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- 10/7, Flea Market
- 10/8, Choir Day
- 10/15, Submit reports for Charge Conference
- 10/22, Ushers Day
- 10/29, Family and Friends Day
- 10/30, 7-8 pm - Charge Conference



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Fall Ministries Follow Summer of Adventure and Community Outreach

By Carol A. Black

Fall ministries have begun at Camphor following a summer of fun and adventure in the Vacation Bible School, Adult and Family fellowship in Fairmount Park and significant outreach to the Haddington community and the City of Philadelphia.

Camphor's calendar for September and October includes Trustee Day, United Methodist Women's Day, Flea Market, Laity Sunday, Choir Day, Ushers Day, and Friends and Family Day. Plans are also being finalized for the Church Anniversary and the Community Thanksgiving Dinner and "Free Market" in November. More about those worship services and special programs are inside this issue.



Rev. Brown, Rev Rookard and Pastor Lonnie Herndon on Trustee Day, September 10, 2006

Summer 2006 brought fun, excitement and challenge to Camphor. The Vacation Bible School led by **Ruth Harmon** and other volunteer staff from the

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Message from The Pastor



(See introductory poem on page 7)

Dear Members and Friends,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! This is the way that Paul began some of his letters to the churches. Even though it was a formal letter to a church, he felt very much a part of each of the churches and the people to whom he was writing. He was deeply concerned with their growth as the Body of Christ, women and men, old and young. While Paul started out ministering to Jewish

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Fall Ministries Follow Summer of Adventure and Outreach

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Education Committee set up a large canvas tent in the gym and welcomed children from the congregation and community to a one-week "Adventure of the Treasure Seekers Exploring God's Promises" complete with archaeological tools, games, songs, crafts, African drums and Bible stories. See full story on page 5.

On June 24th Camphor hosted a "Conference on Violence in the Haddington Community" organized by the Camphor Council for Community Development (CCCD). Over 125 participants from the community applauded noted keynote speakers, **Dr. Elijah Anderson**, of the University of Pennsylvania, and **Police Commissioner Sylvester Johnson** for their superb insights on the issues of violence in the nation and city.

Workshops, led by experts in youth and school violence, elder law, street crime, and family violence, shared information and provided resources for community, church and individual involvement necessary to stop the violence. MEE Productions provided a PowerPoint presentation and led a dis-



cussion about the "BluePrint for Safer Philadelphia" program in a well-received plenary session.

Many representatives from the Mayor's Office of Faith-Based Initiatives and city agencies attended the conference. The UM News Service featured the conference in a national story, "Philadelphia Congregation Hosts Conference to Stop the Violence" on June 22, 2006.

The following week, **Rev.**

Brown and Rev. Rookard led a small group, ranging from age 4 to 82, across the Benjamin Franklin Bridge from Philadelphia to Camden in the first-ever Bridge Walk of Understanding, to raise awareness of the need to depend on each other to navigate some of society's most pressing problems like racism.

On August 8th, **Geri-PERK** sponsored a Health Fair for Camphor members and Camphor-Brooks seniors in the gym. A cardiologist, podiatrist, optometrist, hearing specialist and medical supplier were on hand for exams and screenings.

Everyone could play ball and games or just sit, relax and enjoy sumptuous food under the trees at the Church Picnic hosted by Adult and Family Ministries on August 19th in Fairmount Park. **Deborah Terrell** and the committee fixed a perfect barbeque and members brought salads and desserts. **Kyn-dal Goldsberry** brought large tubs of water ice that helped everyone stay cool.

Message from The Pastor

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men, he eventually ministered to and envisioned God's kingdom with men and women, Jew and Gentile, old and young. He began to see that we as the Body of Christ need each other to be whole.

With this in mind, I want you to know that I am keeping each of you both in mind and in heart. Part of what it means to be your pastor is to know and to understand you as well as to help you grow as a disciple

of Christ. The only way that we can get back to Eden is to practice justice, peace, and solidarity with each other.

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As I learn more about your vocational skills, interests, strengths, and even weaknesses, I will be able to connect you with committees, groups, and individuals who will grow with you. As we nurture each other in these small groups, we will be a

