

# BETHEL

**AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**1525 MICHIGAN STREET  
BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14209**

## **33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL LAY DAY**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1998**

**10:30 A.M. SERVICE**



**THE RIGHT REVEREND PHILIP R. COUSIN, PRESIDING BISHOP**

**REVEREND ERNESTINE M. WARD, PRESIDING ELDER**

**REVEREND RICHARD A. STENHOUSE, PASTOR**

**REVEREND LEELAND JONES, JR.**

**REVEREND THOMAS DAVIS**

**REVEREND BETSY A. CRUMITY**

**35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LAY DAY**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1998**

**Organ Prelude**

**Introit**

**Minister:** The LORD be with you:  
**Congregation:** And with Thy spirit.  
**Minister:** O LORD, show Thy mercy upon us  
**Congregation:** And grant us Thy salvation  
**Minister:** Oh God, make clean our hearts within us  
**Congregation:** And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.  
**Minister:** O lamb of God that takes away the sins of  
the world  
**Congregation:** GRANT US THY PEACE. AMEN

Bro. J Carl Bland #602

**Processional Hymn**

"I Want Jesus To Walk With Me"

#375

**Doxology**

"Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow"  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Trustee Meredith Anding

**Call to Worship**

**Minister:** I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD!" Our feet shall stand within thy gates, Oh Jerusalem!

**People:** For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

**Minister:** Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek your good.

**People:** Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

**Minister:** Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. LORD, I have loved thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwelleth.

**People:** For the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

**Minister:** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.

**People:** O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth, sing praises!

**Morning Hymn**

"Layman's Song"

(see insert)#582

**Moment of Meditation**

"Take Time To Be Holy"

#286

**Morning Prayer**

Sis. Alberta Ford

<b>Choral Response</b>	<b>"Take Time To Be Holy"</b>	<b>#286</b>
<b>Psalter</b>	<b>Psalm 111</b>	Sis. Dorothy Black
<b>Lay Litany</b>	(see insert)	Sis. Ruth Holley
<b>Selection</b>		The Brotherhood
<b>Bethel's Lay Organization History</b>		Sis. Carolyn Thomas
<b>Announcements</b>		Sis. Thelma Lanier
<b>Missionary Prayer And Offering</b>		Steward Bettye Wyatt
<b>Acknowledgment of Visitors</b>		Sis. Elnora Turner
<b>Dedicatory</b>		Sis. Delores Davis
<b>Memorial</b>	Sis. Harriett Mathis, Trustee Raymond Walton & Bro. George Alexander	

**Worship Through Stewardship**

<b>Presentation of Tithes and General Offering</b>	Steward Bettye Wyatt & Trustee Raymond Walton	
<b>Offertory</b>	"All things come of Thee, O LORD and of Thine own have we given Thee." Amen	
<b>Scripture Lesson</b>		Sis. Philomena Daniels.
<b>Sermonic Selection</b>		The Brotherhood
<b>Sermon</b>		Rev. Richard A. Stenhouse
<b>Invitation to Christian Discipleship</b>		
<b>Altar Call</b>		
<b>Invitation to Lay Organization</b>		Trustee Meredith Anding
<b>The Lay Pledge</b>	(see insert)	Sis. Sharon Paulding
<b>Moment of Thanksgiving</b>	"Thank You LORD"	
<b>Lay Benediction</b>	(see insert)	Trustee Meredith Anding
<b>Doxology</b>	"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"	

**Leader:** For the ministry to comfort to all who mourn,  
for the ministry of guidance to all who stray,  
that forgiveness and salvation from our Lord  
Jesus Christ might be received by them as us:

**Response:** We consecrate ourselves to Thee, O Lord.

**Leader:** For the witness of the gospel message of light  
and salvation through Christ unto the uttermost  
parts of the earth, and for the support of all  
the departments and agencies of the A.M.E. Church:

**Response:** We consecrate ourselves to Thee, O Lord.

**Leader:** For the heritage, the doctrine, and the philosophy  
of our Church, and for the spirit of Richard Allen  
which continues to inspire us:

