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United Methodist Women's 103rd Anniversary - October 20



Rev. Melissa D. Williams

It was a rainy day but that did not dampen the spirits of those who attended the United Methodist Women's (UMW) 103rd Anniversary.

A united front was presented by the UMW along with ladies of the Bertina Randle Gospel Ensemble (BRGE). Together they marched into the sanctuary elegantly dressed in black adorned with fuchsia corsages, which were donated by Cheryl Diggs in memory of her mother Mabel Diggs, a former UMW member. Without uttering a word their presence made a statement. "We are women, we are strong, and we

are here!" They echoed the program theme "Fearless Women of God Standing Strong."

UMW president Sylvia Brown introduced guest speaker Rev. Melissa D. Williams. Rev. Williams message centering on the theme read a few verses from Maya Angelou's poem Phenomenal Woman. She also spoke on the sanctity of marriage, being a single parent and being a virtuous woman.

Sister Diana Rutledge led the congregation in a memorial tribute to honor former members of UMW with the lighting of a remembrance candle, followed by a moment of silence.

Sister Pat Hamilton presented awards to two very special young ladies who are making a name for themselves as young entrepreneurs. Natayia Riley, owner of Endless Boundaries Dance Studio and Makayla Martin, owner of Golden Hands Jewelry. These young ladies are great examples of women of strength who are on the move. Natayia also did a solo dance performance.

The Phi Delta Kappa Sorority honored the memory of Anita R. Turner and Doris Brashears with a donation to the Anita R. Turner Scholarship Fund, accepted by Ms. Turner's daughter Deidre Hawkins. After a long absence due to illness, mother of Ms. Turner and long time UMW member, Ms. Phyllis Matthews graced us with her presence. She was greeted by a long line of well wishers who showed her much love.

Following the service refreshments were served in the fellowship hall. Thanks to members of the UMW, BRGE, Music Ministry and other volunteers who planned and brought to light the history of the UMW and presented a great program.

by H. E. Brown



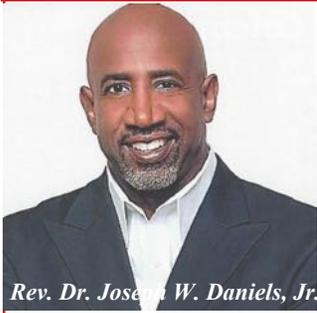
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Men's Day Celebration - October 26 -27 "Brethren Your Labor is Not in Vain"



Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Daniels, Jr.

Saturday morning, we started with breakfast at the Golden Corral. A group of about 15 men gathered to enjoy a meal and discuss God's affect and movement in their lives. This was an open format with men speaking as they so felt or moved to share their thoughts with others. Many spoke about the simple things and how they find God in their everyday lives. A main topic was how to bring and keep more men focused on Jesus Christ. The question was "How do we take the worldly things out of everyday living and replace it with Jesus?"

After breakfast we headed to St Mark for a workshop lead by Brother Tyrone Hall with the subject being focused on 1 Corinthians. At 12 noon lunch was served and presented by the Healthy Coalition Ministry. They gave a presentation about eating drinking and overall healthy living. It was a great time for those who came out to the event.

On Sunday, Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Daniels, Jr. delivered a powerful message on the theme. We are hopeful his message along with the other activities will have some men step out on faith to turn in some work for Jesus Christ. **Our mission:** is to support spiritual growth among men, helping men to mature as disciples as they encourage spiritual formation in others. **Our Goal:** is to empower the ministry of Jesus Christ through men within the congregations of the United Methodist Church.

*by Don Washington, Sr., President
United Methodist Men*



Trunk or Treat - October 31



On an over cast night the threat of rain was in the air, but alas, all went well for a fun filled night. The rain held off as children, dressed in their costumes, scurried from trunk to trunk filling their bags with candy. The adults came well prepared as they decorated their trunks and loaded them down with all kinds of goodies. Inside the hollowed halls of St Mark there were games galore. Bingo, mini golf, darts, mini pool, crafts and much more. There was food to feast on

such as hot dogs, sausages, chips and juice to wash it all down. And of course for the sweet tooth lots of candy. Monetary prizes went to Felicia Wise for her quick thinking in the word search game, Karen Eldridge for her creative and unique trunk display, Aiden Heyward, and Londyn Malone for best costumes, Regina Hawkins, Geraldine Hebron, Tammy Fullilove and Dale Johnson for bingo. In the kitchen taking care of business was Orlando Nicholson. He didn't forget about the moms and dads. He made sure that their taste buds were satisfied with hot sausages and turkey sausages. The talk of the night*The Hearse*. In the spirit of fun (not for the faint of heart) if you dared to venture inside *The Hearse* there was, not a casket, but candy to be had. It was a great night enjoyed by all.

