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The Camphor Light

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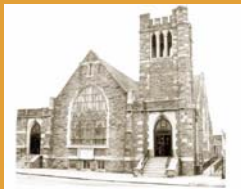


Welcome To The Email Edition of The Camphor Light!

The Communications Committee is moving toward a monthly, if not weekly, edition of *The Camphor Light* that will be e-mailed to all subscribers to the church website and can be placed in the weekly worship bulletin to minimize numerous inserts. It will include pastoral and lay announcements about upcoming services, ministries, programs and events to better inform and inspire greater attendance at worship services and participation in weekly Bible studies, church school, and ministries. You can help spread the Word in the church and community by regularly forwarding the inserts to family and friends (see link at bottom of page) and submitting your announcements, lay messages, poems, inspirational messages and suggestions to the [Church Secretary](#) and [Camphor Communications](#).

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The mission of Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ

The vision of Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church is to be a Christ-centered nurturing and supportive fellowship of believers who strive to lead lost souls to Jesus Christ and improve the quality of life in our community.



Walter King Gives Lay Delegate Report

Walter King, Camphor's lay delegate to Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference, provided an insightful report to the congregation of the 221st Session of the Annual Conference during today's worship service. The conference was held on June 13-15, 2007 at the Sheraton Hotel in center city Philadelphia. He stated that the conference theme, "Living Connected as God's People: Nurturing the Connection," was presented through worship, music and holy conferencing under the dynamic leadership of Bishop Marcus Matthews.

He reported that both the clergy and lay sessions were well attended. **Dr. Mary White**, led the laity session that featured the conference keynote speaker, **Sandy Zeigler Jackson**, Director of Lay Leadership Development, Nashville, TN, whose message, "Six Tools for Effective Leadership" was well received. He also found the array of luncheon workshops to be relevant and thought-provoking.

Highlights of the conference were the memorial service message brought by **Bishop Gregory Palmer**, Resident Bishop of the Iowa Conference, who was born and raised in Philadelphia, and the son of our former pastor, **Rev. Herbert Palmer**, and the dynamic opening of the conference worship service led by our **Camphor Praise Dancers** and the Ridge Avenue UMC Praise Team. Photos of the Praise Dancers are featured on the cover of the June 14, 2007 "New Spirit," the official EPC newsletter.

Mr. King completed his report by highlighting each of the "Six Tools for Effective Leadership," as presented by the conference keynote speaker: holy living, study and renewal, servant leadership, mission and vision, working together, and leading meaningful meetings. He also relayed the considerable discussion at Annual Conference on the decline of membership in the United Methodist Church. Since Camphor is also among the churches with declining memberships with no baptisms and memberships on profession of faith, Mr. King stated that Camphor must change by having meaningful worship services that are inviting to our diverse community and that Camphor's leaders and congregation must work together to identify and implement goals to make disciples of Jesus Christ. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve Camphor and prayed for wisdom to make the right changes.

Today's Worship Service

Rev. Rookard's sermon was "God's Lost and Found," rooted in the scriptures at Luke 15:1-20 and Revelation 2:1-5. Music was provided by the Gospel Chorus, conducted by **Ms. Lisa Rhodes** and accompanied by **Mrs. Jean Rhodes** on piano and **Mrs Diana Newman** on keyboard. For the



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Reminders:

Charge Conference on October 11, 2007 at 7:00 PM; Reports due September 30, 2007

2008 Budget Forms from Finance Committee are in committee mailboxes

Ads and Memorials for 85th Anniversary Souvenir Journal due October 28, 2007

CCCD Meeting has been changed to September 22, 2007 at 10 am

The Church Retreat scheduled for February 1-2, 2008 has been postponed and will

pastoral prayer, Rev. Rookard requested prayer requests from the congregation and included all, the **Gardner, Dennis, Legons, Daniels, Alleyne and Naomi Waters families, Cynthia Brown, Andrew Joseph, the Jena 6, Bill Adams and Henry Howard.** After the pastoral prayer, **Walter King, Talmadge Rhodes, and Al Jasper** (in photo) sang, "In the Garden." **Ms. Tamika Robinson Pitchford** led the choir in singing, "Real." Visitors were **Frances Legons, Diana Newman, Ennis Collins and Kyeta Wright.** The 85th Anniversary Committee sponsored a Souvenir Table after the service.



Invitation to UMW Ingathering

Catherine Exum, President of Camphor's United Methodist Women, invites all women to attend the District Ingathering on Saturday, September 22, 2007, from 9 am to 12 noon at Paoli UMC. Articles of new clothing of all sizes for children, men and women are being collected now for the Ingathering and will be shipped to the Methodist Neighborhood Service Center. Everyone is invited to attend the UMW Annual Day celebration will be held Sunday, September 23rd at 11 am at Camphor. The guest speaker will be **Rev. Dr. Pamela Royster.** The theme of the annual day is "Rise, Shine and Glorify God." The image on the right is the world logo of United Methodist Women.