**Response:** We thank Thee, O Lord.

**Leader:** As the expression of our Christian stewardship in  
honoring Thee, O Holy Lord and Heavenly Father,  
with our substance and the dedication of our  
talents and our personalities and possessions to  
Thy service:

**Response:** We consecrate ourselves to Thee, O Lord, AMEN.



*Dedicatory*

*Sunday, October 11, 1998*

*The flowers that grace the altar are placed:*

In memory of **Sister Bessie Robinson** and **Sister Pearl Richardson**, two of our outstanding lay members, who went home to be with the LORD in 1998. Their service was long and distinguished. They will be missed.

*Each day you were filled with kindly deeds  
with thoughts and works for others.*

*Because your hearts were filled with love  
you called all men your brothers.*

*The world is full of those who had some blessings made by you.  
And so, unnumbered hearts will long remember you.*

Sadly submitted by Meredith Anding, Lay Organization President

In loving memory of **wife, Georgia Hinson** who departed this life on **October 12<sup>th</sup>, 1991.**

*Gone are the days we use to share,  
But in my heart you are always there.  
The gates of memory will never close,  
I miss you more than anyone knows.  
With a love and deep regret,  
I who loved you will never forget.*

Sadly missed but not forgotten, your loving husband, William (Sonny) Hinson.

Leader: In grateful recognition of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the giver of every perfect gift, and who has richly blessed us with health and strength of body and mind and soul to do our daily tasks:

Response: We consecrate ourselves to Thee, O Lord.

Leader: For the worship of God, the Father, and Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord and Saviour, and to the Holy Spirit:

Response: We consecrate ourselves to Thee, O Lord.

Leader: For the preaching of the Gospel of Christ, our Lord, and for the administration of the Holy Sacraments; for the exposition of the Word of God in the edifying of the Body of Christ:

Response: We consecrate ourselves to Thee, O Lord.

Leader: For the maintenance of the ordained ministry of the Church, the service of the sacred music, the care of the sanctuary, and the promotion of Christian fellowship and the spiritual life:

Response: We consecrate ourselves to Thee, O Lord.

Leader: For the ministry of the Lay persons in our Church whose daily living must reflect an earnest effort to live according to the teachings and examples of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Response: We consecrate ourselves to Thee, O Lord.

Leader: To the demand of Christ, to reach out to other persons who need our help, especially to the young who are searching for answers to the many problems with which our racist society confuses them:

Response: We consecrate ourselves to Thee, O Lord.

## THE LAYMEN'S HYMN

(Tune - "Guide Me Oh Thou Great Jehovah)

Laymen now have thus assembled, in the blessed name oh God  
Guide us in our true endeavor, light the pathway that we trod;  
Give us strength to ever labor for thy cause.  
Give us strength to ever labor for thy cause.

We are banded, one in union, to fulfill thy just command.  
May we be thy true disciples, holding to thy mighty hand;  
Give us blessings, from the fountain of thy love.  
Give us blessings, from the fountain of thy love.

As we walk this Christian journey, let us keep our armor bright.  
Let our works be pure and holy that we stand within thy sight.  
Laymen soldiers, strong in unity and love.  
Laymen soldiers, strong in unity and love.

May we stand before thine altar, pledging Lord to work for thee.  
In the vineyard, in the pastures let us Lord thy pilgrims be;  
Let us lift the cross forever to the skies.  
Let us lift the cross forever to the skies.

## THE LAY PLEDGE

For God, The Church, The Community in Which We Reside,  
It is My Solemn Pledge to Uphold and Defend the Church  
And Its Laws by which it is Governed; To Display Good Christian  
Love, Harmony and Unity at All Times; To Further Christian Education  
and to Promote Goodwill Toward Mankind Through God Our Father. Amen.

## LAY BENEDICTION

May God Bless us with the True Spirit of Christianity,  
That we may live together, not as man over man, but  
as Laypersons working with God.

