



*July,
August,
September*

IN THE KNOW
Church and Community News

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No. 11**

It's Strange

*It's strange how twenty dollars seems like such a
Large amount when you donate it to church, but such a
Small amount when you go shopping.*

*It's strange how 2 hours seem so long when you're
At church, and how short they seem when you're
Watching a good movie.*

*It's strange that you can't find words to say when
you are praying, but you have no trouble thinking what
to talk about with a friend.*

*It's strange how difficult it is to read one chapter of
the Bible, but how easy it is to read a popular novel.*

*It's strange how everyone wants front-row-tickets to
Concerts, but they want to sit I the last row at Church.*

*It's strange how we need to know about an event for
Church 2-3 weeks before the day so that we can include it
in our agenda, but we can adjust it to other events in
the last minute?*

*It's strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about
God and share it with others, but it's easy to repeat
gossip.*

*It's strange how we believe everything that
magazines and newspapers say, but we question the
words in the Bible*



Greetings Doorkeepers,

We hope you had a wonderful, blessed weekend.

We will have a Virtual Delegates Meeting on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom link and agenda will be sent later. Please reserve the date.

We know there are some first timers attending the 105th NUCUAA Convention in New Orleans and we want them to be prepared and know what to expect so they will have an enjoyable experience. All of us can help them before they travel and when we are at the Convention.

IMPORTANT:

If you are attending the convention, please remember to send a copy of your itemized receipt to Sister Corinne Mungo: cmungo1@hotmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you on Zoom.



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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
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- **Annie B. Bailey Memorial Service**
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 - **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)

2024 ICUA OFFICERS

Sister Brenda Gilliam
President

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.**

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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."

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.



THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK

T ~ is it True?

H ~ is it Helpful?

I ~ is it Inspiring

N ~ is it Necessary

K ~ is it Kind?





"Committed to Serve"

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

Ephesians 6:7



Greetings Doorkeepers,

How can I say, "Thank You," "Appreciate You?" I am so grateful for all of you – ICUA Doorkeepers! You show each time your support, kindness, and love for your Usher Ministry and the ICUA. Each day I pray and give thanks to God for this amazing group of Ushers.

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16 (NIV)

Thank you for supporting the 67th Eastern Region Conference and our Eastern Region Honoree, President Brenda Gilliam. The Banquet was awesome! It was a Red-Carpet affair! Thank you, Quintina Kornegay Brown, for tallying and keeping a record of the ticket sales for distribution. Thank you, Corinne Mungo, for recording the Credentials for us. Thank you, Brenda Fisher, and Maria Holiday, for tallying the Breakfast tickets and the Sponsors and Patrons lists. I felt truly honored and humbled to receive the Eastern Region recognition. I was so excited when I was presented with one of my favorite songs "God Is Good" that I was moved to do a "march" but I was told that it looked more like a dance. I truly appreciate all of you who have supported and guided me throughout my journey as a "Doorkeeper." As each of us continue our journey, remember "there are two ways to spreading light, to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it" by Edith Wharton. In other words, choose a path and let your light shine.

Thank you to those of you who attended the NUCUAA Task Force Group Sessions on "How the Pandemic has changed the way we Usher." Members had the opportunity to share and provide suggestions/recommendations for including a section in the George T. Grier School of Ushering Manual on Pandemic Protocols.

In preparation for the 105th NUCUAA Convention, we will have a Virtual Delegates Meeting on Saturday, July 13, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. Please refer to the National Board of Directors update No. 4 for the latest information.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the 105th NUCUAA Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, July 22 – July 26, 2024 at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel. The Banquet will honor NUCUAA President Charles J. Brown who is also an ICUA Honorary President. Please plan to attend the banquet to show our support and love for President Brown. Most of all, please exercise caution and remember the safety tips as you enjoy the city of New Orleans.

The Eastern Region Mid-year Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. and the State of Maryland's pre-memorial musical will be held at 7:00 pm and their Memorial Service will be on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. The deadline for hotel reservations is August 8, 2024. Let's support the State of Maryland's Memorial Service. The Memorial Service will be held at Providence Baptist Church, 1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21217. The details were distributed by our Correspondence Secretary.

The 2025 Eastern Region Awards and Recognition Banquet information was sent out by our Correspondence Secretary. Included were the guidelines and the application for nominating an Honoree. The deadline for submitting the nomination is July 8, 2024.

As you know, we said farewell to the Father of the ICUA, Brother Roy L. Kelly on Monday, June 17, 2024. Please continue to keep his daughter, Sister Teresa Hill, and the Kelly Family in prayer. Thank you to those who were able to attend the service and participate in the Ritualistic Service.

Please reserve Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. for Ritualistic Training. Come out and help us form teams. We need doorkeepers, Chaplains, and Lead Ushers as well as Speakers. If you have a desire to serve, we need you!!

Please reserve Sunday, September 15, 2024 for the ICUA's 112th Anniversary. Further information will be provided by our Correspondence Secretary.

The month of August is the ICUA vacation month. We wish you a safe and enjoyable summer. I pray that you return refreshed and ready to help us do the work.



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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).

***Young at Heart (YAH) Fellowship** – virtual Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. (**on hiatus** until September, except for occasional in-person fellowship events in summer).

