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Coming up...

- 2/5, 4 PM - Rev. Charles Tindley Celebration, Tindley Temple UMC
- 2/5, 3-4 PM - Camphor on the Radio: Wing and Prayer Bowl
- 2/19, 1 PM - Black History Month Celebration
- 3/5, 1 PM- Dinners-Gospel Chorus
- 3/12, 11 AM - Women's Day
- 4/30, 3 PM - Camphor-Korean Fellowship



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Celebrating Black History Month

February marks the beginning of Black History Month - an annual celebration that has existed since 1926. But what are the origins of Black History Month?



Much of the credit can go to Harvard Scholar **Dr. Carter G. Woodson**, who was determined to bring Black History into the mainstream public arena. Woodson devoted his life to making "the world see the Negro as a participant rather than as a lay figure in history."

In 1926 Woodson organized the first annual Negro History Week, which took place during the second week of February. Woodson chose this date to coincide with the birthdays of **Frederick Douglass** and **Abraham Lincoln** - two men who had greatly impacted the black population.

Over time, Negro History Week evolved into the Black History Month that we know today - a four-week-long celebration of African American History.

Message from The Pastor



Dear Members and Friends of Camphor,

When I first wrote you upon coming to Camphor, I spoke of the discernment of God's vision. Over the last few months, I have begun to hear parts of the vision coming to me. You will never guess where they are coming from???. They are coming from conversations and prayers with you, the members.

God's vision is already written within us. It is just a matter of letting it come to the surface of our spirit so that we can express it.

In some cases, it is about working together as the Body of Christ with people who we may not desire to work with. In other

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Camphor Light Hall of Fame

This year, the staff of The Camphor Light determined that Black History Month was the most fitting time to honor clergy and/or lay persons whose ministry and achievements during their lifetimes have significantly impacted the Camphor congregation and community throughout the years.

The following criteria had to be met: 1) the nominee must have demonstrated unusual and outstanding leadership in the church and commu-



nity through sustained life-long ministry; 2) the achievements of the nominee must have enduring value to the church and community beyond the nominee's lifetime.

The staff unanimously selected **Rev. Dr. Daniel Ridout** and **Mrs. Emma Brinkley** as the charter inductees into The Camphor Light Hall of Fame in recognition of their legendary contributions and faithfulness that continue to bless us today. Their tributes may be found at the centerfold on pages 6 and 7.

Message from The Pastor

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cases, it involves facing the fears we have about the neighborhood as we build a relationship with our neighbors. In more cases than not, we know where God is calling us to serve, we just need direction and support.

Within the Body of Christ at Camphor, I see many talented, God loving people.

“God’s vision is already written within us. It is just a matter of letting it come to the surface of our spirit so that we can express it.”

I believe that if we work together, we will begin to see the fruits of the spirit and the fruits of our labor.

Know that I am with you in the pilgrimage.

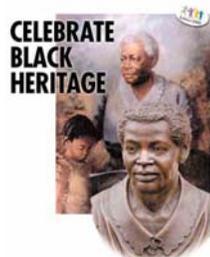
There may be some mountains in the distance, but I know that we can make it together.

Shalom,
Reverend Laurie Ann Rookard

Everyone Is Invited to a Black History Celebration at Camphor

Everyone is cordially invited to come celebrate Black History Month on **Sunday, February 19, 2006.**

After the morning worship service, we will have a bring-your-favorite-cultural-covered-dish meal. There will be gospel music and a PowerPoint presentation featuring members of the church who have contributed



to African American history as well as our youth sharing their dreams and how they plan to affect our future.

“We should emphasize not Negro History, but the Negro in history. What we need is not a history of selected races or nations, but the history of the world void of national bias, race hate, and religious prejudice.”

Carter Woodson (1875-1950)
on founding Negro History Week, 1926

Around Camphor

UM Women

Catherine Exum is the newly elected President of Camphor's United Methodist Women that now meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month. She invites all women of the church to join them for Christian fellowship, to work together in supporting missions and to encourage each other in spiritual growth. How do you become a member of UMW? Ms. Exum replies, just say "YES" to express a desire to belong and believe in our purpose: "...a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience

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Missions

Are you interested in going on mission to areas affected by Hurricane Katrina? If so, VIM teams are forming now in the EPC for immediate service. VIM teams usually spend 1-2 weeks in an area and do clean-up, construction and/or provide medical care. The teams are usually 6-12 people led by a trained team leader. Each team is responsible for its own transportation, food and tool, estimated at \$400-\$500 per person plus a Love Offering. Please see **Rev. Rookard** if you are interested in joining a mission team.

