

# The Spire

March 2024



THEY HUNG HIM HIGH  
AND STRETCHED HIM WIDE



### What Did Jesus Carry to Calvary for Me?

As we continue our journey in the season of Lent, we are in the midst of our Lenten Sermon series in which we explore the thought, "What Did Jesus Carry to Calvary for Me." In the first installment, we discussed how Jesus took our truth and bore it on himself for us. We will continue to discuss how Jesus also took our pain, anger, and hypocrisy to Calvary. I pray this series will bless all who experience it and that all will take to heart the importance of spending quality time in the presence of God, reflecting on the suffering of our Savior and our sinfulness during this season.

We begin the month of March with an exciting experience at Mt. Zion. On Saturday, March 2, the Heartland Conference of the United Church of Christ will host their 2024 Faith Formation Conference on our campus. Our member, Rev. Roberto Ochoa, is the architect of this conference. We will be blessed to have Rev. Dr. Claudio Carvalhaes, Professor of Worship at Union Theological Seminary in New York, as the Keynote speaker. Rev. Roberto states, "The world needs people formed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ in ways that transform the world with love and justice for all. Worship is a foundational space where this formation can happen. We encourage you to join us to expand your understanding of worship as faith formation, experience the wisdom and creativity of Rev. Dr. Claudio Carvalhaes, engage confirmants/youth as partners in worship that matter, and explore creative new ways for faith-forming worship planning (hands-on lab.)" We look forward to

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR AND TEACHER

seeing all who can attend. Registration is required.

On Sunday, March 3, our Conference Minister, Rev. Dave Long-Higgins, will join us in worship. We look forward to extending a warm Mt. Zion welcome to our "Bishop."

Please continue to keep in your prayers and pray for traveling mercies for our Deacon Susie Rivers and our eldest member, Mrs. Geneva Greene, who will fly back to Cleveland from San Francisco, where "Ms. Geneva" celebrated her 103rd birthday with her son, who she has not seen in more than 50 years. Pray also for traveling mercies for our members William, LaSondra, and baby Danielle as they depart Sunday for Florida, where Dani will have her surgery on March 6. We believe in God for God's supernatural blessing over all.

On Saturday, March 23, at 2 p.m., I will be blessed to participate in "Seven Last Sayings: The Concert." This will be presented by the Cleveland Chorale under the direction of our own David Gulley. It will be held at Mt. Zion Church of Oakwood Village. General Admission is \$20, and VIP tickets are \$35.

Our Maundy Thursday Service on March 28 will be the centerpiece of our Holy Week observance. It will begin at 7 p.m. in the Rozel Threat Social Hall, where we will be seated at tables to symbolize the last meal our Savior shared with his disciples before his crucifixion. This service will include readings from the Board of Deacons, music from the Voices of Praise, a dramatic re-enactment of Christ's suffering, and symbolic foot washing. Please invite your family and friends to participate in this most meaningful Holy Week worship experience.

As we journey to the cross with Jesus during this Lenten Season, let us all remember our commitment to the seven disciplines we are focusing on in 2024: 1. Spend quality time in God's presence daily. 2. Spend most of your time with people who give you life. 3. Focus your energy on the product, not on the bag\$. 4. Develop, enhance, multiply, and use all of your gifts. 5. Expand your mind with reading and life-giving experiences. 6. Passionately care for your health and 7. Consciously choose the

path of humility. By doing these things, we will be better and more faithful in our commitment to Christ and will receive the joy of his resurrection in a new and more profound way.

In Lenten Reflection,  
Rev. Paul

### In the know at Mt. Zion...

March 2 @ 10 a.m.

#### FAITH FORMATION CONFERENCE

Rozel Threat Social Hall

March 10

#### REV. PAUL'S 21ST PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

March 24

#### PALM SUNDAY

March 28 @ 7 p.m.

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY

Rozel Threat Social Hall

March 29

#### GOOD FRIDAY

March 30 @ 12 p.m.

