

The Camphor Light

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February 2007

Coming up...

- 2/25, 2 PM - Black History Month Celebration
- 3/18, 11 AM - Women's Day, Rev. Lorina Marshall-Blake
- 3/18, 4 PM—Service of Installation for Rev. Gary George, Central DS, Tindley Temple UMC
- 4/22, 3 PM - Camphor-First Korean Presbyterian Multi-Cultural Fellowship
- 5/6, 1 PM, UMM Dinner
- 5/20, Senior Choir Concert
- 6/8, Finance Ministry Bus Trip, Lunch/Show
- 6/10, 11 AM, Men's Day, Rev. Clyde Henry



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Black History Month Marks Beginning Of Historic 85th Church Anniversary

It is fitting that as we celebrate Black History Month, we fondly remember the founders of our church at the beginning of a year-long celebration that will include special musical programs, worship services, mission projects, intergenerational events, and culminate with an 85th Anniversary Sunday and Banquet on November 18, 2007.

The beautiful couple in this 1948 photograph is the late Rev. and Mrs. Joshua Bell who were among the 16 members who founded Camphor in 1922. Their children, Mrs. Elizabeth Lockwood, Mrs. Jeanette Eldridge and the late Mr. Joshua Bell, and their families, are among the members of the church today. The other founders were Mr. Walter Ballinger, Mr. Walter Blount, Mrs. Lottie Byrd, Mrs. Catherine Casey, Mr. and Mrs. John Fitchett, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Henson, Mrs. Bertram Stancil, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Taliaferro and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wright.



Two Founders, Rev. and Mrs. Joshua Bell
Photo courtesy of Mrs. Elizabeth Lockwood

Message from The Pastor



Rev. Laurie Ann Rookard

Dear Members and Friends of Camphor,

At the beginning of January, I attended a Convocation for Pastors of African American Churches in Dallas, Texas. The focus of the convocation was on building healthy connections among African Americans in African American Churches. This included the body, mind, and spirit, as well as the relationships with family, church members, and our community.

As a result of this convocation, as well as my own journey in discipleship, I hope to be even more intentional about assisting people in sustaining health in body, mind, and spirit. Once we realize that our bod-

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85th Anniversary Committee Launches Year-Long Celebration

There was excitement in the Great Hall on January 14, 2007, as the year long celebration of the 85th Church Anniversary began with a Kick Off Rally of food, cheers, and presentation of activities and events creatively depicted from start to finish on a model football field made by Mr. **Paul Jordon**.



Marcus Matthews will be the morning speaker before the gala afternoon banquet. There will also be souvenirs of note paper, tee-shirts, caps, and commemorative plates.

Members of the committee in the photo: (sitting) **Mrs. Bertha Bell, Ms. Lavern Taylor, Mrs. Aileen Casey,** (standing) **Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Gloria Todd, Mrs. Gloria Johnson, Mr. Reese Brown, Jr., Mrs. Frederica Broomfield, Mr. Jordan, Mr. King, Mrs. Debbie Spraggins, Mrs. Kit Boyd, Mrs. Floretta McMillon, Mrs. Charlotte Jones, Mr. Luther Farrow, and Mr. Ronald Deas.**

The Anniversary Co-Chairs, Mr. **Walter King** and Mrs. **Lewisene Jordan** highlighted each of the upcoming events: a play/luncheon, "Glory Train" in April, a concert in June, movie night in September and Anniversary Sunday in November when **Bishop**

Message from The Pastor

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ies are a temple of God, we begin to notice how we eat and drink as well as the importance of exercise. We will also take note of depression, mood swings, and changes in behavior that may affect our mind. The practice of spiritual disciplines including prayer, fasting, devotions, rest, and recreation will help us with balance.

Another theme that was emphasized was relationships with others. Many speakers commented on the infighting among church members, conflict in the home, and struggle to live out the word "on the street." I know that there has been a history of conflict in the church and while I know that hurt, betrayal, and distrust take a long time to heal, we can write new chapters together which will provide new relationships with each

other in the future that will look very different from the ones we had in the past. Division and resentment weaken the church, the family, and most of all, our example as Christians.

"The ultimate measure of a person is not where one stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where one stands at times of challenge and controversy."
--Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

One of our heroes, **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** was a fine example of a person who lived out his faith in the midst of conflict. He stood strong in a place of peace for God, even in times of challenge and controversy. Jesus continued to love even those who persecuted and killed him, because that was who he disciplined himself to be.

May we write a new chapter with God this year and may all of West Philadelphia see the light within us and shine the light that is within themselves.

