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WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

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Penny S. Oliver, President

A child is born to us, a son is given to us, and authority will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. ~ Isaiah 9:6 (CEB)

It's that time of year again. December has come, and with it all the joys of Christmas. But what is the real meaning of Christmas? Is it the gifts under the tree, the lights in the windows, the cards in the

mail, turkey dinners with family and friends, snow in the yard, stockings hanging in the living room, or shouts of "Merry Christmas" to those who pass us in the streets? Is this really Christmas?

For many people, Christmas is a time of sorrow. They don't have the extra money to buy presents for their children, family, and friends. Many are saddened at Christmastime when they think of their loved ones who will not be able to come home for various reasons. Turkey dinners may be only a wish and not a reality for some.

Heavenly Father, fill our hearts as we remember His nativity with the gladness of this redemption. We join in the heavenly song of God to God in the Highest, on Earth Peace and Good will toward Humanity. Breathe into our hearts the spirit of Jesus that we might be led to You in trust and obedience and be sent out to live among your people with love and sympathy. Every year as this joyful festival comes around, may it find the world more and more in harmony with Your Will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Join the WNCC "Annual Bishop's Christmas Luncheon" December 9,

2017 at noon at St. Paul AMEC, Raleigh, NC. Tickets are \$25. If you have any questions please contact St. Paul at: 919-832-2709 or spamechurch@aol.com.

Thank you for your willingness to serve!







November 25, 2017

To Sister Barbara Hooker and the family of Lay Minister Wilbert Hooker, Jr.:

Laymen now have thus assembled, In Thy blessed name, Oh God. Guide us in our true endeavor, Light the pathway that we trod; Give us strength to ever labor for Thy cause. Give us strength to ever labor for Thy cause. We are banded one in union, To fulfill Thy just command. May we be Thy true disciples, Holding to Thy mighty hand; Give us blessings from the fountain of Thy love. Give us blessings from the fountain of Thy love.

The Lay Organization of the Western North Carolina Conference expresses our condolences in the home-going of your loved one and our friend and Brother Wilbert Hooker, Jr.

In the Lay Organization, when we think of the Goodness of the Lord and All He has done for us . . . we say, to "God Be the Glory" for Brother Hooker. He was a man after God's own heart. He was deeply spiritual, genuinely humble, and an honest-to-the-core servant. When he cried out to the Lord in prayer or in song he shook the souls of all within the sound of his God stirring voice.

Lay Minister Hooker served as 1st Vice President of the WNCCLO and he made it his business to encourage and show support of the laity. He encouraged ALL people of God to work to their full potential and strive for excellence in and out of the church. The Lay Organization of the Western North Carolina Conference salutes Lay Minister Wilbert Hooker, Jr. for His selfless work to make this church of Allen a better and Spirit filled place in which to worship.

With Deepest Sympathy, The Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization Sister Penny Oliver, President



In Memorial of Brother Wilbert Hooker, Jr.





Sitting at the keyboard wondering what I could say about Brother Hooker, the 1st VP of the WNCCLO, my 1st VP.

He was a sounding board...

He kept me "in my lane"...

Penny, you don't want to go there. I know now that all you want to do is the right thing but let's look at this . . . let's pray about and let God lead us...

Penny, everyone does not want to see you succeed, the Devil is busy, but I got your back...

At the homecoming of Brother Hooker a young lady sang the song, *The Wind Beneath My Wings*.

This song sums up what Brother Hooker means to me— He was my Hero!

