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UMW Remembers Past Honors Present

by Ethel McCane

The United Methodist Women's weekend of celebration, took place May 17 and 18. The luncheon, held on that Saturday, drew more than 160 attendees. More than 150 attended the Women's Day Service the following Sunday, where the speaker was Rev. Tracey Malone, District Superintendent from the UMC's Chicago

District. Chairpersons for the event were Kim Baughman and Myra Beye. "The weekend was a great success" said Baughman. "The entire church participated and we were glad to be able to remember those who've passed on, and honor our elders."

According to Baughman, funds raised from the event will go to Mission and Children's Ministries.



Acolytes receive last minute instructions from Carol Hall (far left) and Karen Sails (far right) before the beginning of an Easter Sunday Service.

(Photo by Mollette Hall)

Lighting the Way

by Ethel McCane

Both, Carol Hall and Karen Sails are committed to perfection as they train and mentor the Barnes UMC Acolyte Team of 21 young people.

The role of the acolyte is important to the worship service. The lighting and extinguishing of the candles signifies the beginning and ending of the service and is a symbol that "Christ is the Light of the World." At the end of the service, that light is carried "out into the world" by acolytes.

Acolyte training includes learning about the Christian Calendar and the liturgical colors. Except for Easter Sunday (when they are allowed to wear regular clothing) acolytes wear black and white vestments. The collar changes with the Christian seasons.

Assignments include candle lighters and cross and Bible bearers. They may also be assigned to assist the pastor with other duties in the chancel area. To become an acolyte, youth should be age 5-20. For further information about this ministry, contact Karen Sails, (317) 253-8411 or Carol Hall, (714) 423-0718.

Congregation Challenged to "surrender all as we serve God"

Rev. Dr. Frank Beard, encouraged the Barnes Usher Board and shared the wisdom of "putting aside our own agendas in order to serve God," during the Usher Board's 1st Annual Celebration, held June 29th. Beard, Sr. Pastor of Castleton UMC, explained to the congregation that "In the church -- too many folks would rather be served, than serve." Program chair for the event was Debra Dupee. Rosa Bernard is Usher Board president.



(Photo by Eunice Trotter)

From the Shepherd's Desk

by Rev. Michael Peoples, Executive Pastor

Note: While our Senior Pastor, Rev. Charles R. Harrison is on sabbatical -his duties are being delegated to Rev. Michael Peoples, Barnes' Executive Pastor.



I first want to express how honored I am to serve as Executive Pastor. Furthermore, I am honored to fill in for Senior Pastor, Reverend Charles Harrison during his well deserved 3 month sabbatical. I plan to work toward continuing Reverend Harrison's mission to serve the Barnes United Methodist Church congregation as well as serving our neighbors throughout the surrounding community through various ministries. I am in full support of Reverend Harrison's mission and during his sabbatical term I have every intention of functioning in a manner that represents the church's mission. As a man of God I stand firmly on the principle that each of us as Christians, has an obligation to execute our necessary roles in the Body of Christ. 1st Corinthians 12:12-14 states, *"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many."* I plan to reflect this passage and play my role in the Body of Christ by serving in place of Reverend Harrison during this time. I reaffirm his mission, and goals for Barnes United Methodist Church, and plan to do so each day during this term. I'm blessed to work with an awesome Leadership Team as well as our congregation.

God Bless,

Rev. Michael Peoples, Executive Pastor

A Brief Chat With Our Senior Pastor

by Ethel McCane

I caught up with Pastor Harrison this past week for a brief interview and he shared the following: *"I'm getting a chance to recharge my batteries and also get some rest. This is also a study leave so I'll be traveling around the country, visiting different churches – learning how they're doing worship and community outreach. I've visited Impact UMC in Atlanta and will be going to churches in California, Houston, Texas and up around the D.C. Area."* Let's keep our pastor in our prayers as he renews his spiritual, mental and physical strength. He will return on September 1st.

"Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall, but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. they will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint."

-Isaiah 40:30

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Lemonade Making

The Barnes UMC Leadership Team meets every **2nd Saturday** at **10 a.m.** in the Old Sanctuary.

Its tasks are monumental as our church struggles to do God's work –God's way. But the leadership team is determined to roll up its sleeves and make positive change.

Every church must occasionally look at itself in the mirror – roll up its sleeves and strive to plug the financial, structural and spiritual holes that stand in the way of "bringing souls to Christ."

We have a challenging mission before us, and our leaders are committed to "**making lemonade out of lemons.**" So ...let us *all* grab a spoon and help stir!

