



IN THE KNOW



What Does Christmas mean to the Christian?

Christmas is a Christian holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, who Christians believe is the Son of God:

Meaning: Christmas is a time to celebrate the message of love, hope, and joy that Jesus brings. It's also a time to give thanks for these gifts, exchange gifts with loved ones, and remember the gift of Jesus.

The story: The Christmas story is told in the Bible in Matthew 1:18-2:23 and Luke 1:26-2:40.

The Traditions Christmas is celebrated on December 25.

The earlier term: The earlier term for Christmas was Yule, which may have come from the Germanic word *jol* or the Anglo-Saxon word *geol*, which referred to the winter solstice.



Roy. T. Bennett.

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) In The Know Newsletter; 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 80 Churches comprising over 800 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 located 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)

2024 ICUA OFFICERS

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Brother Ronald L. Jones
Vice President

Sister Sylvia McGill Jones
Chairman, Board of Trustees

OUR ORGANIZATION AT A
GLANCE

INTERDENOMINATIONAL
CHURCH USHERS'
ASSOCIATION {ICUA} OF
WASHINGTON, DC
& VICINITY, INC.



"Committed To Serve"

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January 2024

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."

Psalms 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 Ratings; 6) Re-Dedication; 7) Social; 8) Time & Place; and 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; and 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.

**ALMA COOPER HAWKINS
PUBLIC RELATIONS
DEPARTMENT**



Jeannette S. Riddick, Director
Valerie V. Hall, Assistant Director

JESUS IS CALLING: ARE YOU LISTENING

“AS YOU SIT QUIETLY IN MY PRESENCE, let me fill your heart and mind with thankfulness. This is the most direct way to achieve a thankful stance. If your mind needs a focal point, gaze at My love poured out for you on the cross. Remember that *nothing in heaven or on earth can separate you from that Love*. This remembrance builds a foundation of gratitude in you, a foundation that circumstances cannot shake.

As you go through this day, look for tiny treasures strategically placed along the way. I lovingly go before you and plant little pleasures to brighten your day. Look carefully for them and pluck them one by one. When you reach the end of the day, you will have gathered a lovely bouquet. Offer it up to Me with a grateful heart. Receive My Peace as you lie down to sleep, with thankful thoughts playing a lullaby in your mind.

Romans 8:38-39; 1 Corinthians 3:11; Psalm 4:7-8





"Committed to Serve"

"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people."

Ephesians 6:7



Greetings Doorkeepers,

As we look back over the year, let us remember how blessed we are to have come through all of our challenges. God was with us on every step of the journey. He promised to always be there for us. He is the one who gives us the strength and fortitude to keep the faith.

This is the final message that I will write as the President of the Interdenominational Church Ushers Association of Washington, DC & Vicinity (ICUA) Inc. I am so grateful to you and your support during the past four years. It has been a very humbling experience. One that I would not trade for anything. It was a journey that I was assigned to travel. It helped me to grow in so many ways. Thank you for being a valuable part of this administration.

Thank you for giving your time and resources so unselfishly. Thank you for all that you do for this organization! I am extremely thankful for your support of the Arlene Robinson Coat Drive. Our goal was to donate 500 coats to Title One schools in the District of Columbia and Maryland as well as to CASA (the young people in foster care and who age out of the system). This year, because of your generosity, we were able to provide coats to the New Beginnings Foundation, an organization that helps victims of domestic violence. Because of you and your kindness, we exceeded our goal with the donation of 615 coats! The Junior and Young People's Department donated hats and gloves. The Young Adults donated socks.

Thank you to the members that responded to our plea for help to sort and pack the coats. We were blessed to have members of the Senior, Young Adult and Junior Departments; as well as two young people who are not presently members of the ICUA; Noah Moore (grandson of Elvina Barnes) and Camryn Kelly (niece of BOT Vice Chairman Eric Kirby). Past National President and ICUA Honorary President Charles J. Brown also helped with the coats. You, our ICUA Family, are such a blessing to those in need! God is smiling on all of you! When you bless the least of them, you are pleasing Him.

The Randy L Perrin Men's Committee distributed gift cards for their Thanksgiving project. We truly made a difference in so many lives. Thank you, Thank you and Thank you. The Bible tells us *"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."* 1 Thessalonians 5:18.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a joyous and blessed Christmas!

Christmas is a time when each of us must pause to give thanks and share our bounties with others. This is the time of year that we must take time to rest and reflect on why we celebrate this special time of the year. We must shift our focus from shopping for gifts, decorating our homes, attending holiday parties, and watching our favorite Christmas movies and remember the things that really matter. We, as Christians, know the real reason for the season and that is the birth of Jesus. Isaiah 9:6 says, *"For unto us*

a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

As the New Year approaches, I wish you prosperity, good health, and abundant blessings.

**"May knowing JESUS bring you
PEACE to bless each day
HOPE for each tomorrow and
JOY in every season."
Author Unknown**



From the President,
Vice President &
The Board of Trustees



Everyday is Christmas

When you have the kind of mind that stores all the goodness and the sweetness it can find when you don't need an occasion to spread a bit of cheer, keep giving of yourself throughout the year.

EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP DEPARTMENT



*Every day is Christmas, With a gaily wrapped surprise,
When you've learned To see the friendship, In someone else's eyes.
When you try a little harder, And complain a little less, Holding fast to all the fervor
Of the faith that you possess.*



DWIGHT D. WILLIAMS, SR!
JACQUELINE BYRD-TILLMAN

EVENTS DEPARTMENT

*Glory to God in the
highest, and on earth
peace, good will
toward men.
Luke 2:14 KJV*

*May you be
especially blessed
this Holiday Season
and all through
the New Year.*

*Merry
Christmas!*



Phyllis Dean-Fyall, Director
Cynthia Green, Assistant Director

MEMBERSHIP SERVICE AND OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

Wishing you a holiday that is joyful
Through and through
Along with all the wishes
for a Peaceful New Year, too!

SHIRLEY MOORE MICKEL, Director
Membership Services and Outreach Department





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Nominating Committee

*May you have joy and love in your
Heart through a beautiful Christmas*

*And always,
Merry Christmas*

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CAMPBELL AME CHURCH

2562 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE.

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202-678-2233

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Reporter:
Williree Jackson

In-Person Services

Church School: 9:00 a.m.

Worship - 10:00 a.m.

Virtual 10:00 am Worship Service

Via: Facebook Live, Campbellamechurch.org ZOOM Meeting ID# 1-886-8583-1848,
Meeting Passcode 034810

Telephone: 301-715-8592, ID# 886-8583-1848#

Prayer Call – Wednesdays 6:00 a.m.
605-472-5734 Access Code – 452043

Bible Study

Conference Call: 605-472-5734

Access Code: 452043

Wednesday 12:00 Noon

Greetings Ushers and Friends!

*“This is my commandment,
that you love one another as I have loved you.”*
John 15:17 (KJV)

We greet you with the joy of Jesus as we look forward to celebrating His birth each and every day, and especially this Christmas season.

May you have the gladness of Christmas, which is hope, the spirit of Christmas, which is peace and the heart of Christmas which is love.



CARMODY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

6505 Seat Pleasant Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743
www.carmodyhills.org

Rev. Oscar L. Broadie Jr.,
Senior Pastor

*"Rebuilding, Transforming and
Implementing through Christ"*



Reporter:
Bernadette M. Allen

Vision: "Inspired by the Holy Spirit, to build and foster community and family relationships to experience the love and power of God."

Mission: "On the road to recovery, we must stabilize, mobilize and evangelize to make disciples."

*Virtual platform at <https://www.gotomeet.me/CHBCconnect> or dial 1-866-899-4679.
access code 496-585-205#.

Bible Enrichment (BE), Sunday 9:00 a.m. in-person (mask optional, **on hiatus** until sessions resume in September).

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

***Bible Institute (BI)** – virtual only on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. (**on hiatus** until sessions resume in September).

*Hoping that this Christmas brings
so many of your favorite things.
The gifts of warm togetherness
Of love and peace, and happiness.*

*Merry Christmas
And Happy New Year!!*



FAITH SHEPHERD BAPTIST CHURCH

3233 E Street, SE
Washington, DC 20019

Reporter:
Frances S. Penn

Pastor: Dr. Alton Haynes, Jr.



*May you have gladness
of Christmas, which is hope, the spirit
of Christmas, which is peace and
the heart of Christmas, which is love*



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH- RANDOLPH

712 Randolph Street, NW
Washington, DC 20011
202-541-5000 (Church Office)

Website: fbcwdc.org
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Reporter:
Brenda J. Sellers

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

"God First in These Affairs"

*"In your relationships with one another, have the same
mindset as Christ Jesus:"*
Philippians 1:5 (NIV)

Greetings Doorkeepers,

First Baptist Church Sunday Worship Services are in-person, virtual Zoom Live, Facebook, and YouTube at 10:00 a.m.

Live - [https://www.fbcwdc.org/;](https://www.fbcwdc.org/)

YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKybMa2WN8h1MQV9AQBXR5Q>

Facebook [https://www.facebook.com/fbc712/.](https://www.facebook.com/fbc712/)

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

25 Christmas Day – **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**
31 Watch Night Service at 10:00 p.m.

January
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



“Have a Blessed Birthday”

*May you have gladness of
Christmas, which is hope, the spirit
Of Christmas, which is peace and the
heart of Christmas, which is love.*



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



**FIRST RISING MT. ZION
BAPTIST CHURCH**

“86TH Years of Walking by Faith”

602 N St. N.W.

Washington, DC 20001

Church Office Hours:

Mon. – Fri. 9a.m. – 5p.m.