Shalom,

Reverend Laurie Ann Rookard

Around Camphor

Ms. Kyndal Goldsberry has been promoted to Program Administrator for ASSURE & Beacon Programs by Wordsworth, provider of human services to children and adolescents who have special learning, social adjustment, dependency or behavioral health needs...**Mrs. Nicole Brown-Williams** will be running in the New Jersey Marathon on April 27 –29, 2007, in honor of Reese J. Brown Jr., (father & cancer survivor, Linda Caleb Hazel (close friend and cancer survivor) and Bertha Flamer (Paternal great-grandmother. She asks her church family consider sending a tax-deductible donation of \$1 for each mile that she runs (\$26.20 total) payable to “Leukemia & Lymphoma Society” and sent to 88-10 Whitney Ave., Apt 3C, Elmhurst, NY 11373...**Ms. Kelly Terrell** will graduate from Howard University on May 12, 2007...**Dr. Susan Prattis** has opened a Veterinary office in Greenwich Village, New York City. Dr. Prattis received her B.S. from Amherst College, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Pennsylvania and Ph.D. from North Carolina State University...**Mr. Stanley Glenn** was the guest of Philadelphia Financial Center in Northeast Philadelphia at its Black History Month celebration that featured “A Forum on Baseball in the Negro Leagues” held on February 7, 2007. Mr. Glenn provided insights to Negro life during that era as well as the game of baseball and signed many autographs... **Mrs. Lewisene Jordan**, recently retired educator and school principal, has been selected a Distinguished Educator by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and called back into service as an expert and consultant to the Chester-Upland School District. The Camphor church family is very proud of everyone and wishes you much success in all your endeavors.

UM Women

On Saturday, December 9, 2006, the UM Women of Camphor, led by **Catherine Exum**, hosted a Christmas Party for children residing at St. Barnabas Shelter. When the children and their mothers arrived they were greeted with hugs and mounds of gifts on the piano, floor and under the Christmas tree in the Great Hall, all donated by the congregation. After a hot lunch and singing Christmas songs, the children enjoyed posing for pictures in front of the tree. But the highlight for them was Santa (**Janet Chaffin**) handing out the gifts. (See photos on page 5).

Korean Fellowship

Camphor and First Korean Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia will celebrate nineteen (19) years of friendship and fellowship on Sunday, April 22, 2007, at 3 pm at Camphor. Everyone is invited to attend this unique multi-cultural program that brings together people of faith of various ethnic and cultural backgrounds in a special worship service of music and cultural presentations in ethnic and traditional costumes. There will be plenty of ethnic dishes, soul food and desserts to enjoy at the fellowship dinner that follows the service.

CCCD

The Camphor Council for Community Development thanks the congregation for the many donations of new and used winter clothing, blankets and household items that were distributed to needy families at the “Free Market” on January 16, 2007. Special thanks to **Mr. Walter Stanley** and the **Food Program** for your tireless assistance throughout the day. One mother was so overwhelmed to find free coats, hats and educational supplies, that she remarked, “this church is such a blessing to me.” Many left prayer requests for homes, for help with addictions, for employment, and an end to street violence. (See photos on page 5)

Save the date: Women's Day is March 18, 2007

Scenes from Christmas Musical—It Was A Great Success!



UMW Host Joyful Christmas Party for St. Barnabas Children



CCCD "Free Market" Was a Blessing to the Community



Report from the Education Ministry

By Ruth Harmon

Christian Education endeavors since the 11/13/2006 report:

Sunday School (Pre-K-Grade 12)

- Average attendance is approximately 10 students per week.
- Short unit centered around life of Rev. Dr. Martin L. King as Christian and Civil Rights Leader
- Sharon Brown is working on African—American Project involving students for 2/25 Program
- Wendi Vargas, Ruth Harmon and Dianne Thompson have

created unit on African-American History for remaining students.

Methodist Youth Fellowship

- MYF meets several Fridays a month under leadership of Kyn-dal Goldsberry

Adult Fellowship

- They are meeting each month in the home of members. (See photo story on page 12).

Bible Study Classes

Currently, Camphor has one regular Bible study.

- **Mrs. Burnett's** class is currently studying the Book of Ephesians until 2/22 when On the Road: A Faith Journey with Jesus, a

Lenten course of study for adults begin. The class and leader are still asking for a clip-on microphone so every-one can hear; a class trip is pending; average number at- tending is 20. Mrs. Burnett will step down as Leader in May.

Lenten Bible Studies

- Currently there are 2 in addi- tion to Mrs. Burnett's class. One will be at home of Wal- ter King and another for Young Adults at home of Carol & Bill Adams.

(See Ms. Harmon for rest of re- port detailing Scholarship Fund Committee, Student Recognition Day, VBS, Children's' Worship)

Report From Finance Ministry

Dear Members,

We are excited and glad to report some of our suc- cesses during the year 2006 from your tithes and offer- ings.

With an annual budget of \$252,219.00 we made 98%. What a blessing! (Compared to 2005, our annual budget was \$258,540.00 and we made 85%). We were able to pay our total Connectional Ministries Commitment of \$10,000.00. (Compared to 2005, our commit- ment was \$15,000 and we paid \$2,000.00 or 13%).

In December, a plea went out asking the congrega- tion to go an extra mile to meet a budget of \$1,200.00 and our receipts totaled \$1,540.00 or 128%.

This year, we will implement changes so that we

will not have to come to the congregation as of- ten:

- The extra mile giving envelope will be placed in the bulletin on the Second Sunday of each month, beginning in February.
- In your box of envelopes for 2007, is a new one marked, "Higher Utility & Energy Costs, to be applied to the high gas bills.

As always, we ask that you do the best that you can.

