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Jeannette S. Riddick, Director
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Happy New Year to one and all. May God bless you and your family to have a prosperous year.

We start this new year by congratulating our immediate past Assistant Director Eric J. Kirby of First Baptist Church - Randolph in his new position of Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees. He will be greatly missed and it was a honor to work with him.



We would like to welcome our new Assistant Director Reporter Valerie V. Hall of Mount Sinai Baptist Church. We look forward to her expertise in the Public Relations Department.

New Year is a time for new beginnings, completion of incomplete tasks, and a time for 2nd chances. Whatever it is that God has been telling you through the holy spirit, all the thoughts of things that you felt you could not do, remember whose you are and go forward.

Whenever in doubt think of Him and search for his loving presence as you journey along the path of life. Look for the little pleasures that he throws your way, sometimes in surprising places and thank Him for it and let Him help you find joy in your journey.



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December
March
June
September

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October/November

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December



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NOTE: The pledge can be in your name, your Usher Board, your Church or "In Memory" of a loved one.

*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart;
and lean not unto thine own understanding.
In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.
Proverbs 3:5-6*



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DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS

First Saturdays:

12:15 p.m. Christine M. Green Women's Day Meeting
1:30 p.m. Alma Cooper Hawkins Public Relations
2:30 p.m. Membership Services & Outreach Department

First Tuesdays

7:00 p.m. Events Department

First Thursday

7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting

Second Mondays

7:00 p.m. ICUA Business Meetings

Third Mondays

8:00 p.m. ICUA Prayer Call

Third Wednesdays

7:00 p.m. Randy L. Perrin Men's Day Committee
8:00 p.m. Young Adult Department

Fourth Mondays

6:00 p.m. Interchange bi-monthly Catherine E. Mills School of Ushering and Alumni Working Unit
7:00 p.m. Education and Scholarship Department

Fourth Saturdays

5:00 p.m. Junior and Young People's Department



**VI. ALMA COOPER HAWKINS
PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Mission: To promote Church ushering through the dissemination of information regarding the programs, activities, and services provided by the ICUA.

Working Units are 1) Bulletin; 2) Doorkeeper; 3) Historical; 4) Our Organization At A Glance; 5) Public Relations; 6) The Glove; 7) Secretarial Services; 8) Alberta T. Leonard Golden Age Ushers Recognition; 9) Workbook.

**WORKING UNITS SERVING UNDER
THE AUSPICES OF THE PRESIDENT
AND/OR BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

RANDY L. PERRIN MEN'S DAY

CHRISTINE M. GREEN WOMEN'S DAY

TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING

JUNE D. MAY BUILDING FUND

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

**VII. YOUNG ADULT
Vacant – President**

**VIII. JUNIOR AND YOUNG PEOPLE
Michael Dunn – President**

ANNUAL EVENTS

- Annie B. Bailey Memorial Service
 - Susie Gomes Tag Day
 - Elijah A. Hamilton and William H. Davis National Day
 - Young Adult Tag Day
- Re-Dedication Service
- ICUA Anniversary

The Interdenominational Church Ushers' Association {ICUA} of Washington, DC & Vicinity, Inc. is affiliated with the National United Church Ushers Association of America (NUCUAA). NUCUAA consists of State Usher Organizations within the United States. Our local Association has a membership of over 100 Churches comprising over 1,000 members and with Junior & Young People's and Young Adult Departments. Provisions are made for persons interested in membership who are non-members of a Church Usher Board through Associate Membership. ICUA headquarters is at 1923 – 16th Street, NW, within the District of Columbia. You are always cordially invited to visit. For additional information about being affiliated with this great Christian organization, please visit our website, email or call us using the information on the front of the pamphlet.

*"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people."
Ephesians 6:7 (NIV)*

2023 ICUA OFFICERS

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President**

**Brother Ronald L.
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**OUR ORGANIZATION
AT A GLANCE**

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PURPOSE & MISSION

The Interdenominational Church Ushers' Association {ICUA} of Washington, DC & Vicinity, Inc. was organized in 1912 to foster a closer fellowship and to promote a unified method of ushering. The Organization is completely void of any denominational barriers and is dedicated to promoting service in Christian, social, and moral activities as Ushers. In essence, to promote "Church ushering" as a "ministry."

We believe that the mission of the Church is to lead all mankind to Christ and that the Church Usher has a very definite part to play in the accomplishment of the church's mission as God's representatives on earth. So much can be accomplished through organized efforts; thus, we can't see any just reason why all Church Ushers should not be joined together in one great organization working for the betterment of a common cause.

"For a day in thy court is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness."

Psalm 84:10 {KJV}

ICUA ORGANIZATION

The ICUA is a religious, tax-exempt Association that depends solely on its annual dues and various fundraising events throughout the year to support itself. The annual dues are appropriated, not necessarily in this order, for the cost of (1) Maintenance, insurance and recurring monthly expenses of the headquarters located at 1923 - 16th Street, NW; (2) Space rentals for Business Meetings and Special Events; (3) Local and National scholarships; (4) Eastern Region (ER) and the National United Church Ushers Association of America, Inc. (NUCUAA) Membership Assessments; (5) Skill Training Workshops;

(6) supplement annual charitable donations.

MEMBERSHIP

Any Church Usher Organization may become a member of the ICUA by (a) making a written application for membership in the Association; (b) agreeing to comply with, and be bound by, the Charter, By-Laws, and other rules and regulations of the Association; (c) paying the membership entrance fee; and (d) approval of the application by the Board of Trustees of the Association and, ultimately, by the Parent Body itself.

ICUA DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE

I. BUDGET AND FINANCE

Mission: To ensure the continued financial health and stability of the ICUA through the application of sound financial management practices.

Working Units are 1) Audit; 2) Budget and Finance.

II. EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP

Mission: To provide productive and effective training to produce an ever-expanding corps of Church Ushers endowed with skills of the highest quality to serve whenever and wherever called upon.

Working Units are

1) Alfred E. Smith Scholarship; 2) Allan A. C. Griffith Alumni; 3) Martha P. Alston Arts & Crafts; 4) Esther W. Johnson Community Concerns; 5) Nettie V. Martin Education; 6) Eliza Kilgore Health; 7) Catherine E. Mills

School of Ushering; 8) Training and Development.

III. EVENTS

Mission: To develop, implement, and perpetuate programs and events for the advancement of Church ushering.

Working Units are 1) Anniversary; 2) Elijah Hamilton/William H. Davis' National Day; 3) Mabel C. Cooper Chorus; 4) Annie B. Bailey Memorial Service; 5) Alberta T. Beale Rating; 6) Re-Dedication; 7) Social; 8) Time & Place 9) William H. Davis Honor Club.

IV. MEMBERSHIP SERVICES AND OUTREACH

Mission: To promote the growth of the ICUA membership, and to develop programs to aid the membership.

Working Units are 1) Condolence; 2) Ritualistic Services (Jennifer E. Parker-Bailey Memorial Box); 3) Sick-Expressions; 5) Special Projects (Arlene L. Robinson Coats & Shoe Drive; Family & Friends Day).

V. THELMA D. GOODWIN POLICY AND RULES

Mission: To develop, through research and study, policies that address the needs of the Organization; to propose programs, resolutions, and rules to address those needs; and to develop systems to monitor implementation and evaluate effectiveness.

Working Units are 1) Past Officers' Council; 2) Presidents' and Officers' Council; 3) Rules.

Elrita F. James

Sister Elrita F. James is a born-again and spirit-filled woman of God who strives to become a woman of excellence in Christ. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biblical Studies with an emphasis in Urban Ministries from Washington Bible College.

Sister James joined the Tenth Street Baptist Church in 1946 under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. J. L. Henry and Rev. J. Thomas Jennings, Sr. She remained a very active and faithful member under the current Pastor A. Michael Charles Durant. She served as a devoted Sunday School teacher, a faithful member of the Senior Usher Board, an instructor in the Christian Education Leadership Institute as well as the Mid-Week School of the Bible. She also served as the Director of Missions and a member of the Tuesday Night Prayer Band. In January 2017, under the unction of the Holy Spirit, Sister James moved her membership to The New Macedonia Baptist Church where she continues to serve with the same devotion and dedication.

She has been an active member of the Interdenominational Church Ushers Association of Washington, DC and Vicinity, Inc. (ICUA) since 1973. She graduated from the Catherine E. Mills School of Ushering in 1976 and remains an active instructor serving as Chaplain in the Catherine E. Mills School of Ushering. She also earned a Bachelor's Degree from the George T. Grier School of Ushering. Locally, she has served in many positions including a member of the Board of Trustees, ICUA Chaplain and currently serves as a member of the Building Fund Working Unit. Regionally, she has served as Chaplain and Past National Officers Representative. Nationally, she has served as Chaplain and a member of the Interstate Council; and currently participates with the Praise and Worship Team at the National Conventions. Her love for the Ministry of Ushering is still the motivational factor that keeps her serving and is the catalyst which pushes her to encourage others to serve unto the Lord and not to impress others. The National United Church Ushers Association and its Affiliates is a powerful ministry that not only teaches ushering but also can be used to reach souls for Christ by spreading love and unity, assisting others when and where needed without impartiality and sharing our skills with those who desire to learn.



