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Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., a civil rights icon, passes at 84

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The Rev. Jesse Jackson, the Baptist minister and two-time presidential candidate whose booming oratory and populist message propelled the Civil Rights Movement in the decades after the assassination Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., died Tuesday, February 16, 2026, his family said.

He was 84.

"Our father was a servant leader — not only to our family, but to the oppressed, the voiceless, and the overlooked around the world," the Jackson family said in a statement.

Civil rights leader Rev.

Al Sharpton said in a statement that "our nation lost one of its greatest moral voices" and paid tribute to a man who "carried history in his footsteps and hope in his voice."

"Reverend Jackson stood wherever dignity was under attack, from apartheid abroad to injustice at home. His voice echoed in boardrooms and in jail cells," Sharpton said.

A cause of death was not immediately given. Jackson's family said he died peacefully surrounded by his loved ones.

He was admitted to a hospital in November and had been living for more than a decade with progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP), according to his Rainbow PUSH Coalition. PSP affects patients' ability to walk and swallow and can lead to dangerous complications.

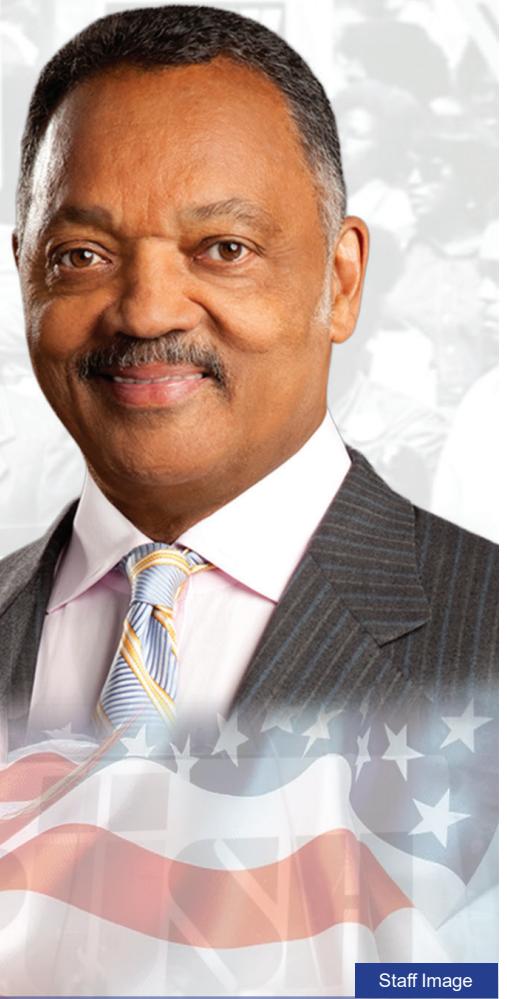
Jackson revealed he had Parkinson's in 2017. He was treated as an outpatient at Northwestern Medicine in Chicago for at least two years before he shared his diagnosis with the public.

Public observances will be held in Chicago and

future plans for celebration of life events will be announced by the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, the Jackson family said in its statement Tuesday.

Jackson was born in Greenville, South Carolina, and rose to prominence in the Civil Rights era, participating in demonstrations alongside the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. His activism spanned decades, including two runs for the Democratic presidential nomination, in 1984 and 1988.

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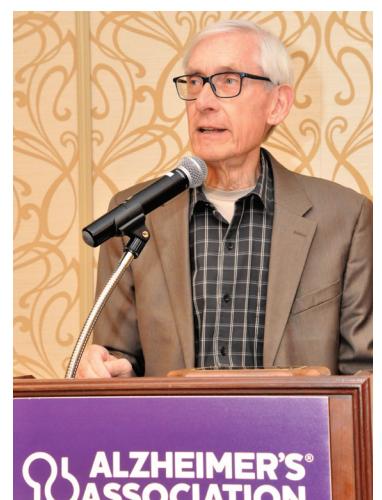


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Alzheimer's Association WI celebrates annual 'Advocacy Day'



Photos by Yvonne Kemp



A coalition of more than 200 Wisconsin residents gathered at the State Capitol in Madison, on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 for the Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin's annual Advocacy Day, featuring remarks from Governor Tony Evers and First Lady Kathy Evers and a bipartisan legislative panel discussing opportunities to strengthen support. Among the participants was a dedicated group from Milwaukee who traveled to Madison to meet with legislators and share how Alzheimer's and other dementias affect families in their community.

The focus of the day's advocacy was urging lawmakers to support legislation requiring dementia-specific training for staff in memory care facilities, an effort aimed at improving safety, quality of care, and dignity for residents across the state.

The Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin Chapter conducts this annual event to raise awareness and impact state legislation.

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Rev. Jesse Jackson calls the State Department decision revoking the visa of white South African boxer Kallie Knotze a "human rights victory" and credited the Carter administration with continuing its fight for human rights in 1979.

In the first race, he won more than 18 percent of the primary vote and a handful of primaries and caucuses.

"Merely by being black and forcing other candidates to consider his very real potential to garner black votes, which they need, Jackson has had an impact," read a 1984 New York Times profile.

Four years later, he built on that success by winning 11 primaries and caucuses.

Jackson began his work as an organizer with the Congress of Racial Equality, participating in marches and sit-ins. He attended North Carolina A&T State University and graduated with a degree in sociology. He began rallying student support for King during his divinity studies at Chicago Theological Seminary and participated in the 1965 Selma-to-Montgomery march in Alabama.

Shortly afterward, Jackson joined the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, or SCLC, to work alongside King full time. He drew praise from King as a young

man running the SCLC's economic development and empowerment program, Operation Breadbasket — "we knew he was going to do a good job, but he's done better than a good job," King said.

As he grew as an organizer, Jackson married Jacqueline Brown, who survives him, in 1962. They have five children, including former Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-Ill.

Jackson, who was at the motel in Memphis, Tennessee, with King when he was assassinated in 1968, did not let up after King's death. He took his vision for Black liberation even further by founding People United to Save Humanity, or PUSH, in 1971. He resigned from the SCLC that year to start PUSH after he was suspended from the organization; he was accused of using the SCLC for personal gain. PUSH worked to improve economic conditions of Black communities in the country and later expanded to politics with direct action campaigns and social areas through a weekly radio show and awards for Black people.

Jackson's 1984 presidential bid prompted the launch of his National Rainbow Coalition, which opposed President Ronald Reagan's policies and advocated for social programs, voting rights and affirmative action. PUSH and the National Rainbow Coalition merged in 1996 and are now the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition.

His 1984 campaign angered some Democrats



who said his ideas were too left-leaning and would hurt the party in the general election. Jackson dismissed the concerns.

"The great responsibility that we have today is to put the poor and the near-poor back on front of the American agenda," Jackson said of the 1984 campaign in a 1996 interview with PBS. "This is a dangerous mission, and yet it's a necessary mission!"

Jackson's 1984 campaign was marred when he referred to Jewish people as "hymies" and called New York City "hymietown" in a Washington Post interview. He initially denied having made the remarks and accused Jewish people of targeting his campaign. He later admitted having used the slur and offered an impassioned apology.

In 1991, Jackson was elected as one of Washington's two "shadow senators" to lobby for D.C. statehood and served one term.

Jackson also helped win the release of several detained and captured Americans around the world. In 1999, he negotiated the release of three U.S. soldiers being held in Yugoslavia. President Bill Clinton awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom for those efforts a year later.

Jackson's other successes included winning the release of a U.S. Navy pilot in 1984 from Syrian captors after his plane was shot down, at least 16 Americans held in Cuba in 1984, 700 women and children from Iraq in 1990 and two Gambian Americans from prison in the West African country in 2012.

Tributes poured in for Jackson, with politicians on both sides of the aisle praising his work on civil rights.

House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., said in a post to X that Jackson "was a legendary voice for the voiceless," and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., called Jackson "one of the most powerful forces for positive change in our country and our world."

Former President Joe Biden said Jackson would be remembered as "a man of God and of the people," and former President Bill Clinton and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said that Jackson "never stopped working for a better America with brighter tomorrows."

President Donald Trump said in a post to Truth Social on Tuesday that Jackson "was a good man, with lots of personality, grit, and 'street smarts.'"

"He loved his family greatly, and to them I send my deepest sympathies and condolences," Trump said in the post. "Jesse will be missed!"

In recent decades, Jackson was outspoken about leading politicians, including former President Barack Obama. He condemned Trump's presidency, saying, "Fifty years of civil rights have been threatened." Jackson endorsed Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., in the 2020 presidential election, and Sanders made sure to praise him on the campaign trail.

"It is one of the honors of my life to be supported by a man who has put his life on the line for the last 50 years fighting for justice," Sanders said at the time.

