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The Camphor Light

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Welcome To The Email Edition of The Camphor Light!

The Communications Committee is pleased to provide this weekly edition of *The Camphor Light* to all subscribers to the church website. It includes announcements about upcoming services, ministries, programs and events to better inform the congregation and inspire greater participation in worship services, 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](#)

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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

Worship Service - April 6, 2008

Rev. Laurie Ann Rookard, Senior Pastor, brought the Word on this Third Sunday of Easter and Communion Sunday from Luke 24:13-35 and John 14:11-15, as read by **Rev. David Brown**, Deacon. The scripture was the familiar story, Road to Emmaus. Rev. Rookard began by informing that the sermon, "It Can Happen To You," would be in three parts: remembering the story, telling the story and living the story.

In Luke 24, Rev. Rookard describes how Cleopas and a friend have left Jerusalem after Jesus' crucifixion. They are despondent as they are walking the seven miles to Emmaus and talking about all that has happened. On the road, they are approached by Jesus who they do not recognize. When Jesus asks them what they are talking about, they related their high hopes that Jesus was going to set Israel free but now Jesus has been crucified and are puzzled that some women have said that he is alive. Jesus criticizes them for not believing and then beginning with Moses and the prophets explains everything the scriptures state about him. When the group arrives in Emmaus and Jesus appears to travel on, the two friends implore him to stay with them. It is only at a meal when Jesus took the bread, gave thanks and broke it they they knew he was Jesus and he immediately disappeared. The two then asked, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" They then hurry back to Jerusalem and tell the Eleven Disciples that it is true that Jesus has risen.



On the Road to Emmaus

Rev. Rookard instructed that we, too, must always remember the Easter story so that we can tell it to others. Secondly, we must tell and re-tell our faith story in the context of a loving God so that hearts will be warmed and lives transformed by the hope we give to others. Thirdly we must live the story that we tell by making choices to do the

community.

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**Family of the late
Elsie Harris**

**Ramon Harris, Sr.,
patient at Fitzgerald
Mercy Hospital**

**Mae Dell Brown,
recovering from
broken foot**

**Family of the late
Gerald Brown**

**Mrs. Dorothy
Marshall, recovering
at Willow Terrace**

**Mrs. Fay King, for
loss of her sister,
Ryde M. White**

**Family of the late
Irma Schrader**

right and loving things because of our own encounter with Jesus. She said that **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s** life is commemorated not just because he lived and died but because of the choices he made to live his life. He knew Jesus, his heart burned, and he responded in love. Rev. Rookard reminded that like the disciples,



the women at the tomb, and countless other persons who knew Jesus and did extraordinary things because of him, we, too, are empowered to preach, baptize, heal and do even greater things than Jesus because of the gift of Holy Spirit within us. We can chose to live an ordinary life or an extraordinary life by remembering, telling and living the Easter story. Like Saturday, we do something extraordinary when we chose to come together to clean up a neighborhood, to change unjust laws or work to improve our places of work and homes.

During the Invitation to Christian Discipleship, **Mrs. Elizabeth Smart**, a former member of Camphor, came to the altar and expressed her desire to reunite with the church. She was welcomed with prayer by both pastors. She is in above photo with pastors.

Rev. David Brown was the Worship Leader and the Senior Choir, directed by **Gloria Todd**, led the congregation in song. After the Litany of Ministry, Sacrament of Holy Communion, Pastoral Prayer by Rev. Rookard, the Senior Choir selection, "Total Praise," was well-received by the congregation.

Rev. Brown read the announcements. Everyone is invited to attend the next Women's Day event, which is "Market Day" on Saturday, April 12th. He thanked members of Camphor for being among the 400 persons who participated in the Bridge Walk and for their financial support of the event that commemorated the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King 40 years ago. Rev. Rookard announced that there will be not be a general meeting of SPPRC on Monday night. The Stewardship Committee will be meeting with interested persons about the Every Member Visitation Program after the worship service. Rev. Rookard asked the congregation for special prayers for **Mrs. Vivian Harmon**, the family of the late **Elsie Harris** and for **Mrs. Terezin Richards**. Rev. Rookard also expressed gratitude to those who took part in Bridge Walk for Peace and in the Philly CleanUp. Mrs. Todd requests that women and girls sign-up for the Women's Day Choir after worship service. The first rehearsal will be Saturday, April 12th. During the Passing of the Peace, all children ages 12 and under, were invited to participate in the special Sunday School during the worship service. The children will be returned for communion.

