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Namaste my Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

We are thankful that we have come to the month of Thanksgiving. However, as a believer in Christ, we know every day we arise is a day of thanksgiving.

As we move into this month, let us not forget to thank God for the wonderful activities and events that took during the month of October. The month of October began our 40 Days of Health and Healing in which we engaged in unified study around biblical and cultural principles that ensure our individual and collective health and wholeness. Thank you to Min. Nancy Kingwood Small and the Ashe Ministry for leading us in a powerful women's conference on historical trauma and healing. We also were informed about the upcoming charter revision question around giving the mayor sole control of appointing members of the Board of Education. On Wednesday, October 24th, we were inspired, engaged and challenged by the powerful lecture of Rev. Dr. Shanell Smith, a New Testament professor at Hartford Seminary. What a powerful month!

November promises to be no less impactful and inspiring. I hope you were able to experience the powerful preaching and teaching of Pastor Lewis Logan during our "Who Re-members Me?" night of community healing. We were humbled and honored to minister to some of the many parents and other who have lost many loved ones to violence. And all I can say about Friday and Saturday's performances is, "job well done". We laughed, some of us teared, but we were so proud of the cast and crew of this performance. We thank you Rev. Ina Anderson and all who partnered with you to make this production yet another success. We welcome to our pulpit today, Rev. Wallace Baxter, who I know will preach us happy and healed.

Let us not forget that we will end our 40 Days of Health and Healing season with a two-night preaching renewal with our friend and brother, Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, III on the 29th and 30th at 7pm nightly.

Mount Aery, in the midst of all of our struggles, we all indeed have much to be grateful for.

God bless,

Pastor Anthony L. Bennett, D. Min.
Senior Pastor



Editor's Desk

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Namaste Brothers and Sisters,

Here we are in the month of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving, not just for the things we have but for the grace and the mercy that we are granted by God. As Pastor has stated we should not wait until November to give thanks for our lives, we should thank God everyday for the blessing of being able to see another day.

In this issue we are offering you a recap of the Sisters at the Well Women's Retreat. I would definitely have to say this is a retreat that I won't soon forget. We are even blessed to have the perspective of a young person from the retreat as she attended with her mom and really enjoyed herself. Thank you Shanice Maxwell for always being so open to share your talents.

Also in this issue we spotlighted Mount Aery's Pastoral Resident and Interns. We thought it would be nice to give you a better understanding of who they are and how they came to the ministry of Mount Aery. We have been blessed with some very intelligent, teachable individuals who are ready to learn all they can from Mount Aery and help in any way they can.

Enjoy the issue!

God Bless,

Tonya N. Johnson
Editor In Chief
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Important Dates

During this season of prayer, we will all be listening to the recorded prayer of the day. Call in to the prayer line at 7:00a daily at 610-214-0000. The participant access code is 111933#. Please note that long distance charges may apply.

Vote at the Charter Revision and Presidential Election on November 6, 2012. Please vote!

Continuing 40 Days of Health and Healing - For more information on What's Next see page 23

Acknowledgements

To My Mount Aery Family:

As we are still yet mourning the Lost, the Belcher Family, would like to extend our sincere Gratitude and Appreciation for any part you made have played in the life and death of my Husband Brad Belcher. Words cannot express how deeply I feel for the Love that you have surrounded me with during this difficult season of transition. My heart is heavy! Thank you!

~Toni Belcher

Thank you for the emails, prayers, cards, and phone calls regarding the passing of my brother, George Washington Johnson in Maryland. The joy of a church family was greatly felt.

~Rev. Queen Curran & Family

Announcements

- **Generation Next Youth Ministry** is every second and third Sunday starting at 11:15AM. Age group is 4 – 21. Please encourage our youth to fellowship with each other in a high energy worship experience downstairs in the Bass Hall.
 - **Chosen Generation** is inviting everyone from the ages of 12-21 to join this youth and young adult choir. Please see Brother D'Andre Haynes, Sister Jazmin JeanBaptiste or Min. Nakia Marsh with your interest.
 - **All Leaders:** The Five Star book is available in the church office. The donation is \$10.
 - Please be advised that the **Deacons on Call** for the month of October are Deacons Haggans and Jackson.
 - **Submissions of announcements and due dates:**
 - o Message From The Mount
 - Send information to mftm@mtaerybaptist.org by Wednesday after the first Sunday
 - o Monitors in the Sanctuary
 - Send information to media_ministry@mtaerybaptist.org by Wednesday before the Sunday you want the announcement
- If announcements are not received by the due dates they may be omitted or placed in the next edition.
- **No Pork on Church Property**
 - o *For health, healing and sensitivity for those with health conditions*, no pork is to be brought on church premises (i.e. ministry affairs and/or catering). For further information, contact Dr. Jeanne Fuqua at 203-500-4100. Office hours are by appointment only on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4p to 8p and Saturdays, 2p to 6p.
 - **NO Food or Beverage in the Sanctuary**
 - o Please, please, please, do not bring food or beverages into the sanctuary. Parents, please feed infants and toddlers in the Wilson Hall or the Bass Hall. It is everyone's responsibility to be good stewards of the building that God has blessed us with. If you see anyone not being responsible, please get an Usher or a Deacon to handle the situation. Thank you.
 - **Parents**, while you are in worship, your children should be in worship next to you, unless Youth Church is in session. Teenagers have been wandering around the church and the younger children have been playing in the Quiet Room. *The Quiet Room is for parents with infants only. Please keep your children with you at all times.*

OUR VISION STATEMENT

To equip the disciples of Mount Aery Baptist Church with the biblical and relational wisdom for the spiritual, educational and social work of ministry beginning in the Hollow Section of Bridgeport, then spreading throughout the Greater Bridgeport Area.

Ephesians 4:11-12 and Acts 2:44-47

Hospitalization & Nursing Home

Please be aware that there are strict legal and ethical guidelines regarding giving out patient information. Therefore, if you are hospitalized and desire pastoral support, you or your family member must notify the church office in advance, if possible. When you are admitted, state your denomination and place of worship.

Please address all correspondences for the above disciples to the church and the administrative office will forward all mail. Thank you for your cooperation.

Susan Holmes

Arden House Care and Rehabilitation Center, 580 Mix Avenue, Hamden, CT 06514

Deaconess Queen Boone, Arthur Ragsdale

Bridgeport Manor, 540 Bond Street, Bridgeport, CT 06610

Clyde McLaughlin

The Carolton Chronic & Convalescent Hospital, 400 Mill Plain Rd, Fairfield, CT 06824

Emmanuel Burton

Connecticut State Veteran's Home, 287 West Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Lester Dennis

Ludlow Center for Health & Rehabilitation, 118 Jefferson Street, Fairfield, CT 06825

Bernice Adams, West Barnes, Leroy Wilson

Maefair Health Care Center, Maefair Court, Trumbull, CT 06611

Deacon Jeff Hill, Mary Ryan, Millie Burton

Northbridge Health Care Center, 2875 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT 06606

Deaconess Okakue Brown, Bernice Geter

St. Joseph's Manor, 6448 Main Street, Trumbull, CT 06611

Bereavement

- **Eva and Greg Gardner and family** in the loss of her father, Archie Jenkins
- **Lydia Riddick and Lydis Staton** in the loss of their brother and uncle, Wiley M. Davis
- **Rev. Queen E. Curran** in the loss of her brother in Baltimore, Maryland
- **Carolyn Baker** in the loss of her sister

