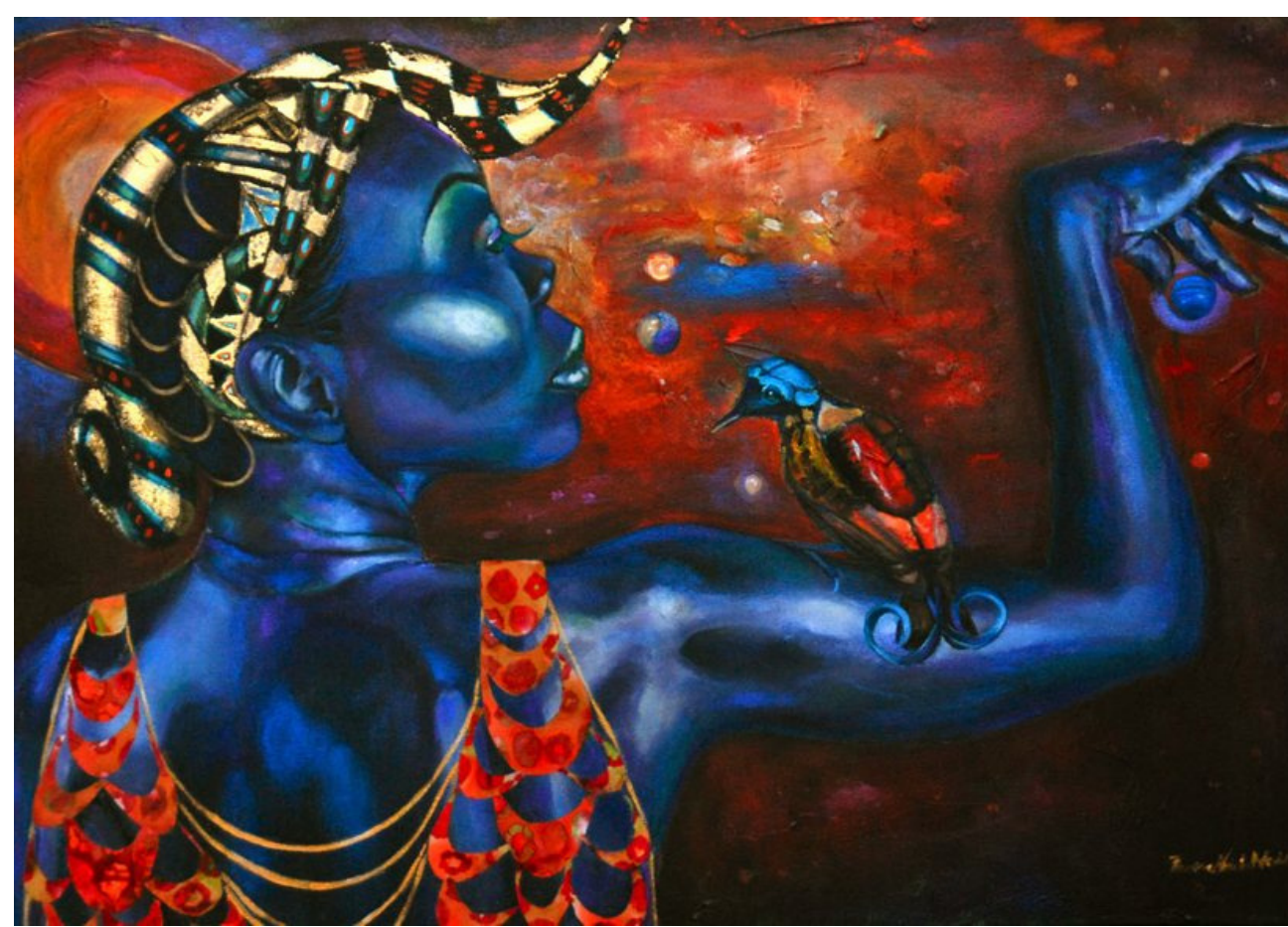


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READING IS FUNDMENTAL



WHY IS CRITICAL RACE THEORY SO CONTROVERSIAL? Books like *The 1619 Project: Born on the Water* is a children's picture book, written in verse, by Nikole Hannah-Jones and Renée Watson, with illustrations by Nikkolas Smith seek to tell the truth about race. The book was announced in April 2021 as a companion book to *The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story*, both inspired by Hannah-Jones' *The 1619 Project*. Its available by following QR Code.



