THE LIVING CHURCH

Prayer breakfast starts Zion's Women's Day

The third annual prayer breakfast sponsored by the women of Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Church, was held Feb. 23 in the multi purpose room of the church as part of the annual Women's Day activities.

Friends and members of the church were served breakfast by the women of Zion. The menu included eggs, bacon, grits, hot rolls, chicken wings, coffee and pastries.

Ms. Jeanne Anderson was general chairperson for the 49th annual Women's Day on Feb. 24 and the Rev. Dr. Marshall H. Strickland is pastor. Miss Leslie Barnett, an active member of the church and a senior teacher with the school system was the speaker for the breakfast. Her theme was, "If The Devil Wrote The Bible."

Speaking to the guests, Miss Barnett stated, "Man does not always know what to do. The devil takes advantage of this by providing a simple guideline to follow; if it feels good, do it. We pay attention to our own feelings and not enough to others.

"We want the weekend to do our own thing so we ignore the mate and the children. We want Sunday afternoon to rest up for work on Monday, so we refuse to support the church program.

"We want to do anything that our little hearts desire, thinking that if it feels good, then its the right thing to do. ...."

Miss Barnett asked the women of Zion, "Who is the Devil? Is he somebody or is he the creation of our own minds, an outside excuse for our own sins and shortcomings. God created all things good. God created me and if there is anything imperfect about me, it must be the devil."

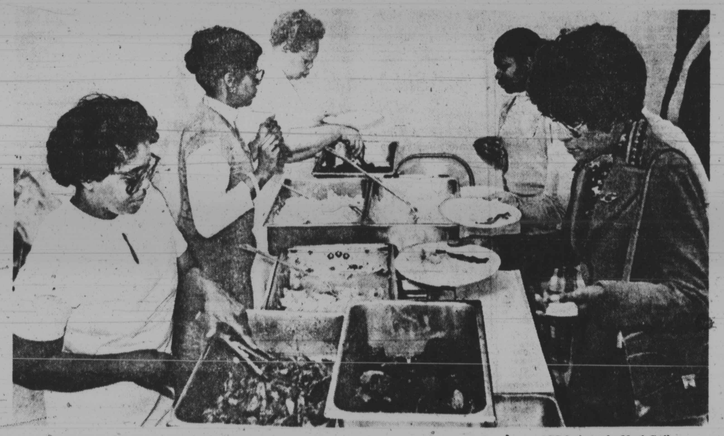
Music was provided by the Zion Echoes and the Highway Delegation of Highway Church of Christ. Chairperson for the breakfast was Mrs. Leah Williams. Other committee members were Ms. Esther Bennett, Ms. Dorothy Edwards and Ms. Martha Skinner.

Hostesses were Ms. Naomi Bundy, Ms. Mary Dixon, Ms. Janet Fulwood, Ms. Vanessa Jackson, Ms. Shanna Lesane, Ms. Devette McGhee, Ms. Portia Pinkney, Ms. Iris Riddick, Ms. Darlene Seay, Ms. Diana Sessoms and Ms. Renee Young.

Margaret Singletary was assistant chairperson. Other committee members were Ms. Evangeline Barnes, Ms. Janet Fullwood, Ms. Julia Penny, Ms. Pauline Wilson and Ms. Panthea Wilson.

The Rev. Miss Alfreda Wiggins, associate minister of Lewin United Methodist Church was the 11 a.m. speaker for Women's Day on Feb. 24 and Ms. Jaki Westmoreland was the afternoon speaker. The theme was "Women of Zion, Are You Standing On The Promises, Or Sitting On the Premises." Other committee members were Mrs. Arlene Rogers, general co-chairperson, Mrs. Joyce Richmond, general co-chairperson and Ms. Bernye Lawson, publicity chairperson.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS and minister of Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion church, who participated in the prayer breakfast service shown from (L) are: Mesdames Angela Brown, Margaret Singletary, the Rev. Dr. Marshall H. Strickland, Phylis Scroggins and Jeanne Anderson, general chairperson.