It must have been cold there in my shadow, To never have sunlight on your face. You were content to let me shine, that's your way. You always walked a step behind. So I was the one with all the glory, While you were the one with all the strength. A beautiful face without a name for so long. A beautiful smile to hide the pain. Did you ever know that you're my hero, And everything I would like to be? I can fly higher than an eagle, For you are the wind beneath my wings. It might have appeared to go unnoticed, But I've got it all here in my heart. I want you to know I know the truth, of course I know it. I would be nothing without you. Did you ever know that you're my hero? You're everything I wish I could be. I could fly higher than an eagle, For you are the wind beneath my wings. Did I ever tell you you're my hero? You're everything, everything I wish I could be. Oh, and I, I could fly higher than an eagle, For you are the wind beneath my wings, 'cause you are the wind beneath my wings. Oh, the wind beneath my wings. You, you, you, you are the wind beneath my wings. Fly, fly, fly away. You let me fly so high. *Oh, you, you, you, the wind beneath my wings. Oh, you, you, you, the wind beneath my wings.* Fly, fly, fly high against the sky, So high I almost touch the sky. Thank you, thank you, Thank God for you, the wind beneath my wings.

Brother Hooker, although, you physically are no longer with us, your wise words, resilience and legacy remain ever present.

With love, Penny



Greetings Second Episcopal District Family!

We are jubilantly blessed beyond measure to greet you in the midst of all the festivities and holiday celebrations during this Advent Season – a season of celebration and anticipation. "Oh Immanuel, God with us," is in every aspect of our lives! He's with us in the midst of our "to-do" lists and rush. He's with us in songs of praise and worship that echo in our minds and come from our lips. He's with us as we engage in ritual and lighting of the Advent candles. He's with us in a card that we give or receive from a friend. He's with us in the midst of all the, shopping, gift giving and receiving. All that we do are signs of God's presence with us.

Likewise, we can feel the excitement in the air as individuals, families, and churches prepare to celebrate the Christmas season. A very important part of this celebration is Advent, which is the season of the year leading up to Christmas. The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming," "arrival," "appearing," or "presence." During Advent we not only celebrate Christ's first coming, but we look forward to His second coming which New Testament Christians call the *Parousia* (Greek). Parousia means that Christ will return for His people, establishing His eternal kingdom.

The Advent season lasts for four Sundays, beginning on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, or the nearest Sunday to November 30th. Calendar Dates for 2017 are as follows:

- December 3rd is the first Sunday of Advent and marks the start of the Christian year;
- December 10th is the second Sunday in Advent;
- December 17th is the third Sunday in Advent; and

• December 24th is the fourth Sunday in Advent and ends on Christmas Day. The Christmas holiday marks the beginning of the Christian church's liturgical year.

The evergreen circle symbolizes the eternal life that Jesus brings. The four colored candles surrounding a white one in the middle are lighted on successive Sundays. The first candle is the candle of hope or expectation. The three remaining candles are given various meanings depending on the church's ritual. On Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, the center white candle is lighted; this is the "Christ Candle," and a reminder that Jesus, the Light of the World, has come.

Because God sent His Son, the greatest gift to all humankind, let's remember the real reason we focus on Advent in the life the Christian Church. The adage that is repeated by millions, "Jesus is the Reason for the Season," is not just rhetoric, but the wise saying is as true today as it was at Jesus' Incarnation, and will continue as we wait for the return of Christ in glory to consummate his eternal kingdom. As Christians, our daily lives should reflect that we live in celebration and eager anticipation. As believers we must remember not only Christ's first coming to earth as a human baby, but we must also celebrate his continued presence with us today through the Holy Spirit.

May we allow God's Holy Spirit to fill us with the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). May Immanuel's hand be upon us and actualize faith and hope in our lives so that others can see Christ in us. May we reach out to others and share the love he so willingly showed us.

Likewise, let us make prayer our vital lifeline during this Advent Season, and a daily menu in our lives. Prayer is an amazing way to help cut away from distractions of the season. Prayer opens our hearts to prepare for celebrating the joy of Christ's birth, and the expectant faith and hope that we have in the promise that Jesus Christ has come and will come again. This is the essence of Advent!

In Commemoration and Expectation and in the Spirit to Empower the People,

James and Arelis Davis

Servant Leaders









REMEMBER

James L. Davis, Servant Bishop

Arelis B. Davis, WMS Supervisor

I DARE YOU to TRUST GOD

November 1, 2017—January 31, 2018

"Pray—Ask God how you can trust Him with your RESOURCES-in your WITNESS-with your BODY -with your INTELLECT-in your RELATIONSHIPS....every pastor, every clergyperson, every leader, every component of the church should be intentional in presenting themselves as a vessel in love with Jesus. We will do all we can to keep our love affair with Jesus rich. This is our opportunity to show our commitment to God in a Restoring, Empowering, Advancing Love way: #REALchange."