Please Pray for Our Healing List

Ada Allen
Carolyn Blue
Maxine Boykin
Delores Cox
Sally Gordon
Deacon Jeffrey Hill
Brenda Johnson
Kenneth Knight
Juliet LaRose
Eulalia Pettway
Jim Ragsdale
Lillian Ragsdale
Waverly Ragsdale
Esther Ryan
Juanita Sims
Mary Thigpen
Barbara Wilson
Cecelia Wilson
Michelle Wilson

Please Pray for Our Prayer List

Clinnie Black
Isaiah Brown
Sandra Cameron
Ruth Hasty-Dove
Harold Farrar
Lois Farrar
Deaconess Milla Green
Shukriyyah Hassan
Unice Jones
Barbara Macey
Regina Manns
Deacon Benjamin Maxwell
Autumn Mitton
Caleb Mitton
Spring Mitton
Rose Newport
Michelle Porchia
Terrance Quiller
Frances Riley
Deaconess Anna Watkins
Celia Williams

Ministry Spotlight



Being a Resident or Intern at Mount Aery Baptist Church

by Tonya N. Johnson

Many of you have noticed and maybe even have met our latest interns and pastoral resident but like myself I'm sure you are wondering who are they and what are they going to do? Well I decided to ask them these questions along with some others to give us all a better understanding of what gems we have in them.

First up we have our Pastoral Resident Rev. Dawrell G. Rich, affectionately known to us as Pastor Dawrell or Pastor D.

DAWRELL G. RICH



Dawrell G. Rich

Tonya: You told a great story describing your calling during Bible Study, would you mind sharing that story with the readers of MFTM?

Dawrell: The actual story starts from when I was younger I recall making comments to my mother that I always felt different and it wasn't until I got into my early teens that we really understood what it was as

far as the call. I knew I wanted a life that had a lot to do with God. I was very attracted to church, to the idea of preaching, and to God. The notion of being dedicated to God intrigued me, even at a young age. Then getting into college I still maintained that but it wasn't until I was 23 that gave my initial sermon. I didn't actively pursue my calling until I was in my twenties. One of my favorite lines that my pastor always used to say was "Don't worry about embracing the call, the call will envelope you", that has helped me so much.

Tonya: How did you come to chose Mount Aery for your residency? What was it about this church that made you say "This is where I want to be"?

Dawrell: I guess the short answer to that is because of my background. Although I knew the calling was there and I was walking in that I still pursued other things. I still went into architecture and urban planning. I was also wondering "how do preachers get paid, I need to get paid". It was a span of maybe 5 or 6 years in the field doing development

even when I went into seminary that was still something lingering, that development piece. I build communities, that is a part of me and I wanted to maintain that. I did not want to throw away all the experience and wisdom I had gained professionally. When I was approach about this opportunity thru the Lilly Foundation I was looking for churches where I could use that background. Where I could still use my experience in architecture and development, just because I feel like, for me, that is a huge component of ministry. I always had an issue with churches that only did church but nothing else, I believe that if we are the kingdom then we need to be infusing ourselves everywhere and for me, Mount Aery had those components. I noticed that Mount Aery is very involved, in the community, thru the CDC, the clothing, ASHE. Also the fact that I would get the chance to work with the senior pastor directly was really the clincher. Although I have been an Administrative Pastor before, it was a smaller church, I was interested to see how decisions are being made on this level by a senior pastor.

Tonya: In the short time that you have been here what do you enjoy most about Mount Aery?

Dawrell: The meditation on Sunday morning because unlike some other churches that I have attended where they try to rally every one and its very loud, etc here they are like "Focus on the word. That word could be love..." they are not trying to get you hyped up. Because I enjoy meditation, for me to be able to do that in worship I think is awesome.

Tonya: What are your responsibilities currently and what do you intend to do while you are here?

Dawrell: The way the program is set up it is not for me to make changes. If there are things that are left in place for future residents that is fine or if things are left in place to help the church to grow that is fine also. This is really for me to learn what it means to be a pastor or more to the point what is pastoring going to look like thru me which will be different from Pastor Bennett because he is in a different context at a different time. This is helping me to gauge what my pastoral look will be, will I be the cool pastor or the starched, stiff pastor that we hear about. The process is more about me becoming comfortable with the idea that my calling, my vocation is that of being a pastor and how do I wrap my head around that notion. My current responsibility is to observe and learn the culture of this church. To see

how God is moving in this church and thru this set of people. Pastor Bennett always asks me “What did you see? What did you observe?” I have had my hands in some design and administrative stuff but in the future I do see myself getting more involved with the youth and young adults and with the church body at large assisting in this transition, because we are in a transition. So I want to help Mount Aery to move appropriately to the next level.

Tonya: Thank you again for your time, it was great talking to you.

Dawrell: No, thank you.

Next I spoke with our interns Jamall A. Calloway, Porcha Williams and Renee Weidele. Jamall and Porchia are both students at Yale Divinity School in New Haven while Renee is in the undergraduate program at Fairfield University.

JAMALL A. CALLOWAY



Jamall A. Calloway

Tonya: What made you decide to go into ministry? What was your calling like?

Jamall: I was called when I was 13 or 14 years old but ignored it. I thought preaching was embarrassing and I didn't like church because I didn't like the climax when the preacher would start yelling and screaming I would just tune him out. I never wanted to do public speaking. When I was 18 years old I was in an automobile accident. I was in the passenger seat, the car was making a left turn and an oncoming car hit the right side of the car. I thought it was going to be over. The car smashed into my side, I don't think I had on a seat belt, and I felt like there was a whisper that said “second chance”. I got out the car and my entire side was totaled. When the police came they asked who was sitting there and I said “I was”. The cop looked at me and said “Why are you standing?” so that was like a wakeup

call for me. At that moment I was going thru some internal things. When the accident happened I had just left Bible Study with my God-brother, I hadn't been to Bible Study in years. At that point I decided that my life had to have some meaning. I joined the church, a couple of months later I accepted my calling and a couple of months after that I preached my first sermon on March 19, 2006.

Tonya: How did you come to choose Mount Aery to complete your internship? What was it about this church that intrigued you?

Jamall: I'm big on faith and culture being combined; I don't think that those two can be separated. Mount Aery is really big on communal awareness and being culturally aware. Pastor Bennett is really good about implicating his studies into his ministry and his sermons so that really got me to Mount Aery. It wasn't necessarily the preaching and the music as much as it was about MAAFA, the fact that all the leaders are required to take the Safe Place Training class where they have to watch a video about child abuse and molestation, the AIDS awareness information, etc. The things that go on in the community and how faith is not separate from that, that is what got me here.

Tonya: What are your responsibilities here as an intern? What are your intentions while you are here?

