

The Shiloh Spirit



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The Pastor's Pen

Today in the church year is referred to as All Saints Day. Following is an article by Robert Linthicum which explores the connection between All Saints Day and Halloween:

All Saints Day is a feast day of great antiquity. References to such a feast are noted by St. Ephrem Syrus (who died in AD 373) in his papers and by the great preacher, Chrysostom (who died in 407). It received pontifical authorization by Pope Boniface IV on May 13, 609, and has been celebrated by all the church ever since. In the Western churches, it is celebrated on November 1 of each year, while in the Eastern churches, it is celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. In churches that do not celebrate the daily hours, All Saints Day is observed on the first Sunday of November.

The purpose of All Saints Day is to honor all the Christian saints, known and unknown, who have been part of God's work through Christ upon the earth. As the Book of Common Prayer puts it, it is a day for celebrating all "the Saints, Martyrs and Doctors of the Church". It is followed by All Souls Day (November 2), in which the church commemorates all the souls of the faithful departed. Thus, with the observance of both these days, we remember all those in Christ who have gone before us, back to the Apostles themselves.

And what does **Halloween** have to do with all this? It is All Saints Day that gave rise to the celebration of Halloween, or "All Hallows Eve" (All Saints Day was also called "All Hallows Day" or "All Hallowed Day"). In the medieval church, All Hallows Eve emerged from the mythology and storytelling of the people as the night that the ghosts of the dead prowled the earth, waiting to be honored on the next two days. This was never official teaching of the church (in fact, the church greatly discouraged it), but it rapidly caught on in popular culture. People envisioned that the dead walked about the earth as skeletons, ghosts or in their ancient clothes, knocking on people's doors and demanding treats or face the consequences. Most people huddled in fear in their homes, townspeople would set giant bonfires to both illuminate the town and drive away the evil spirits, and young pranksters would dress up in costumes both to scare people and to gather booty. Halloween was greatly feared by most medieval and Renaissance people, and they were relieved when the light of November 1 dawned and the feast day began!

Lectionary Study, All Saints Day and Halloween, Dr. Robert Linthicum, Partners in Urban Transformation, 2009.

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Sunday, November 1, 2009

Reading Through The Bible

November 8:

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

November 15:

1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-15; Mark 13:1-8

November 22:

2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-18; Revelation 1:4:b-8; John 18:33-37

November 29 – First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

New Members Received by Faith Circle



This Week at Shiloh

Sunday, November 1, 2009

Deacons' Morning Prayer – 8:30 a.m./Deacons' Room

Unity Service – 10:00 a.m.



Holy Communion

DCCF Credit Union	LL/FLC
Combined Adult Church School Classes (9:00 a.m.).....	Sanctuary
Youth Church School Classes – Middle School & Senior High (9:00 a.m.)	TF
Children's Sunday School Classes (9:00 a.m.)	Gym/FLC
Youth Church (10:00 a.m.)	COH/FLC
Guest Hospitality	TF/FLC
Nurses Unit Meeting	Library/FLC
Gospel Choir Executive Board Meeting	LL/FLC

Monday, November 2, 2009

No Activities Scheduled

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Program	216/FLC
4:00 - Male Youth Advancement Program	Gym/FLC
6:30 - Children's Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
6:30 - Senior Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 - Circle Leaders Council Meeting.....	HH/FLC
7:15 - WCS Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal	Choir Room

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Program	216/FLC
11:45 - Mid Week Bible Study	LL/FLC
12:00 - DC Christian Federal Credit Union	LL/FLC
1:00 - Senior Citizens Club Meeting.....	HHN/FLC
4:00 - Male Youth Advancement Program	Gym/FLC
6:30 - Gospel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 - Brotherhood of Shiloh Men Meeting.....	216/FLC
7:00 - Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting	208/FLC

Thursday, November 5, 2009

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Program	216/FLC
10:00 - Needle Arts & Knitting Class	HH/FLC
4:00 - Male Youth Advancement Program	Gym/FLC
6:30 - Prayer & Praise Service	Sanctuary
7:00 - Bible Institute	Sanctuary

The Lectionary Link: The Power of Study

Friday, November 6, 2009 - No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, November 7, 2009

10:00 - WiFi Techno Café	TF/FLC
10:00 - Magic @50 Health & Fitness Expo	Gym &HH/FLC
10:00 - Girl Scouts – Brownie & Daisy	LLA&B/FLC
10:00 - Girl Scouts – Junior Level	208/FLC
10:00 - Boy Scouts Meeting	216/FLC
11:00 - Step Team Practice	Choir Room
11:00 - Messiah Rehearsal	Sanctuary
2:00 - Youth Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Sunday, November 8, 2009
Veterans Recognition Sunday
Baptism

