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THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT, "STAY CONNECTED" DEBUTS AT THE #5 SPOT OF TOP GOSPEL ALBUMS ON THE BILLBOARD GOSPEL MUSIC CHART!!!

Audiences across the country have given their approval, as Stay Connected, the new two-disc set from Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III and the Choirs of the Trinity United Church of Christ lands in the number 5 spot on the Billboard Top Gospel Albums chart. ~Hallels, April 11, 2017



"With one key song, 'God Is Good,' already heating up the gospel radio scene, 'Stay Connected' ... could be on its way to earning a Stellar or Grammy Award." ~Adrienne Gibbs, *Forbes.com*

"**STAY CONNECTED**" is a groundbreaking Gospel Album that transports the listener around the globe through one powerful musical experience to another.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO
SPREAD THE GOOD
WORD ABOUT "STAY
CONNECTED"
ON ALL OF YOUR SOCIAL
MEDIA PLATFORMS!

Also, please consider making the **Stay Connected** CD a gift to the household hosting Easter dinner and

for upcoming graduations, birthdays, Mother's Day, and Father's Day. To purchase copies today, visit our Akiba Bookstore, or online at www.trinitychicago.org/sales, or visit any of the digital music sites (Amazon, Tidal, Spotify, iTunes, Google Music Play) for a digital download!

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Media: If visiting in an official media capacity, please be sure to check-in at our reception desk upon arrival.

WiFi: Trinity UCC offers Wifi for our members and visitors as a courtesy, so that they may participate in our worship services and ministry. User ID: trinity Password: guest

Listening Assistance: As we endeavor to maintain a sacred worship experience, please return listening devices following the Benediction. An Audio Technician is available in the sound room for 15 minutes following each service for the return of your device.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

Easter Sunday • April 16, 2017

Order of Worship - 7:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Opening Song “He’s Alive”
Hymn of Praise “He Lives”
Unison Scriptures Luke 23:50-56; 24:1 (NIV)

[PLEASE REMAIN STANDING FOR THE READING OF THE WORD]

Invocation
Parish Concerns
 Visitor Recognition
 Passing of the Peace
 The Pastor’s Word
 Baby Dedication
The Service of Giving
 Offertory Sentences
 Tithes and Offerings

Altar Call “Amazing”
Sermon “Living Between Blood Stains And A Blessing”
Hymn of Invitation

Order of Worship - 6:00 p.m.

Opening Song “He’s Alive”
Ministry of Music..... “Celebrate”
Sermon “Faith It Until You Make It”
Hymn of Invitation
The Service of Giving
 Offertory Sentences
 Tithes and Offerings

Altar Call/Benediction

**The Order of Worship is subject to change, at the dictation of the Holy Spirit...

HE LIVES

VERSE 1

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever others say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him He's always near.

CHORUS

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along
Life's narrow way. He lives, He lives,
Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.

VERSE 2

In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary
I never will despair;
I know that He is leading
through all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing will come at last.
Repeat chorus

Verse 3

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice
And sing eternal hallelujahs
to Jesus Christ, the King!
The hope of all who seek Him,
the help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind.
Repeat chorus

Unison

7:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

LUKE 23:50-56; 24:1 (NIV)

⁵⁰Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, ⁵¹who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea, and he himself was waiting for the kingdom of God. ⁵²Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. ⁵³Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid. ⁵⁴It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.

⁵⁵The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. ⁵⁶Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

¹On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.

Scriptures

6:00 p.m.

MATTHEW 28:5-10 (NIV)

⁵The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

⁸So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

[illegible]



Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie serves as the 117th elected and consecrated bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Her historic election represents the first time in the over 213-year history of the A.M.E. Church a woman had obtained the level of Episcopal office. Currently, she is honored to serve as the presiding prelate of the 10th Episcopal District.

Bishop McKenzie is the author of six books. The first two, *Not Without A Struggle* and *Strength in the Struggle*, concern leadership and professional growth for women. *Journey to the Well* helps women seek new directions for personal growth and transformation following the footsteps of the Biblical Samaritan woman. Her book, *Swapping Housewives*, tells the stories of Rachel, Jacob, and Leah and shares the 21st century implications for married and unmarried love, and *Those Sisters Can Preach!*, includes 22 sermons as pearls of wisdom from nationally-known women preachers. Her latest book, *The Big Deal of Taking Small Steps to Move Closer to God*, debuts in May.

Described as an “electrifying preacher,” Bishop McKenzie has been honored for her leadership, community service, and outstanding achievements by a number of diverse civic, educational, business, and governmental leaders. She is humbled and grateful to God for the many opportunities and blessings afforded her as she strives to serve with excellence in the Kingdom of God.

