

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 4, 2012

Sunday, January 29

9:00 AM	Prayer	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Christian Education	Campus
11:00 AM	Morning Worship	Sanctuary

Monday, January 30

6:45 PM	Christian Education Department Meeting	STEARC
7:00 PM	Children and Youth Advisory Board Meeting	STEARC

Tuesday, January 31

6:00 AM	Prayer	Sanctuary
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Wednesday, February 1

10:30 AM	Morning Manna	Multi-purpose Room
Noon	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Sanctuary
7:00 PM	Leader's Who Lead Bible Study	STEARC

Thursday, February 2

7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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Friday, February 3

Saturday, February 4

REMINDERS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Audio recordings are available immediately following morning worship (CDs \$7.00)
 Marriage Enrichment Classes (January 29/STEARC/9:45 AM)
 Meditative Monday (January 30) — Total Fast Until Noon
 Marriage Ministry Valentine's Day Outing (February 11)
 Minister's Meeting (February 12/MPR/4:00 PM)
 Children's Ministry Staff Meeting (February 13/STEARC/7:00 PM)
 Youth Executive Board Meeting (February 14/Annex/6:30 PM)
 Youth Liturgy Rehearsal (February 16/STEARC/7:00 PM)
 Outreach Ministry (February 17/Hope Shelter/6:00 PM)
 Food Bank (February 18/STEARC/7:00-9:00 AM)
 Senior Ministry Meeting (February 18/MPR/1:00 PM)
 Evangelism Sunday/Heritage Day (February 19)
 Greeter Ministry Meeting (February 20/STEARC/6:30 PM)
 Ash Wednesday (February 22)
 MOF Preaching Institute (February 25)
 College Student Day (February 26)

Multi-purpose Room

STEARC=Sojourner Truth Education and Resource Center



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Durham CAN (Congregations, Associations, and Neighborhoods)—Become involved with a coalition that brings people and their institutional networks together to create positive non-violent change around issues that impact Durham. Durham CAN is a vehicle for people of all backgrounds and experiences to unite for a common good. Email administrator@mofchurch.org.

Food Bank Volunteers to assist with the organization and distribution of food. Contact Carolyn Clay at (919) 572-0267.

Home Missions—If you feel called or led to visit homes and to intercede in prayer for those in our faith community who are shut-in and convalescent, please contact Brother George Melvin at (919) 641-1762.

Homeless Shelter Ministry Volunteers are needed to fellowship with residents at the Urban Ministries Shelter and assist with the preparation and serving of food every other month. Contact Regina Lance at (919) 225-2503.

Sojourner Truth Education and Resource Center Tutor/Volunteers to assist youth with homework, project and reading assignments for elementary, middle and high school children. Contact Beatrice Laney at beatricelaney@aol.com or sojourn@nc.rr.com.

Ushers to regularly participate in worship services and assist with literature distribution; welcoming, directing and seating guests and others as needed; receive offerings. Contact Michael Johnson at (919) 451-4308.

ENRICHMENT

Join the MOF Church Family for Our Winter Bible Study Series on Wednesdays

Morning Manna, 10:30 AM

Noon Day Prayer, Noon

Prayer, 7:00 PM

Bible Study, 7:30 PM

Our Topic and Tool

Christian Beliefs

by J. Deotis Roberts

Discover the beliefs, traditions, and cultures of ancient and modern religions as we seek to serve this present age.

(MOF uses the NRSV translation for community reading and Bible Study).

PRAYER

Corporate Prayer is held each Sunday at 9:00 AM, Tuesday at 6:00 AM and Wednesday at Noon and 7:00 PM. All are invited to join us for these times of prayer. Prayers offered in the MOF sanctuary provide an opportunity to intercede for members of the MOF congregation and the needs of our local and global community.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY

Christian Education classes for all ages meet every Sunday at 9:45 AM.

Preschool (3-6) and Primary (7-10) aged children meet every Sunday in the STEARC. Children will experience the wonder of God in new ways when they live B.I.G. (Believe in God).

