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Senior Pastor

## BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH USHERETTE BOARD NUMBER 2



# 93RD ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY

*Praise Experience*

CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY



Ms. Garnetta Penn, Director

Mr. Reginald Gibson, Director of the University Choir

Accompanied by Dr. Adrien Ford

*Prepare for Your Deliverance through His Sacrifice*

**Sunday, 13 April, 2025 | 4:00PM EST**

Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church  
220 Auburn Avenue, NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

**FREE ADMISSION**



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**April 13, 2025**

From: Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church,  
220 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30303

To: Usherette Board Number 2  
Sister Sharon Humphrey, President

Dear President Humphrey:

It is indeed my pleasure to write this letter of congratulations on your 93rd Annual Palm Sunday Concert hosted at Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Your ministry of serving our congregation has been heartfelt over the many decades. "Job well done" for providing faithful service since 1931 as God's word is still true, "I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord than to dwell in the tents of the wicked" – Psalm 84:10. To the entire membership of Usherette Board Number 2, may God continue to bless you individually and collectively.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Foster".

***Rev. John Foster, Ph.D.***  
***Senior Pastor***



## *Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Usherette Board Number 2*

Good Evening Family and Friends,

For 93 years, Usherette Board Number 2 has served Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, its members, and community by worshipping the Almighty and Powerful God. This servitude is based on the understanding that our God has the power to deliver from any attack.

With that, we welcome you to worship with us at this, our Annual Palm Sunday Concert, where we will acknowledge the theme: ***Prepare Us for Our Deliverance as you Prepared to be our Sacrifice.*** To lead in this celebration is our distinguished musical guest, the Clark Atlanta University Philharmonic Society, directed under the leadership of Ms. Garnetta Penn; Mr. Reginald Gibson, Director of the Clark Atlanta University Choir; and Dr. Adrien Ford, accompanist.

Worship and celebrate the coming of your deliverance just as early believers celebrated the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem.

Your Servants in Christ,

*Sharon Humphery & Rosalyn Bussey Johnson*

President & Vice President of Usherette Board Number 2



*Usherette Board Number Two Proudly Presents its*

# **93RD ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY CONCERT PROGRAM**

*Prepare Us for Our Deliverance as You Prepared to be Our Sacrifice*

## **THE CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY**

*Under the Directorship of Ms. Garnetta Penn*

Mr. Reginald Gibson, Director of the Clark Atlanta University Choir & Dr. Adrian Ford, Accompanist

**Sunday, April 13, 2025 at 4:00PM EST**

Prelude.....Mr. Phillip V. Skerrett, Jr., Senior Organist, BBAMEC  
Hymn #131, O'er All the Way.....Performed by Mr. Skerrett  
Welcome.....Sharon Humphery, President of Usherette Board Number 2  
Prayer..... Ministerial Representative of Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church  
Greetings.....Rosalyn Bussey Johnson, Vice-President of Usherette Board Number 2

### **~ PRESENTATION 1: PREPARE YOUR HEART ~**

*Lift Up Ye Heads O Ye Gates*, E.L. Ashford

*For the Beauty of the Earth*, John Rutter

*Non Nobis Domine, Sed nomine tuo da gloriam (Not to us, O Lord, But to Your Name be the Glory)*,

Rosephanye Powell

*Fix Me, Jesus*, arr. by Stacey V. Gibbs.....Gemyrah Garrett, '25 & Madison Nealy, '25

*Even Me*, arr. by Dr. Doris Jones Wilson.....Marcia Bibbins, '27

*I Opened My Mouth to the Lord*, arr. by Lela M. Anderson

*The Battle of Jericho*, arr. by Moses Hogan

### **~ INTERMISSION ~**

*Honoring Sister Bernice Walters; Presentation of Usherette Board Number 2; & Acknowledgement of our Sowers*

*Introduction of the Clark Atlanta University Philharmonic Society*.....Garnetta Penn

### **~ PRESENTATION 2: PREPARE YOUR WORSHIP ~**

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*, William L. Dawson

*I Thank you Jesus*, Robert L. Morris

*Ride on, Jesus*, arr. by Roland Carter

*Revelation 19:1*, Jeffery LeValley

*Gospel Mass*, Robert Ray

Acclamation Sanctus

Agnus Dei

Hallelujah

Holy, Holy, Holy

Lamb of God

*All In His Hands*, Charles Hayes

Closing Remarks and Benediction.....Rev. John Foster, Ph.D., Senior Pastor

***Please join us in the Fellowship Hall of the Church to partake of dessert and beverage. Thank you for your presence tonight. May HIS Peace cover you and Grace walk before you. Be Prepared for your Deliverance.***