Family and friends who donated the 130 new African-American Heritage hymnals were invited to come to the altar for dedication of the hymnals. Hymnals in memory of **Martha Cobb** and in honor of **Marineeta Smallwood** were also included in the dedication prayer lifted by Rev. Rookard. After Holy Communion was served to everyone, the worship service was concluded with benediction by Rev. Rookard. Greeters were **Samuel and Maria Carmichael** and **Jenny Edmonds**. Attendance was 124 persons.

Indoor Picnic and Praise Disco Was Success and Fun

The Camphor Gym was alive with praise music and fellowship

**Family of the late
William R. Adams,
Jr.**

**Mr. George Boston
on the passing of
his aunt**

**Mr. Theodore
Eldridge**

**Mr. Eric Butler and
daughter, Brittany**

**Family of the late
Varneta Judon**

**Mrs. Catherine
Williams, now at
Bala Nursing Center**

**The Glenn and
McGlotten Family
for loss of mother,
Mrs. Dorothy
McGlotten**

**Our Haddington
neighbors**

**For 10,000 men to
hear the call to
action and become
peacekeepers in our
city**

**Keep Walking
by Barbara Aldrich**

Here we stand
together,

Dressed in our
pain,

Covered with scars

From wounds we

did not ask for

Or deserve.

So what now?

We can't go back
and relive our lives.

We can't take back

when the **Gospel Chorus** presented it's Indoor Picnic and Praise Disco on Saturday evening, March 15, 2008. The tables and walls, decorated with summer colors and banners, were a perfect setting for the variety of picnic baskets that were brought brimming with favorite picnic foods and decorated in various themes. Desserts and beverages were graciously served by **Jeanne Myers, Veronica Williams** and **George Boston**.



After everyone enjoyed the meal, it was time to dance to favorite gospel tunes. The line dancing got most people on the floor -- from the youngest to the oldest. Will anyone ever forget **Mr. Norris Molock's** solo country gospel performance serenading his lovely wife? Then it was time for the basket competition. The first prize winner was **Mrs. Senora Molock**. Other winners for various categories were **Miss Kaila Rhodes, Mrs. Edith Lawrence, Ms. Brenda Cozart** and **Mrs. Jean Rhodes**. Congratulations to **Richard Moody**, President, and all members of the Gospel Chorus for a successful event!



BridgeWalk for Peace Commemorates Assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.



The first-ever BridgeWalk for Peace, coordinated by **Rev. David W. Brown**, drew hundreds, including **Mayor Michael Nutter**, to Franklin Square Park at 6th & Arch Streets on Friday, April 4, 2008, to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Memphis, TN.



Numerous speakers of all ages and ethnic backgrounds talked about their experiences in working with Dr. King or how Dr. King's work in civil and human rights had significantly changed their

the innocence we
lost

Or make the
sadness we felt into
happiness.

But we can go on
from here,

So let us start.

Stretch out your
hand to mine,

Close your eyes

And slowly let the
pain slip away.

Let go of the
sadness;

It belongs to
yesterday,

And let's walk.

The earth is firm
beneath our feet.

The sun is warm on
our face.

Heavenly Father
sees our struggle,

Smiles at our
effort,

And sends us
strength.

My friends, we
can't stay, looking
back,

Lest we falter.

We must face
forward,

Eyes wide open,

And keep on
walking.



lives. Among the speakers were former **Senator Harris Wofford**, a founder of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, **Rev. Ellis Washington**,

President of the Philadelphia Black Clergy, **Rev. Msgr. Federico A Britto**, pastor of St. Cyprian Catholic Church, **David Fair**, Vice President for Community Impact at United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania and **William Tucker** of the Philadelphia Martin Luther King Jr. Association for Non-Violent Change.

