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GREATER IS COMING

DESTINY – WELCOME TO ANOTHER YEAR! A NEW DAY! A NEW BEGINNING!



January first is often a time when people take stock of their lives by examining the year that has passed and looking forward to making improvements in the new year. If you started off the year with enhancements in mind, we pray you accomplish every goal and that God's blessings of success be with you throughout this year. We set goals like looking for a better job, eating better, becoming more physically fit, and improving our relationships with others. These are goals that won't be fixed in a day, but with time they can be achieved. Unfortunately, for some, the pathway towards their goals will hit stumbling blocks and things will go back to the way they were. If this is you or someone you love, what can you do about it?

First, make a plan to change by writing out each step and thinking about the end result (how you know you've succeeded). Then work backwards to plan out your steps to get there, making sure you give yourself enough time to accomplish your goals. (For example, trying to lose 50 pounds before getting married in a week is not enough time.)

Next, reaching your goal will also take self-discipline. Your self-improvement must have discipline.

Thirdly, get a support or accountability partner; someone who can motivate you when you're feeling stagnant or unmotivated. Recruit someone who cares enough to support and push you when needed.

There is someone who can help you with all of these steps and that someone is God. He knows you, He cares for you. He wants you to have the best life. God can help you when you're feeling distracted or unmotivated and rejoice with you when you're reaching your goals. Invite Him into every part of your planning. Include Him in your morning planning as well as in your nightly assessment of your day's successes.

God knows the mistakes you're going to make along the way and will use all of them to make you better. Allow God to provide direction and motivation for your journey. He's waiting to hear from you.

WALKING IN DESTINY SCRIPTURES



This month shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year to you. *Exodus 12:2*

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? *Isaiah 43:18-19*

The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. *2 Corinthians 5:17*

DESTINY SPOTLIGHT



Minister Sarah Wallace-Waters

*This month's Destiny Spotlight is on Your Destiny is Here, Inc.'s Advisory Board Member, **Minister Sarah Wallace-Waters**. Following is our interview with Minister Wallace-Waters.*

My destiny is related to my calling, my accomplishments, and my goals. My calling is spreading and sharing God's Word. In the beginning it was part-time, but it was definitely my destiny. I recognized my calling in Seminary. I was studying to teach Sunday School. I started my ministry as an evangelist and when I became a Minister, Bishop Boyce Jordan from Holy Trinity Baptist Church mentored me. His God fearing leadership and patience made a difference in my life.

My spiritual journey was not traditional. I grew up Catholic. However, I turned away due to the sexual scandals with Catholic Priests. One day, a co-worker mentioned she thought I needed something in my life and took me to her Mosque. I converted to Islam. Yet, after ten years, I realized I was not being spiritually fed. My children were the reason I returned to Christianity. When my twin boys were nine years old, one of them was shot in the leg. My Aunt Laeth McCallum's entire church prayed for my son, and her Pastor came to visit. Aunt Laeth was one of my mentors and she kept me grounded. When my son got better, I went to my Aunt's church to give a testimony, during which I reminded the Pastor that years before, when he came to pray with our family as our grandmother was transitioning, he prophesied that 'the son would be shot, and that God would be there for him'. As we had just experienced, the 'son' was my son.

My sons started going to church with Aunt Laeth. I went to a performance they were participating in. When the church doors opened, I felt fire hit my feet! I ran down to the altar and found what I had been missing. I am so grateful that my sons have grown into God-fearing men. While my husband converted to Christianity when I did, he went back and forth. Finally, he gave me an ultimatum, God, or him; I chose Christ.

I was led to my profession as a Well Being Consultant in the mental health field after my brother was shot in the head. He was an electrician and while working on a pole, he was caught in the crossfire of a shoot out. He survived, but suffered with depression and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. I was interested in what was happening with him and wanted to help him. I went to school and earned a Bachelor's in Psychology and a Master's in Theological Counseling.

Recently, I've had multiple health issues including a stroke and 3 heart attacks. My advice for anyone with health issues is to call on God for healing. Believe me, I know that when you need healing as a Christian, you are not alone. God is who we all need in the world today. Once when I was in the operating room for a procedure, I was fearful, but God faded out the faces of the doctors and nurses so I could just concentrate on Him being there with me, and the fear left. Whatever trial or tribulation you're going through, lay it at His feet.

As my body heals, I still enjoy life: my family, my children, grandchildren; my mom and daughter days, classic television shows, and documentaries. Children are especially beautiful because they're not tainted by the world. There is a purity and innocence within them. I also go to counseling because I find it comforting to talk with someone about things I'm going through. I am very honest and confident. Honesty is important and it's ok to be truthful with yourself. I let the survivor in me pick myself up and walk in God's truth.

CALL TO ACTION

RECOGNIZING THE VOICE OF GOD

A few months ago, we shared that God is speaking, we just need to listen. There are many voices out there vying for our attention. How can you tell if it is God? Here are some ways to know.

The voice you hear is not God if the voice is questioning the Word of God.

