

Rev. Dr. J. Henry Buck, Jr., Senior Pastor

# *The Grace Beacon*

Keep in Christ  
Chr<sup>x</sup>stmas

*We Wish You a Blessed and a Merry Christmas!*

*The Beacon Staff*

# **CELEBRATING OUR NEWEST CENTENARIANS**

**Happy 100th Birthday**

**NANNIE PAIGE**



Peace and blessings to you, Nannie Paige, as you celebrate your 100th birthday. We thank God for allowing you to serve Him faithfully at the Grace Baptist Church of Germantown.

Nannie was born December 17, 1922 in Bluefield, VA to Susan Palmer Saunders and John Henry Saunders. She was the fourth of ten children. Nannie and her mother's sister, Nannie Palmer Dupree, share the same name and were both the fourth child born.

Segregation, discrimination and Jim Crow laws prevailed during Nannie's childhood. She, along with her siblings and cousins began their schooling in a one-room schoolhouse. Her brother arrived early each morning to start a fire in a pot-bellied stove so the room would be warm when the other students arrived. She later attended the Graham Colored High School in Tazewell County, VA, where she graduated in 1940. The presence of Bluefield State College in the neighborhood and dedicated teachers put her on the path to college. Starting college during the Great Depression proved problematic. She was only able to attend one semester because she lacked \$25.00 to continue.

Nan, as she was often called, acquired several jobs in Bluefield. At the age of 19, she and a cousin moved to Newport News, VA to find employment. While there, she met James Paige.

Nannie fancied James. On October 24, 1942, having known each other for a year, they married in Newport News. From this union, they were blessed with nine children. James was drafted into the Army. After his discharge in 1946, James, Nannie and their three children, Okella, James, Jr. and Jerome moved to Philadelphia searching for better opportunity. They were blessed with four more children after moving to Philadelphia: Faye, Susie, Barbara and Katherine. Nan brags about her seven "perfect" children and their accomplishments. She also cherishes her 10 grand-children.

The family later moved to Germantown and joined Grace Baptist Church of Germantown in 1956. They encouraged their children to participate in church activities. They led by example. James became a Trustee and served as Church Treasurer for twenty-five years. Nannie was his advisor and support person for his Bible Study Class. She was also a member of the Courtesy Club and taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for 40+ years. She was affiliated with the Boy Scouts and assisted in making and distributing Thanksgiving basket.

**Nannie's children and grand-children enjoy her wisdom and wit. She loves new and modern things. She requested a cell phone when others her age refused them. She has an iPad and a Facebook page where she keeps track of her family and friends.**

**Nannie describes her life as a fairy tale. She celebrated her 90th birthday on a cruise with 35 friends and family members.**

**It is our prayer that God will continue to shower His blessings on Nannie Paige as she continues her journey.**

**Thanks to Mrs. Barbara Richardson for this beautiful article on this wonderful Centenarian!**



**Nannie and her children**



**A younger Nan**



**With Grace VBS  
students and Sarah Carol**



**A beautiful, honored and  
respected  
Centenarian**



**With Great Granddaughters**

## Happy 100th Birthday MRS. CLAUDIA CUYLER

This month we would like to highlight Mrs Claudia Cuyler who will be celebrating 100 years young on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Cuyler is a mother of 8 children, 22 grandchildren,



17 great-grands and 2 great-great-grands. She was born in Augusta, GA. As an only child, who lost her mother as a baby, she was raised by her grandmother until she lost her at the age of 11. she questioned God! She was often told *"The Lord has something special for you."* God's answer, as shared by her daughter Anita, after hearing this throughout her childhood was *"You haven't lost anyone. You still have Me"*. She was in love with love all her life. God truly has rewarded her with a beautiful life. She wears her gift of longevity, good vision, and a clear mind very well. Her calmness and serenity was her strength. Her daughter commented on this character trait. Being of small stature, her pleasant, but firm demeanor was often misunderstood, but her loving kindness endured.