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Around Camphor

Rev. David Brown was guest speaker at the Planting Seeds for Ministry Growth Workshop at Hope-well UMC, Downingtown, PA on September 23...Condolences to former Associate Pastor, **Rev. Dr. Cecil Gray** on the passing of his mother, the late **Victoria Jackson Gray Adams**, a renown civil rights leader, on August 12th... **Mrs. Dorothea Burnett** was an Instructor at the 23rd Annual Academy for Laity, The Inn at Reading, Wyomissing, PA, August 11-13, where she taught an advanced course, "Doing and Leading Bible Study."... Camphor's three Christ Servant Ministers, **Mrs. Ruth Harmon, Mr. Walter King, and Mr. Reese Brown, Jr.**, attended the Laity Academy with **Mrs. Burnett, Mrs. Frederica Broomfield and Paul Jordan, Sr. ... Mr. Reese Brown III** is the director and coach of the new Chess Club at Camphor... Welcome to **Mrs. Nancy Bailey**, wife of Mr. Wayne Bailey, who joined Camphor Memorial this summer...Congratulations to **Ms. Melissa Alves** who received the J.D. degree from Howard University Law School in June.....**Mr. Paul Jordan, Jr.**, an Eagle Scout and student at Morehouse College, is working with HBCU Eagle Scouts in Atlanta to form a troop for inner city boys...**Mrs. Marineeta Smallwood**, Director of Camphor Council for Community Development, Inc.'s GED/Basic Education Program and is seeking volunteer teachers and assistants for the growing classes...Thanks to **Mr. William Rivers** and **Ms. Carol Black** for their leadership in networking all twelve computers in the church and connecting them to the Internet....**Mr. Bernard Waties**, was Chair of the successful Men's Day in June...**Rev. Rookard, Rev. Brown, Mr. Reese Brown, Jr. and Mr. William R. Adams, Jr.**, will lead Wednesday evening Bible Study beginning October 4... Thanks to the **Communications Committee** for the hard work in preparing the new **Church Directory** that will soon be distributed to the congregation and also for the new "Welcome" pew offering envelopes for visitors and members who may have forgotten to bring theirs from home....**Josephine Keys** is a new member of the Communion Stewards. Her story and photo of meeting President Lyndon Johnson in 1965 appeared as cover story in the September 2006 edition of *The Philadelphia Voice*. Let us know your news! (Continued on page 6)

Rev. Dr. D. Watson Tatem Guest Preacher on Friends and Family Day

Rev. Dr. Dorothy Watson Tatem, former senior pastor of Camphor from 1992 to 1996, will be the guest preacher at our Annual Friends and Family Day Worship Service on Sunday, October 29, 2006 at 11 AM.

Rev. Tatem is currently the Director of Urban Ministries, Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church. A nationally and internationally renowned servant of God, Rev. Tatem is a graduate of Temple University (B.A), Arcadia University (formerly Beaver College) (M.E), Union Theological Seminary (M.Div) and Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (D.Min).

Honored as the 2003 "Preacher of the Year" by Black United Methodist Preachers, as well as the recipient of an honorary Doctorate Degree from Albright College, Dr. Tatem is also recognized by the Philadelphia Inquirer as one of the top 30 preachers of all faiths in the City of Philadelphia.

Everyone is invited to hear the Word of God brought by this dynamic preacher and share a Fellowship Supper in the church's dining room. **Ms. Deborah V. Terrell**, Chair of Adult and Family Ministry, is coordinating this event for the church.



The "Camphor Light" is produced bimonthly by the Camphor Communications Ministry. The next newsletter will be the November/December issue. Please email (communications@camphormemorial.org) or place news, articles, photos in the Communications mailbox in the Great Hall by November 15 for publication on December 1.

Rev. David W. Brown Is Associate Pastor of Camphor

By Carol Black



Camphor officially welcomed **Rev. David W. Brown**, Ordained Deacon, as Associate Pastor during the Worship Service on July 16. Rev. Brown's appointment by **Bishop Marcus Matthews** became effective July 1, 2006.

A Camphor prodigy, Rev. Brown, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Reese Brown, Jr.** and grandson

of **Mrs. Bertha Bell**, has been faithfully serving Camphor, EPC and the United Methodist Church in various capacities his entire life. In his capacity as Associate Pastor, a part-time position of ten hours per week, Rev. Brown's ministry will primarily focus on children, youth and young adults.

Rev. Brown's specific responsibilities include:

- Developing and fundraising to increase Camphor's capacity for ministry among various congregation groups.
- Participating in monthly staff meetings to plan, prioritize ministry goals.
- Assisting Senior Pastor in the implementation of the strategic plan

by assisting committee leaders to manage their activities against goals set through attendance and participation at monthly Administrative Council meetings.

- Positioning Camphor through marketing and other community relations activities (through the church and Camphor Community Development Corporation) in connecting with the neighboring West Philadelphia community, in particular, and the Greater Philadelphia region at large.
- Serving weekly with the Senior Pastor for Sunday worship service to include sermon duties once each month.

Rev. Brown is married to Mrs.

Message from Finance Committee



Just a note to thank the members of the church who started catching up their tithes and offering donations that were missed during the summer months. These monies will help us meet our financial obligations as we proceed in the last quarter of the year.

If you have not caught up your summer donations or would like to increase your giving before the end of the tax year, it is not too late. We are glad to help you in the matter and God would also bless you.