In closing, your contribution enables Finance to achieve the financial goals of the church. We thank you and may God continue to bless you.

Kathryn Jasper, Chair

Finance Ministry



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



Around Camphor..



On December 16, 2006, Camphor Young Adults were invited to discuss the possibility of forming a Young Adult Fellowship at a buffet lunch provided by **Rev. David Brown, Ronald Deas, Walter King, and Ruth Harmon**. **Rev. Brown** led a very fruitful discussion. The group made plans to meet again in the near future. Several will be attending the Young Adult Lenten Bible Study. In attendance were (back row) **Hakim Canady, Melissa Alves, Jeffrey Savage, Gary Edmonds, Darlene Manning Edmonds,** (front) **Kina Smallwood-Butts, Rev. Brown and Theresa Broomfield-Canady.**



Camphor youth, **David Howard-Dean, Dominique Howard-Diggs and Amber Ferreira**, performed flawlessly at the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.



Members of the King family, daughter, **Barbara Cassel** (Pompana Beach, FL), mother, **Jestine**, and son, **Walter**, pose for photo in December.

The Camphor Light - 60 Years Ago

THE CAMPHOR LIGHT

"God is Light. If we walk in the Light as He is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."

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THEY DID A GOOD JOB

Group of CAMPHOR young women who served as ushers at Carol Brice recital in Town Hall, January 16th. They are: Evelyn Brown, Beatrice Haynes, Laura Higgons, Jean West, Dorothy Jeffries, Johnita Roberts, Freda White, Charlotte Yancey and Inez Freeman.

Civic League Holds Monthly Forum

W. C. WINGATE Speaks

The West Philadelphia Civic League, Raymond Leslie, president, held its monthly forum in CAMPHOR Sunday night. Guest speaker was W. C. Wingate, prominent local business man, who urged his listeners to apply sound business principles in their economic affairs.

Eston C. Collins, Jr., presided. Miss Claribel Gray introduced the speaker, and Mrs. Edna Henderson, of the public relations department of the League, made an appeal for support of the League's program to secure employment of members of our race group in the city's leading business enterprises.

Joshua Bell, 3rd, led the Young Adult Choir in a beautiful interpretation of the Spiritual favorite, "Steal Away to Jesus." Soloists were, C. Wyatt Graves, violinist, and Mrs. Evelyn Pugh, contralto. Each served also as ipano accompanist to the other.

Mr. Wingate's address will be reviewed in next week's issue of THE LIGHT. Speaking out of his experience, starting from the bottom, and building one of the race's leading business enterprises, he offered helpful suggestions on the principle of racial solidarity.

(Editor's Note: While Mr. Wingate's theory on racial solidarity is sound economically and racially, it must be remembered that as a Christian Church we must encourage cooperation among all peoples to bring about world brotherhood. It is along this line that we will review the address next week and offer a critical analysis by Reese J. Brown, of our staff, as well.)

MORNING SERVICES

A near capacity audience was in attendance at morning worship. The pastor spoke on, "Inwardly, Wolves," and music was led by the Young Adult Choir, Eston Collins, directing. The anthem was, "I'll Never Turn Back," by Dett.

Four persons were received into membership: Mrs. Lillie Brite, Mrs. Emily Jordan, Maurice Grimes and Donald Mayo.

The pastor explained why the Bible speaks frequently of sheep and wolves,

taking his text from the words of Jesus, "Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."

"The sheep," he said, "is an emblem of Christ, as well as of the people of God. Isaiah tells us that 'Jesus was oppressed and afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth.' And the psalmist tells us that 'we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.'"

Speaking Forthrightly

GUEST EDITORIAL

from The Afro-American Newspapers

THE CAMPHOR LIGHT, a weekly newspaper published by CAMPHOR MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH, Philadelphia, in an editorial in its current issue, has some frank, straight-from-the-shoulder talk for its fellow Methodists.

Congratulating the Philadelphia Presbytery for its recent "valuable survey" of the city's colored population, the publication suggests that Philadelphia Methodists "take prayerful note of the Presbyterian effort to do something practical about Christian race relationships."

Then the editorial poses five pertinent questions:

1) Have colored people been admitted, without prejudice, on application to our Methodist Hospital?

2) Would colored persons be admitted to our Methodist Home for the Aged?

3) Would colored children be welcome to the Methodist Orphanage?

4) Are there colored members in any of our "white" Methodist churches in Philadelphia? (Each pastor might seriously consider what he would do if a half dozen came forward to join his church next Sunday morning!)

5) Would qualified colored persons, if members of "white" churches, be recommended for places of responsibility, such as choir singers, trustees, stewards, or other office?

As a case in point, the editorial cites a classified advertisement inserted in a daily newspaper three years ago by the Methodist Hospital for a white elevator operator.

In a few poignant words, the church paper explains that the hospital, being a church institution, ought to square its tenets with its practices.

Speaking as forthrightly as it does, the editorial should cause soul-searching not only among Methodists, but among members of all denominations who should chance to read it.

