

The Camphor Light

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Coming up...

- 5/7, 12:30 PM—UMM Dinners Fundraiser
- 5/21, 4 PM - Senior Choir Concert
- 6/11, 11 AM - Annual Men's Day
- 6/17, UM Day at Hershey-Park
- 6-21 to 23, EPC Annual Conference, Sheraton Phila.
- 6/24, 8:30 AM—4 PM Conference on Violence



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Camphor to Host CCCD Anti-Violence Conference for Haddington Community

On Saturday, June 24, 2006, Camphor will host a Conference on Violence that has been organized by the Camphor Council for Community Development (CCCD).

The conference, which is expected to draw 400-500 participants, will bring together community leaders and experts from diverse professions who will examine the many forms of violence that plague Philadelphia and the Haddington community and formulate action plans to stop it. CCCD is deeply committed to finding solutions to stop the violence and bringing resources to the community that will protect the safety of our youth, families and senior citizens.

CCCD has already begun the dialogue in the community. On April 4, 2006, Rev. Rookard, invited Camphor members, clergy, city officials and community leaders to a Prayer Breakfast "in the spirit of peace that comes with Christ's res-

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Mayor John Street, Rev. Rookard and Raymel Rookard listen intently to speakers at the Mayor's recent Operation Safe Streets rally held at Camphor on April 25, 2006.

Message from The Pastor



*The time for healing of the wounds has come
The time to build is upon us...
We pledge ourselves to liberate all our people
From the continuing bondage of poverty, deprivation,
Suffering, gender and other discrimination...
There is no easy road to freedom...
None of us acting alone can achieve success...
We must therefore act together as a united people
For reconciliation, for nation building,
For the birth of a new world.*

Nelson Mandela
President, Union of South Africa

Dear Members and Friends of Camphor,

It is almost unbelievable to look back and recall all that God has done for and with us over the past year-and it has been almost a

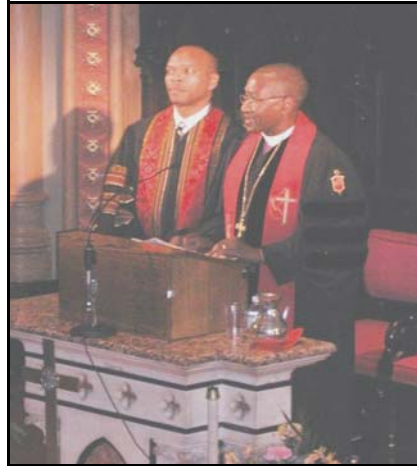
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D.S. Rev. Ralph Blanks Will be Men's Day Preacher

By Reese Brown, Jr.

Rev. Ralph Blanks, District Superintendent of the Central District, Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church, will be the guest preacher at the Annual Men's Day celebration service on Sunday, June 11, 2006 at 11 am.

The theme of this year's celebration is "Men Building for the Kingdom" and the financial goal is \$8,000 toward the church's 2006 annual budget. Each man is asked to give a donation of \$200



Rev. Blanks at installation as DS by Bishop Matthews at Arch Street UMC in September 2005

and each woman is asked to give \$100.

The Camphor Men will host a collation after the morning service where everyone can fellowship and greet **Rev. Blanks**, who was served as pastor of Mother Zoar UMC (15 years) and Janes Memorial UMC (4 years) prior to his appointment as District Superintendent.

Reese Brown Jr. is the President of Camphor's United Methodist Men and **Bernard Waties** is the Chairman of Men's Day.

Message from The Pastor

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year that we have been working together. Every person can identify with the need for "healing" that **Nelson Mandela** speaks of in the poem above. There have been wounds in our world, our country, our city, and our church.

The most poignant truth about the Body of Christ is that we can be more together in Christ, than any one of us could ever be without each other or outside of Christ. And if in fact, we can be more together, then let's get going—and we have been going with great passion!

We had a great Strategic Planning Session in January, have seven new

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people joining the church, four little babies baptized, a prayer breakfast with clergy and leaders in the community to prepare for a conference on violence, opportunities to reach out to neighbors on our block who needed medical assistance or conflict intervention, and comforting and caring for each other during the death of loved ones and times of sickness.

These are only a few of the things that God can do with "a united people" for "nation building" for "the birth of a new world."

May God continue to guide us in path of peace and unity.

Yours, In service,
Reverend Laurie Ann Rookard



The **Board of Trustees** reminds everyone to send quarterly donations for the Van Ministry. Your support helps to keep the vans running.