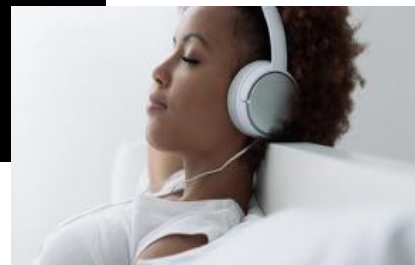
God is not the one speaking to you if the voice you hear is telling you to do or say something that will be hurtful or harmful to you or someone else. God cares about our welfare, our safety and protection. Now, God cares enough about us that He will chastise us if necessary. But the outcome of the chastisement will be for our good, not our harm.

God does not falter. He provides clear direction. If the voice you hear is wavering about something, it is not God.

God does not cause confusion. If after seeking God you are more confused than before, the guidance you received is not being given by God.

You are not hearing from God if you are persuaded to lie about a situation to get yourself out of trouble or to look good. God does not lie and He would never direct you to either. The accuser, the deceiver, the devil, is the father of lies and it is his voice that's tempting you. Do not take the bait.

You are hearing the voice of God if what the voice is leading you to do better. Let's be like Samuel, and say, "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". *1 Samuel 3:7-11*



TRIVIA QUESTION

How far away can a blue whale's heartbeat be heard?

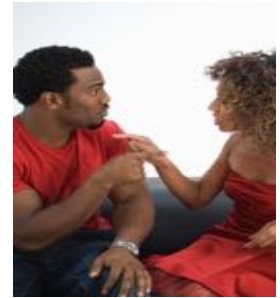


ACCOUNTABILITY FOCUS

Staying Abreast And Aware Of Things That Impact Our Lives.

1. WOMEN

- **Domestic Violence** is a debilitating epidemic in Philadelphia where:
 - ▶ **more than 35 people** were killed by domestic violence in Philadelphia in 2021
 - ▶ Philadelphia Police respond to **more than 100,000 domestic 911 calls** yearly
 - ▶ An average of 10,000 petitions for protection from abuse orders are filed each year



The rippling effects of domestic violence impact us all, with devastating consequences for families, neighborhoods, workplaces, and entire communities.

Unfortunately, domestic violence is not only happening to women, it's happening to teens also, as early as middle school. Teen dating violence is controlling, abusive, and aggressive behavior that can include any combination of verbal, emotional, physical, sexual abuse, and even financial abuse.

- ▶ Approximately 1 in 3 girls in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner.
- ▶ Technology (Facebook, Twitter, blogging, text messaging, etc.) that tweens and teens use allows teen dating violence to increase pervasively, but remain more hidden than ever.
- ▶ Only 3% of students who experience dating violence tell an authority figure, while 60% tell a friend.

If you are dealing with abusive behavior from a loved one, boyfriend, husband or partner, the sooner you receive help the better. The longer you stay in the situation, the more aggressive it will get. Women Against Abuse website is full of helpful information and resources. You can reach them at <https://www.womenagainstabuse.org/education-resources/> or by calling 215-386-1280. *Excerpts from Women Against Abuse Website*

▪ **Elder Abuse**

Elder abuse is the bad treatment or exploitation of a person age 60 or older by family members or caregivers. It can include physical, emotional, or sexual abuse and/or financial exploitation. In addition to family members and caregivers, others can perpetuate elder abuse by violence, fraud, and scams.

If you witness elder abuse or suspect that an elderly person is being abused, please call the Philadelphia Police Department at 911.



▪ Fairness in Women's Sports - HB 972

Female athletes are losing their right to a fair playing field in sports because athletes born male are competing in women's categories. Athletes born male have physical performance advantages that propel them to outperform women athletes. If we believe in equal opportunities for women, that must include sports. Requiring girls to compete against boys who participate in women's categories removes equal opportunities, crushes female-made records, and takes away countless chances at scholarships and awards. We're seeing this unfair reality become increasingly prevalent throughout the nation.



The **Fairness in Women's Sports Act**, House Bill 972, here in Pennsylvania would ensure that female athletes are not competing against athletes born male. As parents, family, and friends of young girls in sports, we want to keep a level playing field for everyone.

Tell Your Legislators You Want Their Support. Even if you have already sent your representatives a message, it's good to remind them of issues that are still important to you.

2. WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO END VIOLENCE in the City of Brotherly Love?

In the year 2021, there were 562 homicides in the City of Philadelphia. There were also 756 rapes, 2,398 gun robberies, 2,487 other robberies. 3,722 aggravated assaults with a gun, and 5,099 other aggravated assaults. Over 197 shooting victims in 2021 have been under the age of 18.