By Kit Boyd

The Camphor Council for Community Development (CCCD) hosted its 5th Christmas Party for the residents of Camphor Brooks Apartments on Sunday, December 18, 2005. The food, prepared by **Jeanne Myers** and **Veronica Williams**, was plentiful and sumptuous. A delicious ham was prepared by **Bill Adams**, his specialty. There were a variety of delicious deserts, enough to please everyone's palate. **Joy Flynn**, CCCD vice president, welcomed the guests

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UM Men

The 51st Annual Convocation of UM Men will be held March 20-21, 2006 at Pocono Manor & Golf Resort. The theme speaker will be **Dickie Noles**, former member of the 1980 championship Phillies baseball team. Camphor son, **Rev. David W. Brown**, will lead a workshop, "*Men Building For The Kingdom.*" All men are encouraged to attend the convocation and see Reese Brown Jr. or Walter King for more information.

The **Board of Trustees** reminds everyone to bring or send quarterly donations for the Van Ministry. Your support helps to keep the vans running.



Boy/Cub Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 194 meets every Saturday at Camphor at 10 AM. The scout and cub units are continuing to recruit new applicants from Haddington Recreation Center and the Rhoades, Daroff, Our Lady of Holy Sacrament and Blankenburg schools. When the units are complete, the Fall Roundup and new roster will be presented in the *Camphor Light*. Upcoming 2006 events are the 50th Anniversary celebration of the units in February and the Spring District Camporee in April. Scout membership is open to boys ages 11-15 and cubs ages 6 to 10. Please contact **Scout Leader Clifton Officer** (215-474-9363) for more information.

Laity Academy

The 23rd Academy for Laity will take place August 11-13, 2006 at The Inn at Reading, 1040 Park Road, Wyomissing, PA. The theme of the Academy is "Growing in Faith to Serve Christ—in the local church, the community and the world." The Academy is open to all laity in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. Offerings include basic and advanced courses for Christ Servant Ministers. Scholarships for partial cost are available from the Laity Academy Scholarship Fund. Please contact **Walter King** for additional information.

**Save the date: March 12
Women's Day**

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Christmas Services At Camphor

By Phyllis Daniels

Our holiday worship season began with various members lighting the Advent candles each week. Poinsettias, presented by the Flower Club, soon adorned the sanctuary.

New this year was the Christmas Eve Candle-Light Service. The service included musical selections by the Senior Choir and Gospel Chorus and the first dance worship by the newly-formed Praise Dancers. **Rev. Rookard's** message, "How the Three Men Found Their Wisdom," was most enlightening. The service ended



with voices lifted to "Silent Night" and hands holding lighted candles in the darkened sanctuary.

The Christmas Day Worship Service was both reverent and dynamic as we honored the day that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ was born.

In keeping with tradition, Watch Night Service was held at 10 PM on New Year's Eve. It was a joy to have our very own **Reese Brown** as the speaker and to see him well and able to give us a lesson and guidance after a frightening episode

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Sayers UMC Dedicates Organ in Memory of Rev. and Mrs. Strother

On Sunday, January 15, 2006, Sayers Memorial UMC dedicated the Sanctuary Organ in memory of their former pastor and first lady, the late **Rev. and Mrs. William C. Strother, Jr.** The program featured gifted organist **Charles Pettaway**, Professor of Music, Lincoln University. Over 300 people from numerous churches in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference and the community enjoyed the concert and dedication ceremony.

Camphor was well represented by **Edward Hale, Dorothy Tate, Gloria Todd, Ramon Harris, Sr., Virginia & Crystal Euell, Stanley & Pearlese Wyatt and Anthony Howard** in tribute to Rev. and Mrs. Strother who served Camphor Memorial UMC from 1969 to 1971.

Friends may make a tax deductible gift at any time for the William and Emma Wilson Strother Scholarship Fund. Checks should be sent to the church made payable to "Sayers Memorial United Methodist Church." Tapes of the dedication service are available for a donation of \$3 and may be ordered by calling Debbie Henry, church secretary, at 215-474-4838.

Rev. Strother, (1904-2004), was well respected for his affable personality, spirited preaching and dynamic church leadership. Educated at Bennett College, Clark University, Gammon Theological Seminary and Temple University, he served as a chaplain in WWII and then assigned to St. Matthews Methodist Church (renamed Union Memorial) in Darby where the congregation grew from 15 members to 400 and a new sanctuary was built. In 1960 he was appointed DS of the Philadelphia District of the Delaware Conference and resigned from the Board of Missions in 1969 to accept the pastoral appointment to **Camphor**.

In 1971 he was appointed DS of the West Chester District of the EPC and initially retired in 1977 and volunteered as a Chaplain of Philadelphia and Delaware County prisons. In 1979 **Bishop James Ault** called Rev. Strother from retirement to the pastorate of Berry-Long Memorial UMC.