She has lived on Weaver Street for 72 years. She and

her children, 4 boys and 4 girls attended Grace on Sharpnack Street. Her children were baptized at 'Old Grace'. She fondly remembered the walking trips up the block, across Germantown Avenue to participate in Girl Scouts, and the Sunday School and activities like the picnics. Mrs. Cuyler knew every child on and around her Weaver Street block. She would gather the children, help them with their homework, teach them songs and

games to keep them busy. Childhood games like Hopscotch and every kind of ball was played in front of her house. [The other neighbors were afraid they would break a window]. She adopted them all as her *Weaver Eager Beavers*. Her goal was to teach them love and to be courteous to one another. Mrs. Cuyler worked on the custodial staff at the JS Henry School where she would see those same neighborhood children.

After joining Grace, she sang on the Senior Choir. She remembers participating with the Grace traditions; stripping the palms with Miss Fauntleroy and making the Thanksgiving Fruit Baskets. She jubilantly recalled how the choir members were invited to her home for dinner after the choir's annual Handel's Messiah. Her special dish on all occasions was Collard Greens cooked the old fashioned way with ham hocks and fat back (with a streak of lean). She smiled as she said her potato salad was a must have as well.

In closing, we asked how she felt about the changes she sees today. She, of course, mentioned the differences in parenting; there should be more love and concern for each other, and family love. Her advice: Follow the Commandment of loving one another.

These scriptures, Luke 6:31, Matthew 7:12, shows Jesus himself saying that loving your neighbor as yourself is one of the highest commandments that God has ever given us. The Golden Rule is the simplest way to remember how to be kind to one another.

As a 55 year Grace Member, she has slowed her pace a bit.

Your Grace Family salutes you, Mrs. Claudia Cuyler, as you freely gave your time and treasure, as an excellent role model to so many, for many, many years. May the Lord continue to bless you with good health as you celebrate your 100th Birthday.

Thanks to Mrs. J. Diane Bates for this beautiful article on this wonderful Centenarian!

Wow Grace! Two Centenarians within two days of each other...This is a special blessing after losing so many of our members this fall!





### Seasons Greetings!

Grace and Peace through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To all the saints who are members and disciples of Grace Baptist Church of Germantown. I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of

mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now.

We take this opportunity to wish that all of you have had a blessed Thanksgiving Celebration on this past week. For some it has been challenging and for others it was a time of reflection and reminiscence. We hope that everyone took the time, to first of all, give God thanks for everything and everyone. This time is very special because we are coming

freshly off of the past two and a half years of COVID restrictions. To have the chance to share with loved ones, it was/is a wonderful act of Grace from God.

As we continue in the holiday season of 2022, having planted the seeds and adopting the theme of becoming a Church where Hope Happens Here, we must be intentional in our sharing of love, peace, unity and understanding of others. The scriptures declare in Philippians 2:3 "In loveliness of mind, esteem others better than ourselves". Surely now is a moment when the compassion for others outweighs our own personal interests. It's a good thing to always put others before ourselves.

Birthday ALERT, Birthday ALERT. To Mrs. Nanny Paige and Mrs. Claudia Cuyler we say "HAPPY BIRTHDAY". They both have hit the "Centenarian" years of their lives. As a Pastor, I can just imagine some of the stories that they both can share about what things were back then and how they made it through. Congratulations to the both of these wonderful women of God.

The holidays are already here. Our college students are home. Families are traveling. Loved ones have sugar plums dancing in their heads. But most of all it is the ADVENT season. Remember the birth of a Savior that entered the world from the dimensions beyond the unknown. He came, He saw, He saved and He is coming back again. In between that time, it behooves all of us to share this magnificent message of Hope and Fulfillment with a fragile world. As agents of last got we simply cannot put our light under a bushel and disallow it to shine. The Church has been created for a moment like this. That moment is to let all people know that Hope still happens.