# THE CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

Ms. Garnetta Penn, Director of the Philharmonic Society

Mr. Reginald Gibson, Director University Choir

Dr. Adrian Ford, Accompanist



The Clark Atlanta University Philharmonic Society (the Society) is a nationally respected choral ensemble that perpetuates a proud century-old tradition of artistic clarity, stylistic authority, and brilliant choral tone. As an approach adopted from its earlier history, conductors including Dr. J. DeKoven Killingsworth, Frederick Douglass Hall, Thomas Hager, Glynn Halsey, Lloyd Mallory, and Dr. Curtis Everett Powell, sought to build the Society from the University's finest men and women, boasting honor students, and student leaders.



The Society performs the gamut of choral genre, from major classical literature to popular repertoire. It, however, holds a special affinity for performing works of African American traditions such as folk, spirituals, gospel, and jazz. In this, the Society has held the esteemed honor of performing in conjunction with noted figures including Nelson Mandela, Quincy Jones, William Warfield, Roberta Flack, James Moody, Jeffery Osborn, Roy Ayres, and Andrew Young. In addition, the Society has participated in command performances for the inauguration of the President of Gammon Theological Seminary (now a part of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta) and National Convening Body of the United Methodist Church, the church with which the University maintains an affiliation.

In the 1990's, the Society experienced a formidable list of successes including filming a nationally televised performance of several pieces written by Hannibal, formerly known as Hannibal Peterson, featuring the Louisiana Symphony Orchestra as well as performing five concerts held at the world-class Clayton State College and University Spivey Hall where one of the five concerts was aired on National Public Radio's "Performance Today" and featured the world-renowned mezzo-soprano, Denyce Graves.



Since then, the Society has continued to share its talents with millions of people globally with performances including CNN's live web cast, "Chasing the Dream: Exploring Black History"; the world premiere of Ernestine Robinson's, "The Nativity", at the infamous New York City's Carnegie Hall; and just earlier this year, moving musical pieces that encouraged love and unity during the National Peace Conference Interfaith Service held at the prestigious National Cathedral.

# THE CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

## **Garnetta Penn, Director of the Clark Atlanta University Philharmonic Society**

Garnetta Penn is a proud native of Atlanta, Georgia. She holds a Master of Music Education from the University of Georgia and Bachelor of Arts in Music Education from Clark Atlanta University (Class of '92). A veteran music educator, Ms. Penn currently serves the Atlanta Public Schools system, where she also leads as the Metropolitan Opera Live in High Definition Teacher Coordinator.

Ms. Penn has cultivated a strong tradition of choral excellence throughout her career. A passionate advocate for the arts, she is dedicated to mentoring and coaching aspiring vocalists, guiding them to discover and develop their unique voices. She takes great pride in shaping young minds and inspiring students to embrace their creativity and potential. She is an active member of several professional organizations, including the American Choral Directors Association, the National Association of Teachers of Singing, Chorus America, the National Association for Music Education, and the Georgia Music Educators Association, where she also serves as a Large Group Performance Evaluation Adjudicator.

Ms. Penn's impact as an educator has been recognized through numerous honors, including the Atlanta Public Schools Excellence in Arts Education Award, Disney Teacher Award Nominee, 11 Alive Class Act Teacher Award, and the Benjamin E. Mays High School Teacher of the Year Award.

## **Reginald Gibson, Director of the University Choir**

Reginald Gibson is a proud native of Chicago and graduate of Clark Atlanta University where he earned his degree in Music. He continued his professional studies at Mercer University, the University of Georgia, and Columbus State University. With over 18 years of experience as a dedicated music educator, Mr. Gibson has been recognized for his excellence in teaching, including being named Teacher of the Year and receiving the prestigious GRAMMY Signature Schools Award.

He is an active member of several esteemed organizations, including Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America, Incorporated. His professional affiliations include the American Choral Directors Association, the National Association for Music Education, and the Georgia Music Educators Association

## **Adrian Ford, Accompanist**

Dr. Adrian J. Ford, a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, is a distinguished music educator and administrator currently serving as the Chair of the Department of Music at Morris Brown College and Director of Bands for the college, where he oversees the development and performance of the institution's band programs. Dr. Ford's academic journey is deeply rooted in Morris Brown College, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in General Studies with a concentration in Music. He furthered his education at Liberty University where he earned a Master of Arts in Music Education, followed by a Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction. His primary instrument is the piano, with a secondary emphasis on the string bass. His diverse experiences as an educator, administrator, and performer contribute significantly to his leadership at Morris Brown College, where he continues to inspire and develop the next generation of musicians.