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BUILDING WEALTH FOR KINGDOM BUILDING

This is a follow up to the message sent on November 3, 2017, announcing AMEKICK-OFF campaign to support **Black** banks beginning on the third Sunday of November. We have designated each subsequent third Sunday in December, January and February as **"Black Bank Sunday."**

We are asking **pastors** to assist us in getting the word out by disseminating this Memorandum to your congregations through all social media and electronic mediums that you have at your disposal. Further, please have this Memorandum read to your congregations on Sunday.

Also, we are recapping parts of the message sent on November 3, 2017 in paragraphs below. These paragraphs explain the purpose and significance of the campaign.

Since our meeting in Hampton, Virginia a few months ago, I have been working in concert with the National Bankers Association and three of its Black bank CEOs, Jim Sills of North Carolina, Joseph Haskins of Maryland and Doyle Mitchell of Washington, D.C., to follow-up on a plan to connect the churches within the Second Episcopal District to these banks. The idea is to encourage our congregations to do business with the banks that have always been there for our communities. Supporting Black banks makes good sense because as they become stronger financially, they are

Black Owned Banks

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capable of providing more personal and business loans to our congregants and to the churches themselves.

Working in coordination with the banks and with the assistance of the presiding elders within the Second Episcopal District, we will be measuring the success of this campaign by using tracking cards that will help us to record each banking transaction.

In February of 2018, we will announce at our Mid-Winter meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina the results of this campaign. I believe, if we work with a sense of unity of purpose, we will be able to claim great success. Our story could then be shared with the entire A.M.E. family at the Council of Bishops' meeting.

I would like to thank each of you in advance for your cooperation. Greater abundance is ours if we seek it in earnest.

In the Spirit to Empower the People,

James L. Davis, Servant Bishop



Excitement is in the air throughout the 2nd Episcopal
 District as we work to make our theme a reality:
 "Empowering the People".
 This gathering combines what traditionally had been our
 Mid-Year and Founder's Day meetings. With this shift,

we are confident that you will leave empowered to continue forging the path towards our future. We strongly encourage ALL Clergy, Laity, Missionaries, YPDers, Sons of Allen, Women in Ministry, The New Middle, Young Adults, Youth and Children to attend.

> Bishop James L. Davis & Supervisor Arelis B. Davis are pleased to present The Second Episcopal District's MID-WINTER GATHERING!

Rev. Dr. Teresa L. Fry Brown Rev. Dr. DeForest B. Soaries, Jr.

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February 15-17, 2018

THE SHERATON GREENSBORO AT FOUR SEASONS HOTEL

3121 West Gate City Boulevard * Greensboro, North Carolina 27407 Pre-meetings with Presiding Elders will be held on February 14, 2018

> Hotel Accommodations can me made NOW! 1-800-242-6556

\$129 plus tax – Standard double/king room The room block is designated under "2nd District AME Church Mid-Winter Conference" Deadline for this great rate is January 15, 2018

Stay tuned for more details! We are excited to gather with all of you again!

James L. Davis, Servant Bishop



Arelis B. Davis, WMS Supervisor

126TH SESSION OF THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

> Wednesday, May 16, 2018 WMS Annual Convention

Wednesday - Saturday, May 16 - 19, 2018 Business, Training & Worship

Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 10:00a.m. Opening Annual Service

Hotel Accommodations Hilton North Raleigh/Midtown



3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 27609 Room Rate: \$117.00.00+ Taxes (Single/Double Occupancy)

Group Rate Cut-off Date - April 13, 2018 * (800) 446-6677

Rev. Robert L. Hodges, Sr., Host Pastor Saint Paul AME Church, Raleigh, NC, Host Church Reverend J. Bernard Wilder, Host Presiding Elder Reverend Conrad Pridgen, Associate Host Presiding Elder



Tickets are available pre-paid.

