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## Conant Avenue United Methodist Church Newsletter



### The Pastor's Pen

Greetings My Brothers and Sisters In Christ:

I pray as you are reading this edition of the Conant's Newsletter in paper form or as you look at our web page, all is well with you and your loved ones. One down and eleven more to go. January has passed and we are entering February, the month which is designated as Black History Month or National African American History Month. It is during this time of the year we remember our cultural icons, those who have contributed in some form or fashion to the liberties we now have and some we taken for granted. We must always remember that the freedom we experience was not received without a price being paid. Freedom isn't really free. Someone suffered, someone took a stance. And someone fought so that we may receive a measure of equality, as well as a measure of freedom that we experience in our lives. We can look back at our long lost heroes such as Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the like. Heroes from the past as well as living heroes like Conant's own war veteran, Col Alexander Jefferson. Heroes from our past remind us of the struggles that were encountered, and heroes of our present let us know that the struggle is still present. We still have a long way to go to achieve the dream of Dr. King where all men/women are treated equally regardless of the color of their skin. We still have a way to go but we should always remember as Christians, we have achieved freedom from sin and the evil one, through the blood of Jesus Christ, for in Christ all humanity is equal in the sight of God. Paul said it more eloquently when he wrote "there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one all equal in Christ Jesus." As we traverse through this month listening to the many speeches, and the many documentaries, that speak about the road that we have traveled to achieve this measure of freedom, let us remember that we are constantly receiving blessings, those we see and those do not see from our awesome creator, God our Father in Heaven. Be blessed my brothers and sisters in Christ and always remember that God loves you, and so do I.

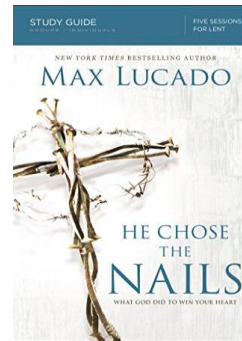
Yours in Christ, Pastor Willie F. Smith DMin.



### CONANT BIBLE STUDY



Every Gift From God Reveals His Love For Us. We treasure our Gift, His Son, at Christmas, but this Bible Study helps us to unwrap five gifts of Easter during Lent.



#### Easter Gifts In Christ

- The Suffering
- The Thorny Crown
- The Cross
- The Grave
- The Resurrection

**JESUS CHOSE THE NAILS!**  
What Will You Choose?  
**JOIN US!**

## Lent 2018

Begins Wednesday, February 14. Ends Saturday, March 31.





## Last Month's Highlights

Thank You to **Mother Geraldine Metoyer** for donating items for creating Conant Visitor Welcome Gift Bags.

Thank You to all Conant Membership who "stood in the gap" with grace and accomplishment at Conant during our Pastor's ongoing recovery from surgery in January.



Otiyah Ross Chapman - Certified Lay Servant's Sermon



Sharon Appling - Certified Lay Servant's Sermon



Clayton Savage - Certified Lay Servant's Sermon



Carolyn Hildred - Local Lay Servant's Sermon

## More Upcoming Events @ Conant



**Conant Ash Wednesday Worship**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018**  
6:00 p.m.  
*Lent, A Season Of Restoration and Renewal*  
**REHAB!**  
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17;  
2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10;  
Matthew 6:1-6/16-21  
**Cheryl Ellington, Worship Chair and Committee**



On the 2nd Sunday Valentine's Day **February 11th** we are planning to have the men serve breakfast to the young ladies and women of the church. This event will start at **9:30 a.m.**  
**Sam Kennedy, Conant United Methodist Men Chairman & Committee**

**Youth Ministry Weekly Tributes To Women**  
Weekly in March, **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**  
**Collection of Personal Dignity Toiletries**  
Youth and Conant Congregation February through April  
**FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE ART MUSEUM YOUTH PROGRAM**  
**with University of Michigan Artists**  
Meet and Greet Friday, February 16, 2018 7:00 p.m.  
Friday, February 23 - April 13, 2018 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Children and Teens Ages: 5-18 years are **Welcomed!**

**DRD Spring Lay Servant Ministry Training**  
March 8, 9, and 10 at Garden City UMC  
See: Lay Leader Shirley Bittings for an application.

## CONANT YOUTH MINISTRY

**Conant Youth Ministry Presents**  
**2018 BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**\* WEEKLY TRIBUTES DURING WORSHIP**  
*Black Trailblazers Past and Present*

**\* FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP**  
Please Wear African Attire or Red/Black/Green  
February 25, 2018

**Soul Food Taste Fest**  
**CONANT PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE!**



**LaKiesha Scott and Otiyah Ross-Chapman**



**Sunday March 25, 2018**  
Hope United Methodist Church  
Concert Begins at 5:00 p.m.

Tickets \$20.00

See Clayton or D'Anna Savage