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(Excerpt from Black History speech, Sunday, February 1, 2009)

Our theme for Black History Month is:

“Yes we did.”

By Brenda Gilchrist

“Yes we did.”

In telling the story of Black History, let us begin with our President, Mr. Barack Hussein Obama. We now have a Presidential Club that has become inclusive. When I first began teaching, codes were used to identify the race and gender of students. White males were coded with the number 1; white females, number 2; black males, number 3; black females, number 4 and so on. There was order to everything that happened in education to maintain the status quo and as Rev. Joseph Lowery spoke the benediction at President Obama's Inauguration – “black, get back; brown, stick around; yellow, you're mellow and white must get it right.” The chain has been broken; number 3 has now moved to number 2.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was formed with the goal to abolish segregation and discrimination in voting, housing, education and employment which would secure for African Americans their constitutional rights. The struggle was difficult and many hard fought battles erupted.

Blacks were forbidden to inhabit the same facilities as whites - restaurants, schools, public transportation, standards were designed to maintain Blacks in specific housing patterns. Nevertheless, African Americans were persistent. They were determined to remove barriers to improvement and a successful livelihood.

The worship experience was a means in which African Americans were afforded peace within themselves and maintained a feeling or spirit of hope that their lives would improve. They learned to read and write. African Americans persevered in spite of many obstacles.

“Yes we have.”

We have a story to tell and I shall share a portion of it with you today. We can never tire of telling our story over and over again. Black History began in 1926, when Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard Ph.D., initiated “Negro History Week.” Dr. Woodson was a historian and educator. In 1976, the Bicentennial of the United States of America, the week-long observance was extended to the entire month of February.

The election of Mr. Obama marks an era in the civil rights movement in which all children will imagine the freedom to excel at anything and the possibility of being judged only by the content of their character and not the color of their skin as Dr. King stated in his “I have A Dream” speech.

The Lenten season is here. What are you giving up and/or taking on for Lent?



ORGAN FUND UPDATE

Your continued financial support of the organ fund is greatly appreciated. As of February 8, 2009, we have received **\$27,833.00** in contributions and our goal is **\$68,673.00**. Please make checks payable to **St. Luke's Church** and earmark **Organ Fund**. If you have not completed your pledge or have not made a pledge, we ask that you please consider supporting this project. Thank you.

Committee Members
Beverly Turner
Corliss Wise
Barbarell Blakely
Gloria Goines
Alice Hurley
John Rumph
Beatrice McDuffie
Leonard Gordon



Our Prayers are asked:

For Healing: Ed Bynum, Dorothy Hayes, Emerson Hazard, Helen Jefferson, Lorraine Marshall, Mildred Murray, Major Roberts, Fred Thompson, Talmadge Moore, Ed Bingham, Jackie Coles, and Eddy Brown

For Our Loved Ones in Nursing Homes: Vivian Hampton, Elizabeth Middleton, and Fannie Mitchell

For Members of the Armed Forces: Chad Williams and Peter Utley

For Our Loved Ones at Home: Eddy Brown, Bernice Johnson, Ella Lenoir, Abram Coles, and Charlotte Osbia

For Our Young People Away From Home: Ebony Saxon, Ann Bingham Johnson, Patrick and Rebecca Cokley, Natalie Moore Fulton, Rudy Wise, Jr., Erika Johnson, Victoria Julian, Michael Turner, Justin Battiste, Russell Griffin, Cedric Johnson, and Jai Marshall

For Our Recently Departed: Clarence Cokley, Wilhelmina Roberts, Ann Caution, and Harry Goodwin

For Those Baptized: Clifford Adams, Caden Joseph Leysath, Caleb McCullough, Madisyn Grace Palmer



A Great Recipe for a Peace-filled Life in 2009

Submitted by Malcolm Dade

1. Take a 10 to 30 minute walk every day. And while you walk, smile. It is the ultimate anti-depressant.
2. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day. Talk to God about what is going on in your life.
3. When you wake up in the morning complete the following statement: My purpose is to _____ today. I am thankful for _____.
4. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured in plants.
5. Drink green tea and plenty of water. Eat blueberries, wild Alaskan salmon, broccoli, almonds & walnuts.
6. Try to make at least three people smile each day.
7. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip, energy vampires, issues of the past, negative thoughts or things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.
8. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a college kid with a maxed out charge card.
9. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
10. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
11. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
12. You are not so important that you have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
13. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.
14. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
15. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
16. Frame every so-called disaster with these words: 'In five years, will this matter?'
17. Forgive everyone for everything.
18. What other people think of you is none of your business.
19. GOD heals everything - but you have to ask Him.
20. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
21. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will stay in touch.
22. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
23. Each night before you go to bed complete the following statements: I am thankful for _____. Today I accomplished _____.
24. Remember that you are too blessed to be stressed.
25. When you are feeling down, start listing your many blessings. You'll be smiling before you know it.