Then, in the shadow of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, the participants were escorted around the fountain in Franklin Square Park and in place at 7:01 PM (the time that Dr. King was assassinated), where they linked arms, formed a human chain, and stood silent for 40 seconds (one second for each year of the anniversary) in honor of Dr. King and the ongoing need to connect to each other and work toward peace throughout the world. At the end of the 40 seconds, Mayor Nutter recalled being a child at his grandmother's house when Dr. King was shot and understanding that something terrible had happened. He stated that while there has been progress, much more work is required of everyone to achieve the Beloved Community for which Dr. King worked and died.



Rev. Rookard, Carol Black, Tremain Smith, Sharon Brown and Lauren Brown also participated in this historic event. The BridgeWalk was supported by the Delaware River Port Authority, the City of Philadelphia, Franklin Square Park and KYW Newsradio.

Camphor Participates in Historic Philly CleanUp



If anyone drove by Shepard Recreation Center at 57th and Haverford Avenue on Saturday morning, April 5, 2008, they would have been delighted to see over 75 men, women and teens with rakes, brooms, and trashbags cleaning up the grounds on the first-ever Philly CleanUp Day organized by Mayor Nutter. Those from Camphor at the Shepard site were

Carol Black, Rev. Rookard and Raymel and Jesse Rookard.

Most impressive was a group of senior citizens who came from the suburbs to help with the effort. Carol Black, while working with a crew of teens, stopped to talk with reporters from the Philadelphia Inquirer and Main Line Times who wanted to know more about the neighborhood, the boundaries of Haddington and the demographics of the neighborhood.

Then with retiree, **Dr. Dean Snyder**, the crew began to clean a filthy alley behind the rowhouses on Haverford Avenue next to the recreation center. However, it wasn't until expert volunteers, **Carol "CJ" Johnson** and **LaQuasha Morrison**, joined them that real progress was made. Found in the alley were rusted auto parts, paint cans, cement buckets and mounds of beer bottles, broken glass, paper wrappers, plastic containers, weeds and



Hold tight and
don't let go;

You aren't walking
alone,

And neither am I.

even a handbag with identification that appeared to have been stolen and thrown in the alley. Also observed was a frail dog that appeared to have been left in the yard of an abandoned house.



Over 100 large bags of trash were picked up by the City sanitation trucks from the front of Shepard.

Camphor was also well-represented in South Philadelphia. **Kyndal Goldsberry** was the site coordinator for Wordsworth Academy Beacon Center at 16th and Wharton Streets and the

Barratt Middle School. In that capacity she was in charge of 70 persons, including 30 children and 15 teens, who she equipped and dispersed to clean various sites in the neighborhood. She was also the point person for the block captains in that area. Joining her in the cleanup were **Phyllis Goldsberry**, **Christopher Chase** and daughter, **Kiera**. **Terry Trusty Jones** and her son, **Nathan**, participated in a cleanup with Wynnefield Neighbors Association.

After the cleanup, everyone enjoyed a free barbeque and entertainment at Lincoln Financial Field hosted by the **Philadelphia Eagles**. **Mayor Michael Nutter** was ecstatic as he congratulated everyone at the stadium for the largest volunteer cleanup effort in the city's history.



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2008 Women's Day Events

Women's Day Breakfast
Saturday, March 29, 2008
9:00-10:00 AM - Breakfast
10:00 AM - Speaker: Marla Rae Davis, Esq.
Chief of Staff, PA Department of Health &
Co-Host, "The Pulse," WURD Radio
Donation: \$8

Market Day
Saturday, April 12, 2008 - 11 AM to 3 PM
Bring family, friends, neighbors! Shop from African-American Women vendors including Pampered Chef, Warm Spirit, Tastefully Simple, Mary Kay and more!
Basket Auction, Art, Books, more, Lunch included!
Donation: \$15 (Vendor Tables: \$20)

Women's Day Worship Service
Sunday, April 20, 2008 - 11 AM
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mary Floyd Palmer
Associate Minister/Minister of Music, Agape Christian Chapel, Phila. & National Evangelism Director, Maranatha Faith Fellowship International Conference

Everyone Invited!

