, money order, or cashier's check to  
The Brunswick 15  
P.O. Box 36671  
N. Chesterfield, VA 23235

Yes, I want to reserve my advertising space in **The Brunswick 15 Day of Honor** commemorative book!

HALF PAGE \$125    FULL PAGE \$200

To reserve your ad space, email us at [TheBrunswick15@gmail.com](mailto:TheBrunswick15@gmail.com)

Two easy ways to pay for your ad:

- Cash App: \$BHS15initiative
- Mail a check, money order, or cashier's check to  
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Questions? Email us at [TheBrunswick15@gmail.com](mailto:TheBrunswick15@gmail.com)

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Deadline to purchase ad space is July 15.



## JULY 2023 HEALTH AWARENESSES & OBSERVANCES

**TSBAMEC Health Commission**  
July Newsletter Submission

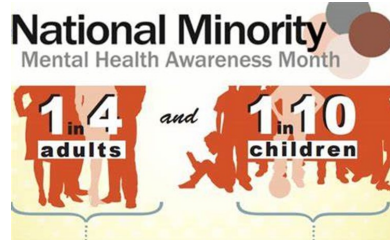
Happy Summer to everyone! We hope that you are staying cool and hydrated. Also, the recent thunderstorms that blew through the Richmond area prompted me to think about disaster preparedness. Losing electricity is a frequent inconvenience. Are you prepared for more serious disasters? Here is a website to help you develop a disaster plan for your family: <https://www.ready.gov/plan>

The Health Commission would like to hear from you! What topics are important to you and your family? Perhaps there is a topic that you would like more information on. Write down your thoughts/questions and mail them confidentially to Dr. Rodgers at: [TSBAMECHealthCommission@outlook.com](mailto:TSBAMECHealthCommission@outlook.com). We will review the submissions and feature the most compelling in our next newsletter. We want this column to reflect the needs of the Third Street Bethel community. This includes our teens and young adults, too!

Here is a scripture that summarizes the goal of the Health Commission: **Ecclesiastes 7: 25** states: *I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things, and to know the wickedness of folly even of foolishness and madness:*

To God be the Glory!!  
Dr. Patricia Rodgers

### July 2023 Health Awareness Month



### July Holidays and Observances to Celebrate in 2023

[www.womansday.com/life/a38353910/july-holidays-and-](http://www.womansday.com/life/a38353910/july-holidays-and-)

The heart of summer, July, has much to offer by way of fun holidays. Perhaps the most famous holiday (in the United States, at least) is [Independence Day](#), otherwise known as the Fourth of July. This patriotic holiday is often celebrated with a [delicious outdoor barbecue](#), [red, white, and blue drinks](#), and donning your [swimsuit](#) for a day by the pool. However, Independence Day isn't the only holiday July has to offer. We've put together a list of **July holidays and observances in 2023** for you to enjoy, from [National Freezer Pop Day](#) in honor of the summertime staple treat, to [Air Conditioning Appreciation Day](#), which celebrates what makes those hot summer days more bearable.

Go ahead and plan an [activity-filled July](#) to get the most out of these summer holidays. Many of the celebrations are food-focused, meaning they'd be great to incorporate into [family dinners](#), [brunches](#), and gatherings with friends. Feel free to whip out these fun holiday dates at work or home and impress your family, friends, and co-workers with your knowledge. After all, July 22 is [World Brain Day](#).

**Monthly observances in July** include [Grilling Month](#), Family Reunion Month, Black Family Month, [Picnic Month](#), [Ice Cream Month](#), [Hot Dog Month](#), Anti-Boredom Month, Purposeful Parenting Month, and Make a Difference for Children Month. If you've been considering picking up a [new hobby](#), grab some watercolors and paint away — July is also World Watercolor Month.

### July Holidays and Observances to Celebrate Continued

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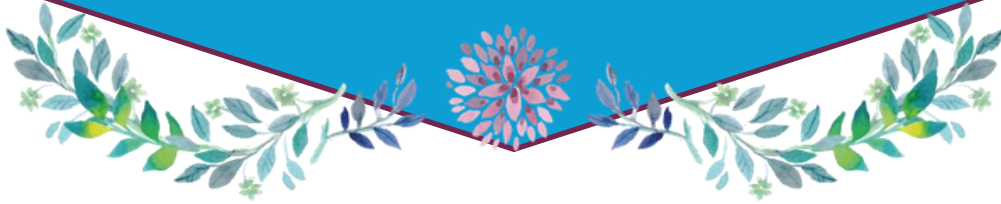
## MAGGIE L. WALKER: BLACK BUSINESS PIONEER

- JUL 15, 1864:** Maggie Lena Walker was born
- 1883:** Became a public school teacher
- 1899:** Became Right Worth Grand Secretary of the Order of St. Luke
- 1902:** Helped establish and became publisher of The St. Luke Herald
- 1903:** Founded the St. Luke Penny Savings Bank
- 1905:** Created the St. Luke Emporium
- 1925:** Received an honorary master's degree from Virginia Union University
- 1930:** Served as Chairman to the Board of Directors for Consolidated Bank and Trust
- 1932:** Helped start the first black Girl Scout troop in the South
- 1934:** Died in Richmond, Va. and buried at Evergreen Cemetery

PHOTOS: MAGGIE L. WALKER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

YAHOO! FINANCE

# 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-iOE3ZO](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yQWR_zdd_t2y-iOE3ZO)

Or Audio Only: Dial 929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 677583157

PW: 946932

## Prayer Call

Every Wednesday Morning

7:00 a.m.

Prayer Call:

(716-427-1108) PC 956420

## Bible Study

Bible Study has RECESSED for the Summer and will resume September 6th.

## Virtual Sunday School

Held every 2nd and 4th Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

**Beginners** - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84428940911?pwd=MG5oN2hUSWpvVmF4NDRzYjFtQitDdz09>

**Passcode: 292835**

**Intermediate** - <https://thryv.zoom.us/j/93036530009?pwd=WjBNWEpaY3VwQmFnY0dNNNTVQNS9RZz09>

**Passcode: 541221**

**Senior** - <https://thryv.zoom.us/j/92284893479?pwd=MTQ2N2hHelZSczBRS1VKU0RCNUtHUT09>

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## 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**



**Mr. Joseph Hall**

**Ms. Dorothy Grooms**

**Ms. Rosa Alston**