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

Greetings Brother and Sister Ushers,

Christian Education (CE): Upon resumption of CE sessions in September, we welcome your in-person attendance at Sunday **BE** with study led by Associate Pastor Ron Talbert in the "Bible Studies for Life" guide - Unit #5 ("Christ's Return: Living with the End in Mind") and our virtual study at Wednesday **BI** with Associate Pastor Jimmie Hulett in the study of Charles Stanley's book, "Winning the War Within."

Fellowship Event: July 28, 2024, Worship service together with annual church picnic (venue to be determined).

Wishing everyone a blessed, enjoyable summer!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH- RANDOLPH

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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"

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

Greetings Fellow 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/>;

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

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 ~ Scriptures, Prayers, Music, Testimonies, and Inspirational Moment

- Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
- (351) 999-4483: no access code

ORDER OF SERVICES

Sunday Worship	10:00 a.m.
Holy Communion	1 st Sunday
Youth Emphasis	2 nd Sunday
Men's Emphasis	3 rd Sunday
Young Adult Emphasis	4 th Sunday
Missionary Emphasis	5 th Sunday

National Ushers Convention ~ July 22 - 26

We pray that traveling mercies be with the First Baptist Church Ushers Bessie Dickens, Ann Hunter-Henry, Gwendolyn Lowry, Mary Martin, Karen L. Mickens, Brenda J. Sellers, Linda Smallwood, Geraldine Washington, and Karen's sister Linda Etheridge will be attending the 105th National Ushers Convention on July 22-26, at Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana.

First Baptist Church – Randolph Continued

INCOMING EVENTS

July

4 HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

September

2 HAPPY LABOR DAY

28 First Baptist Church Financial Workshop
Sponsored by the Altar Guild, Happy Warriors and
Tribe of Rueben Ministries 10:00 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.

29 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Altar Guild, Happy Warriors, and Tribe of Rueben Ministries Anniversary

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 6, 2024— Homecoming Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.



To everyone born in the months of July, August, and September
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 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.

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Website: www.fistrising.org



Reporter:
Mary Jackson

Pastor: Rev. Oran W. Young

Greeting Fellow Ushers,

Let us be intentional about reading, studying, and sharing God’s word during the summer. Have a wonderful time vacationing and take time to rest. Travel blessings.

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again, I say, Rejoice. Philippians 4:4 (KJV)

ICUA June 2024 Meeting was at First Rising Mt. Zion (FRMZ). Thanks to usher Mary Samuel for preparing the delicious meal. And thanks to all the ICUA ushers that assisted her that Monday.

FRMZ USHERS REPORTS

Sister Mary Samuel is campaigning for Queen at our Annual Convention, July 22 – July 26 in New Orleans, Louisiana. We solicit your support.

Deaconess Ann Gilliard was the Keynote Speaker at the Mt. Bethel Baptist Association of DC, MD, and VA., Women’s Auxiliary Prayer Luncheon on Saturday, April 13, at Enon Baptist Church

Sister Mary Jackson was honored as one of the Senior Mother of the Year for 2024.

From Labor to Reward:

Sunset: April 3, 2024

Usher Frances Clayborne

Sunset: May 10, 2024

Usher Gloria Yvonne Hellams -Williams

“Happy Birthday Ushers, who celebrate in July, August, and September” *God Bless You*

Sunday Services: *I invite you to join us in Worship and Fellowship*

8:00 a.m. Sunday School for Adults (In-Person and Virtual)

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Zoom: Meeting ID 891 7064 3298

By Phone: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 891 7064 3298

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)

UPCOMING EVENTS

July: Fearfully and Wonderfully Made in Christ Psalm 139:14

12	7:00 p.m.	Young Adult Gospel Cafe
14	2:00 p.m.	Combine Youth Concert
21	2:00 p.m.	Dance Ministry Recital
27	1:00 p.m.	Backpack/School Supplies Project in the Community
28	9:30 a.m.	Youth and Young Adult Day

August: Meditating on God's Goodness Philippians 4:8-9
No scheduled activities

September: Discipleship: The Heart of the Ministry Matthew 28:19-20

7	10:00 a.m.	FRMZ Community Day
8	9:30 a.m.	FRMZ Community Day Outside Worship Service
13	7:00 p.m.	Pastor's Pre-Anniversary Service
15	9:30 a.m.	Pastor's 8 th Anniversary Service
	2:00 p.m.	Banquet
22	9:30 p.m.	Discipleship/Education Day

Enjoy and have safe *Holidays:

*July 4 Independence Day

*September 2 1st Monday/Labor Day

September 11 Patriot Day: A Day of Remembrance and Service

Be a blessing and pray for those who need help and encouragement on this life journey, those who are Sick and Shut-in, the bereaved and the ones who are missing.

Prayer changes things.



Prayer
CHANGES
THINGS

FREEDOM BAPTIST CHURCH

1519 U Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Reverend Carlos A. Younger, Pastor, MDiv



Reporter:
Rosie C. White

We are entering the third quarter and looking forward to happenings that are forth coming. But just before we enter the quarter, we want to share with you about the dynamic closing out of the second quarter, which ended in June 2024.

We worked very hard planning for our first in person usher anniversary since covid and it was a smash hit with Rev. Toogood as our Guest Preacher and the Purity Baptist along with the ICUA of Washington, D.C. and Vicinity, plus all other ushers and friends who came out to support. We served dinner before the service and all went well. We say thank you to each of you for supporting our special occasion.