Special thanks to Mr. Charles Keels, Church Records and Archives Committee, for sharing this first CL newsletter

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Methodists to Meet

at Clark College

Atlanta, Ga. (Methodist Information) The commission on expenses and agenda of the Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church, meeting in Chicago last week, voted to hold the 1948 session of the Central Jurisdictional Conference at Clark College, Atlanta.

The 1948 session will be the third quadrennial meeting of the Central Jurisdiction, which is composed of the 19 colored Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church. The 1940 session was held in Saint Louis, and the 1944 session at Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C.

A bishop will be elected to succeed the late Bishop Lorenzo H. King of the Atlantic Coast Area.

Dr. Haywood In Who's Who

Atlanta, Ga. (Methodist Information) —President John W. Haywood, of Gammon Theological Seminary, has received word from the editors of "Who's Who in America" that he will be included in the next edition of that important publication.

Dr. Haywood came to the presidency of Gammon in 1944, succeeding Dr. Willis J. King, who was elected a bishop of The Methodist Church. The Gammon prexy had served eight years as president of Morristown College, Morristown, Tennessee, and more than a decade as dean of Morgan College, Baltimore.

Mrs. Camphor Writes

It was significant that on the eve of CAMPHOR'S honoring again the memory of the great and good man whose name we bear — Bishop Alexander Priestly Camphor—a letter should be received from his widow, Mrs. M. A. R. Camphor, in appreciation of THE LIGHT. The letter follows:

Dear Pastor Ridout:
I wish I could find words which would truly express my appreciation and delight for your new venture in publicity for CAMPHOR MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH.

You are to be congratulated for your interest and the very worthwhile efforts you are making to make your church just what it should be—a shining light in your city and in your Conference.

May the Lord bless you in all your labors of love and all your efforts for good and for God. Long life and prosperity for THE CAMPHOR LIGHT.

Mrs. Alexander P. Camphor
31 Webster Place
Orange, New Jersey
February 5, 1947

Coin Honors

Booker Washington

For the first time in history a United States coin bears the image of a Negro American. This is the Booker T. Washington Memorial half dollar, authorized by Congress to honor the great educator and to aid in financing the industrial school now being developed at his birthplace in Franklin County, Virginia.



GLORIA HARRIS
Secretary of Youth Fellowship, who was an honor mid-year graduate at West Philadelphia High School last month. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Harris, 44 N. Yewdell Street.

Light Articles Reprinted by Leading Publications

Articles from THE LIGHT have been reprinted and widely circulated in leading publications in recent weeks.

The Afro-American Newspapers, published in Baltimore, Richmond, Washington, Newark, N. J., and Philadelphia, have reprinted the pastor's editorials on "Presbyterian Survey", and "Do Preachers Lie in Bed?" and also featured Miss Edith McClain's account of the morning service of January 19th, when Carol Brice visited CAMPHOR and was presented a Bible as a gift from the church. These articles were featured in the Afro's magazine section of February 8th.

ZION'S HERALD, Methodism's greatest independent weekly journal, reprinted the editorial on "Presbyterian Survey", in its issue of January 29th.

The editorial referred to caused wide comment because it challenged white Methodists of Philadelphia to "do something practical about Christian idealism", and criticized the Philadelphia Methodist Hospital's alleged discriminatory policies.

Board of Education—

Light Staff

The Church Board of Education, Elbert Cotton, president, will hold its monthly meeting tonight (Saturday) at 7:00 P. M. in the Social Room of the church. All members are asked to be present.

At 7:30, the staff of THE LIGHT will meet in the pastor's study.

Calendar—Week of

February 16th

SUNDAY

Woman's Day—11 A. M., 3 P. M., 8 P. M.
Guest Speakers: Mrs. Viola White, Baltimore; Dr. John Robbins Hart, Valley Forge Memorial Chapel
Music by Women's Choir, Mrs. Ernestine Cook, Director

1:00 P. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL
J. E. Fitchett, General Superintendent
7:00 P. M.—YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
Jean Gould, President

MONDAY

7:30 P. M.—Class in Music Theory
Clifford Priester, Instructor
Men's Chorus—Reese Brown, Director
8:00 P. M.—Red Cross Home Nursing Classes

TUESDAY

8:00 P. M.—Social Service Committee
Mrs. Ann P. Nichols, Chairman
Youth Fellowship Choir — Josephine Mann, Director

WEDNESDAY

7:30 P. M.—Journalism Class
Roscoe Coleman, Instructor
Stewards Board—Wm. Harris, President
8:00—Young Adult Fellowship
Miss Edith McClain, President
8:30—Prayer Meeting
Mrs. Emma Baker, Leading

THURSDAY

Ushers' Annual Banquet—8:00 P. M.
Mrs. Alverta Burse, President
Young Adult Choir—8:30
Eston Collins, Director

FRIDAY

Senior Choir
Mrs. Ernestine Cook, Director

SCOUT TROOPS

Meet on regular weekly schedule

DAILY

Club Groups—Arts—Crafts—
Folk Games—Directed Activities
Mrs. Eunice Josephs, Director
Miss Jean West, Assistant

NEXT SUNDAY

Laymen's Sunday—Special Program 11 A. M.
Men's Choir—Reese Brown, Directing
8:00 P. M.—West Philadelphia Civic League Monthly Forum
Raymond Leslie, President

Former Pastor

Seminary Preacher

The Rev. Noah Watson Moore, Jr., former pastor of CAMPHOR, and now pastor of Saint Daniel's Church, Chester, was guest preacher at Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia, last week.