If you need tickets for yourself, or your church, contact the Pre-retirement steering committee by December 7, 2017.

> You will be notified, by December 10, 2017, on ticket(s) availability. Make checks payable to the Eastern District In the memo line put Retirement Banquet Ticket(s). Send monies to: PO Box 40763, Raleigh, NC 27629 Attention: Rev. Phyllis Royal, by December 20, 2017. You may send individual checks or one church check.

Souvenir Journal Advertisements

You can also show your love for this great servant of God with the purchase of an advertisement commemorating this occasion.

Ad sizes and prices:

Full Page \$125.00 - ½ Page \$80.00 - ¼ Page \$53.00 (For years of Ministry) - Patron \$25.00 Please email your camera ready ad in JPEG or PDF to conniep7@att.net no later than January 10, 2018.

Checks should be made payable to Eastern District, in memo Ad/Retirement. C/O Constance V. Pearson, St. James AME Church, P. O. Box 16462, Winston-Salem, NC 27115-6462





November 15, 2017

I greet you in the Mighty and Matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ!

The Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization 2018 membership drive has begun! Membership dues are \$6.00 for adults. Membership dues must be current for voting and election privileges.

The WNCCLO election for 2018-2020 Conference Lay Officers is scheduled for April 14, 2017 at Springdale AMEC, Burlington, North Carolina. Membership dues must be received on or before March 18, 2018 for election and voting privileges. Please send your membership dues to the Credential/Membership Chair, Sister Niki Allen 2913 Ashwell Court, Raleigh, NC 27603. I have attached an example of the membership roster to be completed.

I implore YOU to join the WNCCLO, let us put on the Mantle of Unity and use all of our God-given gifts of the Spirit. Let us work together to allow God to be lifted up, and glorified the mission and purpose of our Lay Organization:

1. To proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ (Mark 16:15);

2. To advance the present ministry of Jesus Christ, particularly as it is embodied by the mission of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (2 Corinthians 5:14-20; see mission, vision, and purposes at http://www.ame-church.com/about-us/mission.php);

3. To encourage Bible study and to uphold the Bible as our only source for faith and doctrine (2 Timothy 3:16-17; see article of faith #5 at http://www.ame-church.com/about-us/beliefs.php);

4. To promote an understanding of The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 2012 as an organized source of our laws, government, and belief statements (1 Corinthians 12:4-6; http://www.ame-church.com/about-us/structure.php);

5. To teach good stewardship and respect for constituted authority (Matthew 25:14-30; 1 Timothy 2:1-7);

6. To engage the laity in social action ministry, reaching beyond the walls of the Church to champion goodwill toward all (Galatians 6:9-10).

I thank you for your willingness to serve!

The Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization Sister Penny Oliver, President





2018 Election Year LETTER OF INTENT

NAME: _______I am a paid member in good and regular standing at: (see Article IV – Membership)

 NAME OF CHURCH: __________

 I have attended at least (4) four Conference meetings of WNCC Lay Organization in the past (2) two years:

 Yes ______No _________

 1. _______I am presently serving as the ________of the WNCCLO.

 2. ______I plan to seek the same office in the upcoming election in April 2018. I have served in this position for ______ years beginning in _______. According to the Constitution and By-Laws, I cannot serve more than (8) years.

 3. ______I do not plan to seek re-election to the position I have held.

4._____I wish to have my name placed in nomination for the position of:

Please complete the following information if you plan to seek and elective office.

Listed below are my qualifications for this position that responds to the requirements in the WNCCLO Constitutions and By-Laws (review the Constitution and By-Laws @ www.ncclay.org that list the requirements and qualifications for your elected office). Feel free to attach another sheet of paper, if needed, for more space.

