



The

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135 Years - Ministering to a Community

by Ethel McCane

This year's anniversary celebration took place on the week-end of Oct. 25 and 26 and began with a churchwide fellowship on Saturday evening. The event included exhibitions by the *Badd Boxing* and *Tae Kwon Do* ministries. The Barnes *Girl Scouts* led the craft activities. Other activities included games for the children and adults.

"Our fellowship and dinner that night seemed to be enjoyed by everyone too," said Mary McClain –who co-chaired the anniversary with Carol Hall. "People were asking if we planned to do this again next year," said Hall.

The celebration concluded at Sunday morning's service where congregants enjoyed a presentation by Shon Cowherd and his Krash Krew Dancers. Rosa Bernard and Oscar Hall were recipients of the *2014 Anniversary Awards*.

According to McClain, members are selected for this award based on "their level of commitment and servanthood as they support the church ministries."

Committee members were Rosa Bernard, Deborah Dupee, Linda Hazelwood, Toni White and Alma Moore. "I'd like to thank our committee and *everyone* for their participation and support in every way, of this year's Anniversary celebration," said McClain.

View photos at

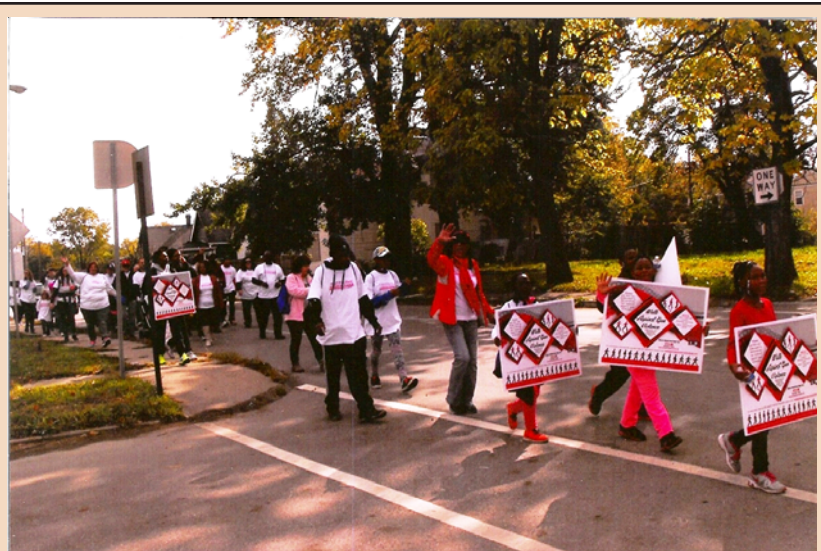
(www.facebook.com/barneschurch).



A Moment of Thanksgiving

The unthankful heart... discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day and, as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings!

-Henry Ward Beecher



Walk Against Gun Violence

More than 200 persons participated in the Barnes-sponsored "Walk Against Gun Violence" held on Oct 11. Project leaders stated that community awareness was inspiring and local media (*on hand throughout the walk- which started from Riverside Park*) was very supportive. "We walked in the neighborhood where the problems exist," commented event leaders Mary McClain (project manager) and Kristy Robbins (Project Administrator). The event raised \$5,000 toward support of the Barnes Community Center. View other photos on Barnes' social media page (www.facebook.com/barneschurch).

From the Shepherd's Desk

by Rev. Charles R. Harrison



Pastor Harrison's views will come to us this quarter by way of a recent interview conducted by editor, Ethel McCane

Question: Pastor, please share some of your experiences during your sabbatical.

Pastor Harrison: It was really a great experience for me because for the first time in my 28 years of pastoral ministry, I got time to relax and focus and a chance to spend time with my family. I got to visit churches across the country -from different races and denominations – especially those with great community ministries.

Question: What do you envision for our congregation as we move from community awareness (such as 10-Point, the Walk Against Gun Violence, etc.) toward long-term initiatives?

Pastor Harrison: I'd like to see us become more involved in local and national mission initiatives. I think people feel a lot more involved when they work at making the world a better place.

Question: As the church concludes our 135th Anniversary Celebration, what would you like to see the congregation accomplish that demonstrates our longevity in this community?

Pastor Harrison: Barnes has been very committed and faithful to this neighborhood. It is the oldest Black church in the UNWA neighborhood. I believe one of the challenges is for our church to become a part of the transformation of UNWA. If the church is going to survive, the neighborhood must survive.

Question: We seem to be struggling in the development and continued operation of youth ministries. What do you think the problem is?

Pastor Harrison: I don't think we have done a good job of connecting to the hundreds of young people

who live in this neighborhood. I'd like to see us make an investment in internal and external youth and children ministries. We need to look at what role we can play in appealing to young people.

Question: With the Ebola crisis -a disease that is coming from a part of the world that United Methodism is very involved with – what conversation –if any - has surfaced on this issue? Particularly, how local church congregations should handle worship practices, especially the communion ritual.

Pastor Harrison: I am not aware of any conversation the church has had about Ebola and local church safety. One of the things I know churches have gone to, is the pre-packaged communion elements. Most of the churches I visited handled communion that way.

Question: In closing, feel free to share your final expressions – we've not covered.

