

# The Spire

February 2023

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**DREAM**

LIKE MARTIN

**LEAD**

LIKE HARRIET

**FIGHT**

LIKE MALCOM

**THINK**

LIKE GARVEY

**WRITE**

LIKE MAYA

**BUILD**

LIKE MADAM C.J

**SPEAK**

LIKE FREDERICK

**EDUCATE**

LIKE W.E.B

**BELIEVE**

LIKE THURGOOD

**CHALLENGE**

LIKE ROSA



## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR AND TEACHER

visual aids for his class speeches was his true joy. After graduating second in his class from Grambling State University, Jacques would move to Atlanta, Georgia. He continued his fledging art business there by selling his work to numerous gift shops. He also worked in the printing industry.

After the death of his parents, Jacques' art career saw an evolution that propelled him into the Cleveland art scene. His career has grown tremendously since returning to Cleveland and his work is now collected in the four corners of the United States and in the United Kingdom. Jacques' work will be available for viewing and purchase for six weeks following the opening reception.

On Friday, February 17, the Sacred Ally Quilt Ministry will join Jacques P. Jackson's work in the main room of the gallery. The Sacred Ally Quilt Ministry is an exhibit of nine quilts designed by nine congregations in New Hampshire capturing the last words of George Floyd's life. In February, the quilts will be on display at various churches within the Heartland Conference. Mt. Zion will exhibit ten quilts, one of which will be displayed in the narthex and sanctuary. There will be a red carpet opening on the February 17 for the screening of the documentary that was produced about making of the quilts, *Stitch, Breathe, Speak: The George Floyd Quilts*. We will be blessed to have two of the quilters with us, Rev. Mark Koyama and Dr. Harriet C. Ward. They will discuss the quilts after the screening of the documentary.

The Heartland Conference Minister, Rev. Dave Long-Higgins said, "These quilts are a distillation of four hundred years of oppression. They express the devastating pain of America's racial wounds. In churches, schools, and colleges, these quilts have proven to be an effective tool for provoking transformative conversations about race in the United States."

We look forward to an exciting Black History Month and encourage everyone to engage in the activities in our church and community.

In Reflection and Remembrance,  
Rev. Paul

### Happy Black History Month!

We give God thanks and praise for this special time when we focus our attention on the history, heritage and culture of African American people. Surely, we know at Mt. Zion, that every month is Black History Month. February provides us with a unique opportunity to honor the contribution of Dr. Carter G. Woodson who was aided by Mt. Zion Pastor, Dr. Jesse E. Moorland, in starting the Association for the Study of Negro (now African American) Life and History. This was the platform from which the idea of Negro History Week (now Black History Month) came forth.

As we move forward in this significant month, I encourage all our members to take the time to reflect on the story of how African people came to this country through great struggle and excelled beyond anyone's expectation. Our history in the Americas is an extraordinary tale of challenge and perseverance which has been an example for people and nations around the globe and continues to this day.

I am so excited to begin the month of February with an extraordinary new collaboration between the Sadler Institute and the Greater Cleveland Film Commission to train individuals from underrepresented populations to work in the film industry. On Saturday, February 4, we will host a Production Assistant Training at Mt. Zion from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All are welcome but you must register with the film commission. Lunch will be provided.

I am excited to announce the Grand Re-Opening of The Gallery at Shinn House. On Saturday February 11 from 2 to 4 p.m., we will host an opening and reception for the showing of the works of Jacques P. Jackson. Jackson is a Cleveland native. Art was among his favorite subjects and producing

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

February 5 @ 11 a.m.  
**COMMUNION SUNDAY**

February 4 @ 10 a.m.  
**PRODUCTION ASSISTANT TRAINING**  
Rozel Threat Social Hall

February 11 @ 2 p.m.  
**JACQUES PAYNE JACKSON OPENING**  
The Gallery at Shinn House

February 17 @ 7 p.m.  
**RED CARPET SCREENING**  
**STITCH, BREATHE, SPEAK: THE GEORGE FLOYD QUILTS**  
Rozel Threat Social Hall

February 14  
**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**

February 22 @ 12 p.m. & 7 p.m.  
**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**  
Sanctuary

February 25 @ 12 p.m.  
**Community Meal Drive-In/Walk-Up**  
Parking Lot

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# AT MT. ZION

## Celebration for a King





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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH Banned Books

"Many of you know that books have been my life's work and passion. So needless to say, I am very disturbed that racist people across the country are effectively using their power, money, and influence to ban books authored by Black writers in schools. They are rewriting and re-whiting American history by eliminating our truths and our stories. They are taking the ignorant phrase, "If you want to hide something from a Black person, put it in a book" to a whole new level — they want to systematically make sure the book doesn't exist.