# THE CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

TALENT	VOICE	MAJOR	YEAR	HOMETOWN
Kirah Blagmon	Alto	Biology	Senior	Rosamond, CA
Brandee Chambers	Alto	Art	Sophomore	Denver, CO
Kiersten Cooper	Alto	Elementary Education	Freshman	Chicago, IL
Davionna Ellis	Alto	Psychology	Sophomore	Patterson, NJ
Dana Gibson	Alto	Business Administration	Sophomore	Atlanta, GA
Rakaya Irving	Alto	Business Administration	Junior	Washington, DC
Kalayyah Johnson	Alto	Social Work	Junior	Roosevelt, NY
Faith Jones	Alto	Mass Communications	Sophomore	Fayetteville, GA
Kirsten Lindsay	Alto	Business Administration	Senior	Detroit, MI
Madison Nealy	Alto	Mass Media Arts	Senior	Houston, Texas
Chaney Pooler	Alto	Music (Voice Studies)	Sophomore	Atlanta, GA
Jakiyah Rainer	Alto	Biology	Sophomore	Saint Louis, MO
Shiloh Sanders	Alto	Mass Media Arts	Freshman	Cordova, TN
Makaylah Sims	Alto	Fashion Design Merchandising	Sophomore	Detroit, MI
Sky Suber	Alto	Business Administration	Sophomore	Summerville, SC
Nikayia Thomas	Alto	Music Voice	Freshman	Chicago, IL
Carli Tucker	Alto	Psychology	Freshman	Memphis, TN
Kevin Jackson	Baritone	Mass Media Arts	Sophomore	Macon, GA
Noland Austin	Baritone	Music Vocal Studies	Freshman	Birmingham, AL
Carmen Barnes	Bass	Music (Piano)	Senior	Chicago, IL
Jacari Burnette	Bass	Business Administration	Freshman	Memphis, TN
Tomar Morgan	Bass	Sociology	Sophomore	Decatur, GA
Dirk Peebles	Bass	Fashion Design Merchandising	Sophomore	Wichita, KA
Keyvon Rankin	Bass	Music	Sophomore	Redlands, CA
Marcia Bibbins	Soprano	Jazz Studies Voice	Sophomore	Boston, MA
Tomecia Burden	Soprano	Mass Media Arts	Freshman	Albany, GA
Tammy Chisolm	Soprano	Music Education Voice	Sophomore	Fayetteville, GA
Gemyrah Garrett	Soprano	Theatre Arts	Senior	Tallahassee, FL
Tammy Henderson	Soprano	Mass Media Arts	Senior	Long Beach, CA
Taylor Jones	Soprano	Criminal Justice	Sophomore	Dallas, Tx
Zion Kosh	Soprano	Psychology	Freshman	Waldorf, MD
Ava Palmer	Soprano	Political Science	Sophomore	Conyers, GA
Naomi Pierce-Allen	Soprano	Business Administration	Freshman	East Orange, NJ
Autumn Swain	Soprano	Music Education Voice	Junior	Douglasville, GA
Talia Warr	Soprano	Business Administration	Senior	Chicago, IL
Jameila Williams	Soprano	Political Science	Senior	Milwaukee, WI
Derrick Colston	Tenor	MBA Business Administration	Masters	Birmingham, AL
Jehlin Hayes	Tenor	Mass Media Arts	Junior	Nashville, TN
Nina Hervey	Tenor	Business Administration	Sophomore	Kennesaw, GA
Kaleb Motley	Tenor	Business Administration	Junior	Jacksonville, FL
Justin Short	Tenor	Music (Voice Studies)	Junior	Greenville, NC

## A STRAND OF PEARLS FOR A BEAUTIFUL LIFE

# *Sister Bernice Walters*

Sunrise: April 11, 1946

Sunset: February 21, 2025



On this Annual Palm Sunday Concert, the hearts of each member of Usherette Board Number 2 are heavy as the soul of one of its most colorful and devoted doorkeepers has transitioned from labor to reward, Sister Bernice Walters. ***This day would have marked Sister Walters' Silver Jubilee (25th year) as a member of Usherette Board Number 2.*** Within this span of time, Sister Walters forged personal friendships fringed with laughter and love.

