



**PRAYER**

- ✓ Family of Sis. Eva Ellis who passed
- ✓ Sis. Judy Thomas
- ✓ Bishop Lawrence Kirby
- ✓ Jones / Wright Families
- ✓ Sis. Freddie Robinson
- ✓ Sis. Nina Hooker's brother, Henry
- ✓ Bro. John Kincaid's mother passed
- ✓ Bro. Berry's nephew, Marshall Augustine
- ✓ Brother Lamar Kirk
- ✓ The Bible Study Prayer List
- ✓ Dr. Trinetta McCray
- ✓ Brother John Reid's sister
- ✓ McCoy family
- ✓ Jacob Blake and family
- ✓ Sister Nather Roby
- ✓ Brother Flenorl and family
- ✓ Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church Family
- ✓ Healthcare Workers / First Responders / Essential Workers / Those infected and affected by the Coronavirus
- ✓ Our children and their educational needs
- ✓ Peace in our streets
- ✓ Governor Gretchen Whitmer
- ✓ 6 year old Alonzo
- ✓ Sis. Freddie Delaney's grandson, Rashad, Passed
- ✓ Sis. Dorinda Boston passed. She was the cousin of Sis. Marquala Ellison
- ✓ Bro. John Lewis' niece and nephew, Laurie and Marvin Kerr
- ✓ Sis. Hale and Mother Loper's brother-in-law, Frederick Kinlow passed
- ✓ Sis. Ebone Jackson
- ✓ Michele Kemp's step sister, and Darlene Stinson's niece, Tamika Galloway
- ✓ Sisters Pat, Debra Wilson, Gwen Jackson, Deacon Cocroft's nephew passed
- ✓ Families affected by the Hurricanes, storms, flood, and the fires out west

**THE ONLY REMEDY FOR HATE IS LOVE**

For the past four years, we have experienced an increase in overt racial confrontations. We have witnessed a rise in racial hostility. Many of us have viewed the videos that were posted of white people who have questioned the right of Black people to be in lobby and swimming pool of hotels where they are paid guests. We have watched the videos that were posted of white people who have sought to deny the entrance of Black people to apartment buildings and complexes where they are residents. We have observed in utter disbelief the videos that were posted of white people who have called law enforcement on Black people who have done nothing wrong with the expectation that they would be removed, cited and/or charged with a crime. We have witnessed in horror the videos that were posted of unarmed Black people being murdered, shot, choked, thrown to the ground, and violated by those who have taken a sworn oath to protect and serve.

This ugly and vile behavior has been reinforced and exacerbated by the president of the United States, Donald Trump,, who from the moment he rode down the escalator to announce his candidacy for president has stoked the flames of racial biases, racial fears, cultural differences, ethnic dissimilarities and has used every opportunity previously present while creating new opportunities to further divide and deepen wedges between people in this country.

Statements that were once only shared in private are being shouted in public. Beliefs that were once held internally are now being hailed externally. Conversations that people were once embarrassed to talk out and even think out are now being lived out. Honestly, what should we expect when we hear the despicable rhetoric coming from the White House? When given the opportunity to denounce white supremacy groups in the first presidential debate of 2020, Trump instead responded to the Proud Boys, "Stand back and stand by." Of course, they heard this not as a rebuke, rather, as a sign of affirmation and a signal to get ready to move at his command.

The Southern poverty Law Center writes regarding the Proud Boys:

Their disavowals of bigotry are belied by their actions: rank-and-file Proud Boys and leaders regularly spout white nationalist memes and maintain affiliations with known extremists. They are known for anti-Muslim and misogynistic rhetoric. Proud Boys have appeared alongside other hate groups at extremist gatherings like the "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville. Indeed, former Proud Boys member Jason

Kessler helped to organize the event, which brought together Klansmen, antisemites, Southern racists, and militias. Kessler was only “expelled” from the group after the violence and near-universal condemnation of the Charlottesville rally-goers.

The danger of the despicable rhetoric coming from Trump and complicity of the Republican leadership has produced an environment that emboldened militia groups in Michigan where thirteen people were charged on Thursday in a domestic terrorism plot to kidnap Michigan Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. Six people were charged federally with conspiracy to kidnap, and seven other people, associated with the militia group "Wolverine Watchmen," were charged by the state.

