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The Camphor Light

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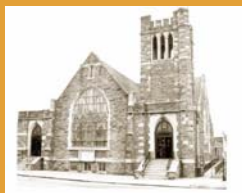


Welcome To The Email Edition of The Camphor Light!

The Communications Committee is moving toward a monthly, if not weekly, edition of *The Camphor Light* that will be e-mailed to all subscribers to the church website and can be placed in the weekly worship bulletin to minimize numerous inserts. It will include pastoral and lay announcements about upcoming services, ministries, programs and events to better inform and inspire greater attendance at worship services and participation in 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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Worship Survey



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 community.

Ministry



Worship Survey Results Are In!

Floretta McMillon, Chairperson of the Worship Committee has provided a summary of the worship survey that was conducted in May-June 2007. The committee was pleased that a significant 31.6% of the 259 members of the church and over 70% of actual worshippers (82 people) responded to the survey. Generally, above average to high ratings were given to sermons, praise dancers, ushers and worship bulletins. Areas identified for improvement were music, worship leaders, pulpit participants, lay announcements, offering procedures and hospitality. 63 persons stated that they would participate in a contemporary worship service.

Mrs. McMillon told *The Camphor Light* that the Worship Committee has been meeting with the pastor, music directors, and church leaders throughout the summer and it has resulted in the formation of a Worship Team who can help lead the services, identification of new worship and music resources that are needed (LCD projector, African-American Heritage Hymnals, etc) and selection of hymns, spirituals and gospel music for each service that are responsive to the needs of our diverse congregation. Mrs. McMillon states that many of the improvements will begin in October. A full copy of the survey and data may be obtained from the Worship Committee by contacting Mrs. McMillon.

Worship Service Today

Rev. Dr. Pamela Royster, was warmly welcomed back to Camphor as guest speaker for United Methodist Women's Day. Her sermon, "Arise, Shine: A Spiritual Code, Call and



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Reminders:

Charge Conference on October 11, 2007 at 7:00 PM; Reports due September 30, 2007

2008 Budget Forms from Finance Committee are in committee mailboxes

Ads and Memorials for 85th Anniversary Souvenir Journal due October 28, 2007

The Church Retreat has been postponed to a later date.

God Bless You

*We asked the Lord to
bless you
As we prayed for you
today
To guide you and*

Commitment," was well-received by the congregation, particularly the young adults who were in the MYF when Dr. Royster was affiliated with Camphor over 11 years ago. In the photo with Dr. Royster are **Rev. Rookard** and worship leader, **Janet Chafin**. There were many visitors, including Dr. Royster's parents, **Rev. & Mrs. Burton**, Evangelist **Mary Clay**, Mrs. **Ethel Malone**, Chair of the Eastern Pa. Conference UMW, Mrs. **Hattie Hamilton**, Coordinator of Central District UMW, several members of WordInDeed Ministries founded by Dr. Royster, Mrs. **Carol Jason**, Ms. **Donna Barkley**, Mr. **Kurtis Todd**, and many others. During announcements, Rev. Rookard acknowledged the presence, and the congregated applauded, the return of Mrs. **Elizabeth Riley** from a lengthy illness. The Senior Choir was also applauded for their spirited selections. Worship participants were **Thelma Martin, Edythe Lawrence, Judith Mellix, Jeanne Myers, Bettie Peyton, Veronica Williams, Mabel Bounds, Elaine Brown, Charlotte Jones,** and **Camphor Praise Dancers**. Mrs. **Catherine Exum**, President of Camphor UMW, gave closing remarks and invited everyone to refreshments prepared by **Debbie Terrell, Jean Myers and Veronica Williams**. Attendance this Sunday was 135.



Invitation to Stewardship Workshop

The Stewardship Committee invites everyone to attend a workshop, "Wills and Bequests." on Saturday, October 20, 2007, from 10 am to 1 pm. in the Great Hall of the church. The workshop will be led by **Stacy Martin**, Executive Director, [Eastern Pennsylvania-Peninsula UM Foundation](#). The workshop will benefit adults of all ages. For additional information, please contact **Gloria Thompson** or [Walter King](#).

Nurture Committee Sponsors Health Fair



Camphor's Nurture Committee sponsored a free Health Fair for seniors in the gym on Saturday, September 15. Participants were able to consult with a hearing specialist, foot doctor, pharmacist, financial planner, medical equipment supplier and receive free blood pressure screenings, eye examinations as well as information on medicines management and healthy living. Members of the committee above are **Vivian Harmon, Bertha Bell, Leola Patterson, Gloria Politt, Gloria Johnson, Frederica Broomfield, Deborah Terrell and Clifton Officer**.

*protect you
As you go along your
way....*

*His love is always
with you
His promises are
true,
You know in all our
struggles
He will see us
through*

*So when the road
you're traveling on
Seems difficult at
best
Take a moment, say a
prayer
And God will do the
rest.*

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Philadelphia Boys Choir & Chorale

November 18, 2007
3:00 PM

85th Anniversary
Benefit Concert
at
Camphor Memorial
United Methodist Church

Ticket Price: \$10

Contact: Jean Rhodes, Gloria Todd or Charlotte Jones



Important Meeting on October 1, 2007

All chairpersons are expected to attend the next meeting of the **Administrative Council** on Monday, October 1, 2007. If unable to attend, please send a representative from the committee.

All reports should be in writing. At this meeting, the budget for 2008 will be presented for approval and the slate of officers for 2008 will be presented. Ronald Deas, Chairperson.

Message to Anniversary Committee

A photograph of the 85th Anniversary Committee will be taken on Sunday, October 7, 2007, immediately following the worship service in the Great Hall. All committee members are asked to be present. Contact persons are Walter King and Paul Jordan, Co-Chairpersons.



Message from the 85th Church Anniversary Committee



Each member is asked to make a special contribution of \$85 on the occasion of our 85th church anniversary. Dinner sponsors for the Praise Dancers, who will be performing at the banquet, will also be greatly appreciated. Members of the [Finance Committee](#) will receive donations in the Great Hall each Sunday after church

Ads, memorials and patrons list for 85th Anniversary Souvenir Journal are due October 28, 2007. Full page \$75, half page \$50, quarter page \$35, patron list group \$5, Mr & Mrs. \$3, Individual \$2. Please contact [Aneita Douglas](#), [Sharon Brown](#), [Edward Hale](#) and [Ronald Deas](#).

[Philadelphia Boys Choir and Chorale](#) in concert at Camphor, November 18, 2007, donation \$10. Please contact [Jean Rhodes](#), [Gloria Todd](#) or [Charlotte Jones](#).

85th Church Anniversary Banquet, November 25, 2007, Holiday Inn-City Line, donation \$45. Please contact [Gloria Johnson](#) or [Kit Boyd](#).

Anniversary souvenirs (commemorative notes, plates, mugs, t-shirts, caps and visors will be on sale in the Great Hall after worship services. Please contact [Carol Black](#), [Walter King](#), [Gloria Johnson](#) or [Kit Boyd](#).

Meetings This Week

- Tuesday, September 25 - Community Fellowship - 10 am
- Wednesday, September 26 - GED & Adult Education - 9 am
- Wednesday, September 26 - Covenant Disciple Group - 10 am
- Thursday, September 27 - Bible Study - 10 am
- Thursday, September 27 - Choir Rehearsals - 8 pm

Bible Verse For the Week

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11 KJV

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