ELRITA JAMES

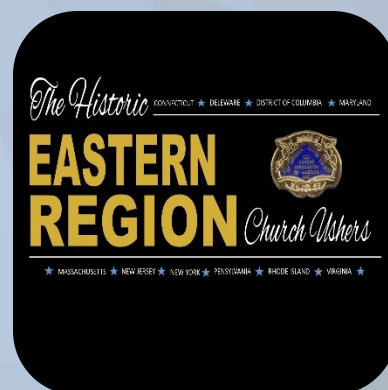
Sister James is very active in the Washington Metropolitan area. She has served as leader of the Neighborhood Home Bible Study and Intercessory Prayer Group, a staff volunteer in the Pastoral Care Department at Howard University Hospital, the Good News Jail/Prison Ministry Group Counseling Team, and the Union Prayer Band.

With such a strong Christian faith, Sister James is often called upon to share her gifts as an Inspirational Speaker for women, and as an instructor in the National Capitol Congress of Christian Education. Her vision is to inspire women to reach “higher heights” in Christ Jesus. She motivates, and encourages women, who may be weighted down with problems that seem insurmountable, to stand up. With the light of Christ shining in them, they can break the cycle of despair and victoriously walk in their blessing.

She believes in letting her light shine before men, that the Father might be glorified, and others might be encouraged to seek a closer walk with the Lord. She is guided by her favorite scripture:

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made know to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV)





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serving the Lord, not people."*

Ephesians 6:7



Greetings Doorkeepers,

I pray that you had a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*"Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and
let each new year find you a better man."*

Benjamin Franklin

May this year bring new goals, new achievements, and many new inspirations to your life. Remember every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end. Above all, give God thanks for being with us every day through our trials, difficulties, successes, and happiness. Thank Him for giving us fresh starts and new beginnings. Ask Him to help us to be faithful for each opportunity that He has given to us. Every moment is a fresh beginning. Life is not about expecting, hoping, or wishing; it's about doing and becoming the best that we can.

Take time to reflect on the New Year and see the potential---the opportunity to do great things. As Martin Luther King, Jr., quoted "take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step." Help us take our first steps as we continue to be committed to serve our beloved organization of Church Ushers.

We thank all of you once again for the support you gave as we hosted the 104th NUCUAA Convention. It was because of YOU and your generosity that we were able to roll out the red carpet welcoming the delegates to our city. The NUCUAA family is still talking about how they enjoyed the convention, the Sunday Night Musical, and the Welcome Bags. The 105th NUCUAA Convention will be held in New Orleans and plans are being made to honor ICUA Honorary President and NUCUAA President Charles J. Brown. Hopefully, you are planning to attend.

Presidential Awards were presented this year to Sister Brenda Fisher, The New Macedonia Baptist Church and Sister Rita Nelson, Peace Baptist Church. The Guardian of the Year Award was presented to President Brenda Gilliam. Congratulations again to all recipients!

The Randy L. Perrin Men's Committee and Christine M. Green Women's Day Committee held its annual Men and Women's Day Program on Sunday, December 3, 2023 at Friendship Baptist Church. The Woman of the Year is Lucille W. Wells, Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. Three Men of the Year Awards were presented to Elder Alfred H. McCain, Sr., Macedonia Community Church, Rev. Dr. Keith W. Byrd, Sr., Zion Baptist Church and Rev. Dr. Robin A. Toogood II, Purity Baptist Church, and Urban Center. Congratulations to everyone!

President Gilliam – Continued

An in-person training session for the ICUA Ritual Team was held on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at Enon Baptist Church. Approximately twenty-five Ushers attended including three students from Instructors Riddick and Penn's class. We are still recruiting members to join.

The first Business Meeting for 2024 will be held on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.; devotions begin at 6:45 p.m.

Please join us at the Rededication Service on Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. at Hemingway Memorial AME Church.

ICUA Officers for 2024

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Ulysees Sherman Price	Tabernacle Baptist Assembly Church
Stacey Reaves	Unity Baptist Church
Mary Samuel	First Rising Mt Zion Church
Marion Solomon	First Baptist Church of Highland Park
Marie Thomas	Macedonia Community Church

Nominating Committee

Cynthia Allen	Zion Baptist Church
Diane Fagan-Robinson	Israel Baptist Church
Gloria Madden	Imani Temple International Cathedral
Frances S. Penn	Faith Shepherd Baptist Church
Melinda H. Wilkins	New Redeemer Baptist Church

I am pleased to announce that Sister Elrita James has been appointed Mother of the ICUA. Sister James has been a member of the ICUA since 1972. She is a graduate of the Catherine E. Mills School of Ushering and is an Instructor. She has earned a Bachelor's Degree from the George T. Grier School of Ushering. Locally, she has served in many positions including Assistant Financial Secretary, Financial Secretary, member of the Board of Trustees, ICUA Chaplain, a member of the June D. May Building Fund Working Unit. On the Eastern Region level, she has served as Chaplain, Past National Officers Representative, Historical Society. On the National Level, she has served as Chaplain, Past National Officers Committee, Historical Committee. She is called upon by the Drill Demonstration and Floor Demonstration Teams to pray and anoint them before competing.

She is a faithful member of The New Macedonia Baptist Church. She is a graduate of Cardozo Senior High School. She has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biblical Studies with an emphasis in Urban Ministries from Washington Bible College.

Her favorite scripture is Proverbs 3:5 & 6: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him, He will make your paths straight."*

Mother James believes in giving God her best because "He gave us His best." She is always ready to give a word of encouragement and share her experiences with others whenever and wherever she gets an opportunity. Her vision is to inspire others to reach "higher heights" in Christ by seeking a closer walk with Him and living victoriously for Him.

Mother James is a child of the King and is not ashamed to share His word with you. She is a powerful prayer warrior.

Congratulations to the Mother of the ICUA – Sister Elrita James!



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much from
God then
God is going
to require
much out of
you.

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TO: All ICUA Usher Ministry Presidents and Members

FROM: Brenda Gilliam, 19th President

SUBJECT: Young Adult Department Membership

The Young Adult Department of the ICUA of the District of Columbia is recruiting members to its department. We are requesting your support for our continued recruitment drive for Young Adult Ushers ages 21-35 years. We are asking that you share this information with your Young Adult Ushers Ministry.

The ICUA Young Adult Department has been an arm of this organization since 1968; over 55 years ago. Since then, hundreds of young adult members supported recruiting community events, such as Race for the Cure, volunteering at Capital Area Food Banks, donating gift cards to My Sister's Place, serving breakfast at So Others Might Eat (SOME),

and honoring our fallen soldiers by laying wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery.

Your young adult ushers' involvement in our Young Adult Department will help enhance the vital elements of this Christian organization and provide outreach to the community at large. They are right where things are happening in their lives, and we are looking for them to help promote a strong spiritual movement through this association.

Meetings are currently held via Zoom on the third Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at 8:00 p.m.

Any interested Young Adult Usher may contact
Counselor Rita P. Nelson at rnelson_2010@yahoo.com (rnelson_underscore) or
301-237-9559 cell and or text for the Zoom link and to ask questions.

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Ephesians 6:7

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*For events on virtual platform, please use <https://gotomeet.me/CHBCconnect> or dial toll free: 1-866-899-4679; access code 496-585-205#

Bible Enrichment (BE), Sunday 9:00 a.m. in-person (mask optional)

Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. in-person (mask optional), also on YouTube

***Bible Institute (BI)** – virtual only on Monday, 7:00 p.m.

***Young at Heart (YAH) Fellowship** – virtual Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., occasional in-person fellowship events (mask optional)

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."
Psalm 118:24 (NKIV)

Greetings Brother and Sister Ushers,

Praying that everyone is having a blessed and prosperous commencement to 2024.

March 13-14 – Celebration of 13th Anniversary of Senior Pastor Oscar L. Broadie Jr.'s stewardship of CHBC.

Christian Education: In **January**, the CHBC Sunday **BE** program continues with study in the "Bible Studies for Life" (BSL) guide with Sister Louise Saunders (missionary) as study leader for Unit #2 ("Confident in the Face of Hard Questions"). Pastor Donald Griffin completes facilitation of the Wednesday **BI** discussion of the book, "How to Handle Adversity" by Charles Stanley. In **February** and **March**, Deacon Andre Oates serves as study leader for the Sunday **BE** program, continuing in the BSL guide with study of Unit #3 ("Mentoring: Investing in Others"). In the **BI**, discussion of the next book "Don't Give Up" by Kyle Idleman commences in late February.

