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## Members Monthly Get-togethers!

Third Tuesday of every month (February through June, September, October, November & a December dinner) 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Woman's Club of Mamaroneck, 504 Cortlandt Avenue.

We begin with the 'feature' presentation, usually with a PowerPoint.

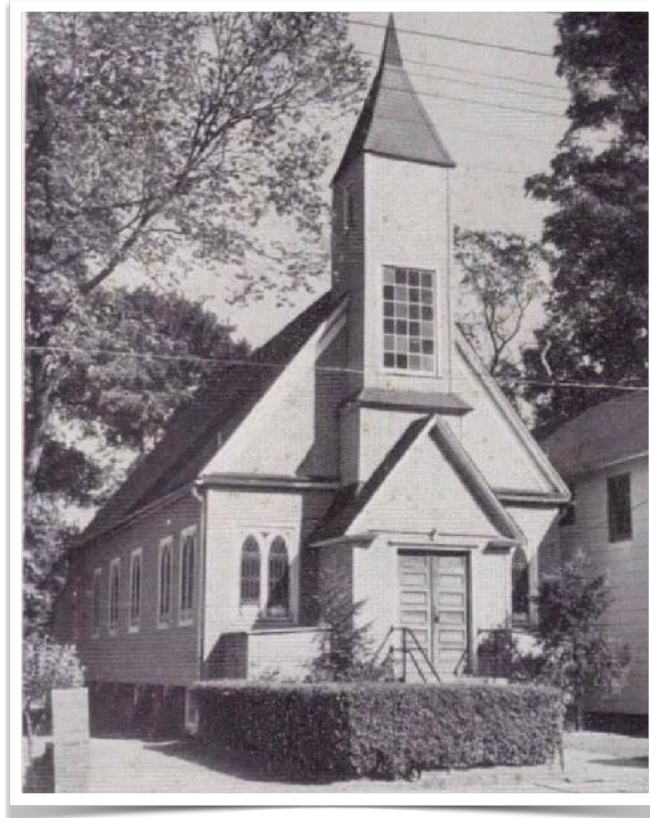
There is always time for questions and answers, then we do a quick catchup on the current projects and mysteries in Mamaroneck.

Afterwards, we break for light refreshments, socializing, and trading family stories of old Mamaroneck.

Next Get-together on Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 pm.

Presentation: **How Mamaroneck Streets Got Their Name**

This will be Power Point presentation by **Michael Meaney** showing how a selection of streets were



Barry Avenue AME Zion Church, 645 North Barry Avenue

## 1903 Church Building Nominated for National Registry of Historic Places

John Pritts of the Mamaroneck Historical Society shared at the March Board of Trustees Meeting that he is working with David Vaughan of the AME Zion Church to get their 1903 building placed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

The Church was founded in 1852 by Robert Purdy (1823-1890) who escaped from slavery in Louisiana, worked local farms until he could purchase his own acreage on Saxon Woods Road in Scarsdale.

named (and what they used to be called).

Michael is the driving force behind our website and Facebook page.

**It's time!**

Renew your Membership for 2024!

**(Re)Join us**

**Member Dues**

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| Individual.....     | \$25  |
| Family.....         | \$40  |
| Senior/Student..... | \$20  |
| Sustaining.....     | \$125 |
| Benefactor.....     | \$250 |
| Corporate.....      | \$500 |

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**Coming Up!**

April 16 - **How Our Streets Got Their Names**

May 21 - **To be announced**

June 18 - **Florence/Powell Burying Ground Restoration**

Our ongoing efforts powered 100% by volunteers - your neighbors

Purdy was married to Lena Landrine (1813-1880), a Native American. They had four daughters who (by 1840) attended the one-room Quaker School on Quaker Ridge.

Early services were held at Purdy's home, 307 Saxon Woods Road, and at the home of Mrs. Dinah Hicks on Cedar Street in Mamaroneck.

Purdy with four other trustees purchased the property that the current church, built in 1903, stands on, at the corner of Grove and North Barry.

Robert and Lena are buried in Greenwood Union Cemetery in Rye.

The building contains twelve stained-glass windows representing the twelve tribes of Israel.

The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church itself dates back to New York City in 1796 when members of Manhattan's John Street Methodist Episcopal Church left due to the discrimination they experienced there.

Well-known abolitionist leaders such as Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, and Frederick Douglas belonged to the AME Zion Church.

For more information on services and such, you can contact the church at 914-698-3681

*(Information from Emeline Allen Powell, Robinette Purdy Allen Robinson, Donna Lockley, Katherine Ann Samon, & Gloria Poccia Pritts)*

Headstone Robert & Lena Purdy David Vaughan (w Tish Garland) 2016