202-289-4480 Office/202-289-4595 Fax

Website: www.fistrising.org



Reporter:
Mary Jackson

Pastor: Rev. Oran W. Young

**GREETING: CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS BY SINGING PRAISES TO GOD.
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO YOU ALL.**

Christmas Blessing Ushers:

15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:15-17 ESV

🎵 **“Happy Birthday to you... Happy Birthday to you... H A P P Y B I R T H D A Y”** 🎵 🍰 🎊 🎁
To Ushers celebrating in “DECEMBER” God Bless you

An invite to join us in Worship and Fellowship

- 8:00 a.m. Sunday School for Adults (in-person and Virtual)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service (in-person, Zoom, and YouTube)
Live – YouTube www.fistrising.org
- 12:00 p.m. *Sunday School-Youth, Teen, College Age, Young Adult
(*Call the church office for the Zoom information)
- 11:30 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Service Bible Study (in-person and Zoom)
- 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Service (Zoom)
- 7:35 p.m. Bible Study (Zoom)
- 8:20 a.m. Saturday Telephone Corporate Prayer of Agreement
Call 1-540-792-0192 Access Code 145196#

FRMZ Upcoming Events

December: Finding Peace in Christ Jesus. Colossians 3: 15-17

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| 6 | 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Prison Outreach Ministry Fellowship |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Young Adult Gospel Café |
| 7 | 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | Missionary Society Ministry Christmas Party |

First Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church Continued

14	10:00 a.m.	Youth Christmas Party
22	12 Noon	Sunday School Christmas Party
25	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Service
31	9:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	Watch Night Service

Enjoy and be safe during the Holidays Season:

25	Christmas Day – “Celebrate Our Savior Birth” Love, Joy, and Peace
1	“HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025” May you be blessed with unwavering faith, health, and a joyous New Year

Lord, thank you for your loving kindness, your healing, your protection, and for saving us. May your touch comfort those who are sick and shut-in, the bereaved and the ones who are missing. Amen.

GOD IS IN CONTROL

FREEDOM BAPTIST CHURCH

1519 U Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Reverend Carlos A. Younger, Pastor, MDiv



Reporter:
Rosie C. White

The world proclaims November as the month of thankfulness. December the world sings choruses of as a month of love.

Ringin forth, from December 1st to December 31st, the church rings out, "Thank you, Lord, for the baby named Jesus. A baby that was born as a reminder we must be humble, meek, and mild." We offer gifts of joy, peace, and love as our garments of praise.

December is not about the pageantry of gifts that are given to a world of emptiness; December is about Jesus the baby from the manger and what He means to our hearts, each day.

Merry Christmas with love,
Reverend Carlos A. Younger, Pastor
Freedom Baptist Church



Our Usher Ministry extends Holiday Greetings to each of you.
We wish you the blessings of Peace, Love and Joy, not only during this holiday season, but throughout the coming year and always.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

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Reporter:
Alice Yates

Pastor J. Michael Little

A community of Faith in the heart of the Nation's Capital

*Everyday is Christmas
When you've found that you can be More concerned with words like "you" And less with "I" and "me."
When it's fun to do a favor, And to lend a helping hand
When being understood means less Than when you understand*



GREATER NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

816 Eighth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Bishop Melvin G. Brown - Senior Pastor

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Reporter:
Paulette Ellison

*"2024: Trusting GOD More in the Year 2024
- Proverbs 3:5-6*

Greetings!!

Wishing everyone a joyous holiday and remember the "Reason for the Season."

The following is a poem that speaks of the glorious occasion:

The Christmas Story

By Leanne Guenther

Once upon a time,
A long, long time ago.
Begins the story of a baby,
That most of you should know.

His daddy's name was Joseph,
And Mary was His mom,
This babe was very special
He was God's only Son.

Some angels came from heaven,
And they began to sing.
To the shepherds in the fields below,
“Glad tidings do we bring!”

A bright star lit the heavens,
To light the magi’s way,
To the baby in the manger
Who was born on Christmas day.

And all who gathered around Him,
Rejoiced and praised His birth.
For the babe, the King, named Jesus,
Is our Saviour here on earth!



Christmas Greetings from Pastor Brown:

*“For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon
his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,
The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”
- Isaiah 9:6 (KJV)*

In this existentially threatening and very troubling hour of political chaos, racial hatred, menacing crime and violence, economic uncertainties, wars, and other global crises, it is most appropriate for us to momentarily shift and refocus our attention and thoughts to the really true significance of this year’s annual Yuletide season of the celebration of the glorious birth of Jesus Christ, and what it means, what it is supposed to represent to all of humankind - Love, Peace, Joy, Salvation, and Goodwill to all of God’s earthly human creation.

A Very Merry Christmas and a Most Prosperous New Year!!

Bishop Dr. Melvin G. Brown, Pastor

**** Christmas Greetings
from our Senior Usher Board #1 ****

May you be blessed with the Peace and Joy of this Season
And may the Spirit of Love
Embrace Each of You and Your Loved Ones!

Sister Wilhelmina Rucker, President

The Greater New Hope family desires that you have a safe and holy CHRISTmas!

**JOHNSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST
CHURCH**

600 Ridge Road, SE
Washington, DC 20019



Reporters
Cynthia Howell
Onetia Evans

Kenneth H. Thomas, Sr., M.Div., Pastor

*Johnson Memorial Baptist Church
Combined Ushers Ministry*

*Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ
Our savior and keep Him in
your hearts this Christmas season.
Thank God for his Son, the gift
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

*Be Blessed
Cynthia Howell
Onetia Evans
Reporters*



LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Reporters:
Evelyn Clark
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Rev. Eric Abraham Pastor

*May the peace of God abide with you
throughout this holiday season*



MOUNT CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH

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Reporter:
Brenda Payne Durrington

Dear Ushers and Friends,

Interim Pastor Reverend Albert Gallmon Jr., the Mount Carmel Baptist Joint Usher Board, our President Viginia Gigi Goard, the Diaconate, the Church Family, and reporter Brenda Payne Durrington present this holiday wish to you.



COMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

- Dec
- 1 Mission Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Divine Worship Service each Sunday
 - 2 Telephone Morning Prayer 7:45 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
 - 4 ZOOM Bible Study 7:00 p.m. each Tuesday
 - 8 Holiday Music Program 4:00 p.m.
 - 15 Communion Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Divine Worship Service
 - 25 Recorded Christmas Day Message from Pastor Gallmon online, Facebook, and YouTube

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=RFpBT2ZhQkVyc0xycm44WmZOaUdwUT09>

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 7:00 p.m. (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 through Saturday at 7:45 a.m.

1-978-990-5332, access code 990 5332

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

May this Holy season be a time of wonder and joy for you and one where can thank God for the blessings you've had throughout this year. The Mount Carmel Baptist Church family extends our Love, Peace and Joy and Hope during this season. Let us remember

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!

Rev. Albert Gallmon, Jr., Interim Pastor
and the Mount Carmel Baptist Church Family



**MOUNT. LEBANON BAPTIST
CHURCH**

1219 New Jersey Avenue, NW.
Washington, DC 20001-1225

Reverend H. Lionel Edmonds



Reporter:
Karen Braxton

*Hoping that this Christmas brings
So many of your favorite things.
The gifts of warm togetherness
Of love and peace, and happiness*

*Merry Christmas
And Happy New Year*

**MOUNT MORIAH BAPTIST
CHURCH**

1636 East Capitol Street, NE
Washington, DC 20003
Web Site: www.mountmoriahchurch.org

Senior Pastor: Dr. Lucius M. Dalton



Reporter:
Christine D. Stewart

HIS CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

*Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid Mary,
for you have found favor with God." Luke 1:30*

As I count the "presents" of my life, it's very clear to me that God has blessed me with much more than the gifts beneath the tree. I have my health and happiness, my family, and my friends; memories from a well-blessed life, filled with love that knows no end. And when the dark clouds did roll in, when it seemed I couldn't cope, His Words were there to comfort me and fill my heart with hope. God sent His Son to spread His Word, His light will lead the way; because of His Christmas Presence God gives us gifts each day. Eleanor Torchia

Hello Fellow Ushers: On behalf of our Pastor, Reverend Doctor Lucius M. Dalton, the Usher Ministry and the members of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Great New Year. Enjoy your Family and Friends during this holiday and all year and stay safe. Count those many presents you have in life.

Mount Moriah Baptist Church Continuation

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS

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.

*Everyday is Christmas, With a gaily wrapped surprise,
When you've learned To see the friendship, In someone else's eyes.
When you try a little harder, And complain a little less, Holding fast to all the fervor
Of the faith that you possess*

MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH

215 Rhode Avenue, NW
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Terry D. Streeter



Reporter:
Anna M. Rowe

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

Psalm 92:1 (KJV)



Wishing you the spirit of Christmas; which is Peace The Blessings of Christmas; which is Hope From the Heart of Christmas, which is Christ.

May this wonderful Season fill your Life with Every Good and Perfect Gift bestowed from God above.

December

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| Saturday, Dec. 7 th ----- | Pop-up Shop---11:00 a.m.
Come and do your Christmas Shopping |
| Sunday, Dec. 15 th ----- | Christmas Concert-3:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, Dec. 25 th ----- | Christmas Worship-9:00 a.m. |
| Sunday, Dec. 29 th ----- | Mission Day-9:00 a.m. |
| Tuesday, Dec. 31 st ----- | Watch Night-10:00 p.m. |

Blessings to everyone and continue to pray for everyone and the world. Contact the church office for more information-(202) 332-5748

MT SINAI BAPTIST CHURH

1615 Third Street NW
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 667-0183

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Tyrone Queen

Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m.
Communion (First Sundays)



Reporter:
Valerie Hall



GREETING FROM THE MOUNT SINAI BAPTIST CHURCH USHERS



**NEW REDEEMER
BAPTIST CHURCH**

5714 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20011

Reverend Roman D'Andre Gray
Pastor



Reporters:
Latravetta M. Lee
Melinda H. Wilkins

Seek Him with your heart, Love Him with your life.