Bishop McKenzie’s family will be the subject of an upcoming book by Margot Lee Shetterly (author of the book, *Hidden Figures*), sharing the story of the Murphy family which owned the *African American* newspaper (Baltimore,

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Giving Options at Trinity UCC

In order to make giving to Trinity UCC as convenient as possible, we have developed a variety of ways to suit many lifestyles:

- Giving Envelopes can be placed in the offering baskets on Sundays, or dropped in the Trustee slot any time the church is open
- First Fruits/ACH allows you to deduct directly from your bank account on a schedule of your choice (sign up or get questions answered with our Member and Guest Services team)
- Access ACS/TrinityChicagoNet provides you with the ability to make one time offerings, or scheduled offerings (Go to www.trinitychicago.org, menu item: Connections)
- SecureGive provides you mobile giving access from within the Trinity UCC Mobile App
- Text-to-Give through SecureGive – This is for targeted giving (Operation Share, Disaster Relief, etc.). Simply text to 855-781-8384 and enter the special offering (ExtraGift is active now) - ExtraGift \$\$ - you will then receive prompts to complete the transaction. Once set up, you will be able to text offerings with one step.

“A SANKOFA EVENING: THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES”



**Calling All Married
Couples with
40 Years And More
of wedded blessings!**

The Married Couple Ministry extends a special invitation to you to participate in our annual L.O.V.E. (Living Our Vows Every Day) Worship Service, “A Sankofa Evening: The Celebration Continues,” on Friday, June 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

- Please submit a photo (5x7 or 8x10) of you and your spouse in African attired (suggested) to be displayed during the week of the L.O.V.E. worship service
- Include your contact information on the back of the photo
- Place the photo in the mailroom, Attention: Married Couples Ministry or email your photo to marriedcouples@trinitychicago.org.
- If you do not have a photo in African attire and would like the ministry to take your photo, please call us at 773-966-1500 Mailbox 2343 or send an email to marriedcouples@trinitychicago.org; we will arrange a date and time to take your photo
- For more information, contact the Married Couples Ministry at either the email or the phone number noted above

The photo submission deadline is Sunday, May 28



QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

7:00 p.m. • Sanctuary



Financial Reports Session

6:00 p.m. • Wright Chapel

To Do Justice

Petitioning for Probation

³Be alert. If you see your friend going wrong, correct him. If he responds, forgive him.⁴Even if it's personal against you and repeated seven times through the day, and seven times he says, 'I'm sorry, I won't do it again,' forgive him." **Luke 17:3-4**

Family,

Forgiving is hard.

All of us can recall, and may even be in the midst of, a family challenge where forgiveness is needed, yet is lacking. This is in spite of clear instructions in many verses from the Bible to: "forgive as the Lord forgave you." (Colossians 3:13); "Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger . . ." (Ephesians 4:31); or, "And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them . . ." (Mark 11:25).

As hard as it is for us to forgive on a personal level, our governmental structures and systems have proven to have much less of a capacity for forgiveness. Whether we are trying to get a parking ticket forgiven, seeking assistance from the Internal Revenue Service, trying to get the social security administration to be sympathetic to a disability request, or trying to wrestle compassion out of a parole board, agencies of government are more likely to see numbers . . . not people.

In 1976, Lorenzo Stone-Bey was 17 years old when he engaged in suspect activity with a group of friends and was eventually convicted of 2nd degree murder. I'm not trying to make any claims on his innocence or guilt, although there are facts that create reasonable suspicion, including, as usual, a witness that was given a deal in order to assist the prosecution.

Mr. Stone-Bey earned parole based on his growth of character and his clean record while in prison. He fell into the trap, as so many African American, brown and poor men and women do. Even though he had been a solid citizen for 8 years, while on probation (a lifetime probation), his luck ran out in 2007, and he found himself again in trouble with the law. After a breathalyzer test, he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated. **For most of us, while this is a significant charge, even if we served jail time, it would be a maximum of 18 months. But, for Lorenzo, his parole was revoked and he was sent back to prison to fulfill his life sentence.**

During this second stint, Lorenzo became a pen pal of two members of the Trinity UCC's prison ministry, Sisters Luesther Chapman, and Gail Hardy. It is upon their request and recommendation that we ask members of and visitors to Trinity to sign the petition letters that have been passed out today.

Lorenzo has an opportunity for parole based on an annual review the Indiana Parole Board will conduct in May. Our goal is to have 2,000 petitions added to the other material they will be reviewing.

Again, this request isn't based on our review of his case, but on our witness of his personal growth and character, and on our Lord's demand of us to forgive.

Thank you for your compassion and cooperation.

