

# What is Memory Sunday?

Memory Sunday—the second Sunday in June—is a designated Sunday within congregations serving African Americans that provides education on Alzheimer's prevention, treatment, research studies, and caregiving.

Memory Sunday brings national and local attention to the tremendous burden that Alzheimer's and other dementias are having on the African American community, utilizing the power and influence of the African American pulpit, to bring awareness, distribute facts, encourage participation in research studies, and support persons living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers.

### FACTS ABOUT ALZHEIMER'S AND MEMORY LOSS

- Alzheimer's is a type of dementia that causes problems with memory, thinking, and behavior. Symptoms usual develop slowly and get worse over time, becoming severe enough to interfere with daily tasks.
- Alzheimer's disease accounts for 60%-80% of dementia.
- Available statistics indicate that, in the U.S., older African Americans are twice as likely as older whites to have Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.
- Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, and the third leading cause of death in King County. It kills more than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined.

#### **PARTICIPATING CHURCHES**

Emerald City 7th Day Adventist 801 25th Ave, Seattle 98122

## Emerald City Fellowship

7728 Rainier Ave S, Seattle 98118

**First AME Church** 1522 14th Ave, Seattle 98122

#### **Mount Zion Baptist Church**

1634 19th Ave, Seattle 98122

On June 10, join us for Memory Sunday. Wear your purple!



For general information, visit www.balmingilead.org/memorysunday.

For information about local Memory Sunday programs and resources, contact Karen Winston, Aging and Disability Services, Seattle Human Services Department (<u>karen.winston@seattle.gov</u> or 206-684-0706).