Thank you,
Finance



Come and join us for a day of shopping and fellowship at our

Fall Flea Market

Saturday, October 7, 2006
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Platters, sandwiches, hot dogs, hot sausages, sodas and more will be available

Thank you in advance for your support

The Finance Committee



Do you need a ride to church on Sunday?
Please contact Norris Molock, 215-476-1180

Treasure Seekers Discover God's Promises and More

By Ruth Harmon

Camphor became an archeological dig site, set up by **Mr. Clifton Officer and Mr. Eric Butler** for 15 children and teens who attended the *Treasure Seekers Vacation Bible School* held June 25-31, 2006.



Each day, the Treasure Seekers strapped on their tool belts, complete with flashlights, safety goggles, bug observer kits and tweezers. Then, they gathered in the gym to share, sing, move and praise God before being divided into two groups to rotate to four classes-Art, Bible Stories, Music, and Recreation.

Each day in each class, children learned about one of God's promises. Before they went to class or

during the morning, each child had the chance to become an Archeologist and go digging at The BIG DIG, archeological dig site, for God's treasures and other things commonly found in the sand or near water. Each day using digging tools, they found "hidden treasure"- a heart, a cross, a gem, a magnifying glass or a compass that stood for one of five promises of God.

Every day there was a surprise in the sand! The first day, they found creepy crawlers and snakes. The next

day they found shells and rocks. By midweek, they found "diamonds" and "sapphires". By the end of the week, they found glowing frogs and crabs that tripled in size when put in water overnight. Nearly everyday, they found gold coins with Bible verses inscribed on them! All of these objects were used to point them to the real treasure...God's Promises:

God Love You!
 God Knows You!
 God Treasures You!
 God Forgive You!
 God Is With You!

In Art class with **Mrs. Elaine Brown**, they decorated treasure chests and made African drums with special materials brought in by **Mrs. Bettie Payton** and **Mrs.**

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Message From Flower Committee

The Camphor Flower Club would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" for your support during the year.

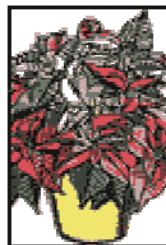
We have two small fundraisers each year.



The first one is the Easter Lilies and the second one is the Poinsettias at Christmas. Proceeds from our fundraisers help us to keep the altar beautiful every Sunday. The flowers on the altar can be taken by a Flower Club member or church member to a sick or shut-in after the

morning worship service.

In addition to our fundraising projects, we ask and encourage anyone to place flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please make arrangements with any member of the Flower Club or see the Church Secretary. The cost for two plants is approximately \$30. You may take the flowers after morning service.



We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Vivian Harmon,

Assistant to the Chairperson of the Flower Committee



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Around Camphor...

Choir Day on October 8th Will Feature Great Choirs



The **Senior Choir of Camphor** will host Choir Day at Camphor on October 8, 2006, at 3 p.m. This will be a joyous afternoon of sacred music featuring the Senior Choir of Camphor and five other great choirs: Mount Olivet Tabernacle Choir, St. Paul Sanctuary Choir of Cinnaminson, NJ, Canaan Baptist Church Choir of Germantown, Vine Memorial Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir and Pinn Memorial Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir. Everyone is cordially invited to come and bring a friend for an afternoon of musical pleasure. Admission is free but a free will offering will be accepted and refreshments will be served after the program. **Mr. Ronald Deas**, President of the Senior Choir, and **Mr. Edward C.T. Hale** are Co-Chairpersons of Choir Day. **Mrs. Gloria E. Todd** is Director/Organist.

Rev. Brown

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Sharon Brown and is the father of two daughters, **Lauren Elizabeth** and **Candace Lynn**. He is also Founder and President of BrownPartners, a Philadelphia-based multicultural marketing firm.

A 1984 journalism graduate of Duquesne University, Rev. Brown also holds a Masters in Theological Studies degree from the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. In addition to serving as President of BrownPartners, he is an Assistant Professor of advertising and public relations in the College of Media and Communications (CMAC) at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia.

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Around Camphor...

Memories Of Katrina

By Keith Harris

As America marked the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, I could not help but reflect upon my memories of the tragedy. As an employee of the Pennsylvania Department of Labor - Unemployment Compensation, I was granted an opportunity to become directly involved with the Katrina disaster relief effort.

Along with others, I went to Jackson, Mississippi, to provide assistance in the unemployment compensation office there. Most of the residents we encountered had been employed prior to the disaster and needed help arranging for unemployment compensation benefits.

Many confided stories of survival that still strike an emotional chord. All had strong and unwavering faith in Our Creator. I was humbled by the strength of their convictions. Even though I shook many hands and gave many hugs, it is



the faith and strength of God's people in time of despair that will be the fondest memory I take with me.