Join us this season also as we come together in our neighborhood to sing celebrated carols to our neighbors. Maybe, just maybe if we can show that Hope can happen here, it may catch on that Hope can happen there in the homes and community dwellings of others.

Once again Happy Holidays and we LOVE you all with the LOVE of Christ.

Pastor Buck and the Buck Family



**From the keyboard of the editor**

**W**ell, here we are in the final month of 2022. Looking back, I must say that it has been a very interesting year.

I recently read an article about the 2022 midterm elections, and I quote the author, Melissa De Witte who says, "According to some scholars, the election felt almost like a return to normalcy:

The most vocal election deniers lost, candidates running on extreme platforms failed to resonate with voters, and even polling — which has been off in previous years — fell reasonably within the margins of error. In an election where democracy was on the ballot, it proved to be one that was largely free, fair, and trustworthy."

Interestingly enough, another article by Erin Aubry Kaplan, (though admittedly her opinion), says "For the past six years, I've been grappling with the same unsettling mix of feelings: horror at Donald Trump's presidency, incredulousness at what happened at the capital, relief when the most damning evidence of Trumpian misdeeds came to light and a near-religious hope that the GOP might return to something resembling sanity. My nervous optimism persisted through the run-up to the midterms, with its loud predictions of an apocalypse, and after the election, had a brief moment of actual confidence. But this week, as I watched Trump announce his candidacy for 2024, that optimism was eclipsed by a more persistent, nagging realization: Trump was never president.

I don't mean literally. He did serve a term, though he violated so many oaths and protocols of the office — and of simple decency — that many Americans (including me) took to saying that he was not president, as a kind of protest.

But I've come to believe that protest was too narrowly focused. This started to dawn on me during the Jan. 6 hearings as witness after witness described a viciously anti-democratic atmosphere in the White House that emanated from Trump, but was bigger than him. They spoke about the intolerance and intransigence that had taken hold, not just in the capital, but in towns and cities far beyond D.C. that were feeding the atmosphere and also feeding on it — all part of an ecosystem that was flourishing in some form all over the country.

Then it hit me: Trump was, and continues to be, the chief executive not of a nation, or of the Republican Party, or even of a cult, but of a culture — namely a culture of white supremacy."

The rest of both articles proved equally interesting. If you are interested, the first article may be found here: <https://news.stanford.edu/2022/11/10/takeaways-2022-midterms-relief-surprise/> The site for the second is <https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2022/11/20/donald-trump-culture-white-supremacy-00069597>

It looks like the more things change, the more they stay the same. However, I remain confident that the Lord has it all under control and will work it, and all of the other craziness we face, out in His time. After all, He promised that no weapon formed against us would prosper and that all things work together for the good of them that love Him and are called according to His purpose.

Enough on the crazy state of affairs in our nation! The Lord is working right here at Grace! Even as we look back and remember those who have gone home to be with the Lord this year, we are celebrating the longevity of two more of our members; we are doing mission work both here and abroad through our Advent Boxes Food Drive and Toy Drive for members of our community, as well as our Pillowcase Dress Drive for the children of Uganda. We had a fantastic Revival after not being able to for almost 3 years; We are coming together to get our ministries back up and running, even if they are not at pre-pandemic levels yet. GOD is working here at Grace. There are so many things to thank Him for, but the greatest of these is the gift of His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Hope does indeed happen here.

We welcome a new contributor to the Beacon...AAHM, GBCOG. "A Moment in Black History" will be published each month.

At this special time of the year, let the love of God abound in our hearts. Have a very Merry Christmas, Grace! - S. J.

## A Black History Moment from AAHM, GBCOG ....

### How did Americans living under **slavery** experience the **Christmas** holidays?

While early accounts from white Southerners after the **Civil War** often painted an idealized picture of owners' generosity met by grateful workers happily feasting, singing and dancing, the reality was far more complex.