Our Usher Ministry celebrated 61 years of being together, in June 2024. We are glad to share some information about our Ministry. We were organized in April 1963 with just a few members. Though only a few, we learned an important message, that a few dedicated members can get lots done and that is what we did with Sister Gertrude Branch as the first President. Other presidents have been Brother Walter Alexander, Sister Ora Cameron, Sister Esther Wills, and Sister Rosie White, who is currently serving and has served for quite a few years. The ushers have supported the church by serving at every program and church service. We have sponsored many trips believing our most memorable one was the trip to Kings Dominion, three full buses were chartered when it first opened. We have also sponsored trips to Sight and Sound, Coney Island, Atlantic City, Hershey Park, Busch Gardens, York Fair, and so many others.

The Board became a member of the Interdenominational Church Ushers Association of Washington, DC and Vicinity, Inc. (ICUA) in the early years and has continued to be members to this day. Throughout the years, however, there have been changes. The Junior Usher Board was organized by Brother Alexander during his administration and served along with the Senior Board, having their own day of celebration and day to serve for the church service along with a senior member, who was chosen as their supervisor. Under the Administration of our second Pastor, Rev. Dr. Gregory Baldwin, the two Boards were combined and became the Usher's Ministry of Freedom Baptist Church. Our current Pastor, Rev. Carlos A. Younger continues to encourage us to keep the faith as we move forward. He supports the Ministry as we continue to serve now, having only senior members, who serve to magnify the name of the Lord. The door remains open, however, for any new members, whether junior or senior, who may wish to join. As members of the ICUA, we continue to serve, supporting where we can. Payment of yearly dues entitles us to membership in the Local, Eastern Region and the National body of ushers.

Happy Birthday or Anniversary to all celebrating in July, August, and September. Also keep in prayer all those who are sick and shut-in and those less fortunate than we are. Visit, call or send a card to let them know you care.

In July Rosie White and Jo-Ann Campbell will attend the 105th NUCUAA Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Ushers thank Sis. Campbell for her support and representation as a guest at the convention.

Freedom Baptist Church Continued

In August, enjoy your vacation, be safe, but don't leave God out of anything you are doing. In September, the Annual Fall Revival will be held on the 11 – 13 with Rev. Terry Streeter as the Guest Revivalist.

GREATER NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Reporter:
Paulette Ellison

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

Greetings!

*"O taste and see that the LORD is good:
blessed is the man that trusteth in him." - Psalm 34:8*

In these current times of food insecurities in various areas, our GNHBC Missionary Ministry has worked to help the situation in our Washington area. Under the leadership of President MaryAnn Tolbert, the ministry has partnered with several organizations such as the Capital Area Food Bank and Catholic Charities for donations and grants. On the second Tuesday of each month, our doors are open to offer a prepared to-go meal, "Bags of Hope" filled with food to take home for those with kitchens and for those without kitchens, there are bags with ready to eat contents. There are also clothing and shoes and household items to choose from. The church members and other volunteers offer their time and resources. Missionary Tolbert does an outstanding job. She takes time, day in and day out, making sure that the homeless, the needy, underprivileged, and senior citizens have groceries and other needs. We are thankful for her and the blessing she is to others! Many that know her can attest to her kindness and dedication.

Happy Birthday to those who have birthdays in July, August, or September!

A special "Happy Birthday" to our pastor, Bishop Brown, on August 22nd!

Congratulations to those who graduated and those who were promoted!

Have a great and safe summer! Enjoy your vacation(s)! Stay cool and hydrated!

Continue to pray for the sick, shut-ins and bereaved.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

4 Independence Day

Greater New Hope Baptist Church Continued

SEPTEMBER

2 Labor Day
8 National Grandparents Day
15 Annual Men's Day Celebration at 11:00 a.m.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Every Sunday: Sunday Church School 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
Every First Sunday: Women's Ministry Monthly Birthday Celebration following morning service.
Every Second Sunday: Holy Communion following morning service.
Every Tuesday: Believers Prayer and Christ Disciples Bible Study 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
(Come study the Book of Luke taught by Pastor Brown.)
Every Second Tuesday: Missionary Ministry's Homeless/Needy Luncheon

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Reporter:
Brenda Payne Durrington

What's Happening at MCBC

Interim Pastor Albert Gallmon Jr. and his wife Wilma continue to be a blessing to the congregation. Their positive vibes and encouragement are forever present. Our Pastoral Search Committee is moving forward, and the pastoral position is now advertised. The committee will contact only the applicants who meet the minimum requirements. All semi-finalists will be interviewed in person. Next, finalists will come to the church to preach at our Sunday Divine Worship Service and present a lesson at the Tuesday Bible Study. Our 2024 Theme is *"The Year of Miracles"*. We are devoting this year to praying for belief in miracles. Our members truly feel and express their commitment to achieving many successful ventures. Many believe that we are heading down the right path to better times.

The ladies of the church planned outstanding services and events. Hats off to Minister Tammy Wise and her committee for a fabulous Women's Day, showing off in purple attire and donning hats and fascinators. The theme was *"Grace in Bloom"* with Reverend Tracy Ross of Howard University's Divinity School, as guest preacher. The Women's Day Choir was excellent, and the day was topped off with a High Tea in our Marsh Fellowship Hall.