If there ever was a time when we needed to be clear regarding the love of Jesus towards us and the expectation of the love that we need to share with others, now is that time. Now is a time for action...a time for the people of God to, at the least, raise our voices, and at best, raise our bodies to stand in opposition to the direction our country is moving. Edmund Burke said, “*The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men [women] to do nothing.*”

Additionally, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, “*Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.*” Strength to Love, 1963.

You cannot do everything. However, you can do what you can do. What is God calling you to do?

## **ELECTION WORKERS!**

The City of Milwaukee Election Commission is looking for hardworking citizens that have a dedication to democracy and protecting voter rights to work at the polls.

### **Election Inspector**

Election Inspectors play a vital role at voting sites. They work directly with voters and assist them in any of the following capacities:

- Check-in registered voters and provide the voters with a ballot and voter number.
- Register qualified individuals to vote who are new voters or have an address or name change.
- Handle the voting machine to verify ballots are accepted and give out "I Voted" stickers.

Election Inspectors are paid \$230 (hazard pay increase for 2020 Fall Elections) for a full-day shift and are required to attend one paid training class (\$21.75) or retraining (\$15.00). To receive training class payment, you are required to work on Election Day. Lunch and dinner breaks are allowed for full-day shift workers. A full-day shift is 6:00 a.m. to close of the voting site.

#### **Election Inspector Applications**

- [Election Inspector](#) (Online Application)
- [Election Inspector \(PDF\)](#)

### **Chief Inspector**

Chief Inspectors manage the voting site and ensure all operating procedures are followed. Chiefs are also responsible for completing Election Day documentation, reconciling voter numbers and ballots, and resolving voter concerns.

Chief Inspectors are paid \$325 (hazard pay increase for 2020 Fall Elections) and must work a full-day shift. An additional \$25 is included for attending the mandatory training class. To receive training class payment, Chiefs are required to work on Election Day for the full-day shift. A full-day shift is 6:00 a.m. to close of the voting site. Lunch and dinner breaks are allowed.

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### **Bilingual Election Inspector**

The Election Commission is in need of additional bilingual (fluent in English/Spanish or English/Hmong speaking) poll workers.

The experiences at the polls are highly rewarding, challenging, interesting and personally satisfying. Many of the City's Election Inspectors have worked in these positions for 15 to 40 years. We hope that you will consider contributing your time to strong elections in Milwaukee.

#### **[Bilingual Election Inspector Applications](#)**

If you are bilingual and able to work on the upcoming election days, please complete an [Election Inspector](#) application.

NOTE: There are **two shifts** to choose from

- 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. or later
- 1:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. or later

## **Test Up MKE**

Test Up MKE is a new website launched to provide the latest COVID-19 information and testing access. This site provides easy access to information on the effects of the pandemic on groups disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 such as essential workers, immigrants and BIPOC communities. The website is available in English, Spanish, Hmong, Arabic and Burmese. It also has an accessibility feature for those with hearing, visual and other special needs.



## **ABSENTEE VOTING**

- ✓ **ABSENTEE VOTING:** <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-US/VoteAbsentee>
- ✓ **WHERE TO APPLY FOR ABSENTEE:** Online
- ✓ **DEADLINE TO REQUEST APPLICATION:** Oct. 29, 5 p.m.
- ✓ **EARLY INPERSON VOTING DATE:** Oct. 20 Received
- ✓ **MAIL BALLOT DEADLINE:** Nov. 3, 8 p.m

## **BIBLE STUDY**

- ✓ Facilitated by Pastor Childs --- Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:00 p.m.
- ✓ Facilitated by Sis. Davis (for women) --- Monday at 6:00 p.m.
- ✓ Facilitated by Deacon Cocroft --- Tuesday at Noon

## **CALL-IN PRAYER**

- ✓ Mondays at 5:45-6:00 p.m. /// Wednesdays at 5:45-6:00 p.m. and /// Saturdays at 10:15-10:30 a.m.

## **CHURCH SCHOOL**

- ✓ Please check the website for the Church School Class Schedule

## **CENSUS**

- ✓ If you have not done so already, please make sure that you complete your 2020 Census

## **BE SAFE, BE SMART, BE SERIOUS**

I remain prayerful for your safety and security and remain available to you to listen and share regarding your needs and concerns. Please call me, text me (414-852-4010) and/or email me [pilgrimrestpastorchilds@gmail.com](mailto:pilgrimrestpastorchilds@gmail.com) so we can talk out and talk through anything and everything that you may be going through or need assistance

We love you, Pastor Martin and Sister Thresessa Childs