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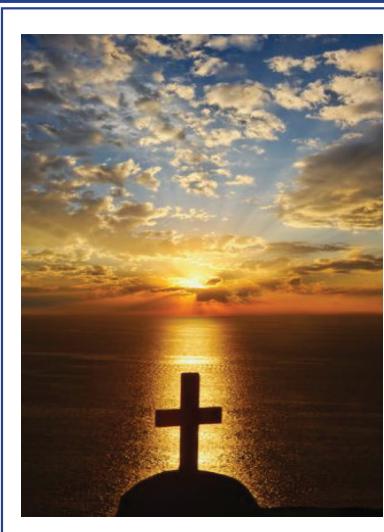
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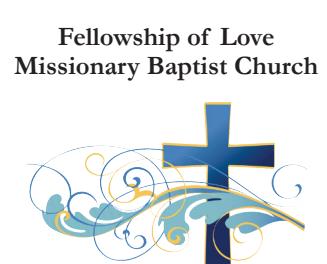


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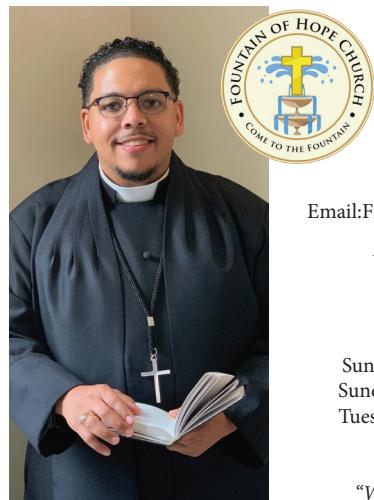
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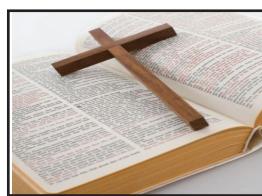
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Black History Month is becoming what it was meant to correct

A century after Carter G. Woodson founded what became Black History Month, his warning remains an unanswered charge against an education system that reproduces violence through omission and distortion

By: LaNitra M. Berger

"There would be no lynching if it did not start in the schoolroom."

When Carter G. Woodson wrote these words in "The Mis-education of the Negro" published in 1933, he was not being metaphorical. He was being precise. A century after he founded what became Black History Month, his warning remains an unanswered charge against an education system that reproduces violence through omission and distortion.

Woodson, one of the first Black Americans to earn a PhD from Harvard University, founded Negro History Week in 1926, which later became Black History Month, because he understood something painfully clear: If Black people appeared in textbooks only as enslaved or inferior, violence against them would always feel justified.

White students were being educated to hate. Black students were being educated to be hated. That was, in Woodson's words, "the worst sort of lynching" – one that kills aspiration and self-worth long before physical violence ever occurs. Woodson understood that schooling was never neutral; it was designed to produce obedience, hierarchy and consent.

A century later, we are still living with the consequences of that miseducation.

I know this not only as a scholar of the African diaspora, but also as someone who grew up immersed in Black history. I was raised in San Bernardino, California, where I lived in a predominantly Black, middle-class neighborhood where Blackness was normalized, not pathologized.

Black history books filled our home, our neighborhood was built by a Black developer, and Black history parades marked the calendar. Every December, my classmates and I received packets of poems and facts to memorize for a Black History Bee held in February. I can still recite Langston Hughes' poem "I, Too" by heart.

Excellence was assumed of me. I didn't have to prove I belonged in the room. I had space simply to learn.

I didn't realize how rare that was until I left it.

University of Louisville st-Through a citywide desegregation plan, I attended a junior high school across town

where I was one of only a few Black students. The contrast was jarring. Suddenly, Blackness became something to explain, to defend, to survive. That grounding in Black history sustained me. It gave me what Woodson knew was essential: a sense of origin and possibility.

Today, I teach art history and African and African American studies at George Mason University outside Washington, DC. Every semester, I encounter students



migrant, African and more – who are stunned by how much they were never taught.

Many Virginia students, raised in a state saturated with Black history, know almost nothing about Nat Turner beyond textbook portrayals of him as a deranged killer. They are shocked to learn how enslaved people read, organized and resisted.

Some are astonished to realize they have never been asked to study a map of Africa, having absorbed it as

a monolith – or an afterthought.

Black students often enter my classes knowing there is a gap in their education and feeling an urgent need to fill it. Students from historically advantaged backgrounds discover that they, too, have been misled, responding with anger as they confront the lies they were taught.

Allyship begins there, with the recognition that ignorance was never accidental.

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Obituary Notices

Community leader Lamarr Franklin passes at 80; legacy lives on in \$16-million housing development

At the corner of King Drive and Dr. William Finlayson Street stands a \$16-million affordable housing complex named in honor of Lamarr Franklin (pictured center)—a lasting tribute to a man many say dedicated his life to strengthening Milwaukee's north side.

Franklin passed away Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at the age of 80. For decades, he was a driving force in the community, working behind the scenes and on the front lines to create opportunities for residents and future generations.

He helped launch the MLK Economic Development Corporation, an organization focused on revitalizing the historic King Drive corridor.