In the 1830s, the large slaveholding states of **Alabama**, **Louisiana** and **Arkansas** became the first in the United States to declare Christmas a state holiday. It was in these Southern states and others during the antebellum period (1812-1861) that many **Christmas traditions**—giving gifts, singing carols, decorating homes—firmly took hold in American culture. Many enslaved workers got their longest break of the year—typically a handful of days—and some were granted the privilege to travel to see family or get married. Many received gifts from their owners and enjoyed special foods untasted the rest of the year.

But while many enslaved people partook in some of these holiday pleasures, Christmas time could be treacherous. According to Robert E. May, a professor of history at Purdue University and author of *Yuletide in Dixie: Slavery, Christmas and Southern Memory*, owners' fears of rebellion during the season sometimes led to preemptive shows of harsh discipline. Their buying and selling of workers didn't abate during the holidays. Nor did their annual hiring out of enslaved workers, some of whom would be shipped off, away from their families, on New Year's Day—widely referred to as "heartbreak day."

Still, Christmas afforded enslaved people an annual window of opportunity to challenge the subjugation that shaped their daily lives. Resistance came in many ways—from their assertion of power to give gifts to expressions of religious and cultural independence to using the relative looseness of holiday celebrations and time off to plot escapes.

For slaveholders, gift-giving connoted power. Christmas gave them the opportunity to express their paternalism and dominance over the people they owned, who almost universally lacked the economic power or means to purchase gifts. Owners often gave their enslaved workers things they withheld throughout the year, like shoes, clothing and money. According to Texas historian Elizabeth Silverthorne, one slaveholder from that state gave each of his families \$25. The children were given sacks of candy and pennies. "Christmas Day we gave out our donations to the servants, they were much pleased and we were saluted on all sides with grins, smiles and low bows," wrote one Southern planter. In his book *The Battle for Christmas*, historian Stephen Nissenbaum recounts how a white overseer considered giving gifts to enslaved workers on Christmas a better source of control than physical violence: "I killed twenty-eight head of beef for the people's Christmas dinner," he said. "I can do more with them in this way than if all the hides of the cattle were made into lashes."

Enslaved people rarely made reciprocal gifts to their owners, according to historians **Shauna Bigham and Robert E. May**: "Fleeting displays of economic equality would have controverted the [enslaved workers] prescribed role of childlike dependency." Even when they played a common holiday game with their owners—where the first person who could surprise the other by saying "Christmas Gift!" received a present—they were not expected to give gifts when they lost.

In some instances, enslaved people did reciprocate with gifts to the masters when they lost in the game. On one plantation in the Low Country South Carolina, some enslaved house workers gave their owners eggs wrapped in handkerchiefs. Yet overall, the one-sided nature of gift-giving between slaveowners and those they enslaved reinforced the dynamic of white power and paternalism.

### **Christmas Vacation and Freedom**

For enslaved workers, Christmastime represented a break between the end of harvest season and the start of preparation for the next year of production—a brief sliver of freedom in lives marked

by heavy labor and bondage. “This time we regarded as our own, by the grace of our masters; and we therefore used or abused it nearly as we pleased,” wrote famed writer, orator and abolitionist [Frederick Douglass](#), who [escaped slavery](#) at age 20. “Those of us who had families at a distance were generally allowed to spend the whole six days [between Christmas and New Year’s Day] in their society.”

Some used these more relaxed holiday times to run for freedom. In 1848, [Ellen and William Craft](#), an enslaved married couple from Macon, Georgia, used passes from their owners during Christmastime to concoct an elaborate plan to escape by train and steamer to Philadelphia. On Christmas Eve in 1854, [Underground Railroad](#) icon [Harriet Tubman](#) set out from Philadelphia to Maryland’s Eastern Shore after she had heard her three brothers were going to be sold by their owner the day after Christmas. The owner had given them permission to visit family on Christmas Day. But instead of the brothers meeting with their families for dinner, their sister Harriet led them to freedom in Philadelphia.