Statewide, more than 81,645 guns were sold **in the month** of December 2021. **55,769** of those were handguns, 25,876 were long guns (some military-style rifles). *Statistics from thetrace.org.*



- **Do you want to share memories of someone you lost?** While we hope that data and other information we provide may prove useful, we never forget that we are talking about real people. You can learn more about many of the individuals lost to gun violence in Philadelphia, and participate in memorialization, thanks to the following organizations:

- **Philadelphia Obituary Project**
- **With Love**
- **Memorials to the Lost**
- **Souls Shot Portrait Project**
- **National Gun Violence Memorial: Search results for Philadelphia**

If you need help, "Up the Block" is a free guide to tools, resources and people who can help those affected by gun violence. Visit: **uptheblock.org**

From the Philadelphia Center for Gun Violence Reporting at the Community College of Philadelphia

- **Remember to keep your children safe.** If you have a gun in your home along with children, you can request a free gun lock at any time from the "Safe Bet" program. To find out the location of the next community gun lock giveaway, please check templesafetynet.org for upcoming events.



3. VOTING POWER

Want to have a small but meaningful influence in the upcoming elections? Philadelphia's political parties are holding party elections in 2022, and you can run for a seat in your neighborhood. If you're interested in local politics and want to have a small but meaningful influence in the **2022 and 2023 primary elections**, running for a committee person seat in your voting division is one of the best ways to have an impact. It only takes 10 signatures to get on the ballot, and most typically about 40-60 votes to win a seat. Petitions start around Valentine's Day.



Read the FAQs on the 2022 ward elections on the website: <https://thephiladelphiacitizen.org/be-a-political-changemaker/>, and then **sign up to get involved where you live**.

(from the Philadelphia Citizen)

► **The Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Act**

No more excuses. Our democracy is under attack. The Senate must take voting rights seriously and pass the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Act. Let your Senators know today!



Will you please email your senator today and let them know that you support these key pieces of legislation – and no one should be standing in the way of ANY American getting to the ballot box!

EMAIL YOUR SENATOR <https://www.senate.gov/senators>

4. **POSITIVE POLICING – WHY NOT IN PHILLY**

excerpt from WHYY article

After a promising pilot programs, Bucks County expands program pairing social workers with their police

After a pilot program showed promising results, Bucks County has expanded its Human Services Co-Responder program into the Falls and Middletown Township police departments. The program pairs social workers or “co-responders” with police officers to help divert people away from the criminal justice system.

The social workers are expected to answer to cases mostly involving “aging, mental health, and substance abuse,” according to Bucks County officials. Police usually arrive at the scene first, and once the situation is “deemed safe,” the officer will call a co-responder, officials said. From there, the officer “may leave and the co-responder can help connect those in need with social services.”

Bucks County Anti-Racism Coalition Co-Leader Kevin Leven also said the program is a good start toward preventing police brutality, especially against Black people. “It’s nice to see that steps are being made,” said Leven. “However, this is one piece of a big puzzle.” *Article by Emily Rizzo 12.28.21*

DISCOVERY



*Search for words associated
with a new beginning, starting anew.*

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Photo from the City of Philadelphia Website

RESOURCES (In Philadelphia and the surrounding areas)

At the time of publication, resources listed were obtainable.

Resources can change daily. We recommend you call to verify what you are interested in is still available.

Please share the following with friends, family, and within your social and ministry circles.
And feel free to post on your personal and church bulletin boards;
these resources could help someone in need.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Things have changed many times since we first heard the word ‘covid’ at the end of 2019. ‘Normal’ will never be what it was 3 years ago. However, we can (and have) adapted to a new thing and new ways. We are resilient. Let’s face the fact that Covid-19 and it’s variants will be with us going forward and do what we need to do to stay and keep our families safe. Continue to wear a mask. Restrict gathering in groups, especially when people are not wearing masks. Get vaccinated and get your boosters. We will see our way through this if we all work together.

■ COVID-19 ASSOCIATED FUNERAL COSTS

Philadelphians who have lost loved ones due to covid, can receive Federal Emergency Management Agency - FEMA aid to cover funeral expenses, up to \$9,000 per person lost. Call 844-684-6333 to apply.

■ COVID-19 VACCINES

As of January 20, 2022 – 1,070,371 people have been fully vaccinated and 308,442 have received one dose, according to the City of Philadelphia Coronavirus dashboard.

Do you need a ride to your covid-19 vaccine appointment? The City is coordinating with Lyft and SEPTA CCT to provide FREE rides to COVID-19 vaccination appointments to Philadelphia residents 65 and older as well as those with access or functional needs. For **more information call 215-686-6868**. Call the Ride Access Hotline at 215-586-3006, Monday – Friday 8 am – 6 pm.