Jamall: My responsibilities have changed from what they were in the summer. In the summer they were to get acclimated to the church, the culture of the church, and then kind of get in where I fit in. If I am needed for Bible Study or if I am needed to preach and to see areas that I can benefit or area that can benefit from me and my input. I didn't have necessarily a duty outline, I just came and helped. I was also to learn from Pastor Bennett how he implicates everything he does into his ministry. Now my duty is to be present and have a voice. So if I feel that something that can be improved or an area can be improved or changed I am to say something to Pastor. My intentions are to grow while I am here, it has been a while since I have had a consistent faith community. Throughout college and my first couple of years in seminary I had to mix and put together my own spiritual community so to have a consistent location is new to me so intent to keep learning how to maneuver thru consistency and not thru my own creativity. So I think growing is the best answer I could give.

Tonya: Thank you Jamall for taking the time and again I apologize for the numerous times we had to reschedule.

Jamall: No worries.

Porcha Williams



Porcha Williams

Tonya: So I already know that you are somewhat of a lifetime member here at the Mount.

Porcha: Yeah I am. Born and raised, I have been here for 22 years of my life.

Tonya: Ok so can you tell us something that we don't already know about you?

Porcha: Yes. I am Porcha D. Williams, born and raised here in Bridgeport. I am a student at Yale Divinity School, but I am sure everyone knows that. I am a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. My family has been here since, I believe, Rev. Bass was the pastor so we have been for a very long time. I have an interest in African American literature and I am discerning what the Lord wants me to do in ministry. I know I do not want to be a pastor and I have always said that I don't want to be a pastor. I want to have a ministry, a women's ministry one day. I just want to serve the Lord in whatever capacity He would have me serve.

Tonya: Can you tell us about your calling?

Porcha: I remember I was about 5 or 6 years old and said that I wanted to be saved and get baptized. I was baptized at 7 years old. The Lord spoke to me when I was 14 and that is when I really accepted Jesus Christ in my life. I received the call to ministry when I was 15 and actually Rev. Anderson was there. We were at Cathedral of Praise – C.O.G.I.C. Int'l for a youth night and the youth choir was there to sing. That night the Lord said to me "You are going to be a leader of my people." I thought to myself "Yeah right" because I am not a fan of being a leader because I like to lead with a servant's mindset. God really spoke to me and told me that I was going to lead people and I was going to have a ministry and that I am called to preach so I went to Pastor Bennett. I told him that I had been called to preach and he told me "Well you need to go to school" and I did just that and now I am back. It's funny I was in the process of applying for PhD programs and I felt the Lord say "You're not going, you're going to seminary" so I stopped in the middle of applying and applied to seminary school; Yale was the only school I applied to.

Tonya: I guess it's kind of obvious but why did you come back to Mount Aery?

Porcha: I came back to Mount Aery because it is my home

church but also because Pastor Bennett was very prayerful with me about this decision to come back home to Connecticut because I was sold on staying in Atlanta but God wanted me to be here.

Tonya: What are your responsibilities here as an intern and what are your intentions?

Porcha: I am part of the Prayer Ministry where I have been given a little bit of a leadership role working with Rev. Sherwood. Other than that Pastor Bennett has told me that I shape this experience into what I want it to be so we are looking toward women and youth so look out for me in the new year working in that capacity.

Tonya: Thank you for your time and look out for the article in the November issue.

Porcha: Thank you.

RENEE WEIDLE

Tonya: Tell us a little bit about yourself.

Renee: I am a senior at Fairfield University and I am really confused about the path I want to take after college. I was thinking of pursuing Christian Counseling. I was talking to one of my advisors about it and she had mentioned Mount Aery saying that we are allowed to do an internship for our senior year based on psychology and suggested that I complete the internship at a church.

Tonya: What made you decide to go into ministry?

Renee: I grew up in a Baptist church, my aunt is a pastor and a lot of my family taught Bible School. I was brought up in church but I didn't really consider going into ministry until I went on a Spring Break trip last year to New Orleans to work on houses. We were sharing housing with a Baptist youth group. There were a lot of youth that were going to become pastors or youth minister or enter some kind of ministry and it really struck and inspired me. I always thought of pastoring as a more adult profession that you wouldn't really get into right after college.

Tonya: What made you choose Mount Aery? What about this church intrigued you?



Renee Weidle

Being a Resident or Intern at Mount Aery Baptist Church continues:

Renee: I really liked the message, the mission statement of the church. I also like that the whole focus is not just on Sunday service it is more about transforming the whole person. It's not just about religious things it is about political and social issues as well.

Tonya: In the short time that you have been here, what is it that you like most about Mount Aery?

Renee: I really like the passion and devotion here. Most churches I have been to are more quiet and reserved but here no one shows any inhibitions and everything is very accepted here, I like that.

Tonya: What are your responsibilities here as an intern? What are your intentions while you are here?

Renee: Mostly what I am doing is observing. Pastor Bennett and I have had a conversation and he has asked me to look at the differences between faith and psychology and how they can be incorporated together because in my psychology classes I have not covered that. I am also

looking at the difference between the Anglo-Saxon and the African church and seeing how worship is different.

My intentions...I want to talk to Pastor Bennett about working on a project, one of the things I am passionate about is families and children, I would like to do a night out where it is like "Parent's Night Out". Children would come and it would be like a children's empowerment night. I want to see if the Youth Ministry would get involved and everyone come together and the parents will have that night out.

Tonya: How long are you here?

Renee: The internship is just for the first semester but I want to stay as a member of the church and keep coming. I have joined the church and taken the New Disciple classes but I haven't accepted the Right Hand of Fellowship yet.

Tonya: Well welcome and congratulations on joining the best church on Frank Street. (laughing) Seriously, thank you for your time and your patience doing this interview.

Renee: (Laughing) Thank you and no problem.

youth speak

Reflections of the Women's Retreat

by Shanice Maxwell

With this being my last year waking up to my mother's beautiful face, it is my goal to spend as much quality time as I can with her. I thought to myself, "What better way than to go to the Women's Retreat?" I went in with extravagant expectations and they were met! My mother even let me drive to the Trumbull Marriott!

From Zumba to the At the Cross exercise, I not only got closer to God, but to the women of Mt. Aery as well. They no longer viewed me as the little girl most had watched grow up. Some quickly realized that I am becoming a young woman and will be on my own very soon. I appre-

ciated the fact that my opinion was valued and welcomed. I am grateful for all the advice, well wishes, and compliments I received. Those two days meant a lot to me. I cried, laughed, and conversed with other women and did not feel like a child. I was stepping into womanhood and surrounded by love and understanding the entire time. I think more young sisters should attend the Women's Retreat. Not only will they discover new things about themselves, but they will also create a stronger bond with their mothers, aunts, grandmothers, etc. I dream of coming home from school next fall and seeing photos of a ballroom filled with multi-generational women.

Black History Moment:

Otis F. Boykin

by Tonya N. Johnson

Namaste, we are continuing our celebration of Black History 12 months of the year. Enjoy the story of Mr. Otis Boykin who developed a control unit for the pacemaker along with several small inexpensive resistors.



Otis F. Boykin

he left Majestic and took a position as a research engineer with the P.J. Nilsen Research Laboratories. Soon thereafter, he decided to try to develop a business of his own and founded Boykin-Fruth, Incorporated. At the same time, he decided to continue his education, pursuing graduate studies at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, Illinois. He attended classes in 1946 and 1947 but was forced to drop out because he lacked the funds to pay the next year's tuition.

