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2018 Gubernatorial General Election

For the 2018 elections, you can vote in person before election day. Who can vote early? Any person that is eligible to register to vote can vote. Registered voters have always been able to vote during early voting, but now individuals who are eligible but not yet registered can register and vote.

To register and vote during early voting, go to an early voting center in the county where you live and bring a document that proves where you live. This document can be your MVA-issued license, ID card, or change of address card, or your paycheck, bank statement, utility bill, or other government document with your name and new address.



You will be able to register to vote and vote.
Early Voting for the General Election - Thursday, October 25, 2018 through Thursday, November 1, 2018 from 10 am until 8 pm. General Election - November 6, 2018, 7 am until 8 pm

<https://elections.maryland.gov>

Register—Show up—Vote!

From the Pastor's Desk: "Do It on Purpose"

Too many times in our lives we are reactive to our circumstances. What I mean is that we wait until something happens before we do something. We wait until we are in trouble to ask for help, we wait until we receive something to express thanks, we wait until we have something in order to give. Our tendency to react to our conditions often leaves us in danger of missing out on the fulfillment that comes with each day of our journey.

The big question is; what motivates us! We can become so uninspired in our living until we approach each day without the drive and the purpose that is required for successful living. Did you make up your mind this morning that this was going to be a good day, or did you decide that you would just take the day as it comes? Have you decided to live according to your purpose, or are you content just living according to others' expectations? All of these questions can be addressed if we are to do one specific thing—live life on purpose.

My mentor, Bishop Michael Graves preached a sermon entitled "Living on Purpose". I listen to that sermon often because it reminds me that life is too precious and too important to live accidentally or arbitrarily. When we live on purpose we choose to live our lives according to the plan that God has for us, with the full expectation that our purpose in life will come to fruition. God's plan is clear. His plan is for us to prosper and not be in want. His plans are good plans and they give purpose to our lives.

Today, make up your mind that you will live life on purpose. Your purpose is established in God's will, is covered by God's word, and is protected by God's grace, Now, let us live life on purpose because that is what God intends for us today!

Pastor Todd



Special Projects Update

The smell of fresh paint is a sure sign that progress is being made in our on-going Special Projects to enhance the church interior and exterior.

The repairing of the bricks and mortar on the front and sides of the building continues.

The painting in the lower hallway, both stairways and Parlor is near completion. The work was labor intensive and included repairing and smoothing of the walls and ceiling surfaces before painting could begin. Maintenance on the existing boiler has been completed and a new boiler is being installed as this goes to print.

As Pastor Todd noted in his letter of July 13, 2018: "We have developed a number of high-need, moderate cost projects that will keep us engaged in the work of enhancing this worship facility for future use. These projects will help us to maintain momentum that began last summer by your kindness and generosity..."

Finally, I want to share why this work matters. It is more than simply making cosmetic changes to the building that has been our home for almost 90 years. We do this work because God has blessed us to impact lives, be witnesses to the goodness of God's love and work in the world, to actively promote justice, and to inspire another generation of leaders to receive the baton of service and continue this work in the future. This is why this work is important. Let us recommit ourselves to the holy work of Changing Lives, Building Legacies - TOGETHER!!!"

Your continued support for this effort is critical so that we finish well, complete the work, and make our scheduled payments on time. Your gifts to the Special Projects may be donated by checks made payable to DMCC-MECU or on the Givelify app.

Family Ties Initiative

On Tuesday, October 9, 2018, Camp Farthest Out (CFO) launched a new family support program; the Family Ties Initiative for families with children between the ages of 6 and 18.

The free 15-week Fall session is designed to strengthen and empower the family unit and individual family members through family centered

training and activities. The program includes breakout sessions for each age group, home-style dinner, childcare and lots of fun exercises and activities. Minister Deborah Ivory serves as the Program Director for the Family Ties Initiative.

The Family Ties Initiative is supported by a grant from the Baltimore Children & Youth Fund. Kudos to Sis. Jennifer White and Rev. Vivian Ferebee for their hard work to secure the grant!