Daryle Brown
Prison Ministry and Justice Watch Team



TAKE THE GREEN CHALLENGE!

Saturday, April 22 – Friday, April 28, 2017

**SIGN-UP AFTER ALL THREE WORSHIP SERVICES
TODAY IN THE ATRIUM**

- **Lights out Saturday** - Join 162 countries and turn off lights for 1 hour.
- **Leave all paper behind Sunday** - Recycle bulletins in the green containers around the church. Don't take a bulletin, use the bulletin on the Trinity App. Don't take an envelope for giving, do it electronically.
- **Meatless Monday** - Dine without eating meat for one day. Meat processing plants pollute our environment. Minimize the need for such processing by choosing not to partake in meat for just one day.
- **Transportation Tuesday** - Combine all errands – Inflate tires – Take public transportation
- **Waste not Wednesday** - Turn off and unplug items in your household that might produce phantom electricity. Do this before you leave home.
- **No Plastic on Purpose Thursday** - Try not to use any plastic on this day. For example, drink water from re-usable containers, use a stainless coffee mug for your coffee instead of buying it from the store ... be creative...
- **Reassigned the Recyclables Friday** - Create a recycling solution in your home. Make it simple for you to use going forward. Find a container for recycling glass, plastic, paper.

Document your experience! We want to hear from you! Send us an email at green@trinitychicago.org and share the good news, the ups and downs, and the challenges you may have faced on Facebook and Twitter. Send us a picture of you engaging in "green" activities. Challenge your family and friends to do the same. It only takes small steps to start the GREEN journey!

We just didn't inherit the earth from our ancestors; we are borrowing it from our children!

JOIN THE GREEN REVOLUTION!

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THE SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED!

Scholarship Applications and Graduation Recognition forms
will be available after all worship services on the following dates:
April 23rd, 30th, and May 7th

The Scholarship Sunday application deadline (May 13, 2017), will be here before you know it. Do you know a student who has average grades and volunteers in a community service organization throughout the year? If so, they are eligible to apply for many scholarships this year. All they need are proof of their participation and their grades. Encourage them to consider applying this year. Visit www.trinitychicago.org and check out the Scholarship Overview or pick up a hard copy at the Scholarship table following worship services.

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE THIS YEAR ...

For more detailed information on available scholarships, visit www.trinitychicago.org:

- **Joseph Cedric Graves Worship and Arts Scholarship** – For a high school or college student with a GPA of at least 2.0
- **James D. Montgomery, Sr. Scholarship** – Applicant must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and come from a single parent household
- **Abraham and Dorothy Stiggers Nursing Scholarship** – Recognizes nursing students with at least a 2.5 GPA, active in a ministry or community organization
- **The Education Network Scholarship** - Applicant must have at least a 2.5 GPA and accepted into a Historically Black College or University in the year the award is given
- **Mechell Daniel Boynes Memorial Scholarship** – for high school graduates with goals to improve the progressive academic social behavior in church ministry and community services

ATTENTION ALL 2017 8th GRADE - DOCTORAL GRADUATES!!!

SAVE THE DATE!!!

SCHOLARSHIP AND GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

June 11, 2017, 2:30 p.m.

On Scholarship and Graduate Recognition Sunday, we celebrate the academic achievements of our members who are pursuing scholarly endeavors, as well as those who have graduated from an educational institution in 2017. To register, contact the Education and Scholarship Committee by phone, 773-966-1500, Mailbox 2310 or email, scholarship@trinitychicago.org. For more information, visit www.trinitychicago.org.



Join Team Trinity!

Chicago Gospel 5K & Gospel Kids Run/Walk
Saturday, June 3, 2017 - 8am - Oakwood Street Beach

Register through our church home page at www.trinitychicago.org
A portion of every Team Trinity registration supports
our Trinity UCC Freedom School!

The Stewardship Ministry Cordially Invites All New Members To Attend Their BLACK AND CHRISTIAN New Member Class

We are so happy that you walked the aisle, gave your heart to Christ and your hand to the preacher. So that you may become a full-fledged member of Trinity United Church of Christ you MUST complete your new member class! Please don't delay! Completion of the new member process after you have "walked the aisle" is in three stages:

- Completion of your New Member Class
- Right Hand of Fellowship on a first Sunday evening. *The "Right Hand of Fellowship" is a requirement for full membership into your new church home, Trinity UCC*
- Actively becoming a member who works in one of the ministries of your church home

The Stewardship Ministry partners are eager to "walk with you" throughout this process and we are looking forward to your attendance.

