

## HAPPY NEW YEAR, HEBRON ZION FAMILY!

As we step into this new year, we give thanks to God for His faithfulness through every season. The past year has held moments of joy, challenge, growth, and grace—and through it all, the Lord has remained our steady foundation.

As a church family rooted in faith and love here on Johns Island, may this new year be a time of renewed hope, deeper trust in God, and stronger bonds with one another. Let us continue to walk together in prayer, service, and compassion, shining the light of Christ in our community and beyond.

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!”  
(Isaiah 43:18-19)

May God bless Hebron Zion Presbyterian Church with peace, wisdom, good health, and abundant grace in the year ahead. Let us move forward with courage, gratitude, and unwavering faith, confident that God is already at work in all that lies before us.

With love and blessings for a joyful and prosperous New Year.

Blessings,  
Pastor Pat



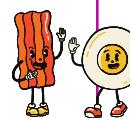
### Mark Your Calendar

**Sunday, February 8, 2026**  
Youth Souper Bowl Offering  
Super Bowl Sunday: Wear your favorite team jersey!

**Sunday, February 15, 2026**  
Annual Congregational Meeting  
(immediately after worship service)

**Nominating Committee Training**  
is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 17, 2026**, at 6pm.

**February 18, 2026 (6:30 pm)**  
Ash Wednesday Service: Ashes will be imposed during this service.



**Saturday, March 7, 2026**  
Youth Prayer Breakfast  
Speaker: Mr. Ashton T. Singleton (Ravenel Town Council)

**Sunday, March 29, 2026**  
Palm Sunday (marking the beginning of Holy Week)

**Sunday, April 5, 2026**  
Easter Sunday

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# January

## Birthdays

Chandler Washington  
Kennedi Ricks  
Vivian Smalls  
Gail Coaxum  
James Garrett  
Madysen Taylor Whitehead  
Joshua Robinson  
Ashley Saunders  
Benjamin Bonneau

January 1<sup>st</sup>  
January 6<sup>th</sup>  
January 6<sup>th</sup>  
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January 14<sup>th</sup>  
January 28<sup>th</sup>  
January 30<sup>th</sup>  
January 31<sup>st</sup>

Let us keep our ill and homebound members and their caregivers in our prayers:

Leola and Robert Bennett  
Margaret LaBoard  
Joyce Lee  
Lorena Morrison  
Emily Smalls  
Juanita Wright



## Anniversary

Brenda and Mark Zeiset  
[Friends of Hebron Zion Presbyterian Church]  
January 23

Wishing you all a blessed year!

### In Memoriam

*Mrs. Ora Lee Stroud*

Mrs. Ora Lee Stroud will be remembered for her quiet strength, kindness, and the love she shared so freely with those around her. Her legacy lives on in the lives she touched and the memories that will be cherished forever.



## Psalm 46:1

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

## Ministry Moderators



**Administration**  
Nik-Cole Elmore  
Geraldine Morton

**Worship and Evangelism**  
Titilola Bligen

**Fellowship and Discipleship**  
Carletta Mustafaa  
Samantha Brown

**Service Ministry**  
Kathleen Green  
Sheryl Simmons



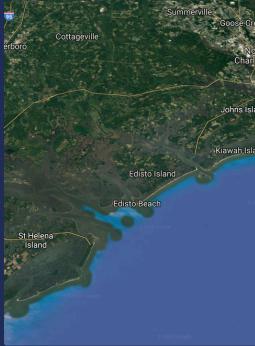
# Staying informed.



## Are YOU Registered to Vote?

The 2026 Elections are *crucial*. Every vote counts! If you are not registered, there is a cure for that. Reach out to Elders Kathleen "Rosy" Green or Sheryl Simmons for voter registration information.

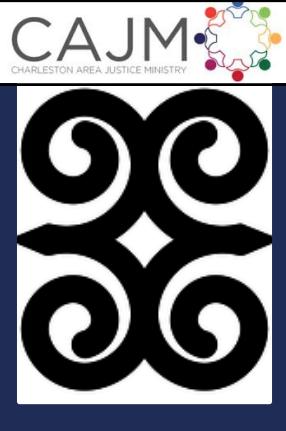
Image: "You've Got It... Use It!" Flyer encouraging citizens to register and vote from the Esau Jenkins Papers (1963-2003). *Courtesy of the Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture.*



The **Sea Islands Alliance of Ministries** has reorganized and is reestablished its presence on the Sea Islands. The Alliance's goal is to identify the issues facing the residents living on Johns and Wadmalaw Islands. The Reverend Patricia Bligen Jones currently serves as President of the organization.