Conference on Violence

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urrection” to discuss plans for the conference. The response was overwhelming.

Among those attending and pledging support for the conference were **Rev. Albert Campbell**, pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church; **Rev. Ellis Washington**, pastor of St. Matthews A.M.E. church; **Rev. Robert L. Hargrove**, pastor of Holy Temple Church of God In Christ; former state **Senator Hardy Williams**; **Mr. Eric Hardaway**, representing Senator Dwight Evans; **Mr. Wadell Ridley** representing Councilman Michael Nutter, **Mr. David Fattah**, Co-Founder of the House of Umoja; **Pastor Nick Taliaferro**, Director of Mayor Street’s Faith Based Initiatives; **Rev. David Brown** of BrownPartners; **Mr. Edward Hale**, Chair of Camphor Trustees; **Captain Gregory Malkowski** of the 19th Police District; and **Mr.**

Bilal Qayyum of Men United for a Better Philadelphia, to name a few.

Since the Prayer Breakfast, **Rev. Rookard** has met with **Mayor Street** and a large delegation of clergy at City Hall where this conference was specifically endorsed, CCCD members have participated in MEE workshops sponsored by Blueprint for Safer Philadelphia, and Camphor was chosen as the site for the Mayor’s Anti-Violence Rally on April 24 which brought **Mayor Street**, **Commissioner Sylvester Johnson** and numerous city officials to talk to a packed audience of 500 about the Mayor’s new Operation Safe Streets initiative.

On Saturday, June 10, CCCD, Haddington clergy, community leaders, and neighbors will participate in a silent march around the community to demonstrate concern for the escalating violence and support for the upcoming conference at Camphor.

Annual Conference

The world-renowned **Africa University Choir** will sing at Opening Worship for Annual Conference on Wednesday evening, June 21, 2006, at the Sheraton Philadelphia City Center. The conference theme is “Living Connected as God’s People—Celebrating the Connection.” Highlights will include Bible Study on Thursday and Friday led by **James Salley**, Associate Vice Chancellor of Africa University; preaching at the Memorial Service and Service of Ordination by **Bishop Hope Morgan** of Mississippi; and workshops in areas of Christ Servant Ministries, Clergy and Church Board Coaching, Developing Spiritual Leadership and Ministry Teams, Understanding AIDS, and many more.

Boy/Cub Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 194 meets every Saturday at Camphor at 10 AM. The scout and cub units are continuing to recruit new applicants from Haddington Recreation Center and the Rhoades, Daroff, Our Lady of Holy Sacrament and Blankenburg schools. When the units are complete, the Fall Roundup and new roster will be presented in the *Camphor Light*. 2006 events include the 50th Anniversary celebration of the units and the Spring District Camporee in April. Scout membership is open to boys ages 11-15 and cubs ages 6 to 10. Please contact **Scout Leader Clifton Officer** (215-474-9363) for more in-

Laity Academy

The 23rd Academy for Laity will take place August 11-13, 2006 at The Inn at Reading, 1040 Park Road, Wyomissing, PA. The theme of the Academy is “Growing in Faith to Serve Christ—in the local church, the community and the world.” The Academy is open to all laity in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. Offerings include basic and advanced courses for Christ Servant Ministers. Scholarships for partial cost are available from the Laity Academy Scholarship Fund. Please contact **Mr. Walter King** for additional information.

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**Save the date: June 11th
Men's Day**

Report from the Education Ministry

By Ruth Harmon

The following status report was provided to the Administrative Council on April 17, 2006:

Sunday School

- Average attendance of 15 children and adults is about the same as in January.
- Spring quarter materials (March-May) will consist of materials already on hand and supplemented as needed.
- Continued youth participation in several 11:00 worship services as worship leader, scripture readers, ushers, and youth group singing.
- April 16th - Presentation of the Biblical Story of the Res-

urrection by Middle and High School students with big screen artistic/visual images, recitations and songs by children from the elementary classes, (Approximately 50 members and friends in attendance)

- Middle and High School Students will begin Confirmation Class with Rev. Rookard each Sunday morning, from mid-April to early June.

Methodist Youth Fellowship

- They are continuing to meet several times a month under the leadership of **Rev. David and Sharon Brown.**

Adult Fellowship

- Members of the Adult Fellowship met and prepared chocolate kisses bundles with scripture love messages to give out in February when then acted as Sunday morning greeters.