*The next leadership meeting is **July 12th** in the Old Sanctuary. All members are urged to attend.*



Barnes' Girl Scouts volunteer at Conference

Barnes UMC Girl Scouts (L-R: Taliyah Boyd, Alesia Sanders and Brooklyn Sanders) volunteer packing meals for families in Indiana and Mission Guatemala at this year's Annual Conference's Kids Against Hunger Project. Connie Dumas Coleman is leader of the Barnes Girl Scout Troop. (photo courtesy- Connie Dumas-Coleman)

Having Their Say

A Commentary by Tyrell Ratcliffe
(Youth Reporter)

Growing up at Barnes

Growing up in the church, I have experienced quite a bit. In my years at Barnes, I have witnessed great things - from the Ten Point Coalition -- all the way to the Youth Summer Camps.

I believe that Barnes is a good place to get closer to God. It has been for me.

I really enjoy our choir and the ministers, who preach a wonderful "Word." Years from now, I think the youth of our tomorrows, will see what great things this church has done for the members and also for the community. I'd like to conclude with this scripture:

"Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. -Psalms 90:1

Money Matters

by Kristy Robbins, Finance Chair



Kristy displays new Credit Card Kiosk
(Photo by Eunice Trotter)

Your finance team is continuing to work on your behalf to address the financial condition of our church. We are currently working on implementing credit card capabilities and we will have our new **Credit Card Kiosk** in the Narthex on July 6th.

This kiosk will allow us to make one-time payments or recurring payments. Ushers will assist you in learning how to use the kiosk.

As of the end of May, our budgeting income was **\$179,098** and our year to date income was **\$154,108.11**. We are **short \$24,989.89** in income for the year.

The past due bills of our church are currently more than **\$40,000**. Your church needs your support to address this serious financial issue.

Note: Copies of the church's income/expense statements will be available at the leadership meetings -where the information can be explained in detail and questions addressed.

If you have questions, before then, please e-mail Kristy Robbins at krobb3352@hotmail.com.

News Notes

*“My People perish from the lack of knowledge
-Hosea 4:5*

United Methodist Men

Watch for these upcoming events sponsored by the United Methodist Men:

Mens' Barbecue -Saturday, July 26th

(Rod Mays, Chair)

Mens' Day Service -Sept. 28th

(Donald Fletcher, chair)

For further information about these and other activities, contact UMM President, Andrew Crowe crowegan@aol.com

Walk Against Gun Violence

The “Walk Against Gun Violence” team had its Registration Kick-off June 29th.

The event will take place on Oct. 11th.

Current Volunteer Needs:

- ◆Data entry persons to input registrations and confirm information
- ◆Personnel to process registration orders (organize and label T-shirts)
- ◆Men volunteers to help with security the day of the event
- ◆Personnel to support First Aid Station (Healthcare experience required)
- ◆Personnel to support water and fruit stations
- ◆Facility Team Leaders and Volunteers (interior and exterior)
- ◆Additional personnel to be available weeks of September 22nd up to the date of the walk, to help with unexpected needs as they arise.

(Administrative, Packing T-Shirts, Delivery of T-shirts to Churches, verify last minute registrations)

Lastly, Oct. 11th will also be Community and Friends Day at Barnes ...more information to follow.

Contact Mary McClain, Project Manager, 317-224-4633, mccla3@aol.com or Kristy Robbins, Program Administrator, Walkagainstgunviolence@outlook.com

Where We are to Date

Fruitful Congregation Journey (FCJ) – Update

by Jeffrey D. Ward, FCJ Project Leader

Barnes is moving right ahead in implementing and addressing the prescriptions that were recommended by the United Methodist Office of Church Development. The prescriptions were derived from an extensive analysis of our overall church structure, ministries, and mission presented to the congregation on Sunday, December 8, 2013. From these prescriptions, changes were recommended.

The progress of those changes so far:

- **Audit of church finances-** currently being done by outside accounting firm. Kristy Robbins, oversight
- **Development & Implementation of Financial controls -** Completed by Finance Team, Kristy Robbins, Lead
- **Communications Task Force created**
E. Trotter, L. Davis, M. Washum-Beye presented report with recommendations. Approved by Church Leadership Team.
- **Suspension of Multi-site churches-** completed
- **Development of additional funding streams-** Kristy Robbins, Lead
- **Review of Senior Pastor's responsibilities & Staff Job descriptions:** Completed by John Hall and Valarie Vinson
- **Members Discipleship Pathway Task Force created** – Getting prepared for review of processes.

Things yet to be completed;

- Evaluation of Children & Youth ministry
- Stewardship Training
- Review of church signage possibilities
- FCJ Vision Workshop with congregation

For further information about the FCJ process, contact Jeff Ward at:

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