Project HEAL Comes to Douglas Church

“Beloved, I pray that you will prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.”

III John 1:2

By Rev. Lottie L. Sneed

Douglas Memorial Community Church has entered into a partnership with the University of Maryland School of Public Health, College Park, MD. Project HEAL (**H**ealth Through **E**arly **A**wareness and **L**earning) focuses on early detection and awareness for breast, prostate and colon cancer. Project HEAL is a research based project that endeavors to help educate, empower, and connect people with resources for cancer screenings.



The project partnership, which is offered through a three-part series of workshops, recognizes the important role of congregations in the promotion of preventive health practices.

Bro. Tim Rice and Rev. Lottie Sneed were the two members of Douglas Church who received training and were certified as Community Health Advisors.

The first information session was launched with overwhelming congregational support on Sunday, October 7th following the worship service. The next session which will be held on Sunday, November 4th immediately after the worship service and will focus on breast and prostate cancer. The final session will be held the following Sunday, November 11th, after the 10:30 am worship service and will focus on colon cancer. Please confirm your plans to attend by contacting our Rev. Lottie or Bro. Tim.



University of Maryland, Baltimore Selects Pastor Todd as a *Champion of Excellence*

Excerpts from the article on the website of the University of Maryland, Baltimore. The University of Maryland, Baltimore is the founding campus of the University System of Maryland, 620 W. Lexington St., Baltimore, MD 21201.

The entire article and the full UMB Champions of Excellence 2017-2018 gallery can be found at:

<https://www.umaryland.edu/champions/2017-18-champions/empowering-community-through-social-action/>

“Here you will find stories of these 2017-18 UMB Champions highlighting their accomplishments and how they exemplify the University’s mission and core values.”

Empowering Community Through Social Action

Influential civil rights attorney Charles Hamilton Houston, who worked to dismantle the Jim Crow laws and mentored future Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, once said that a lawyer is “either a social engineer or a parasite on society.”



The Rev. Sheridan Todd Yeary, PhD, M.Div., a third-year evening student at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, wants to be the engineer.

Yeary is the senior pastor of Baltimore’s Douglas Memorial Community Church and an adjunct professor in the College of Public Affairs at the University of Baltimore. He’s a third-generation pastor who has devoted the last 17 years of his life to serving the faith community and advocating for civil rights.

As a child, Yeary would have told you he wanted to be a lawyer when he grew up. Now in his 50s, with both a master’s and doctoral degree under his belt, he’s making it happen.

“When people don’t have a real advocate who understands the dynamics or the rules of the game, they find themselves at a tremendous disadvantage,” Yeary says. “Law is not about right and wrong. It’s about rules.”

But Yeary cares greatly about right and wrong. At his core, he is a pastor, and always will be. Even his wife, Rhonda S. Boozer-Yeary, is an ordained minister.

With his law degree, he hopes to balance these two interests — what’s morally right and what law allows — to become the strongest possible advocate for his community of West Baltimore. His mission is to make sure public officials don’t “run the train off the rails,” leaving folks who live at the margins unrecognized, unacknowledged, or unrepresented.

It’s one of the reasons Yeary came to Maryland Carey Law: the school’s focus on both theory and practice, applying these to actual human rights concerns at the policy and advocacy level. He wanted to be in a place where he could partner with and learn from some of the most relevant black legal professionals in history — such as Larry S. Gibson, LLB, professor of law.

. . . After the 2015 death of Freddie Gray in the custody of the Baltimore Police Department, the city erupted in a wave of violence, crime, and arson. In response, Yeary participated in what he called a “ministry of presence” where he and other religious leaders served as a buffer between police and protesters while sections of Baltimore burned.

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The evening of Gray's funeral, Yeary and his clergy colleagues knelt and prayed in the street, placing their bodies between police in riot gear and demonstrators. It was a powerful, collective response to the pain of communities like Yeary's, where the laws and policies often aren't aligned with the people with which they serve.