She reflected a Godly spirit which flowed onto the lives of her devoted husband and beautiful children and grandchildren. Although a naturally beautiful smile decorated Sister Walters' face, she carried a silently enormous volume of strength and faith. For over ten years, Sister Walters supported the Annual Palm Sunday Concert by purchasing a full-paged ad. The ad featured a beautiful young woman with an incredibly inviting smile and read, *"In Loving Memory of our Daughter, Norleta Janise Walters, Gone but Not Forgotten. We Love and Miss You Very Deeply."* When asked how she continued her service in light of her daughter's physical absence, she responded, "I don't know. He just keeps blessing me."

Today, the level of resiliency and perseverance that Sister Walters exuded is what Usherette Board Number 2 honors, acknowledges, and celebrates. Each member of the Board is adorned with a simple strand pearl necklace to reflect those traits of Sister Walters. **We celebrate Sister Bernice Walters' legacy as a distinguished member of this Board and acknowledge her 25 years of service posthumously.**

From this day forward, each member of this Board, no matter how defeated they may feel, will be reminded of Sister Walters' legacy: "He's a faithful God. He Continues to Bless Me. He will Deliver Me."

*~ Until you greet us at the Door of Heaven*



## HERSTORY & LEGACY OF USHERETTE BOARD NUMBER 2

The vision of the *Usherette Board Number 2* was birthed from the heart of a group of women that desired to create a ministry committed to serve unselfishly for the Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church and the community it empowers. The late Mrs. Viola Miller, one of those visionaries, fulfilled this desire in 1931 by establishing the Junior Usherette Board under the pastorate of the Reverend B.G. Dawson.

The Board was later renamed *Usherette Board Number 2* due to its growing membership and responsibilities; specifically, serving on Holy Communion Sunday. As is the custom of the African Methodist Episcopal Doctrine, the Board's pure white skirt suit uniform was selected to mimic the dress of the sanctuary on Holy Communion Sunday. The Board later accented its uniform with a corsage and a single strand pearl necklace.

Included in its additional responsibilities, the Board hosted a concert to commemorate the celebration of Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem—what otherwise is known as Palm Sunday. The concert served a two-fold purpose: to highlight local musical talent that exuded the beauty of African American culture and raise funding to support ministry outreach. Little did this small group of visionaries know that this simple event would grow to become a featured Church calendar event for nearly one century. Today, *Usherette Board Number 2* is pleased to feature the *Clark Atlanta University Philharmonic Society* where we acknowledge the theme, *Prepare Us for Our Deliverance as you Prepared to be our Sacrifice* for its **93rd Annual Palm Sunday Concert**.

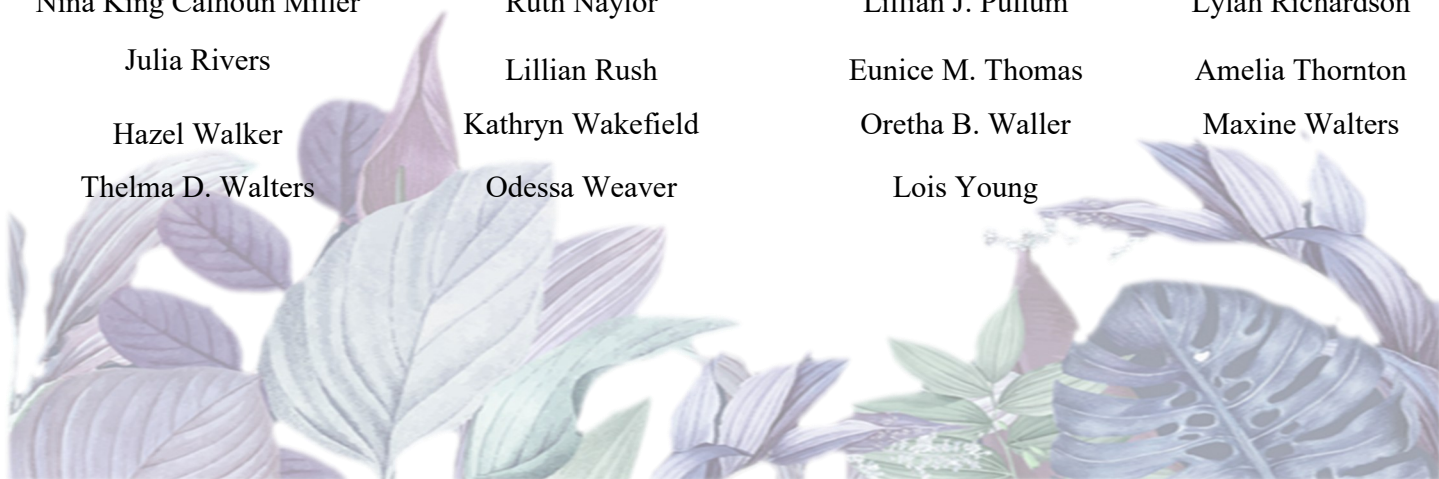
This section of the program is dedicated to acknowledge the past visionaries, the Founding Sisters and Legacy Sisters, as well as the current servant Board members of *Usherette Board Number 2* to secure the fruits of their devotion and commitment to serving as the doorkeepers of God's holy tent.

