



## COLEMAN & BUTTONWOOD CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Senior Pastor Lawrence Pelham & Associate Pastor Gail Stallings-Minor

**A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work.**

**Collin Powell**

### **From the Coleman Memorial Administrative Council Chair**



Greetings Coleman Family,

I pray this weeks newsletter finds you safe, well, and in good spirit.

On one of the many Teams or Zoom virtual calls that I attend daily at work, someone said to me that they couldn't believe it had been 4 months since we sheltered in place due to the Coronavirus. I must admit that it took me a little by surprise because the months have just flown by and frankly the days sometimes seem to run together.

Then I thought about the fire in February and realized that it's been 5 months that we've been away from our church home. Let me take this opportunity to update you on what Administrative Council has been doing since then.

I'm happy to say that it's been a productive time for your Administrative Council Leadership team. We began meeting weekly at the onset of the fire, strategizing and working to bring Worship services to you via Livestreaming, working with the Finance team to ensure that the operations of the church including bills continue to be paid, facilitating this weekly Newsletter in an effort to keep you informed, and working with the General Contractor and Architect to keep the "Rebuild & Renew" project moving forward. Touching base with our membership via phone calls and caring cards, engaging our Youth through our "Meet Up - Turn Up" virtual group, bringing Bible study back virtually, in addition to facilitating multiple Task Force Teams of working groups that are decluttering the church, designing the new look of the inside and outside of the church, securing pews and deciding on new chairs to provide comfort during our worship services when we return. Collaborating with the Finance team as they make sure that our employees all continue to be paid with the assistance of the PPP Cares Act loan and initiating the upcoming Building Fund/Capital Campaign that will help to restore and renew our church & parsonage buildings. *Wow, let me take a breathe!*

When we return we will be poised to truly begin to live out God's Mission and Vision for our future church. There is still much work to be achieved before we return and the Leadership Team, working along with you, is willing and able to get the job done. Based on conversations with many of you, you too are on-board and excited for the journey. Let's keep focused and work our way back together for the Glory of God!

Please continue praying for Pastor Pelham, Sister Judy, Pastor Gail and EACH OTHER. Have a wonderfully blessed weekend.

Talk soon, your Council Chair, *Vernita Dorsey*

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2020 APPOINTMENTS  
PENINSULA-DELAWARE CONFERENCE  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020



Welcome Back to  
Coleman Memorial & Buttonwood UMC

**Pastor Lawrence Pelham**  
&  
**Pastor Gail Stallings-Minor**

## Action Item-Response Required

### Coleman 360 Survey

As a church it is important to understand our mission holistically. What would Jesus have the church be today? As we begin the process of crafting a new Mission & Vision for our church, we would like your answers to the following questions? **Please email your answers to Administrative Council Chairperson, Vernita Dorsey at [vdorsey315@gmail.com](mailto:vdorsey315@gmail.com) by July 15th, 2020.**

1. What is the mission of the general church?
2. What is the mission of Coleman Church?

Thanks for responding.

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### Bible Study is Back

Reverend Lawrence Pelham is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom Bible Study.

Time: Every Wednesday at 6:30 PM; this is a recurring meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting– CTRL

Click here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82686971411>

Meeting ID: 826 8697 1411

One tap mobile

+13126266799,# US (Chicago)

+19292056099,,US (New York)

Find your local number:

## Sunday Worship

Live Streaming Sunday Worship Service. Tune in at 11:00a.m. on Facebook.

To log into the service go to the Coleman Facebook page or ctrl+ click on the link, <https://colemanmemorialumc.com/>

If your able, call someone without access to live streaming and place the phone next to your computer microphone so they can listen in.

Service will be uploaded to YouTube which anyone with a phone should be able to see within 24 hours. If you miss any sermons go to our website and click on "Sermons".

## TITHING & GIVING

### Coleman Memorial

Giving methods: Pay by mailing a check to the church address- Coleman Memorial UMC 465 ½ Anderson Dr. Wilmington, DE. 19801- mail is being picked up, or via Vanco using the web address below, or if you prefer, through your banks online Bill Pay.

[https://](https://www.vancopayments.com)

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### Buttonwood

Giving methods: pay by sending a check to P.O. Box 407 New Castle, De 19720 or if you prefer, through your banks online Bill Pay.

