

PLYMOUTH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Congregational

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Black History Sunday

February 18, 2007



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

CHORAL RESPONSE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (#9)

"O GOD, OUR HELP"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN (INSERT)

"I'M TRADING MY SORROWS"

INTERLUDE

UNISON INVOCATION - God we celebrate your goodness and your mercy. We thank you for carrying us through betrayal, slavery, Jim Crow, segregation, discrimination, poverty, war at home and war abroad. We thank you for giving us the strength to live victorious lives. We thank you for the outstanding contributions that we have been able to make to this country and to the world. Give us hope for the future, faith for every trial and love for every human that we might continue the work of liberation and freedom by the power of the Holy Spirit and faith in Jesus Christ. In the Name that is above every other name that is named, Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: HEBREWS 11:1-6

WELCOME TO VISITORS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SCRIPTURE: ST. LUKE 6:37-38

"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Plymouth Renaissance Choir

DEDICATION HYMN

"All Things Come of Thee"

All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

PERFORMANCE

ARMOND JACKSON

PRESENTATION OF HONOREES

DR. ELLA DAVIS

8:30am - Mary Waters & Jean and Jeff Wardford

11am - Cyrisse Allen, Chenethia Wooten, & Lamar Willis

HYMN OF PRAYER (SOZ #11)

"FATHER I STRETCH MY HAND TO THEE"

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL SELECTION

Blended Voices

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

8:30am - Dr. Phyllis Robinson

11am - Raven Davis

MUSICAL SELECTION

Plymouth Renaissance Choir

GUEST SPEAKER

Rev. Dr. Brenda Eatman Aghahowa
Professor of English at Chicago State University

*TOPIC: "SUCCEEDING AGAINST THE ODDS OR WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH"
— HEBREWS 11:1-6*

CLOSING REMARKS
& INVITATION TO JOIN THE CHURCH

Rev. Georgia Hill Thompson

RECESSIONAL HYMN (SOZ #102)

"OH FREEDOM"

(PERSONS DESIRING TO JOIN THE CHURCH MAY COME FORWARD AT THIS TIME).

BENEDICTION

(SEATED)

POSTLUDE

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An offering of benevolence will be received during the closing hymn for those less fortunate. Members and friends are asked to give a generous \$40 donation to support the Go-Getters' Church Fund project. Special envelopes are available in the program. Remember, all gifts to the church are tax deductible.

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Flowers on the Altar
In honor of our honorees

Flowers in Front of the Altar
In memory of all deceased Go-Getters

MUSIC SERVICE TODAY IS RENDERED BY PLYMOUTH RENAISSANCE CHOIR
AND BLENDED VOICES

Damon Debusse, Directory / Gerald Bailey II, Director

WORSHIP LEADER SERVING TODAY

8:30am - Dr. Phyllis Robinson / 11am - Raven Davis

DIACONATE BOARD SERVING TODAY

Willie Bell / Judith Booker / James Collins / Vickie Ethers
Michael Morrison / Walter Rushing / Thoris Walton

USHERS SERVING TODAY

Gail G. Burton / Frances Clemmons / Willie Gosten / Shirley S. Gray
Vera M. Jones / Marion F. Paradise / Jackie Perkins / Julius Reeves
Lorraine Richardson / Anderson Williams / Patricia Willis

TRUSTEES SERVING TODAY

Archie Collins / Henry Conerway / Herman Gray / Charles Harvey / Reginald Moore

ACOYLTES SERVING TODAY

8:30am - Sean Cox / Bria Elrod / Christopher Elrod / Jonathan Elrod
11am - Jordan Black / Daniel Burton / Wayne Askew / Russell Estill / Alycia Washington

GREETERS

8:30am - Go-Getters, Wade and Ella Davis
11am - Go-Getters, Charlette Taylor and Nicole Taylor

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**Dr. Brenda Eatman Aghahowa** has been an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ since February 1988 and is a member of Trinity UCC, Chicago, where the Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright Jr. is Senior Pastor, and the Rev. Mr. Otis Moss III is incoming Pastor. An ardent prayer warrior and compassionate pastoral counselor, Rev. Brenda is jubilant in worship and especially known for her famous Holy Ghost two-step.