### **John Kunering**

For enslaved people, resistance during Christmastime didn’t always take the form of rebellion or flight in a geographical or physical sense. Often it came in the way they adapted the dominant society’s traditions into something of their own, allowing for the purest expression of their humanity and cultural roots. In Wilmington, North Carolina, enslaved people celebrated what they called John Kunering (other names include “Jonkonnu,” “John Kannaus” and “John Canoe”), where they dressed in wild costumes and went from house to house singing, dancing and beating rhythms with rib bones, cow’s horns and triangles. At every stop they expected to receive a gift. “Every child rises on Christmas morning to see the John Kannaus,” remembered writer and abolitionist [Harriet Jacobs](#) in her autobiography *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*. “Without them, Christmas would be shorn of its greatest attraction.”

These public displays of joy were not universally loved by all whites in Wilmington, but many encouraged the activities. “It would really be a source of regret, if it were denied to slaves in the intervals between their toils to indulge in mirthful past times,” said a white antebellum judge named Thomas Ruffin. For historian Sterling Stuckey, author of *Slave Culture*, the Kunering reflected deep African roots: “Considering the place of religion in West Africa, where dance and song are means of relating to ancestral spirits and to God, the Christmas season was conducive to Africans in America continuing to attach sacred value to John Kunering.”

### **‘None of the Negroes Was Ever Forgot on That Day’**

Enslaved people had a long memory of Christmastime. They remembered how they used it to mark time around the planting season. They knew they could count on it for a measure of freedom and relaxation. Their inability to participate fully in gift exchange—one of the most basic aspects of the season—helped reinforce their place as men and women who couldn’t benefit from their labor. Some, like Harriet Tubman and the Crafts, saw it as a time best suited to challenge the whole society.

The adults remembered the gifts long after their childhoods were stolen by this terrible institution. “Didn’t have no Christmas tree,” recounted a formerly enslaved man named Beauregard Tenneyson, in a WPA interview. “But they set up a long pine table in the house and that plank table was covered with presents and none of the Negroes was ever forgot on that day.”

Information taken from: <https://www.history.com/news/christmas-slavery-american-south>

Submitted by,

Ms. Inez D. Henry, President, AAHM, GBCOG

Mrs. Marlene Patterson, Vice-President, AAHM, GBCOG

# ***WE'RE BACK!***

## ***SEWING FOR MISSIONS***



***YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN  
OUR SEWING CIRCLE  
EVERY WEDNESDAY 1:00 - 4:00 P. M.  
GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH OF GTN.  
JAMES B. MURRAY SOCIAL HALL  
LITE REFRESHMENTS SERVED***

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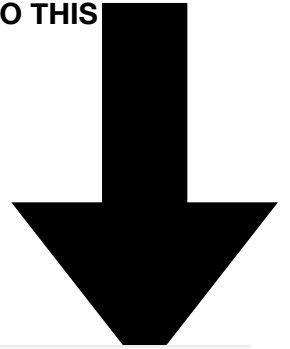
***NEW COTTON (NOT MICROFIBER) PILLOWCASES, TRIM OR  
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THIS EVENT HAS MORPHED INTO THIS



**JESUS GIFT GIVING 2022**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022**  
**12:30 PM - 2:30 PM**  
**J.B. MURRAY SOCIAL HALL**  
**25 W. Johnson Street, Philadelphia, PA 19144**

We are asking our Grace Family to help us put smiles on the faces of the children in our community. We are asking for contributions of toys for children in grades K - 6<sup>th</sup>. Toys such as board games, puzzles, models, sports items, balls, craft kits, dolls, stuff animals, books, gift cards, etc. Monetary contributions will be accepted too.

Donation boxes will be near the Church Office during the week and Church Narthex on:

**November 27, 2022**      **December 4, 2022**  
**December 11, 2022**

On Saturday, December 17, 2022, we are asking our youth and congregation to come out to help wrap, sort and tag the toys for delivery. There will be refreshments, Christmas music and activities for the youth.