United Methodist Women Elect Officers

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freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.”

The newly elected officers of Camphor’s UMW unit: President, **Catherine Exum**; Vice-President, **Deborah Terrell**; Secretary, **Charlotte Jones**; Treasurer, **Jeanne Meyers**; Secretary of Program Resources, **Aneita Douglas**; Mission Coordinator for Social Action, **Janet Chaffin**; Missions Coordinator for Education & Interpretation, **Elaine Brown**; Mission Coordinators for Membership, Nurture and Outreach, **Dorothy Tate and Elizabeth Riley**.

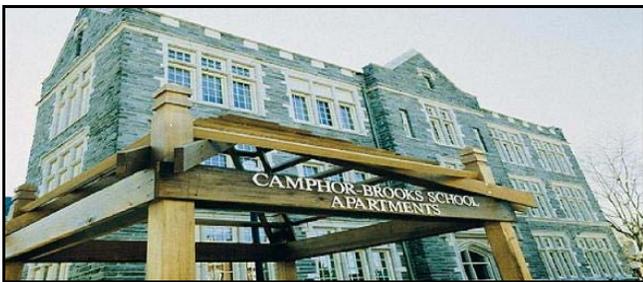


New elected officers of Camphor's United Methodist Women at meeting after worship service on January 29, 2006

CCCD Hosts Christmas Party for Camphor-Brooks Residents

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and **Rev. Rookard** blessed the food. In all, we hosted 26 residents, their families and guests, and members of Camphor church.



Gift bags, prepared by CCCD members for 22 women and eight men, were distributed to the residents by Kwanzaa Klaus--in the person of **Carol Black**-- and CCCD members. Our young people then personally delivered gifts to those residents who were not present. As a finale, residents, their guests and families, Camphor and CCCD members joined in the singing Christmas Carols.

Each year the party becomes more meaningful and special to the residents and the members of CCCD.

Christmas

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with his health.

The highlight of the New Year’s Service was the presentation by **Rev. Rookard** and her son, **Raymel**, of gifts of soaps they had made for everyone in the congregation. Rev. Rookard explained that the soaps were to be used, when we break one of our New Year’s resolution and need to experience God’s forgiveness. Washing our hands with the

soap, pastor said, is a symbolic gesture of receiving God’s forgiveness as we start anew, no matter how many times needed in the new year.

Christmas at Camphor was perhaps what our new year is to be: new with traces of the old for the sake of tradition and an opportunity to wash clean and start afresh as often as it takes.

Report from the Education Ministry

By Ruth Harmon

The following status report was provided to the Administrative Council on January 9, 2006:

Sunday School

- Average attendance is about the same as in November.
- Winter quarter materials and Youth Bibles from the Sponsor-a-Bible Project have been ordered.
- Students helped to decorate the church for Christmas and are participating in worship services, i.e. Bible reading, worship leader, ushering, praise dance and singing.
- The Christmas play "And They Call Him Emmanuel," was well-received.

Methodist Youth Fellowship

- They are meeting several times a month under the leadership of **Rev. David and Sharon Brown.**
- They are becoming involved in 11 AM worship services, SPPRC and Administrative Council meetings
- A day of service at the **Camphor-Brooks** residence is planned for Dr. King holiday
- They are planning to attend the Sixers basketball game on 1/20/06
- MYF is going to see the movie, *Glory Road.*

Adult Fellowship

- A December planning meeting was held at Ms. Tootsie's Res-

taurant and activities have been planned to support Camphor's GED program and serve as greeters

- The next meeting is 1/21/06 at 12 noon.

Bible Study Class

- **Mrs. Burnett's** class has completed *How Can I Forgive? A Study of Forgiving* by **Joretta L. Marshall**
- The class will next study the Parables of the Bible
- There may be Lenten Bible Studies in small groups in homes

Child Abuse Clearance

- Paperwork has been forwarded to Harrisburg

A Plea From The Finance Committee



Dear Camphor Family,

Because of the increase in our "Gas bill," FINANCE NEEDS YOUR HELP! The current bill for the church is \$4,612.00 for two months.

We do not receive enough money to cover the Church Budget and the INCREASED cost to heat our church.

We are asking that you go "the extra mile" and contribute at least \$50.00 over and above your regular tithes and offering. If unable to give this amount, please give what you can.

There will be envelopes available for your contribution, which we ask to be returned to the church on Sunday, **February 12, 2006.** Please note your contribution: "for heating".

Contribution Statements for 2005 have been mailed. Should you have any questions, please contact **Gwen Deas** at 302-456-1132, **Elizabeth Lockwood** at 215-365-6907 or **Kathryn Jasper** at 215-937-0332.