Judith Mellix, Chairperson
Charlotte Dennis, Co-Chairperson
Rev. David W. Brown, Deacon
Rev. Laurie Ann Rookard, Senior Pastor



Financial Statement

Target Date: Sunday, March 30, 2008
Target Weekly Offering: \$5,321.00
Receipts: \$3,898.74
Deficit: \$1,422.28
Year to Date Deficit: \$12,749.29

If you have not paid your tithes and offering because you missed church, please catch up as soon as possible.

"What will it profit you to gain the whole world and loose your soul? Or what will you give in exchange for your soul? Are you willing to live with less and gain more or will you walk away sorrowfully like the rich young ruler?" Luke 9:25

Messages from the Congregation



Women's Day

Our goal for Women's Day this year is \$8,000.00. In order to achieve this, we invite the women to donate \$100.00 and men to donate \$50.00. We thank you in advance for your donations, as it will assist in providing ministry and mission at Camphor and the Haddington community. Please use the envelope in your 2008 weekly offering box.--**Women's Day Committee**



Many thanks to everyone who has sent cards and many prayers for our mother, **Catherine N. Williams**. Also to those who have asked about her, she is doing very well.--**The Family by Eva D. Harris**



The **Flower Club** thanks everyone who supported the annual Easter Lily project. Please forgive us for any unforeseen errors. God bless each and every one of you.--**Camphor Flower Club**



All women and girls of Camphor are invited to join the **Women's Day Choir**. There will be two Saturday rehearsals, April 12 and 19, 2008, at 11a.m. Bring a friend or neighbor! --**Women's Day Worship Committee**



United Methodist Night Out With The 76ers vs. The Pacers

MYF members will be attending the United Methodist Night with the 76ers vs. the Pacers. Game Night is April 11, 2008 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$31.00 per person for 1st level seats. We are seeking sponsors for the youth. All members, families and friends are welcome to attend. For more information, please see **Kyndal Goldsberry**. Deadline for ticket purchase is April 6, 2008. ---**Methodist Youth Fellowship**



Attention: **All Youth**--Ages 6 years and up. Training for Acolytes and Junior Ushers began after service on Sunday, February 17, 2008 and will continue throughout the year. Please contact **Jeanne Myers**---**Camphor Ushers**



Everyone interested in any type of needlework or crafts, please join us on the 2nd Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 11:30 am at Camphor. --**Catherine Exum**.



Everyone, please continue to support our recycling fundraiser. We are not only collecting used ink cartridges and cell phones but also used DVD movies & video games, laptops, digital cameras, digital picture frames, portable DVD players GPS devices, video game consoles, and MP3 players (working or not). Our last shipment of used ink cartridges and cell phones raised \$54.13 for the church. Keep 'em coming! --**Church Office**.

Christian Humor

A preacher went to visit an elderly woman from his church who had just had an operation. As he was sitting there talking with her, he noticed a bowl of peanuts on the stand next to the bed. He began to eat them, and soon it was time for him to leave. When he got up he noticed he had eaten all of her peanuts. "Sister Jones," he said, "I'm sorry I ate all of your peanuts." She replied, "That's okay pastor, I already sucked all of the chocolate off of them."



Bible Verse For the Week



I will treat them with kindness, even though they are wicked. I will forget their sins.

Hebrews 8:12 CEV

Raise money for Camphor Memorial UMC just by searching the Internet or shopping online with **GoodSearch** - www.goodsearch.com - powered by Yahoo! Click on the link or GoodSearch banner on the right to get started!





Monday, April 7	SPPRC Meeting -CANCELLED	7 pm
Tuesday, April 8	Community Fellowship & Food Cupboard	10 am
	Trustees Meeting	7 pm
Wednesday, April 9	GED & Basic Adult Education Classes	9 am to 3 pm
	Trustees Meeting	7 pm
Thursday, April 11	Bible Study	10 am
	Senior Choir & Gospel Chorus Rehearsals	8 pm
Saturday, April 12	UM Women Meeting	10 am
	Women's Day	11 am
	Choir Rehearsal	
Sunday, April 13	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Devotions	10:15 am
	Worship Service	11 am
	Praise Dancers Rehearsal	12:30 pm

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