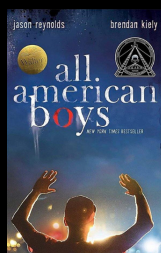
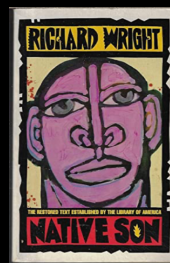
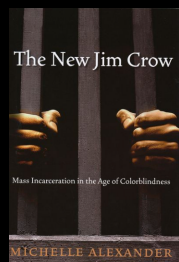
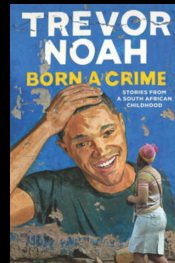
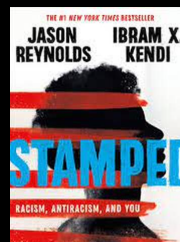
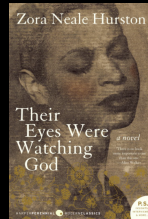
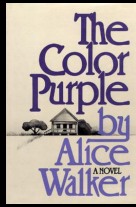
So why are these books being banned? The Office of Intellectual Freedom cited these three reasons: 1. the material was considered to be "sexually explicit," 2. the material contained "offensive language," and 3. the material was "unsuited for any age group."

Another reason was the publication of The 1619 Project which opened the door to an age old concept called "critical race theory." Critical race theory is "a set of ideas holding that racial bias is inherent in western society. It is thought that these biases are especially in legal and social institutions, on the basis of their having been primarily designed for and implemented by white people."

We should all be concerned about the banning of books. Today it is books, tomorrow it will be our voting rights — which have already been diluted by the Supreme Court and are continually challenged in court.

In this article, you will see a small, but ever-growing list of books that are being banned in schools across the country. You might have read some of them and they sit in your personal library. And, if you don't have a library, it's never too late to start one.

I strongly urge you to purchase these books and keep a critical eye on this ever growing problem and its explicit attack on African Americans and people of color.



*The Color Purple* by Alice Walker

*Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson

*The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison

*The Autobiography of Malcolm X* as told to Alex Haley

*The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas

*Beloved* by Toni Morrison

*Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison

*All Boys Aren't Blue* by George M. Johnson

*Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* by Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi

*A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines

*All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely

*Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah

*Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates

*Black Boy* by Richard Wright

*The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander

*Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston

*And Still I Rise* by Maya Angelou

*Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe

*Native Son* by Richard Wright

*Go Tell It On the Mountain* by James Baldwin


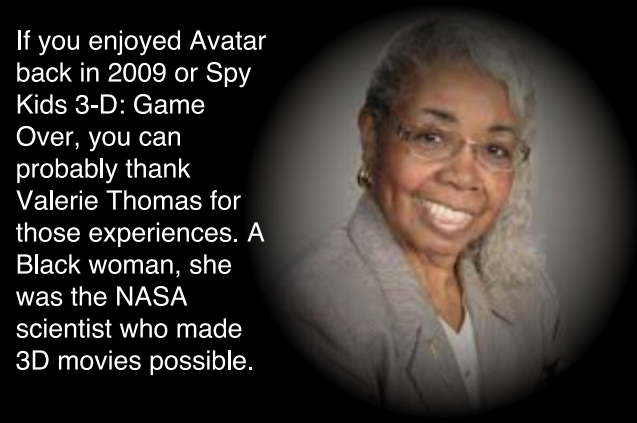
*Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison

*The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story* by Nikole Hannah-Jones

