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Pastor

# Conant Avenue United Methodist Church Newsletter



## The Pastor's Pen

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I pray that as you are reading this newsletter either by hard copy or on our church website, that all is well and you and your loved ones are enjoying the many blessing that God has just for you. We have made it to 2019 and we now move forward in this new season of our lives. How many of you reading this article have made resolutions for the upcoming year? Have you resolved to quit smoking, to go to the gym, to lose weight, to take better care of your physical well-being? How many of these new purposes in your well-being have fallen by the wayside already? It is really hard to continue to practice those things which are not habitual to you? Here are some resolutions that might be a little easier to fulfill this New Year. Plan to pray more frequently. Put aside some time in your busy day just for conversation with God. Plan on being more active in the church. We have programs for all ages just waiting for you to take part in. Remember God called you not just to come to church, but also to Be the Church. This year is a crucial year for Conant Avenue. This is the year we are to reap the blessings that God has in store for Conant. In order to avail ourselves of these blessings, we need to stay focused on the task at hand, which is to make disciples in the name of Jesus Christ for the transformation of this world. Conant, we can make a difference if we just stay prayed up and continue to give Honor, Glory and Praise to him who is able to keep us from falling. I pray that you and yours have a prosperous New Year. Be Blessed.

Pastor Smith



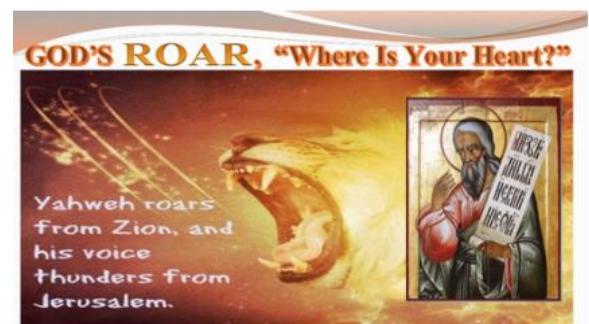
The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of  
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The celebration will be held on Sunday,  
January 15, 2019 – 3:00 p.m. at  
Detroit Metropolitan

United Methodist Church  
8000 Woodward Ave. Detroit, MI 48202

One of Conant's talented teens,  
**Ciere Turner**, will be receiving a Drum Major  
for Justice Award, College Scholarship during  
the celebration..

## Conant Intentional Faith Development Bible Study



**Studying The Prophetic Book of Amos!**

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesdays - 5:00 p.m.  
January - March



Be Sure to Consider Updating  
your Online Giving Also.

Update Forms are available  
from our Membership  
Chairperson, **Evelyn McDuffie**.  
It is very important that the  
church keeps accurate contact  
information records for all of  
our members as we move into  
the new year.

# PRAISE REPORTS

- **LaToya Scott** gave birth to Jordan Michael on 12/26/18
- **LaToya Daniels** earned her Master's Degree in Administration & Supervision of Instruction from the University of Detroit.
- **Olivia Ross & Layla Chapman** performed in their school Christmas Programs.
- Conant's Friday Night At The Art Museum Program with U of M Art Students, **LaKiesha Scott & Otiyah Ross Chapman**, hosted a Winter Showcase of art work by the Youth of Conant.
- **David McDuffie** received outstanding honors from Spring Arbor College for his Feeding The Community concept.
- **Jason Phelps** volunteered with & donated to, the Blood Drive of Southeastern Michigan.
- **Spiritual Therapy** held a Season of Praise Mini Concert at the Alpha Manor in memory of **Portia Phelps** & in appreciation of the staff & residents.

## Upcoming Events at Conant

**Conant's Friday Night at the Museum Youth Program** resumes Friday 1/11/19 from 5 – 7 p.m. & Saturday 1/12/19 @ 11:30 a.m. & continues every Friday & Saturday during the same times listed. For ages 5 - 17

Conant Youth Salutes **Dr. Martin Luther King** January 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> during Sunday Worship.

**Jackets Jamboree & Quilts on the Alter** – created by Conant's Thursday Craft Class and Senior Ministries during Sunday 11:00 Worship.

**February Black History Tributes** each week in February during Worship Service.

**Taste Fest** on Sunday February 24<sup>th</sup> - Church Family & Friends are invited to bring their favorite soul food dishes to share.

## SPECIAL THANK - YOU'S :

Thank You our Conant Families for their togetherness and cookie donations during our **Mrs. Castles Annual Cookie Exchange on 12/23/17**. Each year there is an increased sharing that promotes fun and unity among the congregation.

Thank You to **Charlie Hardy and her Talented Team** for beautifying our church sanctuary as well as the entire church throughout the Christmas Holidays. Also, **Sharon Ellington & Lay Minister Sharon Appling** wish to say Thank You to all who purchased the beautiful poinsettia plants that adorned the alter during the Christmas Holidays. We also thank these two ladies & their team for their dedication and hard work organizing, purchasing & arranging as well as distributing the poinsettias to their rightful owners after Conant's Christmas Worship Service.

Thank You to **Audrey Ramsey**, **Kathy Grey** and the **Stewardship Team** for their outstanding Stewardship Ministry throughout the year of 2018; as well as their wonderfully successful Christmas Bazaar held in our Conant Fellowship Hall on several Sundays in December.

Thank You to **Otiyah Ross - Chapman**, **Deanna Campbell**, **LaKeisha Scott**, **Ellena Totty**, **First Lady Diane** and their **team** for the wonderful job they are doing directing Conant's Youth Ministry. Their Praise Dancing, Youth Choir, Youth Public Speaking, Youth Bible Study and more, has been a fantastic addition to Conant's continued growth towards excellence for the Lord.

Thank You to **Audrey Ramsey** for the fine job she is doing as Executive Director of Conant's Youth Usher Board.

## Last Month's Highlights

### Youth in Service to the Community



7 Food Baskets were distributed to families at Christmas

### Christmas Program



### Baptism of 3 Youth



**Intentional Faith Development** sponsored toys & warm covers to Women's Shelters - **Beaten Heart Foundation & Genesis House**. Warm Covers with custom made scarves were donated by **Deidra James & the Craft Class**, Also, cosmetics, plus 2 infant holiday dresses were also donated.