



Cal-Pac Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank with recipients of the Bishops Awards in June 2025.

## **Guiding Vision for The UMC Announced** by Dr. Alyssa Fisher

The Council of Bishops announced a new vision for The United Methodist Church: *The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.*

This vision complements our well-known mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by identifying three ways and two places we will work together to embody God's dream for our kin-dom. A world where every person encounters the transformative grace of Jesus Christ, where communities flourish, and where all creation is made whole. This work begins and continues in our local congregations and has impact worldwide.

This vision is a result of a multi-year close collaboration between the Connectional Table and the Council of Bishops, guided by a desire to remember the roots of our faith and imagine a hope-filled future. The first of these resources, a reference guide for local churches, is now available online at [www.resourceumc.org/vision](http://www.resourceumc.org/vision).

Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank expressed her excitement about this vision: "We embrace this new vision as a focus of ministry in our world and in our local context. Together, we work for a better future through the love of Jesus Christ."

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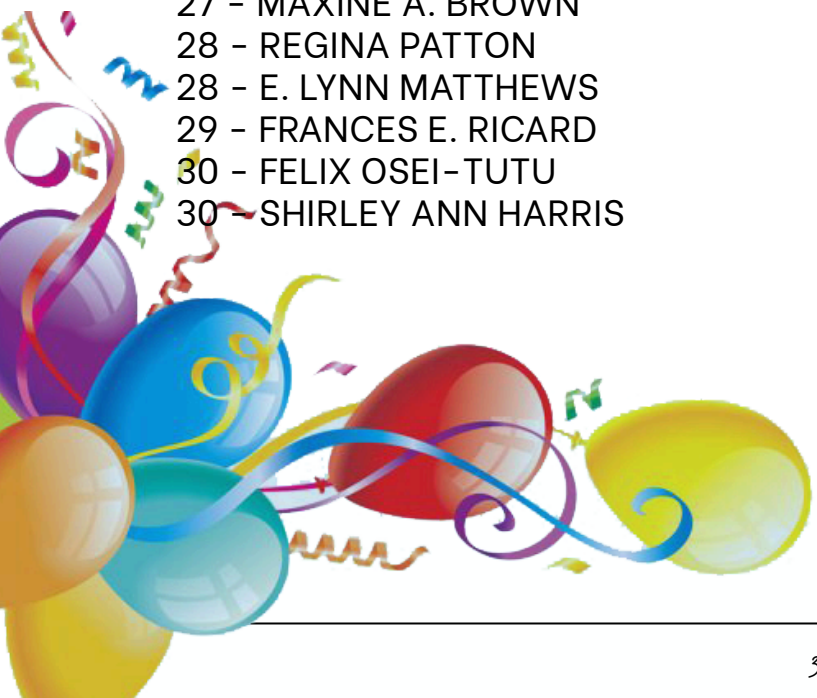
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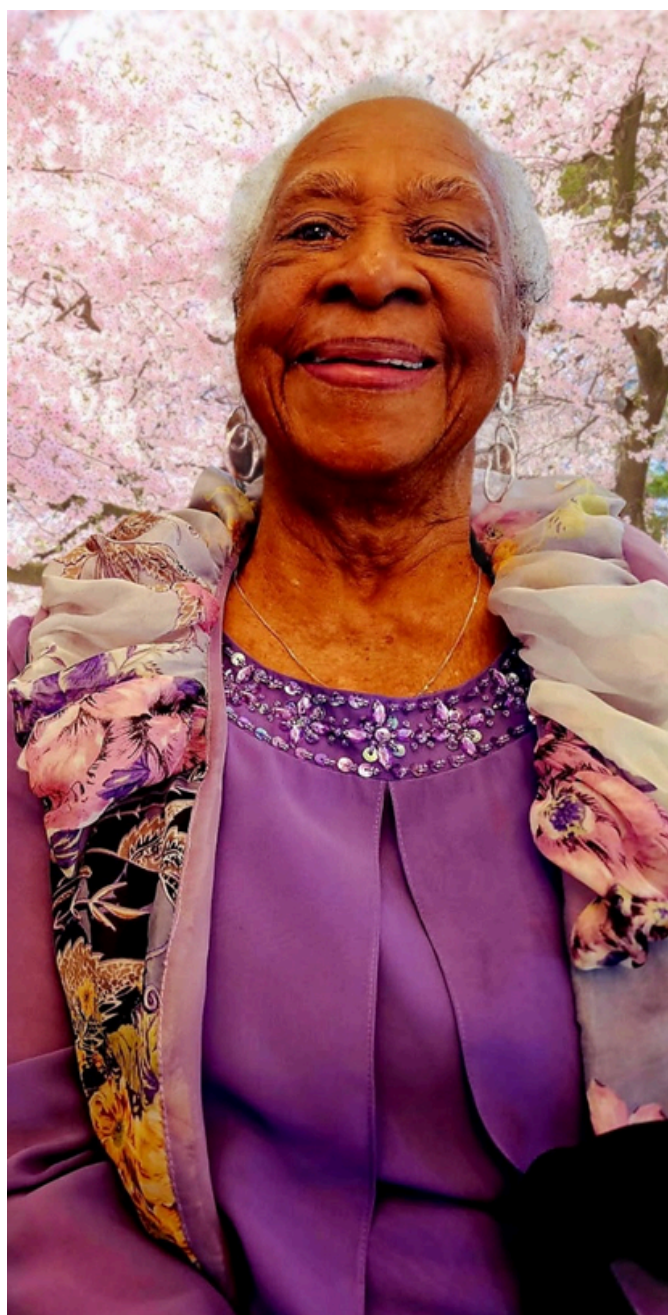