### The Founding Sisters

Mattie Bell Acey	Imogene Cooper	Rebecca Dickerson	Lillian Wright
Katie Reese	Helena Rivers	Viola Sutton Miller	

### The Legacy Sisters

Nina King Anderson	Mary L. Bentley	Elizabeth Boswell	Amanda Carnes
Sylvia Coleman	Julia Fountain Coles	Sujette Fountain Crank	Christine Dickerson
Minnie Dyer	Gwendolyn Edge	Evelyn Jones Frazier	Marry Y. Greene
Matty Florence Johnson	Lois Jones	Ola Love	Clara McKinley
Nina King Calhoun Miller	Ruth Naylor	Lillian J. Pullum	Lylah Richardson
Julia Rivers	Lillian Rush	Eunice M. Thomas	Amelia Thornton
Hazel Walker	Kathryn Wakefield	Oretha B. Waller	Maxine Walters
Thelma D. Walters	Odessa Weaver	Lois Young	



# DEDICATION TO USHERETTE BOARD NUMBER 2

The members of Usherette Board Number 2 have demonstrated perseverance and dedication to the mission of this organization. This page acknowledges the number of years of service that has been committed by each member of the Board.

*Psalms 84:10: Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.*



## **Wood: At Least 5 Years**

Kawanza Alston-Smith, 14  
Tanyika Black, 13  
Cynthia Holt, 10  
Sharon Humphery, 14  
Anna Martin, 10  
Alane Sullivan, 11  
Maria White Tillman, 11

## **Crystal : 15 Years**

*Gail Coleman, 15*  
Donna Crim, 16  
*Willene Freeman, 15*  
*Alfredda Jackson, 15*  
Karen Fordham Jordan, 18  
Leigh Haynes, 19  
Jennifer Horton, 19  
Linda Jolly, 19  
Wanda Patterson, 23  
Ruth Sisk Harris, 16  
Carolyn Smith, 24  
Cynthia Turner Ph.D., 24  
*Nita Yates, 15*

## **Silver: 25 Years**

Brenda Boddie, 29  
*Eunice Davis, 25*  
*Kali McCloud, 25*  
**Pearl: 30 Years**  
Geraldine Burton, 39  
Geraldine Chandler, 31  
Marian Council, 31  
Jacqueline Michael Ph.D., 36  
Elizabeth Smith, 32  
Martha Thomas, 35  
Trudy Tinnin, 37  
*Janet M. Waymer, 30*

## **Ruby: 40 Years**

Nancy Cooke, 43  
Rachael Humphrey, 43  
Rosalyn Johnson, 43  
Regenia McFarland, 43  
Annette etty, 47  
Miriam Redding, 48  
Charleise Young Ph.D., 43





# OFFICERS OF USHERETTE BOARD NUMBER 2

The Board's success in providing 93 years of service is due to the leadership of these exceptional officers.