**WE NEED YOU!**

**Contact persons:**  
**Rev. Carmen Watson:** [Carmenwatson06@gmail.com](mailto:Carmenwatson06@gmail.com)  
**Carolyn Wimbush:** [patwimbush@gmail.com](mailto:patwimbush@gmail.com)



**WE ARE FOR A FEW GOOD PEOPLE  
WHO WON'T MIND SHARING  
THEIR TIME WORKING  
WITH OUR CHILDREN IN OUR  
"CHILDREN'S CAFE" TWICE A  
MONTH!**



**"CHILDREN'S CAFE" IS A BLENDING OF OUR FORMER SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH. IT WILL BE HELD FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M., TWICE A MONTH, FOR ALL AGES, BEGINNING IN JANUARY, 2023. WE NEED TEACHERS, AIDES, CREATIVE CRAFTERS AND VOLUNTEERS WHO JUST WANT TO BE A PART.**

**IF YOU ARE A FORMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER, WE NEED YOU! IF YOU FORMERLY WORKED IN THE NURSERY, WE NEED YOU! IF YOU WORKED IN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, WE NEED YOU! IF YOU HAVEN'T WORKED IN ANY OF THESE MINISTRIES, WE REALLY NEED YOU!!**

**OUR PLANNING MEETING WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, BUT CAN'T ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT CarolynWimbush at [patwimbush@gmail.com](mailto:patwimbush@gmail.com) or Brian Wallace at [brw114@yahoo.com](mailto:brw114@yahoo.com) or leave a message for Sandi Johnson at 215-849-7155**

**WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING THIS MINISTRY UP AND RUNNING, WITH YOUR HELP! OUR CHILDREN NEED YOU!**



We are asking that you submit the names of people that you know who are dealing with food challenges. Please submit their contact information by dropping it in the box marked "Advent Box" in the Narthex or by putting it in the Board of Christian Education Mailbox in the first floor office. We need to know how to get in touch with them to deliver the box or have them pick it up.

## **REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR**

**EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.  
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A  
FOOD BANK or FAMILY IN NEED.**

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans



## Grace Baptist Church of Germantown Participants:

Ms. Inez D. Henry

Ms. Lillian Brown

Mr. John R. Custis, III (pianist)

# HANDEL'S MESSIAH

An Offering In Song



*AT*  
*HIGH STREET CHURCH OF GOD*  
*222 E. High Street (Germantown)*

*SUNDAY*  
*DECEMBER*  
*1<sup>ST</sup>, 2022*  
*3:00 PM*



*Featuring*  
*The*  
*Messiah*  
*Choir*

*Free-will Offering*

*David Griffith - Conductor*



# WORSHIP With US



December 25, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

25 West Johnson Street

Philadelphia, PA 19144

(215) 438-3215

Rev. Dr. J. Henry Buck, Jr.

Senior Pastor

**"COME AND WORSHIP,**

**COME AND WORSHIP,**

**WORSHIP CHRIST, THE NEWBORN KING!"**





Join us in a  
Candlelight  
Caroling event

**CELEBRATE CHRIST WITH**

**THE GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH OF  
GERMANTOWN, SISTER CHURCHES,  
AND OUR COMMUNITY**



**CHRISTMAS EVE  
DEC. 24, 2022 AT 5 PM**

Grace Baptist Church of  
Germantown  
25 W. Johnson St  
Philadelphia, PA 19144  
Rev. Dr. J. Henry Buck, Jr.  
Senior Pastor

Lend your voice and  
spread the  
Christmas cheer in  
our community!