Adults and Teens **Saturday, May 6, 2017**

Registration: 8:30 a.m.
Class: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

(Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided)

Children ages 12 and under **Saturday, May 6, 2017**

Registration: 8:30 a.m.
Class: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
(Children must be accompanied by parent or guardian)

Receive Right Hand of Fellowship, **Sunday, May 7, 2017, 4:30 p.m.**

Please remember to bring your Bible – if you don't have one, we'll provide one for you! RSVP and CONFIRM your participation! Call the Membership/Ministry Services office, 773-962-5650, immediately! Expect a follow-up call from the Stewardship Ministry. PLEASE NOTE: Your picture will be taken during the Class.

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TRINITY UCC 2017 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE AND EVENTS



Thursday, May 4 – Saturday, May 6, 2017
The Westin Hotel
400 Park Boulevard • Itasca, IL

REGISTER TODAY!
REGISTRATION FEES: \$125/person
(In person and online)

TEEN REGISTRATION
\$70/person (Must be a high school student)
www.trinitywomensweekend.org

2017 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE GUEST MINISTERS



Rev. Dr. Nicole
Massie Martin
Executive Minister
The Park Church
Charlotte, North Carolina



Rev. Sheleta Fomby
Minister to Church Life
Reid Temple AME Church
Silver Spring, Maryland



Rev. Courtney
Clayton Jenkins
Senior Pastor
Euclid Avenue UCC
Cleveland, Ohio



Rev. Dr. Teresa
Fry Brown
Candler School of Theology
Atlanta, Georgia

2017 WOMEN'S WORKSHOP FACILITATORS

Rev. Wanda Washington • Dr. Eboni Marshall Turman • Dr. Kara Davis • Dr. Sharon Ellis Davis •
Dr. Alisha Lola Jones • Rev. Courtney Clayton Jenkins • Dr. Joyce Thomas • Dr. Cheryl Whitaker
• Rev. LaShondra Stephens • Rev. Dr. Teresa Fry Brown

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HOTEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Westin Hotel • 400 Park Boulevard • Itasca, IL

630-773-4000 or visit

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/TrinityUnitedChurchofChrist2017>

Standard Rooms

\$119 Single (plus tax)
\$129 Double (plus tax)
\$139 Triple (plus tax)
\$149 Quad (plus tax)

Suites

\$199 Single (plus tax)
\$209 Double (plus tax)
\$219 Triple (plus tax)
\$229 Quad (plus tax)

WOMEN'S PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, April 19, 2017
7:14pm

State of the Black Woman Panel Discussion

"IF IT WASN'T FOR THE WOMEN"

Saturday, May 6, 2017
2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

The Westin Hotel

400 Park Boulevard • Itasca, Illinois

Discussing the impact of issues affecting Black women, including:
Health • Education • Finances • Equal Pay

PANELISTS

Dr. Eboni Marshall Turman • Dr. Jessica Shepherd • Rev. Dr. Teresa Fry Brown

Dr. Alisha Lola Jones • Cassandra O'Neal

Moderated by Courtney Gousman

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THE TEE SHIRT STORE

**A business opportunity to help youth ages 12-17
Generate income using their own artwork!**

The Tee Shirt Store, an online-based company that provides a user-friendly platform for people to host their own custom tee shirt and apparel stores is a business opportunity that has the potential to help our youth generate income for their household utilizing their own artwork with no upfront cost to them.

The Tee Shirt Store offers:

- A course in business ownership
- Store owners gain access to a variety of clothing from hats and hoodies to tanks and tees that they can decorate in their own way to sell.
- No risks and upfront costs
- A life-changing opportunity that will show future entrepreneurs how to capitalize on a resource that most children have access to - technology

The Tee Shirt Store is currently accepting applications for the first 50 Youth Entrepreneurs who sign up with a parent or adult mentor.

- Each child will be given his or her own active online custom apparel store after being taught the basics of entrepreneurship and "hustle."
- The parent or mentor is vital in helping the child manage their business and the money being earned from that business.
- To apply to be one of the first youth entrepreneur business owners, email the name and age of the applicant and the name and contact information of the parent or mentor to: trinity@theteeshirtstore.com
- After receiving your information, someone will contact you to schedule an interview

THE BLAINE DENYE LIBRARY MINISTRY PARTNERS

**INVITE ALL STUDENTS AGES 10-16
TO PARTICIPATE IN A**

BOOKMARK DESIGN CONTEST

- Colors - red, black, and green
- Size should be 8"x 2"
- Words – Blaine Denye Library TUCC

Requirements

- All work must be original and not copywritten material
- All entries will become the property of Trinity United Church Of Christ
- Contestants can use sketching, hand drawing, painting

WINNER WILL RECEIVE A PRIZE!!!!!!