## *Announcements*

This mornings music is provided by **The Brotherhood Chorus** under the direction of **Sis. Connie Smith** and our **Minister of Music Bro. Walter Kemp, Jr.**

**Trustee Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.**

**Kathleen Carswell, candidate for Queen will sponsor a Pie & Cobbler Sale, TODAY, after service**

**Dorcas Sisters Missionary Unit Meeting, Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m.**

**Bethel's Village Pride Community Center's After School Program will begin Tues., Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, 3-5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.** See Prof. Tisdale for further information.

**Church School teachers and associates will meet in the home of Evangelist Annie Wilson on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m.**

**Geneva Allen Missionary Unit Meeting, Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 1 p.m.**

**Women's Day Chorus Rehearsals, Thurs., Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m., Tues., Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. and Thurs., Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6 p.m.**

**Girl Scout Registration, Sat., Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. Registration fee \$7.00.**

**A dollar pledge today is a vote for Carolyn B. Thomas, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, for Queen of Bethel. Attend our Spiritual Worship Service, Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, at 5 p.m.**

**On Women's Day, October 25<sup>th</sup>, all Sunday School Classes will be taught by women guest teachers. Please join us in making our guests welcome.**

**Women's Day is October 25<sup>th</sup>, Sis. Sharon Stenhouse is praying for 100 women to pledge \$200.00 and 100 men to pledge \$100.00. Help us eliminate our past debt.**

**Join the Pastor in morning prayer, Thursday at 7 a.m.**

**Clubs, Organizations, Patrons and Friends please submit your journal material to any committee member, Sis Thelma Lanier, Sis. Vera Battle or Sis. Carolyn Thomas. Families do not miss this opportunity to share your history.**

**The University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine is currently enrolling patients in need of affordable complete (full) dentures.** If you are interested please call 829-3891, between the hours of 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m. by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

## *Thank You*

Bethel family for your support and attendance at the Black Achievers Dinner at which I was honored. God bless.  
Sis. Addie Jackson

Rev. Stenhouse, church family, friends and all who lifted up my family in any way during the loss of my husband. May God bless each of you.  
With deepest gratitude, Sis. Virginia Ryan & Sons

## *Happy Birthday*

And congratulations to Sis. Charlotte Lewis on the celebration of her 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

## *This Weeks Prayer Scriptures*

Psalms 13, Psalms 101 & Psalms 119:1-8



## *Remembering our Homebound*

Mattie Adams  
Beatrice Anderson  
Lucretia Burns  
Jessie Chase  
Martha Cranston  
Tina Cook  
Cheryl Costley  
Frances Costley  
Cena Crable  
Dollie Davis  
Alice Davenport  
Frances Davenport  
Sheryl Dunbar  
Lurline Facen  
Azalee Fountain  
Sarah Hall  
Inez Harris  
Annie Johnson  
Jessica Johnson  
Helen Lee  
Callie Lockett  
Julia Moore  
Lillian Parker  
Florence Scott  
Lillian Tucker  
Pat Turner  
Vanetta Williams

27 Harwood Place  
60 Chapel Woods  
36 Durham Avenue  
274 Riley Street  
114 Oxford Avenue  
8 Elton Place  
127 Bissell Avenue  
127 Bissell Avenue  
42 Butler Avenue  
100 Florida Street  
206 Brunswick Blvd.  
33 Linwood Avenue, Apt. 204  
111 Stevens Avenue  
61 Kane Street  
175 Laurel Street  
55 Woodlawn Avenue  
St. John's Tower, 865 Michigan Avenue  
256 Chester  
120 Meyer Road, Apt. 200  
114 Arden Street  
591 Northampton Street  
82 Sussex Street  
1015 Delaware Ave., Apt. 1201  
LBJ Apt. 902  
300 Peach Street  
45 Glenwood Avenue  
8 Covington Road

## *Hospital / Nursing Home Patients*

Robert Boone  
David Fields  
Leonard Garr  
Walter Hamilton  
Mamie Hayes  
Orea K. Lidge  
Idella Pope  
Lula Smith  
Joseph Thompson