CCF Credit Union	LL/FLC
Guest Hospitality	TF/FLC
Alpha Class	Gym/FLC
Caleb Class	Sanctuary/P Street Side-Rear
E.L. Harrison Class	COH/FLC
Ever Ready Class	Library/FLC
Excelsior Class	Sanctuary/Center
Genesis Class	RBC/FLC
John A. Miles Class	208/FLC
Littlejohn Class	Gym/FLC
Silent Mission Class	Gym/FLC
Waldron/Gill Class	Gym/FLC
Walker Memorial Class	216/FLC
Young Adult Class	Gym/FLC
Nursery & Pre-K Classes	LLA&B/FLC
Elementary & Upper Elementary Classes	LL/FLC
Jonathan Class	Sanctuary/Balcony
Middle School Class	RBC/FLC
Senior High Class	TF/FLC
New Members Workshop (9:30 a.m.)	Deacons' Room
Adah Circle Meeting	RBC#1/FLC
Berean Circle Meeting	208/FLC
Bethel Circle Meeting	COH/FLC
Calvary Circle Meeting	HHN/FLC
Faith Circle Meeting	HHC/FLC
Golden Rule Circle Meeting	RBC#2/FLC
Hill Climbers Circle Meeting	Gym/FLC
Mt. Sinai Circle Meeting	LL/FLC
Phoebe Circle Meeting	Library/FLC
Ruth Circle Meeting	216/FLC

Discipleship News

Welcome New Members

*Liska Renee Bodrick – Excelsior Circle
Lucinda Ann Fox – Sacrifice Circle*

Thank You Notes

To Pastor Wallace Charles Smith, First Lady G. Elaine Smith, Reverend Mensah and my Shiloh family: Words cannot express my appreciation for your prayers, phone calls, gifts and the many cards I received upon the death of my brother, Morris Brown. It was a comfort to know that you were thinking of me and praying for me. Although I cannot be with you in person, my heart will always be at Shiloh and you will always be my family. I thank God for Shiloh and for “the ties that bind.”

Ruby Burke

Thank you Reverend Smith, the ministerial staff, the Deacon Board, Fellowship Circle and my Shiloh family for all your prayers, cards, calls and concern shown for me during my two recent eye surgeries. Though I have additional surgery in my future I know that God has been with me thus far and I have truly felt your love. “I need you, you need me. We are all a part of God’s body. I need you to survive” Thank you so much. To God be the glory! Great things he has done!

Deacon Janice Carter Bowden

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Deaconess Lois Pirtle (Omega Circle) in the loss of her brother, James Pirtle, Deaconesses Tanyana Saxton and Judy C. Williams (Faith Circle) in the loss of their aunt, Inez C. Prater; Melvin Holmes (Antioch Circle) in the loss of his mother, Beulah Holmes Davis and Willa Hall Smith (Queen Esther Circle) in the loss of her mother, Evie Marshall Hall, mother-in-law of Deacon Charles D. Smith (Omega Circle).

Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service

(Thursday Evenings)

November 5.....Alpha & Antioch Circles
November 12Berean & Bethel Circles
November 19Calvary & Dorcas Circles

Circles Receiving New Members

November 1Faith Circle
November 8Fellowship Circle
November 15Friendly Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

November 1Alpha Circle
November 8Antioch Circle
November 15Berean Circle

Church School Lessons

At-A-Glance

The New Covenant Community

November 8 – A Chosen People (1 Peter 2:1-10) Peter called the people to come together in faith and form a new community. He taught that salvation includes an ongoing process of being built into a “spiritual house” where Christ is

the foundation and cornerstone. The people of God are called to proclaim God’s amazing deeds. The way we live sends a clear signal about who we are and what we believe. What distinguishes members of the Christian church from other groups? Peter teaches that we are a “royal priesthood”, a “holy nation” whose purpose is to declare God’s mighty acts, as Peter did in Acts 4.

November 15 – A Suffering People (1 Peter 4:12-19) Peter teaches how Christians are to respond when they suffer for the sake of the Gospel. Life tests us in many ways. How are we to respond to the trials and sufferings that come our way? Peter believed that those who suffer as Christians are to rejoice as they follow Christ, even as the apostles did when they were arrested for teaching people about Jesus.

November 22 – A Faithful People (2 Peter 1:2-15) Peter teaches about the faith of a godly person and the relationship between deeply rooted faith and godly living. We all have faith in something or someone, but we often find it hard to develop this faith. How can we support and strengthen a growing and effective faith? Peter’s second letter teaches that goodness, knowledge, self-control, endurance, godliness, mutual affection, and love all undergird a growing faith.

From Our Ministries....

Every member is requested to help make

Shiloh’s first

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM

a memorable event for children from our partner school, Seaton Elementary.

The Angel Tree will be available in the lobby, each Sunday during November

for members to select the name of a child for whom they will purchase a specified

toy or item of clothing. Please bring all gifts to the church, unwrapped, by Sunday,

November 29, 2009. We will have a celebration at Seaton to provide the gifts to the recipients.

Contact your Circle Leader should you have questions.

