The Monroe R. Saunders Center for Creative Learning
A Practical and Realistic Concept in Child Care

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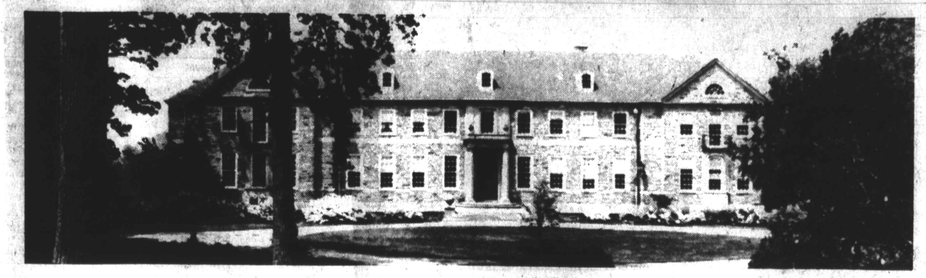

Sponsored By: The First United Church and
The Monroe R. Saunders Center for Creative Learning
5150 Baltimore National Pike

MONROE R. SAUNDERS, SR.,
Pastor, First United Church
Commissioner, Baltimore
City School Board
Trustee, Provident Hospital

If you are looking for a center where your children will be stimulated and encouraged to learn and a chance to do so in a safe warm environment, The Monroe R. Saunders Center for Creative Learning is just the place.

Here you can relax with the feeling that your children will be in the capable hands of an experienced staff that will identify and help meet their physical, mental and spiritual needs.

Specifically, it offers the following: Child care for pre-schoolers two to four years of age, before and after school, overnight and on weekends; adequate space within and outside the center; a staff that includes teachers, physicians, clinicians and senior citizens; used as a site for training of senior high school, college and university students; convenient to public transportation and school bus services available. You will find this to be a home-like environment within the context of institutional discipline. For further information call - 945-0664 or 945-0665 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. or write MONROE R. SAUNDERS CENTER FOR CREATIVE LEARNING, 5150 Baltimore National Pike, Baltimore, Maryland 21229.

ABUNDANT LIFE CAMP is located on 22 acres of beautiful tree-shaded land on Baltimore National Pike in West Baltimore and Baltimore County, minutes from home.

A small camper-counselor ratio assures a closely supervised safe and happy summer for your child. Trained specialists conduct regularly scheduled activities including:

A RELIGIOUS FOCUS: The M.R.S.C.L. Day Camp is guided in all its endeavors by a wholistic approach to the individual. Man is body, mind, spirit; therefore the church must focus on all of these needs.

We therefore, embrace the concept of narrowing the distance between the secular and spiritual realms of life because God and life are one. We strive to bring the concepts of spirituality and Godness out of the abstract and into the revealing light of reality—into the grasp of each boy and girl. You too can reach out and connect your child with the dynamic forces of spiritual reality.

SWIMMING: All campers participate in swimming instruction at least two days each week. Instructors are trained by the American Red Cross and offer the standard certification programs from Beginner Swimmer to Junior Lifesaver. Everyone enjoys the closely supervised, lengthy recreational swimming program each day.

TENNIS: Campers will participate in tennis instruction at least three days each week. Instruction will be offered to beginners, and advanced lessons will be given on an intermediate level.

ARTS and CRAFTS: Emphasis is place on improvising with readily available materials as well as the use of conventional art media. Popular projects include puppet-making, clay-modeling, plaster-casting, and candle craft. Instruction in painting and ceramics is included in the art program.

MUSIC and DRAMA: The fine arts program seeks to build creativity and self confidence. Music appreciation and improvisational acting are but a few of the activities. A small amphitheatre under the trees offers the ideal site for camper performances.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: Magic shows, movies, track meets, treasure hunts, puppet shows, cooking and cake decorating, sewing, Carnival Day, and Color War are but a few of the endless special events that add variety to the Camp experience. The Camp ends with a special Labor Day Festival including art show, tennis tournament, music programs and athletic competition.

ATHLETICS: The athletic program promotes physical development through positive experiences. Cooperation and self - improvement are stressed, and no child is pressured to participate. Activities include baseball, softball, volleyball, soccer, archery and touch football. Baseball and softball teams will be formed based on age. An Adventure Playground built of logs, rope and tires offer imaginative recreation for all ages. (Parents love it, too!)