ENON BAPTIST CHURCH

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Rev. L. Nolan Fox, Pastor

Sunday Fellowship
In-person or visit us on Facebook



Reporter
Juanita Prophet

"One generation passes away, and another generation comes. ... That which has been is what will be, That which is done is what will be done, And there is nothing new under the sun." Ecclesiastes 1:4 & 9

Generations

Watching the proceedings against the representatives in Tennessee (TN3), provided a wake-up call. Feeling concern for all children, let me share a little wisdom. "People get religious when things are tough. Sometimes this is called a "foxhole conversion." In other words, people tend to get serious about God when they are in danger or trouble. But when things are going well, people tend to forget God. They think falsely that they don't need God anymore and that they can make it on their own. God warned the people against forgetting that He alone is the source of all their blessings. God even promised to give them houses and beautiful cities they did not build. God promised His people tremendous blessings. The only thing He required of them was that they obey His covenant and not worship any other god but Him. (Spirit Filled Life Bible for Students, pp. 237-238). It is so important to know your history. Most people believe that the past is the past and that is true. You cannot turn back the hands of time. Yet, an informed history produces present and future innovations for humans.

Past – Former generations made positive contributions. God anointed individuals to endure unfair struggles in order to acquire changes in the future. To appreciate these liberties, there must be a clear understanding of the struggles and sacrifices made by others. It is important to know those struggles (right to vote, fair housing, equal employment regardless of race, gender, age, or faith, etc.) that were fought for so these entitlements can exist today. In Deuteronomy 6:7, "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up." Learning about history is important today so further gains can be made tomorrow.

Present – We got it going on, really? The Bible states that every Christian must be submitted to a local body of believers. Discipline is being accountable to spiritual authority and in submission to a local church. God has established these checks and balances to protect, grow, and mature believers. Voting is a step in the right direction. Voting locally to elevate those who represent your values. Maintaining entitlements and building on them preparing future generations to benefit from them without obstacles. It was a sad day when a senior Black representative in Tennessee told one of the young Black representatives that he ought to be grateful to be in chambers even under these degraded atmospheres. The injustice done to TN3 shed light on human submission required by white minority. The senior Black representative has shown his slave mentality that was outlawed after the Civil War. Instead of this slave mentality, this senior Black representative should have encouraged the young representative to stand by values that he was elected to do. "Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the world and doctrine." For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "the laborer is worthy of his wages." 1 Timothy 5:17-18 (AMP). All generations are obligated to obey the rules and only submit to God's will.

The two Tennessee's representatives were reinstated to their seats after being reelected by their constituents. What the devil meant for evil; God turned it into good. This shows that our God is still in control of the affairs of the world." God alone deserves all honors and praises.

Prepare – "Get ready to have your computer banks blown into eternity. Your earthly mind is going to go into permanent overload when you realize what the unsearchable riches of Christ are. You have come into an inheritance that is so profound there are no human words to describe it. You are destined for a world that is beyond the scope of your human imagination. Ephesians 3:8 "When Christ begins to dwell fully in our hearts through faith, we become rooted and grounded in love. When that happens, we are able to comprehend with other believers the love of Christ which is beyond human knowledge. Faith opens the door for us to be filled with all the fulness of God. When this happens, we enter a higher dimension of living when Christ begins to live in us more completely. It doesn't mean that we are so heavenly minded we are no earthly good. Our feet are firmly planted on the ground, and we deal maturely with reality. In our spiritual person, we are allowing Jesus Christ to live through us at greater dimensions." Ephesians 3:17-19 (Spirit Filled Life Bible for Students, pp. 1535-1536)

In summary, we are not like our parents' generation, our children are not like ours; therefore, be wise enough to acknowledge that God is using them to make a better world. We must love and support them as were done in the past. Only help our children to avoid some of the pitfalls of life. The TN3 were outspoken in their concerns that assault weapons are killing children. They broke protocols in the Tennessee's Chambers and a group of all white men decided to silence them by expulsion. Nothing new, fighting for basic rights required sacrifices. Many have given their lives so the world would be a better place to live for all.

What will happen if we don't stand up? We will return to slavery and be subject to abuse? This may happen if we fail to act to protect the freedom given by God to all.

"The secret of change is to focus all your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new." Socrates

Enter 2024 with God's blessing!

The Combined Ushers Ministry wishes each of you a Blessed New Year!

"Create in me a clean heart O God And renew a steadfast right spirit within me."
Psalm 51:10 (NKJV)

FAITH SHEPHERD BAPTIST CHURCH

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Frances S. Penn, Reporter

Pastor: Dr. Alton Haynes, Jr.

As we reflect on 2023, we can say that God has brought us a mighty long way. There were many hurdles that we embraced not knowing how the outcome would be, but again, we knew God was always present in the situation. As a result, the end was always positive. Now that we are beginning 2024, our planning committee has outlined a calendar of events, and we are confident that our hard to accomplish 90% of the list will be achieved.

Wishing everyone a very prosperous New Year, we would like to share this thought with you.

MAY THIS NEW YEAR BRING NEW LIGHT AND NEW HOPE.
MAY YOU REAP ALL THE FRUITS OF YOUR HARD
WORK THIS YEAR.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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Rev. Donald D. Robinson, Interim Pastor
Rev. Dr. Frank D. Tucker, Pastor Emeritus:

"God First in These Affairs"

Church Theme: "Fearless Faith" ~ 2 Timothy 1:6-14

Greetings and Blessings in this new year, 2024, that the Lord has graciously given unto us!

First Baptist Church invite you to worship with us on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in-person and virtual zoom:

Live - <https://www.fbcwdc.org/>;

YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKybMa2WN8h1MQV9AQBRX5Q>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/fbc712/>.

Intercessory Prayer Ministry Teleconference Call

- Monday Nights 6:55 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- (857) 232-0158 Access code: 183141#

Prayer Meeting Teleconference Call

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

(351) 999-4483: **no access code**

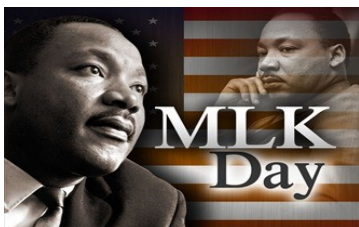
ICUA OFFICERS

Kudos to three of our First Baptist Church ushers that are officers in the ICUA of DC: 1) Eric J. Kirby, Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees, ZOOM Meeting Host and Webmaster; 2) Brenda J. Sellers, Assistant Financial Secretary; and 3) Linda Smallwood, Parliamentarian, ICUA.

COMING EVENTS

January 2024

Monday, January 15th ~ Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday/Observance



Sunday, January 21st ~ Men's Emphasis Sunday/Installation of Officers

February 2024

14th ~ Valentine's Day



25th ~ Black History Observance Sunday

March 2024

Sunday, March 10th ~ Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, March 24th ~ Palm Sunday

Friday, March 29th ~ Good Friday

Sunday, March 31st ~ Easter/Resurrection/Missionary Sunday

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, April 28th ~ FBC Ushers' Ministry Anniversary



*Happy Birthday to everyone born in the months of
January, February, and March
Have a Blessed Birthday.*

Please continue to pray for all bereaved families, sick and shut-in and caregivers everywhere. God bless you, stay safe and healthy.

**FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH OF KEN-GAR**

3922 Hampden Street
Kensington, MD 20895

Pastor: Rev. Norman O. Hall



Reporter:
Frances L. Outland

*Create in me a clean heart,
O God; and renew a right spirit
within me.*
Psalms 51:10 (KJV)

No Half-Measures!

But God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19 (KJV)

Sometimes we perform tasks by not doing our best but providing only half measures. We rely on half-measures when time or money or both make us reluctant to go all out. We also rely on half-measures when we're reluctant to commit ourselves-from the heart. Halfhearted commitment leads to half-measures. This is a recipe for failure to follow. We need to remember we need not fear, all of our needs will be met and not stingily, but according to God's glorious riches. The riches we have been promised are in Christ Jesus. God is not rich just in material things. God is rich in love for you and me. He showed it by sending Jesus to die for us and rise again.

First Baptist Church of Ken-Gar is fully open and relaxing it's COVID protocols, making wearing a mask optional, however, still enforcing social distancing and using air purifiers.

Upcoming Activities:

- The Food Distribution with Nourish Now is the second Wednesday of each month starting at 1:00 p.m.
- Women's Bible Study each 4th Saturday 11:00 a.m. by conference call at 732-434-2342 (no code).

In-person services at church and live stream at 11:00 a.m. (and for view afterward)

<https://www.facebook.com/Firstbaptistchurchofkengar>

Happy New Year! Let's resolve to make changes in our lives to be more like Jesus!

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Michelle A. Jones

Pastor Reverend Anthony L. Minter



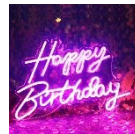
May the Peace and Joy of Christmas abide with you Throughout the Coming Year

Upcoming Events

January 2024



January 1st



11 Happy Birthday First Lady Wand Minter

14 Installation Service 10:00 a.m.-in-person

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Service

FREEDOM BAPTIST CHURCH

1519 U Street, NW
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Pastor: Rev. Carlos A. Younger



Reporter:
Rosie C. White

*And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God,
to those who are the called according to His purpose.*
Romans 8:28 (NKJV)

Dear Fellow Ushers and Friends,

We wish a Happy New Year to all of you. We are also looking forward to meeting again in the New Year. We thank God for how He blessed us through last year and allowed us to continue. We realize that without Him we can do nothing. Thank you, God, again and again.

