

## FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT MONTHLY REMINDER

May 2025

### *From the Presiding Elder:*

It is my prayer all of you had great Resurrection Sunday celebration, and now we journey through the days of Eastertide. I came across this devotional written by Rev. Mary Johnson of the United Methodist Church based on John 20:19-31.

“Even though the disciples did not believe that the Resurrection was real, Jesus still came to them. Jesus was not angered by their unbelief. Instead, Jesus breathed a word of peace upon them. Jesus did not ignore Thomas’ questions about the Resurrection; instead, Jesus addressed them directly. Jesus seemed to understand that this event was forcing his followers to believe an unbelievable truth. They were slowly realizing the truth that his death upon the cross was not the end. The truth was so much more than they could have thought or imagined.

The goal of discipleship is to learn from Jesus. The best students ask the most questions. Jesus welcomed questions and answered questions with even more questions. Jesus did not cut off the discussion but encouraged it. This is how we learn. We find that the older we become, the less we know because we develop the capacity to ask more questions. As we grow in understanding, new questions fill our minds, questions we never imagined asking when we were younger.

Questions are not an indication of a lack of faith. Questions lead us deeper into more substantial faith, filled with intricacies and nuances. Questions lead to a fuller understanding, filling in some of the blanks we never even knew existed.

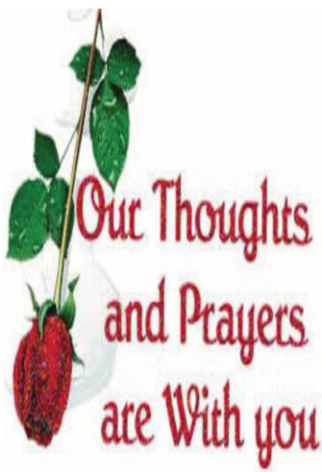
Thomas had not been with the disciples when Jesus appeared. He had not seen Jesus’ hands and side. He had not heard Jesus speak words of peace. He only heard the other disciples tell of their experience. Thomas had questions, and Jesus was glad to answer. What are your questions? Seeking for answers is a spiritual quest inspired by the Holy Spirit. Your questions will never make Christ angry. Jesus says, “Peace be with you.”

Just a little something to think about. Thanks for your support of the Buds of Promise Mass Meeting and Christian Education Assembly on April 26th. Our attendance was a little better than 200. TGBTG!

The leaders in our Women’s Home and Overseas Missionary Society and our Christian Education Department did an excellent job of planning and executing the plan. All participants were superb.

Let’s Keep it Going! Peace





## **SICK AND SHUT-IN**

Mrs. Mary Wells , Wife of Rev. Kenneth Wells

### **Bereavement**

John Evans, husband of Mrs. Jeritta Waters-Evans, our Maundy Thursday soloist, passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Evans-Waters family.

## **MAY HAPPENINGS**

Saturday, May 3, 2025, District Lay Council Meeting, 9:00 AM at Mt. Hebrew. All Lay persons are asked to attend.

Saturday, May 3, 2025, District Farmers Market, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at Mt. Hebrew. All members of the District are asked to support the Market and bring a friend.

Sunday, May 11, 2025, Mother's Day– Thanks, Moms!!

Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 7:00 PM, WH&OMS Executive Board Meeting Virtual.

Saturday, May 17, 2025, Pre-check-up meeting, at 10:00 am, at Hood Memorial.

Monday, May 26, 2025, Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 7:00 PM, Sunday School Lesson Overview via ZOOM. All Sunday School Teachers and Local Directors of Christian Education are asked to log in. **Log in information: Meeting ID: 498 845 3978 Passcode: FAYCED. Dial by your location +1 301 715 8592 Meeting ID: 498 845 3978 Passcode: 570722. Please keep this information, it will be used for all Sunday School reviews.**

Saturday, May 31, 2025, 2nd Check-Up Meeting at Amanah-Rush, Raleigh, NC. All Pastors, Preachers, District Officers, and everyone are asked to attend. As always, I would like to have a large number stand when I read my report.

### Other May Dates

Easter tide Liturgical Color: White April 27-June 1, 2025

Ascension Sunday –Liturgical Color: White, June 1, 2025

Women's Home and Overseas Missionary (WH&OM) Society Anniversary Month May 2025

May Friendship Day (CWU), May 5, 2025

National Day of Prayer, May 1, 2025

Clinton College Commencement, May 2, 2025

Livingstone College Commencement, May 3, 2025

Mother's Day, May 11, 2025

Emma Clarissa Clement Day, May 13, 2025

Hood Theological Seminary Commencement, May 17, 2025

May 18, 2025, Aldersgate Sunday, In honor of John Wesley Founder of Methodism

Memorial Day (Observed) May 26, 2025

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### **Upcoming Events**

#### **2025**

Monday-Wednesday, June 2-5, Acolyte Training 9:00 am –12:00 pm at Simon Temple

Saturday, June 7, 2025, CED Men's Conference 9:00 am-12:00 pm @Hood Memorial

Saturday, June 7, 2025, Missionary Department Walk-A-Mile 8:00 am

Sunday, June 8, 2025, Acolyte Graduation 4:00 PM @Simon Temple

Thursday, June 10, 2025, 7th Session Local Preachers Classes 6:30 pm-9:00 pm ZOOM

Tuesday, June 10, 2025, WHOMS Executive Virtual Board Meeting at 7:00 pm

Thursday-Friday, June 12-14, 2025, ENCED Summer Institute @TBD

Saturday, June 14, 2025, Farmer's Market 10:00 am-2:00 pm @Clark's Chapel

Sunday, June 15, 2025, Father's Day

Friday 6:00 pm-Saturday 9:00 am, June 20-21, 2025, Church School Convention at Hood Memorial

Thursday, June 26, 2025, Lay Council Hour of Prayer 7:00 pm-8:00pm

Sunday, June 29, 2025 Men's Singing Union 4:00 pm at Simon Temple

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**If your church missed the t-shirt orders contact: Sis. Brittany Davis/  
BMcmillian40@gmail.com/910 978-6387 or Sis. Sherice**

**Alford/bria1699@yahoo.com/910740-4550 for purchase DEADLINE: MAY 17, 2025**



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If you know persons that are members of our District and not getting the Monthly Reminder. Please send email addresses to [sandydog32@hotmail.com](mailto:sandydog32@hotmail.com).

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**Tech Corner:**

**Hello All,**

**What is Facebook? The main purpose of Facebook is to provide a platform for people to connect with friends, family, and others, and to share information, updates, and content with them. It's a social networking service where users create profiles, share updates, photos, and videos, and can join groups based on shared interests. Facebook is a great way to share your church services, pictures and upcoming activities.**

**Don't forget to check out our new website!**

**<https://fayettevilleamez.org/>**

**As always let me know if I can be of service to you!**

**Best,**

**Sherice Alford**

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DISTRICT AND  
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