WELCOME TO SWEET MAGNOLIA

Established in 1914, the name Magnolia honors the Mother Church founded in 1864 near Louisville.

Affectionately known as Sweet Magnolia, this ministry has stood as a physical representation of the hope and determination of the African American spirit. We are a Spiritual Anchor grounded in a liberation tradition operating as a Baptist community of faith.

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Rev. Dr. Francys Johnson, Senior Pastor

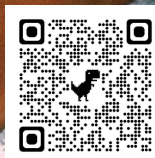
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1917-1977



"Sometimes it seem like to tell the truth today is to run the risk of being killed. But if I fall, I'll fall five feet four inches forward in the fight for freedom. I'm not backing off."

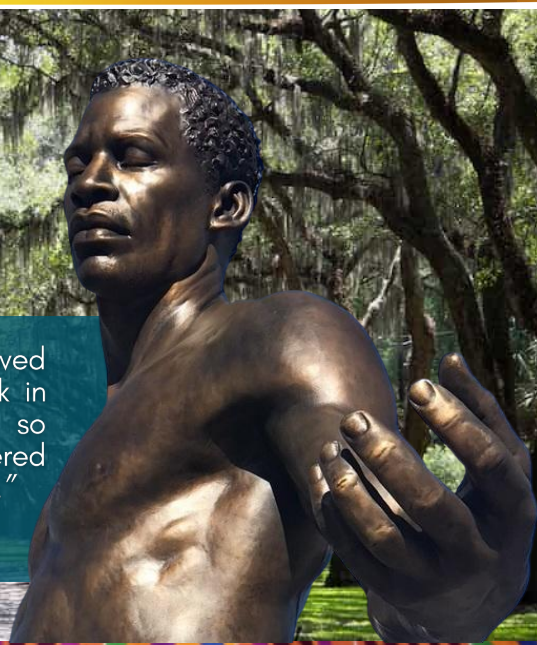
— Fannie Lou Hamer



On March 2-3, 1859, over 400 African American enslaved men, women, and children were sold on a racetrack in Savannah, GA under torrential rain. The sale was so painful, enslaved people and others remembered afterwards, that the skies opened and even God "wept."



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FASTING FOR LENT



February 22 - April 8

re·new·al

this is a Season of replacing or repair of the worn out, run-down, or broken.

Lent consists of the forty days before Easter in which Christians prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ by practicing the spiritual disciplines of fasting, prayer, and penitence. Sundays are always excluded as fast days during Lent because they are mini-Easters that symbolize the weekly celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

MEATLESS MONDAYS | Abstain from all meat.

TEN DOLLAR TUESDAY | Spend \$10 or less for the entire day.

WATER ONLY WEDNESDAYS | Abstain from all other beverages.

THRICE THURSDAYS | Pray a minimum of three times..

FRIED-NOT-FRIDAYS | Abstain from all fried foods

SILENT SATURDAYS | At least one hour in silent meditation.



This sacrifice is in connection with the members of Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Pleasantville NJ by Pastor Willie Dwayne Francois III.

ADINKRAHENE is the King of the Adinkra symbols meaning Authority



Welcome to Sweet Magnolia

"Freeing yourself was one thing; claiming ownership of that freed self was another." - Toni Morrison



POWER | A native of Savannah, in 2005 Leah Ward Sears became the first African American woman to serve as Chief Justice of any state supreme court.

#WHM2023 | March is Women's History Month. We are "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories" throughout the month. This theme is adopted from the National Women's History Alliance, which spearheaded the movement for March to be declared National Women's History Month.

History helps us learn who we are, but our power and dreams are immediately diminished when we don't know our history.

Recognizing the achievements of women in all facets of life - domestic workers, science, community, government, literature, art, sports, and medicine - has a significant impact on the development of self-respect and new opportunities for girls and young women.

● ● ● ABOUT THE COVER | Tamara Natalie Madden (1975 -2017) was a Jamaican-born mother, mixed-media artist, and professor of art and visual culture at Spelman College in Atlanta. On November 4, 2017, she died at her home in Snellville, Georgia, only two weeks after being diagnosed with Stage 4 ovarian cancer. She was 42.