Veteran's Hospital, Batavia, NY  
Millard Fillmore Hospital, Gates Circle  
Deaconess Nursing Home  
Delaware Heights, 1014 Delaware Ave., Rm. 238D  
Sister's Hospital Nursing Home, Rm. 809  
Waterfront Health Care Center 200 7<sup>th</sup> St. Rm. 205R  
St. Andrews Presbyterian Manor, Rm. 322D  
Delaware Heights, 1014 Delaware Ave., Rm. 431D  
Bridgewell Adult Care Facility, Main & Amherst

## *Women's Day 1998 Pledges*

### *Two Hundred Dollars*

*Sis. Sharon Stenhouse*  
*Sis. Harriet Mathis*  
*Sis. Vera Gladden*  
*Sis. Jean Hill*  
*Sis. Adabelle Harris*  
*Sis. Cecelia Sharpe*  
*Sis. Rose Castro*  
*Sis. Brenda Smith*  
*Sis. Dorothy Trueheart*  
*Sis. Mildred Battle*  
*Sis. Sarah Fogan*  
*Sis. Diane Townsend*  
*Sis. Yvonne Ragan*  
*Sis. Kathleen Carswell*  
*Sis. Paula Young*  
*Sis. Lula Peoples*  
*Sis. Julie Hartley*  
*Sis. Cheryl Dublin*  
*Sis. Marian Bass*  
*Sis. Frances Costley*  
*Sis. Florida Strickland*

*Sis. Kathy Benjamin*  
*Sis. Marjorie Butler*  
*Sis. Carrie Alexander*  
*Sis. Mary Randolph*  
*Sis. Vanetta Williams*  
*Sis. Linda Edwards*  
*Sis. Beverly Abram*  
*Sis. Amour Funderburg*  
*Sis. Bettye Wyatt*  
*Sis. Edith Robinson*  
*Sis. Cynthia Flood*  
*Sis. Cynthia Tolbert*  
*Sis. Gladys Brown*  
*Sis. Alberta Ford*  
*Sis. Ruthetta Scott-Smikle*  
*Sis. Rosa Manee*  
*Sis. Garnet Hicks-Wallace*  
*Sis. Agnes Fogan*  
*Sis. Eleanor Dent*  
*Sis. Eleanor Finch*  
*Sis. Virginia Ryan*

### *One Hundred Dollars*

*Rev. Richard Stenhouse*  
*Sis. Collie Arrington*  
*Sis. Pearl Richardson*  
*Bro. William Hamilton*  
*Bro. Nelson Townsend*  
*Bro. Philip Ragan*  
*Sis. Marian Bass*  
*Bro. Cleo Jwey*  
*Bro. Melvin Williams*  
*Bro. Collin Ransom*  
*Sis. Ellen Morse*

*Bro. James Willis*  
*Sis. Mary Alice Le Shoure*  
*Bro. George McMillan*  
*Bro. Jeffery Washington*  
*Bro. Thomas Randolph*  
*Rev. Leeland Jones, Jr.*  
*Bro. David Edmunds*  
*Bro. Luther Robinson*  
*Sis. Rosa Edwards*  
*Bro. Henry Manee*  
*Bro. Douglass Cassell*

*Sis. Sharon Stenhouse, Chairperson of Women's Day, is asking 100 women to pledge \$200.00 and 100 men to pledge \$100.00 for Women's Day. Please see Sis. Addie Jackson or Sis. Stenhouse to make your pledge. God bless.*

**WEEKLY AT BETHEL**

Please join Rev. Stenhouse in **Bible Study**  
**Wednesday at 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m.**  
**& Morning Prayer, Thursday at 7:00 a.m.**  
All are welcome.

**Rehearsals**

**Gospel Choir, Tuesday 7:00 p.m.**  
**Senior Choir, Thursday, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Male Chorus, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Sunbeam Choir, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 11:30 a.m.**  
**Youth Choir, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 1:00 p.m.**

**Boy Scouts, Tuesday, 6:30**  
**Liturgical/Modern Dance Class, Tuesday, 6:30**

**Credit Union Hours: Thursday, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, After Service**

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