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**BLACK  
HISTORY  
MONTH**

# Founders Day

February is  
*Heart Health*  
Awareness Month



## Bishop Richard Allen

*- Founder and First Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church -*

Born into slavery on February 14, 1760. Died at home on Spruce Street on March 26, 1831.

In 1794, Richard Allen founded Bethel Church. In 1816, Allen united other African Methodist congregations from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland to officially form the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME), the first independent Black denomination in the United States, at a meeting in Philadelphia.

He was then elected Bishop.. "Mother" was added to the church's name and women were permitted to participate in the business of the church corporation for the first time. He, along with his wife, Sarah, are buried side by side in a tomb beneath Mother Bethel Church, the church he founded. The site has since been turned into the Richard Allen Museum, a historic church and congregation, which is located at 419 South 6th Street in Center City Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On February 2, 2016, the 39th stamp in the Black Heritage series commemorated preacher, activist, and civic leader Richard Allen. The Richard Allen Statue and Memorial Courtyard, located on the grounds of Mother Bethel, was unveiled on July 3, 2016, stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of Bishop Richard Allen.

~ ENTER TO WORSHIP ~

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 8, 2026 - 10:00 AM

† Moving to Higher Heights In God †

\*PLEASE STAND

\*\*NO ENTERING OR EXITING THE CHURCH

The Lighting of the Candles

The Praise and Worship

\*The Doxology

*“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.”*

\*The Call to Worship

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me, “Let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem! (Psalm 122:2)

**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 the wicked.(Psalm 84:10)**

Leader: Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek your good. (Psalm 122:9)

**People: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.  
(Psalm 92:13)**

Leader: Blessed are they that dwell in your house. Lord, I have loved your house, the place where your honor dwells. (Psalm 26:8)

**People: For the Lord is in his Holy Temple; let all the earth keep silent before Him.(Psalm 11:4)**

Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

**ALL: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth sing His praises! (Psalm 66:1) Monotype Corsiva**

The Hymn of Praise “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing” (James Weldon Johnson, 1900) Hymn #571

1. Lift ev’ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise high as the list’ning skies; Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, Let us march on till victory is won.

2. Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast’ning rod, Felt in the days when hope unborn had died.

Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.

We have come, treading our path thru’ the blood of the slaughtered,

Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last

Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way,

Thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee,

Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee.

Shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand, True to our God, true to our native land.

**\*\*The Invocation**

**\*\*The Choral Prayer Response**

**\*\*The Scripture Reading**

**Philippians 2:1-5**

**\*The Decalogue (Summary)**

**Leader:** Hear what Christ our Saviour saith, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**\*The Gloria Patri**

**The Congregation**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**The Ministry of Music**

**The Choir**

**The Benevolent Offering**

*“In the name of the Triune God, May the spirit of Christian missions enter every heart, This we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.”*

**The Announcements/Welcome of Visitors**

**Sis. Carolyn Tomlin**

**The Rev. Dr. ML King, Jr. Essay Presentation**

**Autumn Nance,  
1st Place Winner**

**The Altar Call/Receiving of Tithes and Offering**

**The Offertory Response**

*“All things come of thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.” A-men*

**The Sermonic Selection**

**The Choir**

**The Message**

**“Having A Mind Like Christ”**

**Rev. Keith D. Cornelius**

**\*\*The Invitation to Christian Discipleship/Pastor’s Word**

**\*The Doxology**

**The Un-lighting of the Candles**

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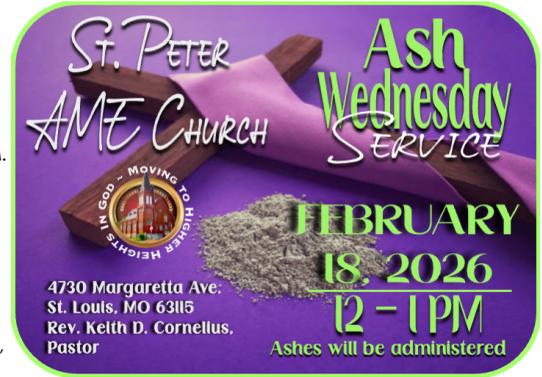
*Thank you for worshiping with us today. We pray that something was said or done to encourage you on your journey and remind you of God’s grace. We’ve been blessed by your presence and look forward to worshiping with you again as God gives opportunity. Again, thank you. God Bless!*



Sunday, February 8, 2026

WEBSITE: <https://www.stpeteramecstl.org/>. Visit for more detailed information and to view event flyers.