BREAKFAST AT ZION — The women of Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Church prepared breakfast on Feb. 23 for their annual prayer breakfast. The menu consisted of eggs, bacon, hot rolls, grits, chicken wings, coffee. Members shown serving

ACTIVE MEMBER — Ms. Leslie M. Barnett, a graduate of Columbia University, was the speaker for the prayer breakfast at Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Church, where she is an active member.

AFRO photos by Mark Gail

Judson choir sings at Trinity

The Judson College Choir will perform a concert of sacred music on Wednesday, March 5, 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church, 1601 Druid Hill Ave.

The 45 member ensemble from Elgin, Ill. will perform a variety of music ranging from classical pieces, hymn arrangements and spirituals to contemporary works.

The Judson Choir travels extensively during the school year and recent trips have included the Midwest, West Coast and Europe. The choir also records and has appeared on radio and television. Dr. Edward Thompson is the director and organized the choir in 1963.

Judson is a Baptist affiliated Cristian liberal arts college in the Fox River Valley of Illinois. Students attend classes on a 70-acre wooded campus.

Division majors are in Christian religion and philosophy, communication arts, fine arts, human institutions, human relations and science.

Metro church briefs

Heritage United Church of Christ, 3106 Liberty Heights Ave., will present the Fisk Jubilee Singers in concert at the church on Saturday, March 1, 8 p.m. For ticket information call 542-1204 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The Rev. Wendell H. Phillips is pastor.

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The Temple Choir of City Temple of Baltimore Baptist Church, Eutaw and Dolphin Street will be singing Sunday, March 2, 3:30 p.m. at Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Church, 1128 Pennsylvania Ave., in observance of the 49th anniversary of the Sanctuary Choir. Abraham Simpson is president and the Rev. Dr. Marshall H. Strickland is minister.

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The Flower Circle of Israel Baptist Church, Chester and Preston Streets will be singing Saturday, March 8, 7 p.m. at the church. Mrs. Malinda Moore is president; Mrs. Gertrude Foster, coordinator and the Rev. Harlie W. Wilson is pastor.

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Taxpayers may receive free assistance in completing income tax forms at All Saints Church, 4408 Liberty Heights Ave., March 8, 22 and April 5 and 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Women's Day tea committee of Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2140 Hoffman St., will sponsor a fashion show and luncheon at the Quality Inn, 1015 York Rd., on March 1, 12:00 to 4 p.m. Mrs. Eleanor Griffin is president; Mrs. Margaret Owens and Mrs. Geraldine Chapman are chairpersons and the Rev. W. K. Woods is pastor.

The church wide institute workshop will be held at Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church March 3- 7. The Rev. Dr. J. D. Ballard, pastor of United Metropolitan Baptist Church in WinstonSalem, N.C will be the speaker.

Ms. Katie Kenan will be singing March 2, 7 p.m. at Pentecost Baptist Church, 1615 Poplar Grove St. The Rev. Charles E. Fletcher is pastor.

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The Vocal Quartet of Grace United Methodist Church, Charles and Belvedere can be heard in a concert on March 2, 4:30 p.m. at the church.

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The Rev. John Bryant, pastor of Bethel AME Church will be the guest speaker at the Ray of Hope Baptist Church, Harford Road and Parkside Drive on March 2, 3:30 p.m. The Rev. Charles M. Franklin is pastor. At 8 p.m. March 2, the male chorus of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church will be in concert at Ray of Hope.

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Youth Day will be observed March 9 at Israel Baptist Church, Preston and Chester Streets. The theme is Christian Youth Facing a New Decade With Christ. The Rev. Anthony Moore of Southern Baptist Church will be the 8 a.m. speaker and the Rev. Anthony Muse of Ellicott City is the 11 a.m. speaker. The Rev. Harlie Wilson Jr. is pastor.

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Ms. Carolyn Smith, soprano member of the Ruth E. Ragler Memorial Ensemble of Baltimore, will be featured in a gospel and spiritual concert on Sunday, March 9, 5 p.m. at Union Baptist Church, 1219 Druid Hill Ave. The concert is being sponsored by the Sunshine Group, William Johnson and Willing Workers Circles of Union Baptist Church.