*****ENTRIES CAN BE DEPOSITED IN THE
BLAINE DENYE LIBRARY MAILBOX IN THE
MAILROOM THROUGH APRIL 9TH*****

**SAVE THE DATE!! JUNE 11, 2017
JOIN US FOR OUR
3RD ANNUAL LIBRARY
OPEN HOUSE!**

For more Information, please contact
Ms. Eleanor Smith at (773) 962-5650 or
elsmith@trinitychicago.org



Baptism, Baby Dedication, Right Hand of Fellowship, and more available online at <http://trinityucc.zenfolio.com!>



The Women's Conference Committee and The Akiba Bookstore's

Changing the World!

2nd Annual Women's History Month Afternoon with Women Authors

Sunday, April 30, 2017

following the 11:00 a.m. worship service



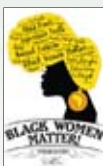
2017 MAAFA SET!

February 5, 12 and 19, and 26, 2017

\$35 - CD SET • \$45 - DVD SET

BLACK WOMEN MATTER!

LIMITED EDITION COMMEMORATIVE POSTERS - \$10



NEW AKIBA STORE HOURS

Tuesday - Thursday, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Friday, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, CLOSED.

Sunday, after each Worship Service

(773) 962 - 5660 • www.trinitychicago.org/shop



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Perfect Match!

The Endeleo Institute is peacock proud to announce that our **REACH** (Research and Education for African-American Caregivers in Health) to Faith medical student partner **Jakita Baldwin** is in the final stages of completing her last year of medical school at Northwestern University. In the United States access to graduate medical training programs such as residencies is a competitive process known as “the Match.” Senior medical students usually begin the application process at the beginning of their fourth and final year in medical school. After they apply, programs review applications and invite selected candidates for interviews held between October and February.



We are extremely pleased to report that the March results of Match Day were announced and Jakita has been matched with Northwestern! YES! Jakita will begin her residency in Neurology this summer and will, in fact, be staying with us as Endeleo, six Black partner churches (including Trinity UCC) and Northwestern help expand the REACH project to bring much needed awareness and education around Dementia, most often associated with Alzheimer’s disease.

Jakita recently wrote a powerful thesis based on focus groups conducted by Endeleo and the results of her REACH to Faith collaborations with Trinity UCC, St. Sabina, Beth Eden, Third Baptist, Fernwood UMC, and Oakdale Covenant.

But we are doubly excited that this simply outstanding and gifted medical student is a proud product of the Washington Heights community! YES! YES! This is particularly significant as Endeleo continues to immerse itself in *community engaged research* to address root causes of social ills (lack of access to healthy food, medications, unsafe neighborhoods, unemployment) that have plagued our neighborhoods for decades. At Endeleo, there is an urgency to focus on the underlying issues by consistently building relationships with the academic research community to foster innovative approaches conducive to creating a culture of health.

Please allow us to introduce to you, Dr. Jakita Danielle Baldwin. YES! YES! YES!

Endeleo is progress, growth, and development.

TODAY 4/16

400 W. 95th Street

- 7:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service – SA
 11:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service – SA
 6:00 p.m. Easter Worship Service – SA

MONDAY 4/17

400 W. 95th Street
CHURCH CLOSED

TUESDAY 4/18

400 W. 95th Street

- 12:00 p.m. Big Mama's House Quilting Class - 202
 5:30 p.m. Women's Chorus Concert Committee - 102
 6:00 p.m. Women's Drill - NII West
 6:30 p.m. Tangeni Dance Ministry - 202
 Women's Chorus Rehearsal - SA
 Khayralla/Mwanabaraka/Chinara Rehearsal
 - NII East
 Sisterhood Ministry - 203
 7:00 p.m. Leadership Council Meeting - A
 Men's Chorus Rehearsal - WC
 Mental Health Support Group - 102
 Singles Planning Committee - 207
 Sanctuary Choir Steering Committee - BR

WEDNESDAY 4/19

400 W. 95th Street

- 11:30 a.m. Prayer Service - WC
 4:00 p.m. Armor Bearers Training - 203
 6:00 p.m. Praise Team - FH
 Prayer and Praise Service - WC
 7:00 p.m. Quarterly Congregational Meeting - SA

THURSDAY 4/20

400 W. 95th Street

- 2:00 p.m. Active Seniors Book Club - 202
 5:30 p.m. (IN)Justice for all Film Festival Reception - A
 6:00 p.m. Stewardship Ministry Officers - Library
 6:30 p.m. 2017 WC Meeting - WC
 Domestic Violence - 207
 Drill Team Rehearsal
 Tangeni Dance Ministry - NII East
 My Brother's Keeper - 203
 6:45 p.m. (IN)Justice Film Festival - A
 7:00 p.m. Howard Thurman Institute - 202
 Prison Ministry - 102
 Sanctuary Choir - SA
 Trustees - BR