We thank you in advance and pray for your support in meeting the needs of the church.

Kathryn Jasper, Chair
Finance Ministry

**Do you need a ride to church on Sunday?
Please contact Norris Molock, 215-476-1180**



Trailblazers For The Next Generation

By Carol Black



Dr. Kelli Moore, political science professor at University of Florida (Gainesville), *summa cum laude* graduate of Spelman College, was awarded the Ph.D degree in December 2005. Daughter of **Mr. & Mrs. Charlie (Mae) Moore** and niece of **Mr. & Mrs. Walter (Rosetta) Stanley**



Paul Jordan, Jr., honors student at Morehouse College, learned this month that he is the recipient of a \$7,500 annual scholarship from Boeing Corporation. Son of **Mr. & Mrs. Paul (Lewisene) Jordan Sr.** and grandson of **Mr. Lewis Alexander**.

Without doubt, the significant achievements of these younger sons and daughters of Camphor (and those previously profiled in *The Camphor Light*), have already earned them the distinction of being contemporary African-American history makers. However, their legacy goes far beyond their accomplishments. It is their commitment to make the way better for those that follow that set these trailblazers apart.



Ms. Candice Maynard, English teacher, classical violinist, athlete and literacy volunteer, was crowned Miss Black Missouri USA 2005 in August and represented Missouri in the Miss Black USA pageant in Washington DC. Granddaughter of **Mrs. Dorothy Tate**.



Lieutenant Colonel **David P. Casey**, Future Operations Officer, G-3, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), Camp Fallujah, Iraq, graduate of Naval Academy (B.S. in Math) who in July 2006 will command Marine Corps Security Guard Battalion based in Frankfurt, Germany. Son of **Mr. & Mrs. William (Aileen) Casey**.



Ms. Xanthea Burnett, classical pianist, humanitarian and paralegal, organized and presented a collaborative Sata Rupa concert in November 2005 to collect food and funds for a church food bank (Trinity UMC) and the homeless in Des Moines, Iowa. She was featured in a cover story in the *Des Moines Register*. Daughter of **Mr. & Mrs. Clifton (Dorothea) Burnett**.

Camphor Light Hall of Fame



Rev. Dr. Daniel Lyman Ridout

By Carol Black

A minister, pianist, hymnal scholar, journalist, poet and educator, Dr. Ridout has the distinction of longest serving pastor of Camphor (1941 to 1949). During those years, his dynamic and charismatic leadership drew crowds to “Little Camphor” church on Haverford Avenue and led to the purchase of the present sanctuary and buildings in 1948 to accommodate a congregation that had swelled to over 900 persons.

Dr. Ridout, son of a Methodist minister, was born in Chestertown, MD, on March 10, 1898. He was an alumnus of Princess Anne Academy and at the time of his death on June 15, 1982, was one of the few surviving members of the Class of 1918. He completed graduate studies at Ithaca Conservatory of Music and post-graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University.

He was revered by alumni of Princess Anne Academy, Princess Anne College, Maryland State College and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, as the author and composer of the institution’s school song, written during the time he served as music director of his alma mater. (Resolution, “A Celebration of the Life of The Rev. Dr. Daniel Lyman Ridout”, UMES Archives, 1982).

He entered the ministry in Wilmington, DE, in 1924, the same year he published a book of poetry about some of his life’s experiences, “Verses from a Humble Cottage.” During the next 25 years he served churches in the old Delaware Annual Conference including St. Peters (Wilm., DE), Hamilton Memorial (Atlantic City), St. Michaels (MD), Bridgeton (NJ) and Camphor.

His was one of the first two Black district superintendents in the area that is now the Delaware Peninsula Annual Conference. Starting in 1953, he served 12 years as administrative assistant to the late bishop Edgar A. Love in the Baltimore area. After Bishop Love retired in 1964, he was named special assistant to Bishop John Wesley Lord, whose jurisdiction included Methodist churches in the Washington area. During this period he was involved in the merger of white and black Methodist churches in Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia, which he called, “a great step forward for Methodism, and for the Christian church as a whole in America.”

An accomplished musician, Rev. Ridout organized in 1953—and for years directed—the Great Hymns Choir of Baltimore, an integrated chorus that became well-known and popular before integrated church groups became commonplace. He was a member of the committee that revised the Methodist hymnal, copyrighted in 1964 and reissued in 1966, that included original works by Dr.

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Mrs. Emma Bell Brinkley

By Carol Black

An educator, counselor, administrator, and mentor, Mrs. Brinkley generously and willingly shared her extraordinary gifts of organization, decision making, planning, public speaking, writing and leadership in unwavering devotion to her profession, her church and her community. Her memory lives on through the many lives she touched in tireless and selfless acts of giving.