Franklin also spent 40 years serving on the board of Northcott Neighborhood House, supporting programs that provide vital resources to families. In addition, he organized the city's first Garfield Festival, bringing neighbors together in celebration of community and culture.

The Lamarr Franklin Lofts are located directly across the street from Bader Philanthropies. "Lamar Franklin, Mac Weddle, Ben Johnson... those are champions," said Frank Cumberbatch, Vice President of Engagement at Bader Philanthropies. "And when we lose one, there's a big hole. And today on this King Drive on the north side of Milwaukee, there's a major void."

In 1973, Franklin founded the Milwaukee chapter of the Black Achievers Program, mentoring generations of young leaders and helping shape futures through guidance and opportunity.

Wherever Franklin went, his best friend of more than 70 years, Mac Weddle, was often by his side. Their extraordinary friendship was well known in the community, and Weddle was with Franklin when he passed. Black History Month: Lifelong best friends give back to Milwaukee community

Franklin's nephew, Lester Julien, said his uncle's commitment to the community is what should be remembered most.

"I want him to be remembered in the community for the hard work he did for the community," said Julien. "He was a pillar in the community, well-liked, well-known... so I want him to be known as a person that cared about his



Photo by Yvonne Kemp

people."

And now the building that bears his name stands as a lasting reminder of a life spent serving others.

In a statement released by former State Representative and Northcott Neighborhood House and Juneteenth Director of Operations Elizabeth Coggs:

"...Milwaukee has truly lost a quiet giant. We mourn the passing of Lamarr Franklin, a true Milwaukee champion. He was a Vietnam veteran, a loving husband, a devoted father, and a faithful family man whose life reflected steady service and deep commitment to his community. In 2023, he was honored as a Black Excellence Honoree, recognized as a veteran who served our nation during an unpopular war and celebrated alongside other Black veterans in Milwaukee for his courage and sacrifice.

For decades, he dedicated his life to expanding opportunity, building community, and ensuring that every family in our city could see a future with a stable place to call home. He was instrumental in launching the Martin Luther King Economic Development Corporation more than 30 years ago, and his vision helped shape so much of the progress we see in Milwaukee today. Lamarr put action behind his values and changed the lives of countless people.

On October 3, 2025, long-time community leader Lamarr Franklin began the first week of his eighties by cutting the ribbon on the Lamarr Franklin Lofts, an affordable housing complex named in his honor at the corner of North King Drive. Standing before the community, he humbly shared, "I am very proud and beyond words. Thank you for this."

Along with the MLK Apartments above the King Drive Library and the upcoming Union at Rose Park, the Lamarr Franklin Lofts are part

of a collective effort that will bring more than 200 new apartment units to the neighborhood by the end of 2026—an enduring testament to the housing opportunities he spent his life championing.

He was also deeply involved in the revitalization of King Drive and the Bronzeville district. When belief in the corridor's future was low, Lamarr stood among those who believed in its promise. As Chairman of Historic King Drive BID #8, he supported the vision of creating "the Best King Drive in the Nation." He believed

in the people leading that effort and helped strengthen a coalition of elected officials, business owners, developers, philanthropic partners, and residents who shared the vision for a vibrant Bronzeville. Through that work, new businesses were recruited, national Main Street recognition was achieved, and transformative investments such as ThriveOn King brought major resources and opportunity back to the corridor. His leadership helped ensure that Dr. King's name would live on through growth, culture, and community pride in Milwaukee.

He was a man who believed in improving the quality of life for others. Whether volunteering at church, supporting economic development in the Dr. Martin Luther King neighborhoods, or giving decades of his expertise as President of Northcott Neighborhood House, Lamarr led with humility and purpose... He didn't just give of his time—he also gave generously of his resources, supporting churches and countless community projects. Lamarr was always there for this city—quietly, faithfully, and consistently.

Alongside his best friends of more than seventy years, Mac Weddle and Ben Johnson, they stood as three pillars of a seventy-year brotherhood—steady, faithful, and always together. Their bond reflected the same loyalty, love, and commitment that Lamarr showed to his family, his faith, and his community.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and all who were touched by his life. May his memory be a blessing to Milwaukee and to all who knew and loved him."