FRIDAY 4/21

400 W. 95th Street

- 11:00 a.m. Free N One Meeting - 202
 5:30 p.m. Big Mama's House Sewing/Tailoring - 203
 6:00 p.m. (IN)Justice Film Screening - SA
 6:30 p.m. Hurston Hughes Writers Ministry - 202
 7:00 p.m. Chaplains Meeting - BR
 Healing Ministry - 102
 Africa Ministry - 207
 Prison Ministry Support Group - NII East

SATURDAY 4/22

400 W. 95th Street

- 9:00 a.m. Saturday Bible School: Adult Bible Class - WC
 Saturday Bible School: Confirmation Class
 - Library
 Saturday Bible School: Pre-School - 2nd Grade
 - 120
 Saturday Bible School: S.A.L.T Teen Class - 203
 Saturday Bible School: 3rd - 6th Grade - 202
 11:00 a.m. Math Tutorial - 202
 Isuthu - Rights of Passage - 207
 12:00 p.m. Drug and Alcohol Ministry - BR
 Information Technology Ministry - 102
 Isuthu - Ashante' Nation - BR
 Film Festival - SA
 12:30 p.m. Walaika - WC
 1:00 p.m. Drill Team Rehearsal - NII East
 2:00 p.m. Isuthu - Fante' & Ga Nations - WC
 Isuthu Parent Meeting - 203
 Armor Bearers Meeting - BR
 3:00 p.m. Pre-marital Counseling - 202
 Wedding Seminar - 207
 4:00 p.m. (IN)Justice Film Screening - WC
 4:30 p.m. Armor Bearers - SA
 7:30 p.m. (IN)Justice Film Screening - SA



DIVINE IMAGINATION CALL

Join Pastor Moss for his monthly Divine Imagination telephone message,
 11:55 a.m., **Thursday, May 11, 2017.**
 Dial 712-775-7031, enter passcode
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Events

CHURCHWIDE EVENTS

BLAINE DENYE LIBRARY Ministry partners invite you to visit our library and explore the volumes on Bible study, African American history and culture, The focus for the month of April is Easter: *In His Image*, by Cain Hope Felder; *He Choose the Nails*, by Max Lucado; *The Passion of the Lord*, by James Noel, ed.; *Listening at Golgotha*, by Peter Storey; *The Darkness and the Dawn*, by Charles Swindoll, Library hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

MINISTRY EVENTS

40 years and more of wedded blessings! The Married Couples Ministry extends a special invitation to you to participate in our annual L.O.V.E. (Living Our Vows Everyday) Worship Service, Friday, Jun3 16, 7:00 p.m., Submit a 5 x 7 or 8 x 10 photo of you and your spouse in African attire (suggested) to be displayed during the week of the L.O.V.E. worship service, including contact information on the back of the photo, Place photo in mailroom, attention: Married Couples Ministry or email to marriedcouples@trinitychicago.org, If you need a photo taken or for information, Call 773-966-1500, Mailbox 2343

EMMAUS "GRIEF" WORK MINISTRY Thursday, April 27, 7:00 p.m., Wright Chapel, This month's topic: "Embracing Your New Normal," Information, Contact Deacon Dr. Herbert Goodman, Jr., 773-966-1500 Mailbox 2320 or email Emmaus@trinitychicago.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS

4 MEN ONLY HEALTH & WELLNESS Fair, Saturday, April 22, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Provident Hospital, 500 E. 51st St., Complimentary screenings, including eyes, dental, HIV; Lab work for diabetes, cholesterol, prostate cancer screen for men over 40, must present ID for lab work, free lunch, information, visit www.cookcountyhhs.org

CALL TO ACTION TO SAVE WOMEN'S Lives, Wednesday, May 10, Springfield, IL, presented by the Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force, The American Cancer Society, and Susan G. Komen, Demanding funding for the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer program, Transportation to and from the Capitol, departing from Trinity UCC, Lunch provided, RSVP by April 22, Call 312-942-0335 or email advocacy@chicagobreast.org

CELEBRATING FATHER GEORGE CLEMENTS' 60th Priest Anniversary, Wednesday, May 3, 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Ave., Information, Call Brian Robinson, 312-493-7244 or email sixtyyearsapriest@yahoo.com

CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY Community Concert and Jazz Bands Spring Gala Concert, Monday, April 17, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., CSU Breakey Theater Building, 9501 S. King Dr., free, Featuring music celebrating Chicago State's 150th year

CHICAGO YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Auditions open through April 30, students ages 6-18, Information, Call Kaytie Faries, 312-939-2207 Ext. 280 or visit www.cyso.org, Auditions are for orchestra, steel drum and jazz ensembles, Tuition assistance available