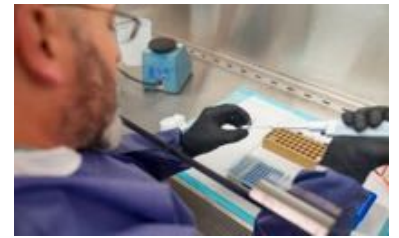
- ▶ The Black Doctor's Consortium continues to provide weekly, free, covid-19 vaccine and testing. Go to: <https://bdccares.com/appointments/#events> for the weekly schedule at the Dr. Ala Stanford Center for Equity (ASHE) | 2001 W. Lehigh Avenue (20th & Dr. Ala Stanford Way) | Philadelphia, PA 19132 | 1-844-4-BDC-DOC
- ▶ Check in with your local pharmacy (Rite Aid, Walgreen, CVS, etc). Many of them are giving vaccine shots.
- ▶ Pop-up Vaccine Clinic | Monday, January 24th | 8 am – 1 pm | Health Center 6 Annex 301 W. Girard Ave, . Phila 19123 | Open to all Philadelphia residents age 5 and older. To schedule an appointment, call 215-685-2933
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■ COVID-19 TESTING

What should you do if you think you have COVID and can't find a test?

Assume you are positive until you can get tested. So long as you don't have symptoms, you should isolate from others, including folks in your home, for at least five days. After five days, you can come out of isolation, but have to wear a mask for five days whenever you're around anyone else.



There are permanent and temporary testing sites throughout Philadelphia. Some charge but many are free. For more information go to: <https://www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites/>

Also, check out your local CVS, RiteAid or Walgreens. They also have low and no-cost testing available.

- ▶ The Black Doctor's Consortium continues to provide weekly, free, covid-19 vaccine and testing. Go to: <https://bdccares.com/appointments/#events> for the weekly schedule at the Dr. Ala Stanford Center for Equity (ASHE) | 2001 W. Lehigh Avenue (20th & Dr. Ala Stanford Way) | Philadelphia, PA 19132 | 1-844-4-BDC-DOC
- ▶ Murrell Dobbins High School, Test For All Tuesdays | January 25th | 11 am to 1:00 pm
Free covid-19 testing on Tuesdays for all residents. No appointment required, walk-ups welcome. 2150 Lehigh Ave., Phila., PA 19132 | 267-436-3126
- ▶ Saturday, January 22nd | 7 am – 5 pm | CDC/HHS Covid Testing Site | Cibotti Recreation Center | 2500 S. 77th St, 19153 | Walk-ups accepted¹⁰
Schedule appointments at <https://doineedacovid19test.com/> or by calling 1-800-635-8611
- ▶ Saturday, January 22nd | 9 am – 1 pm | PDPH Mobile Testing Unit
National Wholesale Liquidators | 900 Orthodox Street, 19124
No out-of-pocket costs | No appointments required | Rapid testing available
Walk-up testing with on-site registration
- ▶ Saturday, January 22nd | 9 am – 1 pm | PDPH Mobile Testing Unit
Cousins Supermarket | 1900 N. 5th Street, 19122
No out-of-pocket costs | No appointments required | Rapid testing available
Walk-up testing with on-site registration

- ▶ Sunday, January 23rd | 7 am – 5 pm | CDC/HHS Covid Testing Site
Cibotti Recreation Center | 2500 S. 77th St, 19153 | Walk-ups accepted
Schedule appointments at <https://doineedacovid19test.com/> or by calling 1-800-635-8611
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- ▶ Monday, January 24th | 9:30 am – 11:30 pm | Philly FIGHT Testing Event
Face to Face | 123 E. Price St, 19144 | No out-of-pocket costs |
No appointments required | Walk-up testing | Pediatric testing offered
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- ▶ Tuesday, January 25th | 9 am – 1 pm | PDPH Mobile Testing Unit
Oak Street Health Aramingo | 3621 Aramingo Ave, 19134 | No out-of-pocket costs |
No appointments required | Walk-up testing with on-site registration |
Rapid testing available
- ▶ Tuesday, January 25th | 9 am – 1 pm | PDPH Mobile Testing Unit
Masjidullah – The Center for Excellence | 7401 Limekiln Pike, 19138 | No out-of-pocket costs |
Walk-up testing with on-site registration | No appointments required |
Rapid testing available
- ▶ Tuesday, January 25th | 1 pm – 3 pm | Philly FIGHT Testing Event | The Simple Way
3234 Potter St, 19134 | No out-of-pocket costs | No appointments required |
Walk-up testing | Pediatric testing offered
- ▶ Wednesday, January 26th | 7 am – 5 pm | CDC/HHS Covid Testing Site
Cibotti Recreation Center | 2500 S. 77th St, 19153 | Walk-ups accepted
Schedule appointments at <https://doineedacovid19test.com/> or by calling 1-800-635-8611
- ▶ Wednesday, January 26th | 9 am – 1 pm | PDPH Mobile Testing Unit
New Journey Christian Center | 5728 Ardleigh Street, 19138 | No out-of-pocket costs |
No appointments required | Walk-up testing with on-site registration |
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- ▶ Wednesday, January 26th | 11 am – 1 pm | Philly FIGHT Testing Event
Norris Square Community Alliance | 174 Diamond St, 19122 | No out-of-pocket costs |
No appointments required | Walk-up testing | Pediatric testing offered
- ▶ Thursday, January 27th | 9 am – 1 pm | PDPH Mobile Testing Unit
Triumph Baptist Church | 1648 W. Hunting Park Ave, 19140 | No out-of-pocket costs |
No appointments required | Walk-up testing with on-site registration | Rapid testing
available