Bible Study Class

- Lenten Bible Studies were conducted at Camphor and in two homes from mid February to the first week in April. All groups studied *Living with the Mind of Christ* by James Harnish. Total average attendance and participation for all 3 groups (combined) was 50.
- Additional Bible Classes

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Message from the Finance Ministry



Dear Camphor Family,

For our Mother's Day Appeal, we sent everyone a letter and special envelope asking you to contribute \$100 on behalf of a woman or women who have contributed to your life in a significant way. You may indicate her name (s), whether your gift is *in memory of* or *in honor of* and few words of dedication. If you return your envelope by **May 7, 2006**, we will be able to print your dedication in the Mother's Day bulletin on May 14 and have a special time of reading and music for her remembrance during the worship service. Your

gifts will help us reach our goal of \$10,000 for this Mother's Day Appeal.

In other matters, we're pleased to report Women's Day receipts of \$6,918.25 and heating donations for the gas bill of \$2,228.00 as of 4/3/06.

Also, save the date for the Annual Flea Market on June 3, 2006. Tables are \$25 and spaces are \$15. Ada Scott and Luther Farrow are the co-chairpersons.

We thank you for your support!

Kathryn Jasper
Chair, Finance Committee

**Do you need a ride to church on Sunday?
Please contact Norris Molock, 215-476-1180**



Easter Services At Camphor

Holy Week began on Palm Sunday with Worship Leader, **Mrs. Tamika Robinson Pitchford**, leading the congregation in joyous praise for the coming of our Lord. Scripture lessons were beautifully read by mother-daughter team, **Ms. Donna Peyton** and **Miss Milan Urquhart**. The Senior Choir was resplendent in "Lift Up Your Heads" from Handel's Messiah, directed by **Mrs. Gloria Todd**. After her thought-provoking sermon, "A Hand Signal is Worth a Thousand Words," **Rev. Rookard** blessed the palms and they were distributed by the ushers at the conclusion of the service.

The Maundy Thursday **Tenebrae Service** began at 7:30 pm. Scriptures were read by Camphor youth and reflections were read by **Aneita Douglas (Judas)** and **Edward Hale**

(Pontius Pilate). **Rev. Rookard** served communion by intinction and in groups of 12, in remembrance of the Last Supper that Jesus and the disciples shared before he was arrested. The altar was then stripped by the **Communion Stewards**, symbolizing the disciples' abandonment and betrayal of Jesus and the stripping of Jesus by the soldiers prior to his crucifixion. The sanctuary was then darkened, symbolizing not only the death of Jesus but the hopelessness in the world without God. The congregation exited in silence, just as the disciples walked in the night to Gethsemane.

Easter Sunday began for some, at a sunrise service at Wharton-Wesley UMC followed by breakfast. At 9:30 am, the Sunday School children presented various readings about events leading up to the resurrection, aided by a PowerPoint presentation as a backdrop to the readings. **Dominique**

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Education Ministry

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may be planned at other times for Camphor members who work during the day.

Meeting

- The Education Ministry held a meeting on February 8, 2006. **Lewisene Jordan** volunteered to be co-chair. Several members agreed to be Secretary/Treasurer on a rotating basis. Three evening meeting times were planned to accommodate members who work during the day.
- Discussion included review of the Education Ministry sub-areas, finances, ways to increase Sunday School attendance, possible Vacation Bible School, and dates for the Calendar Committee. Our meeting concluded with agreement on four specific goals that support Camphor's Strategic Plan
- Nine members were present; 6 members, who are employed during the day, were absent.
- The minutes were distributed to all members via E-mail or U.S. mail.

Special Announcement—Vacation Bible School is coming!!!

The Education Ministry, at its meeting on May 2, 2006, announced plans to hold Vacation Bible School for church and neighborhood youngsters, ages 6-13 years old, during the week of **June 26-30, 2006, from 9 AM-12 noon**. Be sure to check the Sunday Bulletin and church website for additional information about the Biblical theme, fun activities, registration and facilities that will be released soon.



Photo Gallery - Around Camphor



Devin Council, Rev. Rookard & Zahir Sankofa



Women's Day fellowship after worship service



Little Rebecca Ngegba enjoys Women's Day, too



Mr. David Fattah, Co-Founder of House of Umoja speaks at Prayer Breakfast for peace



Senior Choir prepares for Ecumenical Choir Festival at Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church



Flower Club at work on Easter Lily project



Police Commissioner Sylvester Johnson at Camphor on April 24, 2006, to discuss violence issues in community.