Despite this setback, Boykin realized that a Masters Degree was not a pre-requisite for inventive competence. He set out to work on project that he had contemplated while in school. At the time, the field of electronics was very popular among the science community and Boykin took a special interest in working with resistors. A resistor is an electronic component that slows the flow of an electrical current. This is necessary to prevent too much electricity from passing through a component than is necessary or even safe. Boykin sought and received a patent for a wire precision resistor on June 16, 1959. This resistor allowed for a specific amount of current

to flow through for a specific purpose and would be used in radios and televisions. Two years later, he created another resistor that could be manufactured very inexpensively. It was a breakthrough device as it could

withstand extreme changes in temperature and tolerate and withstand various levels of pressure and physical trauma without impairing its effectiveness. The chip was cheaper and more reliable than others on the market. Not surprisingly, it was in great demand as he received orders from consumer electronics manufacturers, the United States military and electronics behemoth IBM.



In 1964, Boykin moved to Paris, creating electronic innovations for a new market of customers. Most of these creations involved electrical resistance components (including small component thick-film resistors used in computers and variable resistors used in guided missile systems) but he also created other important products including a chemical air filter and a burglarproof cash register. His most famous invention, however, was a control unit for the pacemaker, which used electrical impulses to stimulate the heart and create a steady heartbeat. In a tragic irony, Boykin died in 1982 as a result of heart failure.

Otis Boykin proved that the setback of having to drop out of school was not enough to deter him from his dream of becoming an inventor and having a long-lasting effect on the world.

Resources:

<http://www.blackinventor.com/pages/otis-boykin.html>

A Matter of Principles

by Tonya Johnson

As we draw closer to Kwanzaa we wanted to give everyone a refresher of the principles. Below are the first four (4) principles of Kwanzaa listed in Swahili and English along with the Nguzo Saba symbols. Enjoy!

	<p>Umoja ~ Unity To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race.</p>
	<p>Kujichagulia ~ Self-Determination To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves.</p>
	<p>Ujima ~ Collective Work and Responsibility To build and maintain our community together and make our brother's and sister's problems our problems and to solve them together.</p>
	<p>Ujamaa ~ Cooperative Economics To build and maintain our own stores, shops and other businesses and to profit from them together.</p>

*For more information about Mount Aery's Kwanzaa Celebration please contact Pearyle LuLu Sams-Allen.
Excerpts from www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org*

Sisters at the Well **Women's Retreat** by Eva McLeod



"At the Cross, At the Cross.....Where I first saw the light and the burdens of my Heart rolled away.....Sustaining Faithfulness in Transition - Women's Retreat 2012"

On September 21, 2012 at 7:00 PM the Sisters at the Well began their Women's Retreat with a warm welcome from Sister Gail Patterson, Worship Leader, Evelyn Marrow and prayer lead by Margarite Gilbert. Praise and Worship was conducted by Magnolia Barnes and testimonies were shared by several women particularly, Mother Holmes who shared her story about her life, triumphs, trials and tribulations. Her powerful testimony etched into the hearts and souls that listened of how GOD saved her, strengthened her and brought her from a mighty long way.

The following day at the Trumbull Marriott, the retreat continued with registration, prayer and meditation. Sisters were up bright and early ready to seek what GOD had in store for them. Zumba and Tai-Chi classes were held. The women enjoyed stretching, exercising their minds, bodies and spirits. After classes everyone got together to eat a light breakfast. Workshops were held afterwards. Each individual went to their selected workshop which included the following: Time Management, Fly on a Dime, Milk to Meat in Christ and Sugar Blues.

The facilitators were the following: Alicia Sherwood, Minister, Nancy Kingwood-Small, Maxine Plummer, Michele Bryant and Dawn Jones. Everyone did a beautiful job sharing and informing us on the various topics with important information on Health, Wealth, and Spirit. After the workshops, it was break time and then lunch; the menu was light and healthy with soup, salad and fellowshiping with one another.

The sisters sat around at their respective tables with their sister friends and chatted about life, love, God and the retreat. It was a pleasant atmosphere where everyone joined in together with a laugh, a conversation or a pleasant hello.

The hour began at 2:00 PM when all of the women got together and lined up to go to Calvary (At the Cross) which was facilitated by Sister Maxine Plummer. As the women walked into the

silent room they observed the pictures on the wall that exhibited Christ from the beginning of his journey to the end of his crucifixion which was absolutely mind blowing. I observed as each person walked through the door and took their seat. After everyone was seated, Sister Maxine Plummer began to speak to us and started us on our journey to Calvary. I was still and motionless as she asked each of us to close our eyes and meditate as she walked us through this journey to the Cross.

As we imagined walking down this long road in a peaceful serene atmosphere, we imagined everything as if we were there. When we got to the CROSS, Christ was there hanging on the Cross with his feet and hands dripping with blood, with nails bolted in his feet and hands. He hung his head low; he moaned and groaned as he was in so much pain. He was drenched in blood. As I sat there I thought about how the pictures displayed on the wall prepared us for this journey before we sat down.

In the silence of the room filled with the spirit of Almighty God, the women started to pray, cry, kneel and thanking and praising God for his goodness and his mercy. Some were repenting their sins and asking for forgiveness, and others were just sitting motionless without saying a word with their eyes closed weeping and praying to themselves.

It was phenomenal and truly powerful to be at the Cross and seeing Christ in his image. I took it all in and reminded myself that he paid the price for our sins; and each and every day, we have a chance to get it right, to be Christ like and walk in his image. As Sister Maxine continued to speak, she became emotional and wrapped up in the spirit of Almighty God.

After the experience, we had to get up and leave without saying a word to anybody. It was our time to relish in the journey and experience the magnitude of Jesus the Christ. Everybody went their separate ways and continued on with that sweet spirit that was instilled in us before we left the room.

I wasn't going to write a long article; however, as I began writing this article, GOD took me in another direction. I had to share this with the women of the congregation and the people of the Mt. Aery Baptist Church. Each of us as individuals should experience going to Calvary and meeting Christ there to lay our burdens down and come back renewed, unbroken and full of love and compassion for our fellow man. Thank you Sister Maxine for that phenomenal experience.

Dinner time was great, the food was delicious. We dined on baked fish, chicken, vegetables, mashed potatoes, and wild rice

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with strawberry cheesecake for dessert and water and iced tea to quench our thirst. Everyone enjoyed their meal. We prepared ourselves for the "Hour of Power" with the dynamic Reverend Dionne P. Boissiere from New Hope Baptist Church in Danbury, CT. She was just as beautiful as she was powerful.

The message "God's Got It"; Dr. Boissiere charged us to be transparent, to stop lying to ourselves and tell yourself the truth about who we are as women. She read scriptures from 2nd Timothy, giving us instructions to understand the Triple A Effect (Agency, Attitude and Anointed). She informed us that we have to drop some things along the way and have courage to see ourselves as God sees us. Forgive, learn the power of forgiveness, transition comes without warning. Be ready to sustain your faithfulness through transition. God's transgression was bruised for our iniquities', his chastisement of peace was upon him and by his stripes we were healed.....He bled and died and was crucified for our sins. "God's Got It", she reminded us that whatever we need, "God's Got It". She concluded her sermon, stating "Transparency, Trust and Transition will take us to the next level."