He also attended the meeting of the Methodist Board of Temperance in Chicago on the same trip. He was accompanied by Mrs. Moore.

The former CAMPHOR pastor is having a successful pastorate in Chester, where he is concluding his fourth year of service.

Special thanks to Mr. Charles Keels, Church Records and Archives Committee, for sharing this first CL newsletter!

Anniversaries, Birthdays, Notes, Memorials, Colleges

Happy February Birthday!



Mrs. Joanne Brooks-Jones
 Ms. Nicole Brown Williams
 Mr. Ronnald Deas, Sr.
 Mrs. Edith Drumgoole
 Mrs. Jennie T. Edmonds
 Mrs. Ann Hargis
 Mr. Walter Hill
 Mrs. Geraldine Lambert
 Mr. Arthur Langford
 Mrs. Lula Mock
 Mr. Clifton Officer
 Mrs. Terezine Richards
 Master Reymel Rookard
 Mrs. Rosetta Stanley
 Mrs. Naomi Waters
 Mrs. Nicole Brown-Williams

Happy March Birthday!

Mrs. Fredericka Broomfield
 Mrs. Sharon Brown
 Mrs. Lillian Cosby
 Mrs. Catherine Exum
 Ms. Marcia Exum
 Mrs. Essie Glover
 Mrs. Alice Habershaw
 Mrs. Jacqueline Hopps
 Ms. Amber Jordan
 Mr. Reuben Mills
 Mrs. Bettie Peyton
 Mrs Evelyn Woodson



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



In Loving Memory



Mrs. Maraquita Joyce Harris
 January 8, 2007
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Mr. Charlie Moore  
 January 14, 2007

## Happy Belated January Anniversary!



Mr. & Mrs. Clifton Burnett  
 Mr. & Mrs. John Singleton  
 Rev. & Mrs. Samuel L. Wilkins  
 Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Wyatt

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28. Rev. Samuel Wilkins Simpson House, Flanigan #10, 2101 Belmont Ave., Phila, 19009

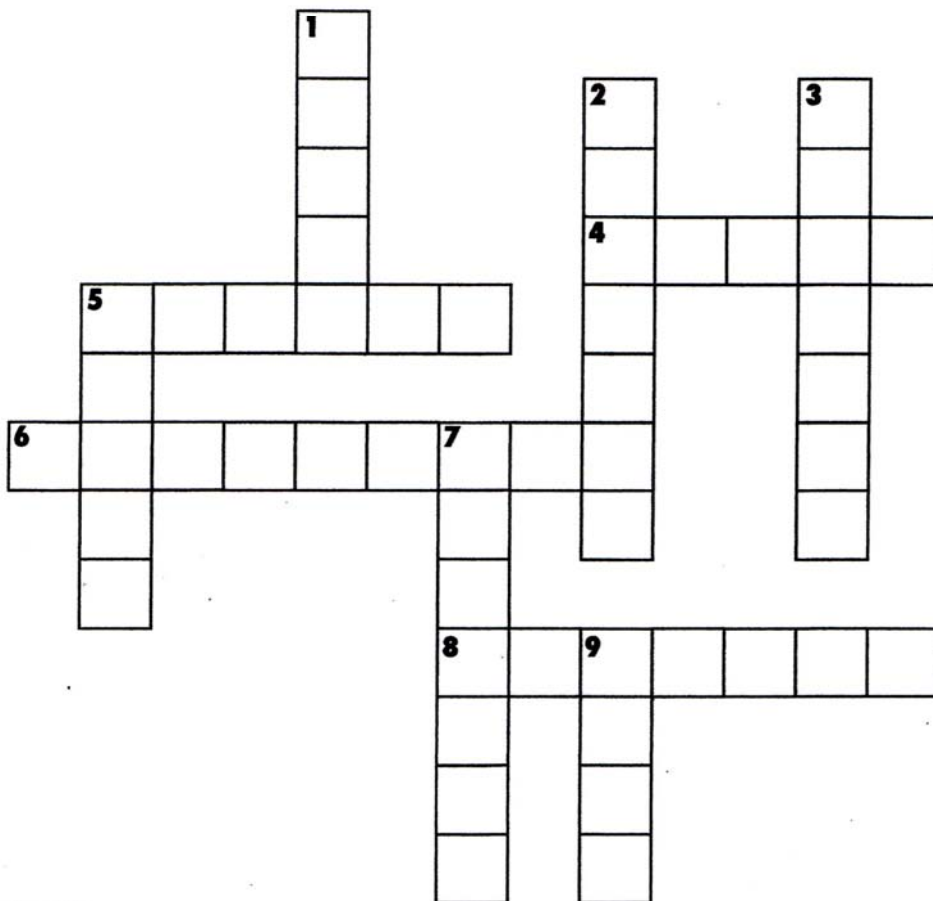
"I was sick and you looked after me." Matt. 25:36



Black History For Everyone

Puzzle submitted by Mrs. Bettie Peyton

Use the clues and the word bank at right to solve the crossword puzzle. If you need help, look up more information about each person in the word list to help you solve the puzzle.