Nominee Signature:	Date:	
Print Nominee Name:		
Local Church President Signature:	Date:	

Please mail or email Letter of Intent by March 14, 2018 to:

Kenneth Woods ~ 1017 Frazier Road ~ Mebane, NC 27302 ~ Kwoods6@centurytel.net

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Bro. Kenneth Woods (Chair) Sis Gertrude Upperman Sis. Connie Jefferson Sis. Audrey McCain Bro. Dale Wragg

Wilbert Hooker, Jr., 1st Vice President

ANNUAL Prayer Breakfast

ATTENTION:

Presidents of all Lay Organizations

The Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization Annual Prayer Breakfast is, Saturday, September 8, 2018. We need one of our organizations to host this year's Prayer Breakfast.

If you are interested, submit a proposal using the enclosed form, or access it via: http://www.wncclay.org/.Should you have questions and/or concerns, contact:President Penny Oliver or Jackie C. Kanipe.

Thank you so much. We do look forward to hearing from you. Please return your proposal by January 6, 2018.





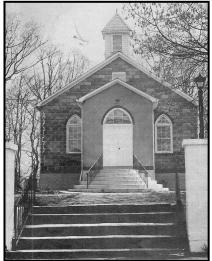


CONTRACT PROPOSAL PRAYER BREAKFAST COMMITTEE

Date of Agreement (between host Lay President and WNCCLO Prayer Breakfas	t chairperson)
WNCCLO Prayer Breakfast chairperson: Jackie C. Kanipe Ph Email: jconleyk@bellsouth.net (cell: 828-403-1762 WNCCLO President: Penny Oliver Phone # (cell) 336-348-32 Email: penny.oliver52@yahoo.com	
Date of function: September 8, 2018 Location of Function: Starting time of Function: 10:00 a.m. Approximate Number of Guests: 225 Total Cost: Amount of Deposit: Menu:	Date Deposit Paid:
Meats Pastry/Bread	
Drink(s)	
Program Specifications:	
The host president is responsible for the printing of the WN Number of programs to be printed: 225 Printed Program Review: 2 weeks before printing (date)	NCC Prayer Breakfast programs Y/N
Room Set-Up Specifications:	
Head Table for how many: Entry Table (collection of funds/ Other Decorations: Tables (covering for the tables, etc).	(tickets) Y/N
Audio/ Visual Equipment: Microphone	
Host President SIGNATURE	Date:
WNCCLO PRAYER BREAKFAST CHAIRPERSON/PRESIDENT	
SIGNATURE	Date

Wilbert Hooker, Jr., 1st Vice President

HISTORY OF SHILOH A.M.E. CHURCH 1323 Powerhouse Road, Morganton, NC 28655



The Shiloh African Methodist Episcopal Church was started around 1888 at its present location on Lake Road in Northwest Burke County approximately ten miles from Morganton. Lake Road intersects with Yellow Mountain Road at the Lake James Fire Department. Prior to 1888 the people who formed Shiloh Church were former slaves and sharecropping farmers who lived in Linville Township along the Linville River Valley at the foot of Short-off Mountain in the shadow of Table Rock.

During the 1860-1870 time period (post-Civil War days) a non-denominational log cabin church stood in the Linville Community, serving all of the people. The church was called Sardis. When this old log church, in need of repairs, could no longer serve the needs of all the people, many denominational groups pulled out and built their own churches. The few remaining white people built a church, naming it Linville Methodist Church. At the same time the slaves who had been attending the old Sardis Church left and moved to a

log cabin further down the valley near what is now Lake James. They called their church Shiloh.

About 1880 these people, who numbered about thirty, were still worshipping in this old building near the lake. The people did not own the land or the old building. The congregation desired a better, more permanent place of their own. A member, Mr. Alex Hemphill, deeded the land and with the members of the congregation built a frame structure in the new location which is where the present church now stands. Thus, in 1888, the Shiloh Church building was completed and become a vital part of the community.

Some of the early members were Julius Moore, Isaac Caldwell, Sherman Hunter, Allen Avery, William Caldwell, Harvey Kincaid, Alfred Corpening, Riley McGimpsey, Wilson Conley and Alex Hemphill. Some other people from Rock Hill Church came to join these people when Rock Hill went down. The next generation of men at Shiloh included such persons as Joe Boone, Harve Moore, Roscoe Corpening, Joe Conley, Jim Conley, Tom Ervin and Fons Moore.