- ♥ Everyone is invited to celebrate Mother Oneida Phillips 90th birthday. Please join her family in the Educational Building offer service for cake and punch. Happy Birthday Mother Phillips! To God be the Glory.
- Today is Founder's Day and African Dress Sunday. Founders Day Service is today, at 3:00 PM at St. Paul.
- February is Heart Health Month. We invite everyone to wear red on Sunday, February 22nd in honor of Wear Red Sunday and Heart Month. Together, we can help raise awareness about heart disease.
- If you're planning to travel to Quinn Chapel - Jefferson City with us on Sunday, February 15th for their Family & Friends Day, please let Sis. Jacquie Young ASAP. Rev. Cornelius is the Guest Preacher.
- Bible Study will resume on a new night, Thursday, February 26, @ 7:00 PM.
- The Princess Cheatham WMS Valentine's Day Luncheon: "Love Is in the Air," is Saturday, February 14th, @ 11 AM, Donation - \$20 (see flyer on the website)
- February 17 - Shrove Tuesday, St. Luke, 6 PM Pancake Supper, 7 PM, Service (see flyer on the website)
- February 18 - Ash Wednesday Service @ St. Peter: 12-1 PM; Ashes will be administered.
- St. Peter Lay Post-Mardi Gras Bingo & Luncheon: Saturday, February 28th, 1-4 PM, Donation: \$20; (see flyer on website)
- February 18 - March 1 - Lenten Caravan, featuring Conference Evangelists, Wednesday nights @ Ward Chapel; (see flyer on website)
- Missouri Conference Lay Organization Holy Smoke: Saturday, March 21st @ 1 PM (see flyer on the website)



## Missionary Sarah Bass Allen

*Nurse, Abolitionist and Missionary for the African Methodist Episcopal Church  
She is known within the AME Church as The Founding Mother.*

Born into slavery in 1764, Isle of Wight County, Virginia  
Died at her daughter's house: July 16, 1849 (aged 84-85), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The first woman missionary of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church was Sarah Allen, wife of Richard Allen. The Women's Missionary Society (WMS) is an organization rooted in African Methodism as far back as 1787. In 1827, she founded the Daughters of the Conference (renamed Sarah Allen Women's Missionary Society). The Daughters supported the male ministers of the AME Church. The women fed and cared for the generally poor and untidy ministers. The women also had a sewing circle to help mend and make clothes for the ministers.



- St. Peter AME Church School is being held in person, 9:00 AM. Call-in line: 520-453-7070.
- Weekly Prayer Call/Communion: Tuesdays @ 6 PM via our Conference Call-in line: 520-453-7070.
- Bible Study will resume on Thursday, February 26, at 7:00 PM.
- Be Men Mondays: will resume on January 26th at 6:00 PM. All St. Peter men are asked to assist as volunteers. Dinner served..
- WEBSITE: <https://www.stpeteramecstl.org/>  <https://www.facebook.com/StPeterStLou>



### YOUR SERVANTS IN CHRIST

The Right Reverend Francine A. Brookins, *Presiding Bishop* 5th Episcopal District  
The Reverend Edmund Lowe, Sr., *Presiding Elder*, The Gateway District  
The Reverend Keith D. Cornelius, *Pastor*  
The Reverend Charley Kibby Johnson, *Local Deacon*  
Sis. Chelsie Carter, *Evangelist*  
Bro. Jeremiah Allen, *Minister of Music*