Stay up-to-date on what's happening on Johns Island:

- Subscribe to the email newsletter, **The Johns Island Advocate** ([johnslandadvocate.org](http://johnslandadvocate.org))
- Attend **Johns Island Council Meetings. 7pm.** Second Thursday of every month at Berkeley Electric (1135 Main Rd. Johns Island, SC 29455).
  - Next meeting: **Thursday, February 12.**



The **Charleston Area Justice Ministry** will hold its Nehemiah Action on **Monday, April 27, 2026 (6:30 p.m.)** at Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church. Remember to "Bring Three+Me" to this event. Team members are asked to give an annual contribution of \$200 to support the work of CAJM.

Our Team Leaders are:

Darryl Bonneau  
Tamy Lockhart  
Ashley Saunders

Help a neighbor on  
February 7:  
Carpool and/or Volunteer



## NEIGHBOR CHOICE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION



**Saturday, February 7, 2026  
10 AM to 12 Noon**

**Haut Gap Middle School  
1861 Bohicket Road  
Johns Island, SC 29455**

Please bring your own bags! Food will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, until supplies are depleted.



## Nourish Your Neighbors!

Do you know someone in need of no-cost food assistance? Visit a Lowcountry Food Bank food distribution and pick up healthy food for friends and loved ones who are unable to attend.

THIS IS A **NO COST** EVENT – PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BAGS



# February Events



## Friday, February 6 (10:30am)

Fiber art workshop with award-winning artist **Kandy G López**.

Participants will use plastic canvas and thread to make art. All materials included.

Gibbes Museum of Art  
(135 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC)

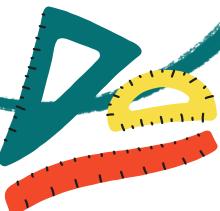
\$50 Gibbes Members  
\$60 Non-Members

Purchase tickets at:  
<https://www.gibbesmuseum.org/>



“We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always right to do right.”  
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King (1963)

“Letter from a Birmingham Jail”



## Tuesday, February 10 (6:30pm)

### Girls' Varsity Basketball

Let's cheer on the St. John's Islanders in their game against the Baptist Hill Bobcats in Hollywood, SC.



Follow Hebron Zion Presbyterian Church USA on Instagram [and](#) Facebook.

Unable to fellowship with us in-person? Tune into our **livestream** each **Sunday** on **YouTube**. Be sure to **SUBSCRIBE** to our YouTube channel.



# February is Black History Month.

*Invitations from the College of Charleston*



**Wednesday, February 11 (4pm)**

**Dr. Ellen de Lima Souza**, the Vice Dean & Provost for Student Affairs and Affirmative Policies and Associate Professor at the Federal University of Sao Paulo (Brazil).

She will discuss “Exu Logic: Contributions to Education & Emancipation.”

Tate Center, Room 202  
(9 Liberty Street, Charleston, SC)  
Free and open to the public.  
No Registration Required.

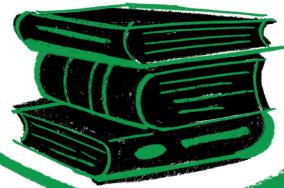


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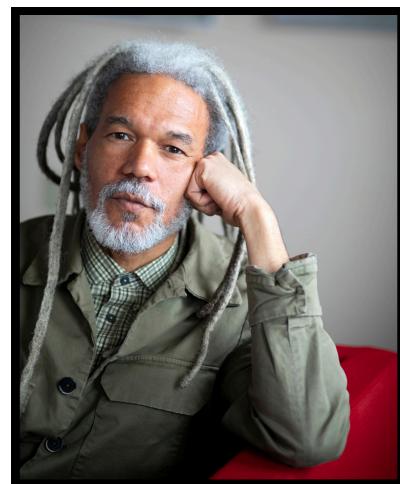
Black History Month Reads:  
*The Reaper's Garden* by  
Dr. Vincent Brown

*Black Folk: The Roots of the Black Working Class* by  
Dr. Blair L.M. Kelley



**Thursday, February 19 (4pm)**

**Dr. Vincent Brown** will discuss “The Battle for Black History: Profiles in the Memory of Slavery”  
Dr. Brown is the Charles Warren Professor of American History and Professor of African American Studies at Harvard University.