**REV. DR. J. HENRY BUCK, JR., SENIOR PASTOR**



**YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A SINGER...MAYBE YOU JUST LOVE THE SOUND OF  
CHRISTMAS CAROLS ...MAYBE YOU LIKE TO HUM ALONG...MAYBE YOU JUST WANT  
TO JOIN US BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO BE TOGETHER WITH SISTERS AND  
BROTHERS FROM OTHER FAITH COMMUNITIES FOR ALMOST 3 YEARS...WHATEVER  
MOTIVATES YOU, COME AND JOIN US. IT WILL BE BEAUTIFUL AND FUN. COME AND  
SEE!**



**WHEN?**

**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

**WHAT?**

**We will be "Decking The Halls"...that's the "Olde English" way of saying we'll be putting up our Christmas decorations in the church.**

**HOW?**

**Many hands make light work...translation? We need people to help with the decorating. Can you tie a bow? Hang a wreath? Put ornaments on a tree? WE NEED YOU.**

To all of you who helped with  
 purchasing, preparing and delivering the  
 Thanksgiving Boxes and Fruit Baskets, The  
 Board of Christian Education says.....

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**OUR KNOWN SICK AND SHUT-INS:**

Dr. K. Wesley Alford  
 Mrs. Dorothy Allen  
 Ms. Joyce Allen  
 Mrs. Cora P. Barlow  
 Deacon Robert Berkley  
 Mrs. Luvonia Bivens  
 Ms. Dolores J. Bouldin  
 Mrs. Mary Bush  
 Mr. Leonard Carter  
 Mrs. Shirley Carter  
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 Mrs. Claudia Cuyler  
 Mrs. Juanita Dade  
 Mrs. Carol Daley  
 Trustee Em. Sidney Estes  
 Mrs. Liller B. Green  
 Mrs. Brenda Hinson  
 Mrs. Clara Huggins  
 Mrs. Barbara Hutchinson  
 Mrs. Florence Jenkins  
 Mrs. Deborah Steward-Johnson  
 Mr. Emory Johnson  
 Mrs. Jacqueline Johnson  
 Mrs. Patricia Lomax  
 Mrs. Jacqueline (Garden) Marshall  
 Ms. Celesta McLean  
 Mr. James Napoleon  
 Mr. Joseph Norman  
 Mrs. Florence Palmer  
 Ms. Ida Reeder  
 Mrs. Dorothy Wint-Ryan  
 Miss Aileen K. Scroggins  
 Mrs. Beulah Steward  
 Mrs. Virginia Thomas  
 Mrs. Hazel Turner  
 Ms. Alice Whitaker  
 Ms. Sandra White  
 Mr. Anthony Williams  
 Mrs. Catherine Willie  
 Ms. Audrey Wright

**HOSPITALIZATION:**

Mrs. Irma Williams, **Chestnut Hill Hospital**, Room 573,  
 8835 Germantown Avenue (18)  
 Mr. Darryl Jones, Penn Presbyterian Hospital, Room 569  
 – Cup Bldg., Room 569, 51 N. 39<sup>th</sup> Street (04)

**OUR NURSING HOME & REHABILITATION****RESIDENTS:**

Mrs. Helene Morris, **Atria -Center City**, Room 214, 150 N  
 20<sup>th</sup> St. (03)  
 Trustee Em. Kenneth Jackson, Sr. **Complete Rehab at  
 Harston Hall**  
 Mrs. Pearl Montgomery, **Genesis Healthcare Nursing &  
 Rehab**  
 Deacon Em. William Ballou, Jr., **Germantown Home**

Mrs. Ruth Garrison, **Embassy of Ivy Hill**  
 Mrs. Elayne King, **Moss Rehab. Center**, Room 119  
 Ms. Ellen Corbett, **Phoebe Wyncote**  
 Mr. George Beach, **ProMedica Total Rehab+**,  
 Mr. Christopher and Mrs. Ludell Roberts, **Springfield  
 Crossings Rehab and Health Care**,  
 Deacon Jennifer Gerald, **Springfield Senior Living  
 Community** (Cards/ Mailing sent to 1020 Woodland Ave.  
 East Norriton, PA 19403)  
 Ms. Keisha Way, **Towne Manor East**,  
**PRAYER LIST:**