Our First Lady Sister Wilma Gallmon brought the message on Mother's Day. Her theme was *"The Power of Prayer"* using the Lord's Prayer as recorded in Matthew 6:9-13. Lady Wilma said that prayer is the most

Mount Carmel Baptist Church Continued

powerful weapon of faith that we have as believers. Another highlight of the service was the performance by a group of 'seasoned sisters,' our *"Treasured Pearls,"* pantomiming to the Clark Sisters *"Blessed and Highly Favored."* Continuing with our outstanding Ladies of the Church, Chair of the Trustee Board Sister Larita Mimms, led Interim Pastor Gallmon and several members to a reception down the street from our church in the Cantata. This is the building that was more than twenty years in the making, in which MCBC has part ownership with MQW-that is Mount Carmel, Quadrangle, Wilkes Company. The reception was hosted by our partners in MQW. We had prayer, refreshments, a brief history of the project, then a tour of model units, public areas, and the penthouse patio. MCBC members were incredibly pleased with the presentation. The building has been open for occupancy since April 2024.

Being involved in the community is a priority for our congregation. Serving People's Needs Now (SPINN) Ministry is alive and striving. The volunteers continue to pack boxes of food and distribute them to our neighbors. Deacon Robert Bethea and Reverend Kimerly Jamieson, church operational officer, conducted a community walk with representatives from the Metropolitan Police, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner, and the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services. The walk followed recent car break-ins that occurred in the past months. The leaders are trying to understand how we can all work together to curb these crimes.

MCBC Joint Usher Board (JUB) is hosting the Value Village FUNDrive to raise money for the church Building Hope Project (BHP). The BHP expects to raise \$50, 000 by the end of 2024. The JUB hopes to contribute \$1000. That is the amount Interim Pastor Gallmon asked each member to contribute. So far \$21,600 has been collected. The JUB welcomed a new Junior member, Kaprice Smith, a preteen preparing to enter Kelly Miller in Fall 2024. Pastor Gallmon has requested that all ushers get certified in Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training. The classes will be conducted by one of our own, certified Red Cross Instructor, Brother Michael Fauntleroy on alternate Saturdays in June. Members successfully completing the course will receive certification in CPR. Neighbor church Second Baptist's ushers will also attend. This is an idea in which ICUA ushers may be interested, also.

COMING EVENTS

JULY

1 Telephone Morning Prayer 7:45 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
2, 9,16, 23, 30 ZOOM Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., each Tuesday
7, 14, 21, 28 Divine Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. each Sunday, Communion on 3rd Sunday
20 Church Picnic, Location TBA

AUGUST

2 Telephone Morning Prayer 7:45 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
4 Divine Worship Service, 10 am each Sunday, Communion on 3rd Sunday
4-8 PNBC in New Orleans, LA

SEPTEMBER

1,8,15, 22, 29 Divine Worship Service 10 am, Communion on 3rd Sunday
2 Telephone Morning Prayer 7:45 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
3,10,17,24 ZOOM Bible Study 7:00 p.m. each Tuesday
8 Annual Ushers' and Nurses' Day, 10:00 a.m. Divine Worship Service

Mount Carmel Baptist Church Continued

September Continued

8 Grandparent's Day
22 Homecoming, 10:00 a.m. Divine Worship Service

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=RFpBT2ZhQkVyc0xyYm44WmZOaUdwUT09>

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

DEVOTIONS via FREE CONFERENCE CALL – Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 7:45 a.m.

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

MOUNT. LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Reverend H. Lionel Edmonds



Reporter:
Karen Braxton

Greetings Doorkeepers,

"My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you."
John15:12

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. Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church (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.

Intercessory Prayer takes place on Sundays between 10:15 a.m. -10:30 a.m. No Service, just prayer! Take your burdens to the Lord and leave them there! Prayer Changes Things!

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

Webinar ID: 823 1463 9834 ##

Mount. Lebanon Baptist Church Continued

Weekly Teleconference Schedule – Please Call: 1-774-220-4000 Passcode: 3519088

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

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

Men’s Day celebration was Sunday, June 23rd - a prayer breakfast was also held on June 15th.

The MLBC Scholarship Ministry is planning a graduation celebration for our high school and college graduates, as well as promotional pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, elementary, and middle school graduates on Sunday, July 21, 2024, during the 11:00 a.m. Service at Mt. Lebanon

Happy Birthday to all our summer celebrants!

**MOUNT MORIAH BAPTIST
CHURCH**

1636 East Capitol Street, NE

Washington, DC 20003

Web Site: www.mountmoriahchurch.org



Reporter:
Christine D. Stewart

Senior Pastor: Dr. Lucius M. Dalton

“WORSHIP IN YOUR SANCTUARY”
Twila Paris with Robert Webber

*“O, come, let us worship and bow down:
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.”*
Psalm 95:6

The word *sanctuary* brings thoughts of a safe place, a hiding place. For all of us, that safe place is in the Lord. We must turn to Him for refuge because the Lord is a strong and mighty tower.

