

JUNE 7, 2026

# Communion Sunday

LET'S CONNECT



SCAN TO GIVE



BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH | 587 REV. TONEY E. JACKSON, SR. WAY (4TH ST.) | NEWARK, NJ 07107 | REV. FRED L. SULLIVAN, II, M.DIV., PASTOR | @BETHLEHEMNEWARK   

CALL TO WORSHIP

THE WORD DECLARED

HYMN OF PRAISE

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

WELCOME

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

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MINISTRY OF GIVING

BENEDICTION

## THE WORD DECLARED

**Romans 12:17** Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.\* **18** If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.\* **19** Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God,<sup>d</sup> for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.”\* **20** Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” **21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

# CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior; and on the profession of our faith having been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge and holiness; to give it a place in our affections, prayers and services above every organization of human origin; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine; to contribute cheerfully and regularly, as God has prospered us, towards its expenses, for the support of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us, the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. In case of difference of opinion in the church, we will strive to avoid a contentious spirit, and if we cannot unanimously agree, we will cheerfully recognize the right of the majority to govern.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to study diligently the word of God;

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to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be kind and just to the people in our employ, and faithful in the service we promise others; endeavoring in the purity of heart and good will towards all people to exemplify and commend our holy faith. Also engage to watch over, to pray for, to exhort and stir up each other unto every word and work; to guard each other's reputation, not needlessly exposing the infirmities of others; to participate in each other's joys, and with tender sympathy bear one another's burdens and sorrows; to cultivate Christian courtesy; to be slow to give or take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, being mindful of the rules of the Savior in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, to secure it without delay; and through life, amid evil report, and good report, to seek to live to the glory of God, who has called us out of darkness into God's marvelous light.

When we remove from this place, we engage as soon as possible to unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word

# UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE SUPPORT THE SHILOH  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 @ NOON  
MT OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH  
401 AVON AVENUE, NEWARK

TICKETS ON SALE THRU APRIL 1



SHILOH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NJ

**YOUTH & Seniors<sup>60+</sup>**

**FASHION SHOW**

Rev. Bennett Johnson, III

DEADLINE FOR TICKET PURCHASE  
April 1st 2024

Raffles on Sale!

Women's Auxiliary Scholarship Fundraising Event

Saturday **APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>** 2026  
**12:00 NOON**

DONATION  
13 years and older - \$25  
12 Years and under - \$15

Rev. Gail Johnson  
WOMEN'S PRESIDENT

MT. OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH  
401 AVON AVENUE  
NEWARK, NJ

For More Information Contact:  
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## PRE-MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

WEARING YOUR DENIM & PEARLS

**SATURDAY, MAY 2**  
**11:30 AM - 2:30 PM**

(FREE WILL OFFERING)



† Bethlehem Baptist Church

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# LENTEN DEVOTIONAL READINGS

## WEEK OF APRIL 7

Monday, April 07	Monday	Psalm 20; Exodus 40:1-15; Hebrews 10:19-25
Tuesday, April 08	Tuesday	Psalm 20; Judges 9:7-15; 1 John 2:18-28
Wednesday, April 09	Wednesday	Psalm 20; Habakkuk 3:2-15; Luke 18:31-34
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Saturday, April 12	Saturday	Psalm 31:9-16; Job 13:13-19; John 11:45-57

# APRIL EVENTS

## LEADERS & WORKERS

## DV WORKSHOP

**†Bethlehem**  
Baptist Church

**bethlehem baptist church**

# TOWN HALL MEETING

**• Saturday, April 12**  
12:00 pm to 4:30 pm  
Lunch to be served

**• Topic of Discussion**  
Let's Talk About Bethlehem, Our History & Our Future!

**• A LEADERS & WORKERS COMMUNITY CAFE**

*Everyone is invited to attend the meeting*

Email: [Pastor@BethlehemNewark.org](mailto:Pastor@BethlehemNewark.org) with any questions

**NEWARK**  
Mayor Ras J. Baraka

**TALK ABOUT IT**  
FAITH AND COMMUNITY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE *Workshop*

**NEWARK MOVEMENT TO DECREASE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025 | 9AM-1PM**  
WILLIAM MOBILE ASHBY COMMUNITY CARE & TRAINING CENTER  
695 BERGEN STREET NEWARK, NJ  
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & LUNCH