TENNIS: Campers will participate in tennis instruction at least three days each week. Instruction will be offered to beginners, and advanced lessons will be given on an intermediate level.

All parents of campers are invited.

BULL ROAST INCLUDED! ! !

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT: Hikes in the woods emphasize tree types, animal habits, and survival skills. They're also lots of fun! Cooking sessions offer an opportunity to prepare and taste trail foods. The program features trips to art galleries, music festivals, Washington, D.C. and Annapolis, Maryland.

TUTORING:

I. English: Enrollees will be aided in the increasing of their skills in the use of grammar. To increase enrollees ability to: recognize word forms, parts of speech, sentence structure, and to write complete sentences. Punctuation will be an integral part of this program. Some effort will be put into vocabulary building to improve speech.

II. Reading: The English objective will be integrated into the reading program to maximize each enrollees reading level to that of his/her grade level. Concerted efforts will go to tutor enrollees on test taking and preparation for school reading tests. For older enrollees exposure to literature will also be included. Enrollees will be given an opportunity to be exposed to the concepts of reading for general information, specific fact finding and the formulation of opinion. It is expected that reading competency and reading skills will be improved.

III. Math: Enrollees will be exposed to an understanding of the basic art of addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, percent and fractions. Here also, the skills will be acquired to handle all of the functional examinations as well as reach the grade level competency to function adequately in the regular school.

RATES

5 day per week for 10 weeks $250.00
$25.00 per week

5 days per week for 6 weeks $165.00
$27.50 per week

5 days per week for 2 weeks $60.00
$30.00 per week

There is a reduction for the second child in a family in all programs.

For furtner information:
Call: 945-5100

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Day Camp
First United Church
5150 Baltimore National Pike
Baltimore, Maryland 21229

—HISTORY—

The First United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) has existed in the Baltimore community as an urban congregation since November, 1965. Since then the Church has taken every available opportunity and has pursued every legitimate course that would lead to the spiritual, moral, physical, economic and social well-being of the people of Baltimore.

Through its preaching, teaching, counseling, and visitation ministry in homes, hospitals, and other institutions, as well as in the congregational meetings of the assembly, the Church has become a center of community action and redemption of human persons.

The Center of More Abundant Life is an attempt on the part of an Urban Church Congregation to release the energy of the individual as well as the collective membership into the mainstream of inner-city life so as to enhance the well-being of both urban and suburban people.

The Church, one of the more stable institutions of our modern society, is still capable of speaking with relevancy and leading with certainty persons caught in the matrix of our ever-changing cities. The Church, therefore, must dedicate itself to the task of serving the total person of every age, race, or cultural advantage so that all live in harmony, each fulfilling his capacity and sharing in the common good.

Many youth have been saved from serious involvement in criminal activities because of the church's interest. The Church has also successfully ministered to the needs of the elderly and shut-ins and has contributed to the general spirit of brotherhood through its radio ministries.

Even though the lives of thousands in our city have been reached, there still remains much that a church which is concerned with human welfare can and must do to enrich life. First United Church is deeply concerned about furthering its ministry to ease the plight of persons who are trapped by the urban dilemma. It feels bound by its divine calling to provide guidance and full application to the principles of the Holy Spirit in helping children and youth shun the maladies which produce delinquents, alcoholics and drug addicts.

The Church believes that it can, through joint action with other community agencies, hasten the rehabilitation of victims of alcohol, drugs, and crime. Its application of redemptive love, compassion, and human concern has proved in numerous cases that this is so.

First United embraces the concept of narrowing the distance between the secular and spiritual realms of life and accepts its responsibility, as a redemptive community, to meet the spiritual, emotional, and psychological needs of younger and older adults as they carry the responsibility of leadership, employment, and parenthood.

First United believes God and life are one and that the Church must, through its relationship to God, bring His love to bear on the problems of the community.

Excerpt from: THE CENTER OF MORE ABUNDANT LIFE (A Ministry of the Holy Spirit) Written by: Bishop Monroe R. Saunders, Sr.)

