

THE MINISTRIES OF WAYMAN AME CHURCH

THE STEWARD BOARD

The Stewards, along with the Pastor, are responsible for the Spiritual well-being of the church. The Board of Stewards serves as the Pastor's cabinet and is the highest appointed office in the church. Stewards are the spiritual managers of the church and are concerned about the spiritual welfare of the church. The officers serve the Table of the Lord, the Table of the Minister and the Table of the Poor. Other duties include: accurately registering all conversions, baptisms, marriages, births and deaths as well as record all contributions made by members of the church. Members of the Steward Board are appointed by the Pastor and are subject to confirmation of the Quarterly Conference

THE STEWARDESS BOARD

The Stewardess Board is composed of a dedicated group of Christian women selected by the Pastor and the Stewards to serve the church by preparing the elements of Holy Communion, Baptism and by assisting in the reception of new members into the church.

DEACONESS BOARD

The Pastor recommends the Deaconess Board. This selected group of senior women become members of the Deaconess Board after the Bishop has consecrated them to perform sacred duties and ministries.

THE TRUSTEE BOARD

Trustees are elected annually by members of the church. The minister of the church nominates twice the number of persons required to be elected. The minister in charge is chairperson of the Board of Trustees and his signature is required to make acts of the Board legal. Trustees must be watchful and responsive to all temporal affairs of the church such as heat, light, gas, insurance, mortgages. They manage and make repairs to the church building, real estate, parsonages, schools and any other properties, which the church may own when authorized by a majority of the legal members of the church. Trustees must provide for the minister and his family by securing a house for them by purchase or lease, furnishing it, and paying moving expenses. God's house is entrusted to the hands of the Trustees. Their service is considered an honor and should bring to the position a sense of deep responsibility to act efficiently and with dispatch when the need arises.

THE LAY ORGANIZATION

All persons except members of the clergy are lay persons. All members are encouraged to join the Lay Organization. The organization encourages the laity to support and participate in church programs. They stimulate and educate the laity on church history, development and organic laws of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. It also conducts workshops to promote the spirit of personal evangelism and training in Christian Stewardship, as well as assist in membership training. Membership training for both new and “seasoned” members who have not attended membership training will be held on a regular basis. The schedule of Disciple Training Institutes will be announced monthly. All members are encouraged to attend these classes; new members are required to attend in order to be “read in” as members. The Lay Organization meets the 4th Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

THE MUSIC MINISTRY

The church choirs strive to strengthen the worship service through song. The choirs sing during regular worship services and for special events as outlined in the church calendar or at the call of the Pastor. There are two choirs to consider for membership.

VOW (The Voices of Wayman)

The adult choir sings the first, second, third and fifth Sundays of each month. The music includes a range of anthems, hymns, spirituals, gospel and contemporary gospel for bass, tenor, alto and soprano voices. Rehearsals are held Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 12:00 noon.

THE YOUNG VOICES OF WAYMAN

The Youth and children’s Choir is for youth between the ages of 5-18 years of age. They sing on the fourth Sunday of each month. Rehearsals are on the Tuesday before the fourth Sunday and the Saturday before the fourth Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

THE MATRON’S MINISTRY

This group of women is a “sisterhood” group that initially worked to contribute to the church budget. The Matron’s sponsors an annual Pizza Sale in order to accomplish their goal. They are often called upon to organize and prepared receptions and banquets because of their expertise in the culinary arts. They also sponsor shopping excursions, site seeing tours, short trips and other endeavors to help promote fellowship within our church family.

THE TRUSTEE AIDE MINISTRY

This organization has been in existence for more than 45 years. Their objective is to help supplement the financial needs of the church. The ministry assists in other areas as requested. The ministry meets each 2nd Sunday after worship service.

THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This Board makes careful study of the Christian educational needs of the church and administers programs for special activities such as: Easter and Christmas programs; Black History presentations; Church School Promotion; Founders Day; Vacation Bible School; Educational and Spiritual Workshops and Training; as well as many other activities that enhance the Church as a whole. The Pastor appoints members to the Board of Christian Education.

WEEKLY BIBLE CLASSES

WEDNESDAY NOON BIBLE CLASS

The class meets from 12:00 -1:00 p.m. each Wednesday and provides an opportunity to study the Word of God and to dialogue with the teacher and other students.