*Proverbs 3:15 (NJV) ~ "She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her."*



***Sharon Humphery, President***



***Rosalyn Bussey Johnson, Vice President***



***Wanda Patterson, Treasurer***



***Ruth Sisk Harris, Parliamentarian***



***Karen Fordham Jordan, Courtesy Chair***



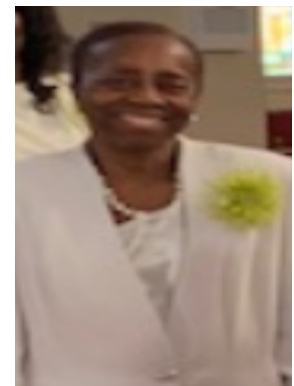
***Miriam Redding, Chaplain***



***Kawanza Smith Alston, Secretary***



***Geraldine Dodson Chandler, Head Usher***



***Dr. Cynthia Turner, Asst. Secretary***



***Dr. Jacqueline Michael, Asst. Head Usher***



***Annette Petty, Asst. Head Usher***



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUR SOWERS

Usherette Board Number 2 recognizes the following sowers who contributed lovingly to the Spirit of Ministry as reflected in 2 Corinthians 9:8: *And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*

## UNDERWRITERS

Mrs. Tanyika Black +

Mr. James & Mrs. Brenda S. Boddie +

*“In memory of my parents, Mr. & Mrs. Lee C. & Mary Saulsberry.”*

Mrs. Geraldine Burton +

*“In loving memory of my beloved husband, JC Burton.”*

Mr. & Mrs. Herman Chandler +

*“In memory of our beloved nephew, Richard ‘Joey’ Halford. End of Watch: November 5, 2012.”*

Mrs. Willa Alston Crook

Mrs. Eunice L. Davis +

*“In memory of William Kendrick Davis”*

Mr. Marvin & Mrs. Pamelle Fleming

*“In loving memory of our beloved parents, Lowry & Pauline Wright, & our Sister/Sister-in-Love, Pauline Wright”*

Ms. Cynthia Holt +

*“In loving memory of my husband, William Holt, Jr. & my son, William Holt, III”*