#### COMMUNITY MEAL

March 31 @ 11 a.m.

#### RESURRECTION SUNDAY

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*Happy 21st*

Pastoral Anniversary



**March 10, 2024**

**Rev. Paul Hobson Sadler, Sr.**

**21 years of teaching, leadership, and service**



## AT MT. ZION



### Sisters in the Spirit Sponsors Fundraiser for Dani

Showers of love, prayers, and donations were the hallmark of the atmosphere in the Rozel Threat Social Hall on Sunday, February 25, as Sisters in the Spirit hosted a reception in honor of William, LaSondra, and Danielle "Dani" Green.

First Lady Kim wanted to raise money for the Green family to support them during their stay in Florida when Dani was undergoing surgery. She presented her idea to members of Sisters in the Spirit Bible study who came up with the idea to give gift cards to the Green family to help them manage the financial burden while they were out of town.

Gift card tags to various restaurants such as Applebee's, Bob Evans, Olive Garden as well as Mastercard and Visa were placed on decorative trees for members to take. The gift cards along with other gifts were presented to the family. The Green family which included Deacon Cassandra Green and her husband, Jesse Green were present when the gifts were presented.

The Green family will depart for Florida on Sunday, March 3 and Dani's surgery is Wednesday, March 6. Please pray for Dani to have a successful surgery and traveling mercies.





# AT MT. ZION

*Deacon Board Benevolence Fundraiser*

**TACO Bar** ONLY \$10

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024**  
KARIBU - STUDENT MEALS ARE FREE

**BEEF - TURKEY - CHICKEN - SOFT & HARD SHELL**  
Nacho Chips, Salad, Cheese, Lettuce, Sour Cream, Queso  
AND MUCH MORE!!

REV. PAUL H. SADLER, SR., SENIOR PASTOR



*Ash Wednesday Service*

Wednesday  
February 14, 2024  
@ 12 Noon & 7 p.m.  
Mt. Zion UCC  
& via Zoom

REV. PAUL HOBSON SADLER SR.,  
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## AT MT. ZION WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

During Black History Month, history was made in New York when five African American female judges heard arguments before the New York Appellate Supreme Court. It is fitting to highlight them during Women's History Month. Below is some information about these dynamic history makers who have risen to the top in the field of law.

**Hon. Dianne T. Renwick** is Presiding Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department. Her historic appointment by Governor Kathy Hochul, in June 2023, makes her the first woman of color to serve as Presiding Justice of any Appellate Division in the state, and only the second woman to lead the First Department since its creation in 1894. Justice Renwick began her legal career representing indigent criminal defendants as a staff attorney for the Bronx office of the Legal Aid Society's Criminal Defense Division. After honing her skills as a trial attorney, she was invited to join the Federal Defenders where she represented criminal defendants before the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Justice Renwick is a proud graduate of Cornell University and Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law.

**Hon. Tanya R. Kennedy** was appointed in July 2020 as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo. Prior to her appointment, Justice Kennedy served as a Justice of the Supreme Court, New York County, commencing in January 2016, after election in November 2015. She was elected to Civil Court in November 2005 and thereafter served in Criminal Court, Civil Court, Family Court, as Acting Supreme Court Justice, and as Supervising Judge of Civil Court, New York County. She is also a former Adjunct Professor at Fordham University School of Law, where she taught a Juvenile Justice seminar for ten years. She received her law degree from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law.

**Justice Marsha D. Michael** served as an Associate Justice on the Appellate Term of the Supreme Court for the 1st and 12th Judicial Districts before being appointed by Governor Kathy Hochul to a vacancy on the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department. She was elected to the New York State Supreme Court, in



*Presiding Justice Dianne T. Renwick*



*Judge Tanya Kennedy*



*Justice Marsha D. Michael*



*Justice Bahaati Pitt-Burke*



*Justice Troy Webber*

the 12th Judicial District (Bronx County) in 2018. Justice Michael began her judicial career in 2015, when she was elected to the bench as a New York City Civil Court Judge in Bronx County. She was assigned to New York City Criminal Court where she presided over domestic violence misdemeanor matters as well as conducted jury trials. Before joining the bench, Justice Michael served as a Principal Law Clerk to the Honorable Deborah A. Dowling and Hon. Janice L. Bowman. Justice Michael began her legal career as an associate at a civil litigation firm in Bronx County, after earning her J.D. from Albany Law School in 2002.