Word Bank

Attucks

Bethune

Drew

Ellington

Haley

Henson

Parks

Rudolph

Terrell

Truth

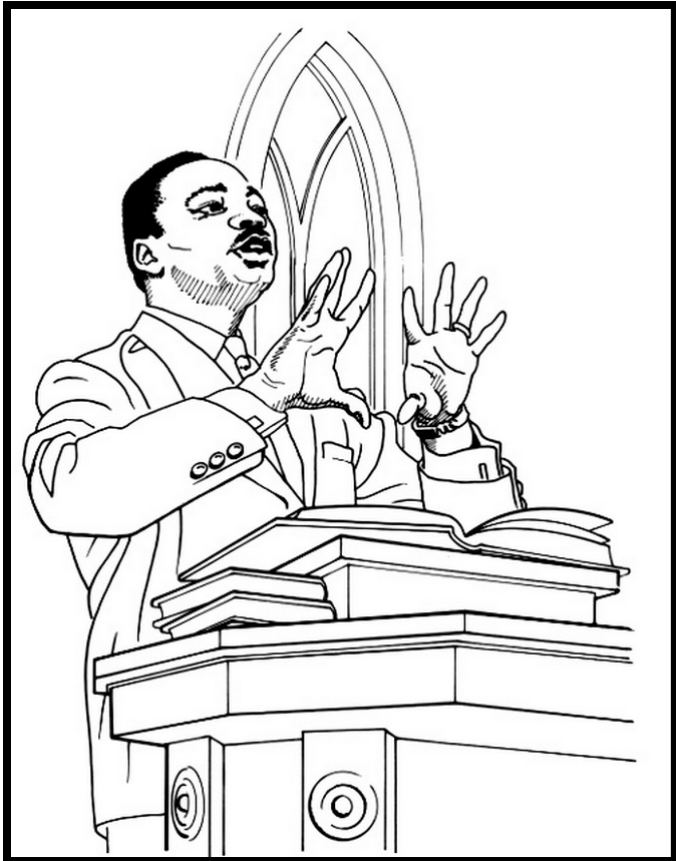
Across

4. Sojourner _____ was a former slave who traveled around telling people the truth about slavery.
5. Matthew _____ was an adventurer, and the first person to reach the North Pole.
6. Duke _____ was a world famous jazz composer and musician.
8. Wilma _____ overcame polio to become the first American woman to win three gold medals in a single Olympic Games.

Down

1. Rosa _____ refused to give up her seat on the bus to a white person, as was the law at the time.
2. Mary McLeod _____ founded a hospital to treat African-Americans and train African-American doctors and nurses, when other hospitals refused.
3. Crispus _____ was the first patriot to lose his life in the Revolutionary War, during the Boston Massacre.
5. Alex _____ was the first African-American writer to win the Pulitzer Prize, for his novel *Roots*.
7. Mary Church _____ was one of the founders of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People).
9. Charles _____ discovered a way to preserve blood, and served as director of the first U.S. Red Cross blood bank.

Black History For Everyone



Merry-Go-Round

by Langston Hughes

COLORED CHILD AT CARNIVAL

Where is the Jim Crow section
 On this merry-go-round,
 Mister, cause I want to ride?
 Down South where I come from
 White and colored
 Can't sit side by side.
 Down South on the train
 There's a Jim Crow car.
 On the bus we're put in the back—
 But there ain't no back
 To a merry-go-round!
 Where's the horse
 For a kid that's black?

A favorite poem submitted by
 Mrs. Josephine Keyes

1. A female abolitionist and traveling preacher
2. A black American painter
3. Research on blood plasma
4. Founded the NAACP
5. Major league baseball player (Brooklyn Dodger)
6. Delivered the famous "I Have a Dream" speech
7. Boxer nicknamed "The Brown Bomber"
8. Helped slaves escape on the "Underground Railroad"
9. Known primarily for his research in marine biology
10. First authentic jazz composer (The Maestro)
11. Track and field star at the 1936 Olympics
12. Member of the "Drifters"
13. Planning of Washington, D.C.
14. A black cowboy
15. Mother of the Blues
16. An influential anthropologist and educator
17. Famous for his recording of the "Christmas Song"
18. Jazz composer/pianist who recorded "Laura"
19. Jazz pianist/composer known for "Criss Cross"
20. Father of Ragtime Music

BLACK HISTORY/HERITAGE STAMPS

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UM Women Elect New Officers and Donate Needlework

By Edythe Lawrence

The newly elected officers of Camphor's UMW were recently installed by our pastor, **Rev. Roorkard**. Each officer received a crocheted rose pin created by our president, **Catherine Exum**.