The finale of the Women's Retreat concluded at Mt. Aery Baptist Church on Sunday, September 23, 2012 at 11:00 AM service where Reverend Dr. Emma Jordan Simpson of Concord Baptist Church of Christ in Brooklyn, NY enlightened us with the message of "Bold Ambition". Prior to her speaking God's word, Divine Creation warmed our hearts with a soulful synchronize dance to the music of "Say Yes to His Will". It was truly enjoyable.

Reverend Dr. Simpson started her sermon reading the scriptures from Philippians 3:11 stating that we can have the resurrection like Christ if we choose God. She used the analogy of how she was a college student and her neighbor criticized her for choosing a particular major. She stated people can misinterpret your dreams and not give you credit for being somebody. She briefly talked about her life experiences and she shared that having the platform is not always the most important thing in the world. She stated that she preferred fellowship over the platform any day. She encouraged the women at Mt. Aery to encourage yourself, speak to yourself and have a "Bold Ambition."

She explained to the congregation that she didn't want to be broken, alone, confused and abused. She stated she found healing, love and support in fellowshiping to be "everything". Dr. Simpson elaborated on Paul, how he had everything, but he threw it all away. She stated "I want to know Jesus Christ and the power of his resurrection. We need a Bold Ambition." She emphasized that we have to make a critical decision to choose

GOD, it changes the game. Paul changed the game and became the top of his game by mercy and grace. Lastly, she charged us to make a daily decision to go after our desires, to challenge our spirits. God has the last word, with boldness, we stand. She stated "yes, we are real, but God is strong." We can have resurrection power if we choose God every day of our lives. She stressed that required sufferings come with the program of having to choose God, "Have a Bold Ambition".

Overall, the Women's Retreat was extraordinary this year. It had a different twist to it. The workshops were informative and the facilitators were awesome. Everybody got what they came for. No one went away feeling a void. The Trumbull Marriott was beautiful and the atmosphere was filled with the spirit of Almighty God.

I spoke with a Rev. Alicia Tyson-Sherwood, she stated "Amazing, affirming. It was what we needed for sustaining our faithfulness, while we go through our transition."

Sister Bernadine stated she enjoyed Zumba and Tai-Chi; "it was a little bit different this time, everyone enjoyed themselves, just wished more women would come out. The women at the Well worked hard to put the program together."

Lastly, I had a conversation with Sister Maxine Plummer, who is in divinity school preparing herself to become one of God's divine ministers; she stated that "At the Cross" was one of her projects she had to present in Divinity School. She did such a phenomenal job that I am sure for all those who experienced it for the first time left an indelible mark on us. I truly got it. Next year will even be a better year. Sisters at the Well are encouraging all women of the congregation and the community to come out and experience what God has for them in 2013. Don't miss next year, whatever you are going through, be vulnerable and transparent to GOD, based on his word, God's Got It."





Documentary Filming Involving Minister Kingwood-Small by Deacon Doreen Cotter

On Sunday the 19th of August 2012 the disciples of Mount Aery Baptist Church were part of a documentary done by Waterbound Pictures. Minister Nancy Kingwood-Small, Project Director of Ashe Faith Project and Deputy Director of the Greater Bridgeport Area Prevention Program (GBAPP), was videotaped preaching her sermon "Good Night Sleep Tight" - Acts 12: 1-9.

The taping was to support The Obama Administration with ending the federal ban on syringe exchange funding. Waterbound Pictures wanted to highlight the work of Minister Kingwood-Small on the local, state and national level, including her work in ministry as a preacher. While Minister Kingwood-Small supports the use of federal funding for local syringe exchange programs, she is best known for her advocacy work in the area of ensuring substance abuse treatment programs are adequately funded and staffed.

The community choir of the Liberation Programs; The Voices of Recovery joined us and ministered through music and song.

Also featured in the documentary is Kristin DuBay Horton, Director of the City of Bridgeport Department of Health and Social Services.

After two decades, Congress has voted to lift a ban on federal funding of needle exchange programs. AIDS activists are cheering the move, saying it legitimizes needle exchange in the nationwide fight against HIV/AIDS.

For years, needle exchange programs in three dozen states have provided clean needles to intravenous drug users as a way to reduce the transmission of HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C. The programs have relied solely on state and local funding because of a longtime ban at the federal level. Over the years, some regarded needle exchange as an incentive for drug addicts to continue to use.



Goal of the documentary:

Our intent is to portray the human face of harm reduction and to clearly demonstrate its efficacy and cost-effectiveness. The goal is to make a compelling and watertight case in the hope of convincing opponents that syringe exchange programs represent good public health practice, good public policy, and make good economic sense. This is strictly an advocacy project and is part of a broader effort by amfAR and like-minded organizations to get lawmakers to once again rescind the ban on federal funding for syringe exchange.

Director of this special project is Naftali Beane Rutter who is the owner of Waterbound Pictures. His films have been broadcast on national television and have screened at festivals, galleries, and museums across the United States.

The amfAR Foundation for AIDS Research was the organization that funded this special project. This foundation is one of the world's leading nonprofit organizations dedicated to the support of AIDS research, HIV prevention, treatment education, and the advocacy of sound AIDS-related public policy.

The movie will be distributed in December and can also be viewed on YouTube, Facebook and other means of media.



MAAFA: The Janis Spurlock Women of African Descent Health Conference by Deacon Doreen Cotter

The Janis Spurlock Women of African Descent Health Conference took place at the Mount Aery Baptist Church on Friday the 12th of October 2012. This one day conference brought women from across the state and presenters from Arizona, New York and New Haven. The conference was named after the late Janis Spurlock who served as Health Program Supervisor with the AIDS and Chronic Diseases Section at the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) for nearly eighteen (18) years. She had frequently served as a grant panelist and as a presenter and facilitator for programs on a range of topics from HIV counseling and sickle cell disease to African American tradition and culture and cultural diversity as they impact effective social work practice. It was Janis' vision to sponsor a statewide conference where women of African descent could collaborate and strategize ways to address the HIV care and prevention needs within their communities. Her dream was realized on this day.

The morning started off with registration at 8am, breakfast and prayer – the women of the Nia Alliance (a community initiative dedicated to raise awareness of the growing HIV/AIDS pandemic that so often affect people of African descent) and the Ashe Faith Project (an initiative of the Mount Aery Development Corporation) were at their post to register, greet, host, serve and administer HIV Testing.

The purpose of the conference was to learn about health care issues that affect women of African descent. These issues include HIV/AIDS, trauma, stigma, substance abuse, mental health issues and nutrition, in an effort to begin a discussion on how to heal and move forward. The theme of the conference was **Sankofa, "Learning from our past, moving toward our future and healing from our pain."** This is a reminder that as women of African descent

we need to improve our health and lives.

Opening remarks was made by **Lisa Davis** who is the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Health (DPH).

Mount Aery's Praise Dancer **Sister Candida Paul** was there to minister through dance.

The key note speaker of the conference was **C. Virginia Fields** who is the president and CEO of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc. (NBLCA) and former two-term Manhattan Borough President. Founded in 1987, NBLCA is the oldest organization of its kind in the United States and works to educate, mobilize, and empower black leaders to meet the challenge of fighting HIV/AIDS and other health disparities in their local communities.