- ▶ Thursday, January 27th | 9 am – 1 pm | PDPH Mobile Testing Unit
Beloved St. John Evangelistic | 4541 N. Broad Street, 19140 | No out-of-pocket costs |
No appointments required | Walk-up testing with on-site registration
Rapid testing available
- ▶ Thursday, January 27th | 11 am – 1 pm | Philly FIGHT Testing Event | Mifflin Square Park
500 Wolf St, 19148 | No out-of-pocket costs | No appointments required
Walk-up testing | Pediatric testing offered
- ▶ Friday, January 28th | 9 am – 1 pm | PDPH Mobile Testing Unit
The Grace Center Church and Wellness Center | 2821 Island Ave, 19153 |
No out-of-pocket costs | No appointments required | Rapid testing available
Walk-up testing with on-site registration
- ▶ Friday, January 28th | 9 am – 1 pm | PDPH Mobile Testing Unit
New Hope Outreach Center (lot across from Wayne & Clapier) | 4919 Wayne Ave, 19144
No out-of-pocket costs | No appointments required | Rapid testing available
Walk-up testing with on-site registration
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FOOD RESOURCES



- Food assistance resources from PA Office of Gov. Wolf
https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Food_Security/Pages/Resources.aspx
To find locations near you, go to the link below and put in your zip code:
<https://www.philabundance.org/find-food/>
- **Mondays starting at 12:30PM – New Journey Christian Center,**
1001 E. Cheltenham, Phila., PA. 19138 267-331-8761 or 267-440-7499

- **Tuesday mornings, starting at 9:30 – 10:30 am: Einstein Healthcare Network and Philabundance** provide a weekly produce market where fresh fruits and vegetables are distributed at no cost. At the corner of 11th Street @W. Clarkson Street. Philadelphia, PA, 19141, on the Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia campus.
- **Fresh For All Wednesdays | January 26th – Distribution begins at 12:30 pm** until supplies run out. This weekly produce stand is free to all and runs weather dependent. Location is outside of **the Greater Enon Missionary Baptist Church**, 1854 N. 22nd Street, Phila., PA 19121 | 215-765-3135. Operated by Philabundance. **Call 215-227-4421 for information on possible weather dependent cancellations.**
- **Every Wednesday @ 2 pm – First Baptist Church – Crestmont** | Drive or walk thru
Sponsored by Chosen 300 Ministries, Inc. | 1678 Fairview Ave, Willow Grove, PA 19090
215-243-0300
- **Every Friday @ 2 pm – Providence Baptist Church of Germantown**
87 E. Haines Street, Philadelphia, PA 19144 | 215-844-0954
- **Every Friday @ 2 pm – Chosen 300-West Philadelphia**
Drive or walk thru | Sponsored by Chosen 300 Ministries, Inc.
3959 Lancaster Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19104 215-243-0300
- **Every Friday @ 3 pm – First Millcreek Baptist Church** | Drive or walk thru
641 N. Preston St., Phila., PA 19104 | Sponsored by Chosen 300 Ministries, Inc.
215-243-0300
- **Every Friday @ 3:30 pm – Christ Haven Worship Center** | Drive or walk thru
Sponsored by Chosen 300 Ministries | 6800 Lindbergh Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19142
215-243-0300
- **Every Friday @ 4 pm – Ambassador Seed of Love Church**
1718 W. Susquehanna Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19121
- **Every Saturday @ 9 am – Ambler Church of the Brethren** | Drive or walk thru
Sponsored by Chosen 300 Ministries, Inc. | 351 E. Butler Ave., Ambler PA 19002
215-243-0300
- **Every Saturday @ 10 am – First AME Church – Sharon Hill** | Drive or walk thru
1201 Hook Road, Sharon Hill, PA 19079 | Sponsored by Chosen 300 Ministries, Inc.
- **Every Saturday @ 10 am | First African Baptist Church** | 700-798 N. 67th St., Phila, PA 19151
- **Every Saturday @ 12 pm – Zion Baptist Church - Reading** | Drive or walk thru Sponsored by Chosen 300 Ministries, Inc. | 224 Washington Street, Reading, PA 19601 215-243-0300
- **Saturdays at 1 pm**, until supplies last, free groceries are distributed at **New Covenant Church of Philadelphia**, 7500 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19119.
- **Every Saturday @ 2 pm – Love Zion Baptist Church** | Drive or walk thru
2521 N. 23rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19132 | Sponsored by Chosen 300 Ministries, Inc.
215-243-0300
- **Every 3rd Saturday** of the month at 1:30 pm until supplies are gone.
Christ Center C.O.G. | 1615-19 W. Cheltenham Avenue, Phila., PA 19126 | 215-548-7483

HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE PENNSYLVANIA HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND



▶ **Homeowner Assistance Fund**

Governor Tom Wolf announced early this month, the statewide launch of the Pennsylvania Homeowner Assistance Fund, PAHAF's simplified the process for applicants with online applications, eliminating the need for paper submissions. For those who may need in-person assistance with their applications, housing counseling agencies and legal service providers across the state will be available to help. Homeowners can learn about PAHAF and see a list of organizations that can assist them by visiting www.pahaf.org or by calling the PAHAF call center at 888-987-2423. The call center will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

■ **Heating Bill Assistance**

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps families living on low incomes pay their heating bills in the form of a cash grant. The program is now open. Click here for more information:

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHEAP.aspx>



YOUTH

- **Rock to the Future** provides student-driven music programs in a safe and supportive environment at no cost for Philadelphia youth. With multiple in-person locations and virtual programs, we hope to reach as many Philadelphia youth as possible! Rock to the Future's MusiCore After School Program combines exciting music opportunities, instrumental instruction, and live performance with mentoring, academic, and college / trade school support in Kensington and Germantown. Students will be given an instrument and all supplies needed to join, no experience is necessary. There is no cost, and meals and transportation passes are provided. Learn more and register by visiting RocktotheFuture.org or calling 215-302-9633.

■ **Mayor's Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteer Services**

VISTA and CRC Virtual Open House | **Thursday, January 20, 2022 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

Join us for a virtual Open House to learn about ways to get involved with a service year. Representatives from the Serve Philadelphia VISTA Corps Program and the Community Resource Corps AmeriCorps program will talk about their programs and how you can help fight the injustices of poverty while furthering your professional development and committing to a term of service.

<https://secure.ngpvan.com/C1MNvyq4W0ODstRkRM-8-w2>

■ **Student Loan Relief**

As a member of the PHEAA Board of Directors, Senator Art Haywood successfully advocated for Pennsylvania's new Student Loan Relief for Nurses (SLRN) Program. PHEAA approved this program that makes qualified nurses eligible for up to \$7,500 in student loan relief in 2022. SLRN will support and retain Pennsylvania nurses who worked tirelessly to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. Sign up on the PHEAA website [here](#) to be notified when the application is available.

ADULTS

- Kauffman FastTrac Entrepreneur Networking

Wednesday, January 19th January 26th | 8 pm – 9 pm | Virtual

The Kauffman FastTrac® series is an educational program, created by entrepreneurs for entrepreneurs, which is designed to help you evaluate and perfect your business concept, as well as complete a comprehensive business plan.

Whether you're starting a food truck or a factory, a construction company or a consulting firm, you need a plan. This 10-week series offered twice a year can help. The program is most appropriate for those who are within a year of launching their business; either you're within a year of launching your business or have launched within the past year and are seeking a plan for establishing your business. Go to <https://www.fasttrac.org/> for more information.

- Women's Opportunity Resource Center Family Savings Account Orientation | Free
Thursday, January 27th | 6:30 pm | WORC | 2010 Chestnut Street, Phila., PA 19103

The Women's Opportunity Resource Center (WORC) runs a Family Savings Account program, which is a savings and match program created to assist low-income individuals achieve self-sufficiency. Funds can be used in several ways, including funding a business. WORC holds monthly orientation sessions for anyone interested in learning more about this program. Sponsor: WORC - Women's Opportunity Resource Center Cost: **Orientation is FREE**. For more information and registration check out the website: <https://www.worc-pa.com/savings.html>

- Empowerment Workshop | Thursday, January 27th | 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm | via Zoom

New Year, New You! 8 Dimensions Of Total Wellness

Hear from staff on how to get your new year off to the right start! Learn about the 8 dimensions of total wellness and access resources to help get your personal and financial house in order in 2022. Please register by calling: 215-849-6426

- Bethanna's Virtual Parent Café – New Year, New You! Café offerings: Strengthening families. Learn about Community resources. Gift Cards. Share ideas. Make new friends. Sessions/events are held virtually unless otherwise noted. Please register.

Tuesday, January 25th | 2:00 – 4:00 pm | Topic – Stronger Together. Building Stronger Relationships with Our Children | Register at Meeting ID: 851 2927 8144

Thursday, January 27th | 2 pm – 3:30 pm | Foster Care & Adoption Information Session. Learn about becoming a Bethanna Foster or Adoptive Parent | Email Brian or Donna for registration link. Brian Weaver | 215-539-7410 bweaver@bethanna.org Donna Wright | 267-294-0538 dwright@bethanna.org

Monday, January 31st | 3 pm – 5 pm | Topic - Beating the Winter Blues. Positivity through the gloom. Register at Zoom Meeting ID: 879 8394 9107 | For more information go to: www.bethanna.org

- **Defender Days** | Criminal Record Expungement Clinic | Job and Resource Assistance
Sponsored by Councilwoman Cindy Bass | Every Second Tuesday 10 am – 3 pm
Nictown Courts Apartments | 4340 Germantown Ave., Phila., 19140 |
Philadelphia County Adult Cases Only. Speak with your Defender about your court case.
Call 215-686-3424 for more information
- **DadLab** | Meetings held online with Zoom
The transition to fatherhood can feel overwhelming. Sharing your experiences and learning from others can help you build confidence and bond with your baby. That's why **Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia** offers DadLab, a group designed for new fathers to learn about being a dad. At DadLab, you won't be lectured on the "right" way to father. Instead, you'll have an opportunity to share your fathering experiences, concerns and questions. You'll connect with other dads going through the same things as you. New moms and partners are also included in DadLab because everyone benefits when co-parents communicate and coordinate their care.

