

*Grace United Methodist Church  
Sunday, February 21, 2021*

## *Celebrating Black History Month*

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**



*"God said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years. But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions."*

*Genesis 15:13-14*

*Bishop LaTrelle Easterling  
Washington Area Resident Bishop  
Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church  
Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman  
Washington East District Superintendent  
Rev. Dr. Rodney T. Smothers, Lead Pastor*

# Virtual Order of Service

10:00 a.m.

February 21, 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

Purple

Liturgist: Sister Sharon Cornnor Jackson

Greeting and Opening.....Sister Sharon Cornnor Jackson

Announcements and Community Concerns.....Sister Sharon Cornnor Jackson

Call to Worship and Prayer .....Sister Sharon Cornnor Jackson

Worship through Song....."Lift Eve'ry Voice and Sing" James Weldon Johnson".....Ps. 148: 13 (KJV)  
Psalmist Team

Scripture.....New Testament Lesson: Mark 1:9-15 Common English Bible (CEB).....Sister Sharon Cornnor Jackson

Worship through Giving.....Sister Sharon Cornnor Jackson  
Righteous God, we mark these early days in the Lenten journey with reminders of your covenant with your people. In your judgement, you sent upon creation the great flood – yet you saved a faithful remnant. You followed with a covenant not to use the flood again. As we prepare to offer our gifts to you, we are reminded that we have been spared from judgement by the one, your son, our Savior, who took on our guilt and bore our judgement. May gratitude for his sacrifice move us to offer not only money, but our whole being. In Christ, we pray. Amen. (Genesis 9:8-17)

Introduction of Guest Preacher.....Sister Sharon Cornnor Jackson

Black History Moment:.....Dramatization of Frederick Douglass.....

Worship through Dance..... "Something Inside So Strong".....Sister Janice Ellis  
L. Siffre and Fred Hammond Appointed by You Dance Ministry

**Sermon....."Don't Miss Your Cue!".....Reverend Ronald E. F. Triplett  
Lead Pastor, Gethsemane United Methodist Church  
Capitol Heights, MD**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship.....Reverend Ronald E. F. Triplett

Worship through Song....."Saved by Grace Medley".....Israel Houghton

The Sending Forth.....Reverend Ronald E. F. Triplett

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# Guest Preacher - Reverend Ronald E. F. Triplett

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A unique individual with vision, mission, passion, and purpose, Reverend Ronald E. F. Triplett is an anointed vessel equipped to minister the empowering gospel of Jesus Christ to today's world. Upon receiving salvation in his childhood, Reverend Triplett gave his life to ministry. Throughout his life, he has served in numerous capacities in the church. He has been in public ministry for 22 years. Throughout this time in ministry he has traveled the country teaching and preaching the gospel, assisted in the establishment of several churches on the east coast, west coast, and in the mid-west, and a national organization that addressed the needs of youth.

Reverend Triplett's pastoral experience extends from assisting in the planting of the Rehoboth Church of Deliverance, Baltimore, Maryland, and serving as an associate pastor in that ministry to being appointed the Associate Pastor of the former St. Paul-Corkran Memorial Cooperative Parish in Oxon Hill, Maryland. He has served as Lead Pastor of the Temple Hills Charge: United Methodist Church of the Redeemer and Corkran Memorial United Methodist Church in Temple Hills, Maryland. He currently pastors Gethsemane United Methodist Church in the heart of Capitol Heights, MD.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Reverend Triplett holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Morehouse College, and a Master of Divinity from Howard University.

There is a love for God and God's people that rests within the heart of this man. The Lord has equipped Reverend Triplett with a word in season for God's people. His sincere desire is to see the saints of God excel to heights unknown in Christ.

# Scripture Reading



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## New Testament Lesson: Mark 1:9-15 Common English Bible (CEB)

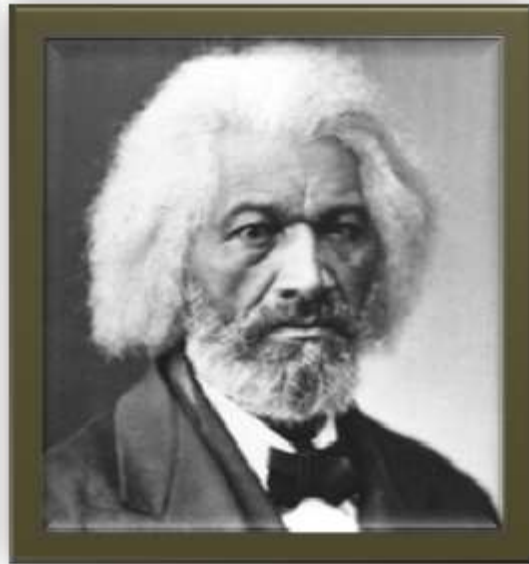
<sup>9</sup> About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. <sup>10</sup> While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. <sup>11</sup> And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

<sup>12</sup> At once the Spirit forced Jesus out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among the wild animals, and the angels took care of him.