This is just one example of Yeary's decades-long commitment. He contributed to open and honest dialogue about the need for more opportunity — education and economic — in the black community. He advocated for economic inclusion in disadvantaged communities, marriage equality, bail reform, and legislation that would remove barriers for employment of former inmates. He called for peace and purpose after violence and violation.

... He has pursued, persisted, and propelled social justice in a way that harkens back to the civil rights movement he was born into. And he's not stopping anytime soon, considering the current political climate. At a time when demonstrators demand that black lives matter, white supremacists ready for violence over the removal of a Civil War statue, and the president of the United States heads a controversial border crossing initiative, Yeary feels his actions are more needed than ever.

He's seen where social and political regression like this goes — he knows the history, and he knows it tends to repeat itself, but only if allowed. Yeary plans to continue his current ministry and activism in the face of these challenges, now with another tool in his toolbox — a law degree, when he graduates in 2019.

"I have the opportunity to fight for issues that may not directly impact me now," Yeary says, "but they're important for so many other people. I'm called to be a social engineer, not a social parasite."

Christian Education Reboot: Fall Discipleship Academy

During summer Sabbatical, Douglas Church members were asked to complete a sign-up form as we planned the launch of the Fall Discipleship Academy (Christian Education).

Pastor Todd has selected engaging topics and texts for each class. The current courses of study include:

Sunday Breakfast Club (Sunday School)

- Meets at 9:15 am
- Topic for Session 1—Generous Living: More Than Money
- Topic for Session 2—What are the Civics Behind Our Faith?
- Breakfast is served each week

Wednesday Midday Bible Study

- Meets at 12 Noon
- Topic: The Gospel of Matthew, continuation

Wednesday Family Bible Study

- Meets at 6:30 pm
- Topic: The Cost of Discipleship using portions of "The Cost of Discipleship" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Internet Bible Study

- Topic: Enhancing Your Prayer Life Using the Psalms
- Time and day TBA

Everyone is encouraged to participate in one or more study for great learning experiences, spiritual growth, fellowship and FUN!

Join the
DMCC Activities Committee
 for these fellowship events!

Bowling Night!



Friday, November 9, 2018 from 7-10 pm
 for a night of bowling, food and fun at
 Brunswick Zone Normandy Lanes
 8419 Baltimore National Pike
 Ellicott City MD 21043

\$30 cost includes shoe rental, 2 games, food
 and soft drinks. No transportation will be
 available, so get your car pools together.



Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 5 pm
 Featuring our own Crystal Freeman
 Performance will be at The Motor House
 120 West North Avenue
 Baltimore MD 21201
 Tickets are \$25

See Barbara Alston , Pat Briggs, Ranjanie
 Young or Terrell Young to sign up for
 bowling and the *Black Nativity performance*.

Announcements and Reminders

- **Women's Yoga**—end of the Fall session, Monday, October 29, 2018
- **Project HEAL**—Workshop # 2, Sunday, November 4 following the worship service
- **Bowling Night with the Activities Committee**—Friday, November 9 at 7 pm. See the announcement.
- **ICCC Regional Banquet**—Saturday, November 10, 2018 at DMCC from 11 am-3 pm, tickets are \$13, see Sandra Roberts or Mary Summers.
- **Project HEAL**—Workshop # 3, Sunday, November 11 following the 10:30 worship service.
- **Joint Thanksgiving Service**—Thursday, November 22 at 10 am at DMCC, guest preacher: Dr. Grady A. Yeargin, Senior Pastor of City Temple of Baltimore Baptist Church
- **Budget Meeting**—Saturday, December 8 at 10 am
- **Black Nativity**—Sunday, December 9 at 5 pm. Tickets \$25. See the announcement.
- **Christmas Worship Service**—Sunday, December 16 at 9:30 am, special music presentation.
- **Watch Night**—Monday, December 31, Pre-reception at 9 pm, service at 10:30 pm

