

The Spire

February 2024



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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR AND TEACHER



History, Heritage, and Culture - Black History Month 2024

Once again, we celebrate the month in which we intentionally focus on African American history, heritage, and culture. There are so many accomplishments that can be celebrated and so many luminaries that never allow us time to acknowledge all. However, during this month, we will focus our attention on historical figures with a connection to Mt. Zion. Mt Zion has had a rich and storied history, which we will learn through Black History Moments, which we will hear each Sunday this month. Let us look forward to learning about some of the amazing people who have worshipped in Mt. Zion's sanctuary, served in Mt. Zion's pulpit, or have been significantly influenced by a member of our Mt. Zion family.

Speaking of African American History, Mt. Zion was blessed to play a leading role in the recent collaboration between the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C., and the Western Reserve Historical Society. The theme for the event was "MLK, Movements, Millennials & More." It was a four-day event beginning on Wednesday, January 24, and culminating on Saturday, January 27. Each day was jam-packed with tours and cultural experiences designed to give the NMAAHC staff a flavor of the rich history of people of African descent in Cleveland. The four-day experience included several Mt. Zion members, particularly Lavert Stuart, who spoke at Severance Hall about his involvement with the Cleveland Orchestra, and African Americans who played for the orchestra, specifically cellist Donald White, a Mt. Zion member. It was my privilege to welcome to our sanctuary,



Rev. Paul, Dr. Malene Minor Johnson, CWRU, Dr. Teddy Williams, NMAAHC, Dr. Reginnia Williams, WRHS

Oberlin College, alumni, faculty, and students for a musical presentation of compositions by renowned African American composers, many of whom were from Cleveland. On Friday, I was privileged to sit on a panel for a talkback following the documentary entitled "gOD Talk." Several Mt. Zion members were a part of the host committee, and they welcomed us to the CWRU Medical Complex, where the screening occurred. Overall, the event was an excellent showing for the City of Cleveland that helped the team from Washington better understand the history of African Americans living in this region.

On Saturday, February 3, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Mt. Zion will again host a Production Assistant Workshop presented by the Greater Cleveland Film Commission in conjunction with the Sadler Institute for Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. This event aims to expose under-represented populations to the opportunity for employment in the film industry in Cleveland. Please Note: Registration for this event is closed, and a waiting list exists.

On March 2, Mt. Zion will host a Heartland Conference Faith Formation Event. The event is being coordinated by Mt. Zion member Rev. Roberto Ochoa, Minister for Ethnic Inclusion & Congregational Support for Rural and Small Churches with the national setting of the UCC. This event focuses on confirmands and teens. As we get closer to this event, information about volunteer opportunities will be shared with the congregation.

As I reflect on the meaning of Black

History Month, I am reminded of its beginning as Negro History Week. It was established by the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History and spearheaded by its founder, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, in February 1926. Woodson's determination brought us this great annual celebration now known as Black History Month. Let us honor Dr. Woodson's memory and celebrate the legacy he left for us all. Please enjoy this month of celebration and information.

Blessings,
Rev. Paul

In the know at Mt. Zion...

February 3 @ 10 a.m.

PRODUCTION ASSISTANT WORKSHOP

Rozel Threat Social Hall

February 11 @ 12:30 p.m.

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Rozel Threat Social Hall

February 14 @ Noon & 7 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 24 @ 12 p.m.

COMMUNITY MEAL

Rozel Threat Social Hall

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Dani's Journey: Overcoming Challenges with Faith, Support, and Resilience



William and LaSondra Green and a host of relatives waited patiently to welcome their precious daughter, Danielle “Dani,” to the world on February 23, 2021. Dani’s journey, however, was different from the moment she took her first breath. Born with VACTERL Association, Dani faced a unique set of challenges, including an imperforate anus, tethered cord, horseshoe kidney, tibial hemimelia (imperfect formation of the leg), and a right aortic arch heart forming a vascular ring. Since she was only four days old, Dani began her courageous battle with a series of corrective surgeries and medical procedures to address her conditions.

Dani’s parents, who were filled with love and dreams for their unborn child, received the news of her medical condition during an anatomy scan. Their initial reaction was a mix of shock, disbelief, and uncertainty. Knowing who had all power in his hands, they turned to their faith and prayed without ceasing as they grappled with the unknown. Dani’s parents spent countless sleepless nights researching the complexities of their unborn daughter’s condition to gain knowledge to help her.

Adjusting to their new role as parents was their foremost challenge. Balancing medical appointments, hospital stays, and learning to care for Dani’s specific needs was monumental. They had to master tasks such as changing a colostomy bag and adapting to the unique demands of her condition. Their unwavering focus, understanding, and advocacy for Dani became their guiding principles.

Sharing Dani’s medical challenges with family and friends was a delicate journey. While they had always received immense support, it was challenging to communicate the hurdles they were facing. To provide a personal touch and maintain a sense of intimacy, they took their time to share the details individually, sometimes over the phone. This approach allowed them to answer questions, shed tears, pray together, and feel genuinely supported by their loved ones.

Fortunately, accessing medical care and treatment for Dani was relatively smooth, but they did face challenges with some practitioners. Some healthcare professionals struggled to convey the long-term issues Dani might encounter. Frustrated but determined, LaSondra and William sought second opinions and consulted specialists to ensure the best care for Dani’s leg condition.

