



A photographic journey of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway featuring the work of award-winning Delaware photographer, E. Lynn Dilliplane.

June 16 to June 21, 2024

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Central Hotel Petit Social Studio, 85 Clinton Street, Delaware City

Event is free and open to the public.

E. Lynn Dilliplane received her first camera at the age of five kindling her love of photography which grew and later became a life-long career and passion. She attended Moore College of Art in Philadelphia and interned at the Philadelphia Museum of Art in the Photography and Print Department.

Lynn has owned her own studio since 1973, offering portraits and fine art photographs, as well as wildlife and landscape views from her wanderings with her husband and trusted driver, Tim. Her Studio 118 is located in Delaware City.

Sponsored by Main Street Delaware City



BEST KEPT SOUL

Wednesday, June 19, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Best Kept Soul, an evening of R&B and Soul, at the bandstand in Battery Park, 31 Clinton St., Delaware City. Event is free and open to the public.

Sponsored by Main Street Delaware City



2024 Juneteenth Program Organizers & Sponsors

The Delaware City-Polktown Juneteenth Observation is a series of events from May 25th to June 19th, sponsored by the Mt. Salem U.A.M.E. Church, the Delaware City Library, Main Street Delaware City, the Division of Parks & Recreation, the City of Delaware City and Friends of the African Union Church Cemetery, the anchor organization.

Special thanks to our financial supporters, Delaware City Refining Company and Friends of the African Union Church Cemetery, for their contributions. We also extend our gratitude to the Mayor and Council of Delaware City and Delaware City Fire Company for their unwavering support and in-kind contributions.

Delaware City-Polktown Juneteenth Planning Committee

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We are immensely grateful to all the volunteers and supporters who have dedicated their time and resources to ensure the success of this celebration.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DELAWARE CITY



POLKTOWN

**JUNETEENTH
CELEBRATION**

**MAY 25 - JUNE 19
2024**

**ALL EVENTS
RAIN OR SHINE**

Shove Off Day Events at Delaware City Library and Fort Delaware State Park Saturday, May 25, 2024

Delaware City Library at 10:00 a.m.

Library is located in Community Center at 250 Fifth Street,
entrance off of Bayard Street.

This educational and cultural gathering is sponsored by the Delaware City Library
Event free and open to the public.

Parking available at library and at the Community Center parking lot on 4th Street

10:00 a.m. Opening remarks: Rep. Melissa Minor-Brown and
Mayor Paul Johnson
Musical Selections: Charonda Johnson

10:15 a.m. *African Americans and the Civil War* presented by
Kathy Trusty, Black History Ed Zone

11:00 a.m. Interactive program and exhibit by the 3rd
Regiment, United States Colored Troops Reenactors

A drawing for free ferry tickets to Fort Delaware held at the morning event.

Fort Delaware State Park at 3:00 p.m.

Voices From The Past interpretive program featuring living
history historian Willis Phelps portraying the life of
Pvt. James H. Elbert, a USCT interred in the
African Union Church Cemetery in Delaware City

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the African Union Church Cemetery with
Fort Delaware State Park. Event is free and open to the public.

There is a fee required to board the ferry at
Delaware City Battery Park to Fort Delaware State Park.

Must board the ferry by 2:00 p.m.

Tickets sold at the Park Office at Delaware City Battery Park.

Fee Schedule: Adults \$12.00 * Children (2-12) \$7.00 *

Military \$11.00 * Senior (62+) \$11.00 *

Senior and Military must present identification.

Delaware City's own Suite Franchon celebrates Juneteenth in Music, Poetry and Storytelling

Friday, June 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Delaware City Library, 250 Fifth Street, entrance off of Bayard Street.

**This event is sponsored by the Delaware City Library
Free and open to the public.**

Parking available at library and at the Community Center parking lot on 4th Street

Mt. Salem U.A.M.E. Church Worship Service for Juneteenth

Sunday, June 16, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Service officiated by Rev. Marilyn Turner
Service in tent on the Church grounds at 305 4th Street, Delaware City

The Church invites the community to a special Juneteenth worship service
with their congregation.