Emma Evelyn Bell Brinkley was born in Chester, PA in 1913. Her father was the owner and manager of the old Chester Giants Baseball Team. She made her commitment to Christ at an early age and prior to joining Camphor in 1952, she was a member of St. Daniel's UMC in Chester.

Mrs. Brinkley received her early education in the public schools of Chester. She continued her formal education at West Chester University, University of Pennsylvania, St. Joseph's University and Temple University where she earned undergraduate and advanced degrees in Education.

Her involvement in the Chester community was rooted in her childhood and after completing her studies, she returned to Chester to complete her life's work. She rose to the top in her chosen field of education, becoming the first certified Guidance Counselor appointed by the Chester School District and subsequently retiring as Principal of Frederick Douglass Middle School. She is credited with being the originator and innovator of many of the school's continuing programs, which have enabled Douglass to maintain its status as one of the best middle schools in the Chester Upland School District.

For over 47 years, Mrs. Brinkley contributed mightily of her time and talents to Camphor Memorial UMC. She graciously shared her administrative skills and professional acumen in her faithful service on the Administrative Council, the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee, Special Events or Observances Committee, Policy Committee, Scholarship Committee, Communications Committee and as Editor of *The Camphor Light*.

She contributed to a multitude of community organizations, ranging from the Chester YMCA to the Mayor's Interracial Commission, to the World Fellowship Commission and to the Society of the Four Chaplains. A most visible contribution was her 58 years of dedicated service to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority from 1941 until her death in 1999. A beloved leader, she held offices on the local, regional, national and international levels serving as past president of Omega Omega Chapter, former North Atlantic Regional Director, and former International First Vice President.



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Camphor Youth Ministry

Youth To Present Camphor's "Living History"

By Sharon Brown

Using the idea that Black history is "more than a month," Camphor Youth have begun a project focusing on our "Living History." The project will feature a video presentation produced by the youth consisting of dialogue, pictures and music.

The group has begun to interview members who they feel have made significant contributions to the church and community. Also being interviewed are members who have a personal connection to an historical person or event. Participants are being video taped as they share their experiences.

The group's first interview was with **Mr. Norris Molock**, who shared his family's connection to **Harriet Tubman**. The dialogue was led by his grandson, **Devin Council**. "I had always heard that we were related to **Harriet Tubman**, but I didn't know the details. I learned a lot."

Other interviews are planned and will include **Mr. Stanley Glenn**, **Mr. Clifton Officer** and **Mrs. Martha Cobb**, the latter who will be 100 years "young" in April. "Camphor is rich with history, and many of our current members are a part of that," says **Kelly Rhem**.



How they've grown! Photo taken at Youth Pancake Breakfast in 2004.



Taking a break during Praise Dance rehearsal

Welcome, Mekhi!



Little **Mekhi Nasir Wommack-Fields**, age 3, was baptized by **Rev. Rookard** at Camphor during the worship service on Sunday, January 8, 2006. Mekhi is the son of **Mr. Gregory Fields** and **Ms. Marcia Wommack**, grandson of **Mrs. Charlotte Dennis** and great-grandson of **Mrs. Charlotte Jones**.

"This is a learning experience for everyone involved," said **Rev. David Brown**. "It is also a great opportunity for our young people to interact with some of our long-time members and vice-versa." The project is also intended to help the kids strengthen their public speaking skills and learn how to work together.

The video will be presented at the Black History celebration at the church on February 19, 2006.



The Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) at Camphor needs you! Spirit-filled, fun-loving adult volunteers are needed to help plan and chaperone activities, mentor and help our young people continue to grow in their faith.

Two Fridays a month and an occasional Saturday or whole weekend is all the time it takes to connect to this dynamic group of young people.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this ministry, please contact **Rev. David Brown** at 215-893-0856.

United Methodists Honor Rev. Charles A. Tindley

The life and work of **Charles Albert Tindley**, the great hymn writer who died in 1933, are being honored by the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries as part of Black History Month.

The mission agency will issue "Beams of Heaven," a 75 minute CD and a songbook including all of Tindley's published hymns. It is also sponsoring a memorial concert on **February 5, 2006** at 4 PM at Tindley Temple Memorial United Methodist Church in Philadelphia. Black Methodists for Church Renewal (BMCR), a denominational caucus, has en-



dorsed the Tindley celebration.

Charles Albert Tindley was a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a founding figure in American gospel music. Born in Berlin, Maryland, in 1851, he died as pastor of a

12,500 member congregation in Philadelphia. He also wrote the words and music to dozens of gospel hymns, including five published in the current United Methodist Hymnal and others found in the Songs of Zion songbook. In welcoming the celebration, **Bishop Melvin G. Talbert**, executive director of BMCR, noted that Tindley was "one of the greatest preachers of his day."