**Hon. Bahaati E. Pitt-Burke** is a Guyanese born immigrant who grew up in Bronx County. Pitt-Burke was appointed as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department in May 2021. Justice Pitt-Burke's judicial career includes service as a New York State Supreme Court Justice presiding over the Integrated Domestic Violence Part in Bronx County. Prior to her 2019 election as a Justice, Pitt-Burke was first appointed to the bench in June 2016 by the Mayor of the City of New York as an Interim Judge of the New York City Civil Court. She was then appointed as a Judge of the New York City Criminal Court in December 2016. She is a graduate of Morgan State University and the State University at Buffalo School of Law.

**Associate Justice Troy Webber** is a graduate of New York University School of Law. Prior Assistant District Attorney in New York County; senior associate at medium law firm; Deputy Bureau Chief at New York City Corporation Counsel and Law Assistant to State Supreme Court Justice. Elected to the Civil Court, countywide in November 1993. Elected to Supreme Court from New York County in November 2002 and assigned to Bronx Supreme Court, Criminal Division. Appointed Acting Surrogate New York County in January 2009. Appointed to the Appellate Division First Department in February 2016. Adjunct professor of law at Monroe College and at Touro College. Former adjunct professor of law at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. To watch this historic event go to [https://www.youtube.com/live/XybdJJctdHI?si=KjsyInNbZR\\_7UCqk](https://www.youtube.com/live/XybdJJctdHI?si=KjsyInNbZR_7UCqk).

*Information from nycourts.gov*



## AT MT. ZION & IN COMMUNITY

### Rev. Paul Guest Hosts on Case Western Reserve Radio Station

On Tuesday, February 20, at 8 p.m., our multi-talented pastor, Rev. Paul, was heard on WRUW Radio 91.1 FM. Rev. Paul co-hosted the show “Jazz Night in Cleveland” with creator and host DavidPatrick Ryan. Ryan invited Rev. Paul to talk about his family’s history in jazz and play music relevant to that history. Included in his playlist were Miles Davis, Dizzy Gillespie, Noble Sissle, Eubie Blake, Nancy Wilson, Lena Horne, and Rev. Paul’s music.

The stories of untold jazz history that Rev. Paul shared were fascinating and even comical. He shared a story about when his dad lived in New York and stayed at the legendary Harlem YMCA, where Harlem Renaissance luminaries such as Claude McCay, Richard Wright, Langston Hughes, and Countee Cullen once stayed. During his father’s tenure in New York, he played in the house band for some of the greatest musicians of his time at the historic Apollo Theatre. Rev. Paul recounted how his father once told him he had played for Lena Horn and would have dated her had her legs not been so skinny.

Rev. Paul shared stories about Dizzy Gillespie, who joined Frank Fairfax’s Orchestra while his father played alto saxophone and banjo with the orchestra. Most significantly, Rev. Paul’s dad gave the renowned jazz trumpeter his moniker “Dizzy.” Sadler said Gillespie was such a clown in the band. Rev. Paul continued with stories of how “Diz” would visit his home in Philadelphia when “Diz” was playing in a local jazz club

and how he would eat a whole chicken alone.

Rev. Paul also discussed a jazz album he has in the works with producer George Granville and played a tune from his “Serenade for the Soul” project. Rev. Paul and DavidPatrick ended the show with a fan favorite from the legendary Nancy Wilson entitled “Guess Who I Saw Today.” DavidPatrick invited Rev. Paul to join him again on “Jazz Night in Cleveland” when the new album debuts.