The first Negro churches in Burke County were called "Methodist Episcopal Colored Church". Shiloh was a part of this movement and belonged to the circuit. (Shiloh remained a part of the circuit with Willow Tree until 1979.) Rev. Staden (Staton) was one of the very first pastors followed by Rev. Morehead. During the early years members began to gather annually on the second Sunday in September for a week of revival meetings. They camped out for the entire week.

A small one-room school building stood very near the church. It was probably built somewhere around the turn of the century and served the people until 1940 when the church was completely destroyed by fire while service was in progress. The worship services were then held in the Shiloh Elementary School until it was restored under the pastorate of Rev. T. P. Moore. In 1958 the church was again damaged by fire at which time it was rebuilt and enlarged. In 1968 a new church parsonage was built nearby under the pastorate of Rev. P. O. James.

Robert Hunter, Sr., (1892-1978) was an outstanding, faithful member. He served Shiloh as Steward, Sunday School Superintendent, Sexton and many other capacities throughout his lifetime. He contributed to the spiritual growth and repeatedly told historical facts concerning his church. Mr. "Rob" as he was affectionately known, nurtured a Christian like brotherly relationship with annual visits exchanged between Shiloh and Glade Creek Church at Pisgah Forest near Brevard in Transylvania County. This exchange of annual visits still exists as they visit Shiloh on the second Sunday in September for our annual homecoming and we annually return the visit to them on the third Sunday in May each year.

Rev. Lee Pompey served the congregation for many years. Alfred Corpening was the first sexton of the church, followed by Wilson Conley. Some pastors were: Reverends K. C. Holt, C. E. Johnson, Foster, Roscoe, Gantt, Hodge, Patterson, T. P. Moore, W. T. Harris, J. C. Wright, I. F. Davis, A. L. White, C. W. Hunt, P. O. James, D. H. Ford and A. J. Holman.

Rev. H. S. Williams was pastor for 16 years. During his pastorate a new sanctuary was constructed and was dedicated on April 20, 1991. Presiding Bishop was Rt. Rev. H. Hartford Brookins and the Presiding Elder was Rev. John R. Crutchfield. At the time of construction of the new sanctuary, the old sanctuary was renovated for use as the fellowship hall.



Shiloh History cont'd

Rev. Frank W. Saunders served for 5 years, from 2000 until October 2005. While at Shiloh, the mortgage was burned in December 2003 during ceremonies presided over by then Bishop Vinton R. Anderson and Presiding Elder Benjamin Foust. Also under Rev. Saunders' pastorate, bathrooms were added upstairs in the renovated fellowship hall and the handicap ramp was rebuilt. These improvements were in preparation for use of the fellowship hall in a lease agreement with New Dimensions Charter School; this agreement lasted approximately five years, even after the school had vacated the property.

In October 2005, (mid-year conference) Rev. Dr. H. S. Williams oh. He served until he retired from pastoral duties May 22, 2010. At that time

was re-appointed to serve Shiloh. He served until he retired from pastoral duties May 22, 2010. At that time Reverend Dr. Wayne E. Beatty was appointed.

Under Dr. Beatty's leadership church improvements have included the paving of the Julius Moore outdoor covered fellowship area and widening of the sanctuary's concrete handicap ramp to more easily accommodate bringing in caskets for funerals. Rev. Beatty introduced the acolyte ministry to Shiloh on the first Sunday of each month. He also did several annual men's retreats which included fishing trips and prayer. Rev. Beatty remained at Shiloh for seven years until May 2017.

At the 50th Quadrennial Session, July 2016 in Philadelphia, PA, Bishop James Levert Davis was appointed to serve the 2nd Episcopal District. In August 2016 Bishop Davis visited all churches in his District and was at Shiloh on the first day of his visits on August 2016. He presided over his first WNCC Annual Conference May 31 – June 3, 2017 and at the reading of the appointments on Saturday, June 3, a new pastor was not appointed to Shiloh. This was a first for Shiloh and our Presiding Elder Jasper Bernard Wilder was to supply Shiloh until a new pastoral appointment during the Summer Meeting at Hampton University, Hampton, VA, July 17-20, 2017. On Thursday, July 20, 2017, Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Johnson, Sr. was appointed to serve the Shiloh congregation.

