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**Reverend Dr. Willie F. Smith  
 Pastor**

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# Conant Avenue United Methodist Church Newsletter



## The Pastor's Pen

Greetings.

I pray all is well as you read this April 2021 edition of Conant's newsletter either by hard copy, or on our web page Conantumc.org. We are truly blessed to have a willing and capable editor who takes time to format and publish our newsletter. Thanks, Sister McDuffie for your efforts. Bravo to our technical audio-visual team. Jim Llorence, Rick Gibson, Robert Borum and Sis Evelyn McDuffie who has taken on the task of producing our worship services on Facebook live and well as zoom. Please let friends and family know of our new zoom number 905-883-9050. This will help increase our viewership and possibly help in our quest to make disciples in Jesus' name. Later in April, look out for our new and improved streaming service as we are preparing for a new and more efficient way to stream our worship services. You can help in this effort by putting a little more into your offering envelopes and designating that extra donation to be utilized for upgrading our audio system. Thank you in advance for your commitment to the ministry at Conant Avenue. April is here and it is time for the 2021 virtual annual conference of the Michigan United Methodist Church. Now is the time to attend, especially if this is your first time or if you haven't attended annual conference in quite some time. The registration fee will never be as low as it is now. Plus, you can receive vital church information by attending this conference. Our Conant sanctuary in-house participation for worship services is slowing increasing. We are still following mandated safety protocols. Temperature checks and masks are required. We still have not completely opened up our entire building for special activities in Conant's Fellowship Hall or other locations/rooms around the church. As stated earlier, we still are following safety mandated protocols. One way that would speed up the lifting of safety protocols is for everyone to receive their Covid 19 vaccinations. I know some of you are reluctant to receive this shot. Yes, vaccinating people of color, as the majority of our congregation is, has been sketchy, as well as risky in the pass. But we must remember that getting this shot is better that risking your life and well as others around you. This virus is no joke and unless we all take the proper steps to contain and defeat this virus, it will never be rendered under control. Let us remember, God has given our medical community and scientists the wisdom to effectively combat this disease. Let us trust in God, that those in charge of containing and eliminating this disease have received wisdom from, "He who is able to keep us from falling." May the awesome God we serve, bless each and every one of you. AMEN

Pastor Smith



## Conant Bible Study



**Brother Rick Gibson - Instructor**  
 Every Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m.  
**884-2865-6727**  
**Passcode - 091478**

## Last Month's Highlights



Verdell Brunson

### FAMILY BIBLE MOMENT



Stephen Boone

### Third Sunday Sermon



Diane Borum  
Certified Lay Speaker



UMC 2021  
Michigan  
Annual  
Conference



Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>  
Last day to register is Thursday April 15<sup>th</sup>  
All checks must be received by April 15<sup>th</sup>  
[michiganumc.org/2021-virtual-annual-conference/](https://michiganumc.org/2021-virtual-annual-conference/)



Rev. Dr. Willie F. Smith  
& First Lady  
Dianne Jefferson Smith.  
April 24<sup>th</sup>  
39 years of marriage.

### April Birthdays

Audrey Jones - 13<sup>th</sup>  
Reanetta Harris - 24<sup>th</sup>

#### CONANT MEMBERS:

We are aware that we do not have an updated birthday list. Please submit your May Birthday dates to Rev. Dr. Smith, ASAP, for publication in Conant's May 2021 Newsletter