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The Pastor's Pen

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

My prayer is as you read this edition of Conant's Newsletter, that all is well with you and your families and you all are enjoying the blessings that our awesome God has just for you. Half of 2020 has passed by and the first half of 2020 has been one for the record books. A year that will go down in infamy. We have been plagued with a deadly disease, Covid 19 that has taken the world by storm. The World Health Organization in its April 2020 report noted that there are over 117,000 deaths from Covid 19. The United States alone has reported over 100,000 deaths and predict the number will climb to 150,000 by the end of July. These numbers are not included in the World Health Organization report. These staggering numbers have caused a radical change in the way we go about living our daily lives. We also have experienced a resurgence of the social justice movement. Because of the unjustified death of George Floyd, at the hands of the police, the movement for social justice and equality has surfaced globally. Even to the point of requesting defunding of police departments nationally. I for one, believe defunding police departments is a little over the top. I would rather see a better screening process for police to rid itself of those individual officers whom are a disgrace too their departments. Also training on a continual basis on racial sensitivity is an area that needs more attention. We have the 2020 Presidential election coming up. It is important that we cast our votes so the person of our choice will occupy the white house for the upcoming 4 years. My final thing that needs our attention is that we need to fill out our census reports. If we fail to do so, we will deprive ourselves of federal monies our city receives to help with the governance of our city. Please take note of these important issues. Our sanctuary will reopen the 1st Sunday in July and we will officially welcome our brothers and sisters in Christ from Mt Hope United Methodist Church as our new blended family here at Conant Avenue. Safety precautions have been put into place as we reopen our facility, and we will have to follow those protocols until it is deemed safe to return to our usual mode of worship. Until then, we will continue to worship in the sanctuary by zoom and Facebook live. I thank you for your patience and dedication to the mission and ministry at Conant Avenue. Please note, your tithes and offering are needed and appreciated. They can be sent though our web page, dropped off or mailed to the church. Be Blessed.

Pastor Smith



Election Dates

August 4, 2020 State Primary
November 3, 2020 State General Election

Registration Deadlines:

July 20, 2020
Last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk for the August primary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Rev. Dr. Smith



Spotlight on Conant Members



Birthday List for July 2020

Kevin Black - July 2	Rayne Bell - July 4	Sharon Appling - July 4
Arlette Ellington - July 4	Kimberly Peoples - July 9	Gary Taylor - July 12
Akela Neeley - July 19	Corey Bouyer - July 21	Minnie Mae Matthews - July 22
Pamela Phelps - July 22	Otyiah Ross -Chapman - July 24	Rev. Dr. Willie F. Smith - July 24
Geraldine Metoyer - July 24	Kathy Gray - July 28	Ebony Dixson - July 29
Mario Taylor – July 28		

Anniversary List

Reanetta (Harris) & Michael Scott - 28 Years Audrey & James Ramsey 32 Years
Jim & Pamela Llorence 37 Years

Special Achievement List

Aubrielle Gladney Going to 2nd Grade at Hillcrest Elementary in Dearborn Heights Michigan

Maliyah Gladney Going to the 6th Grade at Riverside Middle School in Dearborn Heights, Michigan

Lamont James Jr. Chancel Choir Award
Honor Roll
Music Award (beginner Band)
Perfect Attendance
Promotion to the 6th Grade St. Paul Lutheran School

Collin F. Turner Graduated from Einstein Elementary going to Oak Park Preparatory Middle School.

David Darnell McDuffie Graduated from Oak Park High School
Outstanding Achievement Award
Member of National Association of High School Scholars


Ellena Totty Approved as a Certified Lay Minister in the United Methodist Church

Last Month's Highlights

Conant Bible Study

Conant's
Newest
Bible Study...
Coming Soon!
See:
Ricky Gibson

**Bible Study With A Twist
By Zoom...**
784-000-401
Wednesdays
7:00 pm
The Call of Paul
W11: Acts 20



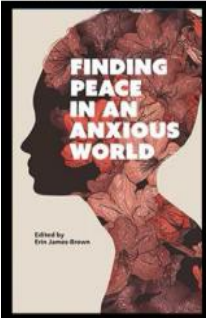

Rev. Kevin Totty's
Father's Day Sermon



Sister Avis Taylor's
Zoom Music Prelude
During Worship Service

Worship Service Family Bible Moments by **Jennie Gaye, JoAnn Cooper, Dr. Marie Pritchett & Jason Phelps.**
Solo Songs by Sisters **Roxanne McDuffie & D'Anna Campbell.**
June Sermons by **Rev. Dr. Willie F. Smith, Willie Grissette & Minister Sharon Appling.**

United Methodist Serenity Prayer Book Study and Discussion




Order Your Book \$10

Conant's United Methodist Women Will Sponsor Conversations Based on The Book. Stay tuned for more details.
Sharon Ellington, UMW President

See: Micki Phelps

15th Anniversary Edition with BMCR History



Order Your Bible \$10

See: Cecelia Tolliver



The mural is located at 16065 Hamilton Ave. Highland Park, MI on the façade of the Hamilton – Tucker Art Gallery.