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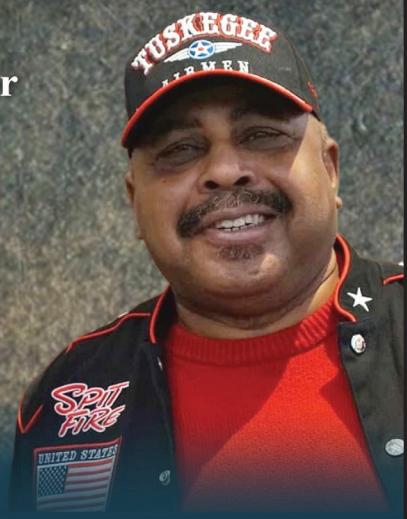
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Rev. Dr. F. L. Crouther, Pastor
2315 N. 38th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53210
Phone: (414) 873-1221 Fax: (414) 873-8614
E-Mail: Newcovenantbc2315@wi.rr.com
Weekly Schedule
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study...10 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.(-Virtual)
Sat. Church School.....9:00 a.m. (Virtual)

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1404 W. Center Street
Milwaukee, WI 53206
(414) 372-7544 (Church)
(414) 510-5367 (Cell)

Order of Service

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11 a.m.
Thurs Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.
Thurs Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

Food Pantry

Food Bags* 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Please Call For Appointments
Hot Meals 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
T.V. Ministry every 2nd Tue. of
the month on Channel 96,
8-9 p.m.



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Rev. Dr. Terrell H. Cistrunk
Pastor

New Dawn Worship Center
3276 N. Palmer Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212
PH: (414) 393-1290
FX: (414) 393-1234

SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship 11:30 AM

Thursday
Prayer 5:30 PM
Bible Study 6:30 PM



New Direction
Christian Church



Pastor Jarett Williams
2127 W. Garfield Ave.
(414) 460-3339 (Cell)
ndccMilwaukee@gmail.com

Weekly Worship Services
Sun. School.....8:00 a.m.
Sun. Morn. Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet.....5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.



NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Dr. Archie L. Ivy, Pastor/Teacher
2433 W. Roosevelt Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53209
Phone (414) 871-0350 • Fax (414) 871-4219
E-mail: newhobcbc@ameritech.net
Weekly Schedule
Sun. Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sun. School 8:00 a.m.
Wed. Morning Prayer & Bible
Study 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Mid-week Service (last Wed. of the month)
..... 6:00 p.m.
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World Ministry & Outreach C.O.G.I.C**
2516 West Hopkins Street
Milwaukee, WI 53206
Evangelist Margaret Stone, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
3rd Tues. The Ecumenical Prayer 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 10:45 a.m.
Last (2) Wed. Freedom from
Addiction Ministry 11:15 a.m.
Wed. Food Pantry 12:00 noon
Fri. Prayer, Miracle, Prophetic Word 7:00 p.m.
Every 1st Weekend
Revival Service: Fri. - 7:00 p.m. • Sat. - 7:00 p.m.
Sun. Evening - 6:00 p.m.

www.highergroundchristianwomensmovement.org

New Outlook Ministries



Pastor Brenda S. Nelson

138 W. North Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53212
(414) 406-0258

Weekly Schedule:

Sun. School.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning
Worship.....11:00 a.m.

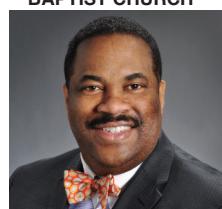
"Thou Art Worthy O Lord" - *Revelations 4:11*



**Pastor Benjamin L. Yancy &
First Lady Norma J. Yancy**
**NEW PARADISE
Missionary Baptist Church**
2353 West Fond Du Lac Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53206
Tel: 414-316-9014
www.npbc.org

Worship Services:
Sun. Morning Worship.....8:45 a.m.
Tues. Bible Sharing.....6:30 p.m.
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**NEWPORT MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH**


2237 N. 11 St.
Milwaukee, WI 53205
(414) 265-5881
newportmissionarybaptistchurch@gmail.com

Order of Service

*Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Anthony D. Smith, Pastor

**The Open Door Christian
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Senior Pastor: Apostle Kenneth Lock Sr.
and Pastor: Apostle Michele Lock

245 West Auer Avenue
Milwaukee WI 53206
Phone: (414) 444-5727

Sun. A.M. Worship 8:30 a.m.
Sun. P.M. Worship 12 noon
Sun. Corporate Prayer 10:00 a.m.
Tues. Prayer 6:30 p.m.
Tues. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.