Miss Fields emphasized that Community-based action is vital. That our leaders would do well to mirror their strategies on how the HIV virus works. Since our immune system is what keeps us all healthy, the virus strategically achieves its destruction by attacking immune system cells. Our actions to combat HIV/AIDS should be at least as strategic. We know that social factors like poverty, housing insecurity, and racial discrimination in our health care system exacerbate the spread of HIV/AIDS within minority communities. Black women in the United States are 15 times more likely than white women to become infected with HIV. Although Africa is home to only 14 percent of the world's population, it is home to 69 percent of those living with HIV/AIDS. There is clearly a racial and economic lens to the spread of this epidemic. Our policies to end the crisis should be viewed through this lens as well.

We need our leaders to take action to

expand Medicaid and other critical social supports that, in essence, protect the "immune systems" of so many communities. She asked a series of questions: Are we doing enough to reach the people who are uninformed and do not have any idea they are at risk, or the domestic violence victims who are too scared to bring up the subject of protection with their sexual partners? Are we providing enough on-the-ground support for the mothers who cannot get tested or receive basic health services because they do not have child care or transportation?

Furthermore, the conversation at the national level is very different from what I hear and see when I speak to people in the communities that are most severely affected by HIV/AIDS. Despite promising new prevention methods like Truvada (HIV medication), there is no substitute for education, awareness, and vigilance. We must arm our communities in crisis with the best tools available today to enable them to preserve their health now and stop the spread of this virus. Our National HIV/AIDS Strategy, announced two years ago, must continually hew to supporting community-based mobilization. Ultimately, this is a community-based crisis, and our communities must always have a seat at the table and a say in policies and practices to combat HIV/AIDS.

Workshops of the day were:

- Legacy of Trauma by Gretchen Vaughn, Ph.D.
- Undoing the Legacy of Addiction by Katurah Bryant, RN, LMFT, LADC, CCS
- Legacy of Stigma by Ann Verdine, BS, MBA; of National Community Health Partners
- Preserving Our Heritage by Cheryl Henderson, Psy.D.

Overall the reports and feedback were good. The Nia Alliance received request to travel to Hartford to provide Advocacy trainings.

A skit "I Am Healed" was done by **Reverend Ina Anderson**; it was well received with a standing ovation.

The conference was planned by the CT Women of African Descent Committee which our own Minister Nancy Kingwood-Small is a member. Other members of the committee include:

- Pamela Foster, CT Department of Public Health
- Julie Anderson, AIDS Project New Haven
- Shirley Fullerton, Columbus House
- Joyce Poole, Yale New Haven Hospital
- Danielle Warren, CT Children's Medical Center
- Medgine Benoit, Tina Drew, Southern CT State University student interns

The CT Women of African Descent Committee is a body that is there to ensure that women of African Descent have Health Care.

The conference was sponsor by **The Connecticut Department of Public Health DPH; Bristol-Myers Squibb** (a global biopharmaceutical company committed to discovering, developing and delivering innovative medicines that help patients prevail over serious diseases); **Yale New Haven Hospital; GILEAD Sciences** (Since 1987, Gilead Sciences has worked to discover, develop and commercialize medications to advance the care of patients suffering from life-threatening diseases in areas of unmet medical need. Therapeutic areas of focus include HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, serious respiratory, cardiovascular, and metabolic conditions, cancer and inflammation); **National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS; National Community Health Partners.**

As always at every conference that is hosted by Minister Nancy Kingwood-Small, Project Director of Ashe Faith Project and Deputy Director of the Greater Bridgeport Area Prevention Program (GBAPP), it ended with Evaluations, a SISTA Circle (a circle is formed around the perimeter of the room by everyone present), and a closing prayer is done.

Pastoral Resident **Rev. Dawrell G. Rich** spoke on behalf of Pastor Bennett stating:

"In 2010, when I was invited by Drew University to represent the theological school at the HIV/AIDS Conference hosted by the General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church I was immediately struck by the reality of this global disease. In this setting of church leaders, White House officials, advocates and persons infected by and/or with HIV/AIDS we were there to discuss the current legislation and the churches work at erecting/developing avenues to minister to people infected/affected. Specifically, I was a part of a team of students asked to prepare a proposal that would compel seminars affiliated with the Methodist Church to develop curriculum to address this pandemic in our seminars, divinity schools and etcetera. Overall, the experience allowed me to see firsthand how the church might work with public and private agencies to develop ministries that might impact people living with HIV/AIDS."

Sister Evelyn Hill expressed her views about the one day conference stating:

"I am truly thankful that I was able to be present and to benefit from all the Godly pearls of wisdom bestowed upon us to remedy some of the sobering statistics regarding our state of health. As our Congregation has begun our 40 Days of Health and Healing (October 3, 2012), we have already learned some of the sobering health challenges and statistics facing our community. However, and albeit hard to believe, I learned that as women of African descent, our health challenges are even

direr, as some of the statistics given during the Conference revealed we have ...

The shortest life expectancy of all women in the United States;

Highest mortality for heart disease and stroke;

The highest prevalence of High Blood Pressure and Diabetes;

60% of African American women have symptoms of depression; and

The leading cause of death of African American women is HIV/AIDS.

But as I looked around at the Sisters in attendance at the Conference from all over the State of Connecticut, i.e., Hartford, New Haven, Bridgeport and Norwalk, I meditated on the scripture "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us (Romans 8:37 KJV) ... and so when we began discussing a broad range of topics which included, just to name a few, our relationships with God and self, forgiveness of self and others, confronting our Cultural Pain because, yes RACISM is a factor in the stresses we carry in our bodies, being mindful of age appropriate and annual health screenings (including that of dental checkups), exercise and nutrition (we are what we eat and drink), it was empowering to say the least.

In short, and despite the many health challenges we are facing today as women of African descent, I believe we not only had a wonderful experience celebrating our sisterhood, but we (I) indeed departed affirming that "Greater is He that is in us" and yes, we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. "So, in closing, I take this opportunity to give God the glory, to pay kudos to the facilitators (including our very own Min. Nancy Kingwood-Small) for this timely and empowering conference and to thank Pastor Bennett for allowing Mount Aery to avail itself for such an event."

