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The Camphor Light

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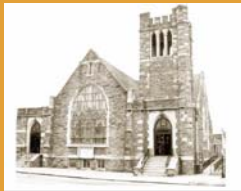
September 30, 2007



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 the congregation 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](#).

In This Insert



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.

Ministry Quicklinks



Participate in Peace Action!

Bishop Marcus Matthews has called the nearly 225,000 members in 1,000 congregations in the Philadelphia Area of The United Methodist Church to join hands and become part of the movement to end violent crime.

During the weekend of **October 5-7, 2007**, the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference will respond to the issue of violence in our communities. On Friday night, October 5th, congregations will be visible in "Shalom Zones/Zones of Peace" through various community-oriented outreach program and ministries.

On Saturday, October 6th, an "End Violence Now Rally: Pray, Act and Advocate -- The United Methodists Movement to Stop Violence" will be held at Tindley Temple UMC, 750-762 S. Broad St., Phila., PA. Here's the schedule:

2:00 pm "Peace Fair" Activities, crafts, displays for children, youth and adults who want to be God's peacemakers.

3:00 pm "Prayers for Peace and Solutions" Speakers in the sanctuary will include **Rev. Gregory Holston** (Pastor, St. Matthew UMC), **Ms. Peggy Johnson** (Church and Society), **Ms. Ann Jacob** (Conference Council on Youth Ministry), **Dr. Mary White** (EPA Conference Lay Leader), **Rev. Andrew Foster** (Black Methodists for Church Renewal), **Dr. Vivian Nicks-Early** (School for Social Change), **Rev. Donna Jones** (Pastor, Cookman UMC), and **Rev. Sandra Steiner-Ball** (Pen-Del Conference), Praise Dancers and Music.

4:30 pm "Rally for Peace" Speakers witnessing outdoors will

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Reminders:

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

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

The Church Retreat has been postponed to a later date.

include **Bishop Marcus Matthews, Mr. Al Taubenberger**, Republican candidate for mayor of Philadelphia, and **Ms. Nicole Codgell**, founder, Chester Chapter, Women of Strength. Invited are: **Mayor John Street**, and **Mr. Michael Nutter**, Democratic candidate for mayor of Philadelphia.

Today's Worship Service

Rev. David W. Brown brought today's message, "Be Still and Know Just Who God Is" from Matthew 26:36-46. Music was provided by the Senior Choir, directed by **Mrs. Gloria Todd**. During the pastoral prayer, Rev. Brown offered special prayers for, **Robin Rabinowicz**, his co-worker who recently suffered a stroke, and for **Esther Harris, Dorothy Rush, William Adams, Louise Todd, Denise Scott, John Adams, Nakeem Smalls** and **William Payne**, who were lifted for prayer by the congregation. Rev. Brown announced the EPC rally against violence next weekend (see above story) and invited youth to participate in a special movie night at Camphor on Friday, October 5th, from 7 to 9 pm, when there will also be a discussion about violence as part of the EPC weekend.. After lay messages and announcements, the **Praise Dancers**, directed by **Ms. Jules Ferreira**, presented the praise selection that they performed at Annual Conference. Visitors welcomed today were **Ms. Mary Bethea, little Miss Diamond Bethea** and **Mr. Kevin Cassel**, grandson of **Mrs. Jestine King**, who was visiting from Hawaii. 77 persons were in attendance today.



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](#).



Philadelphia Boys Choir & Chorale

November 18, 2007
3:00 PM

85th Anniversary Benefit Concert at **Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church**

Ticket Price: \$10

Contact: Jean Rhodes, Gloria Todd or Charlotte Jones or purchase online at [**TICKETWEB**](#)



Important AC Meeting on October 1st

All chairpersons are expected to attend the next meeting of the **Administrative Council** on



Monday, October 1, 2007. If unable to attend, please send a representative from the committee. All reports should be in writing. At this meeting, the budget for 2008 will be presented for approval and the slate of officers for 2008 will be presented. **Ronald Deas**, Chairperson.

Photo of Anniversary Committee

A photograph of the 85th Anniversary Committee will be taken on Sunday, October 7, 2007, immediately following the worship service in the Great Hall. All committee members are asked to be present. Contact persons are **Walter King and Paul Jordan**, Co-Chairpersons.



Invitation To Thursday Bible Study

Ruth Harmon, Bible Study Leader, invites everyone to bring their Bibles, a friend and join her on Thursday mornings for Bible Study at Camphor. The current course of study is the Book of Ecclesiastes for six weeks. Approximately two 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.

Honored at UMW Day

During the special worship service on Sunday, September 23, 2007, Camphor United Methodist Women honored **Mrs. Dorothea Burnett, Mrs. Marion Downes, Mrs. Essie Glover, Mrs. Ernestine Martin and Mrs. Doris Snell** for their many years of service and dedication to the unit. A memorial tribute was also given for the late **Mrs. Martha Cobb**.



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 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.*



Church and Society Calls for Justice and Reconciliation in Jena

"Justice can lead to healing in Jena, Louisiana, but only if the intention is reconciliation," said United Methodist leaders responding to demonstrations in the small Louisiana town. The Sept. 21 statement was issued by the United Methodist Board of Church and Society, the denomination's social action

agency. It was in response to protests over six black students facing criminal prosecution in the beating of a white student. "Police intimidation, harsh prison sentences for youth, and different standards based on race will not lead to reconciliation," the statement said. "Justice and reconciliation can only be realized through an honest admission of the racism that exists in Jena and throughout the United States and the courage to bring about necessary changes to eradicate injustice which gives rise to violence."

The board's statement joins with those of other organizations - such as the Women's Division of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch - in urging Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco to ensure that the office of the State Attorney General and the Board of Education appropriately address the racially charged atmosphere in Jena.

Special Thanks From UMW!

UMW would like to thank you for your support and participation on our Special Annual Day. Thanks for your donations and contributions to the Ingathering. Again, thank you for your presence and prayers. God Bless You!



Message from the 85th Church 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](#).

Bible Verse For the Week

Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love, remember me, for you are good, O LORD. Psalm 25:6,7 NIV



Monday, October 1 - Administrative Council - 7 pm
Tuesday, October 2 - Community Fellowship - 10 am



**Week
at Camphor
Memorial**

Wednesday, October 3 - GED & Adult Education - 9 am
Wednesday, October 3 - Covenant Disciple Group - 9:30 am
Thursday, October 4 - Bible Study - 10 am
Thursday, October 4 - Sr. Choir Rehearsal - 8 pm
Friday, October 4 - Youth Movie/Focus on Violence - 7 pm
Sunday, October 7 - Devotions - 10:15 am

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Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.



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