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The Camphor Light

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June 15, 2008



Welcome To The Email Edition of The Camphor Light

The Communications Committee is pleased to provide this week's 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 Communications](#).

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

Worship Service - June 15, 2008



The Word was brought this Sunday by departing senior Pastor, **Rev. Laurie Ann Rookard**, from Joshua 1:1-9 and Romans 8:31-43, 38-39. The worship leader was **Rev. David W. Brown, Deacon**. The uplifting service was well-attended by many who came to say goodbye and wish Rev. Rookard well in her new appointment. In photo

on right, Rev. Rookard blesses **Mr. Stanley Wilkins**, new church custodian. During the offering, Rev. Rookard pleasantly surprised the congregation by playing a flute solo in the South African song, "We Are Marching In the Light of God." (photo below).

For her final sermon at Camphor, Rev. Rookard chose to leave us with the imperative in Joshua to be strong, courageous and not afraid as we are faced with new leadership and challenges both individually and as a

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.

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congregation. Rev. Rookard preached that just as God promised success to Joshua if he remained obedient and faithful, so God will lead us to new places as a people if we are faithful, trust God, obey Him.

Rev. Rookard reminded that Moses told his people that he would not be crossing the Jordan River with them and the people heard his message from God, "Be strong and of good courage, do not fear or be in dread of them: for it is the LORD your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you." Rev.

Rookard stated that the people in the wilderness were highly afraid and that it is natural to be afraid in wilderness, on the street and other tough places. She said it is also natural to be idolatrous by relying on a god of an educational degree or job for success. It is also natural to be disobedient but those responses do not lead to the promised land. When Joshua was chosen to lead the people, did not have the experience, skill set or leadership of Moses. Rev. Rookard said Joshua was chosen not based on his ability or experience his willingness to be obedient to the law of God, to be faithful and to trust God.



Reflecting on her arrival at Camphor three years ago, Rev Rookard stated that she was fearful in the beginning because she was not the leader that previous ministers had been a did not have their degrees, experience, gender or race. Because of her fear, she stated she would not immediately move into the office or sit in the pastor's chair. She said that she was idolatrous in not trusting in God's Word, but relying on others who she thought were smarter, or searching the Internet and reading books about African-American congregations. However, she found that when she trusted God she had no fear and when she was faithful and obedient, she could stand firm, knowing that God was with her. She said she also observed times when the congregation was fearful, immobilized and disobedient and God was not as powerful as He could have been.

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Family of the late Guthea Faye King

Mr. George Boston, Jr., patient at Moss Rehab

Mrs. Bertha Bell, recovering from surgery at Saunders House

Mrs. Dorothy Marshall, released to home from Einstein Hospital

Sister of Sonora Molock

Family of the late Edythe Drumgoole

Family of the late Walter Stanley

Family of the late Vivian Harmon

Family of the late Elsie Harris

Mr. Ramon Harris, Sr., at home from hospital

Mrs. Mae Dell Brown, recovering from

Rev. Rookard recalled that Joshua was selected to be one of 12 spies to go into Canaan at night, look at the agriculture and people and decide if the land and people could be conquered. Ten of the 12 had little faith and reported that the land was lush but that it couldn't be overtaken because the people there were like giants and the Israelites were grasshoppers. Joshua, however, said the city could be taken, trusting in God's promise to deliver the land and to be with them every step of the way. Years later, the people followed Joshua to the promised land and witnessed miracles face of impossible odds. Rev. Rookard said that the lesson of Joshua is seek God when faced with impossible situations and not to be afraid to go against popular opinion.



Rev. Rookard reflected on the ways that Camphor has been faithful and obedient and done amazing things trusting in God. A praise dance team seemed impossible three years ago but the **Praise Dance** have performed at Dr. Mary White's church and at the Annual Conference in front of thousands and they continue to point Camphor on the map. **Vacation Bible School** had not happened for awhile but faithful volunteers were able not only make it a reality the past two years but also operate a **Youth Rising Summer Academy** that have helped to increase Sunday School attendance. This year another summer camp opportunity

may become a reality for the children of the church and community. The **Thursday Bible Study** has flourished and two new **Covenant Disciple Groups** were formed that have helped the poor in three countries. Three years ago many would have thought it impossible for Camphor to house the homeless, but the Administrative Council has voted and paved the way for the church to provide shelter and minister to the homeless in September. The worship services currently use the **African-American Heritage Hymnal** and feature gospel, spirituals and classical music that are an integral part of the heritage of the congregation.



broken foot

**Family of the late
Gerald Brown**

**Family of the late Irma
Schrader**

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

**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

The church has recently transitioned to new employees peacefully with the leadership of the **SPPR and Trustees**

Committees and God is blessing Camphor through them. Finally, in last six months, the congregation has brought in nine new members. Rev. Rookard stated that only God knows what we will do next and what He will plant in us individually and grow in us collectively. If we are willing to be obedient, trusting, faithful, anything that seems impossible is probable about God.