May His love fill your heart with joy and peace

this Christmas and always



PEACE BAPTIST CHURCH

712 - 18th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Rev. Dr. Michael T. Bell
senior Serving Shepherd



Reporter
Rita R. Nelson



Greeting from:
Peace Baptist Church
712 - 18th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

This is the time of year we celebrate our Savior's birth. Just as with the natural response to our loved ones, we get excited and joyous with remembering His birthday. Even when times are rough, daylight is dim, or the months have been challenging, there is something electrifying about realizing another year made its mark on life. We then stop for a moment or a day, we put the challenges aside, and take time to simply relish what is in existence. So often we hear the phrase, or the reframe of the popular song, 'Jesus is the reason for the season!' Well, I invite us to say that phrase or sing that song anew by adding one letter. You see, when we add a 's' to the word season(s), then you realize that God has been with us through it all. As East Coast residents, we are privy to witness the impact of seasonal shifts four times in a year! As Christians, we are aware [privy] of how God operates on our behalf all year round. And so, we take time this Christmas, to embrace Christ's birth, energized by life, not only life but witness, not only witness but experience, not only experience but victory. With that, reset my brothers and sisters; be encouraged that even with past years of a pandemic, the Lord God Almighty has and will continue to bring us out. Happy Birthday, Merry Christmas, and a Joyous New Year.

From: Rev. Michael C. Bell, Pastor

Deacon Robin Bell, First Lady

Feel free to contact the office at 202-399-3450,
Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
or email admin@pbc712.org for more information.

Also, find us on: Facebook and Instagram: Peace Baptist Church Washington.

COMING EVENTS

Youth Christmas Program	December 22 @ 9:45 a.m. via Zoom @ www.pbc712.org or In-Service at: 712 – 18 th Street, NE, Wash., DC 20002
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PROMISED LAND BAPTIST CHURCH

401 Van Buren Street, NW
Washington, DC 20011
www.theplbc.org
(202) 882-8331



Reporter:
Tylene Harrell

*God has given each of us a gift from
his great variety of spiritual gifts.
Use them well to serve one another.*

1 Peter 4:10

Reverend Kevin A. O'Bryant

Promised Land Baptist Church is a multi-generational, family cultivating Christ centered community church located in NW Washington (near Takoma Metro Station). Our guiding vision is to Serve, Teach, and Live by precept and example the saving grace of Jesus Christ.



Greetings and Merry Christmas,

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we are reminded of the power of His love and the hope He brings to all. In this season of joy, may the light of Christ fill your hearts and homes, renewing your faith and guiding your path.

*“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon His shoulder:
and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,
The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace”
Isaiah 9:6*

May the peace of Christ rest upon you and your families this Christmas and throughout the coming year.

For His Glory,

Pastor Kevin A. O'Bryant

At PLBC we have a saying: if you should tire of visiting us, please join us! All are welcome.
Join us in December 2024...



Promised Land Baptist Church Continued

PLBC SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- December 15 First Family Recognition (During the Worship Experience)
- December 22 It's Everybody's Birthday
- December 25 Christmas Day Worship Experience- 9:00 a.m.
- December 29 Missionary Sunday Worship Experience at 9:30 a.m.
- December 31 Watch Night Service

PLBC IN WEEKLY PRAYER

Dial in 301-715-8592 Meeting ID (202) 882-8331

🙏 Every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m.
Power of Prayer Call

🙏 Every Thursday at 12:00 p.m.
Noon Day Prayer Call

Contact Promised Land Baptist Church:
churchclerk@theplbc.org or call (202) 882-8331
401 Van Buren Street NW, Washington, DC 20012
Connect with us on Facebook

Remember, you do not need Facebook to watch us Live. Just use the link below:
www.facebook.com/thePLBC/

PURITY BAPTIST CHURCH AND URBAN CENTER

1325 Maryland Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002
(202) 397-4333
(202) 388-1797 fax
purity@puritybaptistdc.org



Reporter
Cynthia Tucker, Reporter

Rev. Dr. Robin A. Toogood, II
Senior Pastor

"Empowered by God to Reach Upward, Inward and Outward"

As we celebrate this joyful season, let us remember the spirit of sharing and caring that defines our community. May your hearts be filled with love and hope, and may we all continue to uplift one another in faith and friendship. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year!

With love,
The Purity Church Family

REHOBOTH BAPTIST CHURCH

621 Alabama Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20032



Reporter:
Frederica Steward

Pastor: Rev. Curtis L. Staley
www.rbcdc.org

*"... seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you."
Matthew 6:33*

Hallelujah! God is with us!

*"What is man, that thou art mindful of him?
and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels,
and hast crowned him with glory and honour."
Psalm 8:4-5 (KJV).*

When we think of passages in the Bible in regard to Christmas, Psalm 8:4-5 is not one that readily comes to mind. Perhaps one about Jesus being wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger (Luke 2:7). Or one about the shepherds' encounter with the heavenly hosts who announced the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:8-11). Or maybe even one of the Old Testament prophecies which foretold the birth of the Messiah (Isaiah 9:6-7), but probably not Psalm 8:4-5.

However, verses 4-5 of Psalm 8 is most appropriate for Christmas for it reminds us of at least three things. First, it reminds us of the awesome gift of a Holy God's Son and how unworthy we were as sinful humanity to receive Him. Secondly, it reminds us of how good and gracious God was and is in gifting Jesus to us, a gift that keeps on giving:

His righteousness for our sins,
His Peace for our anxieties,
His wounds for our transgressions,
His bruises for our iniquities,
His chastisement for our peace,
His stripes for our healing, and,
His death for our lives.

Lastly, Psalm 8:4-5 reminds us of the divine humility of God in that as powerful as He is, God did not just create us and leave us up to our own devices, but He became incarnate as one of us in Jesus Christ.