The sanctuary is also the place where we worship. The smallest sanctuary is our own heart, that private place where we meet God all alone, hear the voice of God, and respond. The sanctuary is also the gathering of believers for worship, whether it is a small gathering of five or six in a home, or larger gathering in the local church.

What happens when people gather for corporate worship reminds me of going to my grandmother’s house for Christmas. My grandmother’s house had this special, wonderful, inviting smell to it. I get nostalgic when I think of that smell and of the whole atmosphere of being with my family at my grandparents.’

For me, corporate worship is like going to Grandma’s house. There is something really special about going to God’s house with the family of God and meeting together to worship.

When we gather together, the thoughts of our hearts and the words of our mouth proclaim that God’s name. God’s throne, and God’s love is above all names, all thrones, and all loves.

Mount. Moriah Baptist Church Continued

Hello Fellow Ushers: What does the word sanctuary mean to you? I'm sure each of you have a different meaning.

You are invited to all services as follow:

Sunday Worship Service: Join us at 10:00 a.m. online and in-person; (mask requirement lifted, your choice) 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. This summer the series is Otis Redding.

Sunday Church School: 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. via zoom and in-person---three classes—Adult Class, meet in the sanctuary; Women's Class meet in the Prayer Room and Men's Class meet in the Deacons Room.

Holy Communion Service: First Sunday of each month in-person.

Children & Youth Church: Every Sunday, 10:00 a.m. in-person and 12:00 noon online, led by our Youth Minister and the Children's Ministry Team. Ages 5-12 years only. They will learn Bible basics and learn how to apply Biblical principles to everyday life.

Let's Pray and Study Together: Prayer and Praise every Tuesday dial-in at Noon; soon back in-person. Bible Study Tuesdays 1pm and 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

The Walk of Faith: Every 4th Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS: To be Held in conjunction with 10:00 a.m. service or as stated:

JULY

14 Men's Day Guest Preacher: -Rev. Joseph K. Williams
Enterprise Community Partners, Washington, DC

SEPTEMBER

7 College Fair
8 Grandparents Day
9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
9 Annual Community Day

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

*“Study to show thyself approved unto God,
a workman That needeth not to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word Of truth.”*

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

Greetings Fellow Ushers,

Thank you, Lord, for allowing the Mount Pleasant Ushers Ministry to serve with dignity, supporting our beloved Pastor, Rev. Terry D. Streeter and serving the people as they entered the Sanctuary.

The Usher Ministry had a very spiritual and enjoyable 105th Anniversary. The “DC Gospel Stars” were wonderful.

On Saturday and Sunday, June 1st and 2nd the church celebrated Senior Citizens Weekend. Saturday was FUNday and on Sunday, three Seniors were honored. One of the Honorees was Jean Tenor, our former reporter. “CONGRATULATIONS”

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

13 th and 14 th	Women’s Day Weekend
13 th	Women’s Day High Tea
14 th	Women’s Day Worship Service
	Guest Speaker: Rev. Pamela A. Smith, Chief of Police, DC
15 th through 19 th	VBS
20	Church Wide Outing

AUGUST

17	Free Market
18	All Male Service

SEPTEMBER

1	Labor Day Outreach Service
11-13	Revival at Freedom Baptist Church - Pastor Streeter
15	Homecoming Day
20 th through 21 st	Choir Weekend

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church Continued

Continue to pray for Mount. Pleasant Baptist Church, The sick and shut-ins and bereaved families.

Happy Birthday to those born in July, August, and September.

Please call the Church Office for any information you might need [202] 332-5748.

NEW REDEEMER BAPTIST

CHURCH

5714 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20011

Reverend Roman D'Andre Gray
Pastor



Reporters:
Latravetta M. Lee
Melinda H. Wilkins

Teresa Woodruff: A Life of Service and Dedication



Teresa Woodruff's journey is marked by a profound commitment to professional excellence and community service. Born and raised in Washington, DC, Teresa pursued her education at the University of the District of Columbia, where she earned both her associate and bachelor's degrees in criminal justice.

With a passion for justice and a sharp intellect, Teresa embarked on a distinguished career as a Patent Legal Examiner, a role she has diligently served in for an impressive 45 years. Her expertise and dedication in this field have earned her widespread respect and admiration.

Beyond her professional achievements, Teresa has played a pivotal role in the New Redeemer Baptist Church community for over three decades. As the church clerk for 34 years, she has exemplified organizational prowess and steadfast dedication to her faith community. Her contributions as a deaconess and her 40-year tenure on the ushering board highlight her commitment to the smooth operation of church services and events. Teresa has also been a devoted Sunday school teacher for 20 years, nurturing the spiritual growth of church members.

Teresa's leadership qualities are evident in her roles as Past President and current Treasurer of the ushering board, where she continues to play an integral role in the church's administration. Her ability to inspire and organize has made a lasting impact on the church community. Additionally, Teresa has served as Vice President

New Redeemer Baptist Church Continued

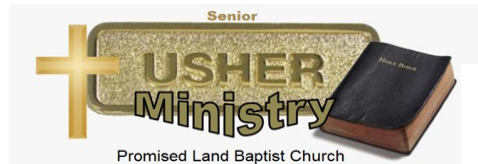
of the women's ministry at New Redeemer Baptist Church, demonstrating her commitment to supporting and empowering women in her community.

