**Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church**

**13900 Grace Ave.**

**Robbins, IL**

**Catherine Matthews Women’s Missionary Society**

**Founded 1963**

**History**

The Catherine Matthews Women’s Missionary Society of Bethel A. M. E. Church in Robbins, Illinois was established in 1963 shortly after we built our first church at 3355 West 139th Street This was under the leadership of the Late Rev. Horace Galloway.

A group of dedicated women of Bethel AME Church, Robbins, Illinois under the leadership of the president, Mrs. Eula Young, decided to honor Mrs. Catherine Matthews by naming the Women’s Missionary Society in her name. She was an exemplary missionary by words and deeds. Mrs. Matthews devoted her time and talent to the church. She would visit the sick, feed the needy and speak a kind word of encourage to everyone she met. The society has been functioning for over fifty years by doing the work that God has called has us to do under the leadership of the local presidents listed below:

* Mrs. Catherine Matthews - 1960 - 1973
* Mrs. Eula Young – 1973 – 1983
* Mrs. Mary Moore -1983 - 1990
* Mrs. Jessie Devers – 1990-1995
* Mrs. Hattie Brown - 1995 - 2011

Margie Dubois, President

Rev. Robert L. Bailey, Pastor

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