The CD will feature 75 minutes of Tindley hymns in diverse styles. The songbook will be the first major collection of

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Young Camphor Scholar In Egypt This Summer

Master **Zahir Sankofa**, a 10th grade student at Girard Academic Music Program (GAMP), traveled to Egypt this summer under the auspices of the d'Zert Club's Teen Summit 1000 program.

Zahir toured three cities, Cairo, Aswan and Luzor, during the eight-day study tour. He was privileged to see and visit key sites along the Nile River such as the Great Pyramids and the Valley of the Kings.

In Cairo, he visited the Egyptian Museum which houses the world's greatest collection of Egyptian antiquities, including exhibits from King Tutankhamun's tomb as well as the sarcophagus containing the gold coffin of the remains of the pharaoh wearing the famous gold mask.

Zahir was required to take classes for two years at Temple University in preparation for the

study trip.

A member of Camphor's MYF, Zahir sings in the Youth Choir, accompanies on the trumpet, and is a volunteer in the church's Tape Ministry. He is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Zahmu (Malika) Sankofa**.



Welcome, Mrs. Clarice Reid!



We are delighted to welcome **Mrs. Clarice Reid** to the Camphor family.

She had been attending Camphor as a guest of

member, **Mrs. Annabell Gordon** and officially joined on Sunday, January 22, 2006.

Mrs. Reid, originally from Frederick, MD, has been a resident of Philadelphia for over 50 years. Upon moving to Philadelphia she joined Tindley Temple UMC and

was employed by SEPTA. Now retired and living in West Philadelphia, she enjoys coming to Camphor, where her late sister, **Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Davis**, once taught Sunday School.

Mrs. Reid is looking forward to Bible Study classes and working with the UM Women.

Anniversaries, Birthdays, Memorials, College

Happy February Birthday!

Mrs. Joanne Brooks-Jones
 Ms. Nicole Brown Williams
 Mr. Ronald Deas, Sr.
 Mrs. Edith Drumgoole
 Mrs. Ann Hargis
 Mr. Walter Hill
 Mrs. Geraldine Lambert
 Mr. Arthur Langford
 Mrs. Lula Mock
 Mr. Charlie Moore, Sr.
 Mr. Clifton Officer
 Mrs. Terezine Richards
 Mrs. Rosetta Stanley
 Mrs. Naomi Waters



Happy March Birthday!

Mrs. Fredericka Broomfield
 Mrs. Sharon Brown
 Mrs. Lillian Cosby
 Mrs. Catherine Exum
 Ms. Marcia Exum
 Mrs. Essie Glover
 Mrs. Alice Habershaw
 Mrs. Jacqueline Hopps
 Ms. Amber Jordan
 Mr. Reuben Mills
 Mrs. Bettie Peyton
 Mrs Evelyn Woodson



Blessings to our College & Graduate Students

Tiy Adams
 Howard University
 Medical School
 Melissa Alves
 Howard University
 Law School
 Mark Bounds
 University of Maryland
 Eastern Shore
 Kina Smallwood Butts
 Temple University
 Educational Psychology
 Ph.D Program

Richard Garrison
 Villanova University

Daisha Harris
 Arcadia University
 Forensics Science Program

Paul Jordan, Jr.
 Morehouse College

Victoria Mingle
 Millersville University

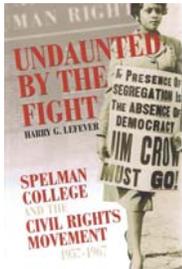
Elizabeth Kelly Terrell
 Howard University

Randie Welles
 Barnard College



Recommended!

Book about Spelman
 College in Civil
 Rights Movement,
 1957-1967



Person on cover is
 Melba Moore
 Carter, cousin of
 Ruth Harmon

To All Camphor Members

Thank you, thank you, and thank you for your generosity shown to us during this holiday season! May each of you have a prosperous and happy New Year. May God continue to shower His blessings upon each of you. It is our pleasure to serve you.

*Gloria Todd, Jean Rhodes, Eric Butler
 and Rayna Beatty*

Thank You!

Dear Members of Camphor,

It's hard to believe that only six months have passed since I began this appointment with you. I am very grateful to be with you and for the thoughtful GIFT from you.

My prayer continues to be one of peace and unity as we seek to understand and manifest God's purpose in the great City of Philadelphia. May the same spirit of kindness that has been cultivated continue to grow us in service for God.