New Church Secretary



Ms. Ericka Young is our new church secretary. Born in Philadelphia, her family moved from Grays Ferry area to Pennsauken, NJ, when Erica was young. She is a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School and is a certified nursing assistant and home health aide. Ericka recently obtained a Legal Secretary Diploma at the PJA School, Upper Darby, in May 2007. Erika states that she is a good team member who enjoys interacting with people and helping with her daughter's Girl Scout troop. She will be in the church office Monday to Friday from 9 am to 1 pm. Her email address is secretary@camphormemorial.org where announcements for the bulletin and other correspondence may be sent. Please stop in the office to welcome Ericka and help make her feel at home.

Special Thanks From Trustees

Mrs. Charlotte Jones, Chairperson of Annual Trustee Day on September 9, thanks everyone who attended the special worship service. "Your presence helped to make the day very special. A very special thanks to **Rev. Rookard, Mrs. Todd, the Senior Choir, Ushers, Church Secretary** and all who made it a success."



Message from Finance Committee

The Finance Committee thanks everyone who supported the Annual Flea Market on Saturday, September 8th. They also send special thanks to **Pearlease Wyatt, Brenda C. Harris, and the Food Cupboard** for their assistance at the Flea Market. Secondly, the Audit for year 2006 has been completed. Finance is grateful to **Bernard Waties and Josephine Keyes** for their time, talents and service. **Annette Blount** volunteered but was not able to serve because of prior commitments. Thirdly, all chairpersons and presidents of organizations and ministries should have a Signature Authorization Form on file in the Finance Office. The form can be

be rescheduled to a time in the Spring.

obtained from **Elizabeth Rivers, Gwendolyn Deas, or Kathryn Jasper**. *Please note that this form is required for receipt or transfer of any funds from organization accounts.*



Invitation to Stewardship Workshop

The Stewardship Committee invites everyone to attend a workshop, "Wills and Bequests." on Saturday, October 20, 2007, from 10 am to 1 pm. in the Great Hall of the church. The workshop will be led by **Stacy Martin**, Executive Director, [Eastern Pennsylvania-Peninsula UM Foundation](#). The workshop will benefit adults of all ages. For additional information, please contact **Gloria Thompson** or [Walter King](#).



Ruth Harmon, Bible Study Leader, invites everyone to bring their Bibles and a friend and join her on Thursday mornings for Bible Study at Camphor. The current course of study is the Book of Ecclesiastes for 6 weeks and approximately 2 chapters will be studied each week. The group meets from 10 to 11:30 am in the Great Hall for lively discussion, spiritual growth and real life application. **Mrs. Dorothea Burnett** is the Teacher Emeritus of the class.

Thanks from Spraggins Family

Pheron E. Spraggins has sent a letter thanking the entire Camphor family for the love and support during the homegoing celebration of his mother, Deborah Spraggins. He writes, "The loss of a mother is a very difficult trial anyone has to face. It if were not for the genuine love and charity displayed by the members of Camphor during this trial, I don't know how I would have made it through. Your assistance in this transitional period of my life made the burden I had to carry light. May God bless each and every member of Camphor with success."



Meetings This Week

- Sunday, September 16 - Praise Dancers Rehearsal - 12:30 pm
- Tuesday, September 18 - Community Fellowship - 10 am
- Wednesday, September 19 - GED & Adult Education - 9 am
- Wednesday, September 19 - Covenant Disciple Group - 10 am
- Wednesday, September 19 - Trustees Meeting - 10:30 am
- Thursday, September 20 - Bible Study - 10 am
- Thursday, September 20 - Choir Rehearsals - 8 pm
- Saturday, September 22 - Youth Choir Rehearsal - 11 am
- Sunday, September 23 - Finance Committee - 12:30 pm

Bible Verse For the Week

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. Jeremiah 29:11 KJV

Message from Anniversary Committee



Each member is asked to make a special contribution of \$85 on the occasion of our 85th church anniversary. Dinner sponsors for the Praise Dancers, who will be performing at the banquet, will also be greatly appreciated. Members of the [Finance Committee](#) will receive donations in the Great Hall each Sunday after church

Ads, memorials and patrons list for 85th Anniversary Souvenir Journal are due October 28, 2007. Full page \$75, half page \$50, quarter page \$35, patron list group \$5, Mr & Mrs. \$3, Individual \$2. Please contact [Aneita Duqlas](#), [Sharon Brown](#), [Edward Hale](#) and [Ronald Deas](#).

[Philadelphia Boys Choir and Chorale](#) in concert at Camphor, November 18, 2007, donation \$10. Please contact [Jean Rhodes](#), [Gloria Todd](#) or [Charlotte Jones](#).

85th Church Anniversary Banquet, November 25, 2007, Holiday Inn-City Line, donation \$45. Please contact [Gloria Johnson](#) or [Kit Boyd](#).

Anniversary souvenirs (commemorative notes, plates, mugs, t-shirts, caps and visors will be on sale in the Great Hall after worship services. Please contact [Carol Black](#), [Walter King](#), [Gloria Johnson](#) or [Kit Boyd](#).

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