Rev. Brenda, as church members affectionally call her, served as an associate pastor in churches and as a chaplain in hospitals. She has earned both a Master's of Religious Studies and the Doctor of Ministry from the University of Chicago Divinity School. Her D.Min. dissertation has been published as the book, *Praising in Black and White: Unity and Diversity in Christian Worship* (Cleveland: United Church Press, 1996).

With a background in print journalism, she currently serves as Chairperson of the Department of English, Communications, Media Arts and Theatre at Chicago State University. She has earned both Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, and also has earned the Ph.D. in English at the University of Illinois at Chicago, with a specialty in Language, Literacy, and Rhetoric.

Her second book, based on the UIC dissertation, will be published later this fall by Third World Press, Chicago. *Grace Under Fire: Barbara Jordan's Rhetoric of Watergate, Patriotism, and Equality* provides scholarly analysis of the speeches and writings of Jordan, the late, Texas Congresswoman who came to national prominence during the Nixon Impeachment Hearings in the early 1970s published by Third World Press, Chicago, later this fall.

A prolific writer, Rev. Brenda has more than 25 years experience as a reporter, editor, free lancer, public relations account executive, and English educator. She is CEO and Founder of the editorial consulting firm Power of the Pen, which is set to open in early 2007. The firm will specialize in document editing, grant writing, speech writing, dissertation coaching, and inspirational speaking.

Dr. Aghahowa has made scholarly presentations on issues related to rhetoric and retention of African- American college students in venues around the United States and also in England for the Oxford Round Table. Dr. Aghahowa's many community service affiliations include board membership with Hope 4 Us, a faith-based organization specializing in literacy and mentoring programs for youth, and membership in the international public service sorority Delta Sigma Theta. She is the mother of three children.



**Mary Waters** is the Chief Executive Officer of M Waters Consulting Services in Detroit. A member of the Michigan House of Representatives for many years, Mary was the first African American female floor leader in the history of the Michigan House of Representatives. This was the number two position in the legislature. She served four years in this position and was part of the two-female leadership team for the first time in the history of the Michigan House of Representatives. The goal of the female leadership team was to pick up five house seats in 2004. Instead, they picked up an additional six seats. This

put the democrats over the top, winning the majority during the female leadership's tenure.

Providing constituent services to the citizens of the 4th District in Detroit, Mary maintained an excellent voting record for six years. A member of the Leaders of the Future, Mary Waters earned a Bachelors of Arts degree from the University of Michigan and a Accounting certificate from Detroit Business Institute.

The recipient of numerous awards and honors, Mary Waters holds memberships in the NAACP, National Black Caucus of State Legislators and the National Black Caucus of Women, to name a few. She is an active member of Plymouth United Church of Christ, and the mother of three children.



**Jeffrey and Jeanne Wardford** have been members of Plymouth United Church of Christ since 1987. Since they joined PUCC, they have been dedicated members participating in all aspects of the church. Jeff has served terms on the Trustee Board and as Church Treasurer. Jeanne has worked with the Sunday school, served as church historian for several years and currently works with the Acolytes Youth Leadership Program. They have served on many committees and have always responded to the requests for support of the church. Their children are committed to the church, have served as Acolytes, on the Diaconate Board, Trustee Board, service projects and are active in the Youth Church. In support of education, Jeff and Jeanne established a Scholarship Program for the legacy of Robert J. Wardford.

Both Jeff and Jeanne K. Wardford have dedicated their lives to working for the betterment of individuals in both the public and private sector. In the community, they work to support the efforts of youth through a variety of activities in both group and individual settings. Jeff provides mentoring to African American youth and emerging leaders in both their personal and professional development. In addition, he uses his extensive experience in the corporate mergers, acquisitions and growth of profitable businesses to provide pro-bono support to non-profit organizations. Between the two of them, they serve on 10 professional boards and 25 non-profit boards. Over the last two decades, Jeanne has held several positions of progressive leadership in both the public and private sector. Her interest has always been working to develop young people and the communities in which they live. Throughout her career, she has been recognized for her ability to get to the root of the problem and recommend fair, equitable, and often times innovative solutions to age old problems. She is known for her vigorous policy work and advocacy for youth and families. Today, she focuses on creating employment opportunities for at risk youth and low-income families in communities through public and private commercial real estate development and affordable housing.