February 2009

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Schedule of Events

February — Black History Month

- 4th Wednesday Eucharist & Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.
- 7th ECW Convention, Chapin, S.C.
- 12th St. Luke's Quilters/Crafters, 11:00 a.m.
- 14th Valentine's Day Breakfast & Movie at 9:00 a.m.
- 19th Vestry Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 22nd Heritage Food Festival
- 24th Pancake Supper, 5:00 p.m.
- 25th Ash Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
- 26th St. Luke's Quilters/Crafters, 11:00 a.m.
- 28th Feeding Ministry, 12:00 noon

March 2009

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March

- 2nd Lenten Tea, 5:30 p.m.
- 4th Wednesday Eucharist & Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.
- Inquirers Class, 6:00 p.m.
- 5th Holy Eucharist, 5:30 p.m.; Study & Discussion, 6:00 p.m.
- 8th Daylight Savings Time Begin
- 9th Lenten Tea, 5:30 p.m.
- 11th Inquirers Class, 6:00 p.m.
- 12th St. Luke's Quilters/Crafters, 11:00 a.m.
- Holy Eucharist, 5:30 p.m.; Study & Discussion, 6:00 p.m.
- 16th Lenten Tea, 5:30 p.m.
- 18th Inquirers Class, 6:00 p.m.
- 19th Vestry Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- Holy Eucharist, 5:30 p.m.; Study & Discussion, 6:00 p.m.
- 22nd Mothering Sunday
- 23rd Lenten Tea, 5:30 p.m.
- 25th Inquirers Class, 6:00 p.m.
- 26th Holy Eucharist, 5:30 p.m.; Study and Discussion, 6:00 p.m.
- St. Luke's Quilters/Crafters, 11:00 p.m.
- 28th Feeding Ministry, 12:00 noon
- 30th Lenten Tea, 5:30 p.m.

April 2009

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April

- 1st Wednesday Eucharist & Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.
- Inquirers Class, 6:00 p.m.
- 2nd Holy Eucharist, 5:30 p.m.; Study and Discussion, 6:00 p.m.
- 5th Palm Sunday, 9:45 a.m.
- 7th Stations of the Cross, 12 noon
- 8th Stations of the Cross, 12 noon
- 9th St. Luke's Quilters/Crafters, 11:00 a.m.
- Stations of the Cross, 12 noon
- Maundy Thursday, 6:00 p.m.
- 10th Good Friday, 12 Noon
- 12th Easter Day
- 15th Inquirers Class, 6:00 p.m.
- 16th Vestry Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 22nd Inquirers Class, 6:00 p.m.
- 23rd St. Luke's Quilters/Crafters, 11:00 a.m.
- 25th Feeding Ministry, 12:00 noon



2009 COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP HOUR



MARCH

1st Date Available
8th Date Available
15th Herman Hickman
22nd Mothering Sunday
29th Larsene March

APRIL

5th Palm Sunday/ Date Available
12th Easter Day/Cassandra Sims
19th Date Available
26th UTO Offering and Breakfast

MAY

3rd Date Available
10th Mother's Day/Men's Club
*Confirmands/Bishop's Visitation
17th Church Annual Picnic
24th Date Available
31st Date Available

SHOVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER.: The Ladies Guild held its Annual Pancake Supper on February 24, 2009. Thanks to everyone for their support!

RECIPES NEEDED: The ECW is putting together a cookbook. We would like for all parishioners and friends of St. Luke's to submit at least one of your favorite recipes by Sunday March 15, 2009. For additional information or to submit a recipe(s), contact Cynthia Goines at 754-9658.

MOTHERING SUNDAY: Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 22, 2009. The Tradition surrounding the Fourth Sunday in Lent goes back to at least the seventh century. It has been the custom since those days to relax the Lenten self-restraints and distribute bread to the poor. **The occasion reminds us today that just as Jesus once met man's natural hunger with bread, so He always refreshes our spiritual hunger as well.** On Sunday March 22, 2009 we will celebrate Mothering Sunday. We are extending an invitation to all families and friends to stay and have dinner with us.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: Eunice P. Robinson and the committee would like to thank each and everyone for all the support that you have shown and given during Black History Month. A special thanks to Brenda Gilchrist, Malcolm Dade, Judy Battiste, Julia Meadows, Betty Shearin, Tannie Smith, Beatrice McDuffie and Gwendolyn Meadows.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE DVD: A DVD is available of the Christ's Mass Service of 2008 for \$10.00. If you are

interested in a copy, please contact Annie Kelly at 754-2246.

FISH DINNERS: The Men's Club will sell fish dinners and sandwiches on Friday, May 1, 2009 at the church. You can contact James Johnson at (803) 771- 4547 for further information.

FOR 50th Plus Anniversaries: We would like to share with you the following couples that have passed the 50th mark.



50 years for **Leon and Ann Green**

51 years for **Bill and Jan Counts**

51 years for **Fr. Lathrop and Florence Utley**

53 years for **Kay and Jean Patterson**

53 years for **Russell and Gloria Jordan**

RETIREMENT: Venita Hammonds' husband, Albert, retired after 50 years at Wachovia.

CONGRATULATIONS: Irma Scott is the new Chairperson of the South Carolina Cancer Center Board of Directors.

BRIDGE BENEFIT FOR YORK PLACE: York Place is having a benefit, Building Bridges for Children on Thursday, March 26, 2009 at York Place, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; tickets are \$25.00 per person or \$100.00 per table. Call 803-684-4011, ext. 1009.

The E.C.W. would like to thank everyone for their time and donations for our first **Breakfast and a Movie.** A special thank you to Malcolm Dade and Francis Goodwin.

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