

THE MONTHLY DOVE

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ST. PAUL A.M.E. ZION'S E-NEWSLETTER

MARCH'S HIGHLIGHTS!

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT!

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In a whirlwind of purple pajamas, tantalizing brunch spreads, and electrifying performances, March 2024 unfolded into a month of empowerment and sisterhood at our church's Women's Celebration Weekend. Led by the Women's Ministry Chair, First Lady LaTonya Jarrett, every event was thoughtfully organized, with each detail filled with love, bringing our community together to celebrate our special strength and resilience. *"The Women's Weekend left us wanting more opportunities to fellowship."* says Lady LaTonya Jarret.



The ladies of St. Paul were all smiles as they celebrated sisterhood, donning their purple pajamas and casual wear.

PURPLE PAJAMA PARTY: A NIGHT OF CONNECTION AND REFLECTION

The festivities commenced with an explosion of color as our ladies adorned themselves in their finest purple pajamas. Laughter echoed through the halls as interactive games broke the ice. Then, the group dived deep into a panel discussion on *The Color Purple* and how its profound themes resonate within the black community, particularly among black women.



The Color Purple panel discussion, moderated by Malea Howard, included panelists (L to R) Deidra Johnson, Sylvia Cox and Micah Gooden

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WOMEN'S MONTH CONTINUED

ST. PAUL MALL

After the engaging panel discussion, the excitement didn't stop—it was time for the women to shop 'til they dropped at the St. Paul Mall! Spread across both the first and second floors, the mall buzzed with the energy of black business owners showcasing their finest items. From trendy clothing and accessories to luxurious beauty products, there was something for everyone. And due to popular demand, mark your calendars for the mall's return on **Saturday, May 11th, from 10 am to 4 pm**—it's an event you won't want to miss!

(L to R): Rev. Debra Pettigrew, Dr. Bernice Smith, and Mrs. Mary Lee supporting a local vendor.

Myquiche Gamble (*Raydiant Kreatives*) selling her budget planners, tumblers, and t-shirts.



ROLLIN' ON THE RIVER!

Saturday began with the anticipation of a delicious brunch at *Carpe Diem Banquet Hall*. Amidst the fluffy eggs and the scent of fresh coffee, camaraderie filled the air as everyone enjoyed the electrifying performance of "Dorothy Does Tina Turner". Music, laughter, and dancing filled the room!



Top left: "Dorothy Does Tina Turner" shakes a tailfeather, Top Right: Ladies of St. Paul snapped a photo with Rev. Jarrett in between sets. Bottom: Ladies take the dance floor to keep the party going.

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WOMEN'S MONTH CONTINUED

STANDING ON BUSINESS: A TESTAMENT TO RESILIENCE

As the weekend drew to a close, the congregation gathered in reverence for a worship service charged with divine presence. Guided by the inspirational words of the guest *preachHER*, Rev. Dominique Robinson, hearts were encouraged and spirits uplifted. With each word spoken, attendees stood on the precipice of transformation, fortified in their faith and emboldened to carry the light of empowerment forward.



(L to R): Rev. Dominique Robinson touching hearts and lifting spirits throughout St. Paul. Members of D9 sororities represented their organization along with Rev. Robinson.



SPOTLIGHTING WOMEN OF IMPACT: CHAMPIONS OF EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

"Women's History Month was filled with such rich opportunities to fellowship and precious moments captured as we paused each Sunday to honor the contributions of women at St. Paul as it relates to their work around Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion." says Lady Jarrett.



Congratulations to Norine (Renee) Howie, Joyce Gulley, Chris Chapman, Shirley Bayne, and Rev. Carolyn Corey.

Lady Jarrett emphasizes that *"Whether it was through our introspection about sisterhood, the interactive games played, shopping at the St. Paul Mall, singing to the tunes of Tina Turner, or the spirit filled preached word. One thing was for certain...The resurgence of love, laughter and appreciation for our time together was exuded by many."*



HOLY WEEK 2024 THE JOURNEY TO THE CROSS!



Rev. QuanTez Pressley and Rev. Dr. Jessica Ingram kicked off Holy Week 2024 for the Detroit Western Michigan District Ministerial Alliance, which was held nightly at St. Paul

Esteemed female pastors and speakers within St. Paul gave *The 7 Last Words*, *Good Friday* service on March 29.

L to R: Mrs. Mary Lee, Sis. Jessica Pettigrew, Rev. Brenda Underwood, Rev. Grace Traylor, Rev. Todd Jarrett, Rev. Debra Pettigrew, and Rev. Carolyn Corey. Rev. Shaneka Thomas not pictured.



FELLOWSHIP!