Mr. Guy M. & Dr. Gloria A. Howard

Ms. Sharon Humphery +

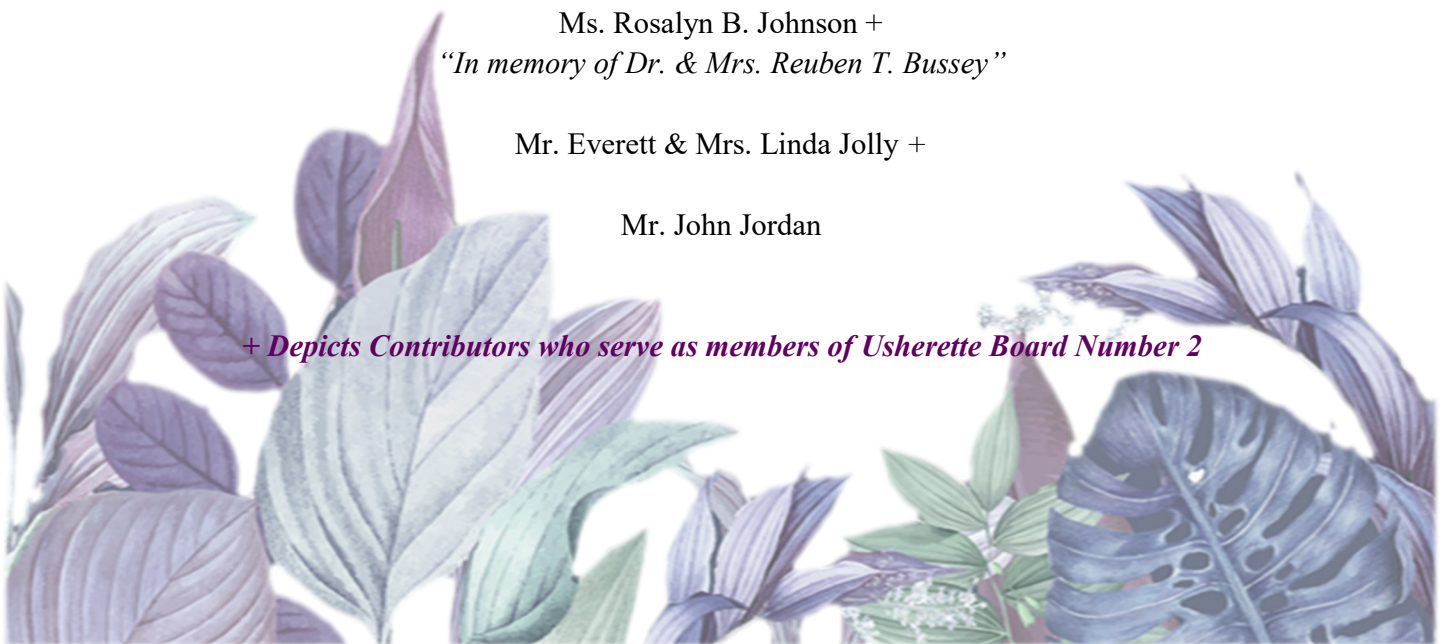
Ms. Rosalyn B. Johnson +

*“In memory of Dr. & Mrs. Reuben T. Bussey”*

Mr. Everett & Mrs. Linda Jolly +

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Mrs. Karen Fordham Jordan +

*"In loving memory of my daughter, Kapri Fordham-Tyson."*

Mrs. Frances Jones

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Martin+

Mrs. Kali Hill McCloud +

Drs. Price & Jacqueline Michael +

Mr. & Mrs. William Petty +

Ms. Miriam Redding +

Ms. Ruth Sisk-Harris +

*"In memory of my parents, Mr. Joseph & Mrs. Mabel Sisk; my brother & sister, Mr. William Sisk and Joann Baxter; & my son, Mr. Leslie Williams."*

Mrs. Carolyn E. Smith +

*"In loving memory of our parents, Mr. William R. & Mrs. Nora O. Smith. In our hearts forever."  
~ Isaiah Smith, Lucinda Smith Bailey & Carolyn E. Smith*

Ms. Kawanza Smith +

Mrs. Bette Graves Thomas

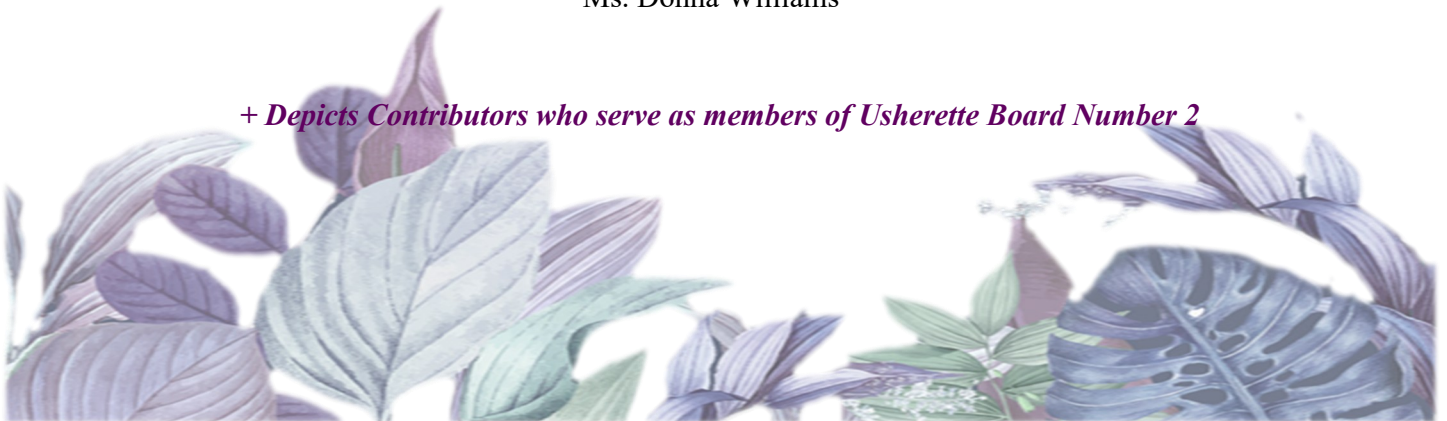
Ms. Maria White Tillman +

Ms. Trudy L. Tinnin +

*"In loving memory of my parents, Mr. Arthur Lacy & Mrs. Lena Katherine McAdoo, & my siblings."*

Ms. Donna Williams

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## GUARANTORS

Ms. Kim Burch

*“In loving memory of my dear mother, Lucille E. Burch. A Light Bearer for Jesus.”*

Ms. Terri Lynn Day

*“In loving memory of my parents, Soror Sallie Day & Brother James H. Day.”*

Mr. Tony Jones

Mrs. Corene Jordan

*“Congratulations to Usherette Board Number 2 for a successful Palm Sunday Concert!”*

Ms. Gwendolyn Langley

*“In loving memory of my dear parents, Reverend Willie L. & Mrs. Jacquelyn Ashe Langley. Forever in My Heart.”*

Ms. Ida M. Martin

Ms. Gloria L. Robinzine

*“In honor of my beloved sister, Ms. Christine W. Robinzine”*

Ms. Martha Thomas +

Dr. Cynthia Simmons-Turner +

*“In memory of my beloved sister, Sharon Johnson; brother, Henry Simmons III; & my parents, Mr. & Mrs. Henry & Sarah Simmons*