For meeting times, call or text DadLab Director Jay Cherney at 215-690-1029 or email him at cherney.jay@gmail.com. Or, contact Co-facilitator Clarence B. Iszard at 484-471-7005 or iszardc@einstein.edu.
- **The Mayor's Office of Black Male Engagement** is excited to host the 3rd Annual Black Generational Wealth (BGW) series for the bi-monthly My Brother's Keeper Action Academy, a national program established by President Obama to dismantle systems of inequality and close opportunity gaps for boys and young men of color.

The BGW Series will hold 4 different workshops covering topics like financial literacy, accessing City resources and initiatives, entrepreneurship, and transferring wealth. The series will feature local business leaders, financial experts, and City officials with a wealth of experience and insight. Come out or join us virtually to gather the tools to realize your financial vision and empower generations to come. Click here to sign up and for more information : <https://secure.ngpvan.com/p/38lDITJ6dkyQBJysKHH3ww2>

FINANCIAL BRIDGE TO WEALTH

- **Bridges to Wealth**

"It's not rocket science. It's easy," says Keith Weigelt, professor emeritus of management at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Management, of investing in the stock market. "People think it's so difficult to get wealthy in the stock market, and it's really not." It's this philosophy that's behind the Bridges to Wealth program, which Weigelt co-founded with another U Penn teacher, Jill Bazelon. It uses investing to create and build intergenerational wealth across West Philly – the community through which Weigelt walks to work every day.



"Other people have that in their families – they grew up with stocks and bonds and mutual funds and all that good stuff, but for people who didn't grow up with it, that's all foreign," says Kevin Brown, the manager of the Neighborhood Advisory Council within the People's Emergency Center, a West Philly community group that has been participating in the Bridges to Wealth program for a handful of years. "This somewhat levels the playing field, or attempts to."

To begin providing wealth building opportunities to the surrounding community, Weigelt reached out to West Philly churches, who he says saw the value in the program right away, and Bridges to Wealth was born.

The program starts with six hours of financial literacy education that covers managing credit, building assets, and reducing liabilities. Then participants can move into individualized services like one-on-one consultations, community group investing, or both. Bridges to Wealth also partners with 15 schools to teach high-school students the basics of financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and works with parents to discuss saving for college.

“We’ve had some people buy houses. We’ve had people be able to afford retirement and open up accounts for their children,” he says. During COVID, the group turned to offering 1% interest loans to members who needed emergency funding. The most important outcome, though, has been empowerment.

For more information, go to: <https://www.bridges2wealth.org/>
From The Bottom Line newsletter from Next City.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- **ReCAST Evaluation Coordinator**

Temple University is supporting the City of Philadelphia's ReCAST (Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma) project. The Philadelphia ReCAST project seeks applicants for an Evaluation Coordinator position who will conduct activities required by the grant and support the overall achievement of ReCAST goals. As indicated in the position description, applicants from **North and West Philadelphia neighborhoods** are strongly preferred. Please assist us in identifying great folks to support the success of this endeavor.



The position description can be found here:

https://temple.taleo.net/careersection/tu_ex_staff/jobdetail.ftl?job=21003531&tz=GMT-05%3A00&tzname=America%2FNew_York

- **Outreach Workers, Philadelphia CeaseFire** -- Phila. CeaseFire, a national Cure Violence Replication site, is seeking to expand its work with high-risk youth by targeting young people who are 19 and under. Cure Violence is a coordinated community driven strategy designed to address shootings in Philadelphia and other communities throughout the nation. Cure Violence outreach workers contribute to the success of this initiative by individually and as part of the CureViolence team, taking measures to prevent shootings through building community relationships, gaining the trust of the neighborhood, responding to violent events, and maintaining caseload of at-risk individuals. The Outreach Worker is assigned specifically to work in the **Germantown neighborhood**. The position description can be found here:
https://temple.taleo.net/careersection/tu_ex_staff/jobdetail.ftl?job=21003959&tz=GMT-05%3A00&tzname=America%2FNew_York