In 1993, they founded TaylarMade Creative Solutions and TaylarMade Consulting to provide strategic reengineering, site consultation, organizational development, commercial real estate development, affordable housing, project management (including construction project management) and fund development to private industry, government, non-profit organizations, and educational institutions. Now a national consulting firm, they provide services to clients throughout the United States.

Jeanne and Jeff are native Detroiters. They are high school sweethearts educated in the Detroit Public Schools Systems and graduated from Cass Technical High School. Jeffrey attended Wayne State University and Jeanne attended Michigan State University, University of Michigan and Marygrove College. They have four children: Damon (Huda), Jeffrey Jr., Robert and Taylar and two grandsons Yasir and Ayman.



**Cyrisse R. (Houston) Allen** was born in Detroit to Mary W. (Chambers) Houston and the late Herman Houston Jr. She is the second of four children (two sisters and one brother). Cyrisse attended school in the Detroit Public School system and graduated with honors from Cass Technical High School at an early age of 16. Upon graduation, she entered Central Michigan University to pursue her undergraduate studies and in 1982 received a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration in Accounting. For the next 12 years, she was employed and flourished in the Accounting field with The General Motors Corporation. In addition, she entered the U.S. Army Reserves and has actively served for over 21 years. She holds the rank of Master Sergeant and has received numerous awards and certificates for her military professionalism and leadership capabilities.

In 1997, Cyrisse had other aspirations in mind and continued to further her education and received a Masters of Science degree in Mathematics from The University of Detroit Mercy. In addition to specializing in mathematics, she obtained certification as a "Reading Recovery Specialist" with the emphasis to assist in the plight to eradicate illiteracy in our community. She has completed all of the coursework toward her Doctorate in Educational Leadership at Eastern Michigan University. Her motto is "If you can believe it, you can achieve it". And thus, she began a teaching career that had spanned for more than 10 years. Cyrisse has taught 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and the 8<sup>th</sup> grades in several DPS schools and is now teaching 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at the Plymouth Educational Center, where she has been for seven years. Cyrisse is and has been an active member of Plymouth Church since transferring her lifelong membership from St John's C.M.E. church in 1992 (joining her husbands' church). She sings in the group "Water" and with the "Plymouth Gospel Choir". Additionally, she has been a member of the Board of Christian Education and sat on the Board for this church's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. She happily participates in numerous Go-Getters activities and trips often bringing her whole family including parents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Cyrisse has been married to her husband Everad for almost 15 years and between them they have five children, Quenton (32), Katrina (28), Britney (22) from Everad's previous marriage and Jerrell (11) and Jayden (7). She enjoys family trips, reading, entertaining guests and singing.



**Chenethia Wooten** holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Human Ecology from Marygrove College. She holds several computer related certifications, including Computer Information Systems, Encad Trainer, Microsoft, Auto CAD and Visual Communication. Since 1995, as Computer Lab manager for Matrix Human Center in Detroit, she has used her knowledge and love of technology to address the digital divide by helping thousands of individuals become computer literate.

She enjoys serving her community, giving often of her time and talent for causes that benefit children and the arts. She has served on numerous boards, including Plymouth Educational Center and YMCA Minority Achievers, and is the recipient of many awards.

Ms. Wooten is a consummate professional sharing her God-given vocal talents to her church, Plymouth United Church of Christ, where she founded and served as director for Blended Voices, a contemporary gospel choir, and as a director of the church's children's choir. Throughout Metro Detroit she has made a career singing at venues with various groups, both locally and abroad. One of the highlights of her career was the opportunity for her and her band to be the opening act for the legendary Aretha Franklin. Her unique, soulful voice has often been requested to sing solo at countless social and political functions.

Ms. Wooten is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. She is a devoted mother of two boys and a girl: Enansi, 2 months; Exavier, 14; and Ecwiana, 11. This optimist enjoys life to the fullest, putting God first in everything she does. Her philosophy in life is, "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."



**Lamar Willis** was born on January 25, 1982 to Walter and Patricia Willis. Lamar attended Chrysler Elementary School and started piano lessons at Detroit Art Center Music School at age 5. Lamar was enrolled in the Civic Youth Chorus at the age of seven.