Ms. Linda Lawrence, **sister**, of Mrs. Barbara Autry  
 Mr. Kevin Barlow, **son** of Mrs. Cora P. Barlow  
 Ms. Annette M. Jackson and Mrs. Shirley Macon, **sisters** of  
 Mrs. Cora Barlow and Mrs. Theresa Smith  
 Ms. Joanne Evans, **friend** of Mrs. Patricia Beach  
 Ms. Karen Beyers and Mr. Eugene Beyers  
 Ms. Norma Birckett  
 Mrs. Shyolanda Nichols-Brown of Denver, CO  
 Ms. Juan Clairbourne of Las Vegas, NV, **cousin** of  
 Rev. Dr. J. Henry Buck, Jr.  
 Aeesha Butts, **mother** and Teesha Butts, **daughter**  
 Ms. Janey Martin, **mother** of Mrs. Betty J. Coleman  
 Mr. Robert Corbett, **brother** of Mr. Fred Corbett &  
 Ms. Ellen Corbett  
 Ms. Elizabeth Corbett  
 Mrs. Helena Dennis, 125 E. McIver Road, Darlington, SC  
 29532, **mother** of Ms. Lisa Dennis  
 Mrs. Mildred Elliott  
 Mr. Willie Evans, **father**, Ms. Tiffany Evans  
 Mrs. Parthenia Gardner, **sister** and Mr. Tyrone Randolph,  
**son** of Mrs. Geraldine V. Gilmore  
 Mrs. Geraldine V. Randolph-Gilmore  
 Mrs. Caroline McClain of Raeford, NC, **sister** of Ms. Vera  
 Graham  
 Mr. Dana McLaurin, **nephew** of Ms. Barbara Johnson  
 Mrs. Christina Pleasants-Johnson  
 Mr. Christopher H. Vinson, **son** of Mrs. Geraldine Lamar  
 Ms. Yvonne Love, **sister** of Ms. Vinnette Love  
 Mrs. Florence Lucas, **sister-in-law**, Mr. Robert Lucas,  
**brother** and Mrs. Dorothy Ripley, **sister** of Trustee William &  
 Adele Lucas  
 Mr. Roger Lee Jenkins (NC), **uncle** and Ms. Yolanda Bailey,  
**cousin** of Deacon Prince & Lorraine Massey  
 Rev. Victoria Monts and Master Joshua Monts  
 The Moody Family  
 Mrs. Marlene Patterson  
 Ms. Alice Vaughn (GA), **niece** and Mrs. Vira Dennis, **friend**  
 of Rev. Arnold C. Storr  
 Mr. Vito Scutti  
 Mrs. Matilda Simmons, **sister** of Ms. Alice Whitaker &  
 Mr. Landon Whitby  
 Mrs. Lisa Williams, **wife** of Mr. Anthony Williams  
 Tr. Lunita Williams and Ms. Monica Williams  
 Mrs. Ellen L. Williams  
 Mrs. Mae F. Williams



## December Calendar

**\*Birthday    \*\*Anniversary    \*\*\*Memorial**

B 01   John R. Custis, III  
B 01   Liller Green  
B 03   Felicia Wallace Benton  
B 03   Priscilla Custis  
B 06   Vera Graham  
B 07   Brenda G. Norman  
M 09   Verna Overton  
B 09   Brian Wallace  
B 11   Alice Mae Whitaker  
B 12   Aimira Diarra  
B 13   Solomon Diarra  
B 13   Lavida White-Royster  
M 15   James Duncan  
B 17   Nannie Paige  
B 19   Claudia Cuyler  
M19   Olivia S. Estes  
B 19   James S. Fields  
B 21   Kris Garrison  
B 22   Sheri L. Diggs  
A 22   Don Jose´ & Dolores Stovall  
B 23   Brook Lynn Hickenbottom  
M 27   Lorraine F. Taylor  
B 27   Tiffany M. Fields  
B 28   Sydney Alexis Gandy  
B 28   William McQuillan, Sr.  
B 29   Deja Imani Griffin  
M 31   James F. Scott, III  
B 31   Maxine H. Tucker

