



Dear St. James Family,

How amazing have the Summer Olympics been thus far?!?!

The talent, the discipline, the amazing outfits! However, more than any singular athletic event; what I LOVE most is the "*Olympic Spirit*". It's wonderful to see our country unite and collectively cheer for our skilled American athletes as they compete on the global stage!

My hope (especially as we lurch further into the election cycle) is that we can continue to embody the "*Olympic Spirit*" by selecting qualified leaders and rallying around them as they work to repair & reinforce the fabric of our nation. \* *steps off soapbox*\*

Looking forward to next month, I am excited about publishing the first magazine-style edition of our newsletter. The Fall magazine will cover the months of September, October, and November.

As always, I appreciate your patience and welcome your feedback as we work on these updates.

All the Best,

Tracev-Renee

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AND WHAT'S NEW

Trustee of the Month Sis. Linda Gentry

#### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**



Rev. Dawn Wallace 8/9 Sis. Jean Wilson 8/9 Sis. Nina Clinton 8/10 Sis. Marie Davis 8/13 Sis. Debra Grubbs 8/14 Pastor Marlyn Bussey 8/21 Bro. Terry Manns 8/29

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# "803" MT. DIABLO AVENUE?!? 🝄 💭



Did you know that 97 years ago our beloved St. James AMEZ church was uplifted from its original 803 Mt. Diablo Ave. address and *literally* rolled down the block to the current location?

The first rendition of the St. James sanctuary emerged in 1927 under the leadership of Reverend L.R. Kinnard. Located at 803 Monte Diablo, the site of today's Martin Luther King Center, the church arose as a simple A-frame structure topped with a gable roof. It featured arched windows on the sides and flanking the front door, with a diamond window under the gable of the shingled front facade.

The church remained at 803 Monte Diablo until 1938, when the San Mateo city fathers decided to expand the recreation facilities at what was then called East Side Park. Under famed minister Reverend Rufus Cooper, the congregation built a basement social hall at the new site. The entire church building was then reportedly lifted up, placed on rollers, and ferried the block and a half to its new site at 825 Monte Diablo Avenue, where it stands to the present day.

#### **QUESTION OF THE MONTH:**

## "WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SUMMER OLYMPICS EVENT?"

"Mmmm, let me think...I love EVERYTHING about the Summer Olymics. There are just too many events to mention." – Sis. Rhonda Smith

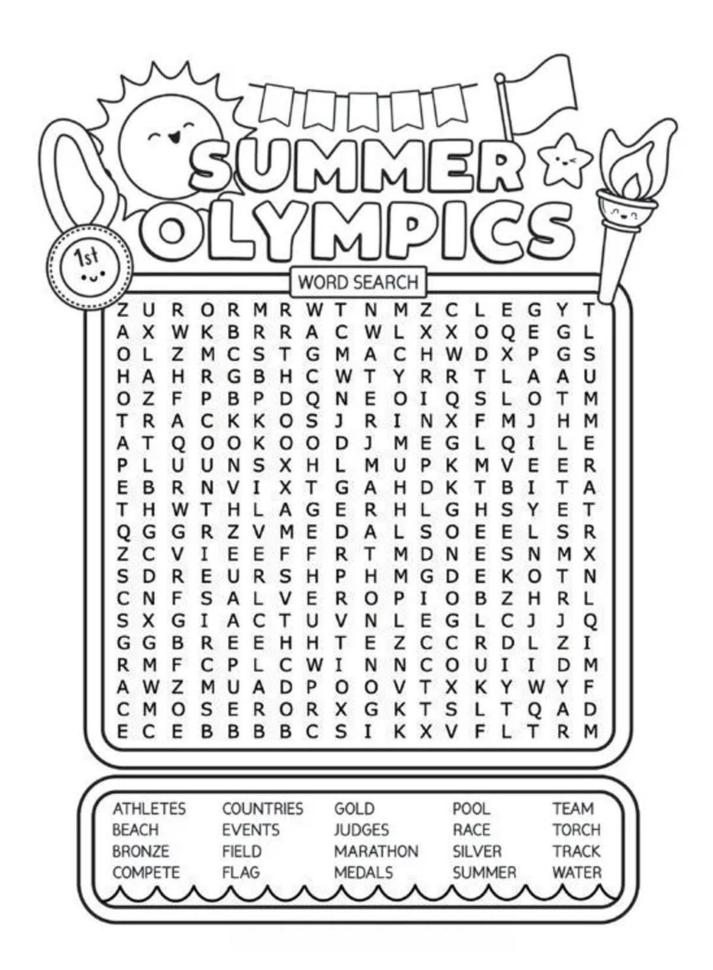


"Basketball. It's my favorite sport and it's a dream watching the best players play on one team for our country" – Bro. Michael Rayray



"I don't have just *one* favorite! I love gymnastics, diving, swimming track & field, women's volleyball and I love watching the horses in the equestrian events too." – Sis. Monica Bussey





### AUGUST PRAYER LIST



St. James Church family, Pastor Marlyn Bussey and family, Bishop Melanie Rogers Miller and family, Bishop Brian Thompson, Sr. and family, Bishop George Crenshaw and family, Rev. Rhonda Davis, Rev. Ed Prothro-Harris, Rev. Jacqueline Day, Sis. Stephanie Page and family, Rev. Nailah Hubbard. Sis. Marie Davis and family, Sis. Jean Wilson and family, Sis. Evelyn Neely, Sis. Pearl Rochon, Sis. Charlotte McAfee, Kyle Parker, Jr., Sis.Marcella Gehlhar and mom, Sis. Nancy Compagno, Bro. Harry Olson, Jr., Sis. Linda Clayton. Sis. Ada Lax, Carrie Dubois. Our young adults: Matthew Clinton, Drea Smith, Daniel Zumiga and Anika Hausner. Those grieving losses, those dealing with severe weather conditions all over the world, those dealing with the continual tragedy of gun violence, those caught in the crossfire of political power struggles, violence and death across the globe, the homeless and hurting. Those afflicted by sickness, safety for houses of faith, the unemployed; students and educators, those with housing and food insecurity, essential workers, those traveling. Entitlement of the New Beginnings Housing Project. The incarcerated; the lonely, those feeling as though they have no hope. All those who are blessed by the Care Portal Ministry. President Biden and his administration, the upcoming general election. Protection for Vice President Kamala Harris as she runs for President. The work of the Juvenile Justice Commission of San Mateo County, Supervisor Noelia Corzo. Finally, let us pray for all those we intercede for on Sunday mornings and throughout the week and those whose names are added to our prayer wall each Sunday.