Information for this historical account was obtained from the following sources: Linville Methodist Church history; Willow Tree A.M.E. Church history; Shiloh A.M.E. Church documents; papers of the late Riley McGimpsey; a 1965 recorded interview with the late Robert Hunter, Sr., interview with Hattie Hunter Martin and Phifer Hunter, both of whom are descendants of founder Sherman Hunter; and interview with Viola Hunter and Lucille Ramseur, granddaughters of benefactor Alex Hemphill.

A large portion of Shiloh's membership today is still made up of the descendants of the founding fathers. Shiloh stands as a bulwark of faith and strength in the Lake James Community.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

As written by Nettie McGimpsey McIntosh March 14, 1988 when Rev. H. S. Williams was Pastor Additions taken from the Burke County Library

The information was updated for publication in the 120th Anniversary souvenir journal and again with Reverend Dr. H. S. Williams' retirement May 22, 2010, at which time Reverend Dr. Wayne E. Beatty was appointed by Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr. to serve as our new Pastor. Final update was made in July 2017, with the appointment of Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Johnson, Sr.





Saint Paul— Mount Airy



First African American Female Navy Air Traffic Controller Mrs. Kathleen English Lightfoot, US Navy, Retired

Mrs. Lightfoot enlisted in the Navy 1975. She attended and completed Navy Air Traffic Control "A" School in 1976.

Mrs. Lightfoot's greatest professional accomplishments include:

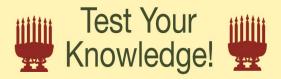
Successfully completed Air Traffic Control School with Honors
Qualified, licensed Controller at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, MD.
(One of the most difficult Naval Airports)
Tower Supervisor/Manager Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (GITMO)
First compliment of women onboard USS Butte, AE-27

Military assignments Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, twice; NAS Kingsville, TX, twice; NAS Patuxent River, MD, twice; NS Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, double tour; NS Dam Neck, VA; and USS Butte.

St. Paul AME Church Mt. Airy, NC Rev. Dr. Shirley Hines

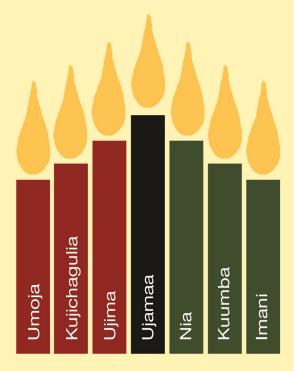


Vanzaa



The celebration of Kwanzaa consists of seven days of celebration culminating in a feast and gift giving. You may have some idea about the holiday, but do you know exactly what the seven days of celebration are all about? If not, here is one way to get started.

Below are the seven pillars of the holiday, which are celebrated each day, and on the right are the definitions for each. Match them up and check below for the correct answers. You can write the correct answer in the flames above the candles.



Answers: Umoja (Unity) Vijirna (Collective Work and Ujirna (Collective Work and Ujanaa (Cooperative Economics) Nia (Purpose) Kuumba (Creativity) Imani (Faith) *Cooperative economics:* To build and maintain our own stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit from them together.

2. Faith: To believe with all our heart in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders, and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

3. Unity: To strive for and to maintain unity in the family, community, nation, and race.

4. Creativity: To do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.

S. Self determination: To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves, and speak for ourselves.

b. Collective work and responsibility: To build and maintain our community together and make our brothers' and sisters' problems our problems, and to solve them together.