Alongside her professional and church commitments, Teresa finds joy and fulfillment in her family life. She is happily married to Joseph Woodruff, and together they have a beloved son named Jared, who brings them immense pride and happiness.

Teresa Woodruff's life story is a testament to the power of dedication, service, and faith. Her unwavering commitment to her career, her church, and her family has enriched the lives of those around her and serves as an inspiration to all who have the privilege of knowing her.

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

As we close out the second quarter of 2024, we want to once again take a moment to remember and honor the profound sacrifices made by the brave men and women who have served our nation. In John 15:13, Jesus said, *'Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.'* This scripture resonates deeply as we remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. Their selfless acts of courage reflect the greatest form of love and devotion.

Let us also take a moment to pray for the families who have lost loved ones in military service.
Their grief is a poignant reminder of the cost of our liberty.

We must never forget the heavy price they have paid and continue to bear.

— Rev. Kevin A. O'Bryant

In recognition of commencement of every kind, whether it be kindergarten, middle school, high school, or college graduate, let us honor the graduates in our lives.

"A bright future beckons. The onus is on us, through hard work, honesty, and integrity, to reach the stars."

— Nelson Mandela.

Jeremiah 28:11 "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." This verse can be a source of comfort during times of uncertainty and can serve as a reminder that God's plans for graduates are greater than anything they could imagine.

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

*"For You are my rock and my fortress,
Therefore, for Your name's sake, Lead me and guide me."
Psalm 31:3 NKJV*

July 21st will be St. Mark's 76th Anniversary. We will certainly give honor to those who organized the church...Rev. Sylvester Moss (Pastor), Deaconess Annie Lee Brown, Deacon Roy DeShields, Deacon Arthur James, Sis. Rose Gibbs, Sis. Nellie Otts, Sis. Kattie Settles, and Sis Callie Smith. The speaker for that day will be Pastor Emeritus Bobby Hicks of New Home Baptist Church.

Men United in Prayer meets every second Saturday at 11:00 a.m. for praise and worship.

Happy Birthday to all who have birthdays in July, August, and September. Have a wonderful and safe summer.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.

Church Service – 10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion – 1st Sunday

Wednesday Noon Day Prayer – 12:00 on the conference line, 563-999-5190

Thursday Night Prayer – 7:00 p.m. on the conference line, 563-999-5190

Bible Study -10:00 a.m. Saturdays also on the conference line and Facebook



Tabernacle Baptist Assembly Continued

SOUL FUEL (Bible Study) with Rev. Dr. Larry Phillip McCray, Pastor, Each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.
Growing in God (GIG) (Sunday School) with various teachers, each Thursday evening 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)

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. Transfers or 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 July, August, and September.

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 with us and please bring a friend.



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: 8:00 am 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

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

Partner Newsletter
DC Region - May 2024

Partner Spotlight: New Macedonia Baptist Church

New Macedonia Baptist Church is a long-time agency partner in **Ward 7**. Pastor Angelo Berry and his team have been partnering with Capital Area Food Bank to serve the community for **ten years!**

To date this fiscal year (since July 2023), New Macedonia has distributed nearly **245,000 meals** worth of food from Capital Area Food Bank! The church is also **one of our largest TEFAP partners** in the region, distributing a variety of no cost USDA foods to the community. In April alone, they distributed over **26,000 meals** worth of TEFAP food! We thank them for their continued partnership and service to the community.

Pictured here: Volunteers managing the drive thru distribution line

Their food distribution is **every Wednesday from 9:00am-11am**, while supplies last.

Location: **4115 Alabama Avenue SE**

The members of TNMBC celebrated *June Jubilee* with daily services and morning prayer.



Mother's Day Brunch - Hats and High Tea...Looking Good Ladies!



College Signing Day '24! What an awesome time witnessing our amazing seniors announce their college decisions.



*Congratulations!
Ordained Deacons*



Upcoming Events

July		
12	7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
15	7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	Summer Bible Institute
26	8:00 p.m.	Student Life Ministry-Water Country USA
September		
3	7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Zumba by Britt

Birthday Blessings

July: Ashby Harmon, Gracie Harvell, Maria Holliday

September: Linda Paylor

Happy Independence Day and Labor Day!

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 4:22 (NIV)

Greetings ushers and friends,

Happy Wedding Anniversary to Pastor Emeritus John T. Rhodes and Sister Elizabeth D. Rhodes.



Wishing you both a blessed Wedding Anniversary. Your love and faithfulness have been a true blessing to our church family. [May your marriage be a reflection of God's grace and love.](#)

Upcoming Events

July

2	7:00 p.m.	Baptismal Service - Sanctuary
3	7:00 p.m.	Pastors Class - Virtual/Zoom
4		INDEPENDENCE DAY
7	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship – Sanctuary/Virtual
10	7:00 p.m.	Pastors Class – Virtual/Zoom
14	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Zoom
15 th - 19 th	7:00 p.m.	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL/SUMMER BIBLE INSTITUTE - Virtual/In-person
21	10:00 a.m.	JOSHUA GENERATION DAY- Sanctuary/Virtual
28	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship -Sanctuary/Virtual
30	7:00 p.m.	Service – Sanctuary