*Celebrating Birthday Blessings!***October**

- 1 Gary Myers
- 2 Florence Brown,
Frances Cunningham
- 3 Earl Andrews,
Forriest Ayers
- 4 Carole Green
- 5 Elizabeth Cooper
- 6 Elijah Smith
- 7 Cynthia Parker
- 8 Earline Johnson
- 9 Danielle Sheppard
- 10 Katie Powell
- 13 William Moore
- 15 Earline Adams
- 18 Taniya Bowie
- 23 Thomas Phillips
- 25 LeeEtta Harris,
LaVerne Simms
- 26 Floyd Hopps
- 29 Tammy Williams
- 30 Deborah Simms

November

- 1 Edna Gaither,
Bernadette Green
- 3 Samuel Little, Nala Smith
- 4 Preston Brown,
Ephelyn Smith
- 8 Yvonne Butler
- 17 Tiyon Bowie,
Angela Snead
- 19 Deborah Winston
- 20 Martin Morgan, Sr.
- 23 Rev. Rhonda Boozer-
Yeary, Raymond Carr
- 25 Mary Lee, Mary Matthews
- 26 Patricia Briggs,
Moses McAllister
- 29 Adele Harris

December

- 1 Carl Jackson
- 2 Helen Carr,
Gloria Weaver
- 4 L. Douglas Bryant,
Lillian Jackson
- 5 Marsha Hall,
Doris Shorter
- 8 Lonnia Greene-Sanders
- 9 Steva Komeh-Nkrumah
- 11 Patrick Roberson
- 12 Susan White
- 16 Theron Whitaker
- 17 Marvin Carmichael,
Spurgeon Reynolds
- 18 Constance Hammond,
Jerry Prettyman
- 19 Brenda Allison,
Johnnie Hill
- 20 Shirley Jones
- 22 Alice Rasbury Hill
- 25 Marie Clarke
- 26 Millicent Yates
- 27 Hilbert Byers, III
- 29 Brenda Myers
- 30 Louis Davis, Jr.
- 31 Doris Pollard,
Nicole Rock

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 19:11 NIV

Bible Puzzles: Puzzling Proverbs (NIV)

N	A	L	W	O	A	K	Y	U	W	T
S										R
U	Here's a super fun Bible word game!									M
N	We've hidden a verse from Proverbs in this shape.									A
O										I
R										T
B										P
U										H
C	To find it, you'll need to start at the correct letter and then read every second letter, going in a clockwise direction.									O
T										A
U										F
R										G
Y	How long will it take you to uncover the wisdom of this proverb?									O
E										E
T										L
W										N
E										I
S	I	N	D	A	S	E	R	L	E	T

Answer:
A gentle answer turns away wrath. Proverbs 15:1

W	A	H	T	O	R	W	E	A	M	L	I	K	N	S
R													O	
E	Here's another Puzzling Proverb. Follow the same directions as the first puzzle.												W	
C													C	
H													I	
E													A	
S													T	
L													E	
I													H	
K													R	
W													T	
Y													P	
S													H	
T													D	
W													E	
A	O	E	R	B	G	N	E	O	S	L	I	A	W	F

Answer:
He who walks with the wise grows wise. Proverbs 13:20



Special Enabling Committees

At the Semi-Annual Meeting in July, Pastor Todd announced the formation of several enabling committees to support the life and work of our church; and appointed members to serve on each committee. The committees are:

Book Club—To equip the saints by engaging in readings that broaden our appreciation for different genres of literature, expand our biblical world-view, and encourage and strengthen relationships.

Governance Committee—To review the current structure of governance and determine the best structure to meet the future needs of our congregation.

Scholarship/Endowment Committee—To develop and explore ways we can support the next generation in learning; and enhance our existing endowment commitments.

Black History Steering Committee—To develop and explore ways through activities and programs to celebrate our heritage and culture.

Social Activities Committee—To provide more opportunities for us to fellowship together, and encourage and strengthen relationships.

Pastor Todd met with the committees as a group in September to review the mission and purpose of each committee and how they will function.

To date, the Social Activities Committee has planned a Bowling Night and an outing to see a performance of Langston Hughes' *Black Nativity*. (see the announcements on page 6)

The committees will continue their work and you will be hearing more in the near future.