<sup>14</sup> After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, <sup>15</sup> saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"

# CELEBRATING AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

## Frederick Douglass



Frederick Douglass (was born Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey in 1818 and died at 77 years of age in 1895). He was a former slave who became one of the great American anti-slavery leaders (abolitionist) of the 1800s.

Frederick Douglass was born into slavery in Easton, Maryland; but in 1838, at age 20, he escaped to freedom in New York. A few years later he went to work for abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison, travelling and speaking on behalf of Garrison's paper *The Liberator*. Douglass published his memoir *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave* in 1845. Eloquent, smart and determined, Douglass gained fame as a speaker, began his own anti-slavery publications and became a 'conductor' on the Underground Railroad.

In later years he became a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln and helped persuade Lincoln to issue the Emancipation Proclamation. He also was a strong supporter of women's rights. Douglass is often described as the founder of the American civil rights movement.

He is renowned as a social reformer, an abolitionist, an orator, a writer, and a statesman. He authored the following books: *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave; My Bondage and My Freedom; and the Life and Times of Frederick Douglass*. His historic home is in Anacostia in Southeast Washington, DC. Additional information about Frederick Douglass is in the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC.

### ***CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH***

During February, Grace will celebrate the accomplishments of African Americans. Join us each Sunday for a different recognition. This Sunday, we will recognize the historic achievement of Frederick Douglass. Remember, celebrating Black History is an everyday occurrence!

### ***210 CORIDOR LENTEN SEASON 2021***

On Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. Pastor Lesley Newman-Adams, from The Remnant (A Ministry Affiliated with Wards Memorial UMC) will host the Lenten Service. Please refer to the Lenten Schedule flyer in the back the bulletin for the Zoom information. Every Wednesday from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m., there will be a service hosted by Pastor Kermit Moore, Providence Fort Washington. This one hour service will be held for persons who are unable to attend the evening services.

### ***VIRTUAL ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL***

The Adult Virtual Sunday School is held each Sunday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Meeting ID: 831 1655 6781, Passcode: 546205, dial by your location +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C.). Minister DaMali Goings is the facilitator. Youth Sunday school is held every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 2 p.m.

### ***BUSY BEES SENIOR MINISTRY***

We invite you to join the Busy Bees Senior Ministry every Wednesday at 11 a.m. for their virtual bible study. Meeting ID: 871 5720 8655, Passcode: 584941. Dial by your location +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C.).

### ***PRAYER SERVICE***

Prayer service will be held on Wednesday at 6 p.m., via teleconference. Please dial in by calling 425-436-6316. Your access code is 775903#. If you don't have a mute button on your home phone, please dial \*6 to mute. When you wish to speak, unmute by dialing \*6.

### ***LENTEN BIBLE STUDY***

The Lenten Bible Study is held every Thursday from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. This study is based on Bishop Sharma Lewis' book, Journey to Transformation 2021. Biblically-based, this study will carry you through the Lenten season with understanding and affirmation of Jesus' love for us. Bishop Sharma Lewis will teach our next class on February 24<sup>th</sup>. She will teach the lessons in the book for the weeks of February 24<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>. We ask that you join the class at 6:55 p.m. so we can start promptly at 7 p.m. The facilitator for this class is Sister Frances Robinson, Lay Leader. If you plan to participate in this excellent study, please copy the link below to your web browser to register for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAude6rpjIsE9BSRG7HpooZK7exgZuWy5y>

### ***YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY***

The Young Adult Ministry is excited to announce our first virtual worship service that will be posted next Saturday, February 27th by 6 p.m. on the Grace United Methodist Church Fort Washington YouTube channel. We invite you to join us as we reflect on weathering the Pandemic from the Young Adult perspective while exploring the topic "Hope in the Midst of..."



