

### 3 Things to Do

1. Make a list of all the countries in Africa. Say a prayer for each one.
2. Say prayers for countries in the Caribbean and South America. Outside of Africa, what country has the most people of African ancestry?
3. Pray that God will bring the African family together and heal us.

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### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. How many countries are in Africa? How many languages are spoken in Africa?
2. 15 million people were kidnapped from Africa during the transatlantic slave trade? How many came to the U.S.? Where did most of them go?
3. How does what you think about Africa affect how you feel about yourself and people of African ancestry?

## Church Calendar

### CHURCH SCHOOL

SUNDAY 9:30 AM

### MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

### HOUR OR POWER BIBLE STUDY/ PRAYER MEETING

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM

### [EVENTS FOR APRIL 2018](#)

*Sunday, 29th — Women's Day, Rev. Dr. Debyü L. Sababu-Thomas, Associate Minister, Ward Memorial A.M.E. Church will bring the Preached Word. Offering \$200*

*— As we celebrate Women's Day, Mrs. Gaskin would like to have:*

*\* A Slide Presentation of Women deceased and living. We are being asked to bring our Pictures in on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup>*  
*\* Have members, if they would like, to bring in a bouquet of Flowers in Vase to sit on the Alter in Memory or in Honor of. \* Have Women to wear a special item of a loved one or anything that represents that person.*

*— 40th Anniversary Reunion Concert, Invited Guest Choir from Varick Memorial A.M.E. Zion, Contee A.M.E. Zion and St Lucille A.M.E. Zion Church along with a Guest Praise Team, 3:00PM*

## Church Announcements

### Peace Benediction in E<sup>b</sup> By Darrell J. Gaskin

Please don't worry about anything  
But pray and ask God for everything  
you need  
Always giving thanks  
And He'll give you peace for your  
heart and mind.

And the peace of God,  
which surpasses all understanding  
will keep your heart and mind  
In Christ Jesus, the Lord.

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Black Panther has set the world on fire. Why?

1. Is it because it's about a black superhero?
2. Is it because it has a mostly black cast?
3. Is it because it has great sci-fi effects?
4. It's because of Wakanda.

Your Notes

## WHAT DID PASTOR GASKIN PREACH ABOUT TODAY?

The Black Panther movie inspires a Pan African feeling within us. It compels us to imagine an Africa that has not been exploited by Europe or Asian. We enjoy the dream of an Africa that has the full benefit of her people and her resources. Africa is beautiful, although Western society rarely celebrates or acknowledges her worth. However, can we imagine and see her beauty? Can we look in the mirror and see her splendor? If we dare to imagine and see her in our hearts, she can and will be. God has not forgotten her. Like other oppressed people God has a plan of deliverance and restoration for her. Yes. Generations have suffered but there will be generations that will prosper. Wakanda forever! This is a cry for Pan Africanism, a desire for Africa's children to come together to restore and celebrate Africa.

### *Can We See Wakanda in Us?*

#### *Wakanda is the Beautiful Africa Our Hearts Long For.*

1. **Africa is Beautiful.** Check out the Africa you don't see on TV.
2. **Wakanda** is the Africa that has been untouched by European and Asian exploitation.
3. We are the African Diaspora and the offspring of the middle passage. "I am dream and hope of the slave. I rise." (M. Angelou)
4. We bear the scars of African colonization. We could not return to our Jerusalem.
5. Today Africa bears the scars of being robbed of her people and natural resources.
6. Wakanda gives us an opportunity to re-image ourselves. To think of ourselves absent the standard of American "whiteness"
7. Deep down we are in search of our identity. We identify with the oppressed people of the Bible, the Seed of Abram.
8. What does this mean? God has not forgotten us. He will punish our oppressors, restore homes and repay us for our lost.
9. Darrell's parable about 3 sisters.
10. **Wakanda gives us a Pan African feeling, and we like it.**

## Words to Remember

### Who am I

For as he thinks in his heart so his is. (Proverb 24:7 NIV see note)

Guard your heart with all diligence for out of it flows the issues of life (Proverb 4:23 NIV)

### Sometimes We See Our Pain in the Bible

As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. Then the Lord said to him, "Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions." (Genesis 15:12-14 NIV)