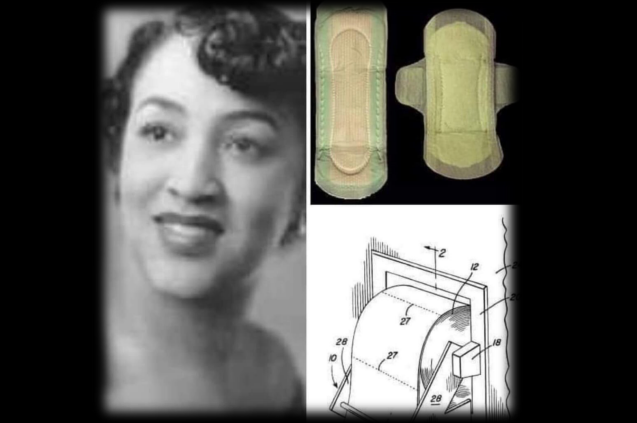
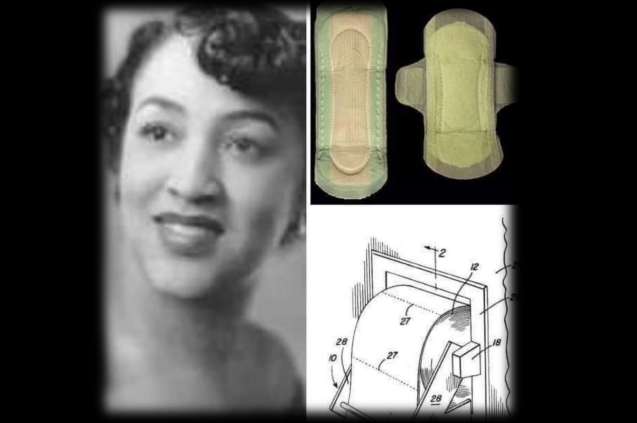
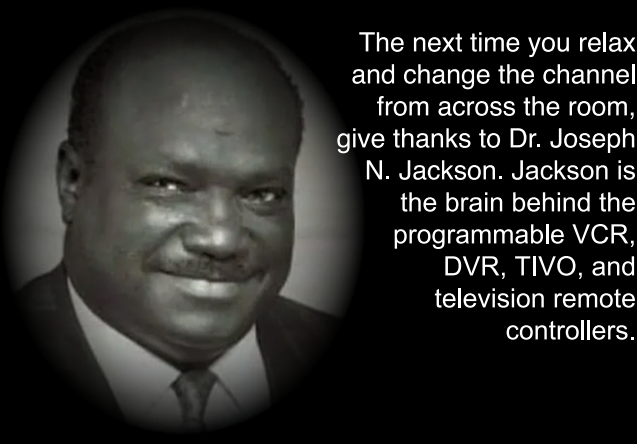
## AT MT. ZION & IN COMMUNITY

## Something You Should Know

If you enjoyed Avatar back in 2009 or Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over, you can probably thank Valerie Thomas for those experiences. A Black woman, she was the NASA scientist who made 3D movies possible.



The next time you relax  
and change the channel  
from across the room,  
give thanks to Dr. Joseph  
N. Jackson. Jackson is  
the brain behind the  
programmable VCR,  
DVR, TIVO, and  
television remote  
controllers.



Ladies, whether or not you used them or liked them, you can thank a Black woman for inventing the sanitary belt and napkin. In 1956, Mary Kenner obtained a patent for an adjustable sanitary belt with an inbuilt, moisture-proof napkin pocket. However, the company that first showed interest in her invention rejected it after they discovered she was African American. Oh, she also design a better toilet paper dispenser.

## Stepping Out In Style for a Cause

Mt. Zion members enjoyed the red carpet premiere of “A Man Called Otto” starring Tom Hanks and Mt. Zion member, Peter Lawson Jones. Jones, plays Hanks character’s best friend, Reuben. Jones is developing a stellar resume of roles on stage and screen. Proceeds from the ticket sales went to a scholarship in the name of Jones’s parents, the Charles & Margaret Jones Scholarship Fund.