Trinidad Baptist Church Continued

August

4	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Virtual
11	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Virtual
18	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Virtual
20		Happy Wedding Anniversary to Pastor Emeritus John T. Rhodes and Sister Elizabeth Rhodes.
21	7:00 p.m.	Sunday on Wednesday (SOW) - Sanctuary/Virtual
25	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Virtual

September

1	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Virtual
5		HAPPY BIRTHDAY SISTER. ELIZABETH D. RHODES
8	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Virtual
10	7:00 p.m.	Baptismal Service - Sanctuary
11	7:00 p.m.	Pastors Class - Virtual/Zoom
12	5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Women's RETREAT Registration - Fellowship Hall
13	5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Women's RETREAT Keynote & workshop
14	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Women's RETREAT - Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall
15	10:00 a.m.	D.L. JACKSON MINISTRY ANNUAL DAY - Sanctuary/Virtual
18	7:00 p.m.	Sunday on Wednesday (SOW) - Sanctuary/Virtual
22	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Virtual
25	7:00 p.m.	Pastors Class - Virtual/Zoom
29	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship - Sanctuary/Virtual

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all in the Months of: July, August and September.
Please pray for our sick and shut-ins and bereaved families.





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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



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



**JOIN THE
RITUALISTIC TEAM**



HOLD THE DATE

October 12, 2024

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

(Location to be Determined)

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE RITUALISTIC MEMBERSHIP
REGISTRATION FORM AND FOLLOW THE
INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION.**

Shirley Moore Mickel, Director
Membership Services and Outreach Department

Brenda Gilliam, President

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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

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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

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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

2024 Business Meetings and Special Occasions

Business Meeting Dates

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

July 8, 2024

November 11, 2024

September 9, 2024

December 9, 2024

October 14, 2024

Special Activity Dates

Date	Event
Sunday, September 15, 2024 3:00 p.m.	ICUA Anniversary
Saturday, September 28, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Catherine E. Mills – 1-Day Seminar
Saturday, October 19, 2024 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Everyone's Birthday Celebration (Fellowship Hall only)- Food will be brought from outside persons
Sunday – November 24, 2024 3:00 p.m.	Young Adult Leroy Johnson Tag Day
Sunday, December 1, 2024 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Randy L. Perrin Men's and Christine M. Green Women's Day Program
Sunday, December 15, 2024 3:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m.	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.
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Mail form and check payable to ICUA of DC. note in memo “IN THE KNOW.” Email form for processing to:

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1923 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009

Please send cc of submitted form to achpublicrelations@icuaofdc.org

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CALLING ALL ICUA MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

The Coat Drive Committee will be available on Saturday, October 5, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to collect warm coats and monetary donations at:

Macedonia Community Church
1026 - 46th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20019

Girl Sizes 7-20, Boys Sizes 7-20

Adults (male and female) Medium and Large
Saturday, October 19, 2024, at the same location to sort and divide coats in preparation for delivery to Recipients.

"Penny Bucket" Committee Education and Scholarship Department



"Penny Bucket" Donation Drive
April 1, 2024 – July 23, 2024



YES—WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please come and join the Annual "Penny Bucket" Dash. We are proud to say that we won 1st Place in the 2023 "Penny Bucket" Contest held at the National Convention in the District of Columbia. Thank you for your support! We are looking forward to repeating our success again this year. We can only do that by your donations. Pennies make noises—dollars make things happen. Please consider the saving concept to set aside \$1.00 per day towards the "Penny Bucket" every month until the Convention. Funds are raised through this Contest to allow the National Education Department to help, encourage, and inspire our young people towards the achievement of a career, and to reach their highest educational goal. It also pays the donations to the three winners of the new "Spelling Bee" Contest since it's not covered by the R. E. Harshaw, Jr. Foundation. If you are not able to set aside \$1.00 per day, please do whatever you can. In addition, please feel free to set aside more than \$1.00 per day if you are able. We will graciously accept whatever you have. It would be wonderful to again be the 1st Place Winner of the "Penny Bucket" Contest. The top three winning States receive 1/3 of their winnings back. All monies are to be sent to the Budget and Finance Department via check, money order, or using Givelify (include appropriate fees). The mailing address is 1923—16th Street, NW.—Washington, DC 20009-3364. Please annotate on the Memo Line specifically for the "Penny Bucket" Contest. Please contact Frances S. Penn on 202/230-2727 if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!



Frances S. Penn—Chairman
Dwight D. Williams, Sr.—Director, Education and Scholarship Department
Brenda Gilliam—President



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July 22 - July 26, 2024
New Orleans, Louisiana

Contact: Mary Samuel
(202) 600-6979

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EVENTS DEPARTMENT

The Combined ICUA Anniversary

112th Senior Department

56th Junior and Young People's Department

98th Young Adult Department

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

3:00 p.m.

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

Elder Alfred H. McCain Sr., Spiritual Advisor

Additional Information Forthcoming

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**ICUA BOARD OF TRUSTEES' BUS TRIP
SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA**



JOIN US FOR THIS VERY EXCITING TRIP! WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2024

The bus will leave promptly at 7:30 am from Macedonia Community Church,
1026 46th Street NE, Washington, DC
The show starts at 11 am

Trip includes: Buffet Lunch and Theatre Tickets

Donation: **Adults - \$175.00 Teens (13-19) \$150.00 Children (4-12) \$95.00**

Deposits are accepted from **Monday, July 8, through Monday, August 5, 2024**

Deposits are nonrefundable Adults - \$90.00 Teens (13-19) \$75.00 Children (4-12) \$50.00

Theater seat assignments cannot be made until full payment is received.