Our pastor then blessed needlework items made by members of the Needlework Circle which meets once a month to work on lap quilts, prayer shawls, blankets, wheel chair/walker caddies and other items to be presented to our sick and shut-ins. Anyone, including newbies, are welcome to be part of this group. Also, we would appreciate donations of



William Adams blanket by Maria Carmichael



Rev. Ballard's blanket knitted by Janet Chaffin



Rev. Wilken's blanket knitted by Janet Chaffin

yarn, needles, and other items to be used by our members to make gifts. Mrs. **Sonora Molock** has donated over 20 caddies. **Elaine Brown** is the coordinator of the Needlework Circle.

Our 2007 officers are President, **Catherine Exum**; Vice-President, **Deborah Terrell**; Secretary, **Charlotte Jones**; Treasurer, **Jeanne Meyers**; Secretary of Program Resources, **Aneita Douglas**;

Mission Coordinator for Social Action, **Janet Chaffin**; Missions Coordinator for Education & Interpretation, **Elaine Brown**; Mission Coordinators for Membership, Nurture and Outreach, **Dorothy Tate** and **Elizabeth Riley**.

New Church Leaders

During the Worship Service on Sunday, January 14, 2007, the following members were dedicated for new service to the church: **Marie Prattis**, SPRC; **Betty Ricks**, SPRC; **Anthony Howard**, Evangelism; **Edward Hale**, Nurture and Membership; **Louise Martin**, Family Ministries; **Tony Bacon**, Family Ministries; **Kina Butts**, Family Ministries; **Nancy Bailey**, Family Ministries; **Floretta McMillon**, Member at Large, Admin. Council; **Gloria Johnson**, Lay Leadership and Nominations and Evangelism; **Lottie Poindexter**, Evangelism; **Carol Black**, Membership; **Wendi Vargas**, Chair of SPRC, **Frederica Broomfield**, Chair of Nurture; and Ernestine Martin, **Chair of Evangelism**. All persons were duly elected, upon nomination, at the Charge Conference on October 30, 2006.

Adult Fellowship



Camphor's Adult Fellowship met January 14, 2007. There were 15 in attendance. Officers for 2007 are Co-Chairs Lewisene Jordan and Reese Brown Jr. and Treasurer, Ronald Deas. Secretarial duties will be rotated among the group. Chaplain is Ruth Harmon. The group will meet each month in a home setting. All are welcome to join and bring a friend.



The **Board of Trustees** reminds everyone to bring or send quarterly donations for the Van Ministry. Your support helps to keep the vans running.



Camphor Leaders Engaged in “Making Disciples” Training

Approximately 18 members of the Administrative Council attended the first training session of “Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World” held at Tindley Temple UMC on January 12, 2007. The training will continue over the next 18 to 24 months.

In his first Bishop’s Day on the District event in October, 2006, **Bishop Marcus Matthews** stated, “Our mission is to make disciples for Jesus Christ...There is no other purpose for being the church of God.”

He then introduced his plan to focus all churches and members of the EPA Conference on “Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World” and set a goal of 10% growth to be attained by year 2012.

Bishop Marcus said he was shocked that membership in the EPA Conference was 125,902 in 2005, down 2,594 from the previous year and that

membership over the past 10 years has declined by 17,731 since 1995 when membership was 143,633 (a 12% decline).

The plan will look at engaging in the movement through spiritual renewal, active disciple making, education and practical skill training and leader development, with training and resourcing from the General Board of Discipleship (GBOD) in Nashville.

All churches are encouraged to discern the current strengths of their ministry by using the Church Vitality Indicator (CVI) survey developed by the GBOD. **Rev. Rookard** and **Walter King** sent a joint letter and CVI to all Camphor members on January 24th. In addition, emails were sent encouraging members with Internet access to take the survey online at www.cvindicator.com (Camphor ID is 1170168101). The deadline (2/11/07) for return of the CVI has been extended. So far only 16 surveys have been submitted from Camphor.



Rev. Lorina Marshall-Blake Will Preach On Women’s Day

“Women of Faith and Obedience” is the theme of this year’s Women’s Day on March 18, 2007, a theme which is grounded in Isaiah 42:11. An exciting and uplifting Worship Service has been planned by the Women’s Day Committee under the leadership of Co-Chairs, **Mrs. Floretta McMillon and Mrs. Lewisene Jordan**.

Rev. Marshall-Blake, who grew up in the Camphor-Haddington community, in addition to her role as associate minister at Vine Memorial Baptist Church, is also Vice President of Government Relations for Independence Blue Cross in Philadelphia and an expert in corporate management, public relations and communications. She is one of five children and niece of our own **Mr. and Mrs. David Lawrence**. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in human services from Antioch College and a Master of Arts in government administration from the University of Pennsylvania. In 1999, she began a course of study for a Master of Divinity degree at the Eastern Baptist Seminary. She will bring an energetic and upbeat message and your spirit will be nourished.



The Committee is asking all church organizations to support a full page ad in the worship program booklet at the cost of \$20 and individuals and families to help with memorials (\$2) and patrons (\$1 single/\$2 couple). All proceeds will benefit the church. Everyone is welcome to wear purple, this year’s color.

Message from Evangelism Committee

The Evangelism Committee is pleased to report that the **Intercessory Prayer Program** and **Sunday Morning Devotions** (from 10:30 to 10:55 AM) have resumed.