Amidst the challenges, Dani’s parents found solace and support in online communities and social media groups. These platforms connected them with parents facing similar circumstances. Through these connections, they discovered the Paley Institute in West Palm Beach, Florida, a crucial turning point in Dani’s medical journey. The Paley Institute is the only hospital in the United States with surgeons who can perform the intricate SUPERhip surgery. This surgery will give Dani’s hip the stability needed to support her new prosthetic leg.

Throughout Dani’s journey, there have been moments of hope and joy that have illuminated her path. To prepare for surgery, Dani has had months of physical therapy using a prosthetic leg, and she has achieved remarkable milestones. Her triumphs include climbing stairs, playing at the park, and even having fun with children in Mt. Zion’s Sunday nursery. These milestones have demonstrated her incredible resilience and determination, inspiring her family each day.

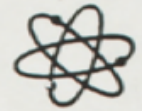
Reflecting on their experience, Dani’s parents offered advice to other parents facing similar challenges. They emphasized the importance of prayer, seeking second opinions, surrounding oneself with a supportive community, and exploring available resources and financial assistance. They encouraged parents not to shy away from sharing their journey, as it could lead to unexpected doors opening and invaluable support coming their way.

On March 3, Dani and her parents will fly to Florida to prepare for her March 6 surgery. We are asking our Mt. Zion family to gather as a faith community by surrounding the Green family with prayers and financial support. Your contribution to Dani’s GoFundMe goal will aid her family during their stay in Florida. You can contribute by going to <https://gofund.me/1f562364>.

Dani’s story is a testament to the power of faith and love in overcoming life’s most challenging obstacles. With the unwavering support of her parents and the strength of her spirit, Dani continues to defy the odds, proving that determination knows no boundaries. And for this, we give God all of the glory and praise!



Dani (right) playing in Mt. Zion’s nursery



BLACK INVENTORS AND THEIR INVENTIONS

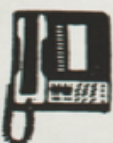
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Hubb's Groove Honors Dr. King with Music



Covenant Couples at ThirdSpace



Early on the cold brisk morning of Saturday, January 27, members of Covenant Couples joined Dr. Audley and Deacon Sharon Mackel at ThirdSpace Action Lab, located on 105th Street in Glenville, to enjoy the warmth of food and fellowship. The Mackels hosted a scrumptious breakfast at the storied building, designed in 1960 by Robert Madison, and known as the Madison.

“ThirdSpace Action Lab was created to disrupt the vicious cycle of disinvestment and displacement that exploit low-income communities of color. It is a grassroots research, strategy, and design cooperative dedicated to prototyping creative place-based solutions to actualize racial equity. It has institutional and community organizers turning evidence-based strategies into action and co-creating liberated ‘third spaces’ for people of color.”

The Madison “was [originally] called the Medical Associates Building for Black doctors. [The] property was vital to Black physicians [who] were excluded from practicing in University Hospitals and Mt. Sinai Medical Center.” Nine medical professionals provided the financial equity to form Medics, Inc. These forward thinking physicians, commissioned Madison, the first licensed African American architect in Ohio, to design a place where “they could invest in and care for their community. Madison’s success enabled him to build his firm into a powerhouse company. Over the years, “the building has housed many other businesses, most notably Deuteronomy 8:3 Cafe Books & Music, owned by Mittie Imani Jordan.”

In addition to the delicious catered meal, members enjoyed an informative presentation by Madison’s niece, Sandra Madison, who is the CEO, Chairperson, and Partner at Robert P. Madison International. She shared the profound story of how racism thwarted her husband’s grandfather from achieving his dream to become an engineer. Fortunately, his deferred dreams have been made a reality through his sons, nieces, and nephews who have excelled in the field of architecture and engineering.

AT MT. ZION

Welcome New Members



Darrell Steele and
Carolina Burton



Sarah Eddings

Congratulations



Maraya Mullen, daughter of Rev. Stephen Mullen, works in Detroit as the Direct Service Specialist at Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency. On one of the coldest nights of the year, WVID-TV 4, featured her as she coordinated efforts to move homeless people into shelters.

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Mr. George Whitehead
Windsor Assisted Living
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Beachwood, OH 44122

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2024 Faith Formation Conference

MARCH 2, 2024



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REV. DR. CLAUDIO CARVALHAES, PROFESSOR OF
WORSHIP AT UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
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LOCATIONS:

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Wednesday

February 14, 2024

@ 12 Noon & 7 p.m.

Mt. Zion UCC

& via Zoom



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Valentine's Day*



FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Day of Sabbath for Rev. Paul			1	2	3
				7pm Leadership Tm via Zm	7am Prayer Call 6:30pm Sisters in the Sp.	9am Bd of Deacons via Zoom
					Deacon Charles Scott	Torie Johnson
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
COMMUNION 7am Worship Prayer Call 11am Worship 12:30 pm COFFEE HOUR		7:00am Care Shep. 6pm FA via Zoom 6pm Bd of Christ. Stwdsp. via Zoom	7am Prayer Call 10:30am Bible Stdy via Zoom 6:30pm Praise Tm Rehear. 7pm Bible Study via Zoom			11:30am Mission & Out. via Zoom
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Stacey Brisker	Sonya Durr		Harriett Richardson Deacon Jimmy Thornton		Fuller "Butch" Woods	Marquetta Spencer
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