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The F.R.E.D. committee of the Baptist Convention of Maryland will sponsor a breakfast on March 22, 8 a.m. at the Convention Center. The Rev. Lorenzo Graves is chairman. Proceeds from the breakfast will be used to purchase an air condition system at the Maryland Baptist Home for the Aged. Ms. L. Coleman and Miss Helen Benton are chairpersons of the breakfast.

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Annual Deacon and Deaconess Day will be observed March 16, 3:30 p.m at Wayland Baptist Church, 3200 Garrison Blvd., The Rev. Eddie Wilson, pastor of Leadenhall Baptist Church will be the speaker and the Rev. Darneal F. Johnson Jr. is pastor of Wayland Baptist.

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The youth and young adults of New Shiloh Baptist Church, Fremont Avenue and Lanvale Street will observe Youth Weekend at the church March 7-9 at the church. Their theme is "Reaching Out To Christ." The Rev. D. Harold A. Carter is pastor and Ms. Robilyn Heath and Brian Thomas are chairpersons.

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Members of the Mount Pisgah Choraleers will present the Inspirations of Joy in concert on March 2, 3:30 p.m. at Mount Pisgah AME Church in Columbia, Md.

Church Women United sponsor World Day of Prayer

Church Women United will be holding its World Day of Prayer services at St. Luke United Methodist Church, Riggs Avenue and Gilmor Street on Friday, March 7, 7 p.m. its theme is "Responsible Freedom."

Women in this country have been celebrating a national day of prayer since 1887. This year people in more than 150 countries and islands around the world will gather in prayerful consideration of Responsible Freedom.

Church Women United is the official sponsor of World Day of Prayer in the United States. Each year, women of a different country are asked to write the World Day of Prayer service based on themes chosen by the International Committee for World Day of Prayer.

The Christian women of Thailand have written this year's service, thanking our sisters in Africa for the World Day of Prayer program for 1979 which reminded us of our need for spiritual growth. The Thai women encourage their sisters and brothers around the world to continue to grow in the spirit.

As people around the world form a chain of prayer on March 7, the words of Kenneth Kaunda, president of Zambia to the international committee for World Day of Prayer in April 1978 point up the importance of this historic day and said, "Clearly, if there is any one act that binds us together it is prayer. Our open acknowledgement of the overwhelming greatness of God to whom we seek to be united and our appeal to God for peace among ourselves, not in the future, but now." Mrs. Barbara Fields is chairperson of Church Women United and the Rev. James H. Smith is pastor of St. Luke United Methodist Church.

F.R.E.D. committee breakfast March 22

"We decided to have a breakfast at the Convention Center and not have our regular banquet. All of our proceeds will be used to purchae an air conditioning system for the Baptist Aged Home.

The above statement was made by the Rev. Lorenzo Graves, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church and chairman of the Fire Renovation Expansion Drive Committee.

For seven years, the F.R.E.D. committee of the United Baptist Missionary Convention has sponsored a banquet. This year, the affair will be held Saturday, March 22, 8 a.m. with the Rev. Dr. Harold Carter, pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church as guest speaker at the breakfast. Subscriptions are $12.00 and can be purchased at Calvary Baptist, 3911 Garrison Blvd., City Temple Baptist, Dolphin and Eutaw St., where the Rev. William Payne is pastor or Jones Tabernacle, Baltimore and Pulaski St., where the Rev. Arthur Jones is pastor.

Rev. Graves stated the committee is trying to sell 1,000 subscriptions. Churches and clubs are being asked to donate $100 to have their name placed in a memory book at the home. Rev. Graves stated the book is a permanent fixture in the foyer of the Baptist home at 2801 Rayner Ave.

In January 1970, an early morning blaze nearly destroyed the Maryland Baptist Aged Home at 2801 Rayner Ave. Patients were evacuated and many taken to Lutheran Hospital.

Several weeks after the fire the home was opened again for senior citizens and Rev. Graves stated it was decided the same day of the fire to expand and renovate the Baptist Aged Home.

The Fire Renovation Expansion Drive Committee was then formed and banquets have been held each year to raise money for renovation and expansion of the home. The Baptist Aged Home has been in its present location since 1954 and was organized in 1920.

The 65th anniversary of the male and female ushers of Memorial Baptist Church, Caroline and Preston Streets will be observed on March 9, 3 p.m. The Rev. Clifford Johnson of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church will be the speaker.