I and my co-workers were also involved with "Operation Brotherly Love," a combined

effort of various government agencies to provide services for displaced citizens of New Orleans in Philadelphia. We operated out of the Wanamaker School (11th and C.B. Moore Avenue.), and were there to greet the first of many arrivals to our city from the affected areas. It felt surreal to have seen the faces on television and now I was actually sitting across from them. This made the impact upon me even greater. As I grew to know a lot of these folks by name, I was struck by their friendliness, gratitude and warmth, but I was also seeing their desperation, their sense of loss and sadness.

See "In the Spotlight" on page 16 for more information about Mr. Keith Harris.

Congratulations, Ladies of Camphor!



On Saturday, November 4, **Ms. Jeanne Myers** will be honored by the Church Ushers Association of Philadelphia at its Annual Awards Banquet for her outstanding ministry as church usher. The banquet will be held at Shiloh Apostolic Temple, 1500-34 W. Master Street, Philadelphia at 1 p.m.



Miss Celine Boone, a second grade student at Milton Hershey School, is the first student in school history to receive both the Milton Hershey and Katherine Hershey awards for best written and best illustrated book. Celine is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jordan, Sr.



Mrs. Brenda Cozart Harris won first place in Camphor's Directory Cover Design competition by submitting an original design that best encapsulated Camphor church. Her art work will appear on the cover of the new Church Directory and she will receive a cash prize of \$100 donated by BrownPartners

Scenes of Camphor—Summer 2006



Charles Keels, Reese Brown Jr., and Bernard Waties congratulate Stanley Glenn on "Man of The Year"



Rev. Rookard, Rev. Blanks, Floretta McMillon, Bernard Waties, Stan Glenn, Reese Brown on Men's Day.



Brenda C. Harris gives hugs and teaches music at VBS



Councilman Nutter, David Fattah and Rev. Rookard take message of non-violence to Haddington streets



Candace and Lauren Brown help at VBS



Joy Flynn, Tiy Adams, Mike Idriss, Nashid Ali (drummer) lead "March for Peace" to stop the violence and promote Conference on Violence

Scenes of Camphor-Summer 2006



On the Ben Franklin Bridge (from left) are Jesse Rookard, Annabelle Gordon, Lauren Brown, Rev. Brown, Raymel Rookard (seated), Rev. Rookard, Devin Council, Terrell Thompson and David Mingle for historic **Walk of Interdependence** from Philadelphia to Camden.



Children learn African drumming at VBS



Mariah Hill at VBS



Debbie Spraggins and Tony Bacon at Picnic



Debbie Terrell and Clifton Officer at Family Picnic



Walter King, Reese Brown, Jr., Paul Jordan, Frederica Broomfield, Ruth Harmon at Laity Acad-

Around Camphor

United Methodist Women Have Successful Day



Minister Brown greets congregation after UMW worship Service

The UMW of Camphor presented Spiritual Intercessor, **Minister Olivet Brown**, on Sunday, September 24, 2006, in a special celebration worship service. The theme was "Rise, Shine and Glorify God" and Minister Brown's moving message, "Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee," the story of Naomi and Ruth, electri-

fied the congregation. Worship Leader was **Ms. Janet Chaffin**, and worship participants were soloist, **Mrs. Aneita Douglas**; scripture readers, **Ms. Veronica Williams** and **Mrs. Bettie Peyton**; introduction of speaker, **Mrs. Elaine Brown**, and closing remarks by **Mrs. Catherine Exum**.

United Methodist Women is an exciting, vibrant organization with over one million members worldwide who share a common purpose and commitment. **Mrs. Exum**, President, invites all women to join UMW and work together to serve Christ.

Camphor Seeks Additional Church Musician

As authorized by the Administrative Council, the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC) is actively seeking qualified applicants for an additional Church Musician position. He/She will serve as assistant to the gospel choir musical director and as musical director of the youth choir. An advertisement about the part-time, paid position has been published in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference E-news and NewSpirit newsletter.

The new musician, who must be able to play piano and keyboard, will work under the general direction of the Director of Music and be responsible for providing musical accompaniment for the gospel choir one Sunday a month, directing and playing for the Youth Choir one Sunday a month, selecting music for the Youth Choir and conduct rehearsals. A more detailed job description and requirements may be obtained from **Mrs. Frederica Broomfield**, Chair of SPPRC's Personnel Committee.

All Saints Day Will Honor Deceased Members

All Saints Day is the church's time for remembering and giving thanks for members who have lived and died in the faith and were models of Christ-like love for us. Camphor celebrates the lives of those members who have died in the last year by remembering them by name and tolling the bells in their memory.

This year, we will celebrate the following saints: **Richard Stuckey, Elizabeth Valentine,**

Palmer Warren, Charles Kearse, John Mackery, Margaret Parnell, Dennis McNeill, A. Stuart Hopkins, Reginald Downes, Elizabeth Manning, Hazel Minnis, Gladys Allen, Ethel Moore, Anne Hargis and Ada Scott.

