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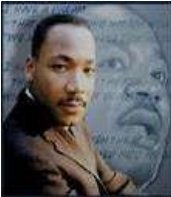
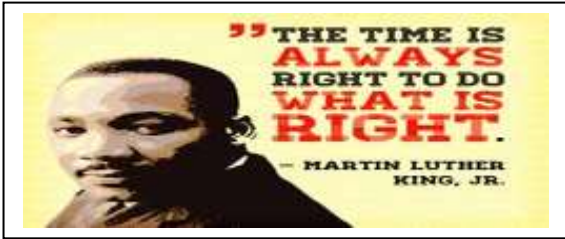


The Pastor's Pen

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I pray as you are reading this edition of the Conant's Newsletter in your bulletin or as you look at Conant's web page that all is well and you and your loved ones are receiving all that God has for you. I pray that your holidays were pleasant and you received all you wanted and wanted all you received. We have moved past 2017 into the New Year of 2018. I heard a pastor on the radio proclaim that, this year will be the year of increase. Whether that becomes true or not, remains to be seen. What I do know is, if we want to have increase in any way, we must put some effort into making that become a reality. Ministries are not built or rebuilt overnight. It takes time and it takes patience. It takes some failures and it takes many successes. At Conant we know what areas we need to focus upon, and that is letting others know about our church, and encouraging them to come visit. We have the ability here at Conant to grow this church and all we have to do is put the wheels into/ motion. All we have to do is to get behind the wheel and push. Bishop Paul Morton sings a song that says the best is yet to come. Our best here at Conant is on the horizon just waiting to spring forth. Let us continue to pray for the mission and ministry here at Conant Avenue. Let us always remember to put God first in all we do. Let us plant the seeds and allow God to do the watering. May God bless you and yours and all you set your hands to.

Blessings.
Pastor Smith



The 24th Annual Celebration of
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The celebration will be held on
Sunday, January 7, 2018 - 3:00 PM at
Trenton Faith United Methodist Church
2530 Charlton St.
Trenton, MI 48183

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT BIBLE STUDY

Faithful Joseph, The Rest Of The Story

Concludes in January

Sundays 9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays 5:30 p.m.

Saturdays by Conference Call 8:30 a.m.

AND THEN

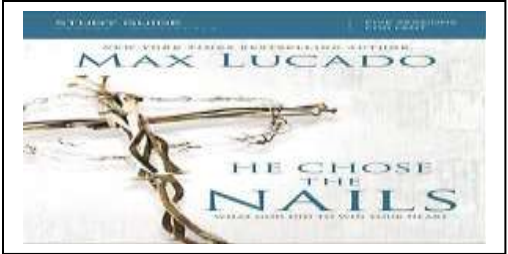
JOIN US ON THE JOURNEY!

COMING IN FEBRUARY

MULTI-CONGREGATIONAL ADVENT STUDY

HE CHOSE THE NAILS!

\$7.00 STUDY GUIDE



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

Be Sure to Consider Updating Your Online Giving Also.

PRAISE REPORT

Adrienne Jones, Stephanie Jones, and Audrey Jones wish to thank everyone who participated in the movie fundraiser at Conant on Saturday, December 2. The total amount raised was \$480.00. The money has been divided equally with half donated to Conant Avenue United Methodist Church and half donated to the American Brain Tumor Association in memory of their brother and son, Philip Sandy Jones.

Congratulations to all of Conant's 2018 newly elected Administrative Board Members.

Upcoming Events at Conant

2018 Youth and Young Adult Ministry Calendar Saturdays

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Practice Choir, Dance, Beats
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Worship, Bible Talk, and Refreshments

Sunday Youth Ministry Moments 11:00 a.m. Worship

First Sundays: Dance

Second Sundays: Parking Lot Food Pantry

Third Sundays: Choir

Fourth Sundays: Pastor's Children Message and Ushering

Fifth Sundays: Youth and Young Adult Ministry Moment Message

Rev. Dr. King, Jr. Essay Contest — January 28, 2018
11:00 a.m. Youth Moment

February — Black History Month

Weekly Tributes To Motown Greats

11:00 a.m. Youth Moment

Soul Food Taste Fest — Sunday, February 25, 2018
After Worship

YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST

SEE OTIYAH ROSS - CHAPMAN OR
LAKESHIA SCOTT FOR DETAILS

SPECIAL THANK - YOU'S

Mary Lawrence, Ramona Plant & Evelyn McDuffie wish to thank our Conant Families for their togetherness and cookie donations during our **Mrs. Castles Annual Cookie Exchange on 12/17/17**. Each year there is an increased sharing that promotes fun and unity among the congregation. We thank these ladies for their leadership role this year in this annual project as well.

Thank You to **Charlie Hardy and her Talented Team** for beautifying our church sanctuary as well as the entire church throughout the Christmas Holidays.

Thank You to **Audrey Ramsey, Kathy Grey** and the **Stewardship Team** for their outstanding Stewardship Ministry throughout the year of 2017; as well as their wonderfully successful Christmas Bazaar held in our Conant Fellowship Hall on several Sundays in December.

Thank You to **Otiyah Chapman, Deanna Campbell, Carvail Levy, 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.. Their ministry 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.

Thank You to **Sidney Lee and her Worship Committee Team** for beautifying the sanctuary alter for the Christmas Holidays.

Thank You to **Sharon Appling** for serving as our Pastor's Executive Assistant throughout the year on her quest to become an ordained minister within the United Methodist Church.

Last Month's Highlights



DECEMBER HIGHLIGHT
December 31, 2017
David McDuffie, Youth Speaker



Toys, Hats, Gloves, Books,
Socks For Homeless
Children and Seniors



Conant Children in Worship