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**BETHLEHEM
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

(ORGANIZED, 1830)

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Sunday April 13, 2025

Evangelist Debra Lynn Jordan-Bradley, Advisor

Rev. M. Shawn Bradley, Pastor

Rev. Dr. James Coaxum III, Presiding Elder

Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr., Presiding Prelate

The Bethlehem African Methodist Episcopal Church
Brother Melvin G. Brennan, Jr., Vice Chairman Steward Board
Sister Delores Salley, Vice Chairman Trustee Board
Evangelist Debra Lynn Jordan-Bradley, Advisor
Reverend Angela Williams, Local Elder
Reverend Geraldine Cawley, Local Elder
Reverend Larry Williams, Local Elder
 Rev. M. Shawn Bradley, Pastor
 Church School – 9:30 am – 10:45 am
 Rev. Angela Williams, Superintendent
April 13, 2025
Order of Service
10:00 am

Musical Prelude.....Sister Alice Wilson
 Worship Leader.....
 *Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise
 Him all creatures below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
 *The Call to Worship.....Page xix
 **The Hymn of Praise.....
 **The Prayer.....
 The Choral Response.....
 **Worship through Music.....
 ***The Scripture Reading.....
 Old Testament: Zechariah 9:9
 New Testament: John 12:12-19
 Introit to Decalogue.....
 The Decalogue...Page xix-**Abridged**).....
 Gloria Patri.....
 Missions Offering.....

Upcoming Important Dates:

April 15th Church Planning Meeting
 April 18th Lock-in and Prayer
 April 20th Easter Sunday
 April 26th Smoked Rib Dinner 12 noon until sold out
 April 27th Missionary Annual Day – 10:00 am



APRIL

8th Rev. Geraldine Cawley
 30th Sarah Wooding

SMOKED RIB DINNERS



Bethlehem AME Church
213 East Pearl Street – Burlington NJ
Spring Smoke Rib Dinner
Saturday, April 26, 2025 – 12 Noon until Sold Out
Pre- Order or Walk-ins Welcomed!!!
Platters include: Smoked Ribs, Cole Slaw, Sweet Potatoes, Bottled Water
Donation: \$15.00
Cash, Checks (payable to Bethlehem AME Church) or
Zelle (bethlehemamechurch@verizon.net)
To Order Call 609-386-6664 or return form below

Order Form

Name: _____

Phone No. _____ Pick up Time: _____

No. of Platters: _____ Total Owed: \$ _____

**Welcome/Ministry Highlights.....Sister Linda Burroughs

** Worshiping Through Tithes, Offerings, Love Offerings
(Reminder: Your tithes & offerings may be mailed in, placed in the mailbox or through Zelle at bethlehemamechurch@verizon.net)

Praise Offering.....

Altar Prayer.....James 5:13-20.....

**The Sermonic Selection.....

*** The Sermon.....Pastor M. Shawn Bradley

**Hymn of Invitation.....

*Invitation to Christian Discipleship...Pastor M. Shawn Bradley

*Blessing and Distribution of Palms...Pastor M. Shawn Bradley

Affirmation of Faith.....Raegan Davis

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty: from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting."

*Doxology & Benediction

*=Stand **=Enter ***Limited movement

Greet your neighbor!

Ministry Highlights

Pastor's Challenge: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind and your neighbor as yourself.

Church Theme: 'Persistent in Prayer'....Luke 18:1 – “*Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.*”

195th Church Anniversary Theme: “*Our Help is from the Lord*”...Psalm 121

Dialogue on Christian Theology: Bible study will resume on Wednesday, April 16 at 6:00 pm via our conference call number (1-425-436-6200; access code: 845588#)

Trustee on Call: Delores Salley

Meeting Schedule: Tuesday, April 15th – Church planning meeting at 6:00. The meeting is hybrid for those who are excused.

Trustee Board Nominees: Sister Delores Salley, Bro. Kevin Boone, Bro. Donald Dingle, Sister Lucille Boone. Election will take place on Tuesday, April 15th during the Church Planning meeting.

Maundy Thursday services will be held here at Bethlehem beginning at 6:00 pm. Rev. Larry Williams is our preacher and communion will be served.

Church Lock-in: On Friday, April 18th (Good Friday) we will have a lock-in starting 6:00 p.m. The evening will include singing of hymns, prayers and reading of scriptures. Join us for a spiritual evening of prayers and singing.

Easter Sacrificial Offering: We invite everyone to take a gleaner (located on the table in the lobby) and use it for a

sacrificial offering to be presented on Easter Sunday morning. We thank you in advance for your sacrifice.

WMS Annual Day: The Geda Women's Missionary Society of Bethlehem will hold their annual services on Sunday, April 27th at 10:00 a.m. Our guest preacher will be the Reverend E. Jean Bond-Jones, retired Itinerant Elder of the AME Church. We look forward to sharing this day with you.

Adopt-a-bill: We thank everyone who has participated in the Adopt-a-bill program. We continue to solicit everyone's help in meeting our payments to: PSE&G, Verizon, and . We pray for your continued sacrifice in helping us meet our monthly obligations.

Connectional Obligations:

- Presiding Elder's Support - \$1051 paid on the 3rd August, September (District Conference), October, December, February 2025, April 2025, June 2025
- Planning Meeting – May (\$3,065.00)
- Church School Convention – June (\$520.00)
- Christian Education Congress – July (\$3,110.00)
- District Conference – October (\$1,651.00)
- Fall Convocation – November (\$5,400.00)
- Founder's Day – January (\$3,200.00)
- Annual Conference – March (\$6,653.35)
- WMS Budget – March (\$700.00)
- YPD Budget – March (\$260.00)
- Lay Assessment – March (\$150.00)