

Beth Shalom's Ministries



A brief overview of the ministries available at Beth Shalom A.M..E. Zion Church

Trustees and Stewards

Beth Shalom is managed by two excellent administrative boards that work well together: the Board of Trustees and the Board of Stewards. The Trustees are responsible for the maintaining the church's facilities and the Stewards are responsible for supporting the clergy and lay ministries of the church. These two boards are responsible for keeping the church running smoothly and efficiently, often working behind the scenes to meet challenges that help the church to grow.

Their ministry is to supply the "means" so that others can minister. The Trustees and Stewards are devoted men and women of God who really love the Lord. They realize that the tithes and offerings of Beth Shalom are precious in the sight of God and should never be wasted.

Christian Education Department

The Christian Education Department designs creative ministries and provides leadership training for Christian growth. Each member is encouraged to use their unique gifts and talents for implementing their ministry.

Some activities of the Christian Education Department include: breakfast seminars and retreats sponsored by The Bethshalomites (Women) and the Men's Ministry that are designed to develop an awareness of the physical, mental, and spiritual needs of members.

Each month, the Brown Bag ministry provides food, clothing and blankets to homeless people living on the streets of Washington, D.C.

The Young Adult Department provides creative ministries including music, dramatic readings and liturgical dance.

The Children Department participates in a variety of activities such as Sunday School support to India, the Vacation Bible School in July and the Annual District Buds gala.

The Website team designs and updates digital information about the church's ministries via bethshalomamezion.org, Facebook and YouTube.

"We worship the Lord

Reach out to the Sinners

Teach the Believers

Care for the Needy

and

*Encourage each other in
the Lord"*

- Beth Shalom's mission statement

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The children of Beth Shalom participate in a Black History Program.

Music Ministry

This ministry at Beth Shalom meets the needs of worshipers who desire to praise the Lord in a new way. We encourage congregational worship and praise during a variety of services and programs.

By sharing the Word of God in song, we strive to encourage others in their walk of faith as we make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Beth Shalom has four choirs. The New Direction Choir (adults), the Serenity Singers (teens), the Men's Ensemble and the Praise Team (everyone). Our music ministry features variety.

We sing everything from hymns and spirituals to contemporary gospel music. We have something for every generation.

Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society

The Missionary Society (ages 41 and up) shares with others through various missions projects, such as, food baskets, penny brigades, helping our seniors, and purchasing school uniforms.

They also collect toiletries, school supplies and clothing for our overseas brothers and sisters. They assist with feeding the homeless and providing them with toiletries and clothing.. The missionary society supports the church in its efforts to help locally, national and internationally.

Deaconess Board

These women are led by the Holy Spirit to improve the quality of our worship and to minister to those in need. If you've ever been sick and shut in, expect a telephone call or a visit from a member of the Deaconess Board. Their mission is to care for orphans, comfort the sorrowing, pray with the dying and be ready to take up any duty that needs a helping hand.

You will find Beth Shalom's deaconesses saving sinners, praying for the lost, preparing the communion table or the baptismal font. Deaconesses also prepare the candle and salt for reception of new members and participate in missionary outreach missions with other church groups.

The Charles H. Strayhorn Scholarship Fund

The Rev. Charles H. Strayhorn Scholarship Fund raises money and provides college scholarships for the youth of Beth Shalom. Each December for the past 20 years, the scholarship fund has hosted prayer breakfasts, plays, fashion shows and other events to raise money for tuition and books for college students.

Members of the scholarship fund committee also distribute back-to-school supplies for elementary and high school students in August and host a reception for graduates in May.