We are thankful that we were blessed through our last quarter. We celebrated our Pastor's fourth anniversary in October and our Church's 60th Anniversary in November. Also, in November our Missionary Ministry held a *Winter Clothing Give Away* and a *Health and Wellness Event*. We were truly blessed that our services and events were successful. Special thanks to all who were able to come out and support us. We are continuing to hold Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday Morning Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. Sunday School is on the Teleconference Line only at 978-990-5000, Access Code 195282#. The Morning Worship is on zoom by dialing 301-715-8592, Meeting ID 896 4120 9094#, press #.

Morning Worship Service is also on Facebook Live, as well as in person. Every Wednesday, Corporate Prayer is held at 12 Noon – 12:30 p.m. and Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. Each is accessible by the Teleconference Call Line only at the designated times. We invite you to join us at any of our services.

We are asking that you continue to pray for the sick, shut-in and the bereaved. Visit or call if you can or send a card to let them know you care.

COMING EVENTS:

January

15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February

14 Happy Valentine's Day/Ash Wednesday

19 President's Day

March

19 Daylight Saving Time Begins

24 Palm Sunday

29 Good Friday

31 Easter Sunday

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Paulette Ellison

*"2023: God's Preordained Year
for You and for Me"*

Greetings!

Happy New Year!! New Grace! New Mercies!

Monday, January 15, 2024, will be Martin Luther King Jr. Day. This federal holiday has become a day of service celebrating the life and legacy of an influential American civil rights leader. The King Center has chosen the strategic theme for this year to be *"Shifting the Cultural Climate through the Study and Practice of Kingian Nonviolence."* The King Center, located in Atlanta, GA, was established by Mrs. Coretta Scott King in 1968. On this day, everyone should reflect and understand the importance of civil rights and not just a day off. Many will be rendering their service.

February is Black History Month! Many remember when it was just one week. African Americans have made countless and valuable contributions to our world. The list of inventions and other sacrifices is endless. We are enormously proud of each of them as we learn and give recognition of our rich history.

Congratulations to Bishop Melvin G. Brown! In February, we will be celebrating his 38th pastoral anniversary as our pastor. On the evening of Friday, February 23, 2024, a grand banquet is planned with Rev. Dr. Donald K. Sadler of New Morning Star Baptist (NE/DC), as the guest speaker. Archbishop Dr. Michael C. Turner, Sr. of the Miracle Center of Faith Missionary Baptist, Capitol Heights, MD will preach the pastoral anniversary message on Sunday morning, February 25, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. service. It will be an exciting time of celebration!

The Lenten season 2024 will be Wednesday February 14, 2024 (Ash Wednesday) through Thursday, March 28, 2024 (40 days). On Friday, March 29th, we will have a Good Friday service at 12 Noon featuring "The Seven Last Words."

Happy Birthday to each of you that was born in the month of January, February, or March!

Happy Valentine's Day! Enjoy!

Please continue to pray for the sick and shut-ins as well as their caretakers. Our sick and shut-in list grows each day and prayer really does change things. Prayers are needed as well for our US Government – Executive, Congressional, and Judicial branches

Upcoming Events

January

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| 1 | New Year's Day |
| 15 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |

February: Black History Month

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| 14 | Ash Wednesday |
| | Valentine's Day |
| 19 | Presidents Day |
| 23 | 7:30 p.m. Pastor Brown's 38 th Pastoral Anniversary Banquet |
| 25 | 11:00 a.m. Pastor Brown's 38 th Pastoral Program |

March

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| | Women's History Month |
| 10 | 2:00 a.m. Daylight Saving Begin |
| 17 | St. Patrick's Day |
| 24 | Palm Sunday |
| 29 | 12 Noon Good Friday Service - Seven Last Words" |
| 31 | Easter (Resurrection Sunday) |

Ongoing Events All are invited!

- Sunday Church School: 9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday Morning Service: 11:00 a.m.
- Holy Communion: Second Sunday following morning service.
- Believers' Prayer and Christ Disciples Bible Study: Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Come study the Book of Luke taught by Pastor Brown.
- Homeless/Needy Luncheon – Second Tuesday of each month 12:00 noon -2:00 p.m.
Sponsored by the Missionary Ministry

A Poem for Easter

Congratulations to all the newly elected ICUA officers! Thanks to the exiting officers for your devoted service!

HIS LOVE

*God sent His Son to take the punishment.
For all the thoughtless, sinful things we
do;*

*Jesus gave his life because He loves us;
His love is boundless, sweet, forever true.
On Easter morn He showed He is our
Savior;*

*His resurrection proves He is our Lord.
That is why we tell you,
"Happy Easter!"*

He secured our heavenly reward.

By Joanna Fuchs



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Phyllis P. Dorsey

His Holiness, George Augustus Stallings, Jr.
Patriarch, Founder and Global Senior Pastor
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*"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, And into his courts with praise;
Be thankful unto him and bless his name." (Psalm 100:4 (KJV))*



January Preparation for our Imani Temple Town Hall Meeting

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 (Distribution of Ashes)
Time: 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (In-Person)

Ash Wednesday Service – Wednesday, February 14, 2024
Time: 7:00 p.m. (In-Person)

Also streamed on "You Tube" ([Go To: Imani Temple Live Streaming](#))

Palm Sunday, Service – Sunday, March 24, 2024
Time: 10:30 a.m.

Also streamed on "You Tube" ([Go To: Imani Temple Live Streaming](#))

Easter Sunday Service – Sunday, March 31, 2024
Time: 10:30 a.m. (In-person)

Also streamed on "You Tube" ([Go To: Imani Temple Live Streaming](#))

Regular Sunday Services: Time 10:30 a.m. (In-person)

Also streamed on "You Tube" ([Go To: Imani Temple Live Streaming](#))

Weekday Service: Time: 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

"The Good News Network" via Facebook ([Go To: George Stallings](#))

All Ministry Information via Calling Post or by telephone
All Ministry Monthly Meetings via Conference Call or Zoom

Member(s) Welfare, Bereavement/Homegoings via Telephone or Text Messaging to Patriarch/Senior Pastor, Bishops, Clergy, Temple Administrator, and Executive Staff, and via Email to Temple Members. (Homegoing Services may be held in-person.)

Prayer Requests or Information: Call Temple Office at 240.619.3330

Fellowship Hall (“The Vybes”) can be rented for Repasts, Birthday or Anniversary Celebrations, Baby Showers, etc. Call Temple Office at (240)619-3330



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Rev. Eric Abraham Pastor Elect

*"And I will give you shepherds after my own heart,
who will guide you with knowledge and understanding." Jeremiah 3:15 (NLT)*

Greetings Fellow Ushers and Friends,

In recent issues of "In the Know" we introduced our new pastor, Reverend Eric Abraham. In this issue, we are turning the spotlight on our new First Lady, Nicole Abraham. First Lady Nicole is a gracious, humble woman of God. She was born in Washington, DC to Bruce and Cheryl Fleming. She was raised in Prince George's County, Maryland with her two younger brothers. She grew up at Full Gospel AME Zion Church which later became From the Heart Christian Ministries. She received Jesus Christ as Savior in 1997. During



her childhood and young adult years she served in the Childrens Choir, Orchestra and Health Ministries. First Lady graduated high school as the valedictorian at From the Heart Christian School. She went on to complete her Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry at Morgan State University.

First Lady's passion and calling for health was cultivated at an early age. She has worked in healthcare for over 17 years in various capacities including pediatrics, medical surgical, rehabilitation, long-term care, urgent care, and family medicine. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Marymount University and a Master of Science-Family Nurse Practitioner degree from Simmons University. She is presently pursuing a doctoral degree at the University of Maryland School of

Nursing.

After marrying her husband, she joined The Word of God Baptist Church and served in the Health Ministry and Young Adult Ministry. She is married to Eric T. Abraham with whom she shares two beautiful children, Candace Imani, and Eric II. Their marriage is a natural example of how Jesus Christ loves the church. Together they enjoy cooking, traveling, football, movies, and spending time with friends.

Her favorite Scripture is Proverbs 3:5-6: *"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path."*

Reverend Abraham and First Lady Abraham joined Liberty in October 2023 and we are extremely pleased to welcome them to our Liberty family.

We are excited about January 2024. Our in-person Sunday School is back and we are enjoying the fellowship more than ever. We are starting at 9:00 a.m. with a hot breakfast followed by Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Then we will be in revival mode at the 11:00 a.m. morning worship service, with an emphasis on Youth Revival. It will be a Triple Blessing Revival. The Theme is "Restored, Renewed, Revived." Our youth

will be leading the services each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and a dynamic team of ministers have been selected to share the Words of God to inspire the young and the old. The line-up is as follows:

January

- 7 Minister Janae Hailey, Mt Paran Baptist Church, Clinton, MD
- 14 Reverend Mark Tatum, New Bethel Baptist Church, NW, Washington, DC
- 21 Pastor Eric Abraham, Liberty Baptist Church, SE, Washington, DC
- 28 Minister James Harris, Jr., New Life Ministries Baptist Church, Indian Head, MD

In February, we always recognize Black History Month with a segment in our morning worship service. We select a noteworthy person or event to present weekly.