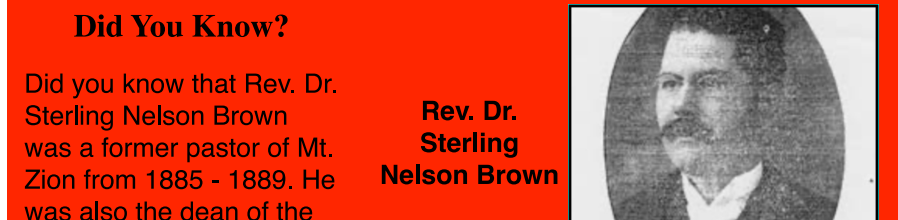
**Did You Know?**

Did you know that Rev. Dr. Sterling Nelson Brown was a former pastor of Mt. Zion from 1885 - 1889. He was also the dean of the Howard University Divinity School. His son, Sterling A. Brown was one of the most renowned poets of the Harlem Renaissance.

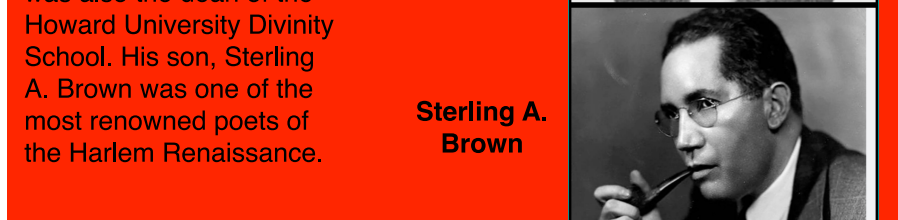
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**Rev. Dr. Sterling Nelson Brown**



**Sterling A. Brown**





## Mt. Zion's Sick and Shut-In

Please remember our sick and shut-in with your cards and prayers.

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## Mt. Zion Members in the Spotlight



Grady Burrows was voted the 2023 Changemaker in Health from the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS).

Burrows focuses on teaching Computer and Data Science to youth of color.

## Sacred Ally Quilt Opening

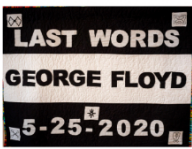




THE ANTI-RACISM NETWORK OF THE HEARTLAND  
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# SACRED ALLY QUILT MINISTRY



## MT. ZION CONGREGATIONAL UCC CLEVELAND

### HOURS:

SAT FEB 18	10A-4P
SUN FEB 19	9A-11A & 12P-4P
TUES FEB 21	12P-3P
WED FEB 22	4P-9P
SAT FEB 25	10A-4P
SUN FEB 26	9A-11A & 12P-4P

### EVENTS:

FRI FEB 17 RED CARPET EVENT 7P

THE SACRED ALLY QUILT MINISTRY CAME  
ABOUT AS AN EFFORT TO CREATE A TANGIBLE  
REPRESENTATION OF THE NEED  
FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE SACRED ALLY  
QUILT MINISTRY, PLEASE VISIT [SAQM.ORG](http://SAQM.ORG)



## PRODUCTION ASSISTANT WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 02/04/23 • 10AM-3PM  
Mt. Zion Congregational Church  
10723 Magnolia Dr. Cleveland, OH 44106

REEL EDUCATION FOR REAL JOBS

Presented by Carol & Bruce Oppenheim  
In Partnership with the Sadler Institute

### Do you want to work in the motion picture industry?

The Greater Cleveland Film Commission (GCFC) and Carol & Bruce Oppenheim are partnering with the Sadler Institute, The Cleveland Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans in Media & Entertainment (VME), and Cleveland Black Film House to host our Production Assistant Workshop exclusively for members of underrepresented communities and military veterans.

Learn how to get your start in the film industry as a Production Assistant (P.A.) P.A.s are essential support for the cast and crew on a production. This entry-level position is the best place to get your motion picture industry career started.

Open to ages 18+. Complimentary lunch provided. Registration is FREE for all underrepresented community members and military veterans.

### WORKSHOP TOPICS INCLUDE:

- How to structure your resume to stand out
- Set hierarchy and job descriptions
- Breakdown of specific Production Assistant responsibilities
- Principle and background actor coordination
- Film set terminology, protocols, and etiquette
- Interpreting industry paperwork
- How to break down a script
- Scouting filming locations
- Walkie-talkie lingo and etiquette
- Q&A with our experts, plus much more!



### SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER ONLINE FOR FREE

For workshop questions, please contact GCFC Workforce Development Coordinator Maria Rouzzo at [mrouzzo@clevelandfilm.com](mailto:mrouzzo@clevelandfilm.com) or 216-499-3913.