MONTHLY MEETING — Members of the Women's Auxiliary of the United Baptist Missionary Convention seen at the monthly meeting at the Baptist Center shown from (L) are Mesdames Estella Jones, financial secretary; Mrs. Mary Harrington, past president; Mrs. Coleman, treasurer and Miss Minnie Washington, director of the youth department; Lustrina Hc. a Benton, past president.

AFRO photo by Roman Hankewyc

Bishop Howard Plummer dead

SUFFOLK, Va. — Bishop Howard Z. Plummer, head of the Church of God and Saints of Christ located in this area's Belleville section, died Sunday, Feb. 24, at a Norfolk hospital after a five-year illness.

A funeral service was scheduled to be conducted Thursday, Feb. 28, at noon from his Belleville church.

Well known in civic and fraternal organizations in which he was a leader, Bishop Plummer, at age 32, became the top executive in his church in 1932, succeeding his father, the late Bishop William H Plummer.

Bishop Howard Plummer

Bishop Plummer was educated in Philadelphia and Boston and received an honorary doctorate degree from Wilberforce University in Ohio.

He was a leader in the Prince Hall Masons and Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

Survivors include: his wife, Mrs. L. Bernice Plummer; two sons, Bishop Levi S. Plummer from Suffolk and Charles Dave Plummer from Chesapeake; two daughters, Mrs. Sarah P. Brent from Chesapeake and Mrs. Jennie E. Simien from Portsmouth; 10 grandchildren, and other relatives and friends.

Last rites Held for Mrs. Bush

Funeral services for Clara Green Bush, 2757 Baker St., were held Feb. 21 at Shiloh Baptist Church, where she had been a lifetime member. The Rev. Harold Carter officiated.

Born Jan. 11, 1892 in Essex County, Va., she was the daughter of the late John and Fannie Green. She was the widow of Wm. D. Bush.

She died at Lutheran Hospital on Feb. 18 and is survived by a son, Clifton, daughter, Doris B. Morris, 13 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Martha Tyree, life-long Evergreen member

Mrs. Martha Tyree died Saturday February 23, 1980 in St. Agnes Hospital after a long illness.8

Funeral services were held at Evergreen AME Church where Mrs. Tyree had been a life-long member. Rev. Robert C. Lane delivered the eulogy. During her years at Evergreen, Mrs. Tyree served as vice-president of the Steward Board and Secretary to the church stewardesses.

Mrs. Tyree is survived by her husband John D. Tyree, son, Sterling Baskerville; a grand-daughter, two sister, and one brother.

Burial was in Western Star Cemetery on February 28, 1980.

34th annual Blue Ribbon Tea

The Eastside Community Committee will hold its 34th Annual Blue Ribbon Tea on Sunday, March 2nd at the Dunbar Performing Arts Center, Orleans and Caroline, Streets.

The Blue Ribbon Tea is one of the yearly highlights in the Baltimore Community attracting dignitaries and government officials from the city and the state.

The guest speaker for this Sunday's occasion is the Rev. Mrs. Cecilia Bryant of the Bethel A.M.E. Church. Mrs. Bryant is the wife of the Reverend John Bryant, Pastor of Bethel AME. She has been an active person, particularly, in her work with the church and its surrounding community.

She was instrumental in the opening of Bethsemane Outreach Center which provides counseling services, food and clothing to people in need.

She has spoken, on many occasions, to groups in South America, Jamaica and other countries.

Mrs. Cecelia Bryant

Mrs. Bryant was also the International Coordinator of "Free a hild Campaign" 1979 and Chairperson of the Baltimore Conference Research and States of the Black Woman Committee.

The chairperson of the Blue Ribbon Tea, 1980 is Delegate Hattie N. Harrison. She is being assisted by Mrs. Gwendolyn Johnson, Co-Chairperson; Thelma Ray, President; Mable Walts, Secretary and Barbara Jackson, Treasurer.

Mrs. Ruth Rich, school worker

Funeral services were held on February 27, 1980 at City Temple Church for Mrs. Ruth Rich. Mrs. Rich died in Maryland General Hospital on February 22, 1980 following a heart attack.