**Philadelphia Missionary
Baptist Church**
2028 W. Cherry St.,
Milwaukee, WI 53205
Phone: (414) 344-2400 • Fax: (414) 344-0389
E-mail: philadel.church@att.net
Rev. Maddie Turner, Sr. pastor
Pastor Hours: 10 a.m. - 12 noon
Weekly Meetings and Activities:
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meet/Bible Class (Zoom).....Tus. 6-7 p.m.
Zoom ID: 861 7625 3012 • Pass: 747499 (Cell & Tablet)
For Phone calls: 1-312-626-6799, ID: 86176253012# US to hear
Motto: For with God all things are possible

Pilgrim Baptist Worship Center



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Rev. George M. Ware Pastor
2975 N. Buffum St.
Milwaukee, WI 53212
P.O. Box 241772
Milwaukee, WI. 53224
Sunday Church
School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday
Worship.....10:45 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting & Bible
Study 7:00 p.m.
Church Office #: (414) 265-7171

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**Rev. Demetria C.
McCroskey,
Pastor**

3456 North 38th Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53216
Church Phone: 414-873-1045

Website:
www.pilgrimrestmilwaukee.org
E-mail:
pilchurch@sbcglobal.net

Sunday Church School 8:00 a.m.

SundayWorship 9:15a.m.

Mon. SisterCircle 6:00p.m.

Tues. Bible Class 12:00 noon

Tues. Bible Class 6:30 p.m.

Thurs. Bible Class 1:00 p.m.

Call the church office for details!



Prince of Peace Baptist Church
3701 North 35th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53216
(414) 444-6700 • (414) 444-6701 fax
Steven R. McVicker, Pastor

WEEKLY SCHEDULE
Sunday School 9:00 am
Sunday Worship 10:00 am
Tuesday Bible Class 6:00 pm
Tuesday Prayer 6:00 pm
Thurs. Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm
Welcome to Peace



Power House Deliverance Church
4344 N. 27th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53216
414-442-2234

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Service.....11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Night Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
Friday Community Food Pantry.....2-4 p.m.
Transportation Available
(414) 449-0122

Progressive Baptist Church



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Pastor Walter J. Lanier
8324 W. Keefe Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53222
Phone: 414-462-9050

Worship Schedule:
Sun. School.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study.....Noon
Wednesday Bible Study.....6:45 p.m.

Website: www.progressivebaptistmilwaukee.org



Prayer House of Faith

Pentecostal Church, Inc.
4778 N. Hopkins St.
Milwaukee, WI 53209
(414) 466 - 3807

Alice O. Green, Founder

Dr. Shane E. Rowe, Sr. &

Pastor Lekecessa C. Rowe, Senior Pastors

Children's Min. Sun.....11:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....12 Noon
Tuesday Prayer/Bible Class.....6:30 p.m.
www.prayerhouseoffaith.org



Reveal Community Church
Rev. James Bufford, Jr., Pastor
5856 North 75th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53218
Telephone: 262-744-4857

Weekly Service:
Sunday.....2:00 p.m.



Rev. Dwain E. Berry - Pastor
Risen Savior Community
Baptist Church
3105A N. 12th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53206

Services:
Sunday School 9:00 am
Sunday Worship 11:00 pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:00 pm
Phone (414) 748-5705

Rose of Sharon Deliverance
G.O.G.I.C.

623 W. Center Street
Milwaukee, WI 53209
(414) 873-0933

Pastor James Grant, Sr.
Co-Pastor, Kimani Grant

Weekly Schedule
Sun. School.....9:30 a.m.
Sun. Service.....11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Bible Class.....7:00 p.m.
Fri. Night Service.....7:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
4801 West Capitol Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53216
(414) 444-1200 • (414) 444-1212 fax
Rev. Dr. Brandon Robinson, M.Div., Th.D.
First Lady Loletha Robinson

WEEKLY SCHEDULE
Sunday School.....9:00 am
Sunday Worship.....10:30 am
Tuesday Bible Class.....6:00 pm
Thurs. Choir Rehearsal.....6:00 pm

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Fellowship Church

Sunday Worship Service
4260 N. 50th Street
(around the back on Marion)
Sunday Morning - 11:00 A.M.
(414) 502-9412
showerofblessings1@gmail.com

24 Hour Prayer Line:
(414) 502-9412
Dr. Darry Tucker - Pastor
Dr. Paula Tucker - First Lady

SAINT GABRIEL'S C.O.G.I.C.

Rev. Lee A. Shaw, Pastor
5375 North 37th St. • Milw., WI 53209
(414) 795-6397

ORDER OF SERVICE
Sun. School 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Sun. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Tue. Bible Study 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Wed. Nicotine Treatment.....6:00p.m.