*"Behold, a virgin shall be with child,
and shall bring forth a son,
and they shall call his name Emmanuel,
which being interpreted is, God with us."
(Matt. 1:23 KJV)*

Peace and Blessings from Pastor Curtis L. Staley and the officers and members of the 160-year-old Rehoboth Baptist Church, Washington, DC.

SAINT 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

*“Whosoever walketh uprightly shall be saved:
but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.”*
Proverbs 28:18 (KJV)

*Everyday is Christmas When you have the kind of mind, that stores up all the goodness
And the sweetness it can find. When you don't need an occasion,
To spread a bit of cheer,
But just keep on giving,
Of yourself throughout the year.*

ST. LUCILLE AME CHURCH

5100 Astor Place SE
Washington, DC 20019
Rev. David R. DeVerteuil, Pastor



Reporter:
Albertha S. Johnson,

*Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with my whole heart,
In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.*
Psalm 111:1 (NKJV)

*Celebrate Christmas by singing praises to God.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year To you all.*



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

*The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.*

Psalms 19:1 (KJV)

Masks are optional at all Services

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Every day is Christmas, with a beauty deeply cast, when you find it doesn't matter, if you're first or if you're last. When you can face your conscience, and be glad of what you are, then every day is Christmas, with a stable and a star.

Rev. Dr. Larry Phillip McCray, Pastor/Teacher.

CHRISTMAS GREETING USHERS MINISTRY MEMBERS

Everyday is Christmas, when you have the kind of mind, that stores up all the goodness and the sweetness it can find. When you don't need an occasion, to spread a bit of cheer, but just keep on a-giving, of yourself throughout the year.

Brother Ulysses Sherman Price, President,
Assistant Correspondence Secretary, and Treasurer & Reporter

May you have gladness of Christmas, which is hope, the spirit Of Christmas,
which is peace and the heart of Christmas, which is love.

Brother Levi Hinton, Vice President & Recording Secretary

May the peace of God abide with you throughout this holiday season.

Sister Shelia Jefferson. Correspondence Secretary

Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ Our savior and keep Him in your hearts this holiday season.

Thank God for his Son, the gift too wonderful for words

Sister Althea Robinson, Member

Seek Him with your heart, Love Him with your life.

May His love fill your heart with joy and peace this Christmas and always

Sister Ruby Carter, Member

Hoping that this Christmas brings so many of your favorite things,
the gifts of warm togetherness of love and peace, and happiness

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Sister Marie Price, Honorary Member

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, P. each Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m.

Tabernacle Baptist Assembly

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), 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)

TENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

1000 R Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20001

Pastor:
Rev. A. Michael Charles Durant



Reporter:
Elizabeth Wright

*Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ Our savior and keep Him in
your hearts this holiday season.*

Thank God for his Son, the gift too wonderful for words

THE NEW MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

www.tnmbc.org

4115 Alabama Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20019

Patrick J. Walker, Senior Pastor

Consider One Another
Philippians 2:3b-4



Reporter
Maria S. Holliday



Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. 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)

Pop-Up GRAB a BAG!!!

Weekly Food Distribution

Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. TNMBC Satellite Lot

The New Macedonia Baptist Church Continued

Kid's Connect-Children's Sunday School

Sundays 10:00 a.m. Lower Level

Awana Clubs Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

Toddlers to 5th Grade

*Be blessed with the Peace and Joy of this season
and may the Spirit of Love embrace each of you*

~Maria Holiday

*Wishing you a holiday that is joyful through and through
along with all the wishes for a Peaceful New Year, too!*

~Cassandra Harrison

*May you have joy and love in your heart
through a beautiful Christmas And always.*

Merry Christmas

Betty Givens

*May the peace of God abide with you
throughout this holiday season.*

Brenda Fisher

*Hope your holiday is filled
with joy and happiness!*

Barbara Jackson

*Celebrate the joys of friendships
and the warmth of the season.*

Mother Elrita James

*Be blessed with the Peace and Joy of this season
and may the Spirit of Love embrace each of you*

John Simpson

Warmest Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year.

Mary Dicks

May the warmth of the season fill your home with cheer.

Vanessa Dawson

May God grant you Joy and Happiness this Holiday Season

Lynel and Pete McFadden

*May the excitement And the joy of the season
bring a special warmth to your heart.*

Happy Holidays!

Sheila Sharpe

TRINIDAD BAPTIST CHURCH

6611 Walker Mill Road
Capitol Heights, MD 20743
www.tbcwdc.org



Reporter:
Brenda McQueen-Funderburk

Rev. Justin T. Rhodes, Senior Pastor

Honoring Christ with Excellence
1 Peter 4:11 (NIV)



Happy Birthday Pastor



Your energy, Strength and power are something that we all admire

You have helped us a lot in our spiritual journey. Thank you, and Happy



birthday, dear pastor

JESUS....

THE GREATEST STORY, THE MOST AMAZING GIFT

THE BLESSED HOPE OF ALL WHO BELIEVE

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR HIS INDESCRIBABLE GIFT.
2 CORINTHIANS 9:15 (NIV)

Please pray for our sick and shut-ins and bereaved families. Remember to pray for those who are less fortunate than you this Christmas. Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all celebrating in the Month of December.