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Young People's Training Union (YPTU) ..... 6:00 p.m.
Youth Service-Tuesday ..... 7:30 p.m.
Prayer-DAILY-Chapel ..... 12:00 p.m.
Prayer-Saturday-Chapel ..... 7:00 p.m.
Pastoral Teaching-Friday ..... 7:30 p.m.
Radio Broadcasts - Sunday - WKTK 105 FM ..... 8:30 a.m.
Sunday-WEAA 88.9 FM ..... 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study and Prayer-Thursday ..... 12:00 p.m.

MONTHLY SERVICES

Missionary Service-Second Sunday ..... 3:30 p.m.
Deeper Life Retreat Third Saturday ..... 8:30 a.m.

— Historic Baltimore churches —

An AFRO special section

Was Sharp St. Methodist the 1st black church?

By Dr. Bettye C. Thomas

One of the most important institutions within the structure of the late eighteenth, nineteenth and early twentieth century black commity was the church. community was the church.

It was a major religious, social, economic and sometimes political force within the lives of black people. Despite the distractions provided by a growing number of secular organizations, which appeared with greater frequency after 1880, the church remained the center of black life for well into the twentieth century.

Before the building of halls, by the benefical and secret societies, the most accessible place to hold concerts, fairs, bazaars, lectures, raffles and other activites was the church. It was there that the community gathered to celebrate emancipation, the passage of the 15th Amendment, the founding of societies and many other historical events.

The church sponsored popular activities such as excursions, camp meetings and conferences. Within the church, boycotts were planned and moral discipline was established.

The antebellum growth of the Sharp Street Methodist Episcopal Church, in population and status, is in some measure related to its geographical location. The situation of Maryland in the upper south and more specifically on the border of the Mason and Dixon Line, held special implications for Maryland blacks in general and for Baltimore black people in particular. While it is true that the majority of black people in the South were

Historian says local church may be older than Philadelphia's Bethel AME

slaves in the period to 1865, the majority of blacks in Baltimore by 1820 were identifiable as "free people of color."

Sharp Street Church at Dolphin and Etting Streets stands as a prototype of what the black church in the 19th and early twentieth centuries was and what it was expected to be.

During the antebellum period, it shared the helm of leadership with the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

After the Civil War, these two churches, along with the Union Baptist, St. James Protestant Episcopal and the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, were among the most prominent religious centers in the city of Baltimore.

These churches combined, with the numerous other Methodist, Baptist, Protestant Episcopal and Catholic churches, provided the Baltimore black community with one of the most elnlightenu and educated black ministries in the country.

Traditionally, the history of Sharp Street Church has been dated from 1802, the year the church purchased its first parcel of land. However, reliable sources indicate that its history as a separate black Methodist congregation dates from around 1787.

Few historians have explored the significance of this date., for acceptance of it presents a serious challenge to the validity of Philadelphia's Bethel AME Church being the first black Methodist group to withdraw from a white church and establish a separate, all - black Methodist church.

Bishop Daniel A. Payne was not the only writer of note to state that the Sharp Street Church history dates from 1787 and that its organization preceded that of Bethel's.

Bishop James A. Handy, a contemporary of Bishop Payne's born in Baltimore during the antebellum period and a highly recognized African Methodist Episcopal religious authority, in his Scraps of African Methodist Episcopal History, cites the founding of the Sharp Street Church as being contemporaneous with the founding of Bethel in Philadelphia.

As late as the 1920's, articles in newspapers and religious journals repudiate the assumption that Bethel AME Church in Philadelphia was founded before the Sharp Street Church9

In 1864 black men met at Sharp Street Church to discuss enlistment in the Army, to fight for the Freedom of slaves and the survival of a divided nation. The records show that as late as 1853, in addition to the church school, a day school was organized for blacks. The church's facilities provided the foundation which later became the nucleus for the first colored public school in Baltimore following the abolition of slavery

The church not only concerned itself with the education of children, but also the economic status of its members.

Sharp Street served as an employment agency. Because opportunities for employment were limited, those days were valuable assets. Those persons serving in leadership capacity not only helped to shape the lives of their members, but also the institution of the black church.

Sharp Street Memorial United now deals with issues related to the community complex. It remains a guiding force through christian fellowship and service to God under the leadership of dedicated men pioneering its course.