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| Silent Meditation | |
| Litany of Hope | |
| Announcing of 1 st Hymn | <i>Walk Together Children</i> |
| Scripture Reading | Sister Linda Price |
| Prayer | Father David Driesch, O. Praem. St. Paul's Catholic Church, Delaware City |
| Selection | Sister Celestine Lyght & Sister Sharon Brown Coleman Memorial United Methodist Church, Wilmington |
| *The Apostle Creed | Congregation |
| *Gloria Patra | Congregation |
| Announcements | |
| Welcome | Sister Liz Boyer |
| Offering | Ushers |
| Solo | Sister Celestine Lyght & Sister Sharon Brown |
| Introduction of our Message Bearer | Rev. Marilyn Turner; Pastor of Mt. Salem U.A.M.E. Church |
| Message of Hope Sermon | Bishop Charles L. Amos; Presiding Prelate of the 1 st & 4 th Episcopal Districts, Bishop of the 1 st & 4 th Episcopal Districts |
| Call to Christian Discipleship & Altar Call | Bishop Charles L. Amos |
| Doxology, Invocation, Benediction | Bishop Charles L. Amos |



Mt. Salem U.A.M.E. Church Community Cookout for Juneteenth Sunday, June 16, 2024 ~12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

In tent on the Church grounds

While the church will endeavor to serve all guests, the food will be available on a
"first-come, first-served" basis.

For those who wish to bring their own food baskets, please do!

Free and open to the public.

Poetry performance by Suite Franchon ♦ Prianne Hall, Drama Artist and
Spoken Word, Christiana Cultural Arts ♦ The Amos Sisters,
Praise Dancers ♦ and other cultural events

Additional parking is available at the Community Center parking lot on 4th Street.

Cemetery Commemoration

A ceremony in honor of those who have fought and who continue to fight for freedom

June 19, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

African Union Church Cemetery & Plaza
1840 Michael N. Castle Trail, Delaware City

Musical prelude by the Hildaman Chorale, Director Rev. Kevin Benjamin, Ph.D.

Introduction: Master of Ceremonies Andre Swygert, Author and Historian

Invocation: Father David Driesch, O. Praem., St. Paul's Catholic Church, Delaware City

Raising of the American and Juneteenth Flags: Willis Phelps, Retired Sergeant
Major, Delaware Army National Guard and USCT Reenactor ♦ Donzella Johnson,
Retired Staff Sergeant, Delaware Army National Guard ♦ Don Hutchinson, Retired
Sergeant Major, Delaware Army National Guard ♦ Troopers Robert Jackson and
Robert Wilkins, Buffalo Soldiers, 9th & 10th Horse Cavalry, U.S. Army

Battle Hymn of the Republic performed by the Hildaman Chorale, Director Rev.
Kevin Benjamin, Ph.D.

Invited Elected Officials

Senator Thomas Carper
Senator Christopher Coons
Representative Lisa Blunt Rochester
State Senator Nicole Poore
State Representative Melissa Minor-Brown
Mayor Paul Johnson

Historical Remarks: Dr. David Orr

Ongoing Historical Research: Craig O'Donnell

Musical selections performed by the Hildaman Chorale, Director Rev. Kevin
Benjamin, Ph.D.

Steal Away to Jesus by Wallace Willis

Lift Every Voice & Sing by James Weldon Johnson

Wreath Laying at the African Union Church Cemetery: Willis Phelps, Retired Sergeant
Major, Delaware Army National Guard and USCT Reenactor ♦ Donzella Johnson,
Retired Staff Sergeant, Delaware Army National Guard ♦ Don Hutchinson, Retired
Sergeant Major, Delaware Army National Guard ♦ Troopers Robert Jackson and Robert
Wilkins, Buffalo Soldiers, 9th & 10th Horse Cavalry, U.S. Army

Taps performed by Sa'eed Abu, Staff Sergeant Delaware National Guard 287th Army Band.

Benediction: Rev. Marilyn Turner, Mt. Salem U.A.M.E. Church, Delaware City

Parking is available at the Community Center parking lot on 4th Street. The cemetery is accessed from 5th
Street across from the Community Center on the Michael N. Castle Trail. It's a short walk. For those with
mobility challenges, golf cart transportation between 5th street and the cemetery will be available.

NEGRO NATIONAL ANTHEM

Lyrics by James Weldon Johnson

Music by John Rosamond Johnson

Lift every voice and sing,
'Til earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on 'til victory is won.