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

4850 Blagden Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20011

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



Reporter:
Jacqueline P. Byrd-Tillman

*Merry Christmas
and
a very blessed
and
Happy New Year*





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"Trustees Working Together"
Romans 8:28

BOARD OF TRUSTEES January 8, 2024

Dear Fellow Ushers

The ICUA headquarters needs repairs and maintenance. Over the last 18 months several expensive repairs were completed at our headquarters. All these repairs were unscheduled and done on an emergency basis. These repairs included the installation of a sump pump and water proofing of the kitchen. Most recently emergency repairs were done on the roof flashing to prevent leaking into the attached apartment building. These repairs depleted our Building Maintenance Fund and some of the costs were paid for from the operations funding of the parent body. Repairs are still needed in the basement as well as on the stone facade on the rear of the building.

To replenish the building maintenance fund and replace the monies used from the operating account, the Board of Trustees is initiating a pledge campaign to raise the needed funds. The goal for the pledge campaign is \$20,000.00. We're asking each member to make a pledge to repair and maintain the ICUA Headquarters. **ALL** donations are welcome – NO amount is too small! This Pledge fundraising project will commence on January 8, 2024.

Pledge Categories and Denominations

Gold Donors	\$300.00+
Silver Donors	\$200.00+
Bronze Donors	\$100.00+
Donor	\$1 - \$99

How to Pledge

All pledging members will complete a "pledge sheet" (see attached) and submit it along with your check to the ICUA headquarters (1923 16th St., NW, Washington DC 20009), attention, Budget and Finance. In the memo section of the check, please write "Headquarters Repairs". Those paying their pledges via Givelify please remember to include the processing fees of 2.9% + \$0.30, may send either a hard copy pledge form to ICUA headquarters or via email to: cnbrown11@msn.com. The fundraising committee will track pledges bi-weekly.

Thank you for helping us maintain the Headquarters of the ICUA of Washington DC & Vicinity, Inc.

Respectfully,

Sylvia McGill Jones, Chairman
Board of Trustees

Building Maintenance
Vice Chairman Eric J. Kirby
Trustee Clarence Dillahunt, Sr.
Trustee Ulysses Sherman Price

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God."
Romans 8:28



ICUA Pledge Form

Headquarters Repairs

Donor Information

Name _____

Address _____

City, _____ State ____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Church Name & Address _____

Donor's Email Address _____

Pledge Information

I pledge a total of \$ _____ to be paid now monthly

I plan to make this contribution by check Givelify

DONOR Categories and Denominations

Gold Donor @ \$300 (Givelify \$309.00)

Silver Donor @ \$200 (Givelify \$206.10)

Bronze Donor @ \$100 (Givelify \$103.20)

Donor @ \$50 (Givelify \$51.75)

Donor @ \$25 (Givelify \$26.03)

Donor @ \$1 - \$24 (checks or cash only)

Pledges made by check: Mail completed pledge form and check to
ICUA, Attn: Budget and Finance, 1923 16th St. N.W., Washington, DC 20009.

(include "headquarters Repairs" in the memo section of the check)

Pledges made via Givelify: Email completed pledge form and Givelify receipt to:
cnbrown11@msn.com.

Thank you for your generous support!



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"Committed To Serve"

**I.C.U.A. JUNE D. MAY BUILDING FUND WORKING UNIT
PLEDGE FORM**

1. I pledge my support to the building fund project. Yes _____ No _____
2. I have made a pledge; but plan to contribute more. Yes _____ No _____
3. I have done my best; but will encourage others to pledge.

Suggested payment plans: Please check one.

- (1) Ten months: \$10 per month for 10 months, \$100 _____
- (2) Partial Pledges - 10 months
- \$5.00 per month - \$50.00 _____
- \$4.00 per month - \$40.00 _____
- \$2.00 per month - \$20.00 _____
- \$1.00 per month - \$10.00 _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

CHURCH: _____

Make checks payable to ICUA Building Fund, please complete and return the form to any member or mail to the ICUA Headquarters, ATTN: BUILDING FUND, 1923 - 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009

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

First Wednesdays

7:00 p.m. Randy L. Perrin Men's Day Committee

Third Wednesdays

7:00 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





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PRAYER CALL INFORMATION:

You may invite any member of the ICUA family, your Pastors, or other members of your churches to pray on your assigned Prayer Call night.

Seven (7) people as prayer warriors. We need from each of those warriors their email addresses and phone numbers. This information is for our Zoom master.

Assistance if necessary. Chaplain Charles Davis (202) 526-1115.