Children's Church is held 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday in the STEARC at 11:00 AM. Parents are required to sign their child(ren) in and out.

SICK AND SHUT IN

Mother Virginia Self Room 219
Regency Extended Care Center
65 Ashburton Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10701

Mother Mary Rhodes Carver Living Center
Brother Angelo Carvana (919) 556-8332

If you know of members who are hospitalized or convalescing at home and unable to attend worship services, please call the church office at (919) 688-7838 and leave a message on the secretary's voice mail.

NEWS, RESOURCES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Christian Education Department Meeting on Monday, January 30th from 6:45-8:30 PM upstairs in the STEARC. All teachers are asked to be present and on time.

Leaders Who Lead Bible Study on February 1st at 7:00 PM in the STEARC. All leaders are asked to be present and on time.

Back to the Basics tee shirts are on sale and the last day to place an order is February 5th. Short sleeves are \$12.00 and long sleeves are \$17.00. Please see Brother George Melvin to order.

Marriage Ministry Valentine's Day outing on February 11th. Contact Brother Ronald or Sister Regina Lance for additional information.

Minister's Meeting on Sunday, February 12th at 4:00 PM in the multi-purpose room. All ministers are asked to be present and on time.

Monument of Faith will visit with the residents of Carver Living Center again this year. On Sunday, February 12th volunteers will meet at 4:00 PM at Carver to deliver Valentine's Day cards. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up in the narthex. All members are asked to bring Valentine's Day cards next Sunday for volunteers to distribute. Please add a personal note in the card. For more information contact Minister Sanetta Ponton.

Evangelism Sunday/Heritage Day on February 19th at 11:00 AM.

Greeter Ministry Meeting on Monday, February 20th at 6:30 PM in the STEARC. All greeters are asked to be present and on time.

Ash Wednesday worship service on February 22nd at 7:30 PM.

College Student Day worship service on February 26th followed by dinner for college students in the STEARC.

2012 BLACK HISTORY WRITING CONTEST

Theme: *Getting Back to Basics: Taking a look at What We have Done to positively impact the Future of Black American*

Students are invited to write about those elements that contributed to survival and progress of African American communities and how application today can strengthen communities. Essays should address how getting back to basics can benefit African Americans from a spiritual, economic, physical or mental health and/or cultural perspective(s).

The contest has two competition levels: Level I for students in grades 4-7 and Level II for students in grades 8-12. All entries are **due Sunday, February 12th**.

ELIGIBILITY

The essay contest is open to all students in grades four to twelve who attend Monument of Faith and/or the Sojourner Truth Education and Resource Center. Only one entry per student is permitted.

AWARDS – Saving Bonds

An award will be given to the first place winner and runner-up in each grade cluster:

First Place	\$150.00
Second Place	\$100.00
Third Place	\$50.00

Lend your voice to the effort to pick up the fundamental basics that have been discarded or ignored so that we strengthen ourselves and therefore our communities – submit your essay by February 12th.

LOTTERY TIMELINE FOR 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR

Lotteries will be conducted on March 2nd.

Families will receive notification letters by March 9th, by the US Postal Service.

The registration deadline for all lottery assignments at the assigned school is March 23rd.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Remember to pray for:

- those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS
- those affected by Katrina and subsequent storms
- those who continue to fight for justice for the least of these
- the world and those who continue to suffer in the midst of plenty
- the world's populations—almost 20% still lack access to safe drinking water
- the world's poorest—a few hundred millionaires own as much wealth as the world's poorest 2.5 billion
- the more than 1 billion of the world's poor who do not have access to safe water and the 2.6 billion who do not have adequate sanitation

FREERICE.COM

Freerice.com is an agency that partners with the World Food program to end hunger. When one visits the website and answers a question correctly, 10 grains of rice is donated to the United Nations World Food Program. Though it may not sound like a lot, to read how much rice has been distributed, is amazing. This is a wonderful way to help reinforce our children's learning while raising their consciousness. Pass it on.