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SUNDAY

4 WAYS TO GIVE

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Aransi Ntegan is the Spider's web. A symbol of wisdom, craftiness, creativity, and the complexities of life.

Order of Service

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH | THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 12, 2023 | 9:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Teacher - Deacon Johnny Tremble

Called from the Margins of Society - The Wonder of Childlike Qualities

Lesson Text: Matthew 18:1-9; Time of Action: 29 A.D.; Place of Action: Capernaum
Golden Text: "Whosoever, therefore, shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:4).

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gospel Medley, Doxology, Responsive Reading, and *Let the Words of My Mouth* as the Response.

Sweet Magnolia will utilize all our resources to provide a Christ-centered setting where people in this community can be redeemed to a personal relationship with Christ, reconciled to God and his people, restored to wholeness, to well-being, and revived for a full life involved in service to others. In this church, everyone is welcomed and affirmed. In this community, you can be redeemed, reconciled, restored, and revived.

SERVICE OF LIGHTS

Sis. Kisha Tremble, Special Tribute

Today, we light the candles on the Altar, acknowledging March as Women's History Month. Specifically, we thank God for the brilliant, beautiful, and brave Black women who have shaped our history and those who are telling our story today in word and deed.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Claim - *I am a consistent Tither, a Bountiful Sower, and a Cheerful Giver. I have confessed my sins; therefore, GOD rebukes the Devourer for my Sake, and GOD makes all Grace abound toward me!* Malachi 3:1-11 and II Corinthians 9:5-8

SONG OF PREPARATION

Music Ministry

THE PREACHED WORD

Hagar - A Woman of Faith - Lesson 2: Tell Me Something Good

Rev. Dr. Francys Johnson

BENEDICTION

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.
-Jude 24-25

Lectionary: Exodus 17:1-7 • Psalm 95 • Romans 5:1-11 • John 4:5-42



GYE NYAME means "except for God" This symbolizes the Supremacy of God.

PLEDGE Campaign

Roy & Lena Tremble
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ME WARE WO means "I shall marry you" and symbolizes commitment and perseverance.

Responsive Reading

In Praise of brilliant, beautiful and brave Black Women

LEADER: In memory of Isabella Baumfree who was transformed into Sojourner Truth because the Lord called her to travel up and down the land being a sign and to declare truth to her people. She responded to the man who charged that he cared no more for her than a fleabite, "Maybe not, but the Lord willing, I'll keep you scratching."

PEOPLE: **Let the brilliant, beautiful, and brave Black women keep coming as we scratch out justice in the land.**

LEADER: By the witness of Harriet Tubman, who in spite of a \$40,000 price on her life, challenged her people to "be free or die", and who courageously led them to freedom. She never lost a passenger as she showed her people a better way.

PEOPLE: **Let the brilliant, beautiful, and brave Black women keep coming as conductors to keep a people on track to freedom.**

LEADER: By the inspiration of Ida B. Wells and the First National Confederacy of Colored Women; Mary Margaret Washington and the National Federation of Afro-American Women; Mary Church Terrell and the National League of Colored Women; Rosa Parks whose tired feet inspired a nation to stand up; and Fannie Lou Hamer who left her cotton sack behind her and founded the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party from whence she took her seat at the 1964 Democratic Convention. These countless women worked hard to inspire, encourage, and register voters so that we could move forward.

PEOPLE: **Let the brilliant, beautiful, and brave Black women keep coming as we hammer out political opportunity for women who will change the course of history.**

LEADER: We recognize women like Julia Kidd Stout who became the first African American woman elected to the bench in Philadelphia, Constance Baker Motley who was the first Black woman federal judge, and numerous other women of the Judiciary, including Leah Ward Sears, the first African American woman elected to a State Supreme Court and the first African American woman to serve as a Chief Justice of any State Supreme Court.

TOGETHER: **Let brilliant, beautiful, and brave Black women keep coming as we render decisions that are equitable, compassionate, and morally sound. Let strong Black women keep coming until we have transformed America and made of this world a brotherhood and sisterhood where there is room for all and we "turn to each other and not on each other".**



ANANSE NTONTAN means "spider's web" and symbolizes wisdom and creativity.