- **Cure Violence Outreach Worker** - Cure Violence is a strategic evidence-based public health approach to reduce and prevent shootings and killings in areas with a high prevalence of gun violence. Skilled outreach workers are a key ingredient to the success of this initiative and are instrumental to facilitating both community norm change, and positive behavior change among high-risk individuals. At least one year of experience working with at-risk youth and gang members, and experience or training in crisis intervention is required. The position description can be found here:
https://temple.taleo.net/careersection/tu_ex_staff/jobdetail.ftl?job=21002617&tz=GMT-05%3A00&tzname=America%2FNew_York
- **Trauma Specialist - Center for Urban Bioethics** -- The Trauma Specialist will provide education, intervention, consultation, outreach, counseling, coaching and case management for those individuals, families, schools, and/or communities who have been directly, secondarily, or vicariously exposed to and/or impacted by trauma.
https://temple.taleo.net/careersection/tu_ex_staff/jobdetail.ftl?job=21002720&tz=GMT-05%3A00&tzname=America%2FNew_York
- **Workforce Employment Specialist** -- Temple University's College of Education seeks a full-time Employment Specialist to provide ongoing employment preparation, support and opportunity to youth in the workforce program. The goal of the project is to provide Opportunity Youth (17 – 24 years old) and other youth transitioning out of high school career and technical education health sciences programs with industry training and certification that leads to viable long-term employment in the health field. The position description can be found here:
https://temple.taleo.net/careersection/tu_ex_staff/jobdetail.ftl?job=21003850&tz=GMT-05%3A00&tzname=America%2FNew_York
- **FT Literacy Instructor** -- Temple's Lenfest Center for Community Workforce Partnerships is seeking a FT WELL Literacy Instructor who will provide basic adult education and literacy instruction in a workforce context. The instructor will help learners attain their high school equivalency. This position will be Reading/Writing and ESL focused, however WELL Literacy instructors are expected to be flexible regarding work hours and instructional content. The position description can be found here:
https://temple.taleo.net/careersection/tu_ex_staff/jobdetail.ftl?job=21003588&tz=GMT-05%3A00&tzname=America%2FNew_York

If you need support with submitting your application, please email lnpwi@temple.edu.

TRAINING CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Rise Initiative - Do you have career goals? Let us help. Six Month Career Development Program, Are you seeking employment or looking to start your dream career? If you need help preparing for college or figuring out what your next step in life could be, the RISE Initiative is for you. Plus, it's FREE! Programming is virtual & in-person.

Info sessions: Let us tell you more about the RISE Initiative and answer any questions at an upcoming information session. Sign up at bit.ly/InfosessionW22 | Wednesday, January 12, 12pm - 1pm | Thursday, January 20, 11am - 12pm | Wednesday, January 26, 10am - 11am | Thursday, February 3, 4pm - 5pm | Wednesday, February 9, 3pm - 4pm ORIENTATION SESSIONS begin

January 18th at 11am. You can also join January 24th, January 31st, February 7th or February 14th. Access to Our Employer Network Monetary Incentives 1-on-1 Career Coaching Connections to Training & Educational Opportunities PROGRAM BENEFITS: APPLY ONLINE by visiting bit.ly/RISEwinter22. If you have any questions, contact Tamika Holder at 215 351-1443 or tamikah@ecsp Philly.org

MUSIC KEEPS YOUR MIND YOUNG

Our minds carry a lot of weight, with all that we have to deal with, think about each day. Listening to music your brain gets a mental workout when you stream your favorite playlist. Not only can listening to music help you feel more alert, but it also can boost your memory and mood. One reason is that there's a math to music and how one note relates to the other. Your brain has to work to make sense of this structure. This is especially true for music you're hearing for the first time.

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TRIVIA QUESTION ANSWER

How far away can a blue whale's heartbeat be heard?

**You can hear a blue whale's heartbeat
From more than 2 miles away!**

Also a blue whale's heart:

- ♥ weighs about 400 pounds, the weight of an adult male lion.
- ♥ is the size of a small golf cart
- ♥ pumps 25 – 37 times a minute
- ♥ slows to 4 – 8 beats a minute during dives



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FINALLY . . . STATUE OF HARRIET TUBMAN WAS UNVEILED IN PHILADELPHIA



On January 12, a travelling statue of Harriet Tubman was unveiled in Philadelphia on the northeast corner of City Hall. It will reside there until the end of March, when the city will celebrate the anniversary of her birth in March of 1822. "There is a lot of embedded symbolism within the narrative of the piece. The contours of the base represent the Maryland/Delaware Peninsula, where Harriet was enslaved, eventually escaped, and continued to return for her freedom raids. The dramatic step up/cut is the Pennsylvania state line, and they are stepping out of the slave states to an elevated freedom. The wind illustrates the peril of the journey but is also a metaphor for the intense opposition she faced. The dress is enveloping the girl, billowing protectively like a flag, and is meant to represent all of the legal protections afforded every United States citizen—a symbol of the future equality to come. Each hand signifies an attribute, Determination, Protection, Fear, and Trust. The Union military coat represents Harriet's time in South Carolina raiding

plantations and bringing the freed slaves back to Union occupied Beaufort." Wofford says that more details about the creation of the piece will be shared publicly in the coming weeks. The city has planned dozens of events, including exhibits, screenings of the movie, "Harriet," and a birthday party. If you haven't seen the movie, check it out and learn about Harriet's Philadelphia connections.

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