We invite you to join us for any of the services.



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Brenda Payne Durrington

What's Happening at MCBC

The Mount Carmel Family is moving right along. We have not missed a step in moving forward to fill the position of leader of our flock. Shortly after our past leader left for Seattle, Washington, an angel sent us a retired previous pastor, Reverend Albert Gallmon, Jr. He accepted the position as Interim Pastor in time to celebrate our 147th Anniversary. Rev. Gallmon served as our eighth pastor from 1987 until 1993.

Our Anniversary weekend was filled with excitement, joy, and hope for our future. Attendance noticeably increased. Rev. Gallmon's wife, Wilma, his family, out of town friends and guests, old MCBC members, and a few newcomers joined in the celebration. Praise God for this and we extend prayers that the trend continues. In a message of hope, Interim Pastor Gallmon stated that despite the difficulties we face, we must never forget that God's love, grace, and transformative power, which are ever present in our lives. Let us lean on our faith and trust the Almighty God we serve. Together, we will rebuild our congregation! We will find the right Pastor for our Church. Rev. Gallmon said he was dedicated to walking alongside each one of us, providing guidance, support, prayer, and encouragement every step of the way.

Under the leadership of the Diaconate, headed by Deacon Carla Garnett and Board of Trustees Chair Larita Mimms, the membership elected the Search Committee representing across-section of the church and their Chair Rev. RoShawne Harrod. With a lot of prayer and guidance this committee's work is currently underway. More details later.

The MCBC Church Operational Officer Reverend Kim Jaimison continues to produce a fantastic monthly program booklet with our special activities, birthday announcements, Divine Worship Order of Service, Bible Study schedule, Disciples Daily Reading Scripture Plan, and the church newspaper, *the Mount Carmel Light*. We keep our copy for the month. So far, it continues to work well.

The MCBC Joint Usher Board welcomed a new member, Yvette Brown. She brought ideas and experience in ushering from other local churches. She has joined ICUA. We are encouraging her to attend the classes at the Catherine E. Mills School of Ushering. Hopefully, she will join us at business meetings, Eastern Region Conference, and the NUCUAA Convention.

December was the last month for our 2023 Church Theme, "Renewing Worship through Rebuilding Fellowship". Interim Pastor Gallmon is bringing the word each Sunday with the assistance of our strong ministerial staff. We celebrated Advent with special candle lighting of the Advent Wreath. Ugly Sweater Sunday was so much fun. We shared a lot of laughs. The Music Ministry under the direction of

Mount Carmel Baptist Church - Continued

Rev. Dr. W.B. Allen, Minister of Music, and Concert Director presented "REJOICE-Celebrating the Birth of Christ through Music." It featured the Praise Teams from MCBC, Greater New St. Paul, New Hope, and Mount Sinai. The Sounds of Levites DC Singers, NE Senior Citizens Choir, and the St. James Community Choir were also, included in the program.

The 2024 Honorable Arlene L. Robinson Scholarship Fund Drive kicks off in January. The committee is looking forward to raising \$40,000. Our 2023 recipients are all doing very well in their college classes. We hope they earn awards this year, too.

COMING EVENTS FOR January, February, March

January

- 1 Telephone Morning Prayer 7:45 a.m. Monday through Saturday
- 7 Divine Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. each Sunday, Communion on 3rd Sunday
- 2 ZOOM Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. each Tuesday
- 15 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Day Church and Office Closed
- 26 Annual Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

February

- 4 Divine Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. each Sunday, Communion on 3rd Sunday
- 5 Telephone Morning Prayer 7:45 a.m. Monday through Saturday
- 6 ZOOM Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. each Tuesday
- 14 Ash Wednesday, Distribution TBA
- 19 President's Day, Church and Office closed.
- 24 Brotherhood Weekend Plans TBA
- 25 Brotherhood Sunday, Divine Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

March

- 3 Divine Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Communion on 3rd Sunday
- 4 Telephone Morning Prayer 7:45 a.m. Monday and Saturday
- 5 ZOOM Bible Study/Lenten Service 7:00 p.m. each Tuesday
- 24 Palm Sunday
- 27 Feed Homeless time TBA
- 28 Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
- 29 Good Friday, 7 Last Words, 7:00 p.m.
- 31 Easter Sunday, Divine Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

MCBC MEMBER GUIDE Information on Accessing our Virtual Services

VIRTUAL DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE Sunday Mornings at 10:00 a.m. (EDT) Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/91640469292?pwd=RFpBT2ZhQkVyc0xycm44WmZ0aUdwUT09> Meeting ID: 916 4046 9292 Passcode: 901 Dial by your location +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC) Meeting ID: 916 4046 9292

BIBLE STUDY Tuesdays at 7:00pm (EDT)

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/93751051042?pwd=c09DZHRXWGFaMFFSci9Na2lOUSS4QT09>
Meeting ID: 937 5105 1042 Passcode: Bible Dial in by telephone +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
Meeting ID: 937 5105 1042

DAILY DEVOTIONS via FREE CONFERENCE CALL – Monday -Saturday at 7:45 a.m.
1-978-990-5332, access code 990 5332

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Reverend H. Lionel Edmonds



Reporter:
Karen Braxton

Greetings Doorkeepers,

"Beloved, if God so loved us, We ought to love one another."
1st John 4:11

Greetings to all as we celebrate the glory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we continue our in-person service, we look forward to seeing you each Sunday. MLBC's Sunday Services will also be available via Zoom/Facebook Live. Let us celebrate the keeping power of Christ Jesus today our LORD and Great Shepherd of His sheep. Together as Pastor and People of God, a shepherd watching over and working with Jesus' sheep. God has allowed us to do great works for the glorifying of His Name and building up His kingdom.

PLEASE NOTE: 11:00 a.m. MLBC Facebook Live Service is available.

Please click the NEW link below to join MLBC's Webinar:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82314639834>

Dial 1-301-715-8592

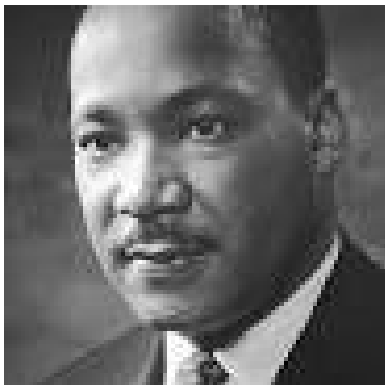
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MLBC is committed to continuing to share God's word and to ensuring that our members and others can join in praise, worship, and study throughout this crisis. To accomplish this, we will continue to have the following services via our established teleconference online sessions.

Tuesday – Church School Class at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday – Pastor Bible Study and Prayer service/Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m.

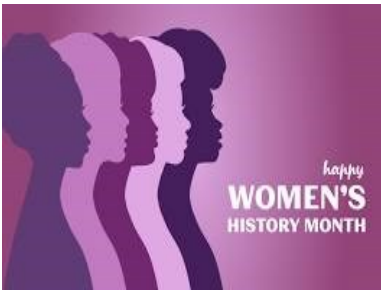
Please Call: 1-774-220-4000 Passcode: 3519088 to join.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday is on Monday, January 15th. Happy Birthday to all January celebrants.



A reminder that February 17 is Random Act of Kindness Day!! This occasion is dedicated to doing good deeds for others. Happy Birthday to all March celebrants.



Also, since 1995, presidents have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as “Women’s History Month.” These proclamations celebrate the contributions women have made to the United States and recognize the specific achievements women have made over the course of History!



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Christine D. Stewart

Senior Pastor: Dr. Lucius M. Dalton

JUST TOO BUSY?

*Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath:
to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" Mark 3:4 (NIV)*

Old Mrs. Thompson, a perplexed look on her face, stood by her open car door. Inside, several bags of groceries sat on the back seat. How was she going to wrestle those bags inside and maneuver her walker at the same time? Just then her neighbor, John, bounded out the door. Late for his meeting with the church's building committee, he barely gave her a glance as he slid behind the wheel and pulled out of his driveway.

The Pharisees were concerned about doing what their religion expected of them. They cared more about obeying the law than seeing a man healed. That kind of hard-heartedness grieved Jesus. But do we, too, sometimes become so bogged down with concern over the details of life that we miss perfect opportunities to be lights in the world? Even the little things, like carrying a neighbor's groceries, make a big difference in witnessing our Lord's love in the world. Gay Ingram

When I become engulfed with life's busyness, Lord, show me what is important to You.

Hello Fellow Ushers: Are you too busy to just take a minute to help? All it takes is a minute, so let's start this year off with a different mindset, any small thing you do could mean so much to someone else. New Year, New Day.