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## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

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BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH NEWARK, NJ	FIRST HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWARK, NJ	FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH BAYONNE, NJ

*Maundy*  
**THURSDAY**

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MOUNT SINAI BAPTIST CHURCH  
55 S 13TH ST, NEWARK, NJ

*Guest Preacher*  
**REV. MICHAEL A. WALROND JR.**  
FIRST CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH  
HARLEM, NY

Livestream: [f Msbcnewark](https://www.facebook.com/Msbcnewark)

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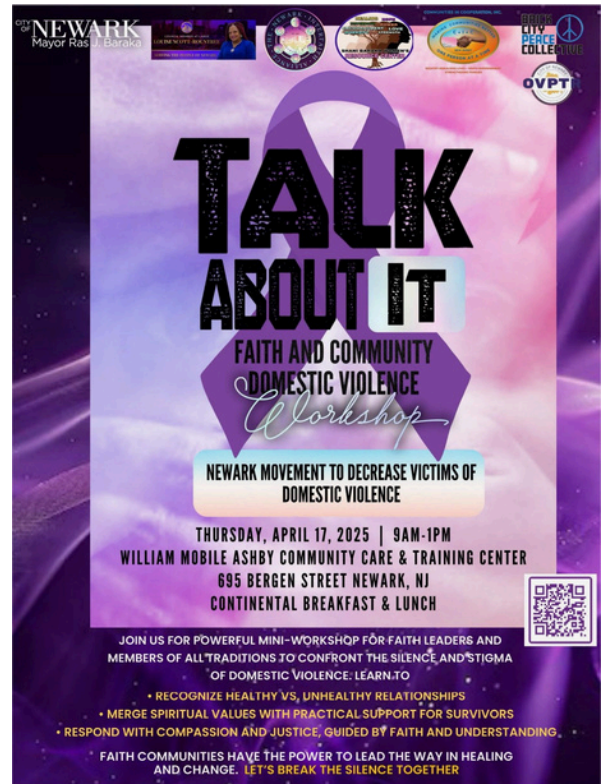
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# WOMEN OF RESISTANCE

Throughout history, women have taught us what it means to resist—to stand firm in faith, to speak truth to power, and to fight for justice even when the odds seem insurmountable.

**We honor their courage, we learn from their strength, and we commit to walking in their legacy.**

Mary, the mother of Jesus, a young woman of no earthly power, stood before the might of empires and declared that God would lift up the lowly and cast down the proud.

**She taught us that resistance begins in faith—that believing in God’s promise is itself an act of defiance.**

The Canaanite mother, dismissed and ignored, would not be silent. She demanded healing for her daughter, even from those who would turn her away.

**She taught us that resistance means refusing to accept injustice, pressing forward until justice is done.**

Sojourner Truth, born into slavery, stood before crowds and declared, Ain’t I a Woman? She demanded recognition, dignity, and freedom for Black women and all oppressed people.

**She taught us that resistance speaks boldly, refusing to be erased or silenced.**

Ida B. Wells took up her pen against the terror of lynching, exposing the violence of racism when the powerful wanted it hidden.

**She taught us that resistance requires truth-telling, no matter the cost.**

The Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray, lawyer, poet, and priest, challenged laws that denied her dignity and a church that resisted her calling.

**She taught us that resistance means breaking barriers so that others may walk freely.**

Fannie Lou Hamer, sick and tired of being sick and tired, stood before the nation and demanded voting rights for Black people, facing beatings but never backing down.

**She taught us that resistance requires endurance—that even when the struggle is long, we must not grow weary.**

Stacey Abrams, against voter suppression and systems built to silence the marginalized, built coalitions and mobilized millions to claim their power at the ballot box.

**She teaches us that resistance is strategic, organized, and unwavering in the pursuit of justice.**

These women, and countless others, have shown us what it means to resist—to trust in God’s power over earthly powers, to speak even when we are told to be silent, and to press forward in faith.