Mrs. Aileen Casey and sister



Mrs. Hayes, mother of Mrs. Elaine Brown, attends Women's Day



Rev. Rookard, Pastor Nick Taliaferro, Director of Mayor's Faith-Based Initiatives and Mrs. Marineeta Smallwood at Prayer Breakfast for peace on April 5, 2006.

Photo Gallery - Around Camphor



Camphor youth, Terrell Thompson, gave lay testimony on Feb 19, 2006.



Mr. Stanley Wyatt, Mr. Clifton Officer Sr., Mr. Clifton Officer, Jr. and Mrs. Wyatt at Black History Celebration



Mrs. Charlotte Jones, Mrs. Charlotte Dennis and Mekhi Wormack-Fields



Mrs. Dorothy Marshall and Mrs. Kim



Men of Camphor: Mr. Charles Keels, Mr. William Casey, Mr. Arthur Langford, Mr. David Casey and Mr. William Adams, Jr.



Mr. & Mrs. David Casey and baby Kennedy Marie who was baptized February 26, 2006



Mr. & Mrs. Reese Brown III and baby Alicia Faith who was baptized April 23, 2006.



Rev. Rookard with Rev. & Mrs. Kim



Above: Mr. Bilal Qayyum, Founder of Men United For Better Philadelphia. *Left:* Mayor Street, Managing Director Ramos, Comm. Johnson and Mr. Anthony Murphy, Exec. Director of Town Watch at Camphor on April 24, 2006.



Scholarship winners, Christine Han and Devon Council, with pastors at Camphor-Korean Multi-cultural Fellowship on April 23, 2006.

Camphor Youth Ministry

Mi Viaje a Espana

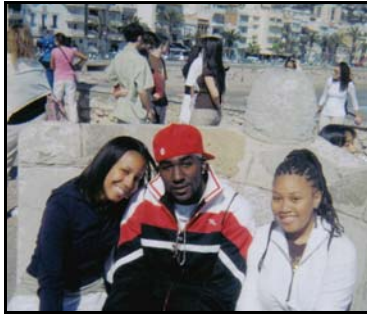
By Lauren Brown

Hola! Como estas? This is the greeting we received everywhere we went on my recent trip to Barcelona, Spain. I had an amazing time, learning new phrases and experiencing the culture.

Our first stop was London, England where we toured Windsor Castle. The gardens were beautiful and the architecture was incredible. The castle interior was even more impressive with suits of armor displayed throughout and extravagant artwork. Inside of a church on the castle grounds we saw the grave of the Queen Mother. While inside we had to be very quiet to show respect.

That afternoon we headed back to the airport for our 1 1/2 hour flight to Barcelona. On the way to the hotel, our guide told us about the mountains and the cemetery on them. The mountains were extremely high and I was overwhelmed.

The hotel was very sleek and modern. When my friend Amanda and I arrived at our room, we were shocked. The room was very small with two twin beds, a TV and a desk. Our view out of the window was a brick wall! In order to turn the lights on, we had to put our room key into a slot. This became a problem when we would shut the door and the key would come out. Despite the room dilemmas, we had fun at the hotel. We found a mall around the corner where we ate



at McDonald's. Because the servers spoke a different type of Spanish called Cataluna, ordering was a challenge. It was fun reading the menu and trying to figure it out.

Our tour continued, through the mountains. I wasn't fond of the high locations, but the monastery we visited was beautiful. Inside we saw the famous Black Madonna. We also visited the Pablo Picasso and Salvador Dali museums.

The food we ate in Spain was very different than it is in America. The salads always had hard-boiled eggs and cheese. Since we were on the Mediterranean Sea, we ate a lot of fish and bread with every meal. When I returned home, I didn't want to see any bread for days!

On our last night we went to a Flamenco show which I really enjoyed. The men sang and the women danced with so much passion. I thought that was the best part of the trip.

I had an amazing time in Spain learning many new things about the history and culture and experiencing it with my friends. Thank you to everyone who prayed for me and supported me as I embarked on my first adventure abroad!