### Wade Park Black History Month Program Celebrates HBCUs



Wade Park Elementary School, Mt. Zion’s partner school, celebrated its annual Black History Month program with music, prose, and dance. Rev. Paul was the featured speaker for

their program. Mt. Zion has had a relationship with Wade Park Elementary School that dates back nearly 40 years. It began during the ministry of Mt. Zion’s Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Dr. F. Allison Phillips, when Mt. Zion and Fairmount Presbyterian would join together to provide Thanksgiving baskets to the families of Wade Park and Anton Grdina.

During his address, Rev. Paul spoke about the heroes and sheroes of African American History, from poet Phillis Wheatley to Vice President Kamala Harris. He linked several individuals with

the historical Black college or university they attended, as Wade Park’s Black History Month program emphasized the history and contributions of HBCUs to our nation. Rev. Paul, who once taught elementary school, seemed quite comfortable speaking to a room full of young people, most of whom were under twelve. Rev. Paul engaged the group with questions they had to answer and stories about his experiences as an HBCU graduate. As many Mt. Zion members know, Rev. Paul and Lady Kim met at Howard University while in undergraduate school.

In addition to Rev. Paul’s keynote speech, the program included several undergraduate members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity who shared some of their “Hop” techniques with students. Bruce Coffey, 4th District Deputy Area Representative of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, joined them. Mr. Coffey is the husband of Wade Park Vice-Principal Deandra Coffey. The students were graced with a song from Andreenne Fant Priest and an African dance performed by the Africa House Ensemble.

Mt. Zion supports Wade Park through an onsite presence and provides gift cards to school families on Thanksgiving. Rev. Paul has been invited to return in the spring to be the speaker for the eighth-grade promotional exercise.



## Welcome New Member



Almeida Dye

## Congratulations



City of Cleveland's  
2024 Hidden Figures  
Award Honoree

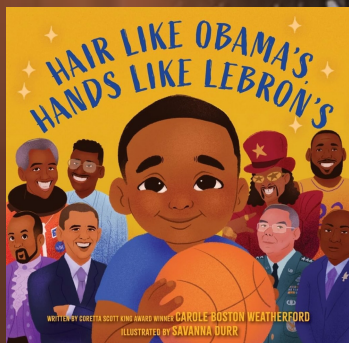
**Brian Hall**  
Founding Member & Chairman  
The Presidents' Council



*Congratulations to  
Mt. Zion member  
Brian Hall on his  
award from the City  
of Cleveland.*

Brian was chosen by the Black History Committee of Cleveland as someone who has been dedicated to the work of creating wealth and improving the Black community in the city. He will be honored Thursday, Feb. 29 at the Hidden Figures Luncheon to close out Black History Month.

*Savanna Durr, daughter of  
Herman and Sonya Durr, has  
illustrated her first children's  
book. The book can be  
purchased on amazon.com.*



## Production Assistant Training Opens Doors to Film Industry





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**Spring 2024**  
**March 7 – June 6**  
**Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**  
**via Zoom**

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## Volunteers Needed

PARAKELEO  
GRIEF SHARE®

Parakeleo/GriefShare, Mt. Zion's grief ministry, is currently looking for persons who have a commitment and passion to help those who have experienced grief.



### We need:

- Co-facilitators
- Peer Support Follow-up volunteers
- On Call Support volunteers

If you would like more information about these ministry positions, please email Deacon Sharon Mackel at [mtzionparakaleo@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionparakaleo@gmail.com)

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# *Mt. Zion Congregational Church, UCC*

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024  
11 a.m.

# HE IS RISEN

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

REV. PAUL HOBSON SADLER, SR.  
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## MAUNDY THURSDAY

*"Do this in remembrance of me."*

Thursday, March 28, 2024, 7 p.m.