St. John's United Baptist Church
Dr. Robert T. Wilson, Sr., Pastor
2439 West Hopkins St.
Milwaukee, WI 53206
Tel: 414-871-4673 • Fax: 414-871-2373
email:st.johnsunitedmbc@yahoo.com

Order of Service
Bible Class – Wed. - 7 p.m.
via Tele-conference
Sun. School/Seed Ministry – Sat. 6 p.m.
p.m. via Zoom
Sun. Morning Worship – Sun. 10 a.m.
Streaming live via Facebook

ST. MARK
African Methodist Episcopal Church
1616 W. Atkinson Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53206
Rev. Joy L. Gallmon, Pastor

Weekly Schedule:
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.
Sun. Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Wed. Bible/Prayer Service - 5:30 p.m.
Phone: 562-8030

St. Matthew C.M.E.
Rev. Dr. Richard D. Shaw, Pastor
7500 N. 76th St. • Milw., WI 53223
(414) 562-7580

Weekly Schedule:
Sun. Service.....8:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....Noon & 6 p.m.
Young Adult Connect Services -
(4th Sun. of the Month).....10:30 a.m.

Rev. Oscar Elim
St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church
EACH ONE REACH ONE
7283 W. Appleton Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53216
Phone: (414) 442-6389
Email: spmbc@att.net

Sun. School.....9:00 a.m.
Sun. Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study/Prayer.....6:00 p.m.
Online 1-213-992-4634
Radio Ministry: WGLB 1560AM
Thursdays from 2:00-2:30 p.m.

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(414) 276-6277

ST. TIMOTHY COMMUNITY
Baptist Church
3701 N. Teutonia
Milwaukee, WI 53208
Rev. Mose A. Fuller, Pastor
Home: (414) 871-2933
Church: (414) 445-2958

Sunday Church School....9:30 A.M.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 A.M.
Wed. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
.....6:00 P.M.

TABERNACLE COMMUNITY
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2500 West Medford Ave. • Milwaukee, WI 53206
OFFICE: 414-562-1129 • FAX: 414-562-4713
EMAIL: WWW.TCBCHURCH.COM
Senior Pastor: Donna Childs

Our Weekly Worship Schedule
Church Sun. School 8:30 a.m.
Celebration of Worship 10:00 a.m.
Tues. TIPS for Growth (Prayer & Study)
& AWANA (youth).....6:30 p.m.

Temple of Judah Church
Pastor David W. Stokes
8620 W. Fond du Lac Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53225
Inside Redeem Pentecostal Church
Office Phone: (414) 326-4811

Weekly Services:
Judah Cafe'.....10:00 am
Sunday School.....11:00 am
Sunday Service.....12:15 am
Voice of Faith Broadcast on JOY1340
AM.....Sundays @ 5:30 pm

Tue. Mana & Bible Study.....7:00 pm
Prayer Manna Mon.-Fri.....6:00 am
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TRINITY
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Pastor: Rev. Harold Turner

Sunday School.....9:30-10:30 a.m.
Sunday A.M. Worship.....10:45-11:45 a.m.
Bible Class/Saturday.....10:00-11:00 a.m.
(Masks Are Required)

Phone: (414) 263-1919 • (414) 333-8265
2829 N. Teutonia Ave. • Milwaukee, WI 53206

True Heart
Missionary Baptist Church
4300 West Villard Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53218
(414) 464-0390

Rev. Robert McFarland, Sr., Pastor

Weekly Schedule:
Sun. School 9:00 a.m.
Sun. Morn. Worship...10:30 a.m.
Tues. Prayer Mtg & Bible
Study.....6:30 p.m.

Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church
2190 N. 49th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53208
Church: (414) 444-4244
Office: (414) 444-8947
Fax: (414) 444-7924

Weekly Schedule
Sun. Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Tus. Bible Study....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Mission.....3-7 p.m.
Wed. Fellowship...6:00 p.m.

Unlimited Life in Jesus Christ
Christian Church
623 W. Cherry St.
Milwaukee, WI 53212
Inside the Boys and Girls Club
Pastor Sudie B. Jones

Services:
Sunday School.....10:00 am
Sunday Service.....11:00 am
Tue. Choir Rehearsal.....6:00 pm
Tue. Prayer & Bible Study 6-7:30 pm
Tue. Youth Meeting.....6-8:00 pm
Wed. Recovery Services.....6-7:30 pm
John 14:27

The Upper Room
Baptist Church
Pastor: Willie F. Brooks Jr.
2200 W. Center Street
Milwaukee WI 23209
414/265-5455

Worship Schedule:
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....11:30 a.m.
Mon. Women Circle Min.
Wed. Bible Study.....7:30 p.m.
Soar Men Min.....11:30 a.m.

Rev. Edward E. Thomas
Victory Missionary Baptist Church
2661-63 N. Teutonia Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53206
Office: (414) 265-4850 / Fax: (414) 265-3817

Order of Service (Temporary Change)
Sunday's Order of Service
Sun. Morning Worship.....10:15 A.M.
Wednesday Evening.....8:00 P.M.