You will recall that members of the congregation are requested to pray on a specific day during the month for our pastoral staff, church leaders, members of our congregation, our sick and shut-ins and needs of the community. We can all feel encouraged and strengthened knowing that we are being prayed for each day.

The **Prayer Calendar** will be included in the church bulletin each First Sunday to remind current participants. It will also be posted outside the

Church Office in case you are not present.

We urge you to pray and read the Scriptures of the Month.

God bless you!

Ernestine Martin, Chair
Evangelism Ministry



UM Men Convocation

The 52nd UM Men Convocation and Jurisdictional Gathering

March 23-25, 2007

Pocono Manor Inn and Golf Resort

Theme: "Getting Into the Word, Going Into the World...Men Making Jesus Christ the Center of Their Lives."

Featured speakers

Rev. Robert J. Williams

General Secretary of the United Methodist
Commission on Archives and History

Rev. David Adams

General Secretary of the General Commission
of United Methodist Men.

Workshops:

Volunteers In Mission ~ UMM 101 ~ Faithful Finances ~ A Moral Budget

Great Methodist singing, excellent food and fellowship

For additional information contact

Reese Brown, Jr. or Walter King

Save the Date!

The Finance Ministry

invites you to lunch and a great show at
Ace in the Hole (The Brownstone)

Friday, June 8, 2007

"R & B Blues"

(Smokin' Blues, Rockin' Motown and Funky Soul)

Bus departs Camphor at 8:30 AM and returns to the
church about 6:30 PM

Cost \$75

Deposit due by April 5th
and final payment due May 5th

For tickets and additional information contact
Elizabeth Lockwood 215-365-6907 or
Elizabeth Rivers 215-848-0866
or any Finance Member

The next "Camphor Light" will be an April/May issue. If you would like to contribute an article, poem, or anything else, please email: communications@camphormemorial.org or place item in the Communications mailbox at church. All items should be submitted by March 15 for publication on April 1.

Report from VIM Mission Trip

By Raymel Rookard

On Friday, January 12th, we went to Binghamton, New York for a mission trip. Last year, there was a flood and people's houses were ruined. We did a lot of different kinds of work: demolition on a house, filled in a trench, painted and moved furniture.

It was fun and we loved it. We got to be nice to people and do jobs for them. I think that God likes us to help other people.

We want to go back next month and we hope that some of you will come too.



You Can Make a Difference

The religion editor of the Cleveland Plain Dealer visited churches in his area and graded them on criteria he felt were important to being a church. He used this scale:

- 10 points for a smile from a member
- 10 points for a greeting from someone near him
- 100 points for an exchange of names
- 200 points for an invite to coffee hour
- 500 points for an invitation to return
- 1000 points for an introduction to another worshipper
- 2000 points for an invitation to meet the Pastor

Eleven church visited earned fewer than 100 points. Five got less than 20 points. HOW WOULD WE SCORE?

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!!!

Editors note: We saw this in Pocono Lake UMC's newsletter, "The Messenger," dated April/May 2006 and thought it worth sharing.

UM Night at the 76ers



Friday, April 7, 2007 @ 7 PM

76ers vs. Toronto Raptors

See Rev. David Brown for tickets.
A flyer is on the church website

For each ticket sold a donation will be made for
Conference Youth Ministry

Rev. Richard Allen -- First Black Methodist Elder

By Carol Black



We proudly dedicate this special Black History edition of *The Camphor Light* to Rev. Richard Allen (1760-1831), one of the greatest Black religious leaders in America.

He was born in 1760, a slave of a Quaker lawyer and judge, Hon. Benjamin Chew, in Germantown. At a young age, he and his family were sold to Stokley Sturgis whose plantation was near Dover, DE. Sturgis permitted Richard and his brothers to attend meetings at the Methodist Society. Richard taught himself to read and write, converted early, joined the Methodist Society of preachers and soon began to lead their meetings. His activity impressed his owner, who allowed Richard and his brothers to purchase their freedom. Richard worked hard at odd jobs, continued his ministry, and converted his owner to the Methodist faith.

After purchasing his freedom, Allen moved back to Philadelphia, where he established himself as a minister. He was ordained at the 1st conference of the Methodist church in North America, in Baltimore, MD in 1784. He

was allowed to hold services at 5 a.m. in the morning. In 1786, he was a preacher at St. George's United Methodist Church in Philadelphia. He preached throughout Philadelphia, New Jersey and Delaware, and it is thought that he attended the first organizing conference of American Methodism. It was during this time that Allen met his future associate, Absalom Jones, who shared the vision of establishing a church for newly freed Blacks.

In 1787, while kneeling in prayer at St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church, Allen, Jones and other black worshipers were pulled from the church by St. George's church officials. As a result of this action, Allen and Jones organized the independent Free African Society, an organization which denounced slavery, and spearheaded the establishment of an "African Church". In 1799, he was the first Black minister ordained by Francis Asbury, and made an elder of the church in 1816. On July 17, 1794, Allen, a Methodist, and Jones, an Episcopalian, opened Bethel Church. Later, on April 9, 1816, Richard Allen unified the two factions by forming the first African Methodist Episcopal Church.. (Sources not included)

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