Faithful Youth Become Members



You may have seen them around Camphor for a while, attending Sunday School, participating in MYF and other church activities. Although they have been "home" all along, **Tiffany Hundley, Tyisha Hundley, Ben Nelson, Zahir Sankofa and Walter Hill** have decided to officially make Camphor their church home. Tiffany and Tyisha first came to Camphor as guests of **Kelly Rhem and Kiana King**. Ben is a schoolmate of Tyisha's and lives nearby. Zahir was invited to MYF outings by his cousins **Lauren and Candace Brown**. "When our youth program was revived, the kids began inviting their friends and those kids invited their friends and everyone stayed," said **Rev. David Brown**. "We are very blessed to have so many young people join Camphor at this time. They are making a precious commitment." These faithful youth will be accepted into full membership on Pentecost Sunday. Please welcome them and get to know them!



Presenting Our 2006 High School Seniors!



Pictured from left: Reese Brown IV (Central HS), Devin Council (West Catholic HS) and David Mingle (Overbrook HS)

Special Birthdays: Mrs. Geraldine Lambert & Mrs. Martha Cobb



Over 75 family members and friends of Mrs. Geraldine Lambert gathered at Camphor on February 25, 2006, to celebrate her 80th birthday. In this photo are mostly grand and great-grand children. Ms. Lambert is seated and holding flowers.



The Senior Choir of Camphor hosted a 100th birthday celebration for Mrs. Martha Cobb after the worship service on Easter Sunday. Here, she poses patiently for the photographer.

Congratulations to Mrs. Gloria Johnson!

By Walter King

On Wednesday, April 5, 2006, **Mrs. Gloria Johnson** received a medal from Mayor John Street in recognition of her extraordinary service to the community. **Mrs. Johnson** serves as Park Plaza community's on-site Fitness Coordinator of "Fun, Fit & Free! TRIPS," a special health initiative of the Mayor's Office of Health and Fitness.



This initiative consists of a series of 10-week fictitious trips that offer numerous fitness opportunities, cooking classes and health education opportunities. The initiative has attracted the attention of the federal government for its success in helping constituents get fit and free from destructive lifestyle patterns. The Camphor family extends our sincere congratulations to **Mrs. Johnson** on an award well deserved. Keep us the good work!

Easter Services

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Diggs and **David Dean** played two selections, and all three of **Lewisene Jordan's** granddaughters read poems. The highlights of the 11 am service were the reception of **Mrs. Clarice Reid** and **Ms. Hannah Ngegba** into full membership, presentation of flowers to **Mrs. Martha Cobb** who was celebrating her 100th birthday, Mrs. Cobb's remarks, and the singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus." **Rev. Rookard's** sermon, "Don't Get Caught With Your Hand In The Cookie Jar," told

how the women got caught not believing Jesus when they went to the empty tomb after he told them he would be resurrected in three days. The congregation was encouraged to always trust and believe in the promises of God. The altar and sanctuary were adorned with white Easter lilies by the **Flower Committee**. After the service, there was a reception for **Mrs. Cobb** with cake and ice-cream.

The Church Around

Young person sought for 2008 address

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The United Methodist Division on Ministries with Young People is seeking submissions for a young person or team of young people to address the denomination's 2008 General Conference in Fort Worth, Texas. The deadline for applying is July 1. United Methodists ages 12 to 30 are eligible. For more information, contact Jay Clark at (615) 340-7058 or jlark@gbod.org.

Commercials emphasize prayer power

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The United Methodist Church has launched a \$1.7 million advertising campaign encouraging people to “believe again” in the power of prayer. The U.S. national advertising purchase, which started March 29, will run through April 15. The new television commercial, titled “Prayer,” is the latest element of the church's ongoing media campaign, “Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.” It is expected to reach more than 65 million viewers. The spot also can be seen at um-presscenter.org.

United Methodists to recruit new missionaries

NEW YORK--The United Methodist Church needs at least 20 new international missionaries over two years. A recruitment effort—“The Next Missionary May be YOU”—was launched during the April 3-6 spring meeting of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries. The agency is looking for missionaries in 2006 and 2007 for service in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and Israel/Palestine. The requirements for missionary service in the United Methodist Church can be found online at http://gbgm-umc.org/who_we_are/mp/documents.cfm.

United Methodist Men choose leader

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--The Rev. David C. Adams, former president of Tennessee Conference United Methodist Men and pastor of First United Methodist Church in Lynchburg, Tenn., has been elected top staff executive of the Commission on United Methodist Men. Elected by the 23-member commission, Adams, 56, will assume leadership of an eight-member Nashville staff June 19. One of the challenges of the 9-year-old commission is finding ways to reach unchurched men.