The members of Mt. Moriah wish to congratulate our own Usher, Sis. Lucille W. Wells for all her outstanding work over the past 40+ years with the ICUA and this year to acknowledge her for hard work she was selected "Women of The Year" by the ICUA. She is always, taking someone this place or that, on the Prayer line daily, taking care of the flowers at MMBC, serving on the Usher Ministry as Co-Supervisor of the Juniors, etc. only to mention a few things but that's Sister Wells. She is worthy of this award; we are proud of her. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

You are invited to all services as follow:

Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Join us at 10:00 a.m. online and in-person; (mask requirement lifted, your chose)

online only at 12:30 p.m.:

<https://www.facebook.com/MTMORIAHDC/>; www.mountmoriahchurch.org or Youtube:

www.youtube.com/mmbcdc

10:00 a.m. only: Dial: 1-301-715-8592 ID 955 8914 1346 code 893579

Mount Moriah Baptist Church - Continued

Sunday Church School Every Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. via zoom and in-person

Children & Youth Church Every Sunday, 10:00 a.m. in-person and 12:00 noon online, led by Minister Brock and the Children's Ministry Team. Ages 5-11 years only

GODLY PLAY--Every Sunday 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Ages 5-11 years In-person only

Let's Pray and Study Together----

Bible Study 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Call In: 1-310-715-8592 Enter ID:895 8511 9064 Passcode:266490

Watch at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on: <https://www.facebook.com/MTMORIAHDC/live/>
<https://www.youtube.com/c/mmbcdc/featured>

Prayer line: Monday through Friday at 6:00 a.m. - 6:15 a.m. dial: 1-605-475-4000 code-286273#

Food Bank - The 4th Thursday of the Month 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events: Winter Coat Drive—Deadline January 31st at 5:00 p.m. New or slightly used coats are to be donated to the students at Payne Elementary School and Eliot -Hine Middle School. To be given this winter season.

Ready to get loose?!! Join us for YOGA---Zoom and In-person Mondays 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Call Sherice at 202-591-5851

The Art of Neighboring: Facilitated by Pastor Lucius M. Dalton----Sessions Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. now through January 23rd. Facebook and Zoom Open to all. Building Genuine Relationships Right Outside Your Door.

Call the church for additional information.

Please remember the sick and shut-in and the bereaved, if you cannot visit, just a call or a card could do so much for that person(s) spirits.



MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH

215 Rhode Avenue, NW

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Terry D. Streeter



*It is good to give thanks unto the Lord,
and sing praises unto thy name, O
Most High*

Psalm 92:1 (KJV)

Reporter:
Anna M. Rowe

"Stand Still and Watch God Work"

Greetings Fellow Ushers and Friends,

The Senior Ushers Ministry thank God for keeping us in His care another year.

Sunday morning service starts at 9:00 a.m.

Please join us in person or by live stream. We would be very glad to have you.

October and November were challenging months for our usher's ministry. We lost our Honorary President Emeritus Elaine Flanagan and our advisor Deacon Charles Simms. We also lost our Assistant Pastor Rev. Charles Russell. Please pray for their families.

On a more pleasant note, we have two young ladies to join our Ushers Ministry. Welcome to Jalin Weedon and Donayshia Winston. I pray this will start more youth to join.

Congratulations to our First Lady Sherl Streeter for being Inducted into The International Association of Ministers Wives and Ministers Widows [IAMWMW] wall of Honor at the Headquarters of the IAMWMW located in Richmond, Va.

Also, First Lady Streeter received an Honorary Degree in Philosophy and Christian Leadership recommended by the Board of Regents and Professors from Restoration International University with all the Rights, Privileges and Honors.

Blessings and accolades to First Lady Streeter.

Happy Birthday to those born in January, February, and March. God Bless You.

Upcoming Events:

January

7

Rededication Sunday

February

4

Mt. Bethel Day

13

Pastor and First Lady Streeter Wedding Anniversary

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church - Continued

March

10	Ethel G. Harvey Day
12-14	Spring Revival
29	Good Friday

April

28	Mt. Pleasant Ushers 105 th Anniversary
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Please join us for Monday Night Prayer—7:00 p.m. 605-313-4118--473800 Dial-In
Wednesday--Senior Bible Study taught by Pastor Streeter—11:00 a.m. 978-990-5000--196331#
Saturday Morning---Bible Study taught by Pastor Streeter--9:30 a.m.

TRUST
in HIM



NEW REDEEMER BAPTIST CHURCH

5714 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20011

Reverend Roman D'Andre Gray
Pastor



Reporters:
Latravetta M. Lee
Melinda H. Wilkins

Gone But Not Forgotten

Betsy H. Parrish



Betsy Parrish was born in Nash County, North Carolina on May 20, 1949, to the late Johnnie F. Horner and Gladys Batchelor Horner. From an early age, it was clear that Betsy valued education, both spiritual and scholastic. Having dedicated her life to Christ at an early age, she joined Union Hill Baptist Church in Nashville, North Carolina. She was a faithful member, attending Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and many other church activities. She loved the Lord, by demonstrating a servant's heart as she always volunteered her time, talent, and her treasure.

She excelled scholastically, attending Perry High School in Louisburg, North Carolina where she graduated at the top of her class. After high school Betsy attended North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina, where she earned both a Bachelor of Science Degree and Master of Business Administration degree. Betsy was offered an opportunity to work at the U.S. Equal Employment Commission (EEOC), in Washington, D.C. Over the course of her 42 years with EEOC, she was often requested and assigned high profile, complex cases, working closely with attorneys, high ranking officials, political appointees and in collaboration with other federal agencies. Betsy visited New Redeemer Baptist Church, which she later joined. As a faithful member for the past 45 years, she continued to uplift the name of Jesus with a servant's heart, giving her time, talent and treasure to numerous people, projects, and ministries. Betsy served as Trustee, Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, Usher, VBS Coordinator, Choir Member, Community Advocate and assigned to many special projects. She was a member of Interdenominational Church Ushers' Association of Washington, DC & Vicinity, Inc. (ICUA) for over 20 years. Betsy graduated from the Catherine E. Kille School of Ushering in 2004 and remained an active member and instructor. She proved to be a loving and caring mentor and friend to many until the day she died.

ST. MARK'S BAPTIST CHURCH

624 Underwood Street, NW

Washington, DC 20011

(202) 726-7712

Website: www.smbcwdc.org

Email: info@smbcwdc.org



Reporter:
Mary Duarte

Dr. Raymond T. Matthews, Pastor

*"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God,
that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not:
and it shall be given him." James 1:5 (KJV)*

The Christian Education Department has begun a Bible School Experience program. The congregation selected topics that they wanted to learn more about. So far, the topics have been *Forgiveness* and *Angels*. This program is held quarterly after church service beginning at 12:30 p.m. for about 30-35 minutes. The topic for March will be *Women in the Bible/Old and New Testament*.

The Men's Ministry hosts every second Saturday in the month a praise and worship service at 11:00 a.m. Ministers from other churches participate in the program and it is quite successful. We are continually praying for our sick and shut-ins as well as friends and family.

Happy Birthday to all who have birthdays between January and March.

*"And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up;
and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."*

James 5:15 (KJV)

ORDER OF SERVICE:

Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.

Church Service – 10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion -First Sundays – 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. – Saturdays on the conference line – 563-999-5190 and Facebook

Wednesday Noon Day Prayer Service – 12:00 p.m. on the conference line – 563-999-5190

TABERNACLE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

1900 Tucker Road,
Fort Washington, Maryland 20744-3511

Rev. Dr. Larry Phillip McCray
Organizing Pastor

8787 Branch Avenue, Box 38
Clinton, MD 20735-2630

insidethetabernacle@aol.com

www.facebook.com/inthetabernacle777



Reporter:
Ulysses Sherman Price

*Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it?
I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. **Isaiah 43:19 (KJV)***

Wearing of Mask are Optional at All Services:

COMING EVENTS:

JANUARY

- 1 - 3 8:00 p.m. Nightly New **Year Virtual Revival**: Looking forward of having you,
 your family, and friends to worship with us during Our New Year Virtual Revival.
- 7 9:00 a.m. - Epiphany Sunday Worship
- 15 12:00 p.m. - Virtual MLK Day Celebration
- 28 First Communion of 2024-Consecration Service

FEBRUARY

- 9 8:00 p.m. - Virtual Black History Presentation
- 14 Ash Wednesday Service: You are cordially invited to worship in-person with us on
Wednesday, February 14th at 7:00 p.m.
- 18 9:00 a.m. - First Sunday of Lent

MARCH

- 24 9:00 a.m. - Palm Sunday Worship
- 29 7:30 p.m. - Good Friday Service: you are cordially invited to worship in-person with us on
Friday, March 29th at 7:30 p.m.
- 31 9:00 a.m. - Resurrection Sunday Worship:

Good morning GOD (Prayer Meeting) with Rev. Dr. Larry P. McCray, Pastor, Each Monday from 7:00 a.m. until 7:15 a.m.