Simons Center, Room 380  
(54 St. Philip Street, Charleston, SC)  
Free and open to the public.  
No registration required.

CELEBRATING OUR 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

**DR. CONSEULA FRANCIS  
READING CIRCLE**

**HARLEM RHAPSODY**  
New York Times Best Selling Author,  
Victoria Christopher Murray!

**SPECIAL GUEST**  
New York Times Best Selling Author,  
Victoria Christopher Murray!

Join us on **February 19th via Zoom**, for a special Reading Circle with *New York Times* best-selling author, **Victoria Christopher Murray**! We will discuss her latest historical fiction book, *Harlem Rhapsody*, named a 'Best Book of the Year' by NPR, and a 2026 NAACP Image Award-nominated book in the Outstanding Literary Work category!

**Thursday, February 19 (6:30pm)**

Join us on Zoom for a conversation with *New York Times* bestselling author, **Victoria Christopher Murray**. We will discuss her historical fiction, *Harlem Rhapsody*.

Free and open to the public.

Registration required: [tinyurl.com/2nwv769u](http://tinyurl.com/2nwv769u)



You can donate new **and** gently used items to the **Cougar FREE store**.

Open Monday-Thursday, 10am-5pm

Center for Sustainable Development (207 Calhoun Street, Room 102)

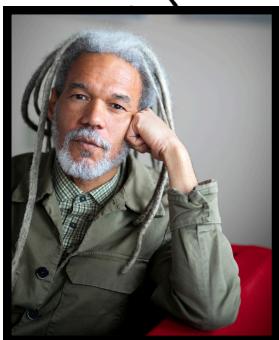
Contact [zerowaste@cofc.edu](mailto:zerowaste@cofc.edu) for more information.





# February is Black History Month.

*Invitations from the College of Charleston + the International African American Museum*



## Friday, February 20 (6pm)

**Dr. Vincent Brown** will show his new short film, *Remembrance*. Dr. Brown is the Charles Warren Professor of American History and Professor of African American Studies at Harvard University.

International African American Museum

14 Wharfside Drive

\$10 admission. Register at [iaamuseum.org](http://iaamuseum.org)

## Wednesday, February 25 (5pm)

The Department of History welcomes **Dr. Robert Bland** (University of Tennessee-Knoxville). He will discuss his new book, *Requiem for Reconstruction: Black Countermemory and the Legacy of the Lowcountry's Lost Political Generation*.

School of Science and Mathematics Building  
202 Calhoun Street, Room 129  
Event is **free** and open to the public.



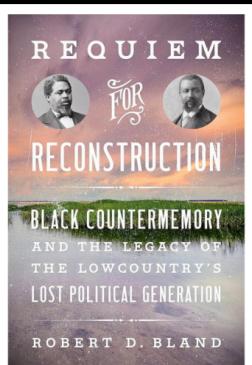
WEDNESDAY

**Feb. 25**

*at 5:00*

**SNES  
Building  
Room 129**

*202 Calhoun St.*



## Saturday, February 28 (6:00pm)

You are invited to

**“Awakening of the Ancestors Through Music”**, a cultural celebration that honors the legacy and resilience of the African Diaspora.

The evening will feature the Grammy Award winning ensemble **Sounds of Blackness**.

Event is **free** and open to the public.

For more information and to register, visit:

[iaamuseum.org](http://iaamuseum.org)

## Thursday, March 12 (5:30pm)

**Dr. Ashley Dennis** will talk about “Intellectual Emancipation: Black Women, Education, and the Anti-Blackness in the Jim Crow Era.” Dr. Dennis is Assistant Professor of History at the College of Charleston.

Event is **free** and open to the public.

No registration required.

Thaddeus Street Jr. Education Center, 25 St. Philip Street  
Septima Clark Auditorium (Room 118)



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# Community News

Learning opportunities for all ages.



