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The Camphor Light

Bulletin Insert Edition

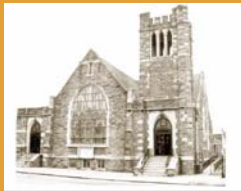
October 14, 2007



Welcome To The Email Edition of The Camphor Light!

The Communications Committee is moving toward a monthly, if not weekly, edition of *The Camphor Light* that will be e-mailed to all subscribers to the church website and can be placed in the weekly worship bulletin to minimize numerous inserts. It will include pastoral and lay announcements about upcoming services, ministries, programs and events to better inform the congregation and inspire greater attendance at worship services and participation in weekly Bible studies, church school, and ministries. You can help spread the Word in the church and community by regularly forwarding the inserts to family and friends (see link at bottom of page) and submitting your announcements, lay messages, poems, inspirational messages and suggestions to the [Church Secretary](#) and [Camphor Communications](#).

In This Insert



The mission of Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ

The vision of Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church is to be a Christ-centered nurturing and supportive fellowship of believers who strive to lead lost souls to Jesus Christ and improve the quality of life in our community.

Ministry Quicklinks

We appreciate you, Rev. Rookard!



**For the Word of God that you preach...
For the lives that you touch...
We just cannot thank the Lord enough
for the wonderful difference
that you make to our world!**

*The congregation of Camphor Memorial UMC and seniors of Camphor-Brooks Apartments on
Clergy Appreciation Sunday
October 14, 2007*

Today's Worship Service

Dr. Mary White, Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Lay Leader, brought the Word on this special Laity Sunday from Ezekiel 37, in a thought-provoking and inspiring message, "What Do You Believe?" Laity pulpit participants were **Keith Harris, Reese Brown Jr., and Aneita Douglas**. Lay announcements were presented by **Jean Myers** requesting covered dishes of greens, macaroni and cheese and cabbage for Family and Friends Day and **Emery Graham** inviting everyone to return this afternoon for the Annual Senior Choir Day. Rev. Rookard welcomed the following visitors: new neighbor, **Lynsey Phillips**, children, **Robert Rice and Melvin McCully**, and member, **Elizabeth Lockwood** who has returned to church after suffering a fall. The Senior Choir, directed by **Mrs. Gloria Todd**, provided the music. Next Sunday is Family and Friends Day. **Rev. Dr. Dorothy Watson Tatem** will be the guest speaker at the morning worship service. Several choirs are expected to join the Senior



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Reminders:

Ads and Memorials for 85th

Anniversary Souvenir Journal
due October 28, 2007

The Church Retreat
has been postponed to a later date.

Choir at 3 pm for an afternoon of praise. 90 persons were in attendance today.

At the Annual Charge Conference



Rev. Brown, Rev. Rookard, Rev. Dr. George, Kit Boyd (AC Secretary) and Ronald Deas (AC Chair) pose for photo after successful meeting..

Rev. Dr. Wm. Gary George, Superintendent, Central District, presided at the Charge Conference on Thursday, October 11, 2007. After opening remarks and prayer by **Rev. George**, reports were received and accepted from **Rev. Rookard**, **Rev. Brown**, Treasurer **Gwen Deas**, Trustee Chair **Edward Hale** and the chairpersons of 13 committees and ministries of the church, with opportunity for questions after each report. **Walter King** presented an unbalanced 2008 Budget on behalf of the Finance Committee with recommendations to resolve the deficit by publishing a monthly statement of the church finances in the weekly bulletin, sending the congregation quarterly statements of individual giving, updating the church membership roll for use by all organizations and an "Every Member Visitation Program" guided by the Stewardship Committee. The budget was approved.