REV. PAUL HOBSON SADLER, SR.,  
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# Women's History Month



## Vote Early In-Person

### When to Vote

**March 19, 2024 Presidential Primary Election Early Voting Hours at the Board of Elections**

Weekdays*	February 21, 2024 - March 8, 2024	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday	March 9, 2024	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Monday	March 11, 2024	7:30 AM - 7:30 PM
Tuesday	March 12, 2024	7:30 AM - 8:30 PM
Wednesday - Friday	March 13-15, 2024	7:30 AM - 7:30 PM
Saturday	March 16, 2024	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sunday	March 17, 2024	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

\* Weekdays are denoted as Monday through Friday

### Where to Vote

**Cuyahoga County Board of Elections**  
2925 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44115

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Registration for the junior golf 2024 season

will open in March (students ages 6 to 18). Interested families can obtain information via the website or by sending an e-mail

Website: <https://www.gcjgsf.org/>

E-mail: [info@gcjgsf.org](mailto:info@gcjgsf.org)

**2024 Registration Opens in March**

**\$180/session**

- 5 weeks of on-course play (Saturdays only)
- 4 weeks of PGA/LPGA golf instruction
- Weekday play dates (for advanced players)
  - Uniform shirt and hat
  - Weekly lunch
- Youth On Course Membership
- LPGA\*USGA Girls Golf Membership

Session I: June 1 - June 29  
Session II: July 13 - August 10

General information Contact  
Joyce Shinn, GCJGSF Board member-216-387-1900

DAVID GULLEY AND THE CLEVELAND CHORALE PRESENTS

# 7 LAST Sayings

THE CONCERT

SATURDAY  
**03.23.24**  
2:00PM

MT. ZION OF OAKWOOD  
MT. ZION CIRCLE, OAKWOOD VILLAGE OH

INFO AND TICKETS:  
[WWW.CLEVELANDCHORALE.COM](http://WWW.CLEVELANDCHORALE.COM)

GENERAL ADMISSION \$20 | VIP \$35

# MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>Day of Sabbath for Rev. Paul</b>				1 7am Prayer Call 6:30pm Sisters in the Sp.	2 9am Bd of Deacons via Zoom  10 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CONFERENCE
3 COMMUNION 7am Worship Prayer Call 11am Worship 12:30 pm Virtual Coffee Hour	4	5 7:00am Care Shep. 6pm FA via Zoom 6pm Bd of Christ. Stwdsp. via Zoom	6 7am Prayer Call 10:30am Bible Stdy via Zoom 6:30pm Praise Tm Rehear. 7pm Bible Study via Zoom	7 6:30pm GriefShare via Zoom	8 7am Prayer Call 6:30pm Sisters in the Sp.	9 11:30am Mission & Out. via Zoom   Rev. Persida Rivera-Mendez
10 REV. PAUL'S 21ST PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY 7am Worship Prayer Call 11am Worship 12:30 pm Virtual Coffee Hour	11   Joyce Cyrus	12 7:00am Care Shep. 6pm FA via Zoom	13 7am Prayer Call 10:30am Bible Stdy via Zoom 6:30pm Praise Tm Rehear. 7pm Bible Study via Zoom	14 6:30pm GriefShare via Zoom	15 7am Prayer Call 6:30pm Sisters in the Sp.   Charles Booth	16 12pm Women's Filwsp via Zm 1pm Inncity Cruisers
17 7am Worship Prayer Call 11am Worship 12:30 pm Virtual Coffee Hour  Herman Durr	18	19 7:00am Care Shep. 6pm FA via Zoom  Deacon Roberta Smith	20 7am Prayer Call 10:30am Bible Stdy via Zoom 6:30pm Praise Tm Rehear. 7pm Bible Study via Zoom  Traci Easley Williams	21 6:30pm GriefShare via Zoom	22 7am Prayer Call 6:30pm Sisters in the Sp.	23   Sharon Holt
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31 EASTER 7am Worship Prayer Call 11am Worship 12:30 pm Virtual Coffee Hour						