In closing, Rev Rookard implored Camphor to continue in ministry and not be afraid of God's impossible dream. **Aneita Duglas** and **Mrs. Gloria Todd** assisted her in a final blessing of the congregation with the music and the words of "The Impossible Dream."

There was a very emotional Call to Christian Discipleship when over 30 persons crowded around the altar for prayer (see photo above).

Following the altar call was a "Tribute to Grandfathers" by youth, **David and Dominique Howard-Dean** who performed "Total Praise" on violin and cello and by

Kayla Butts and Mariah Hill who sang, "Give Him the Glory, Give Him Total Praise"

There were numerous presentations to Rev. Rookard. **Mrs. Evelyn Cripe**, Block Captain, presented a certificate to Rev. Rookard for her dedication to the community and involvement at the Haverford Avenue Library, Shepherd Recreation Center, the 19th Police District and assistance in hosting Halloween and Christmas parties for children in the community.

Terrell Thompson and Tiffany Hundley thanked Rev. Rookard for her help and loving spirit with the youth of the church. **Mrs. Phyllis Daniels** spoke on behalf of the congregation. She described Rev.

Rookard as a vessel of hope and healing who came when the church was in turmoil and put it on the path to restoration. **Mr. Marvin**

Robinson, President of Keeping Kids Off the Streets, thanked God for Rev. Rookard who came into the community, got dirty and on her



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
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,

knees to help clean up the community. **Carol Black** presented a photo album to Rev. Rookard, on behalf of the congregation, that depicted her three years of ministry at Camphor. At the dinner that followed the worship service, **Ronald Deas** presented gifts to Rev. Rookard on behalf of the **Administrative Council** and the **Senior Choir** and **Carol Black** expressed gratitude to Rev. Rookard for her service as President of Camphor Council For Community Developemnt.



The **Gospel Chorus**, directed by **Mrs. Jean Rhodes**, sang "Call on the Lord" as the feature selection for the service.

Talmadge Rhodes and **Paul Jordan** were soloists. The children were blessed at the altar prior to the Passing of the Peace. The **Praise Dancers** performed Kirk Franklin's, "My Life, My Love, My All" and "Incredible God, Incredibly Praise" by

Youthful Praise. Before the sermon, **Mr. Lewis Williams**, guest soloist, sang "One Day At A Time" in honor of Rev. Rookard.

Announcements: Everyone was invited to dinner in honor of Rev. Rookard after the worship service; there will be **Trustees Committee** meeting on Wednesday at 10:30 am; new member, **Mrs. Shirley Wright**, is a patient at Penn Presbyterian Hospital in quarantine and can receive calls at 215-662-8466; sympathy was extended to **Mrs. Jennie Edmunds** on the passing of her sister, **Jean Tinsley Woodland**.

Lay message was brought by **Mrs. Ruth Harmon** regarding Student Recognition Sunday on June 22

when scholarships will be awarded and there will be a special alter call and prayer for all Camphor youth and graduates. She also invited children to attend **Vacation Bible School** on June 23-27 where the theme will be **Trading Places: Where Jesus Makes a Difference** and everyone will

have fun learning about Jesus. She demonstrated gifts of travel gear including hats, bags and t-shirts for all children and adult volunteers.



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.

Hold tight and
don't let go;

You aren't walking
alone,

And neither am I.

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Among visitors receiving special welcome were residents of **Camphor-Brooks Senior Apartments**, participants in the **Community Food Program** and the **GED Program**, community block captains, **Sasha Harrison, Ismay Braithwaite family, Alisa Brown, Ms Aubrey**, a student with Rookard family, **Terry Cash, Lewis Williams, Chris Chase, Tiy Adams, Kayla Williams and Michael Idriss, Jules Ferreira**, husband, **Robert**, and their children. There were 167 persons in attendance.

Announcements

Sympathy Cards for the Davis Family

If anyone would like to send a sympathy card to the family of **Doris Davis** please send mail to her sister: Jean Pollard, c/o Albert Jones, 402 Grant Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

United Methodist Women

There has been a change in meeting date from June 14 to June 28, 2008 at 10 AM. Please mark your calendars accordingly. **Catherine Exum**, President.