Rev. Rookard, Chair of the Lay Leadership Nominations and Personnel Committee (Lay Leadership Committee) presented the slate of officers for 2008 and received nominations from the floor for all positions. The slate was approved and the following additional persons were elected from the floor: **Gloria Johnson**, member of Communications Committee; **Bill Rivers** and **Bernard Waties** as Administrative Council Members-at-Large; **Jean Myers**, **Edward Hale** and **Clifton Officer** as Trustees Class of 2010 (after ballot); **Aneita Douglas**, **Betty Rivers** and **George Boston** as Lay Leadership Committee Class of 2009; and **Deborah Terrell**, **Aileen Casey** and **Frederica Broomfield** as Lay Leadership Committee Class of 2010. **Mrs. Dorothea Burnett** was nominated for Honorary Member and Member-At-Large of the Administrative Council and will be contacted for her willingness to serve in either capacity.

In his closing remarks, **Rev. George** complimented Camphor on its financial health and strongly urged the church to increase the pastor's salary in 2009 as there was no recommendation for increase in 2008,

the pastor's current salary is far below the salary for an elder with 20 years ministry service, and the current ministry team is doing a good job and should show appreciation for the pastor. **Rev. George** reflected that his first assignment was to Camphor as Associate Pastor and it was his excellent experience here that is largely responsible for his success in ministry and privilege to return as District Superintendent. He wished the church continued success, stressed that the only mission of the Church is making disciples of Jesus Christ and closed with prayer.



Senior Choir Day This Afternoon!

The Senior Choir invites everyone to come and enjoy Annual Senior Choir Day this afternoon, October 14, 2007, at 3:00 pm. In addition to special music by Camphor's Senior Choir, there will be a variety of music by guest choirs from **Canaan Baptist, Mother Bethel A.M.E., Mt.**

Olivet Tabernacle Choir, Saint Paul Baptist and Pinn Memorial Baptist. Bring family and friends!

Join the Sunday School Teaching Team!

Fall is here and our Sunday School has begun! The children and teens are still signing up, the curriculum is selected, and our classrooms are ready. There's only one very important thing missing--additional teachers! We are in need of several Sunday School teachers who would be interested in donating a few hours per month toward making a difference in the spiritual life of our Camphor children. Classes vary by age and are taught on a rotating schedule. Curriculum includes music, arts and crafts, cooking, computers and more!. Please consider this most vital role in the life of our church. You'll have fun building relationships with our children or teens and making new adult friends. Please email or call [Sharon Brown](#) at 856-397-5438 or leave a message in the church office to volunteer.



CAMPHOR'S
Sunday School Needs
TEACHERS



Invitation to Stewardship Workshop

The Stewardship Committee invites everyone to attend a workshop, "Wills and Bequests." on Saturday, October 20, 2007, from 10 am to 1 pm. in the Great Hall of the church. The workshop will be led by **Stacy Martin,**

Executive Director, [Eastern Pennsylvania-Peninsula UM Foundation.](#) The workshop will benefit adults of all ages. For additional information, please contact **Gloria Thompson** or [Walter King.](#)



Philadelphia Boys Choir & Chorale

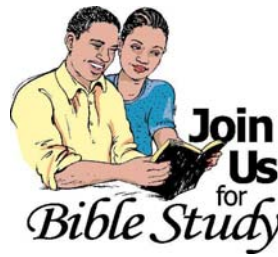
November 18, 2007
3:00 PM



85th Anniversary
Benefit Concert
at
Camphor Memorial

Ticket Price: \$10

Contact: Jean Rhodes, Gloria Todd or Charlotte Jones
or purchase online at [TICKETWEB](#)



Invitation To Thursday Bible Study

Ruth Harmon, Bible Study Leader, invites everyone to bring their Bibles, a friend and join her on Thursday mornings for Bible Study at Camphor. The current course of study is the Book of Ecclesiastes for six weeks. Approximately two chapters will be studied each week. The group meets from 10 to 11:30 am in the Great Hall for lively discussion, spiritual growth and real life application. **Mrs. Dorothea Burnett** is the Teacher Emeritus of the class.