Lamar moved on to Whitney Young Magnet Middle School where he joined the school's award-winning choir and participated in a choir competition in Toronto, Canada. At the age of 11 Lamar began to play the piano for the church that he attended with his family. At age 13 Lamar was promoted to assistant church organist. Lamar graduated from Cass Technical High School with a concentration in Vocational Music and having participated in the Madrigal Singers Concert Band and Orchestra, the jazz band well as the theatre program.

Lamar began playing for the children's choir at Plymouth at the age of 15. Eventually Lamar became the pianist for the Blended Voices choir, the director of the Gospel Choir, the accompanist for the Renaissance Choir and the church organist at Plymouth United Church of Christ.

Lamar Willis is currently a student at the University of Michigan majoring in Choral Music Education. Lamar plans to further his education and attain a Master's degree in Music.

Between 1997 and 2001 Lamar was involved in many special musical opportunities. He was twice the accompanist for the Disney World Tryouts for the Lion King. He opened for the Brian McKnight concert as well as for the Kem "Kemistry" Concert together with up and coming R&B group Suai Kee.

Lamar recently traveled to New York as the primary accompanist and musical director for a play entitled "Colors" which one day will open on Broadway.

Lamar also serves as the musical director for the Corporation for Artistic Development (CAD) a non-profit musical theatre company. He is also the coordinator of the Homestead program at Horizons Upward Bound of the Cranbrook School where he is also the assistant musical director. Currently Lamar is the musical director for Cass Technical High School's rendition of "Sparkle."

## **PLYMOUTH GO-GETTERS CIRCLE ~ 2006-07 OFFICERS**

|                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| President                    | Dr. Ella J. Davis       |
| Vice President               | Marian Stephens         |
| Recording Secretary          | Charlette Taylor        |
| Corresponding Secretary      | Atty. Marian Harper     |
| Financial Secretary          | Margaret A. Higdon      |
| Treasurer                    | Ruby Burton             |
| Public Relations Coordinator | Dr. Phyllis E. Robinson |

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

|                        |                      |                         |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Mable Adams            | Hattie Dishman       | Eunice Palmer           |
| Alleen Agnew           | Karen Estill         | J. Cloteele Page        |
| Carol Alexander-Estill | Russell Estill       | Doris Parker            |
| Johnnie Boyer          | Willa Fields         | Chris Phillips          |
| Bertha Briggs          | Gladys Griffin       | Griselda Phillips       |
| Rochelle Brooks        | Atty. Marian Harper  | Billie Jo Porche        |
| Delthea Bryson         | Lennie Harris        | Lillian Robinson        |
| DeNaya Bryson          | Brenda Harvill       | Dr. Phyllis E. Robinson |
| Celina Burch           | Margaret A. Higdon   | Bette J. Session        |
| Jesse Burton           | Evelyn Hudson Wright | Josephine Sexton        |
| Ruby Burton            | Kelly Hudson         | Diedre Shelton          |
| Elizabeth Canty        | Ardine Illidge       | Marian Stephens         |
| Ruby Mae Coates        | Marie Jackson        | Charlotte Taylor        |
| Kendra Cook            | Lullamae Lee         | Nicole Taylor           |
| Vivienne Cooper        | Tessie Logan         | Dorothy Thompson        |
| Devin Davis            | Janice Malone        | Lizzie Toles            |
| Dr. Ella J. Davis      | Allene McCampbell    | Gussie Weaver           |
| Flossie Davis          | Sharon Moorehead     | Candice Williams        |
| Raven Davis            | Dorothy Nealy        | Elaine S. Williams      |
| Wade K. Davis          | Joan Oliver-Freeman  | Vera Woodruff           |

## **DECEASED GO-GETTERS**

|                     |                  |                      |                       |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Vivian Belden       | M. Janet Foote   | Margaret Hidgon      | Mable Ratliff         |
| Vera Bell           | Marcella Frazier | Georgia Hudson James | Isabelle Robertson    |
| Dorothy Bostic      | Gwendolyn Graham | Gladys Johnson       | V. Elizabeth Robinson |
| Lloyd F. Brown      | Jewel Graham     | Lillian Leonard      | Marie Rutherford      |
| Edith Cleage        | Carrie Gray      | Helen Long           | Elizabeth Saunders    |
| Helen Clement       | Naomi Greenfield | Louise Marshall      | Mary Spencer          |
| Ruth Dudley         | Gertrude Gibson  | Pearl Peoples        | Jean Stinson          |
| Janice Estill-Hayes | Carrie Griffin   |                      | Mable Swan            |
|                     | Edna S. Harrison |                      | Edna Van Riper        |
|                     | Eleanor Harrison |                      | Robbie Van Turner     |