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**Congratulations to  
Marcelete Banks who wel-  
comed Great-Grand daughter**

**Skylar born July 5, 2020**

**Also her grandson**

**Stephon Mills**

**just secured an**

**Internship at**

**JP Morgan Chase.**

**Way to go Stephon, we're so  
proud of you!!**

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## **"Nurses Corner"**

**Please continue to wear your mask &  
please Social Distance.**

**Public Health Covid-19 stats as of  
7/10/2020:**

**121 Additional Positive Case;**

**0 New Deaths**

**517 Delawareans have died from com-  
plications of COVID-19 while, 6,949  
have recovered.**

**De.gov/coronavirus**

## **Test your bible knowledge.**

**Who asked Pilate for  
Jesus' body after the  
crucifixion?**

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**Shout out & apologies to  
"Valerie Prattis"  
who also responded with  
the correct answer for last  
weeks question but was  
missed.**

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**Who restored the sight of  
Saul of Tarsus?**

**Answer for July 4th, 2020**

**"Ananias"**

## ***A Prayer for Restoration***

**Dear Lord,**

***We have seen the damage  
firsthand that storms can  
cause in our lives. We know  
the destruction, aching, and  
devastation that they cause.  
If we are being honest, at  
times it can seem impossible  
that anything beautiful or  
good can come from such  
sorrows. We know within our  
hearts that this isn't the end  
of the story, that You have  
something far greater to  
come.***

***Father, we ask today for Your  
hand in our lives. We pray for  
the restoration of our lives  
and our church by Your pro-  
cess. That process may not  
look like what we would think  
or plan, but we know that be-  
cause You see all that is, was,  
and is to come...that ultimate-  
ly, You will do what is most  
compassionate and best. Fa-  
ther, today we come before  
Your Holy throne to ask for  
Your restoration. We submit  
ourselves to Your ever-loving  
Will and kindness through-  
out.***

***In Jesus' name,***

***Amen***

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**Youth Meet Up-Turn Up  
Saturday @ 12pm via Zoom.  
Call LaVante'Dorsey**

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## PENINSULA-DELAWARE CONFERENCE IMPORTANT FALL DATES

### September

**Wed. September 9** – 6:30 pm – ZOOM Wilmington District Meeting with the Bishop and Pre-conference conversations (other district members welcome)

**Wed. September 30** – 6:30 pm – ZOOM Annual Conference preparation meeting to vote the rules of the virtual annual conference session. Voting members of conference only will be sent an electronic ballot voting number ahead of time by email. Those requesting written ballots will be sent ahead of time as well. Only voting members will be on ZOOM call. There will be a church designated for those without computer or WiFi capability.

### October

**Sat. October 24** – 9:00 am – 11:00 am – ZOOM Executive Session for voting members of the clergy **only**. Each clergy will be sent an electronic ballot voting number ahead of time by email. Those requesting written ballots will be sent ahead of time as well. There will be a church designated for those without computer or WiFi capability.

**Sat. October 24** – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm – ZOOM Laity Session for voting members of the laity **only**. Each lay person will be sent an electronic ballot voting number ahead of time by email. Those requesting written ballots will be sent ahead of time as well. There will be a church designated for those without computer or WiFi capability.

**Tue. October 27** – 6:30 pm – ZOOM Annual Conference information session to explain further the budget, district re-alignment and nominations. All are welcome as there is no voting, just information. There will be a church designated for those without computer or WiFi capability.

### November

**Thu. November 5** – 6:30 pm – ZOOM Annual Conference information session to discuss the disaffiliation resolution. All are welcome as there is no voting, just information. There will be a church designated for those without computer or WiFi capability.

**Fri. November 13** – 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm – ZOOM Annual Conference Session for lay and clergy members of conference only. Each conference member will be given an electronic ballot voting number by email. Those requesting written ballots will be sent ahead of time. The session will be live-streamed for visitors and guests. There will be a church designated for those who do not have computer or WiFi capability.

**Sat. November 14** – 10:00 am – Memorial Service at Connection Community Church in Middletown, DE. This is by invitation only. The service will be live-streamed for visitors and guests

**Sat. November 14** – 1:30 pm (robing), 2:00 pm – Ordination and Commissioning Service at Connection Community Church in Middletown, DE. This is by invitation only. The service will be live-streamed for visitors and guests.

## Solidarity Wednesdays with Rev. Joe Archie



Grace and peace! I am Rev. Joseph Archie III, one of the Peace with Justice Coordinators for the Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference and the Wilmington District Superintendent.

Please join us for “Solidarity Wednesday”, a series of webinars produced by the Peninsula-Delaware Conference. The webinars will give a voice to leaders in various ethnic and social communities to educate us on justice issues. We will explore ways to be advocates for justice from a Christian perspective. Each Wednesday night at 6:30 pm from July 8<sup>th</sup> – August 5<sup>th</sup>, I will spend an hour hosting a leader or two from our community and you will have an opportunity to hear their stories and thoughts about how we can work for justice together. You will also be able to interact with me and the guests by entering questions and comments in the chat for us to answer and discuss. Thank you in advance for joining us as we work together in solidarity for the Reign of God on Earth.

*“...Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.” Amos 5:24*

Each session will be a one-hour long zoom webinar. Please use the link below to register for any or all nights. After registering, you will receive an email containing the link and password for your selected session.

On July 8th, Buttonwood member Mrs. Yvonne Jackson, Conference Lay Leader shared her story of encountered racism throughout her life.



Great job Sister Yvonne!

**UNITED  
METHODISTS  
STAND AGAINST  
RACISM**