Yours in Service,
 Rev. Laurie Ann Rookard
 12/21/05



In Loving Memory

Mr. Charles Kearse
 December 2, 2005

Mrs. Margaret Parnell
 December 30, 2005

Mr. Dennis McNeill
 January 13, 2006

Mr. A. Stuart Hopkins
 (Father of Rev. Rookard)
 January 14, 2006

Reminder Skills and Gifts Survey

If you haven't done so, please complete and return the survey, distributed by Rev. Rookard, so that we will know your ministry interests, birthday and anniversary.

Remember Our Sick and Shut-In

1. Mr. Lewis Alexander 51 Bradford Lane, Willingboro, NJ 08046-1537
2. Mrs. Gladys Allen Simpson House, 2101 Belmont Ave., Phila., PA 19131-1628
3. Mrs. Pauline Cunningham St. Ignatius Nursing Home #407, 4401 Haverford Ave., Phila., PA 19104-1332
4. Mr. William Covington 5627 Stewart Street, Phila., PA 19131; (215) 477-3844
5. Mrs. Mae Daniel Simpson House, 2101 Belmont Ave., Phila., PA 19131; (215) 871-5366
6. Rev. Claude Edmonds 7701 Henry Ave., Apt D103, Phila., PA 19128; (215) 482-0253
7. Mr. Samuel Edwards Walnut Care Pavilion, 6200 Walnut St., Phila., PA 19139
8. Mrs. Margaret Freeman Simpson House, # M330, 2101 Belmont Ave., Phila., PA 19131; (215) 871-5408
9. Mrs. Mary-Lora Garvin 1853 Wynnewood Road, Phila., PA 19151; (215) 878-3804
10. Mrs. Henrietta Gwaltney 1255 N. 57th Street, Phila., PA 19131; (215) 473-3797
11. Mrs. Essie Glover 653 N. Frazier St., Phila., PA 19131; (215) 474-0312
12. Mrs. Ossie Hayward (current address unknown)
13. Mrs. Zula Hampton 3848 Brown Street, Phila., PA 19104; (215) 386-8672
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"I was sick and you looked after me." Matt. 25:36



The Church Around

Youth will collect money, food for needy

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Armed with soup pots, youth in all 50 states and Canada will spend Feb. 5, the day of the Super Bowl, at the doors of their churches, collecting \$1 or a can of food from each person walking by. The money and food will be given to a local hunger ministry or charity of their choice for the Souper Bowl of Caring. Youth will register their donations by going to the Souper Bowl of Caring's Website at www.souperbowl.org or calling (800) 358-SOUP (3687).

As the youth choose what hunger ministries they will support, the relief agency requests consideration of UMCOR's Hunger/Poverty Program, Advance #982920 and/or South Asia Emergency, Advance #274305. Donations may be sent through the local church.

Bishop expresses support for Liberian president

MONROVIA, Liberia — God has given Liberia a new leader, and it is the church's responsibility to "surround her with a new heart for our nation," said the country's United Methodist bishop. **Bishop John Innis**, who leads Liberia's 170,000 United Methodists, urged support for **President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf** during a worship service the day before the Jan. 16 inauguration. Sirleaf is a United Methodist.

World's churches prepare to meet

PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil — Transformation — of the earth, of society, of the church and of individual lives — will be the focus of the World Council of Churches' 9th Assembly Feb. 14-23. Up to 1,200 "core participants" — such as church delegates and representatives of related organizations — are expected to attend the event, along with about 1,800 others. The United Methodist Church is sending an official delega-

tion. Updates, video and other material will be available at www.wcc-assembly.info.

As winter sets in, quake survivors need aid

NEW YORK — Winter weather has made life more difficult for the survivors of the Oct. 8 South Asia earthquake. The United Methodist Committee on Relief is assisting people in Pakistan and other affected areas through Church World Service and other groups. As of the end of November, UMCOR had received \$373,355 for earthquake relief. Donations can be marked for "UMCOR Advance #232000, Pakistan Earthquake," and placed in church offering plates or sent to UMCOR, P.O. Box 9068, New York, N. Y. 10087-9068. Contributions also can be made by phone at (800) 554-8583 or online at www.methodistrelief.org.

Methodist joins Bolivian president's cabinet

NEW YORK — The recipient of the 2003 World Methodist Peace Award has been named minister of justice for the new government of Bolivia. **Casimira Rodriguez Romero** has become part of the cabinet of **President Evo Morales**, who was inaugurated Jan. 22 in La Paz. A Methodist, she is chief executive of the National Federation of Household Workers.

Africa University joins in Angola initiative

MUTARE, Zimbabwe — United Methodist-related Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe, is joining with Chevron Corp. and an Angola university in an initiative to help with the reconstruction and development of Angola. The \$1 million capacity-strengthening effort focuses on revitalizing a once-thriving agricultural province

The next "Camphor Light" will be an April/May issue. If you would like to contribute an article, poem, or anything else, please email: communications@camphormemorial.org or place item(s) in the Communications mailbox at church. All items should be submitted by March 15 for publication on April 1.