Pastor Harrison: I think – one of the things the congregation would love to hear about, is my visit to Ferguson (Missouri). I had a chance to visit Well Spring UMC there and learned that the things we are doing here at Barnes are traveling across the (UM) Connection! That was very encouraging to hear and I want our congregation to be encouraged by the fact that what we're doing here is making a difference and folks are hearing and talking about it.

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Through various multi-media, the ministry uses information technology to inform, equip, inspire spiritual growth and invite active engagement in the life and purpose of the church. The CM team is under the leadership and expertise of Lydia L. Davis, who brings to Barnes more than 16 years of marketing and communications ministry experience.



Lydia L. Davis

Earlier this year, (under the Fruitful Congregation Journey), a Communications Task Force was formed.

Led by Jeffrey Ward and including Lydia, Eunice Trotter and Myra Beye, the task force was established to make

recommendations toward creating a new Communications Team. In August, the team submitted a list of recommendations to the Leadership Team. According to Davis, to date about 60 percent of those recommendations have been accomplished or are in progress.

The CM's responsibilities consist of projection, sound, photography, a quarterly newsletter, social media, membership email notification, interior and exterior signage and technology training.

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“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others...” -1 Peter 4:10-11

Barnes Teens Compete in Pageant

Barnes was blessed with three contestants in this year's *Miss Teen Righteous Pageant*. The young ladies who represented Barnes with spiritual grace, dignity and style were Mahoganie Perry, Dymonique Taylor and Daryka Johnson. When you see them, be sure to congratulate them and let them experience the worth of being a winner on *God's stage*.

“Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endureth forever.”

-Psalm 107:1

Maintenance Update



by Michael Fluckus
Facility Manager

We now conduct **weekly** maintenance meetings to go over maintenance issues. Darryl Jones, Roderick Mays and William Barham are working hard to provide a safe, clean, functional facility. We have initiated (via email) a **Maintenance Assistant** form - where persons can submit work orders on issues that need to be addressed. The form will require name, email address and phone number along with a description of the issue. The person will be notified upon receipt of work order and when closed. This is a part of the Computer Maintenance Management System (CMMS). Work accomplished thus far:

- ◆ Patched pot holes in the Barnes UMC parking lot.
- ◆ Filled pot holes in the gravel parking lot across from the sanctuary
- ◆ Unstopped garbage disposal unit in Fellowship Hall kitchen.
- ◆ Reinstalled drinking fountain to wall in Family Life Center
- ◆ Cleared pipes to Drinking fountain in the Fellowship Hall
- ◆ Installed flood light in Sanctuary.
- ◆ Restored vans from vandalism to useable service through insurance expediting. Vans are presently maintained at secure premises.
- ◆ Repaired door springs in Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ All the exterior lights are functional for the safety and well-being of our congregation.

News Notes

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

College Fund Continued Success!

By Jeff Gearries
Barnes College Fund Director



Hoops for Jesus is the primary fundraiser for the Barnes College Fund (BCF). More than \$120,000 has been distributed to students since 1996. This year was the best year since 2007. More than \$3,400 was raised. We have six students to support this year. Thanks to all of you for marking your envelopes and supporting the BCF. Earlier this month we started another complementary fundraiser. I sent an email to the 23 former recipients, (who received more than \$1,000) requesting them to make an annual pledge. Since 1996, this group received over 75 percent of the money. So far I have received eight pledges. We are asking for other former students and parents of those students to please step up and pledge as well. Lastly, we'd like to thank this year's participants: **Bryce Moran- \$1,265; Dayeon McCann- \$963; Arlissa Dumas- \$440; John Talley- \$300; Fatima Beye- \$300; Matt White- \$250**

Attending Post-secondary Schools

Barbra Dudley -Tennessee State - Soph.
Michael Johnson - Paine -Soph.
Charisma Peoples -Howard -Fresh.
Erica Pope- Kent State-Soph.
Kellon Thomas - Kent State - Jr.
Dimitrius Valentine - Georgia State -Jr.
Matthew White- Indiana State- Soph.

Charge Conference Scheduled for 12:30 - Nov. 23rd

All members are encouraged to attend this annual meeting, where the local church submits reports on *where we are - where we're going* and *who our leaders shall be* for the next year, to the Indiana UM Conference. Meeting is chaired by Central District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Bert Kite. Which sanctuary meeting will be held in: (TBA).

Status of FCJ

by Jeff Ward
FCJ Coordinator

I appreciate having an opportunity to address the status of the Fruitful Congregation Journey process and implementation. We are still a part of the Fruitful congregation Journey and are continuing to move forward on the key areas of change that were recommended by the Church Development Team report.

Concerning the letter read by Sylvia Davis to the congregation and its subject matter, it has no effect on our continuing the FCJ process. We have full support from Church Development in this area and they expect us to complete the FCJ process. We will look at how "Barnes does church." We will also look at what areas need to be improved and how we can be more effective and efficient with our ministries. I plan on offering a more extensive update on our progress in the near future.

Guess who?

Be the first person to call **317/543-2541** and guess who **member #1 (Top)** and **#2 (bottom)** are, and win a \$10 gas card. Leave your name and phone number. *Immediate family members of persons appearing below, not eligible to participate.*

