



NEWSLETTER

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

It has been a very long ten weeks since we last met at church for a Sunday service; unfortunately it seems that we will be waiting a bit longer before we can all meet again as one.

Having listened to Mayor Bowser's latest update on the status of the District's "stay at home" order we are now in the first phase of a three-phase plan to allow more freedom of movement in the city.

This new "stay at home light" order will allow some openings with strict guidelines. Unfortunately, churches were not included in the new guidelines. Therefore, we will not be re-opening the church for any services or activities on June 16 as we had originally planned.

Our new plan, in accordance with the Mayor's guidelines, is to re-open the church on Sunday, June 28, 2020. Immediately following the service, we will hold our Annual Meeting which was scheduled for mid-May. This will be an important meeting and we encourage all of you to attend. This meeting will be held in the sanctuary.

When the church re-opens, everyone will be required to wear a mask and continue to maintain the six foot requirement for social distancing at all times and there will be no singing.

Our plans to hold Student Recognition Day on Sunday, June 28, have been canceled and will be rescheduled for a date in the future when we can celebrate fully with singing and food and closer fellowship.

Additionally, the church office and bookstore will remain closed during the week during the months of June, July and August. Ministers will be available for prayer and/or counseling by phone and Rev. Friedline will continue to host her book study group by way of conference call.

We encourage you to listen to recorded lessons on our web site, follow us on Facebook for meditations and listen to the daily Dial-a-Prayer.

To those of you who have continued to send tithes and donations to the church by mail, we thank you for your continued financial support of the teaching. We are sincerely grateful for your loving kindness.

In closing, let me stress again that what we are experiencing is of the world; and we, who know and practice the truth, need not be touched by any of it. Take time to be still and remember: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty...He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shall thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid of the terror by night; nor the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday..." Psalm 91

Love and Blessings to you all!

"IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH"

REV. PAT BEACH

When Jesus spoke with the woman at the well, she asked where we should worship. Addressing the real need, Jesus took the conversation to a higher level. He replied that how and Who we worship are important instead of where worship is held.

His instruction to worship "in spirit and in truth" gives everything anyone may need to honor the One True God. To worship In spirit is to relate directly to the Indwelling God as His offspring and His indivisible expression. We are to worship Him knowing that all of creation is His Spirit in manifestation. To worship in truth is to know that God alone is the Source and substance, the Presence, Power and Wisdom of All Being, "...there is none else, there is no God beside me." In resisting temptations to worship any visible form, we place no other Gods before Him. For it is written, "Do not honor that which is unreal."

"It's who you are and the way that you live that count before God. Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth...God is sheer being itself -- Spirit. Those who worship him must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true selves, in adoration." John 4-23, 24 The Message

Most Gracious God, let everything that has breath praise your Holy Name. Amen.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings All:

The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up. (James 5:15). That being said we know that through our faith we shall all remain in good health.

1. In communication with the church minister's and, in accordance with Mayor Muriel Bowser's gradual re-opening of the city, June 28, 2020, is the projected date for us to resume church service, unless there is some municipal edict to prevent such. On that date, we will hold our Annual Meeting directly following the morning service. There are a number of critical issues which must be addressed, particularly those concerning finances, the state and costs of the church facility, and our

ability to meet these costs while remaining tenants of the building.

The Agenda for the meeting will contain reports on major events since last May. Building and Facility updates, our current financial status, any correspondence from NPS and reports on other operating divisions of the church will be given. We hope to see you all there.

2. Of additional importance is the issue of candidates for the new Board. Prior to our closing, assigned Board members contacted certain individuals to consider Board candidacy. The

voting for candidates will take place at a later date to be determined, in order to afford time to send out ballots and receive them back for counting. Only members of the church can take place in the voting.

“Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God” 2 Corinthians 3:5

Shirley Taylor Moore, President
Board of Trustees

FACILITIES UPDATE

Greetings good people. Much going on in the way of the Church building and facilities and all shall be addressed in my Report for the Annual Meeting. For now, here is the most current issues.

Replacement of Gutters: We have rotten wood fascia for much of the Church (fascia being where the gutters are actually attached to). In addition, certain roof rafters are also rotted and must be reinforced (specific term called “sistering” of rafters). It is only after the replacement of new fascia and the work on the rafters that the sections of gutters that must be replaced shall be replaced. Contractor is BOYD Construction, a DC Family owned company with years of experience in such work, and the cost is \$5,220.00.

Outer Wall Repairs. Around the Church and especially at the corner of the Church at the Library entrance (corner at the Park area), there are holes in the Church foundation that need to be filled-in/repared. It appears that holes are also in the outer wall under the Library Porch. Further, while at the Church the other week, I noticed flooding in the downstairs hallway. It appears that water is coming from behind the wall in the washroom. A quick walk-around the Church revealed that cracks in the foundation wall at the base of the wall on Wisconsin Avenue, are probably the spots where water is draining into the Church foundation and out into the hall way. A foundation Company shall be arriving at the Church to give an assessment of what repairs should be considered. More to come...

ORKIN On Board. We terminated the previous exterminator for their continued failure to deliver the services for which they were hired. We now have ORKIN on board and they are doing a thorough job in identifying our needs in terms of rodent and bug infestation and taking the necessary actions to keep our facility as vermin free as possible. Also, please note that once the holes to the building foundation are taken care of, we should see a decline in the rodents that get into the Church.

Many blessings to all!

Rev. Wayne Gatewood
AKA Facilities Manager



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OFFICE COVERAGE

We will not have office coverage
through August

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**Ongoing Prayer and Study Group
by telephone conference call**

***Tuesdays
6:30 pm***

*If you would like to join,
please call Rev. Friedline*

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God is all, both invisible and visible.

One Presence, One Mind, One Power is all.

This One that is ALL is Perfect Life,

Perfect Love, and Perfect Substance.

Man is the individualized expression of God

And is ever one with this Perfect Life,

Perfect Love, and Perfect Substance.