**With faith in God, belief in the Scriptures, and a thirst for justice, we shall also resist.**

# LENTEN DEVOTIONAL READINGS

Date	Day	Scripture Readings	Date	Day	Scripture Readings
Wednesday, March 05	<b>Ash</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Friday, March 28	Friday	Psalm 32; Joshua 4:14-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-15
Thursday, March 06	Thursday	Psalm 51:1-12; Jonah 3:1-10; Romans 1:1-7	Saturday, March 29	Saturday	Psalm 32; Exodus 32:7-14; Luke 15:1-10
Friday, March 07	Friday	Psalm 51:1-12; Jonah 4:1-11; Romans 1:8-17	Monday, March 31	Monday	Psalm 53; Leviticus 23:26-41; Revelation 19:1-8
Saturday, March 08	Saturday	Psalm 51:1-12; Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 18:1-7	Tuesday, April 01	Tuesday	Psalm 53; Leviticus 25:1-19; Revelation 19:9-10
Monday, March 10	Monday	Psalm 17; 1 Chronicles 21:1-17; 1 John 2:1-6	Wednesday, April 02	Wednesday	Psalm 53; 2 Kings 4:1-7; Luke 9:10-17
Tuesday, March 11	Tuesday	Psalm 17; Zechariah 3:1-10; 2 Peter 2:4-21	Thursday, April 03	Thursday	Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:1-7; Philippians 2:19-24
Wednesday, March 12	Wednesday	Psalm 17; Job 1:1-22; Luke 21:34- 22:6	Friday, April 04	Friday	Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:8-15; Philippians 2:25-3:1
Thursday, March 13	Thursday	Psalm 27; Genesis 13:1-7, 14-18; Philippians 3:2-12	Saturday, April 05	Saturday	Psalm 126; Exodus 12:21-27; John 11:45-57
Friday, March 14	Friday	Psalm 27; Genesis 14:17-24; Philippians 3:17-20	Monday, April 07	Monday	Psalm 20; Exodus 40:1-15; Hebrews 10:19-25
Saturday, March 15	Saturday	Psalm 27; Psalm 118:26-29; Matthew 23:37-39	Tuesday, April 08	Tuesday	Psalm 20; Judges 9:7-15; 1 John 2:18-28
Monday, March 17	Monday	Psalm 105:1-42; Exodus 33:1-6; Romans 4:1-12	Wednesday, April 09	Wednesday	Psalm 20; Habakkuk 3:2-15; Luke 18:31-34
Tuesday, March 18	Tuesday	Psalm 105:1-42; Numbers 14:10b-24; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Thursday, April 10	Thursday	Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 53:10-12; Hebrews 2:1-10
Wednesday, March 19	Wednesday	Psalm 105:1-42; 2 Chronicles 20:1-22; Luke 13:22-31	Friday, April 11	Friday	Psalm 31:9-16; Lamentations 3:1- 9, 19-24; Mark 10:32-34
Thursday, March 20	Thursday	Psalm 63:1-8; Daniel 3:19-30; Revelation 2:8-11	Saturday, April 12	Saturday	Psalm 31:9-16; Job 13:13-19; John 11:45-57
Friday, March 21	Friday	Psalm 63:1-8; Daniel 12:1-4; Revelation 3:1-6	Monday, April 14	Monday	Psalm 36:5-11; Isaiah 42:1-9; Hebrews 9:11-15
Saturday, March 22	Saturday	Psalm 63:1-8; Isaiah 5:1-7; Luke 6:43-45	Tuesday, April 15	Tuesday	Psalm 71:1-14; Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Monday, March 24	Monday	Psalm 39; Jeremiah 11:1-17; Romans 2:1-11	Wednesday, April 16	Wednesday	Psalm 70; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:1-16
Tuesday, March 25	<b>Annunciation</b>	Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 45 or Psalm 40:5-10; Hebrews 10:4- 10; Luke 1:26-38	Thursday, April 17	<b>Maundy</b> <b>Thursday</b>	Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Wednesday, March 26	Wednesday	Psalm 39; Numbers 13:17-27; Luke 13:18-21	Friday, April 18	<b>Good Friday</b>	Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42
Thursday, March 27	Thursday	Psalm 32; Joshua 4:1-13; 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5	Saturday, April 19	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1- 9, 19-24; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66

# WORSHIP NOTES - APRIL 5, 2025



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