# GO-GETTERS HISTORY

*Our group was established to form a closer bond among its members, and thus, a closer circle of fellowship within the church. Members look out for one another and try to bring out the "best" in everyone. Dedicated to financially supporting Plymouth initiatives, the Go-Getters Circle has become one of the most reliable, steadfast, enduring and largest fundraising auxiliaries. Proceeds from fundraisers are channeled directly to the church.*

*Meetings of the Go-Getters are held on the fourth Sunday of each month, immediately following the 11 a.m. service. In the past, meetings recessed during the summer and resumed in the fall with a popular "Homecoming" dinner. Plymouth members, friends and neighbors enthusiastically supported this project by purchasing homemade turkey, ham and chicken dinners, rolls, sweet potato pies and other desserts. The annual Homecoming reflected a true team effort. Several of the original members who were stalwart contributors have gone on to be with the Lord.*

*The Go-Getters' most popular fundraiser continues to be the annual one and two-day bus trips to various points of interest. Select destinations have included: Stratford, Ontario Entertainment District; Mackinac Island; Toledo, Ohio; Toronto, Ontario; Chicago, Illinois, and others. Participants enjoy the excitement and camaraderie, making it well worthwhile. Annual theater parties and entertainment nights have also been held at the Music Hall, Fox, Gem and Repertory Theaters.*

*Throughout the year, Go-Getters operate a Gift Case featuring small gifts, greeting cards, household items, custom-made leather Bible covers and other attractive items. Members rotate serving as hostesses.*

*We thank each of you for your generous financial contributions. Your tax-deductible donation of \$40 or more to our African American History project will, as always, be used to support church programs. You can count on the Go-Getters Circle to annually lead Plymouth's African American History Month Observance. We recognize that People with no past, have no future.*

*Thank you, and may God richly bless you!*

*Dr. Ella Davis, President*

# Lenten Activities at Plymouth

**Ash Wednesday is February 21, 2007.** This is the traditional beginning of the Lenten Season. Lent is the 40-day period that leads up to Easter. Plymouth will have an Ash Wednesday Worship Service at 12 Noon. At that time, Rev. Hood will preach a short sermon and distribute ashes to those who desire to wear them as a sign of penitence and faith.

**The Easter Tea** will follow the 11 a.m. worship service on the lower level of the church on Easter Sunday. Would you like to be a part of the Easter Tea Committee? Contact Mrs. Doris Ray at (313) 863-3770.

**The Easter Tea "Hat Parade."** Plan now to wear your favorite hat in the fabulous "Parade of Hats" during the Easter Tea.

**Prayer letters of encouragement to the Confirmation Class** - Eleven youths will be confirmed into the membership of the church this year. If you would like to participate in writing a personal letter of encouragement to the youth, please see Rev. Hood or Michele Edwards (myedwards@sbcglobal.net) following the worship service for names and addresses. Letters should indicate your prayerfulness for their decision and period of study prior to joining the church.

**Are you interested in reading the whole Bible this year?** Have you begun the reading schedule, but have questions? Plan to sit with Rev. Hood in his office on the first Sunday of each month from 10:15 –10:45 a.m. to ask questions regarding the Bible readings for the month.

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**Ballroom Dance Classes** - Starts Friday, February 23 and Saturday, February 24 at a cost of \$24 per person for 4 weeks (advance payment for the 4-week classes is required) \$6 per session/per person. If you miss or are unable to attend a session, with advance payment, you are welcome to attend the other night's session.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to know the basics of ballroom dancing

\_\_\_\_\_ I already know the basics but would like to know more advance techniques

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday evening

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday evening

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Plymouth Church gives its condolences in the passing of J. Cloteele Page's sister, Mayzell Rosemond Jones. The funeral arrangements were Tuesday, February 13.*



**Plymouth Gospel Choir will host today's breakfast down on the lower level of the church.**

**Eat foods that you love. Learn portion control. Lose weight in the comfort of your own church.** With a minimum of 15 members and friends, we could elect to have a 12 week or 16 week private Weight Watchers group at Plymouth. **Cost:** 12-weeks \$138 (most health insurance plans qualify you for a 10% discount off this price); OR 16 weeks: \$169. A trained Weight Watchers lecturer is on stand-by to conduct the meeting on Tuesdays at 6:00 P.M. If interested but a different day/time would be better, we could schedule with Weight Watchers. Telephone Marsha Hightower Dickerson 313-342-9494 or email [marsha\\_dickerson@comcast.net](mailto:marsha_dickerson@comcast.net) if ready to commit to a healthy, new you.