Proposed Assignments:

- December 2024 - Alma Cooper Hawkins Public Relations
- January 2025 - Nominating Committee
- February 2025 - Building Fund
- March 2025 - Honorary Presidents
- April 2025 - Education and Scholarship Dept.
- May 2025 - Events Dept.
- June 2025 - MSOD
- July 2025 - Juniors and Young People's Dept.
- August 2025 - Vacation
- September 2025 - Policy and Rules Dept.
- October 2025 - Christine M. Green Women's Day Comm.
- November 2025 - Young Adults Dept.
- December 2025 - Transportation and Housing Dept.
- January 2026 - Junior and Young People's Dept.
- February 2026 - Board of Trustees



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RITUALISTIC MEMBERSHIP MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM

NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

TELEPHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

NAME OF CHURCH

Please indicate speaking roles you have memorized:

Availability for Ritualistic Services:

Speaker #1

Flexibility

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

**Shirley Moore Mickel,
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:
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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 rnelson2010@yahoo.com (rnelson_underscore) or 301-237-9559 cell and or text for the Zoom link and to ask questions.

"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people"
Ephesians 6:7



Events Department
Time and Place Working Unit

Business Meetings and Special Occasions

Business Meeting Dates

(All Dates are the Second Monday of the Month at 7:00 p.m.)

Special Activity Dates

Upcoming in Future Issues





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
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MABEL C. COOPER CHORUS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



Theme: "Leaning on Christ"

*Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD,
Praise ye the LORD. Psalm 150:6*

Purity Baptist Church
1325 Maryland Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Rev. Dr. Robin A. Toogood II - Senior Pastor

Sunday, December 15, 2024 - 3:00 PM



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

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Elder Alfred H. McCain, Sr. - Spiritual Advisor



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2025 Installation Service

Sunday, January 12, 2025

3:00 PM

Colors – Shades of Blue

*Hemmingway Memorial AME Church
6330 Gateway Blvd,
District Heights, MD 20747
Rev. Krishnan Natesan, Pastor*

*Brenda Gilliam – President
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Randy L. Perrin Men's Committee

WE ARE CALLING A FEW GOOD MEN

- To be prayer warriors
- Participate in the Thanksgiving Project
- Participate in fish fry fundraiser
- Participate in men's fellowship activities

Contact Chairman George J. Irick (gejadrij@verizon.net) or Vice Chairman Kelvin Hackett (kvhackett@verizon.net) to join us. Meetings via Zoom.

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12 Tips for Holiday Eating

It's easy to get swept up in the holiday season. This combination of religious and national celebrations can help keep the cold winter away. But the feasts and parties that mark it can tax the arteries and strain the waistline. By eating just 200 extra calories a day — a piece of pecan pie and a tumbler of eggnog here, a couple of latkes and some butter cookies there — you could pack on two to three pounds over this five- to six-week period. That doesn't sound like much, except few people shed that extra weight in the following months and years.

You don't need to deprive yourself, eat only boring foods, or take your treats with a side order of guilt. Instead, by practicing a bit of [defensive eating and cooking](#), you can come through the holidays without making "go on a diet" one of your New Year's resolutions.

1. **Budget wisely.** Don't eat everything at feasts and parties. Be choosy and spend calories judiciously on the foods you love.
2. **Take 10 before taking seconds.** It takes a few minutes for your stomach's "I'm getting full" signal to get to your brain. After finishing your first helping, take a 10-minute break. Make conversation. Drink some water. Then recheck your appetite. You might realize you are full or want only a small portion of seconds.
3. **Distance helps the heart stay healthy.** At a party, don't stand next to the food table. That makes it harder to mindlessly reach for food as you talk. If you know you are prone to recreational eating, pop a mint or a stick of gum so you won't keep reaching for the chips.
4. **Don't go out with an empty tank.** Before setting out for a party, eat something so you don't arrive famished. Excellent pre-party snacks combine complex carbohydrates with protein and unsaturated fat, like apple slices with peanut butter or a slice of turkey and cheese on whole-wheat pita bread.

12 Tips for Holiday Eating (Continued)

5. **Drink to your health.** A glass of eggnog can set you back 500 calories; wine, beer, and mixed drinks range from 150 to 225 calories. If you drink alcohol, have a glass of water or juice-flavored seltzer in between drinks.
6. **Avoid alcohol on an empty stomach.** Alcohol increases your appetite and diminishes your ability to control what you eat.
7. **Put on your dancing (or walking) shoes.** Dancing is a great way to work off some holiday calories. If you are at a family gathering, suggest a walk before the feast or even between dinner and dessert.
8. **Make room for veggies.** At meals and parties, don't ignore fruits and vegetables. They make great snacks and even better side or main dishes — unless they're slathered with creamy sauces or butter.
9. **Be buffet savvy.** At a buffet, wander 'round the food table before putting anything on your plate. By checking out all of your options, you might be less inclined to pile on items one after another.
10. **Don't shop hungry.** Eat before you go shopping so the scent of Cinnabon or caramel corn doesn't tempt you to gobble treats you don't need.
11. **Cook from (and for) the heart.** To show family and friends that you *really* care about them, be creative with recipes that use less butter, cream, lard, vegetable shortening, and other ingredients rich in [saturated fats](#). Prepare turkey or fish instead of red meat.
12. **Pay attention to what really matters.** Although food is an integral part of the holidays, put the focus on family and friends, laughter and cheer. If balance and moderation are your usual guides, it's okay to indulge or overeat occasionally.

<https://www.health.harvard.edu/blog/12-tips-for-holiday-eating>

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