Greater Cleveland Film Commission  
Diversity + Equity + Inclusion = Opportunity For All

The Greater Cleveland Film Commission is deeply committed to a corporate and community culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion, leading to true equal opportunity for all Greater Cleveland's citizens. We work collectively with our stakeholders to protect and promote diverse people, places, and experiences that help tell all America's stories equitably and inclusively.

We define diversity as the meaningful participation of myriad groups in the cultural and economic development driven by our efforts, including but not limited to race, age, religious beliefs, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical/mental ability, ethnicity, perspective, and geography.

We define equity as the development of policies and practices that help all communities gain access to the resources, opportunities, and networks required to reach their full potential.

We define inclusion as authentic engagement of diverse groups in real personal and professional development, leading to an enhanced sense of belonging.

We are the Greater Cleveland Film Commission, where D + E + I = O.  
Visit [ClevelandFilm.com](http://ClevelandFilm.com) to join the movement.

### FEATURED INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS



**Tony Evanovich**  
DGA 1st Assistant Director  
*The Fate of the Furious,*  
*White Noise, Cherry,*  
*White Boy Rick,*  
*My Friend Dahmer*



**Joyce Allen**  
Travel Coordinator  
*White Noise, Judas & The Black Messiah,*  
*Alex Cross*



**Kevin Taylor**  
Director  
*The Fate of the Furious,*  
*Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows, I Am Wrath, Cleveland Abduction, A State of Mind, Grace & Mercy*



**Bill Garvey**  
GCFC President  
*Judas & The Black Messiah, The Avengers, Queen & Slim, The Fate of the Furious, Captain America: The Winter Soldier, Spiderman 2, Law & Order, The Sopranos*

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VETERANS IN MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

Abe Bradshaw



Cleveland  
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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 or Deacon Robert Lampley  
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Rev. Paul Hobson Sadler, Sr., Senior Pastor  
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# GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of  
a spouse, child, family member, or friend

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead.

We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Contact Us Today

Thursdays beginning March 2, 2023  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
via Zoom

For more information, please contact  
Deacon Sharon Mackel or Deacon Robert Lampley  
[mtzionparakaleo@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionparakaleo@gmail.com)

GRIEF SHARE

# FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Day of Sabbath for Rev. Paul		1 7am Prayer Call 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Bible Study 6:30pm Praise Tm Rehear.	2 7pm Leadrshp Tm.  Deacon Charles Scott	3 7am Prayer Call 6:30pm Sisters in the Spirit 7pm Men's Ministry  Torie Johnson	4 9am Deacon Bd via Zoom 10 am PRODUCTION ASSISTANT TRAINING Social Hall  Bryant Berry
5 COMMUNION 7am Worship Prayer Call 11am Worship 12:30 pm Coffee Hour & Youth Church School via Zoom	6	7 7:30am Care Shep. 1pm Staff Meeting- Zoom 6pm FA via Zoom  Myron Gardner Harriet Smith	8 7am Prayer Call 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Bible Study 6:30pm Praise Tm Rehear.  Tyrese Eddings	9  Robert Jones	10 7am Prayer Call  Matthew Green Deacon Maisha Terrell Rita Williams	11 11:30am Mission & Outreach via Zoom 2 pm Opening of Jacques Payne in Gallery @ Shinn House Stacey Brisker
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19 7am Worship Prayer Call 11am Worship 12:30 pm Coffee Hour & Youth Church School via Zoom  Linda Mack	20	21 7:30am Care Shep. 12pm Gallery at Shinn House Open 1pm Staff Meeting- Zoom 6pm FA via Zoom  Dwayne Frisco Lauren Wilson	22 7am Prayer Call 4pm Gallery at Shinn House Open 6:30pm Praise Tm Rehear.  ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 12 PM & 7 PM  Danielle Green Diane McCray	23  Sylvia Jones	24 7am Prayer Call  Shelley Hennessy Jamiyl Motaabbed	25 10am Gallery at Shinn House Open 12 p.m. Community Meal Drive-Thru/Walkup  5:30p.m. Trustee Bd via Zoom
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