Logo introduced for 2008 assembly

FORT WORTH, Texas — United Methodists gathering for their top legislative assembly in 2008 will meet, symbolically, under a tall, green tree representing “A Future with Hope.” The tree and theme of hope are the key elements of the new logo for the 2008 General Conference in Fort Worth. The denomination's Commission on General Conference chose the logo through a contest that drew 35 entries from church members around the connection. The logo was designed by Polly Shafer of Pine Bluff, Ark.

Storms, tornadoes rock Midwest

DYERSBURG, Tenn.--Deadly storms swept through eight states in the Midwest April 2 leaving behind grieving families, destroyed churches, homes and businesses. Twenty-eight people were killed including one member of Christ United Methodist Church, Dyersburg Tenn., and one member of Bradford (Tenn.) United Methodist Church. Tennessee suffered the brunt of the storms, but heavy damage was also reported in Arkansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois,

The next “Camphor Light” will be the Fall issue. If you would like to contribute an article, poem, or anything else, please email: communications@camphormemorial.org or place items) in the Communications mailbox at church. All items should be submitted by August 15 for publication on September 1.

The World ...from United Methodist News Service – <http://umns.umc.org>

Ohio and Indiana. In Marmaduke, Ark., 600 to 700 people were displaced and they took refuge at various places in nearby Paragould, Ark., including First United Methodist Church. The church is collecting relief supplies to assist in recovery response.

Computers will help congregations stay connected

BATON ROUGE--United Methodist churches in Louisiana and Mississippi devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita got a much needed delivery recently – computers. The donated computers – 115 desktops and 20 laptops – are the result of a joint effort by United Methodist Communications and the United Methodist Board of Pension and Health Benefits. From November to February, the computers were wiped clean, reloaded with software and tested to make sure they worked properly. The value of the gift escalated with United Methodist Communication's provision of Microsoft Office software licensing and the cost of transporting the machines.

'Young' United Methodist elders declining

WASHINGTON — United Methodist clergy are getting older than the population the denomination

is trying to reach, according to a report examining clergy age trends for the past 20 years. The average age of elders in the church has increased by five years over that time period, the report found. In 1985, the average age of ordained elders was 46.8 years, compared to the 51.5 years in 2005. The research was conducted by the Lewis Center for Church Leadership at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington and the United Methodist Board of Pension and Health Benefits, Evanston, Ill.

Foundation “triples” scholarship dollars

NASHVILLE, Tenn.— The new “Triple Your Dollars for Scholars” program is extending the relationship already established between local churches and the United Methodist Foundation for Higher Education. The program will now include select institutions that have chosen to participate in the matching scholarship assistance program. As the Double Your Dollars for Scholars program matched the \$1,000 provided by churches for student members, for a total award of \$2,000, the new “triple” portion will match applicants with an additional \$1,000, for a total award of \$3,000.



Some of the **2006 Lina McCord Interns** stand for a photo before receiving training about interpreting the Black College Fund. The interns, representing the United Methodist Church's 11 historically black colleges and universities, are spending most of their summer going to 45 U.S. annual conference sessions, visiting with local churches and United Methodist men's and women's groups, and attending college and youth events to put a face on the Black College Fund apportionment dollar.

UMNS photo is courtesy of the Black College Fund.

In The Spotlight...Kayla Butts

By Deborah Spraggins



It is a joy to shine the spotlight on this dynamic eight year old girl who loves the Lord.

Kayla is an "A" student in the third grade at St. Thomas Good Council School, Bryn Mawr, PA. She loves literature, particularly poetry which she easily memorizes and recites. She reads magazines, books, newspapers,

encyclopedia and almanacs and enjoys looking up definitions in the dictionary. Kayla is active in her school's Brownie troop and plays soccer in the Lower Merion Soccer League. She loves music and takes piano and ballet lessons.

She is very excited when she talks about her faith journey and is anxious to attend Camphor's Sunday School. She is already an active worship participant. In 2005 she was a child wor-

ship leader and read the Old and New Testaments in a clear voice. She believes that it is a priority for all worshippers to hear God's Word. Kayla is currently a member of the Children's Choir, Children's Ushers and Children's Praise Dancers. At the 2005 Christmas Eve Service, she received a standing ovation for a gospel duet performed with Kayla Manning. Kayla sang with the Women's Day Choir in 2006.