NOVEMBER 2012 Birthdays

November 1st

Jones, Jason
McCall, Cedric
Sharpe, Kiiarah
Smalls, Tirus
Spain, Jovonya
Williams, Ann
Williams, Nannie Ann

November 2nd

Hendrickson, Shakiema
Milord, Nathalie
Prince, Michael
Sherman, Tamika
Singleton, Eddie
Stevenson, Jarod
Thigpen, Wanda

November 3rd

Bell, Tyneisa
Bryant, Keith
Carter, Veronica
Dailey, Sheneta
Davis, Tonia
Forbes, Deborah
Jackson, Rodney
Lewis, Treasvana
Simmons, Jean
Stevenson, Marquita

November 4th

Dickson-Chandler,
Princess
Everett, Ron
Glover, Jimmy
Hall-Gibbons, Terrence
Heyward, Hilda
Perry, Dyshawn
Pittman, Rahteisha
Santiago, Omaira
Walden, Doris

November 5th

Davis, Llewellyn
Gregory
Garcia, Nicole Caruso
Morgan, Karen
Newton, Tasha
Stevens, Kersten
Stewart, Jeffrey
Stewart, Sheila

November 6th

Davis, Gary
Glover, June
Johnson, Vernetta
Ortiz, Hiram
Scudder, Sabrina
Thompson, Cora

November 7th

Bramwell, Latresha
DeSenna, Chanelle
Dickey, Maegan
Lincoln, Loretta

Smith, Dyshone
Wright, Rickie

November 8th

Bourm, Shirley
Garner, Tamoya Chanel
Harvin, Robertha
Ingram, Lakeisha
Irby, Amorise
Moore, Rachel
Valentine, Brenda

November 9th

Alston-Drinks, Jeanie
Anderson, Debra
Cooper, Rosa
Drinks, Isiah
Gill, Christopher
Jones-Cohen, Heaven
Moore, Thurston
Murphy, Darryl
Sabre, Jamilla
Webb, Charlotte L.
West, Anthony

November 10th

Allen, Patricia
Bristow, Bernard
Clemons-Prunty, Catina
Gatison, Taylor
Hamm, Colby Anne
Holt, Denise
Jones, Michael
Major-Bryant, Redell
Porcher, Kisha
Rainey, Barbara
Sosa, Diana

November 11th

Brooks, Harry
Dawson, Taylor
Knight, Joy
Lee, Jacqueline
Lindsey, Terry
Moore, Carol
Moorer, Henry
Murphy, Jr., Darryl
Paul, Edwardo
Porchia, Michelle
Taylor, Emmanuel

November 12th

Barnes, Janis
Gordon, Sallie
Mack, Ted
Maxwell, Benjamin
Simmons, Taja
Thompson, Richard
Williams, Adessa

November 13th

Allen, Ana
Evans, Davonnah
Jacobs, Sarah
Moore, Marilyn

Nash, Richard
Prioleau, Robert
West, Chantel
Williams, LaTasha

November 14th

Austin, Martha
Bullock, Karon
Dunmore, Frances
Gerald, Kelly
Langley, Kyarah
Layne, Donald
Manning, Sirena
Stanley, Cynthia

November 15th

Cooper, John
Deavens, Beverly
Doosantos, Delane
Green-Reese, Bessie
Rhodes, Dave
Spearman, Tammie
Wallace-Davis, Doreen
Williams, Vernita
Wilson, Curtteasha

November 16th

Arrington, Crystal
Brown, Linda
Cartwright, Tasha
Darby, Rosa
Franklin, Erma
Gordon, Capheion
Nelson, Gary
Randolph, Johannson
Sims, Samantha
Taylor, Donald
Whitaker, Johnnie

November 17th

Blackwell, Malcolm
Blanks, Linda
Bynes, E.
Dennis, Shi
Patton, Teal
Walton, Ardaijah

November 18th

Fleury, Gerline
Gilbert-Ross, Elizabeth
Henderson, Jasmine
Minter, W.
Outlaw, Kimberlee
Rucker, Willie Louis
Smith, Richard

November 19th

Adams, Kelly
Byrd-Carolina,
Kimberly
Harris, Rodney
James, Mary
Jones-Courts, Kesheonia
Jones, Shaquita
Minor, Timothy L.

Phillips, Michelle
Pinto, Raymond
Sargent, Catherine
Treadvance, Autumn

November 20th

Adair, Althea
DaRosa, Jose
Draper, Shannon
Henderson, Andrea
Jaboin, Pierre
Martin, Jason
Robinson, Ramona
Ruff, Ernestine
Sadler, Kechia
Scales, Shauntear
Smith, Everett
Webster, Tiffaney

November 21st

Burnes, Linell
Day, Tre
Desrouilleres, Carla
Elmore, Steve
Harrison, Teeshawn
Kelly, Shaun
Marshall, Gloria
Muhammad, Tamir
Sheppard, Jami
Staton, Quiana
Turkvan, Fendi

November 22nd

Austin, Quincy
Berry, Ramona
Brown, Okaku
Coleman, Shera Lee
Elliott, Tykeem
Holmes, Kenneth
Jones, Raquel
Mallard, Jessica
Rivera, Julio
Swift, Roshi
Taylor, Celestine
Woods, Jannie

November 23rd

Bendolph, Jocelynn
Brown, Thomas
Davis, Louis
Dunham, Michael
Goode, Veronica
Hall-Gibbons, Renee
King, Maureen
Marshall, Le'And
Miller, Keilah
Robinson, LaToya

November 24th

Bohannon, Dorothy
Charles, Kevin
Dikko, Chukwudi
Glenn, Korrell
Green, Sandy
Hatton-Blackwell,

Denine
Kingwood-Smalls,
Nancy
Porter, Dorothy
Pugh, Jason

November 25th

Hart, Odis
McDonald, Matthew
Rivera, Rosa

November 26th

Joyner, Belinda
Knight, Maria
Mercado, Luis
Northington, Michael
Reid, Mina
Taylor, Shyiesha

November 27th

Barber, Russell
Coote, Keith
Craig, Norman
Epps, Ebony
Hamm, Jeannae
Harrison, Kyma
Seldon, Melissa
Sillers, Scott
Williams, Louise

November 28th

Baldwin, Anthony
Benett-Boykin, Maxine
Campbell, Quinton
Conie, Damion
Daniel, Wandalarese
Duharte, Jalisa
James, Mishonda
Johnson, Shanelle
Maignan, Noah
Martin, Geraldine
Nielsen, Corvina
Riddick, Allison
Sebourne, Esteban
Stone, Tyrone
Williams, Sharon

November 29th

Fordham, Vilma
Hayes, Evelyn
Monk, Rena
Riddick, Shakeema
Sowell, Tammy
Taylor, Hyacinth
Williams, Chekesha

November 30th

Ballard, Vavie
Daniels, Brianna
Ferris, Gwendolyn
Hall, Jacqueline
Lamar, Jacqueline
Taylor, Bruce