The glory of Sharp Street Church is its rich heritage from which many black people of Maryland have emerged and to which many younger generations of black are returning to find their roots. A museum to house an archival collection is one of the future goals of Sharp Street. The Rev. John Wesley Coleman is Pastor of Sharp Street.

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ANNUAL SESSION of the Maryland Association of Ministers' Wives and Widows was held May 26 at Emmanuel Christian Community Church, 1210 Lanvale St. Ministers' wives shown seated from left are Mesdames Marg A. Revels, treasurer; Jerolyn Stewart, president; Audrey G. Bell, recording secretary; Emma Lee Daniels, program chairperson. Standing from (L) are Mesdames Ernestine Hill, music director; Minnie R. Washington, committee on worship; Verna Day, chairperson worship committee; Janet Cox, program committee; Thelma Culp, financial secretary and Robert Williams, parliamentarian.

Ministers Wives meet at Emanuel Church

The annual session of Ministers' Wives and Widows of Maryland was held Saturday, May 26 at Emmanuel Christian Community Church, Lanvale Street and Carrollton Avenue where the Rev. Sidney Daniels is pastor.

"How to Offer Constructive Criticism for Positive Results," was the theme for the workshop with Mrs. Roberta Williams and Mrs. Audrey Bell as leaders.

A dramatic worship services was also held with Mrs. Verna Day as coordinator and music by the Ministers Wives Choir. Mrs. Theophra Silver is director and organist. Mrs. Jerolyn Stewart, president was the speaker.

Local presidents of the Maryland Association of Ministers' Wives are Mesdames Hazel Boston, AME Ministers Wives Alliance of Baltimore and Vicinity; Mrs. Emma Lee Daniels, United Council Community Ministers Wives of Maryland and Vicinity.

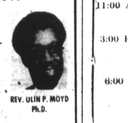
Mesdames L. Althea Fancher, Holiness Ministers Wives' Council; Bennie S. Freeman, Interdenominational Ministers' Wives Alliance of Baltimore, Cecil and Harford Counties; Janet Cox, International Ministers' Wives of Baltimore and Vicinity; Pauline Logan, Baptist Ministers' Wives Alliance of Baltimore and Vicinity and Chestina Nance, Gold Leaf Club, Mrs. Mary Hannington, Green Twigs.

Calling MEMBERS ONLY
Of
MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH
Baltimore City
TO A
SPECIAL MEETING
AT THE
HALL of ST. GREGORY CHURCH
1542 N. Gilmore St.
JUNE 9, 1979, Saturday at 4 p.m.-6 p.m.
TRUSTEES
Heuley, Williams,
Clardy, Marner, Murray, Muldrow

Celebrate
with
St. James United Methodist Church
Lexington and Monroe Streets
on their
28th Anniversary
Friday, June 8th-7:30 p.m.
REV. RONALD BRAXTON
Allen A.M.E.
Saturday, June 9th, 7:00 p.m.
Anniversary Banquet
at the church
Subscription—$10.00 per person
Sunday, June 10th
10:00 A.M.—Rev. Carroll Doggett, Jr.
Dist. Superintendent Balto. S.W.
3:30 P.M.—Rev. Albert H. Hammond, Sr.
Pastor emeritus of St. James U.M. Church
REV. GEORGE A. STANSBURY, Pastor

SHARP ST. MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Dolphin and Etting Sts.
WOMAN'S DAY
SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 1979
9:30 A.M.—Church School
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
Speaker: Mrs. Julia Woodland
Principal of Dunbar Senior High School
Guest soloist: Janice T. Hudson.
ALL ARE WELCOME
Rev. John W. Coleman, Minister
Rev. Arthur White, Assistant Minister

MT. LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH INC.
The Church with the Family Atmosphere
2320 Reisterstown Rd.
Baltimore, Md. 21217
SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 1979
9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
Sermon by the Pastor
3:30 P.M.—The Sunday School Will sponsor a Tom Thumb Wedding
Come Grow With Us
REV. OLIN P. MOYD, Ph.D., Pastor



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Christian Community Church of God 2701 W. Baltimore Street
SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 1979
"ANNUAL YOUTH DAY"
Saturday, June 9, 1979
8:00 A.M.—Prayer Breakfast (in Fellowship
9:00 A.M.—Sunday School
10:30 A.M.—Radio Broadcast WSID

ELDER GREEN
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship Service
4:00 P.M.—Special Children's Day Pageant Night: featuring the Young Adult Choir of Israel Baptist and the Young Adult Choir of Christian Community
Cecelia Washington, Juanita Brown
Coordinators of Youth Day
Roland Washington, Youth Choir Director
Melvin C. Green,
Musical Director and Organist
Elder C. Green, Founder and Pastor
Elder C. Green can be heard each Sunday morning from 10:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. over station W.S.I.D.

