

Supervisor Romaine and Councilwoman Cartright Celebrate 170th Anniversary of Setauket's Bethel AME Church

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Farmingville, NY – On June 10, Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright were on hand to celebrate the 170th Anniversary of the Bethel AME Church in Setauket. The Three Village Community joined in, taking part in a day of family, delicious food, faith and friendship. The Church, which is located in the heart of the Bethel/Christian Avenue Historic District, is an established community landmark. It has long been active in the Three Village area and beyond with its programming, community outreach events, missionary work and countless other projects. Pictured left to right are Reverend Gregory L. Leonard, Pastor; Assemblyman Steve Englebright, Councilwoman Cartright and Supervisor Romaine.

Supervisor Romaine said, "The Bethel AME Church has such a rich history in Brookhaven Town with deep spiritual and social roots that go back many generations. Their service to the people of the community has left an indelible mark that continues to make our Town a better place to live."

Councilwoman Cartright said, "This is a truly endearing event and I am fortunate to be a part of this momentous occasion. Bethel's church historians, Carlton 'Hub' Edwards and Dr. Robert Lewis, are inspiring. They have knit together the family stories and continue to help preserve the truth for the community. What Bethel AME refers to as their 'Legacy of Survival' is a tale that all should hear."

Bethel A.M.E. Church Setauket is located at 33 Christian Avenue. For more information on service schedules, programs or to learn about the long march toward their 170 year history, call 631-751-4140.

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