All family and friends of the departed are invited to come to the special worship service on November 4, 2006, and contact the Trustees in advance if there will be any special remembrances.

Vacation Bible School and Pastor's Message

Vacation Bible School

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Edythe Lawrence, who served as Assistant Teachers. In **Mrs. Lewisene Jordan's** Bible Stories class, they listened to Bible stories, memorized Bible verses, learned God's promises and acted in skits and plays. In **Mr. Paul Jordan's** recreation class, they learned about God's promises through games and making clothes and hats out of newspaper. In **Mrs. Brenda Cozart-Harris'** music class, they learned songs about God and Archeology.

On Wednesday, **Master Drummer Mr. Eddie Rosado** taught the children about a variety of African drums, specifically the Djembe (walking) drum and the Congo drum. They learned what the drums were made of, but best of all, they learned how to play each one. Each child was thrilled to have his own drum to play. Even our hard working teens, who served as able guides and assistants, sat down and learned to play those drums.

Everyone was attentive and focused. Each day, **Mrs. Deborah Spraggins** brought and prepared a healthy snack with beverage for everyone. **Lauren Brown, Candace Brown,** and **Chelsey Eggerson**, our Teen Assistants, offered a mealtime prayer each day. **Mrs. Charlotte Womack**, Teacher Assistant in Art classes, also assisted at snack time.

On Friday, our final day, parents, neighbors and friends were invited to our closing program, which began with an African praise chant to God with drums, by "**Mr. Eddie,**" **Master Drummer**. Every person who volunteered was given a certificate and a love gift. Parents were also given certificates to thank them for Christian Parenting. **Ms. Ruth Harmon**, Treasure Seekers Coordinator, was surprised by the staff with two dozen red roses!

At the end of the program each child and parent chose an educational gift to further learning in science. They also took home their packed, personalized tool belts. All of the children and their parents expressed their wish that Vacation Bible School could be extended another week or two, and that it would return next year. Even our Teen Assistants enjoyed it and gave it their stamp of approval...Praise the Lord! We are prayerful and hopeful that we can use our summer success to build on in our Sunday School and other youth programs.

Rev. Rookard

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better witness for our visitors and neighbors.

This year we will be starting a Wednesday Bible Study, reactivating the Adult Fellowship Group, re-sourcing Young Adults, engaging adults and youth in Praise Dance, developing our Youth Choir, planning some mission trips, and representing our block with activities. As Paul wrote to the people of each church as one body, I encourage you to think of yourselves as a body as well. While there may be some things that you cannot do alone, there are many things that we can do with God and each other.

I am looking forward to embodying justice, peace, and solidarity with one another in our church and in our community.

May God bless us as we work together. As always, my presence and prayers are with you.

Rev. Laurie Ann Rookard

*And then all that has divided us will merge
And then compassion will be wedded to power
And then softness will come to a world
That is harsh and unkind
And the both men and women will be gentle
And then both women and men will be strong
And then no person
Will be subject to another's will
And then all will be rich and free and varied
And then the greed of some
Will give way to the needs of many
And then all will share equally
In the earth's abundance...
And then everywhere
Will be called Eden once again.**

*Judy Chicago, "Untitled Poem," in *Peace: A Dream Unfolding*, Editors Penney Korme & Patrick Crean (San Francisco: Sierra Club Books, 1986), p. 223

Report from Education Ministry

report includes Christian Education endeavors of several sub-groups of the Education Ministry that have taken place since the June 12th report was submitted.

Sunday School

- Attendance for the Pancake Breakfast opening of Sunday School was 15 returning children in grades Pre K through High School and 5 new students.
- Highlights for this year include:
 - Light Breakfast
 - PowerXpress units (K-6) that teach about Jesus, God and The Bible through Art, Music, Bible Stories/Storytelling, Computers, Cooking, Games, Science, Videos. Children will rotate to several stations each week
 - The Bible through Stories (Grades 7-12)
 - “Camphor Cash” for attendance, participation etc.
 - Camphor Dollar Store to spend Camphor Cash
 - Youth Participation to continue in 11:00 Worship Service, Praise Dancing, Ushering
 - Strong interest in proposed Youth Choir
 - Sharon Brown and Rev. Rookard can report on activities in more detail

Methodist Youth Fellowship

- MYF has resumed meetings on Fridays-leadership of Rev. David Brown.
- Rev. Brown can detail MYF activities

Bible Study Class

- Mrs. Burnett’s Bible Study began the Fall Quarter on September 7, 2006. with an in-depth study of *The Beatitudes*. 25 class members returned so far, plus 1 new member from Emmanuel UMC. Mrs. Burnett distributed an outline for the year, a summary of suggestions for study, and a class evaluation.
- An additional Bible Study will begin soon. Rev. Rookard has details.