Purpose: To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

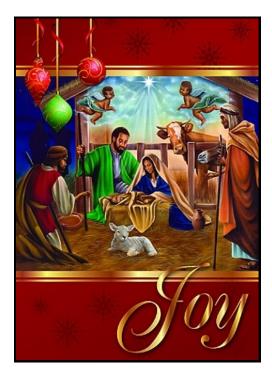


LAY ORGANIZATION

January 6, 2018	Deadline to submit proposal to host WNCC Lay Org. Breakfast Church Venue Forms
January 13, 2018	WNCC Lay Org. Meeting ~ 10 a.m. Greater Bethel AME Church ~ Charlotte, NC
February 15-17, 2018	SED Mid-Winter Meeting
February 17, 2018	SED Lay Organization Prayer Breakfast Sheraton Four Seasons ~ Greensboro, NC
March 10, 2018	WNCC Lay Org. Meeting ~ 10 a.m. St James AME Church ~ Asheville, NC
April 14, 2018	WNCC Lay Org. <i>Election</i> ~ 10 a.m. Springdale AME Church ~ Burlington, NC

Letter of Intent submission deadline is March 14, 2018. Please see <u>page 11</u> of the newsletter for more information

April 21, 2018	YAR Gospel Explosion ~ TBA (formerly "Jack and Jill" event)
May 16-19, 2018	WNC Annual Conference North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC
July 2018	The Summit ~ Hampton, VA



UPCOMING

CHURCH EVENTS & OTHER SPECIAL DAYS

Dec. 2 nd	Blood drive to support members ~ 10:00 a.m1:00 p.m. Macedonia AMEC ~ Milton, NC
Dec. 3 rd	1st Sunday of Advent
Dec. 9 th	Christmas Luncheon with Bishop and Mother Davis St. Paul AMEC~Raleigh, NC
Dec. 10 th	Church Anniversary ~ 3:00 p.m. Macedonia AMEC ~ Milton, NC
Dec. 25 th	Christmas
Dec. 26 th - Jan. 2 nd	Kwanzaa
Jan. 1 st	New Year's Day
Jan. 6 th	Epiphany/Three King's Day
Jan. 15 th	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service



REMINDERS

"DENNY'S HUNGRY FOR EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP" September 1-December 31, 2017

"TRAVEL VOUCHERS FOR 2ND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT STUDENTS"

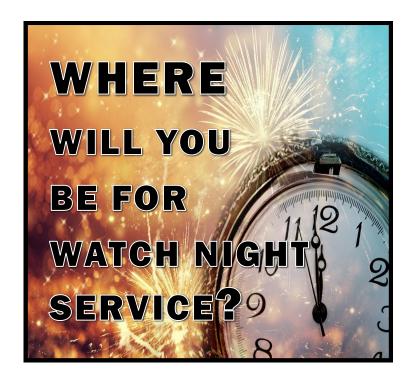
Apply via Bishop Davis' office for vouchers to fly Southwest Airlines between home and school during the semester

The information above was presented in the WNCC Lay Organization September 2017 Newsletter which can be located on the website: http://wncclay.org/ under the "Lay Minutes" Tab.

READIN	G PLAN	
DECEMBER 1	John 1:1	
DECEMBER 2	Luke 1:26	
DECEMBER 3	Luke 1:5	
DECEMBER 4	Luke 1:39	
DECEMBER 5	Luke 1:57	
DECEMBER 6	Matthew 1:18	
DECEMBER 7	Matthew 1:1	
DECEMBER 8	Luke 3:23	
DECEMBER 9	Luke 2:1	
DECEMBER 10	Luke 2:8	

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DECEMBER 11 DECEMBER 12 Matthew 2:1 DECEMBER 13 DECEMBER 14 Matthew 2:19 DECEMBER 15 Luke 2:41 DECEMBER 16 John 3:22 DECEMBER 17 John 5:16 Matthew 11:2 DECEMBER 18 DECEMBER 19 Matthew 17:1 DECEMBER 20 John 10:1 DECEMBER 21 Luke 18:15 DECEMBER 22 Matthew 20:17 DECEMBER 23 Luke 18:31 DECEMBER 24 John 12:37 DECEMBER 25 Luke 24:1



ENOUGH REMINDERS? JUST ONE MORE!

WE NEED YOUR "CHURCH HISTORY", "HIDDEN FIGURES", & "CHURCH EVENTS" by Dec. 26th

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