Camphor Education Team Ministry

Annual Student Recognition Day is June 22, 2008 at the 11:00 AM Worship Service. All children, youth, parents and guardians are asked to present. We will recognize the Christian Endeavors and Scholastic Achievements of our youth and extend our love and prayers for their continued success. Please submit forms to **Sharon Brown or Ruth Harmon** by June 15, 2008. Extra forms will be on the table in the Great Hall.

Trading Places Part II (Vacation Bible School) Needs Children!!! Last year, we reached 30 Camphor and neighborhood youth---twice as many participants as in 2006. Help us to give even more youth the opportunity grow spiritually, culturally and socially in a safe, loving environment from June 23 to June 27, 2008 9 AM-Noon. Please call the church office or **Ruth Harmon** at 610-265-7421 or 610-256-6550 (cell) to register your

children as soon as possible.

Senior Choir

The W. Russell Johnson Music Guild of N.A.N.M. Inc. presents the Mess Men's Ministry In Concert on Saturday, June 21, 2008, at 5 PM at Camphor Memorial UMC. There will be a free will offering lifted.

Van Fund

The Trustees remind everyone to use the special envelopes in hour member giving box for your quarterly donations to the Van Fund in the month of June. Your support will help to keep the vans running.

25th Laity Academy

"Growing, Sharing and Living Our Faith" will be the theme of the 25th Annual Academy for Laity that will be held August 8-10, 2008 at the Sheraton Park Ridge Hotel, King of Prussia, PA. There will be basic courses for young adults and adults and advanced courses that are open to all laity. On Friday evening, **Rev. Charles Yrigoyen** will be the featured speaker and **Bishop F. Herbert Skeete** will speak at the banquet on Saturday evening. Please contact **Walter King**, 215-473-2201 or **Verna Colliver**, 215-855-0797 for more information. The registration deadline is June 27, 2008.

Annual Church Picnic

The Annual Chuch Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 23, 2008, from 1-5 PM, Chamounix Drive, Fairmount Park. Please mark your calendars and plan to bring family and friends for an afternoon of food, fellowship & fun!

Stewardship/Shepherding Program

Anyone interested in joining the Stewardship Ministry's "Every Member Visitation/Shepherding" program is asked to see **Gloria Thompson** or **Walter King**. A brief meeting will be held June 8, 2008, in the Sunday School Room on the lower level immediately following Worship Service. There will be a training session on Saturday, August 23, 2008, from 10:00 to 11:15 AM in the Great Hall. At this time you will receive instructions about visitation information. We will begin visitation and contact in September.



Financial Ministry Update

Sunday, June 1, 2008

Target for week	\$5,321.02
Receipts for week	<u>9,234.79</u>
Excess for week	\$3,913.76

Sunday, June 8, 2008

Target for week	\$5,321.03
Receipts for week	<u>7,744.75</u>
Excess for week	\$2,423.72
 Year to Date Deficit	 \$4,990.97

"Earn all you can"

For Wesley, work was a means of participating in Gods' creative, healing activity. As we earn all we can, we are to give ourselves to Gods' mission in to the world.

Next week: "Save all you can."

Messages from the Congregation



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 Usher



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



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Genealogy for Beginners Workshop

Are you new to genealogy or just starting to work on your family tree? **Carol Black**, Imes and Warren fan historian, will lead a workshop on "Genealogy for Beginners" from 6:30 to 9 pm, on Wednesday, June 2008, in the Great Hall.

The workshop will cover basic research tips and techniques. Participants will learn how to sketch a family tree and use the Internet, repositories and technology tools to find ancestors in federal census records, military records, death records, slave records, freedmen's records and city directories. Come equipped with a three-ring binder for hand-outs and bring the names, locations and ages of five family members who were alive in 1900. Youth (ages 12-18) are particularly encouraged to attend.

The workshop is free and open to Camphor members and community. Seating is limited and registration is required. To register, put your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the Great Hall or call the church office, 215-747-2600.

Christian Humor

Billy Graham tells of a time, during the early years of his preaching ministry, when he was due to lead





a crusade meeting in a town in South Carolina, and he needed to mail a letter. He asked a little boy in the main street how he could get to the post office. After the boy had given him directions, Billy said, "If you come to the central Baptist church tonight, I'll tell you how to get to heaven." The boy replied, "No thanks, you don't even know how to get to the post office!"

Bible Verse For the Week



"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:13-16 (NIV)

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