**Annual Spring Golf Trip  
April 11 - 14, 2007**



**Beautiful Hilton Head Island**

**Enjoy three rounds of golf and 4 nights / 4 person Villa accommodations. First deposit is due on February 2 for \$100.**

**Call Chris at 1-800-364-9683 for reservation information and mention Plymouth Church—Detroit.**

**GOLF RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MONDAY**

**The Plymouth Church website is now able to receive contributions for titles and offerings and tape sales using "PayPal."**

# PLYMOUTH UCC MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

## LOCAL MISSIONS

- ▶ **Gregory and Marie Moses Computer Mission** - Since 2001, PUCC has donated 60 brand new computers to high-achieving children who either live near or attend school near the church. This ministry is named after two of its early supporters, Greg and Marie Moses. For more information, contact Henrietta Carson at (313) 831-2460.
- ▶ **Nursing Home Ministry** - Each Sunday, members of PUCC fan out to provide a worship experience in local area nursing homes. Worship teams take turns singing, reading the scripture, preaching, and ministering to residents of nursing homes. For more information, contact the church office at (313) 831-2460.
- ▶ **Camping Ministry** - PUCC provides a free summer Christian camping experience for local boys and girls in Brighton, MI. If interested in participating as a leader or camper, contact Atty. Lois Collins (313) 862-6635 or Gerald Bailey II (313) 255-0317.
- ▶ **Thanksgiving Food Ministry** - PUCC gives away several hundred turkeys at Thanksgiving time to residents of the local community. If interested, contact the church office (313) 831-2460.
- ▶ **Christmas Toys for Children Ministry** - PUCC makes Christmas bright for the children of the Medical Center Courts and the Charles Diggs Homes by donating gifts. Volunteers are needed to help distribute the gifts. If interested in being part of this ministry, contact Evelyn Hudson-Wright at (313) 527-4282.
- ▶ **Inter-Faith Hospitality Ministry / Rotating Shelter** - The homeless program which is sponsored by the Inter-Faith Hospitality Ministry and hosted by Plymouth UCC will house approximately 65 homeless people as our guests during the week of February 10th—17th, 2007. If you are interested in volunteering or donating items, contact Mrs. Doris Ray at (313) 863-3770.

- ▶ **Jail Ministry** - PUCC ministers to the inmates of the Wayne County Jail and the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility. If you would like to participate in this activity, contact the church office at (313) 831-2460.
- ▶ **Transportation Ministry** - PUCC picks up members and friends and drives them to and from worship. If you would like to participate in this ministry contact the church office at (313) 831-2460.
- ▶ **Adult Literacy Program** - This ministry assists adults in learning how to read. For more information, contact Darci McConnell at (313) 343-9605.

### ***INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES***

- ▶ **Maternal Child Center in Ethiopia** - PUCC recently dedicated a maternal child center in Ethiopia. Mortality rates for pregnancy in Ethiopia are above 11%. Eleven members of PUCC including Rev. and Mrs. Hood traveled in May/June to Ethiopia as part of a medical mission to establish the maternal child clinic. Funds for this project are being raised through the benevolence offering. For more information, contact Dr. Ingida Asfaw at (313) 831-2500.
- ▶ **Repatriation of Liberian Refugees of War** - In 1997 & 1999, mission teams from PUCC traveled to Cote D Ivoire to bring medicine and cash to Liberian tribal members who were refugees of the civil war in Liberia. The PUCC mission enabled the majority of one Liberian tribe, the Sarbo tribe, to return to Liberia. If you would like to know more about this ministry, contact Dr. Johnson Tweh at (313) 341-7423.
- ▶ **Caribbean Storm Damage Relief** - PUCC has generated funds to assist with storm relief in the Caribbean. Originating out of Caribbean Sunday, PUCC is trying to make a difference. For more information, contact Thomas Sertima at (313) 931-0238.