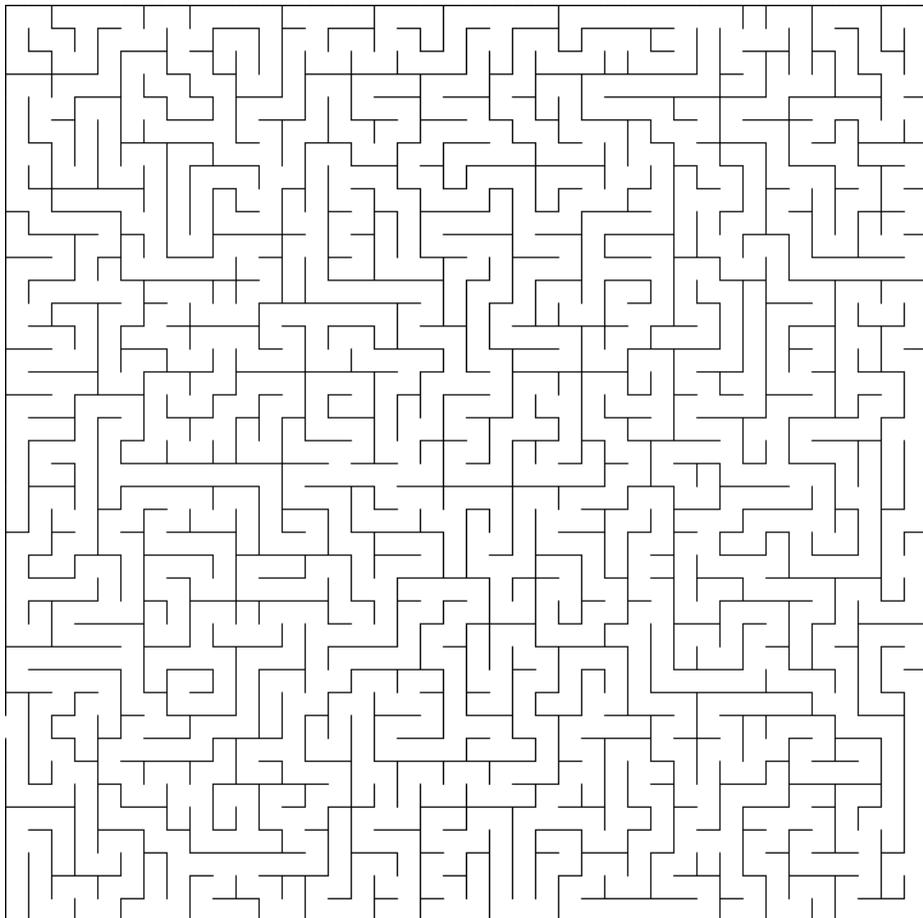
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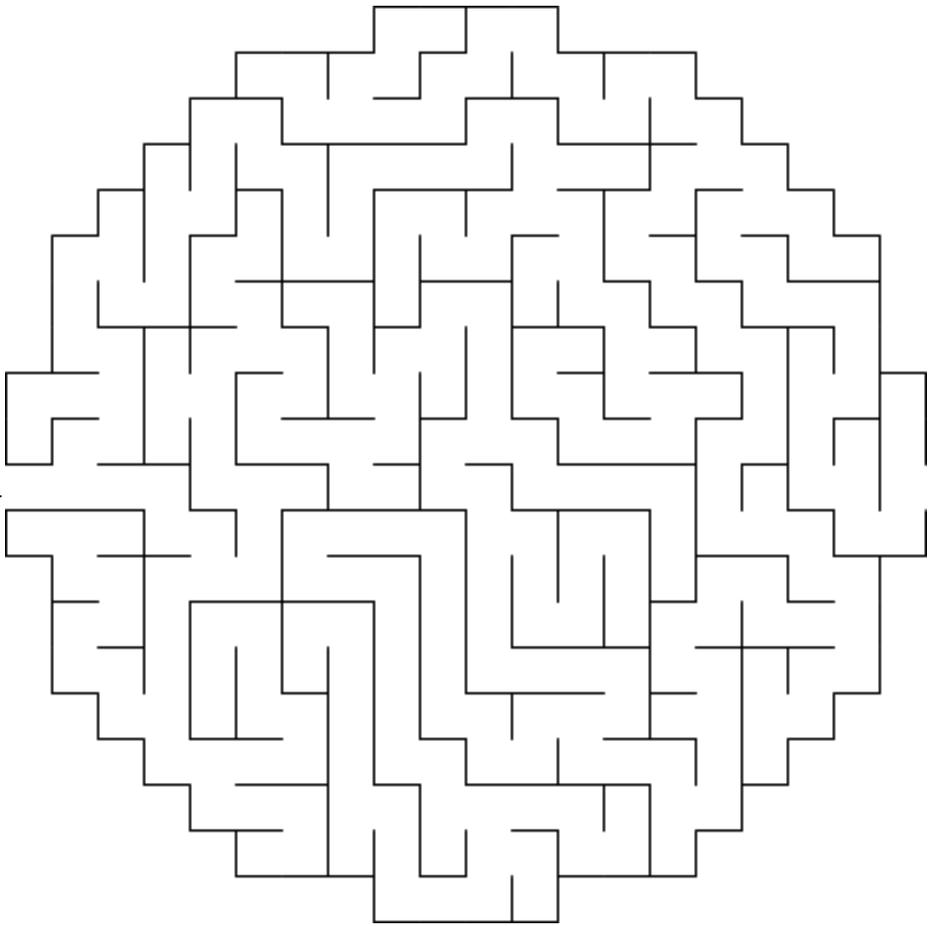
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