PENNSYLVANIA AVE. AME ZION CHURCH
"The Church of the Burning Heart"
SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 1979
11:00 A.M.—Worship—Sermon by Rev. Robert H. Richmond
Theme: An Offering in the Morning
Music by Sanctuary Choir, Gospel Chorus I and II
6:00 P.M.—The Rosebud Circle will present Tamborines to Glory, By Langston Hughes
A Friendly Welcome To All
DR. MARHSLL H. STRICKLAND, Pastor

PERKINS SQUARE BAPTIST CHURCH
2500 EDMONDSON AVE., CORNER of WARWICK
SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 1979
COMMUNION SUNDAY
8:00 A.M.—Early Morning Worship
Sermon by the Pastor
And Holy Communion
9:15 A.M.—Church School
and New Members Class
10:30 A.M.—Open Heart Service
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
Sermon By Pastor
And Holy Communion
3:00 P.M.—A Wastband Rally
and Music Program sponsored by the Gospel Chorus
6:00 P.M.—BTU and New Members Class
Church Offices Night
All Are Welcome
REV. RICHARD H. OGLE IV, Pasto.

DOUGLASS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
"The People of the Way"
Lafayette and Madison Aves.
MARION CURTIS BASCOM, D.D. Minister
James S. Hammond
Minister of Music

June 10, 1979
YOUTH DAY
Eight and Eleven O'Clock
Mr. Charles E. Wilson, Student Intern Preaching
The Lord's Prayer
arr. Jerry Nowak

Holy, Lord God of Hosts
Hal H. Hopson
Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
arr. David Williams
Now Sing We Joyfully Unto God
Gordon Young

SHARP STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DOLPHIN & ETTING STREETS
ESTABLISHED 1787 (192 YRS.)

ONE OF THE OLDEST CHURCHES IN BALTIMORE CHRONOLOGY

1787 Independent prayer group, later became Colored Methodist Society, met at a society member's house.

1802 Land purchased and first church built on Sharp Street between Lombard and Pratt Sts. in South Baltimore.

1860 New edifice replaces 1802 church.

1864 Washington Annual Conference, first Annual Conference of Colored Preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

1864 Meeting held at Sharp Street Church to encourage colored men to enlist in army.

1867 Centenary Biblical Institute, now Morgan
1872 State University.

1872 Cemetery purchase in Mt. Winans Area on Annapolis Road and Hollins Ferry Road.

1876 Chapel on cemetery grounds, now known as Mt. Winans United Methodist Church.

1896 Parsonage purchased at 507 W. Lanvale Street. Future site for Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church Museum.

1898 Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church relocated, lot purchased on Dolphin & Etting Sts., building occupied October 15th.

1921 Community House purchased at 1206 Etting Street.

1969 New parsonage purchased at 3602 Cedardale Road.

JOHN WESLEY COLEMAN

The Rev. John Wesley Coleman, a forth - generation Methodist preacher is a member of the Baltimore Conference of the Washington Area of The United Methodist Church.

His academic credentials include a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa., a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Divinity from Crozer Theological Seminary. The award of a Doctor of Ministry is currently pending from New York Theological Seminary.

The Rev. Mr. Coleman has pastored churches in the former Delaware Conference of the Central Jurisdiction, The New York Conference, and several churches in the Peninsula Conference.

He was formerly the Executive Secretary of the Office of Community Developers with the National Division of The Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Church. The Rev. Mr. Coleman has traveled extensively in the United States and Abroad.

He is now the pastor of Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church in Baltimore, Maryland and serves on several committees and Boards in the Community, among which are: Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the N. M. Carroll U. M. Home for the Aged; The Board of Freedom House; the NAACP, The American Red Cross, and the Board of the new Multi-Ethnic Center at Drew University.