## *Our Prayer List for Sick and Shut-in*



Mrs. Jenette Cheeseboro  
 Mrs. Lillian Robinson  
 Mrs. Victoria Davenport  
 Mrs. Dorothy Stinson  
 Mrs. Mabel Adams  
 Mrs. (Gussie Dickie) Settles  
 Mrs. Bette Session

Mrs. Georgia Harper  
 Mrs. Nellie Brown  
 Dr. Lucius May  
 Mr. Billy Patton  
 Mrs. Rosie Isabell  
 Mrs. Gustavia Ransom  
 Ms. Valerie Williams

Mrs. Buena Pykes  
 Mrs. Gladys Richardson  
 Dr. Norman McRae  
 Mrs. Ethel Hylton  
 Mr. Thomas Sertima

### *Birthday wishes for this week in February ...*

|      |                    |                         |                |
|------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| 19th | Shirley Gray       |                         |                |
| 20th | Adriane Roberson   |                         |                |
| 21st | Denise Page Hood   | Brenda Tidwell          |                |
| 23rd | Kristian Shore     | Lillian Simpson         | Kelly Murray   |
| 24th | Carol Camp         | Mildred Fuller-Broxtton | Paunice Pruitt |
| 26th | Brandon Brightwell |                         |                |
| 28th | Stefeyne Ponders   | Alice Phillips          |                |
| 29th | Janet Davis Hunt   |                         |                |

- ▶ **Henry Conerway III and his band of Morehouse College Men Jazspects** will be the featured artists at the **Friday Jazz Fish Fry on March 2, 2007** (5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. \$5 per person)
- ▶ Any church members who have **items, artifacts or photos** from their years at Plymouth are encouraged to donate these items to the **Church History Project**. Please bring them to the church office in care of Historian, Rochelle Riley.
- ▶ **The Celebration of Life Committee** is looking for new members. They serve a meal to the bereaved families and their friends following a funeral. This ministry is very important. Please contact Doris Ray at (313) 863-3770 for more information.
- ▶ **The Hospitality Committee** is accepting new members. They have opened their group to members of the church who are 12 years of age or older. If you are interested in joining, please contact Gillian Dixon @ (313) 598-9038.
- ▶ **Plymouth Banquet & Catering Facility** if you are planning an anniversary, banquet, birthday/fundraiser, luncheon, meeting, reception, retirement party, reunion or wedding why not consider Plymouth? Contact information (313) 831-4014.

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## Meetings & Activities at Pucc

- ▶ **Tuesday Night Men's Bible Study** - Rev. Paul Bigby at 6:30pm
  - ▶ **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** - Mary L. Johnson at 11am
  - ▶ **Wednesday Noon Service** - Rev. Nicholas Hood III, preaching
  - ▶ **Wednesday Southfield Bible Study** - February 14th at 6 p.m. at the Club House at 15801 Providence Drive - Seize Your Divine Moment
  - ▶ **Saturday Morning Bible Study** - Rev. Georgia Hill Thompson and Rev. David Grimmett at 9a.m.
  
  - ▶ **Men's Fellowship** - 3rd Saturdays at 9am in the Arts and Craft Room
  - ▶ **Women's Fellowship** - 2nd Saturdays at 10am in the Lounge
  - ▶ **Circle of Friends** - 3rd Sunday of each month after the 11am service
  - ▶ **Go-Getters'** - 4th Sunday of in March month after the 11am service
  - ▶ **Board of Christian Ed** - Monday, February 26th at 6pm in the lounge
  - ▶ **Trustee Board** - Monday, March 12th at 6pm in the chapel
  - ▶ **Church Council** - Tuesday, March 13th at 6pm in the chapel
  
  - ▶ **Water Choir Rehearsal** - Tuesdays at 7pm
  - ▶ **Youth Church Rehearsal** - Sundays between church services
  - ▶ **Renaissance Choir Rehearsal** - Thursdays at 6pm in the Chapel
  - ▶ **Blended Voices Rehearsal** - Saturdays at 10am in the Chapel
  - ▶ **Revelation Dance Ministry** - Saturdays at 10:30am in the Lounge
  - ▶ **Gospel Choir Rehearsal** - Saturdays at 12pm in the Chapel
  - ▶ **Yoga** - Tuesdays at 7pm / Wednesday at 10am
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#### Members and Friends of Plymouth United Church

Plymouth United Church of Christ is now able to provide automatic deduction of your contribution. Contributions can be deducted from your savings or checking account. For more information, contact Henrietta Carson at (313) 831-2460.