Event Calendar

November 2012

Mount Aery Baptist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 12:00 AM MAAFA Costume Design 6:00 PM Deacons Ministry 6:30 PM REFUGE 7:00 PM MAAFA - Community-Wide Event	2 12:00 AM MAAFA Costume Design 5:30 PM MAAFA Cast Arrival 8:00 PM MAAFA Production	3 12:00 AM MAAFA Costume Design 7:00 PM MAAFA Cast arrival 7:00 PM MAAFA Production
4 12:00 AM MAAFA Costume Design 6:00 AM MAAFA Seaside Commemoration 7:45 AM Worship Celebration 9:45 AM Olmec Bookstore 11:00 AM Worship Celebration 1:00 PM Olmec Store 7:00 PM Get Out the Vote Rally	5 12:00 AM MAAFA Costume Design	6 12:00 AM MAAFA Costume Design 8:00 PM Election Countdown	7 12:00 AM MAAFA Costume Design 12:00 PM Daytime Bible Study 6:45 PM Bible Study	8 12:00 AM MAAFA Costume Design 6:00 PM Ely/McPherson Wedding Rehearsal 6:30 PM REFUGE	9 12:00 AM MAAFA Costume Design	10 8:30 AM Men's Ministry Meeting 10:00 AM Leadership Institute 2:00 PM Couples Ministry Meeting 3:00 PM Ely/McPherson Wedding
11 7:45 AM Worship Celebration 9:45 AM Olmec Bookstore 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Celebration 1:00 AM Youth Church 1:00 PM Olmec Store	12 6:00 PM Fellowship Ministry Meeting 6:30 PM SAW Gathering	13 6:00 PM Diabetes Class 6:30 PM Martial Arts CT 6:30 PM Trustees Ministry 7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	14 12:00 PM Daytime Bible Study 6:45 PM Bible Study/MAAFA Cast & Crew/P Williams	15 6:00 PM Deacons Ministry 6:00 PM Diabetes Class 6:30 PM REFUGE 7:00 PM Joint Ministry Meeting	16	17 8:30 AM Men's Ministry Meeting 9:00 AM New Disciples Ministry
18 7:45 AM Worship Celebration 9:45 AM Olmec Bookstore 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Celebration 1:00 AM Youth Church 1:00 PM Olmec Store	19	20 12:00 PM Feed the Community 6:30 PM M.A.Y.A. Ministry Meeting 6:30 PM Martial Arts CT 7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	21 12:00 PM Daytime Bible Study	22 Thanksgiving Day	23 9:00 AM Church Office Closed	24 8:30 AM Men's Ministry Meeting 10:00 AM Scholastic Ministry 2:00 PM Askia Simpson 1st Birthday Party 2:00 PM Junior Ushers Meeting
25 7:45 AM Worship Celebration 9:45 AM Olmec Bookstore 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Celebration 1:00 PM Olmec Store	26	27 6:30 PM Martial Arts CT 7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	28 12:00 PM Daytime Bible Study 1:00 PM Congregational Review 6:45 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Congregational Review	29 6:30 PM Deacons Ministry 6:30 PM REFUGE 7:00 PM Renewal Worship - Dr. Moss	30 7:00 PM Renewal Worship - Dr. Moss	

NOVEMBER 2012 – PRAYING FOR THE “MAAFA”

Prayer for Health and Wellness—

Prayer time is 7:00am to 7:10am beginning 11/1/2012 through 11/30/2012. Conference Dial-in Number: 610-214-0000, Participant Access Code: 111933#. See Rev. Alicia Tyson-Sherwood for more information. **To playback prayer: 610-214-0100, access code is 111933#.**

This is not a toll free call, Long Distances Charges May Apply Note: Do not announce yourself if you call after 6:59am. Please mute your phone so that prayer will not be disturbed.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Joshua 1:1-9 Deacon Gardner	2 John 8:31-32 Sis. Gist	3 2 Corinthians 3:17 Sis. P. Williams
4 Deuteronomy 31:6 Rev. Sherwood-Tyson	5 Isaiah 41:10 Sis. E. Hill	6 Isaiah 58:2 Deacon Hurst	7 1 Corinthians 10:13 Sis. N. Jackson	8 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 Sis. S. Jackson	9 Deuteronomy 31:8 Deacon Lee	10 Psalm 9:9 Sis. P. Williams
11 Psalm 23:4 Rev. Sherwood-Tyson	12 Psalm 55:22 Sis. Murphy	13 John 16:33 Sis. Rawls	14 Romans 8:6 Sis. Sams-Allen	15 Philippians 4:6-7 Deacon Seawright	16 Colossians 3:15 Sis. B. Williams	17 John 6:47 Sis. P. Williams
18 Psalm 30:2 Rev. Sherwood-Tyson	19 Psalm 91:3-4 Sis. L. Wright	20 James 1:1-8 Deacon Adetona	21 Matthew 5:11-12 Sis. Adetona	22 Proverbs 4:20-22 Deacon Blackwell	23 Matthew 6:31-34 Sis. Boyer	24 Psalm 32:8 Sis. P. Williams
25 Zephaniah 3:17 Rev. Sherwood-Tyson	26 Luke 18:27 Bro. Bryant	27 Romans 15:6 Deacon Cotter	28 Romans 8:31 Bro. Cummings	29 Joshua 1:9 Deacon Dewitt-Smith	30 Psalm 121:2-3 Sis. Dumas	
The MAAFA Healing Journey						



Mount Aery Baptist Church
Sisters At The Well Ministry

Invite all women to join us in
November as we prepare for the 2013
Women's Conference in Celebration
of Mt. Aery's 90th Year in Ministry.

We welcome all comments and
suggestions

Don't forget to bring a friend!

Date: Monday November 12, 2012

Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Place: Mt. Aery – Bass Hall

Come and share this time with your sisters in Christ and as always, please bring a friend!

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THE MAAFA INFLUENCE PRODUCTION 2012

40 DAYS OF HEALTH & HEALING

Re-Membering our Communities...Shifting the Atmosphere



October 12, 2012

9am

Ashe' Project Women's Conference
Minister Nancy Kingwood-Small
Ashe' Faith Project
Bridgeport, Connecticut



October 20, 2012

12pm

Community Healing Network
Rev. Darryl D. Sims
Everlasting Hope Baptist Church
Chicago, Illinois



October 24, 2012

7pm

MAAFA Lecture
Rev. Dr. Shanell T. Smith
Assistant Professor of New Testament
Hartford Seminary



October 27, 2012

10am

MAAFA Baby Dedication Ceremony



November 1, 2012

7pm

Community Night of Healing
Rev. Dr. Lewis E. Logan
Ruach Christian Community Fellowship
Los Angeles, California



November 30, 2012

8pm

December 1, 2012

7pm

The MAAFA Influence Production



November 4, 2012

6am

MAAFA Seaside Commemoration
7:45/10:45am
Rev. Wallis C. Baxter
Howard University School of Divinity



November 29-30, 2012

7pm

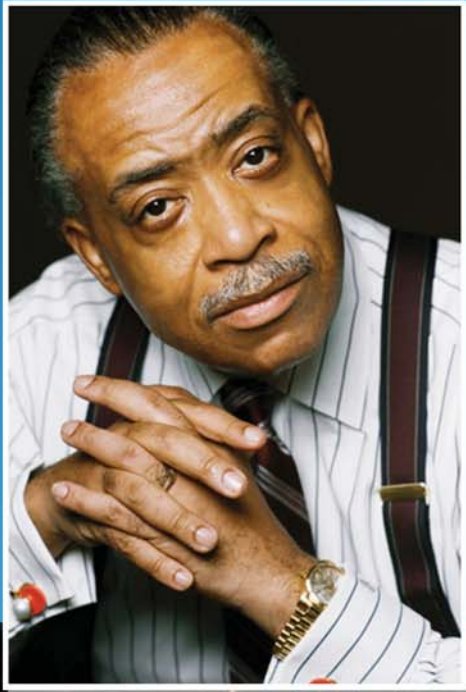
The MAAFA Healing Journey
Rev. Dr. Otis Moss
Trinity United Church of Christ
Chicago, Illinois

Location

Mt Aery Baptist Church, 73 Frank St., Bridgeport, CT 06604 Pastor Anthony L. Bennett, D.Min., Senior Pastor



GET OUT THE VOTE RALLY *with* Rev. Al Sharpton



Sunday, Nov. 4th
Doors open at 6:30 pm
Program begins at 7:00

Mt. Aery Baptist Church
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