DOLLARS & CENTS Women's Financial Literacy Workshop, Saturday, April 29, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Gary Comer Youth Center, 7200 S. Ingleside, Hosted by the Beacon of Light Foundation of Eta Xi Sigma Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Information and to register, email EXSFinancialWorkshop@gmail.com

MEMORY LOSS, CAREGIVING, and the Arts, Saturday, April 22, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Villa Guadalupe Senior Housing, 3201 E. 91st St., Hosted by the University of Chicago Center for Community Health and Vitality and the Institute for Translational Medicine, Register for free transportation by April 3, Call 773-363-1933

SPOKEN WORD POETRY SERIES presents The Last Poets, Friday, April 28, Doors, 6:30 p.m., Event, 7:00 p.m., DuSable Museum, 740 E. 56th Pl., Part of the 1960's-70's Black Power Movement, Tickets and information, visit www.Eventbrite.com and search The Last Poets

STATE OF THE GARDEN: Womanism in the Post-Obama Era, Friday, April 28, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., The University of Chicago Divinity School, Swift Hall, 1025 E. 58th St., Featuring Rev. Neichelle Guidry, Rev. Dr. Linda Thomas, Rev. Dr. Emilie Townes, and Rev. Dr. Alisha Lola Jones, Information, contact Tiesha Cassel, tcassel@uchicago.edu or Renita Ward, renita@uchicago.edu



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STAY CONNECTED UPDATE



The total sale of "Stay Connected" CDs, as of April 9, 2017, has reached **1270 units sold!**

SAVE THE DATE!

2017 FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"GLOW FOR JESUS:

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!"

The 2017 Family vacation Bible School will be held Tuesday, June 27th – Friday, June 30th, 5:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. A free dinner will be available each evening, followed by a Bible lesson, arts and crafts, and music. Classes for all ages from 5 year olds – adults! Theme: Glow for Jesus! Let Your Light Shine.

Help Wanted

The Family Vacation Bible School is in need of individuals interested in working with children, youth, and adults in the following positions: Teachers (all grade levels), a music teacher, an arts and crafts teacher, and assistants in all areas. No experience is needed; you will be provided with training and paired with an experienced VBS worker. For information, contact Rev. Carmin Frederick-James, cafrederick@trinitychicago.org or Rev. Michael D. Jacobs, mdjacobs@trinitychicago.org.

Announcements



Save the Date!

2017 Party With A Purpose

Celebrating the 9th Pastoral Anniversary of our Senior Pastor,

Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III

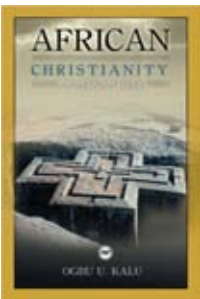
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UPDATE! THE ETHIOPIAN SOJOURN IS SOLD OUT!

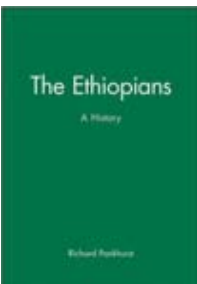
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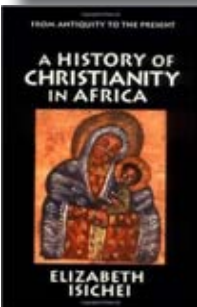
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The Ethiopians: A History, Pankhurst, Richard, Wiley Blackwell (Feb. 14, 2001)

READING ASSIGNMENT #6 – PAGES 45-53



MAY 2017

A History of Christianity in Africa: From Antiquity to the Present, Isichei, Elizabeth, Eerdmans; 1st print edition (Feb. 22, 1995)

READING ASSIGNMENT #7 - Chapter 1 – North African Christianity Antiquity

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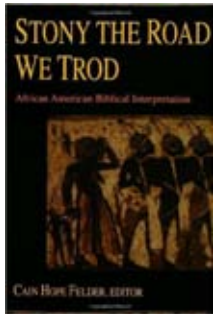


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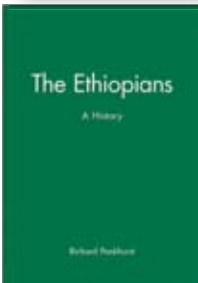
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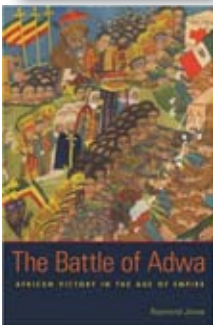
Stony the Road We Trod: African American Biblical Interpretation,
Felder, Cain Hope, Fortress Press; 1st Ed. (June 1, 1991)