Adult /Senior Adult / Young Adult Fellowships

- Adult Fellowship plans to meet once a month in homes. Everyone is welcome. A schedule, a sign up list, and the first course of study is forthcoming, along with a September fellowship activity.
- Young Adult Fellowship formation...Rev. Brown can detail as plans are formed.

Miscellaneous Activities

JUNE

- June 24th Student Recognition Day. 39 certificates were given for Christian Endeavors and 42 certificates were given for Scholastic Achievement. 3 gifts for 3 graduating high seniors, 3 gifts for 3 college graduates. There was a special altar call for youth, parents and teachers.
- June 25-31st-*Treasure Seekers* Vacation Bible School was held. 15 youth plus 3 Camphor teenagers participated. 5 teachers made up the teaching staff. 4 adults assisted. Each child, parent, teacher, helper, and volunteer received a certificate



and/or gift during the closing program. Children and parents expressed a desire that VBS be extended.

- 20 Bibles for youth were ordered and paid for with donations of Camphor adults. They will be dedicated in the near future

JULY

- The Education Ministry meeting was held July 6, 2006 at 7 pm

AUGUST

- 6 members of Camphor attended *23rd Annual Academy for Laity*. Each person attended a 10 hour course. Mrs. Burnett taught a Bible Study course.
- (2) \$500.00 scholarships, from Camphor Scholarship Fund, were awarded to 2 high school graduates entering college this Fall. A letter of support and encouragement was included.

- 2007 Education Budget submitted to Finance Committee

- Review of *POWEREX-PRESS* materials for K-6

SEPTEMBER

- September 13th meeting @ 10:00 to prepare Sunday School Room facilities

OCTOBER

- October 3, 2006. Next meeting of Education Ministry 7 PM at Camphor
- October 7, 2006. Participation in Flea Market.

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Camphor Youth—Camphor Youth—Camphor Youth

MYF Kicks Off a New Year

By Sharon Brown

Camphor's Methodist Youth Fellowship is already planning big things for their new year. With the help of **Kyndal Goldsberry** and **Rev. David Brown**, they are meeting every other week to plan activities for themselves other kids and service projects to help others.

Their first project is a Halloween Party for children in kindergarten through fifth grade scheduled for Saturday, October 28 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Adults are asked to attend the party with their children where they can enjoy food, candy, games and prizes. "We wanted to offer kids some Halloween fun in a safe environment," says Kyndal. The cost per child is \$2.00.

For more information on the Halloween Party contact Kyndal Goldsberry at (267) 971-8195.

The MYF is also planning a "Senior Prom!" This prom is specifically for senior (age 65 or older) members of the church and community. Get ready to pull out your dancing shoes! Specific details will be announced at a later date.



We've got the POWER!

Camphor Sunday school students are experiencing a whole new program this year called **PowerXpress**. In addition to Bible lessons there are arts and crafts projects, science projects, music, dance, cooking and games giving everyone the chance to express themselves and learn more about having God in their life.

"We're proud of the program that's being developed for the children this year. We feel it really speaks to their needs and interests," said **Sharon Brown**, Sunday School Superintendent.



Students will also have the opportunity to earn "Camphor Cash" which they can spend at the Sunday School "Dollar Store" on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Students have been rewarded with the cash for arriving early to Sunday School, bringing a friend, creativity, good behavior and other positive actions.

Breakfast is also on the menu for all students arriving early for Sunday School. Students arriving between 9:20 AM and 9:40 AM can enjoy a quick breakfast in the dining hall every week.

A Chicken Soup Review

By Candace Brown



I began reading the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series about three years ago, starting with "Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul." The collection of inspirational stories by kids, adults and some celebrities are all about the situations we face while growing up.

It wasn't hard to relate to most of the stories because they spoke about what kids go through as teenagers. They are true stories about school, friendship, death, falling in love, the good things and the bad. Cartoons related to the subjects are mixed in throughout the books to add humor. There are also poems to add variety.

My favorite was a story called "My Little Superman" by 14-year-old KariAnne McCaffrey about a 10-year old boy she babysat. She called him her "little Superman" because his hero was Superman and even though he was terminally ill he lived life to the fullest. He played baseball and sang in the choir. They watched movies together, baked cookies, had pillow fights and played video games. When he died she knew that she would never forget him.

I would recommend these books to kids who like short stories and are looking for ways to deal with life as a teenager. Two of the authors, Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen also wrote "Chicken Soup" books for adults. There's enough "Chicken Soup" for the whole family!

The Church Around

Dillard University reopens on its own campus

NEW ORLEANS — Dillard University is back in business at its campus. On Sept. 16, student registration began on the campus of the historically black United Methodist-related college, which flooded after Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast Aug. 29, 2005. Following the hurricane, Dillard held classes off site.