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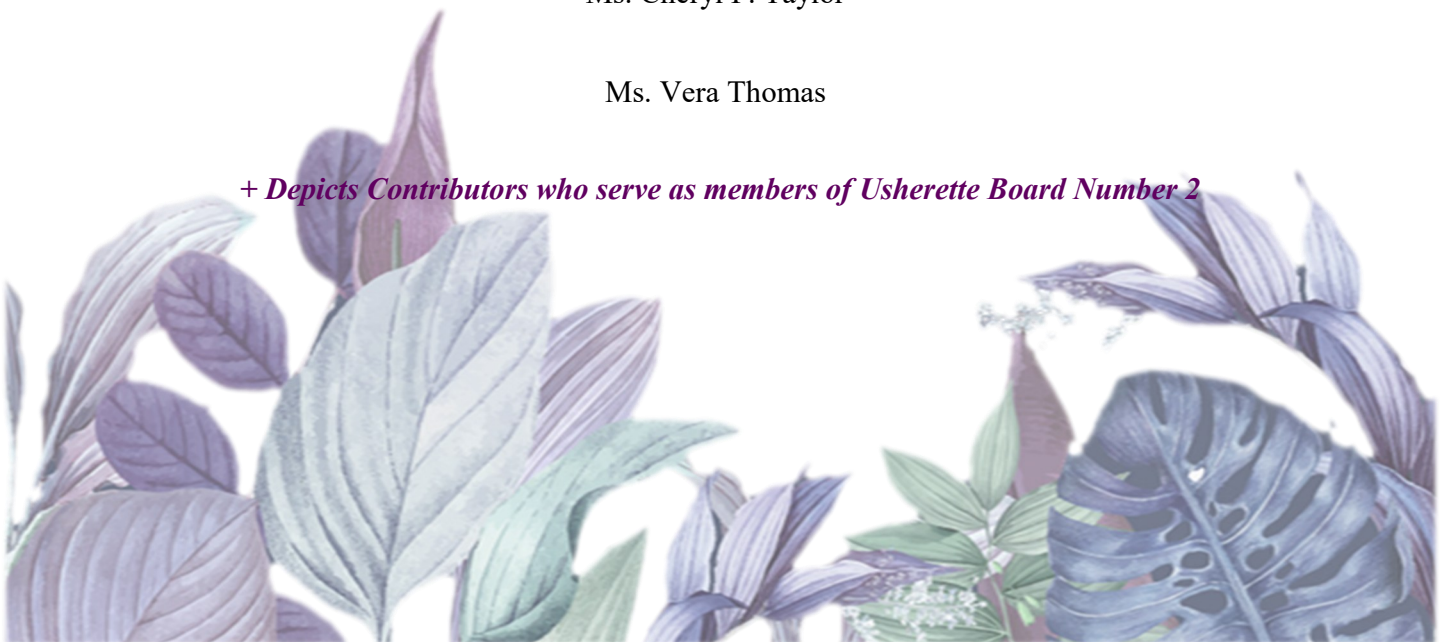
Mrs. Lucile Neeley

Mrs. Wanda Rowe Patterson +

Ms. Cheryl P. Taylor

Ms. Vera Thomas

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# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

*Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Usherette Board Number 2* would like to acknowledge the Clark Atlanta University and its Philharmonic Society for investing in the world's future—our children and young people; specifically, those that represent a demographic that has sacrificed their lives and freedom in hopes that their future generations are granted opportunities that are not readily made available to children of black and brown descent.

The Church and Board would also like to acknowledge each of our patrons who donated their resources and all of our guests who joined us in celebrating this encouraging occasion.

*The Clark Atlanta University Philharmonic Society* would like to acknowledge the following University faculty and staff for their faith, dedication, and loyalty to the talent represented in each and every song performed by each and every member of the Society:

**George T. French Jr., Ph.D.**  
President

**Charlene D. Gilbert, Ph.D.**  
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

**Sam D. Burston**  
Vice President and University Relations

**Christopher K. Bass, Ph.D.**  
Dean of School of Arts and Sciences

**Phillip Davis**  
Interim Music Department Chair

**Reisha L. Jones**  
Administrative Secretary for the Music Department

**Terrance Williams**  
Rehearsal Accompanist