Pray without ceasing and meet us at The Altar with Rev. Dr. Larry P. McCray, Pastor, Each Monday Evening at 8:00 p.m.

SOUL FUEL (Bible Study) with Rev. Dr. Larry P. McCray, Pastor, Each Wednesday Night at 7:00 p.m.
Growing in God (GIG) (Sunday School) with Various Teachers, Each Friday Night at 7:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8117586510?pwd=VDJZTG1DZDVVVHNocnpVQ0hkK202Zz09>

Meeting ID: 811 758 6510 /Passcode: 923771 /1-301-715-8592 US (Washington DC), 1-312-626-6799 US (Chicago),

TABERNACLE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

1-646-558-8656 US (New York) 1-253-215-8782 US (Tacoma), 1-346-248-7799 US (Houston), 1-669-900-9128 US (San Jose)

If you want to be a blessing to Tabernacle Baptist Assembly, ways of giving are listed Zelle Transfers, GIVELIFY, PayPal.

To give a Love Offering to Rev. Dr. Larry Phillip McCray, cash app: \$LPMcCray.

Mail to Tabernacle Baptist Assembly, 8787 Branch Avenue, Box 38 Clinton, MD 20735-2630

Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating a birthday during the months of January, February, and March.

Please pray along with us for all the sick and shut-in and bereaved around the world.

For all services above all are cordially invited to attend these joyous occasions and please bring a friend.

VICTORIOUS

THE NEW MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

www.tnmbc.org

4115 Alabama Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20019

Patrick J. Walker, Senior Pastor



Reporter
Maria S. Holliday

Consider One Another
Philippians 2:3b-4

Sunday Worship: 8:00am and 10:00 a.m. (Both services in person; Virtual 10:00 a.m. only)

Online www.tnmbc.org and YouTube

Wednesdays in the Word: Every Wednesday-7:00 p.m. (Virtual via Zoom)

Happy New Year!!!



With a new year approaching, remember Jeremiah 29:11: “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Pop-Up GRAB a BAG!!!

Weekly Food Distribution

Saturdays 9:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m. TNMBC Satellite Lot

Kid's Connect-Children's Sunday School

Sundays 10:00 a.m.

Lower level

Awana Clubs

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

God's Word, Game Circle and Great time of Connecting.

Toddlers to 5th Grade

#2 Ushers Ministry

Celebrating Another year of service



Congratulations!



Usher Brenda L. Fisher

On December 3, 2023, during the Randy L. Perrin and Christine M. Green Women's Day
was presented with the ICUA President's Award

Birthday Blessings

January	Mary Capel-Lee, Pete McFadden, Nathan Moore, Frederick Riddick, and Shelia Sharpe
February	Warren Parks and Stephanie Sanders
December	Pam Carter, Vanessa Dawson, C.W. Harrison, Joyce Parker, Amy Riddick, and Harriett Taylor

Prayer
Changes
Things



ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

4850 Blagden Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20011



Reporter:
Jacqueline P. Byrd-Tillman

Pastor:
Rev. Dr. Keith W. Byrd, Sr.



On January 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., Zion will host President Biden's Lifetime Achievement Awards Ceremony for forty recipients, two of which are Pastor Dr. Keith W. Byrd, Sr. and one of our members, Derrick E. Rutledge. We plan to have a high time in the Lord on that evening.

The Year 2023 was a great year in the life of Zion Baptist Church. We had communion on Sunday, December 30, 2023 at our in-person and virtual morning service and a spirit-filled virtual only watchnight service at 10:45 p.m. We worshipped virtually only at our watchnight service with Nineteenth Street Baptist Church and Simpson-Hamline United Methodist Church. We are looking forward to God's continued blessings in 2024.

Zion is continuously involved in the community. Zion's Mobile Market-Fresh Food Giveaway will occur on Thursday January 4, 2024 at the City Blossoms Garden at 516 Kennedy Street, NW, Washington, DC. Zion plans to supply food to the needy every first Thursday in the Kennedy Street, NW corridor.

We have Veteran's for Christ Turnabout Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m. This is a prayer meeting with our veterans, giving special attention to their needs. We have Prayer in the Word on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m., Noon Day Bible Study and Wednesday Night Bible Study.

Our Ushers continued to serve and to attend our Bible studies. We continue to participate and to assist the church and its activities in every way that we can. We are planning for Black History Month. God is blessing us and we are looking forward to everything He has to offer.

Lord, if you need anyone to send, please send the worshippers of Zion Baptist Church.





2024 Business Meetings and Special Occasions

Business Meeting Dates

(All Dates are the Second Monday of the Month @ 7:00 PM)

January 8, 2024	June 10, 2024
February 12, 2024	July 8, 2024
March 11, 2024	September 9, 2024
April 8, 2024	October 14, 2024
May 13, 2024	November 11, 2024
December 9, 2024	

Special Activity Dates

Date	Event
Sunday, January 21, 2024 – 3:00 PM	Re-Dedication Service
Sunday, March 17, 2024 – 2:30 PM	Memorial Service for Deceased Ushers
Sunday, March 24, 2024 – 3:00 PM	National Day
Friday, April 26, 2024 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Catherine E. Mills School of Ushering Rehearsal / Fellowship
Saturday, April 27, 2024 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Catherine E. Mills School of Ushering Graduation
Saturday, May 4, 2024 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Mother's Day Brunch
Saturday, May 18, 2024 – 9:00 AM	Building Fund – Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, June 22, 2024 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Junior & Young People's Vicie Juran Luncheon, Pageant and Program
Sunday, September 15, 2024 3:00 PM	ICUA Anniversary
Saturday, September 28, 2024 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Catherine E. Mills – 1-Day Seminar
Saturday, October 19, 2024 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Everyone's Birthday Celebration (Fellowship Hall only)- Food will be brought from outside persons
Sunday – November 24, 2024 3:00 PM	Young Adult Leroy Johnson Tag Day
Sunday, December 1, 2024 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Randy L. Perrin Men's and Christine M. Green Women's Day Program
Sunday, December 15, 2024 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Mabel C. Cooper Chorus Christmas Program



Guidelines for Hosting a Business Meeting and Special Activity

Business Meetings

- Main Sanctuary
 - In the Main Sanctuary, we need one or two tables to seat six people.
 - Two microphones on the table
 - One lectern with microphone for reports
 - A microphone placed in the aisles for members to use when addressing the Presiding Officer. If only one microphone is available place it in the center aisle
- Private Room / Space for the Budget and Finance Department (at least 6 people)
- Fellowship Hall
 - Meal for 50 to 100 people
 - Tables for Department Business

December Business Meeting

- The same requirement as all other Business Meetings in addition to:
 - Two separate rooms for voting
 - One for members to register and vote
 - One for counting the ballots
 - The election process begins at 4:00 PM, so we are requesting that the Church should be accessible by 2:30 PM, to the Election Committee to set up.

Special Activities

- Sanctuary
 - Lectern and microphone for the Worship Leader
 - Use of your piano and /or organ
- Fellowship Hall
 - For meal (if provided) and ICUA Department Business
- A table for the Rating Committee (3 people)
 - Placed at the Church Entrance, if possible, if not in the fellowship hall

Note: If a meal is not being served, we will still need access to the Fellowship Hall for Department Business



Requisition for use of Church for Business Meeting or Special Activity

(Church)

(Date)

Our Church is requesting to host an ICUA Business Meeting on _____ with an alternate date of _____. This request is for the use of your Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and private room / space for the Budget and Finance Department as outlined in the Guidelines for Hosting a Business Meeting and Special Activity.

Our Church is requesting to host an ICUA Special Activity.

Activity: _____

Date of Activity: _____

Please complete the bottom of this form by checking the appropriate box, sign and return a copy no later than January 30, 2024. We thank you for your consideration of hosting the ICUA of Washington DC & Vicinity, Inc. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Carolyn N. Brown – Time and Place Coordinator – on (443) 926-6553 or Email: cnbrown11@msn.com.

☐ We hereby grant the ICUA permission to use our Church facilities on the above-listed date

☐ Food will be served

☐ No food will be served

Date Approved: _____

Signature of Pastor or Church Official

Signature of President of the Usher Ministry

PLEASE RETURN SIGNED FORM TO

Ms. Carolyn N. Brown
Coordinator – Time and Place Working Unit
Attn: Events Department
ICUA of Washington, DC and Vicinity, Inc.
1923 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009-3364
Email: cnbrown11@msn.com



Interdenominational Church Ushers' Association
of
Washington, DC & Vicinity, Inc.
2024 RE-DEDICATION SERVICE



“Ushers Always Abounding in the Work of the Lord”.