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Thought for the Week

February 18, 2007

Black History Month

## ***“Brotherhood Everywhere”***

*Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*  
— *Psalm 133:1 NRSV*

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Father we thank Thee that thou are our Father. We commit ourselves to Thee. May Thy spirit of absolute purity, absolute honesty, absolute unselfishness, absolute love permeate our lives. May we join our hands and our hearts with the people of the world to build a fellowship of freedom, of peace, of love, of brotherhood everywhere. Amen.

— Mary McLeod Bethune “My Prayer” in Standing in the Need of Prayer: A Celebration of Black Prayer by The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture The New York Public Library.

## **ETC...**

2 Bedroom Duplex, Freshly Painted with a Basement for rent. Please Call Barbara @ 313 683-5707.

Have a car in your driveway you want gone? Call Ron to have it removed @ (313) 833-8596.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc Detroit Alumnae Chapter and Minerva Education and Development Foundation present Jabberwock 2007, Singing for Scholarships, Sounds of Metro Detroit. Auditions are being held for Church, High School or Community Choirs. Each category has a monetary prize (and bragging rights of course). The program will be held Sunday, April 22, 2007 at the Millennium Centre Southfield. For more information & to enter please e-mail [Jabberwock\\_2007@yahoo.com](mailto:Jabberwock_2007@yahoo.com) or call 313-533-2466.

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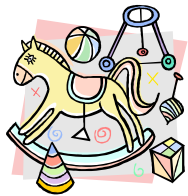
**“I’m Trading My Sorrows”**

I’m trading my sorrows, I’m trading my shame.  
I’m laying them down, for the joy of the Lord.

Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord;  
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord  
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes, Lord. Amen!

I’m trading my sickness, I’m trading my pain,  
I’m laying them down for the joy of the Lord

Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord;  
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord  
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes, Lord. Amen!



**We are going to start a Sunday school class for our toddlers, ages 18 months to 3½ years old. If you are interested, please fill out the information below and place in the offering plate. We will contact you for our organizing meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Catherine Murray at 313-215-3341 or Ron Bush II at 313-300-5445. Thank you.**



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**Sunday School Class For Toddlers**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Contact Number**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**# of Child(ren)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Age(s)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Child’s Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Child’s Name**

# YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN PLYMOUTH

## WHAT ARE A FEW OF THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP?

- ◆ A place to worship with others who believe in Jesus Christ as Savior
- ◆ An opportunity to challenge and deepen your faith through Christian education programs
- ◆ A place to live your faith through various Christian mission opportunities

## WHAT IS EXPECTED OF MEMBERS?

- ◆ Regular attendance at worship service;
- ◆ Regular financial contributions;
- ◆ The sharing of a portion of one's time, energy, and talents with the church;
- ◆ Commitment to Christ and to the church.

## WHAT IS PLYMOUTH?

A congregational church (an autonomous church governed by majority rule of its membership) which belongs to the United Church of Christ.

## WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?

That Jesus Christ is the Son of God, Lord and Savior to all, and that the Holy Spirit leads, comforts, and empowers us. We have two sacraments: baptism and communion.

*(See page 11 in the front of the hardback hymnal for a complete statement of belief.)*

## WHEN CAN YOU JOIN THE CHURCH?

Today, at the minister's invitation to join the church. For more information, contact the Reverend Nicholas Hood, III at 831-2460 or 999-4492. Fax number is 831-9531.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT WE BELIEVE, OUR HISTORY, AND MISSION, GO TO [WWW.PUCCDETROIT.ORG](http://WWW.PUCCDETROIT.ORG).**

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### INFORMATION FORM

(Please fill out and place in the offering plate or give to the minister.)

\_\_\_ Current Member    \_\_\_ Visitor    \_\_\_ New Resident    \_\_\_ Change of Address

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in membership     I would appreciate a visit from the pastor

I have no church affiliation     Please send me offering envelopes

I would like to purchase a tape/CD of today's sermon

Would like to receive a prayer from Rev. Hood via email

Desire information on Planned Giving to the Church