This spirit-filled girl loves the Lord and inquired if a Children's Bible Class was available. She has volunteered to lead the class if no one has been designated and if it's permissible with the church.

At home, Kayla enjoys being a mother's helper for her baby sister and any chores assigned. She states that she does not like being idle, for an idle mind is wasteful.

Kayla is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Butts and granddaughter of Mrs. Marineeta Smallwood. Child handmaiden of God, continue serving the Lord. He will bless you daily.

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We may not all believe exactly the same thing, but the people of the United Methodist Church believe in God and each other. If you're searching for something to believe in, our hearts, our minds and our doors are always open.

Anniversaries, Birthdays, Memorials, College

Happy May Birthday!

Mrs. Janet Adeyemi
 Mrs. Annette Blount
 Mr. Jerald D. Brown
 Ms. Ruth Brown
 Ms. Lauren Brown
 Mrs. Pauline Cunningham
 Mrs. Mae Daniel
 Mr. Luther Farrow
 Ms. Kyndall Goldsberry
 Mr. Emory Hale
 Mrs. Raymon V. Harris, Sr.
 Ms. Elizabeth Lockwood
 Mrs. Elizabeth Manning
 Mr. Percell A. Robinson
 Ms. Betty Ricks
 Mrs. Jeanne Rhodes
 Ms. Ada Scott
 Ms. Doris E. Snell
 Mrs. Shirley Franklin Tyree
 Mr. Charles Wells
 Mrs. Veronica Williams



Happy June Birthday!

Ms. Carol Black
 Mr. George Boston
 Ms. Blondette V. Peets
 Mr. William Rivers, Jr.
 Mr. John Singleton



Happy May Anniversary!

Mr. & Mrs. David Lawrence
 Mr. & Mrs. Norris Molock
 Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Waties



Happy June Anniversary!

Mr. & Mrs. David Brown
 Mr. & Mrs. William Casey
 Mr. & Mrs. Earl Lockwood



Blessings to our Students in College & Grad School

Tiy Adams
 Howard University
 Medical School

 Melissa Alves
 Howard University
 Law School

 Mark Bounds
 University of Maryland
 Eastern Shore

 Kina Smallwood Butts
 Temple University
 Educational Psychology
 Ph.D Program

 Richard Garrison
 Villanova University

 Daisha Harris
 Arcadia University
 Forensics Science Program

 Paul Jordan, Jr.
 Morehouse College

 Victoria Mingle
 Millersville University

 Elizabeth Kelly Terrell
 Howard University

 Randie Welles
 Barnard College



In Loving Memory

Mr. Ulysses A. Howard
 April 3, 2006
 Brother of Anthony Howard

Mr. Robert D. Watson, Sr.
 April 21, 2006
 Father of former pastor
 Rev. Dr. Dorothy W. Tatem

Mrs. Carolyn Weddington
 April 28, 2006
 Daughter of former pastor
 The Late Bishop Noah Moore



New Arrivals!

Jayce King Hargreaves
 June 5, 2005

Jillian Nicole Jasper
 January 22, 2006

Remember Our Sick and Shut-In

1. Mr. Lewis Alexander 51 Bradford Lane, Willingboro, NJ 08046-1537
2. Mrs. Gladys Allen Simpson House, 2101 Belmont Ave., Phila., PA 19131-1628
3. Mrs. Pauline Cunningham St. Ignatius Nursing Home #407, 4401 Haverford Ave., Phila., PA 19104-1332
4. Mr. William Covington 5627 Stewart Street, Phila., PA 19131; (215) 477-3844
5. Mrs. Mae Daniel Simpson House, 2101 Belmont Ave., Phila., PA 19131; (215) 871-5366
6. Rev. Claude Edmonds 7701 Henry Ave., Apt D103, Phila., PA 19128; (215) 482-0253
7. Mr. Samuel Edwards Walnut Care Pavilion, 6200 Walnut St., Phila., PA 19139
8. Mrs. Margaret Freeman Simpson House, # M330, 2101 Belmont Ave., Phila., PA 19131; (215) 871-5408
9. Mrs. Mary-Lora Garvin 1853 Wynnewood Road, Phila., PA 19151; (215) 878-3804
10. Mrs. Henrietta Gwaltney 1255 N. 57th Street, Phila., PA 19131; (215) 473-3797
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12. Mrs. Ossie Hayward (current address unknown)
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