



BooksAlive “We are Charleston” Weekend Itinerary

Friday, February 3rd at 6 pm

Bay County Public Library

(898 W. 11th Street, Panama City, FL 32401)

Community invited to join in song and attend the “We are Charleston” authors’ talk. Copies of “We are Charleston: Tragedy and Triumph at Mother Emanuel” will be available to purchase. Event is free and open to the public.

Saturday, February 4th at 10 am

Greater Bethel AME Church

(829 Hamilton Ave, Panama City, FL 32401)

The “We are Charleston” authors will talk on Tragedy and Triumph at Mother Emmanuel. Local ministers will read scripture, community choir will perform, and there will be a saxophone solo by Rev. Lawrence Gantt. The service offering will be donated to LEAD Coalition Voices against Violence Project. Reception to be held in the lower basement of the church. Event is free and open to the public.

Saturday, February 4th at 1 pm

Glenwood Recreation Center

(722 E 9th Ct, Panama City, FL 32401)

A sorority function promoting the need for forgiveness and reconciliation for good mental health using the Mother Emmanuel church as an example. Authors have been invited to speak. Guests include high school students in the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority’s Teen Mentoring Program.

Saturday, February 4th at 6:30 pm

Woman’s Club of Panama City

(350 N Cove Blvd, Panama City, FL 32401)

There will be an elegant dinner, music, and the “We are Charleston” authors’ talk on “Writing about Race and Community.” Ticketed event for \$20 each with funds going to the LEAD Coalition Home for Good and Teen Mentoring projects.

The Bay County Public Library Foundation and the LEAD Coalition have organized a memorable weekend with “*We are Charleston: Tragedy and Triumph at Mother Emanuel*” authors Herb Frazier (award-winning journalist and childhood member of Mother Emanuel), Dr. Bernard Edward Powers (A.M.E. Church member and professor of history at the College of Charleston) and Marjory Wentworth (South Carolina’s Poet Laureate). The book covers extensive interviews with family and friends of “The Emanuel Nine” – the church members who lost their lives on June 17, 2015, when a young man opened fire on a prayer meeting at the church. Learn more about the 200-year history of the Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church and how the community has continually triumphed over adversity through powerful acts of love and forgiveness.

For more information about this BooksAlive program and others, visit www.booksalive.net or www.nwrls.com.

