

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE
GRAND OPENING & DEDICATION
OF THE
AFRICAN UNION CHURCH CEMETERY
DELAWARE CITY, DELAWARE

SEPTEMBER 17, 2016
10:00 AM

LOCATED NEXT TO THE DELAWARE CITY BRANCH CANAL TRAIL

THERE WILL BE SIGNAGE DIRECTING YOU TO PARKING AT THE PAUL MORRILL COMMUNITY CENTER LOCATED AT 250 FIFTH STREET, ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE DELAWARE CITY BRANCH CANAL TRAIL. TRAIL TRANSPORTATION TO THE CEMETERY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WITH MOBILITY ISSUES.

Please join us in celebrating the opening and dedication of the African Union Church Cemetery and Plaza.

The Friends of the African Union Church Cemetery was formed in 1996 with a mission to restore and preserve this historic cemetery owned by the Mt. Salem UAME Church. Land has been cleared, grave markers restored, fence, brick plaza and solar security lighting installed and interpretive signage and benches are available so visitors can linger and learn about the cemetery and Polktown.

The cemetery was established in 1835 and was an important part of the African American community of Polktown, one of the earliest remaining free black settlements in Delaware that has been continuously occupied for nearly two centuries. By the beginning of the twentieth century, the cemetery was probably abandoned. Its recent rediscovery is an important resource for the interpretation of Polktown's history and the five members of the United States Colored Troops buried in the cemetery who contributed to the Union victory in the Civil War.

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