Holy Week was not only a great time of reflection, but a chance to laugh, share stories, and break bread with our church family!



L to R: Rev Jarrett getting his fill of fruit at the Easter Breakfast.

A table of love and smiles as members enjoy a delicious meal at the Good Friday Fish Fry.

HE IS RISEN! RESURRECTION SUNDAY 2024



Resurrection Sunday 2024 was a joyous celebration filled with hope and renewal. Families came together and reflected on the profound significance of Christ's resurrection, inspiring us to embrace the promise of new beginnings and everlasting grace.

Featured Ministry:

Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society (WH&OMS)

The Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society aims to promote understanding of God's plan through Jesus Christ, teach Christian missions, exemplify Christian principles, promote World Evangelism, and provide financial support for the mission outreach of the A.M.E. Zion Church.

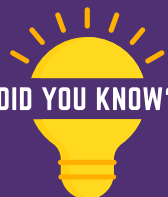


The Missionaries of St. Paul wore their stoles and communed together in honor of Emma Clarissa Clement Day.

SAVE
THE DATE

May 5, 2024: The Women's Home & Overseas Missionary Society (W.H.&O.M.S) celebrates its 144th Anniversary!

DID YOU KNOW?



- There are sub groups of WH&OMS that cater to younger ages; *YAMS – Young Adult Missionary Society*, *Buds of Promise*, and *Youth Missionary Society*.
- Affiliates include the *National Council of Negro Women (NCNW)*, *Church Women United (CWU)*, and the *National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)* to name a few.



St. Paul Missionaries Bureau of Supply led the Hat & Gloves initiative to provide for those in need.

Learn more about the WH&OMS by clicking [HERE](#)

Member of the Month - Micah Gooden

Hi Micah! Thanks for chatting with us today. Let's kick this off right, how long have you been a member of St. Paul? - Since birth...26 years!

All your life! Wow! Any fun or heartwarming moment you want to share that you've experienced at church? - Yes!!! My preteen years at St. Paul were a whirlwind of fun. Children's church was always an adventure. We went to basketball games, went skating, bowling, had lock-ins, and so much more.

Sounds like a lot of memories! Being a faithful woman, I'm sure you have a fave scripture... - Without a doubt! It's Philippians 4:6 - "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all he has done."

Amen to that! And what about your favorite hymn? - Yes! My favorite hymn would be "God Is" ..it always touches my soul.

Great choice! Are you involved in any ministries at St. Paul? - I'm actively involved in both the Young Adults ministry and Women's ministry.

It's great seeing kids who grew up in St. Paul, continue to remain active as adults! What's your favorite thing about being a member of St. Paul? - St. Paul feels like home, you know? And the members here feel like family. I've known so many people here for most of my life. If I ever need prayer or encouragement, I know I can count on my church family.

St. Paul is definitely home! Lastly, what's a fun fact about yourself that most people at the church might not know? - Well, I dabbled in acting a bit. Took some classes and even got to be an extra in a movie once! And I love to write, sing, dance, and read - they're my go-to ways to unwind.



The next time you see Micah, congratulate her on being Member of the Month!



COMMUNITY NEWS

- Want to go to college for FREE? Apply for the Detroit Promise scholarship. Click [HERE](#).
- National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is April 27 from 10a-2p. Drop offs at Detroit Police Departments, and Wayne State University. Get more info [HERE](#).

THE SHEPHERD'S SCROLL:

INSIGHTS FROM PASTOR JARRETT

Greetings St. Paul!



As we journey beyond the celebrations of Women's History Month and the profound reflections of Holy Week, let us pause to delve deeper into the significance of these moments in our spiritual lives.

Throughout Women's History Month, we honored the incredible women within our community, recognizing their invaluable contributions and leadership. Led by the exemplary Lady LaTonya Jarrett, these women have been instrumental in fostering an atmosphere of inclusivity, compassion, and dedication within our church family. In Proverbs 31:25, we're reminded of the strength and dignity that women bring to our lives: *"She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future."*

Their tireless efforts have not only enriched our congregation but have also served as a beacon of inspiration for all of us to emulate.

As we reflect on our recent journey through Holy Week and the joyous celebration of Easter that followed, let us continue to bask in the glorious promise of resurrection. Inspired by the timeless words of 1 Corinthians 15:55, where the Apostle Paul triumphantly declares, *"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"* we find renewed hope in the victory won through Christ's resurrection. Just as Jesus emerged triumphant over death's grip, so too are we invited to rise above our own struggles and find new life in Him.

Let us embrace each new day with hearts full of gratitude and spirits filled with hope, knowing that through Christ's resurrection, we are empowered to overcome every obstacle and embrace the abundant life He offers.

-With Love,
Rev. Todd N. Jarrett