- Chapter 7 – The Black Presence in the Old Testament
- Chapter 8 – Beyond Identification: The Use of Africans in Old Testament Poetry and Narratives



The Ethiopians: A History, Pankhurst, Richard, Wiley-Blackwell
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- *Pages 45-53*



The Battle of Adwa: African Victory in an Age of Empire, Jones,
Raymond, Belknap Press; Reprint edition (March 23, 2015)

- Introduction
- The Road to Adwa - Chapters 1-7
- The Battle – Chapters 8-13

2017 Churchwide Theme

¹⁸But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. 2 Peter 3:18 (NRSV)



1st Quarter Theme: Growing in Love

January - Ephesians 3:16-19 (NRSV)

¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

February - Philippians 1:9-11 (NRSV)

⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

March - John 13:34 (NRSV)

³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

2nd Quarter Theme: Growing in the Word of God

April - Colossians 3:16 (NRSV)

¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

May - Luke 8:14 (NRSV)

¹⁴As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.

June - 2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)

¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

3rd Quarter Theme: Growing in Holiness

July - 2 Corinthians 7:1 (NIV)

¹Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

August - Romans 12:2 (NIV)

²Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

September - Exodus 15:2 (MSG)

GOD is my strength. GOD is my song, and, yes! GOD is my salvation. *This* is the kind of God I have and I'm telling the world!

4th Quarter Theme: Maturing in Christ

October - James 1:2-4 (NIV)

²Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

November - Hebrews 5:12-14 (NIV)

¹²In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! ¹³Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. ¹⁴But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

December - 1 Corinthians 13:11 (NIV)

¹¹When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.

(In)Justice For All Film Festival

Festival Highlights



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Our 2017 Film Festival is loaded with powerful films that were chosen because of their relevance, quality, and ability to move audiences to action. Please be sure to visit our festival website at www.injusticeforallff.com, for details on all of the screenings taking place throughout Chicagoland. Below are absolutely key events you will not want to miss!

- **Thursday, April 20th – Opening Ceremony (at Trinity UCC)**

Our “Special Guest” will be John Marshall Jones, currently appearing in the Sundance Peabody Award winning television series, **Rectify**. He has been outspoken on many social justice issues and will be with us to discuss the power of film to move communities to action. In addition we will be screening **Incarcerate US**, a powerful film that connects the dots on American’s epidemic of mass incarceration.

- **Sunday, April 23rd – Celebration of Chicago Filmmakers (at Trinity UCC)**

The Robben Island Singers originated from within the Robben Island Prison, in South Africa, where Nelson Mandela was held for nearly 30 years. We will get to hear from the documentarian, Jeff Spitz, and see clips from the documentary still in development, including clips from their visit to Trinity United Church of Christ! **The Revenge of Emmett Till** chronicles Brother Till’s story through the eyewitness account of his cousin, Simeon Wright, highlighting the impact of his story through interviews, including Hebru Brantley and Lupe Fiasco. Finally, **34 Days: Hungry For Justice** is a short documentary about the hunger strikers that fought successfully to keep Dyett High School from closing. All of the filmmakers will be on hand to discuss their films and their passion for their film subjects.

- **Wednesday, April 26th – Young Filmmakers for Justice (Chicago Cultural Center)**

This event will showcase Chicago area and national youth film programs and filmmakers, and will feature **Generation Revolution**, an important film that chronicles the activity of Black Lives Matter organizing and protest in England.

- **Thursday, April 27th – Celebration of the Afro-American Patrolman’s League (South Shore Cultural Center)**

In addition to celebrating the AAPL, we will feature two films, **Dispatches from Cleveland**, which considers ordinary Clevelanders, shaken by police misconduct, discrimination and poverty, and their work to bring about real change in one of American’s most racially divided cities, and **State of Fear: Murder and Memory on Black Wall Street**, which juxtaposes the Tulsa, Oklahoma destruction of Black Wall Street by the Ku Klux Klan with a modern corrupt Tulsa County Sheriff’s department. **The screenings will be followed by an intergenerational conversation with retired and current police officers/sheriffs.**

- **Friday, April 28th – Saving Barbara Sizemore (Chicago State University)**

Black Schools Matter, especially Afri-centric schools that serve under-privileged Black communities. When the city of Chicago decided to shut down Sizemore, little did they know that a small group of 7th and 8th grade filmmakers and their teacher were not going to stand for it. Come to see this exciting film of community empowerment and stay to hear from an excellent panel of experts on the value of culturally connected education.

"Injustice anywhere, is a threat to justice everywhere."

- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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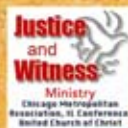
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7:00 p.m.**

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Guest Preacher**

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