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in Central Angola, by encouraging entrepreneurship and developing the work force.

UMCOR continues post-tsunami relief

NEW YORK — A year after the tsunami wiped out parts of the Aceh Province of Indonesia, the United Methodist Committee on Relief is helping people rebuild their homes, communities and livelihoods. The recovery has been complicated by the loss of property records, a strain on resources for building materials, and the large number of relief organizations, which is slowing the permit process.

Housing investment helps recovering addicts

SAN FRANCISCO — A \$12 million building opened recently here, allowing the expansion of a holistic addiction treatment program emphasizing Native American culture and values. With a new facility, the Friendship House American Indian Healing Center expanded its number of beds and its programs. Construction was made possible in part through a \$1.8 million, 30-year loan purchased by the United Methodist Board of Pension and Health Benefits as part of its affordable housing investment program.

Gathering focuses on evangelism

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — More than 950 people, including United Methodists from the Philippines and Norway, met to learn how they can “Let the Good News Roll” at the 2006 Congress on Evangelism, held Jan. 3-6. “Evangelism is important because God mandates that we are to go and preach to the whole world that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life,” said the **Rev. Gary Exman**, Columbus, Ohio, immediate past president of the Council on Evangelism of the United Methodist Church.



Rev. Ridout

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Ridout. He retired in 1971.

Dr. Ridout was married for 30 years to the former **Caddie A. Washington**, who died in 1950. In 1957, he married the former **Frances Jefferson**. She died in 1974. At the time of his death he was survived by son, **Daniel Jr.**; daughters, **Danita** and **Patricia**; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.*

**Our special thanks to Ms. Elsa Satchell, Frederick Douglass Library Archives, UMES, for her assistance in this tribute to Dr. Ridout.*

Mrs. Brinkley

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Mrs. Brinkley was married for 58 years to the late **Warren Douglas Brinkley**. They were a close and loving couple who shared and cultivated mutual interests in educating children, entertaining friends and traveling until his death on May 19, 1998. She was survived by a beloved godson, **Earl Brooks**, Reston, VA, and a large extended family of Camphor members, relatives, sorority sisters and friends.

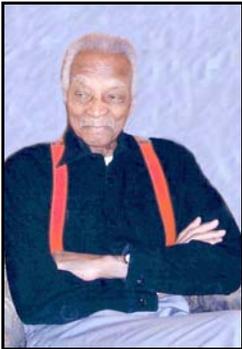
Rev. Tindley

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his words and music in 60 years. The concert will include the hymns and poetry of Dr. Tindley presented by **Theodore Thomas**, organist and music director of Tindley Temple UMC; the Mainline Interdenominational Choir, directed by **Harold Thompson**; the Choral Ensemble of Vandever United Methodist Church, directed by **Raymond Trapp**, and soloists **Carolyn Disnew**, **Bessie Williams**, and **Robin Wilson**. **Rev. Dr. Carlton R. Young**, music consultant to the Global Praise Program of the mission board, GBGM, will conduct his own arrangement of a "Suite of Tindley Hymns," composed and dedicated to **The Rev. Dr. Randolph Nugent**, former general secretary of the General Board of Global Ministries. There will also be congregational singing.

In The Spotlight... Clifton Burnett

By Vivian Harmon



We are very pleased to beam our spotlight this Black History month on **Mr. Clifton Burnett**, a devoted member of Camphor for 63 years!

Mr. Burnett was born in Memphis, TN, where he received his elementary and high school education. His journey of faith began as a child at St. Andrews Methodist Church in Memphis where he remained until joining the Navy after high school. After being honorably discharged from the Navy, he began employment at the Philadelphia Navy Yard where he remained until retirement.

Mr. Burnett joined the Camphor family in 1942 under the pastorate of the late **Rev. Daniel Ridout**. He vividly remembers the historic move from “Little Camphor” to “Big Camphor.”

He has been married to **Mrs. Dorothea Burnett** for 61 years and they are the parents of two daughters and one son.

One of Mr. Burnett’s past hobbies was tropical fish and their care. He currently enjoys listening to Jazz music and belongs to a club which features scale-model trains.

Mr. Burnett is active in the church where he serves untiringly as a member of the Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee. He also serves every Tuesday as a member of the Community Food Fellowship. In recognition of his many outstanding contributions to the church and community, this distinguished gentleman was selected “**Man of the Year**” by Camphor in 2000.

We salute and are most grateful to Mr. Clifton Burnett who has served and supported our church for so long!

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