# *Grace UMC Zoom and Teleconference Meeting Schedule*

**February 2021**

**Sun, Feb 21**

**9:30 AM – 11:00AM**

**Adult Sunday School**

**Meeting ID: 831 1655 6781**

**Passcode: 546205**

**Dial by your location +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C.)**

**Wed, Feb 24**

**11AM**

**Busy Bees Bible Study**

**Meeting ID: 871 5720 8655**

**Passcode: 584941**

**Dial by your location +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C.)**

**425-436-6316, Access Code 775903#**

**Wed, Feb 24, 7pm**

**Virtual Lenten Service**

**Pastor Lesley Newman-Adams, The Remnant (A Ministry Affiliated with Wards Memorial UMC)**

**Zoom Meeting Information:**

<https://zoom.us/j/93517751951?pwd=ZStaVVgvbEYvNW5WYUZOWHBveXcwUT09>

Meeting ID: 935 1775 1951

Passcode: 001511

**Dial In Number:**

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Meeting ID: 935 1775 1951, Passcode: 001511

**Thurs. Feb 25, 7 PM**

**Lenten Bible Study**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAude6rpjIsE9BSRG7HpooZK7exgZuWy5y;>

**Sat, Feb 27**

**6 PM**

**Young Adult Virtual Worship Service**

**YouTube at Grace UMC Fort Washington, MD**

**Sun, Feb 28**

**2:00 PM**

**Youth Sunday School**

**Meeting ID: 852 8621 5813**

**Passcode: 324080**

**Dial by your location +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C.)**

# Back to the Basics

## The Essentials of Reconciliation

### 210 Corridor Lenten Services

### 7:00 PM

✚ **February 24, 2021**

Pastor Lesley Newman-Adams, The Remnant (A Ministry Affiliated with Wards Memorial UMC)

✚ **March 3, 2021**

Pastor Judith Bennett, Alexandria Chapel UMC

✚ **March 10, 2021**

Pastor Keith White, Smith Chapel UMC

✚ **March 17, 2021**

Pastor Cindy Banks, Indian Head/Shiloh/Chicamuxen

✚ **March 24, 2021**

Pastor Darryl Mason, Metropolitan UMC

✚ **Every Wednesday there will be a 1:00 pm service hosted by  
Pastor Kermit Moore, Providence-Fort Washington**

*This will be a one-hour service for those persons who are unable to attend  
the evening Lenten services.*

**Zoom Meeting Information:**

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# Ways of Giving

*“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of <sup>[a]</sup>necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NKJV)*

## **Making an Electronic Giving Contribution:**

You are invited to use GivePlus (Give +) mobile app. If you prefer texting is your thing and you want to text your TITHES, text the amount you want to give to 301-433-7385.

**NOTE: Texting to this number is for TITHES/Offerings ONLY!!!** If you have any questions, Sister Angela Williams at 301-203-0974.

## **New Check Reconciliation System:**

If you are giving to the Building Fund, please write a separate check for the Building Fund and the General Fund. Because these two accounts are at different banks, it will make it much easier on our counters if you make separate checks rather than combine both payments in one check.

## **Mail Your Gift:**

If you are writing a check, always complete an envelope with any donations made to the church in order for the donation to be included in your year-end contribution statement. Please enclose your giving envelope in a standard mailing envelope. Make checks payable to Grace United Methodist Church or Grace UMC.

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We are in the process of expanding our virtual and conference call capabilities for our administration, education, and ministry opportunities. Watch this page for upcoming updates.

**VIRTUAL ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**VIRTUAL YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Second and Fourth Sunday - 2:00 p.m.

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES**

8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Virtual Online Worship Service  
On YouTube at Grace UMC Fort Washington, MD

**HOLY COMMUNION**

First Sunday, Virtual Worship Service and  
2 p.m. via teleconference, 425-436-6316, access code 775903#

**PRAYER SERVICE (TELECONFERENCE)**

Wednesday - 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
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**VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY CLASSES**

Busy Bees (Senior Bible Study)

Wednesday - 11 a.m.

Bible Study

Thursday – 7 p.m.

**ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION 24/7 HELPLINE 1-800-272-3900**

**MEMBERSHIP**

If you have moved, changed your phone number, name or  
want to schedule a baptism, please contact the church office.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday - Friday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Office Assistant: Wanda R. Wheeler

**REV. DR. RODNEY T. SMOTHERS, LEAD PASTOR**

Contact Information: Cell: 301-741-2710 † Email: [pastorrodgfw@gmail.com](mailto:pastorrodgfw@gmail.com)