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The Pastor's Pen

Greeting Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I pray that when you read this edition of the Conant Newsletter either by hard copy or electronically on our web site, all is well with you and your loved ones. We are entering into the Advent Season, the first season of the Christian Church year. While some are waiting for the jolly round man in the red suit, we as Christians are planning, anticipating, waiting and preparing for the coming of our savior Jesus Christ. It is a time of Hope. Hope for a better time to come, Hope for a better tomorrow, Hope for one day to have the privilege and the blessing to be in the presence of the almighty God.

We also have hope for our church, the United Methodist Church, hopes that God will make a way even in the midst of trials and tribulations that our church will stand together, not divided, not embroiled in turmoil, but a church that stands on the word that is revealed in scripture by God.

On the local level we also have hope for our congregation, Conant Avenue United Methodist Church, that we continue in a positive vein. We have made strides in a positive direction this past year. We have had outstanding programs here at our church. We also have maintained traditional programs such as the Men's Pancake Breakfast and Women's Day programs just to name a few. Let us build on this progress. Remember **you** are the church, the body of Christ. Our success or failure depends on **you**. The church needs your participation not just financially, which is very important, but your physical presence is needed and desired also. Take time to participate in the activities held here at Conant. Call the sick and shut in, or visit them, if you can, to remind them they are valued and missed. (reference Matthew 25:36). Let your friends and family know where you attend church and invite them to a service here and watch how Conant will grow. I, as your pastor, thank you in advance for all you do here at Conant Avenue. I pray that the blessings of God will be with you in all that you do, as well as all that you set your hands to.

In service to God and Conant Avenue United Methodist Church,

Rev. Dr. Willie F. Smith.



Wednesdays - 6:00 p.m.
 Sundays - 9:30 a.m.

Advent Bible Study

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

December 2-8	Session 1: <i>God Has A Face</i>
December 9-15	Session 2: <i>Worship Works Wonders</i>
December 16-22	Session 3: <i>God Guides The Wise</i>
December 23-30	Session 4: <i>Every Heart, A Manger</i>

Intentional Faith Development Advent Bible Study
 Come Celebrate Christmas With Great Expectations!!!



Last Month's Highlights



Mrs. Castle's
Holiday
Cookie
Exchange



Sunday, December 23rd after
Sunday Morning Worship Service
Coordinated by
Evelyn McDuffie - Volunteers Needed
Please bring homemade cookies to share!



Thanksgiving Baskets
Distribution



Youth Ministry



Student Sunday



Our Tuskegee Airman
Alexander Jefferson's
97th Birthday Celebration

Annual Christmas Bazaar

Sundays from 1:00 – 3:00
December 2nd, 16th and 23rd
In Conant's Fellowship Hall
Gift ideas for the entire family
Clothing, Jewelry, Purses, Accessories, Toys
Gift Bags & Bows
Food will also be available for purchase
A Stewardship Committee Project
For More Information Contact Audrey Ramsey
(313) 680 - 9683

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

- 12/7 (5 - 7 p.m.) - Winter Art Showcase
 - 12/21 - Hope for the Holidays Gift Drive Deadline
Please Donate hats, gloves, scarves & toys NOW until 12/21
 - 12/21 (5 - 7 p.m.) Youth Christmas Party & Final Rehearsals
 - 12/30 (11:00 a.m.) - Youth Speaker Moment
COME WORSHIP WITH US!
- Pizza Kit Fundraiser Extended - Please Support the Youth!**
Don't forget that you can order online
Go to Pizzakit.com
1. Click on Products
 2. Then Shop
 3. Select your Preferred Shipping Method
 4. Enter Fundraiser ID Number 359379

Friday Night at the Art Museum Continues in January 2019
Activities will include Creative writing, molding, painting,
music lessons, and computer coding
Led by University of Michigan Art Students
Coordinated by Conant's Youth Ministry Leaders



Friends...Because of Him
Praise Reports

Thanksgiving Baskets were distributed to 26 families because of
Conant's loving generosity! We are grateful for this blessing.

Giving Praise to the outstanding and inspiring sermons delivered
by Lay Minister **Sharon Appling** and Lay Servant **Willie
Grisette**, during Sunday Morning Worship Services in
November.

Thanksgiving Day – Telephone Conference Call Worship
Service was a dynamic service for many members of our own
congregation as well as visiting worshippers using modern day
electronics. PRAISE THE LORD!

Poinsettias on the Altar for Christmas



Price
\$15.00
Each

See Cheryl Ellington for Details