Mrs. Rich worked for 13 years with the Baltimore City School Cafeteria. She was working at school No. 3 prior to her illness.

Rev. William W. Payne delivered the eulogy for Mrs. Rich.

Mrs. Rich came to City Temple 10 years ago from Wayland Baptist Church with Rev. Payne. She was also a member of choir No. 2.

Mrs. Rich is survived by 5 children, 29 grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Known over the years for her kindness, her daughter Mrs. Gwendolyn Robinson said, "my mother just loved people".

Rev. William W. Payne delivered the eulogy for Mrs. Rich.

Mrs. Rich was buried Thursday February 29 in the Arbutus Memorial Park.

Norman Hudgins, 76

Funeral services for Norman Rudolph Hudgins, 76, were held recently at Garrison Boulevard United Methodist Church. Mr. Hudgins died Jan. 21.

He worked in a garment factory for more than 35 years and later worked for Brannigan and Company until the business resolved and he retired in November 1977.

Mr. Hudgins was a member of the Grand United Order of Nazarites. He served as past grand worthy shepherd, instructor of three courts, Mary Magdalene, Dorcas and St. Matthews, also, secretary of Past G.W.S, Judiciary Council.

He is survived by his wife, a brother, one sister, a daughter and grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Samuel Boyd, James H. Tillery, Maceo Greer, Richard Gross, Leroy Morsell and Maceo Williams. Honorary pallbearers were members of the United Methodist Men.

HARRIS FAMILY SINGERS will be singing Sunday, March 9, 3 p.m. at First Christian Community Baptist Church, 4016 Groveland Ave. The Rev. Ernest Humphrey is pastor of the church. Members of the Harris family are Mrs. Betty Phillips, Robert Harris Jr., Miss Tona Harris, Mark Harris, Robert Harris Sr. and Mrs. Ruby Harris.

Rev. Olin Moyd is president of Mondawmin Council

The Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council elected the Rev. Dr. Olin P. Moyd as its president to succeed George Jude.

Jude has been the leader of the group since its beginning. The council in its inception eight years ago, was known as the Greater Druid Community Council, organized when the people felt the need for an umbrella organization to bring together neighborhood councils in the area of Druid Hill Park.

The council is organized the same way as other neighborhood organizations. In order to avoid weakness and degeneration of neighborhoods, the members meet with city agencies in an effort to offset the decreasing of services and to keep changes orderly.

The Rev. Dr. Moyd has always held close ties with the organization. when the council first organized, he made the facilities of Mount Lebanon Baptist Church available to it and has been a supporter of all its activities.

The Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council believes that the organization is in need of someone of Dr. Moyd's status. He is well known in religious, civic and political circles and has always shown a deep commitment for church and community improvement.

His wide range of abilities and accomplishments have resulted in him being the recipient of many outstanding awards and honors. He and his congregation are now embarking upon the massive undertaking of building a new church within the community.

Dies at 67

Poet Robert Hayden

Poet Robert E. Hayden, died Monday in Ann Arbor, Michigan one day after being honored by his peers for the contributions he has made to American poetry. He died of an apparent heart attack.

Hayden 67, last served as a professor of English at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Prior to that he was the poetry consultant for the Library of Congress and a faculty member at Fisk University in Tennessee.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 1980
9:30 A.M. Church School
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
Rev. John W. Coleman, Minister
Rev. Arthur White, Assistant Minister

St. James Episcopal Church
Lafayette Square Baltimore, Maryland
8:00 A.M. Holy Communion
9:00 A.M. Church School
10:30 A.M. Choral Eucharist Sermon
Coming Event
St. Augustine's Choir Concert
March 13, 1980 at 8 P.M.
The Rev. Donald O. Wilson, Rector
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8:00 A.M.—Early Morning Worship
Sermon By The Pastor
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 The Pastor
3:30 P.M.—Anniversary of Retliff Gospel Singer
6:00 P.M.—BTU and New Members' Class
ORGANIZATION HEADS
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GUEST CHOIR:
THE COMBINED CHOIRS
(Recording Choir)
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WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU OR A REPRESENTATIVE FROM YOUR CHURCH, OR GROUP.
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