# Happy July Birthday!

- 1 - BENJAMIN MALLARD
- 3 - CONNYE THOMAS
- 4 - KA-RON MICHELLE BLACKBURN
- 7 - JOYCE B. WILLIAMS
- 7 - VENICE LINTON
- 7 - GLORIA SIMONS WILLIAMS
- 7 - RHONDA DePASS
- 8 - JOSEPH GAMBRELL
- 10 - SAMANTHA McQUEEN
- 12 - DELORES JENKINS
- 14 - WAYNE HARPE
- 16 - BEVERLY DAVIS
- 16 - ALICE ARMSTEAD
- 17 - LAWREN M. ASKEW
- 17 - SYLVIA CARTER
- 17 - DEBBIE BELL
- 18 - ALBERTHA D. LEWIS
- 20 - TRINIAN SMITH
- 21 - DOROTHY C. DECAYETTE
- 23 - DEIDRA GRAY
- 25 - KELCIE EWING
- 26 - NATALIE BUNKLEY
- 26 - KAREN A. BUNKLEY- GRAY
- 26 - ANTHONY MACK
- 26 - EARL JONES
- 26 - ANDREW BOSTON
- 27 - MAXINE A. BROWN
- 28 - REGINA PATTON
- 28 - E. LYNN MATTHEWS
- 29 - FRANCES E. RICARD
- 30 - FELIX OSEI-TUTU
- 30 - SHIRLEY ANN HARRIS



## Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Holman's own Evelyn Freeman!



*May the Lord continue to richly bless you as you are a blessing to many!*

Sunday  
July 27, 2025

# 80<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary & Homecoming



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## 80<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Homecoming Worship Celebration

11:00 am | Sanctuary

Come home and bring a friend as we praise God for 80 years of ministry of Holman UMC! The **Holman Choir** and **Jubilant Voices** will lead in music. We will also welcome the **Philander Smith Collegiate Choir** and receive the message from Lead **Pastor Victor Cyrus-Franklin**. 80 years of ministry. What a mighty God we serve!

## Preview Documentary Screening

### **A Better Way: James Lawson, Architect of Nonviolence**

1:00 pm | L.L. White Fellowship Hall

Join us for a special preview screening of **A Better Way: James Lawson, Architect of Nonviolence**. This documentary feature is a labor of love and provides a fresh lens on the inner workings of the Nonviolence Movement of America through the story of Rev. James Lawson, who Martin Luther King, Jr. called, "the leading theorist and strategist of nonviolence in the world." A brief Q&A with **Director/Producer Karen Hayes** will follow.



## Jubilant Voices Anniversary Concert A Joyful Noise: 30 Years of Praise & Purpose

4:00 pm | L.L. White Fellowship Hall

The Jubilant Voices Celebrate 30 years of Praise and Purpose for our anniversary celebration! Bring family and friends to this celebration of God's grace and mercy in song!

More information will be posted online at  
[holmanumc.com/homecoming](http://holmanumc.com/homecoming).



## Upcoming Special Events

### **SATURDAY, JUL 12**

Celebration of Life - Alvin Askew  
11am-12:30pm

### **SATURDAY, JUL 19**

Saturday School for African American History  
8:30am-1pm

Holman Church Council: Called Meeting  
10-11:30am

### **FRIDAY, JULY 25**

Celebration of Life - Shirley Gray  
10-11:30am

### **SATURDAY, JUL 26**

Revolutionary Nonviolent Activism Workshops  
9:30am-12pm

Celebration of Life - Mayleen King  
11am-12:15pm

### **SUNDAY, JULY 27**

**80<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary  
& Homecoming Celebration**

## Sundays @ Holman

### **Sunday Worship**

8am & 11am | Sanctuary

### **Children's Church**

9:30-10:30am | Chapel

### **Adult Sunday School**

9:30-10:30am  
Zoom & Phone

### **Book Talk**

9:30-10:30am  
Zoom

## Weekdays

### **Thursday Bible Study**

1-2pm | Phone

### **Friday Morning Prayer & Communion**

7:30-8:30am | Phone

### **Holman United Methodist Men**

2nd Saturdays  
9:00am | Zoom

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

2nd and 4th Wednesdays  
12:00-2:00pm | Crockett Library

### **Staff-Parish Relations Committee**

2nd Tuesdays  
6:30pm | Zoom

### **Board of Trustees**

3rd Tuesday  
7:00 pm | Zoom

### **Storehouse Food Distribution**

2nd & 4th Thursdays  
9:30am-1:00pm | Love Education Building

### **Stewardship Committee**

1st Tuesdays  
6:30pm | Zoom

### **Finance Committee**

4th Tuesdays  
6:30 pm | Zoom



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