Texans remain 'in the storm'

HOUSTON — The people of Texas' Golden Triangle are still struggling to put their lives together one year after Hurricane Rita. "Some of the people are still right in the middle of the storm," said the Rev. Joy Richards, pastor of Aldersgate-Trinity United Methodist Church in Port Arthur. "It's not over for them, they're not in their homes. It's still total chaos," she said at a community service on Sept. 24, the hurricane's anniversary.

Operation Classroom seeks scholarship support

COLFAX, Ind. — Operation Classroom is offering individuals and churches the opportunity to support a student in Liberia or Sierra Leone with a work/study grant that will enable the student to attend a United Methodist school. Scholarships are \$75 for the school year. A picture and a bio will be sent to those who are sponsoring a student. Checks can be sent to Operation Classroom, P.O. Box 246, Colfax, IN 46035. For details, go to <http://www.gb gm-umc.org/operationclassroom/>.

Youth will explore call to ministry

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Young people will have an opportunity this fall to explore whether they are being called to the ordained ministry at "EXPLORATION 2006" Nov. 17-19 in Jacksonville, Fla. The deadline to register for the three-day event for high school seniors to age 24 is Oct. 6. It will feature well-known speakers and preachers who are committed to developing young clergy for

the church. Registration can be done online at www.gbhem.org/exploration/register.html.

Event offers evangelism at the beach

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — "Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing" is the theme of the 2007 Congress on Evangelism, the event that aims to motivate churches to start or improve their evangelistic outreach. It will be held Jan. 2-5 at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center. For more information, visit the Congress' Web site at <http://www.gbod.org/evangelism/congress07home.asp>.

Agency unveils new Web site for young adults

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The United Methodist Board of Discipleship's Division on Ministries with Young People has launched a Web site specifically targeting young adults in the United Methodist Church worldwide. The Young Adult Network, www.gbod.org/youngpeople/yanet, seeks to connect young adults to each other, the United Methodist Church, and local entities such as a congregation, campus ministry, or small group, by providing spiritual formation and com-



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UMCOR responded in new ways after 9/11

NEW YORK — Responding to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks called for a different type of strategy, according to the Rev. Paul Dirdak, chief staff executive of the United Methodist Committee on Relief. The agency's immediate response included volunteer-staffed "listening posts," where people could share their fears and concerns, and a temporary set-up for direct aid. That assistance expanded into case management programs, counseling, emergency food aid, legal aid and advocacy for immigrants and training in disaster response. The denomination raised \$20.8 million after the attacks through UMCOR's "Love in the Midst of Tragedy" offering.

N.Y. pastor proud of how church 'came through'

NEW YORK — The Rev. James K. Law knows what it is like to live in the shadow of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The pastor of the Chinese United Methodist Church ministered to rescue workers at Ground Zero and dealt with church members suffering from trauma and temporary displacement from their apartments. He appreciated the financial assistance that allowed his church to help Chinatown residents. "Our church, the United Methodist Church, came through," Law said. "I'm so proud of it."

United Methodists help visitors at crash site

SHANKSVILLE, Pa. — Five years have passed since United Airlines Flight 93, a hijacked airliner, crashed in a remote field near Shanksville. The field has attracted significant attention as thousands of people from across the globe visit the site to show respect. Donna Glessner, a United Methodist, coordinates the work of 42 volunteer ambassadors — including 12 United Methodists — who help people deal with their emotional reactions to the site.

Denomination launches fall TV campaign

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The United Methodist Church is marking the back-to-school season in the United States with a \$1.5 million cable television advertising campaign that urges people to focus on God. Two different television spots — titled, "I Believe" and "Prayer" — are airing on 21 cable networks through Sept. 17.

Outreach provides plumbing for Appalachian family

LAKE CITY, Tenn. — Even in the 21st century, indoor plumbing remains but a dream for many Americans. Kathy and Jerry Lynn Jackson live in a house built during the Great Depression. "Our toilet was non-flushable," Kathy Jackson recalls. "We had to take a 5-gallon bucket of water and flush it, and in the wintertime it was like a deep freezer." Through the Appalachia Service Project, an organization founded by a United Methodist minister, volunteers built a new bathroom and rewired the Jacksons' house.

District Superintendent Rev. Ralph Blanks Was Men's Day Preacher



Rev. Blanks is flanked by former pastor, Rev. Herbert Palmer and Worship Leader, Rev. David Brown, after the worship service on June 11, 2006. Rev. Blanks delivered a powerful sermon, "Men Building The Kingdom," based on Nehemiah 2:5 and the tools God provides for rebuilding. Other worship participants were **Men's Day Choir, Mr. Edward C.T. Hale, Mr. Charles Keels, Mr. Jeffrey Smallwood and Mr. Barnard Waties.** Mr. Stanley Glenn was presented the "Man of the Year" award.