Message from Finance Committee

All chairpersons and presidents of organizations and ministries should have a Signature Authorization Form on file in the Finance Office. The form can be obtained from **Elizabeth Rivers, Gwendolyn Deas, or Kathryn Jasper. Please note that this form is required for receipt or transfer of any funds from organization accounts.**



October UMW Meeting Date Changed

There has been a change of date for the October meeting of United Methodist Women. The general meeting will be held Saturday October 20, 2007, at 10 am. All members are requested to attend-- **Catherine Exum and Deborah Terrell.**



Everyone is invited!

Annual Family and Friends Day

Sunday October 21, 2007 11:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dorothy Watson Tatem

Letter from Spraggins Family

Dear Camphor Family,

I am writing this letter to personally thank you with the utmost gratitude and sincere appreciation from my entire family. Words cannot express the wonderful out pouring of love that thee Camphor family showed us during our time of bereavement. I would further like to personally thank each and everyone who financially contributed to the burial expenses paid to the funeral director. This made the going home celebration of my mother Deborah Spraggins, one of joy and thanksgiving. If it were not for the body of believers who came together, surrounded me, and sheltered me at a very crucial time, I would have been in a very bad situation. Thank you so much for all of your help and charity. May God bless you and keep the loving believers of Camphor.



Sincerely,

Pheron Spraggins Jr.

Message from the 85th Church Anniversary Committee



Each member is asked to make a special contribution of \$85 on the occasion of our 85th church anniversary. Dinner sponsors for the Praise Dancers, who will be performing at the banquet, will also be greatly appreciated. Members of the [Finance Committee](#) will receive donations in the Great Hall each Sunday after church

Ads, memorials and patrons list for 85th Anniversary Souvenir Journal are due October 28, 2007. Full page \$75, half page \$50, quarter page \$35, patron list group \$5, Mr & Mrs. \$3, Individual \$2. Please contact [Aneita Duqlas](#), [Sharon Brown](#), [Edward Hale](#) and [Ronald Deas](#).

[Philadelphia Boys Choir and Chorale](#) in concert at Camphor, November 18, 2007, donation \$10. Please contact [Jean Rhodes](#), [Gloria Todd](#) or [Charlotte Jones](#).

85th Church Anniversary Banquet, November 25, 2007, Holiday Inn-City Line, donation \$45. Please contact [Gloria Johnson](#) or [Kit Boyd](#).

Anniversary souvenirs (commemorative notes, plates, mugs, t-shirts, caps and visors will be on sale in the Great Hall after worship services. Please contact [Carol Black](#), [Walter King](#), [Gloria Johnson](#) or [Kit Boyd](#).



Volunteer Opportunity: Tape Ministry

Volunteers are needed to record and copy tapes of Sunday morning worship services for our shut-ins and others, upon request, who enjoy listening to our services. We would like to expand the minstry to include tapes of weddings, funerals and other special days or events in the worship life of the church. Volunteers should be spirit-filled and committed to the vision of the ministry. Technical skills in audio-visual equipment helpful but not required as we will provide training. Number of persons needed: 10. Time commitment: 1 Sunday per month. To volunteer, please contact [Carol Black](#), [Rev. Rookard](#)

or call the church office.

Bible Verse For the Week

Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor

and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked. Psalm 82: 3-4, NIV.

Christian Humor

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited... until you try to sit in their pews.



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Tuesday, Oct. 16	Community Fellowship	10 am
Wednesday, Oct. 17	GED & Adult Education	9 am
	Covenant Discipleship Group	9:30 am
Thursday, Oct. 18	Bible Study	10 am
	Education Ministry	7 pm
	Senior Choir Rehearsal	8 pm
Saturday, Oct. 20	United Methodist Women	10 am
	Stewardship Workshop	10 am
	Youth Choir Rehearsal	11 am
Sunday, Oct. 21	Family & Friends Day	11 am

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