Thanks to Mr. Alvin Fugh, Mr. Otis Duffie, Mr. Willie, Epps and Mr. Dessie Burnett for the early bird set up and to all who freely volunteered their time to ensure the safety of the children and that they had a good time.



Honoring Our Veterans



St Mark United Methodist Men honored Veterans over a two-day period. On Saturday November 9, CMDR Elizabeth McDowell and Mr. Lonnie Pearce, Chapter Service Officer of the Disabled Veterans (DAV) Chapter 13, Severn, Md., hosted a seminar at St Mark for all Veterans. The seminar served to bring awareness to Veterans regarding benefits, job opportunities, health care, vocational rehabilitation and much more. Assistance was provided for any Veteran who wished to file a claim. This was the time for Veterans to ask questions and receive information on a variety of subjects that they may not have been aware of.

On Veteran's Day, Sunday November 10, a special program hosted by Mr. Carl Rutledge, paid homage to Veterans of all branches of service. Veterans were called to the altar for a special prayer. A Veteran's Day Litany was led by Ms. Zelia DeLilly. God's Glory Praise Dancers paid homage to the Veterans as they danced to Kirk Franklin's song "Stomp."

Mr. Rutledge shed light on the plight of homeless Veterans in the US. He made us aware that they numbered 22%. He pledged, and asked others to do the same, to do all that he could do to help eliminate homelessness among Veterans.

In attendance were CMDR McDowell and Mr. Pearce, who were presented with Certificates of Recognition for all they do to help Veterans through DAV and beyond. Their hard work is much appreciated.

We were introduced to a very special 8-year-old, who at age 4 announced to his mother that he wanted to do something to help Veterans after seeing a video about homeless vets. Tyler Stallings, a humanitarian and philanthropist, with a big heart put together Hero Bags, consisting of toiletries and grooming items which he passed out to Veterans in need. The young entrepreneur also created "Kid Time Enterprises (KTE), LLC". Tyler has appeared on several TV shows to include Steve Harvey's "Little Big Shots." The UMM presented Tyler with a Certificate of Recognition and donated items of clothing, toiletries and personal grooming to KTE. The UMM gifted all Veterans in attendance with patriotic bracelets which were personally given to each by Tyler. He was saluted by many Veterans and given a standing ovation by all.

by Hillary E Brown.



Welcome to our new Annapolis District Superintendent



On October 20 at St Mark, Bishop Latrelle Easterling installed Rev. Rebecca Iannicelli as the new superintendent of the Annapolis District. Rev. Iannicelli will also serve as Dean of the Cabinet.

At the age of 31, while sitting in the dark at a kitchen table, Rev. Iannicelli described how God left the words on her heart.... "Go and tell." For her it was a life redeeming experience of love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.. Acts 20:28



What is it about those Girl Scout cookies? Folk just don't seem to get enough. On two Sundays in November after service, folk made a mad dash straight to the fellowship hall where GS Troop #2638 had set up shop.

There were folk who had cookies under both arms, stuffed in their purses, coat pockets and cardboard boxes. Kinda like grocery store shopping. Needless to say sales were good. This of course made the GS very happy campers.



Congratulations Regi



Director of Music Regi McClurkin celebrated 10 years of fellowship and making music at St Mark UMC. During the worship service on Nov 17, Pastor Watson paid homage to Regi by presenting him with a certificate of appreciation. Following the service he was showered with more love by the congregation in a cool and sweet way, as ice cream and cake was on order for the day. Cheers to Regi who does it God's way.

by H.E. Brown

St Mark Gives Back in The Spirit of Thanks, Giving, and Love



The Luther O. Hebron Food Bank distributes food monthly and during the holidays to families of the community, Hebron-Harman Elementary School and military personnel. **The Share Program** shares love when patrons purchase value food packages for themselves or on behalf of others who may be less fortunate. **Partnership for Children, Youth and Families** provide human services. Their key initiative is to reduce childhood hunger by providing periodic food pantries in AACO. In 2019 St Mark, in conjunction with the **Maryland Food Bank (MFB)** and PCYF has hosted four community pantries serving hundreds of families. The next Community Pantry will be held at St Mark on December 14, 2019. There are plans to do the same in 2020 (volunteers are welcomed). **The Family Stability Program (FSP)** in the west county area has joined with St Mark to provide families in need with gifts for Christmas. A Christmas tree has been erected in the church narthex which has ornaments (tags) that describe their request for a specific item. We are blessed so let's pay it forward. Join us this holiday season and help others. *"To Care is to Share"*

by Adrian Thompson