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Way of the Cross Missionary Baptist Church
1401 West Hadley Street
Milwaukee, WI 53206
Office: (414) 265-2725
Rev. Dr. Eddie Nash, Sr.,
Pastor

Weekly Schedule
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Tuesday
Noon Day Mission.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Mission.....6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

ZION HILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1825 W. Hampton Ave. • Milw., WI 53209
Rev. Russell Williamson, Pastor

Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service
and Bible Stud.....6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

(Tele-conference #: 1-571-317-3122; Access
code:516652437#)
(Online Bible Study will continue thru March 2022)
Phone: (414) 263-1777

BIRTHDAY SALUTES

"WISHING YOU ALL THE BEST!"



February 1st
Karen M. Ingram
Jayzion Fumbanks

February 2nd
Donald Driver
Hannah Ivy
Blanche Hogan

February 3rd
Frances Brown
Evelyn Glover
Evelyn Blake
Kiana Hunter
Sabrina Grant

February 4th
Yashika Graves
JaRon Williams

Cleveland Hathaway
Christine Pearson
Launita Dawson

February 5th
Kylah Lyons
Mahalia Kirk

February 6th
Lawrence Smith
Mark Phillips

February 7th
Beniee A. Randle
Trynayl Banks
Derrick Eichelberger, Jr.
Pastor Joseph H. Jackson, Jr.

February 8th
Emily Davis
Deborah (Burnside) Turner

February 9th
Joyce Nash
Lori Ann Jackson Blount

February 10th
Bertha Thompson

February 11th
Lyrics Serenity Bell
Yvette Bolton Woelfel

February 12th
Stacy D. Ingram
Kieva Smith
Robert Garner
Pastor Arthur Kennedy

February 13th
Terry Taylor
Pastor Pamela Hines

February 14th
Angela T. Fumbanks
Vicki Chamberlain
Dora Hogan

Willie Speed

February 15th
Annabelle Banks

February 16th
Steffanie Boyd
Quiana Staten
Charella Davis
Tony Chamberlain

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Kim Lyons
Tony J. Thompson

February 18th
Tina Spears
Courtney Kelly
Louise Barnett
Jamerh Banks
Charles B. Strokes

February 19th
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Gloria Hunt
Ellen Fumbanks
Jamera Ellis

February 20th

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Channing M. Williams

February 21st
Nia Fitzpatrick
Margo Gipson
Terese Robinson

February 23rd
Chloe Ann Taylor
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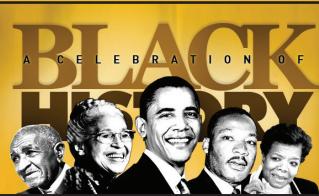
February 24th
Janice Williams

February 25th
Betty Speed
Jeffery Matlock

February 26th
Geraldine Walker
Sandrene Watts
Louis Davis, Jr.
Jo Dean Walker

February 28th
Louis Taylor, Jr.
Lyric Burnside

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Black History Month is becoming what it was meant to correct

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This ignorance is sustained

by policy and practice.

Black history is not a commodity, it is a foundation

Textbooks sanitize slavery or erase it entirely. Books by marginalized authors are disproportionately banned. Faculty are pressured to submit syllabi for political review by people with no expertise. Teachers fear losing their jobs

for telling unvarnished history. African American studies programs are underfunded and threatened.

This is not a failure of Black History Month. It is the danger of asking one month to compensate for 11 months of erasure.

Every February, we watch Black history become a

commodity: corporate statements, themed commercials, symbolic gestures. I have taken part in these demonstrations, knowing silence would be worse. But concentrating Black history into the shortest month of the year strips it of context.

March arrives, and the conversation disappears. History becomes episodic instead of foundational.

Woodson never intended that. Black History Month was meant to be a corrective, not a container. A lens for understanding American life.

We must acknowledge that education creates permission structures. If you are taught a group of people is inferior, criminal or passive, then exploitation feels logical. The lynching that Woodson warned about has not disappeared; it has merely changed form. Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids echo its logic: people demonized and dragged from their homes, families torn apart, violence normalized, all sanctioned by the federal government. The logic is the same because the education is the same.

This cycle will not cease until we stop wielding Black history, and the history of all marginalized groups, as weapons for oppression and start recognizing what's central to democracy itself.

Lynching begins in the classroom, but so does resistance.

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*All are welcome to join Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. *

Theme: "Legacy Bearers, Vision Carriers"

¹⁸Where there is no vision, the people perish:
but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.
Proverbs 29:18 KJV

Sub-Theme: "Unity and Maturity: Service, Ascension, & Inclusion."

¹²And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; ¹²For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: ¹³Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: Ephesians 4:11-13 (KJV)

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