*Therefore, my brethren, be steadfast, immovable,
Always abounding in the work of the Lord,
Knowing that your labor is into in vain in the Lord.
1 Corinthians 15:58 (NKJV)*

**Sunday, January 21, 2024 (In-Person)
3:00 p.m.**

**Hemingway Memorial AME Church
6330 Gateway Boulevard
District Heights, Maryland 20747
Reverend Krishnan Natesan**

**Brenda Gilliam ~ President
Maya Catoe ~ President, Young Adult Department
Jeremiah Roper ~ President, Junior and Young People's Department
Sylvia McGill Jones ~ Chairman Board of Trustees
Phyllis Dean-Fyall ~ Director, Events Department**

**Elrita F. James ~ Mother of ICUA
Roy L. Kelly ~ Father of ICUA**

Elder Alfred H. McCain, Sr. ~ Spiritual Advisor

Attire: Black and White

**INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH USHERS' ASSOCIATION
OF WASHINGTON, DC AND VICINITY, INC.**



**COME JOIN THE
RITUALISTIC TEAM**



ONGOING TRAINING

NEXT TRAINING SESSIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

HEMINGWAY MEMORIAL AME CHURCH

6330 Gateway Boulevard
District Heights, MD 20747

Please complete the Ritualistic Membership Registration
Form and Follow the Email Directions

Brenda Gilliam, President
Sylvia McGill Jones, Chairman, Board of Trustee

Shirley Moore Mickel, Director
Membership Services and Outreach Department



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WEBSITE: www.icuaofdc.org E-MAIL: icua1923@gmail.com
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RITUALISTIC MEMBERSHIP MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM

NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

NAME OF CHURCH

Please indicate speaking roles you have memorized:

Availability for Ritualistic Services:

☐ Speaker #1

☐ Flexible

☐ Speaker #2

☐ Days Only

☐ Speaker #3

☐ Evening Only

☐ Speaker #4

☐ Weekends Only

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Fill in the form
2. Save to your computer
3. Email to: shirleymickel414@gmail.com
4. Click on submit
5. Return Form by October 23, 2023

SUBMIT

Shirley Moore Mickel, Director
Sandy Johnson, Assistant Director

Brenda Gilliam, President
Sylvia McGill Jones, Chairman, Board of Trustees



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RITUALISTIC SERVICE REQUEST GUIDELINES

In the event of the death of an ICUA Usher:

Deceased Usher's dues must be current, and Usher was listed on the current ICUA Roster as one of the following categories:

- Active
- Associate
- Honorary Member

If the above criteria are met, the information below should be provided as soon as possible by the deceased Usher's President to:

Sister Druscilla Smalls
Telephone: 202-678-2180
Email: drusyd43@comcast.net

If unable to reach Sister Smalls, please contact:

President Brenda Gilliam
Telephone: 301-306-7233
Email: bratteray@msn.com

Vice President Ronald L. Jones
Telephone: 202-997-3786
Email: rjones0042@aol.com

Information to be provided:

1. Complete name of the deceased Usher
2. Date of death
3. Date, time, and place requested for the Ritual
4. Date, time, and place of funeral
5. Deceased Usher's favorite scripture and song
6. Family member name and contact information – responsible for receiving condolences
7. Funeral home name, address, telephone number, fax number and email address
8. If service will be streamed, please provide that information

If information is to be provided to the Eastern Region and NUCUAA, please complete the attached Form.

The Dress Code for Ritual is the National Uniform.

NOTE:

Please make sure the following action is taken before requesting a Ritualistic Service:

1. Get the family's approval to perform the Ritualistic Service.
2. Get the Church Pastor's approval to perform the Ritualistic Service.
3. Secure the time for the Ritualistic Service. The Ritualistic Service is performed prior to the homegoing service; usually during the wake.



National United Church Ushers Association of America, Inc.

Condolences/Resolution Form

Name of the Deceased

Was the Deceased an Usher? _____ If yes, list Local, State, Region, and/or National position(s) held.

Who is the Deceased related to? Write name(s).

Mother _____
Father _____
Brother _____
Sister _____
Husband _____
Wife _____
Daughter _____
Son _____
Other _____

Name of Mortuary or Funeral Home:

Address:
City, State Zip Code:
Phone Number:
Fax Number
Email

Home going Celebration:

Where will the viewing services be held?

Day, Date, Time:
Address:
City, State Zip Code:
Phone Number Fax Number
Email Address

Where will the home going services be held?

Day, Date, Time:
Address:
City, State Zip Code:
Phone Number Fax Number
Email Address

Cards of Condolences sent to:

Name:
Address:
City, State Zip Code:
Phone Number
Email Address

ICUA, EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP DEPARTMENT

Catherine E. Mills School of Ushering

PATRONS AND SPONSORS' LIST

PATRON - \$10.00

SPONSOR - \$20.00

(Deadline Date: March 22, 2024)

Mail Check/Money Order Payable to ICUA of DC. Mail payment and form to:

ICUA of DC – Attention: CEM School of Ushering

1923 16th Street, NW – Washington, DC 20009-3364

NAME	CHURCH / FAMILY ORGANIZATION / BUSINESS	AMOUNT

TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED: _____

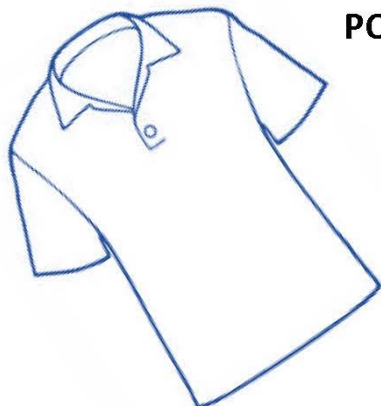
STUDENT'S NAME _____

INSTRUCTORS' NAME _____

ICUA, EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP DEPARTMENT

Catherine E. Mills School Of Ushering

POLO SHIRT ORDER FORM



2024 Class Logo



COMPLETE FORM WITH PAYMENT AND MAIL TO:

ICUA OF DC

Attention: CEM School of Ushering

1923 16th Street, NW

Washington, DC 20009-3364

MAKE CHECKS/MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO: ICUA OF DC

Deadline Date: March 18, 2024

S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL	XXXXL
\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$36.00	\$37.00	\$38.00

NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CHURCH: _____

NAME OF INSTRUCTORS: _____

NUMBER OF POLO SHIRTS ORDERED: _____ TOTAL: _____

MONEY OR CHECK NO. _____

(CHURCH NAME ON CHECK)

☐

STUDENT

☐

INSTRUCTOR

☐

ICUA OFFICER

ICUA, EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP DEPARTMENT

Catherine E. Mills School of Ushering

SOUVENIR JOURNAL AD FORM

Print ready Ad should be submitted in MS Word and PDF.

Electronic AD to icua1923@gmail.com

Deadline Date: March 22, 2024

Name _____
(Individual, Church, Family, Organization or Business)

Address _____

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Heart Month 2024 is an annual observance dedicated to raising awareness about heart health and cardiovascular diseases. It serves as a reminder to prioritize heart-healthy lifestyles, learn about heart disease prevention, and support those affected by cardiovascular conditions. Throughout the month, various activities, events, and educational campaigns take place to promote heart health and reduce the risk of heart disease.

What is Heart Month 2024?

Heart Month 2024 is a month-long initiative focused on heart health and cardiovascular disease prevention. It aims to educate individuals about the importance of maintaining a healthy heart and making lifestyle choices that support cardiovascular well-being. Heart disease remains a leading cause of death worldwide, and this observance seeks to reduce its impact through awareness and action.

When is Heart Month 2024?

Heart Month is celebrated throughout February. February is chosen because it is a time when many people reflect on matters of the heart, including love and relationships. It is a fitting opportunity also to emphasize the importance of heart health.

How to Promote Heart Health

Improving heart health involves consciously reducing risk factors and adopting heart-healthy habits. Here are some ways to promote heart health during Heart Month and beyond:

- **Eat a Balanced Diet:** Consume a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and low-fat dairy products. Limit saturated and trans fats, sodium, and added sugars.
- **Exercise Regularly:** Engage in physical activity for at least 150 minutes per week. Activities like walking, cycling, and swimming can help improve cardiovascular fitness.
- **Quit Smoking:** If you smoke, seek support to quit smoking. Smoking is a major risk factor for heart disease.

- **Manage Stress:** Practice stress-reduction techniques such as mindfulness, meditation, or yoga to reduce the impact of stress on your heart.
- **Monitor Blood Pressure:** Check your blood pressure regularly and work with your healthcare provider to manage it within a healthy range.
- **Control Cholesterol:** Maintain healthy cholesterol levels by following a heart-healthy diet and, if necessary, taking prescribed medications.
- **Maintain a Healthy Weight:** Achieve and maintain a healthy weight through balanced eating and regular physical activity.
- **Limit Alcohol Consumption:** If you drink alcohol, do so in moderation. Excessive alcohol consumption can contribute to heart problems.
- **Get Adequate Sleep:** Aim for 7-9 hours of quality sleep per night to support heart health.

History of Heart Month

Heart Month has a long history dating back to the 1960s when it was initiated by the American Heart Association (AHA) in the United States. Since then, it has grown into an international observance, with various countries and organizations participating in heart health awareness activities.

The goal of Heart Month is to reduce the prevalence of heart disease and stroke by educating the public, advocating for policies that support heart health, and funding research into cardiovascular conditions.

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