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES INSTITUTE

(Pastor's Bible Study)

The purpose is to stimulate Christians to grow in spiritual maturity. Students are challenged to move to the next level in their walk with Christ. The institute meets Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH SCHOOL BIBLE CLASS

Church School begins at 8:45 a.m. each Sunday.

Bible Class : This class uses the Genesis to Revelation textbook.

Men's Bible Class: This class uses the standard A.M.E. Church School literature.

Adult/Children's Bible Class: This class uses the standard A.M.E. Church School literature

The combined Church School classes meet each 4th Sunday for discussion and review.

THE WOMEN OF WAYMAN PRAYER INSTITUTE

The Women of Wayman Prayer Institute is a teaching ministry that encourages women to develop deeper intercessory prayer lives. WOW Prayer Institute meets every Monday Evening at 7:00 p.m.

THE MEN'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

Men of Wayman come together each Saturday Morning at 8:00 a.m. to pray for the needs of the church, families and community.

WAYMAN YOUTH MINISTRIES

The Young Voices of Wayman

The Wayman Basketball Ministry

The Shabach Praise Dancers

The Barach Mime Ministry

The Wayman Puppet Ministry

The Girls Rites of Passage Ministry

The Acolyte Ministry

The Boys Rites of Passage Ministry

The Young People's And Children's Division (WMS)

USHER BOARD

The ushers (God's Doorkeepers) play an essential role in each worship service. Their responsibilities include greeting each worshiper entering the service, assist in seat location as well as assisting the Pastor and Officers in the maintenance of order and continuity during the service. Three boards serve Wayman. Annual Usher Day is celebrated each year on the First Sunday of February.

The Senior Usher Board serves on the 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month. They meet monthly on the 2nd Sunday after Sunday worship service in the Adult Sunday School room. The Amos J. Farthing Usher Board serves on the 3rd and 5th Sunday monthly. The Junior Usher Board serves on the 4th Sunday monthly.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY / YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIVISION

The Lena Mason Missionary Society provides vital opportunities and resources to people of the church, community and throughout the world. It provided Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts and baskets to the sick and shut-in members. The society operates a Food and Clothing Pantry and provides referral services for those in need. The pantry is open Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Members of Wayman make food and monetary donations regularly to assist persons needing emergency services. There are no boundaries for services and volunteers are needed to give two hours per week on a rotating basis to the ministry.

The society works through “units” that meet monthly and the whole society meets on the Third Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Units set their meeting times and are to make reports to the total group.

The Young People’s and Children’s Division of the Women’s Missionary Society (YPD) provided meaningful youth programs in all areas of church life and involve all youth in the total mission of the church. Ages are from 2-26 years old. YPD meetings are second Saturdays at 12:00 p.m.

CLASS LEADER’S MINISTRY

The Mission: To get to know members assigned to his / her class. To be aware of their attendance, their welfare, keep the pastor informed when and if there is a need that the pastor should be aware of. Make hospital and or home visits when members are ill. Keep members informed of activities of the church when they are absent from church. Class members should know how to get in touch with his / her Class Leader. Class Leaders are appointed by the Pastor.

BESSIE M. POINTER MEMORIAL COUNCIL

The Bessie M. Pointer Memorial Youth Council was organized in September, 1968 in honor of the late wife of Rev. Samuel M. Pointer, pastor of Wayman A.M.E. Church. Bessie M. Pointer was an educator in the St. Louis Public Schools System as well in Wayman’s Church School. The Council was established to assist students in our church and of our community to further their education beyond the high school level. Since its inception, the Council has raised over \$350,000, which has been used to provide assistance to more than 275 students attending college.

MEDIA MINISTRY

This ministry will skillfully monitor the sound system within the sanctuary and the lower church level as well as be responsible for the recording and duplication of audio and videotapes of the Worship Services and other programs as requested.

COURTESY MINISTRY

As visitors enter, members of the Courtesy Ministry extend a hand of welcome, give the visitor the Sunday worship bulletin, invite them to register, direct them to an usher, and inform the usher that they are our special guest(s) for the day, Registration cards are passed on to the Announcing Clerk and the office for follow-up contact. Members of this ministry serve on a rotating basis.