Final payment due **Monday, September 9, 2024 (Business Meeting)**

Contact: Patricia C. McCrimmon (202) 726-3880; pcmc07@aol.com or Eric Kirby (202) 285-4800; ej.kirby@gmail.com

Make your checks payable to: ICUA of Washington DC

Email your reservation to: pcmc07@aol.com and mail deposit/full amount to:

ICUA of DC, 1923 16th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20009-3364

Name

Email Address

Telephone Number

Number of tickets

Adults

Teen(s)

Children

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May 20, 2024

Greetings my beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

We greet you in the precious name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The **Interdenominational Church Ushers Association (ICUA) of Maryland Inc.**, cordially extends an invitation to you and your Ushers, to attend our **93rd Memorial Weekend**, which is scheduled for **September 28-29, 2024**.

Our **Pre-Memorial Musical** will be held on **Saturday, September 28th at 7 p.m.**

The **Memorial Service** will be held on **Sunday, September 29th at 2:30 p.m.**

Both Services will be held at:

Providence Baptist Church

1401 Pennsylvania Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21217

Directions to the Church will be at the Hotel. Accommodations have been reserved at:

Hampton Inn Baltimore/Glen Burnie

Reservations must be made and paid through the **State of Maryland** with **one state check** made payable to the **ICUA of Maryland**. Double and King Rooms are available for Friday night at a rate of **\$135.66** (which includes the local taxes). For Saturday night, Double and King Rooms are available at a rate of **\$142.50** (which includes local taxes).

Usher Headquarters
1414 Crain Highway North
Suite 1B
Glen Burnie, MD 21061
www.icuaofmaryland.org

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Young Adult President

Pierre Mackall
Junior & Young People's President

Please send your rooming list and monies to the **State of Maryland by Saturday, August 17, 2024.**

The list and monies should be mailed to:

Julia A. Kitchen
Financial Secretary
7667 Porcelain Tile Court
Odenton, MD 21113

The Eastern Region **Mid-Year Meeting** will be held on **Saturday, September 28th at 1 p.m.** Also, the **Interstate Council Meeting** will be on **Sunday, September 29th at 11 a.m.**

Please note that both meetings will be held at **Providence Baptist Church.**

Yours in His Service,

Louis E. Parker

Louis E. Parker
State President

Lamar Garrett

Lamar Garrett
Board of Trustees Chairperson



Health Reporter:
Phyllis Dean-Fyall, RN



SEPTEMBER IS PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

[Prostate Cancer](#) is the most common non-skin cancer diagnosed in men, and the second leading cause of cancer deaths in men, after lung cancer.

The prostate is a gland in the male reproductive system located just below the bladder and in front of the rectum. It is about the size of a walnut and surrounds part of the urethra (the tube that empties urine from the bladder). The prostate gland produces fluid that makes up part of semen.

According to the National Cancer Institute (NCI), almost all prostate cancers are adenocarcinomas (cancers that begin in cells that make and release mucus and other fluids). Prostate cancer often has no early symptoms. Advanced prostate cancer can cause men to urinate more often or have a weaker flow of urine, but benign prostate conditions can also cause these symptoms.

Because of effective screening options for prostate cancer, the disease is often caught before it spreads, and survival rates are good for this type of cancer.

The NCI's Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program [estimates](#) that more than 299,010 men in the United States will be diagnosed with prostate cancer and 35,250 men are expected to die of the disease in 2024.

Prostate cancer is more common in older men. It is more likely to occur in men with a family history of prostate cancer and in men of African American descent. Other risk factors include smoking, being overweight, and not getting enough exercise. In the United States, about 11 percent of men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer at some point during their lifetimes.

African American men continue to have the highest death rate for prostate cancer of any racial or ethnic group in the United States. In the period 2015-2019, Black men were twice as likely to die from prostate cancer as white men. Scientists believe the disparity stems from both genetic and socioeconomic factors.

AN IMPORTANT PERSPECTIVE

Choices about screening and treatment for early-stage prostate cancer are complex and largely personal, according to an article in *Cancer Today* magazine. Read more: [Balancing Early-Stage Prostate Cancer Decisions](#)

WHAT THE AACR IS DOING IN PROSTATE CANCER RESEARCH

In March 2023, the [AACR Special Conference: Advances in Prostate Cancer Research](#) was held in Denver, Colorado. This meeting brought together experts from around the world to hear and discuss the latest findings on such topics as mechanisms of disease progression, genomic heterogeneity, epigenomic mechanisms, tumor microenvironment and immunotherapy, detection, and diagnosis of prostate cancer.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please see our page on [prostate cancer](#) for more information about prevention, screening, and treatment.

DONATE NOW

Your gift helps the American Association for Cancer Research fund pioneering science that saves lives daily.

GET INVOLVED

You can lend your talents to support lifesaving research in many ways. Learn how you can become an advocate for cancer research, participate in events to raise awareness, volunteer your time, and share your story of how cancer has affected your life.

<https://www.aacr.org/patients-caregivers/awareness-months/prostate-cancer-awareness-month>