**HERITAGE INTERPRETATION FIELD SCHOOL**

*Speaking our Truth*

**Certified Interpretive Guide Training**  
Experiential Learning | Paid Internship  
Emerging & Early Career Interpreters  
Natural & Cultural History

**FIELD SCHOOL**  
May 18 - 29, 2026  
Avery Research Center

**INTERNSHIP**  
June 1 - 30, 2026  
Locations Vary

**APPLY NOW**

**The Heritage Interpretation Field School** (sponsored by the Avery Research Center and the Institute of Museum and Library Services)

**Open** to high school seniors and college students

Participants will:

- Learn about Cultural and Natural Histories
- Receive two weeks of National Association for Interpretation Certified Interpretive Guide training with experiential learning at local heritage sites
- Be placed in 4-week **paid** internships at museums, cultural centers and historic sites around Charleston County

Application due: **March 15, 2026**

For more information, visit:

<https://libguides.charleston.edu/averyresearchcenter/HIFS>

**Certified Interpretive Guide training** is designed for individuals who want to learn more about **heritage interpretation**. It covers the history, definition, and principles of **interpretation** and teaches how to connect audiences to ideas and concepts behind the resources we care about.

For more information, contact: [enveal@cofc.edu](mailto:enveal@cofc.edu) (starting March 2026).

Location: Avery Research Center (125 Bull St.)

Dates of training: April 2-3 and April 6-7

**CERTIFIED INTERPRETIVE GUIDE TRAINING COURSE**

**SPRING 2026 TRAINING**  
April 2nd-3rd; 6th-7th  
SAVE THE DATE

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON AVERY RESEARCH CENTER FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE

ONLY WE CAN TELL OUR STORIES! NAI NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR INTERPRETATION

125 BULL STREET, CHARLESTON, SC

**2026 SANKOFA FELLOWSHIP**

Immerse. Engage. Transform.

A 15-day immersive experience designed for rising college juniors and seniors passionate about African American history, community service, and cultural preservation.

June 7 - 21, 2026  
Charleston, SC

Applications are Open

Sankofa Fellowship Quick Facts

- Program Dates: June 7 – 21, 2026
- **Application due March 20**
- Location: International African American Museum
- Open to *currently enrolled* rising juniors and seniors in college
- Program Benefits: All lodging and meals are provided through the generous support of Pisgah Investments Foundation.
- Student Responsibility: Fellows are responsible for their own travel to and from Charleston.
- Visit [iaamuseum.org/event/2026-iaam-sankofa-fellowship](https://iaamuseum.org/event/2026-iaam-sankofa-fellowship) for full details and the application.

Best wishes for a blessed year.

# FEBRUARY

## Birthdays

Sandra J. Hutchinson	February 1 <sup>st</sup>
Dekhari Jenkins	February 1 <sup>st</sup>
Marie Glover	February 7 <sup>th</sup>
Cannon Brown	February 9 <sup>th</sup>
James Lee	February 13 <sup>th</sup>
Pearl Freeman	February 15 <sup>th</sup>
Theresa Simmons-Guess	February 15 <sup>th</sup>
Lorena Morrison	February 21 <sup>st</sup>
Viola Buggs	February 24 <sup>th</sup>
Bernice Gibbs	February 24 <sup>th</sup>
Maureen Frasier	February 25 <sup>th</sup>
Isaac LaBoard, Jr.	February 25 <sup>th</sup>
George L. Simmons	February 26 <sup>th</sup>

## Anniversary

Theresa and Terrence Guess
February 9 <sup>th</sup>

# MARCH

## Birthdays

Emery Maxwell	March 1 <sup>st</sup>
Monica Rivers	March 1 <sup>st</sup>
Gwendolyn Gadsden	March 5 <sup>th</sup>
Kathleen R. Green	March 5 <sup>th</sup>
Jermaine Jenkins	March 5 <sup>th</sup>
Vermelle Peters	March 12 <sup>th</sup>
Jeffrey Middleton	March 16 <sup>th</sup>
LaVesa LaBoard	March 17 <sup>th</sup>
Thomas Simmons	March 18 <sup>th</sup>
Ernest Jenkins	March 20 <sup>th</sup>
Shamira Washington	March 29 <sup>th</sup>
Joi Coaxum	March 30 <sup>th</sup>

## Anniversary

Gloria and James Parlor
March 12 <sup>th</sup>



**Have news or an upcoming event that you would like to share with our congregation?**

Please submit announcements, flyers **and** contact information to  
[hebronzionchurch@aol.com](mailto:hebronzionchurch@aol.com)

Deadline: Friday, February 20, 2026