Remember Our Sick & Shut-In

1. Mr. Lewis Alexander 460 N. Sweet Gum Lane, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444, (610) 941-6372
2. Rev. Marion Ballard Simpson House, #C102, 2101 Belmont Ave., Phila., PA 19131
3. Mr. Gerald Brown 217 W. Montgomery Ave., Room 102, Haverford, PA 19041
4. Mrs. Pauline Cunningham St. Ignatius Nursing Home #407, 4401 Haverford Ave., Phila., PA
5. Mrs. Lillian Cosby 5821 Upland Way, Phila, PA 19131
6. Mrs. Mae Daniel Simpson House, 2101 Belmont Ave., Phila., PA 19131; (215) 871-5366
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8. Mr. Samuel Edwards Walnut Care Pavillion, 6200 Walnut St., Phila., PA 19131
9. Mrs. Margaret Freeman Simpson House, # M330, 2101 Belmont Ave., Phila., PA 19131
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18. Mrs. Lucy Levere 5714 Cambridge Street, Phila., PA 19131; (215) 877-3251
19. Mrs. Mary McBride Lochraven Nursing Home, 8720 Emge Road, Baltimore, MD 21234-3504
20. Mrs. Marjorie Mitchell 330 Main Street #204, Newark, DE 19711; (302) 234-8854
21. Mrs. Lula Mock Brighten at Bryn Mawr, 956 Railroad Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010
22. Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Moore 716 Ganasita Trail, Chattanooga, TN 37406-2730; (423) 493-1844
23. Ms. Inez Sherard St. Katharine Drexel Residence, 7919 Forrest Ave., Phila., PA 19150-2114; 215-549-5765
24. Mrs. Naomi Waters 5512 Name Ave., Baltimore, MD 21215; (410) 358-2675
25. Mrs. Margaret White (current address unknown)
26. Rev. Samuel Wilkins Simpson House, Carson #311. 2101 Belmont Ave., Phi 19131



"I was sick and you looked after me." Matt. 25:36 (NIV)

Anniversaries, Birthdays, Memorials, College

Happy September Birthday!



Ruth Boston
 Theresa Broomfield-Canady
 Elaine Brown
 Dorothea Burnett
 Kina Smallwood-Butts
 Marian Downes
 Mary Gardner
 Stanley Glenn
 Kathryn Jasper
 Gloria Johnson
 Edythe Lawrence
 Vernett McGuire
 Marjorie Mitchell
 Pamela Officer
 Mildred Richardson
 Elizabeth Riley
 Marineeta Smallwood
 Gloria Thompson
 Cynthia Waldon

Happy October Birthday!

Norman Bell
 Marie Boswell
 Grace Euell
 Ruth Harmon
 Anthony Howard
 Alphonso Jasper
 Charles Keels
 Floretta McMillon
 Judith Mellix
 Norris Molock
 Ursula Otto
 Deborah Terrell



Blessings to Our College/Graduate Students!

Tiy Adams
 Howard University
 Medical School

Mark Bounds
 University of Maryland
 Eastern Shore

Reese Brown IV
 Chestnut Hill College

Kina Smallwood Butts
 Temple University
 Educational Psychology
 Ph.D Program

Devin Council
 Newman College

Richard Garrison
 Villanova University

Paul Jordan, Jr.
 Morehouse College

Victoria Mingle
 Millersville University

Elizabeth Kelly Terrell
 Howard University

Randie Welles
 Barnard College



Happy September Anniversary!

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Stanley



Happy October Anniversary!

Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Wright
 Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Glenn



In Memoriam

Mrs. Hazel Minnis
 May 26, 2006

Mrs. Gladys Allen
 June 15, 2006

Mrs. Ethel Moore
 July 16, 2006

Mrs. Ann Hargis
 September 5, 2006

Mrs. Ada Scott
 September 29, 2006



In The Spotlight... Keith Harris

By Josephine Keyes



Keith Harris

We proudly salute Keith Harris, for his faithful service to Camphor and remarkable social witness, as reflected in a portion of his journal about his work with Hurricane Katrina victims. (See page 7.)

Keith Harris' association with Camphor Memorial began as an infant under the loving guidance of his grandparents, the late William and Matilda Harris.

Born in Philadelphia in 1953, Keith was educated in the Philadelphia public schools and local community college. He has been employed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania since 1976, first as a security guard and later working his way up

the ladder to become a Program Analyst/Training Manager.

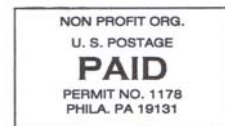
Actively involved in Camphor's music program since 1971, Keith is presently a member of the Senior Choir. His love of music continues during free time in his home music studio where he creates and records original music for guitar and keyboard.

The father of two and grandfather of five is a member of a faithful family with a long tradition of service to Camphor. Father, Ramon, Sr. and brother, Ramon, Jr. sing on the Senior Choir. His aunt, Gloria and cousins, Diane, Wendi and Terrell, serve in our Sunday School.

Keith, we wish you well as you continue your life's work and serve the Lord through music and praise!

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