Matthew 18:5 - And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

Bible Institute Series 2009-2010

The Lectionary Link: The Power of STUDY

1st Thursdays

Teaching: Pastor Wallace Charles Smith
Leadership Challenge: Ministers, Deacons, Trustees &
Senior Choir

2nd Thursdays

Teaching: Reverend George Mensah
Leadership Challenge: Deaconesses, Circle Leaders &
Ushers

3rd Thursdays

Teaching: Minister Thomas Bowen
Leadership Challenge: Village Council, Ministry
Leaders & Gospel Choir

4th Thursdays

Teaching: Minister LaKeisha Blount/Reverend Jasmyn
Bowden (alternating Thursdays)
Leadership Challenge: Young Adults, WCS Ensemble,
Church School Teachers

HBCU Corner

*Mark your calendar...Upcoming College
Fairs*

November 10...Suitland High School, 9am - 11am (Suitland,
MD)

November 14...Alpha Phi Alpha (Stephen Decatur Community
Center, Clinton, MD)

November 14...Mt. Enon Baptist Church

November 14 Congresswoman Donna Edwards (Bowie State
University)

November 17...Largo High School(Largo, MD)

*Open House Programs at Bowie State University.....9:00am -
1:00pm*

Gain first hand insight into undergraduate academic programs,
support services, and student life at Bowie State University.
To make a reservation, please call (301)860-3415, 3392 or
ugradadmissions@bowiestate.edu. Dates are November 15th,
February 21st and March 28th.

“Christian Men Taking a Leadership Role for the Lord

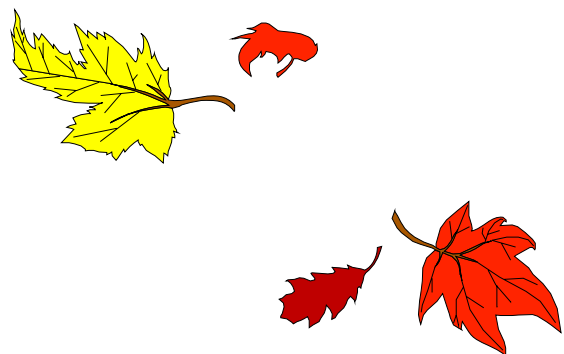
Plans for the 2010 Men's Day Program are underway. Our
kickoff meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18,
2009, at 6:30 P.M. in the Family Life Center. Several
activities are being planned. You are cordially invited to
come and take part in the planning sessions. Your ideas and
participation will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact co-chairs: R.J. Benn
(301) 330-8682 or Felix Cummings (301) 753-1890.

146th Anniversary

Gift

Mount Sinai Circle
\$146.00



Be a Champion for Children's Health November 4th at our Nation's Capitol

Devante Johnson's mother followed all the rules to get her son enrolled in Texas' Medicaid program. Because of the bureaucracy of the renewal process, Devante had to go four full months without needed treatment for the tumors in his kidneys. He died in March 2007 at age 14 from complications of cancer.

Children die and suffer every day because we fail to provide them an accessible, affordable and comprehensive health system. We can and must change that this year. Your voice can make a difference. If we don't ACT NOW to ensure health reform legislation provides all children, all care, everywhere, these avoidable travesties could happen again. As people of faith, we must raise a loud, prophetic voice NOW for all the uninsured and underinsured children in America. God didn't create two classes of children.

It's time to get real health reform for children rolling! So, get your baby strollers, scooters or walking shoes ready and join the Champions for Children's Health Stroller Brigade to the Capitol. Tell your member of Congress to become a champion for children by ensuring that children are better off after health care reform with a child health system that works! The Children's Defense Fund's Champion for Children's Health Stroller Brigades will begin in our Nation's Capital on November 4th with stroller brigades across the country November 6-8th. Children have no other voice but yours. Lift it high and loud to ensure an accessible, affordable and comprehensive health care system for children wherever they live.

RSVP today!

E-mail: champions@childrensdefense.org

Phone: (202) 662-3641

To volunteer to help in the effort leading up to and on the event on November 4th visit

www.childrensdefense.org/DCvolunteer

Magic @50 Health and Fitness Expo

Shiloh members, family and friends are invited to attend the exciting and informative Magic@ 50 Health and Fitness Expo that will be held in the Family Life Center on Saturday, November 7 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Free health screenings will be available for diabetes, asthma, blood pressure, HIV and other health concerns. Over 25 exhibitors will provide free material, advice and healthy snacks. The event is sponsored by Aetna Insurance, Magic Johnson Enterprises and AARP Essential Premier Health Insurance.

FLCF Art Show and Auction Fundraiser



The Henry C. Gregory III Family Life Center Foundation will celebrate its 27th Anniversary on Saturday, November 14, 2009 with its First Annual Art Show and Auction Fundraiser. The Art Show & Auction Fundraiser will be presented by *Overdue Recognition Art Gallery of Bowie, Maryland* and feature original fine art, collectables, sculptures, memorabilia and more, at a variety of price points. On display will be the work of such artists as Anthony Armstrong, Charles Bibb, Elizabeth Catlett, Joseph Holston, The Twin, Michael and Lisa Hansel, Alonzo Adams, Larry Saxton to name a few.

The Art Show & Auction will be held in Heritage Hall at 2 pm, immediately following the Shiloh Debutante Program Get Acquainted Tea. It will include an art sale from 2 pm to 7 pm, a silent auction from 2 pm to 4 pm, a live auction from 4 pm to 6 pm and a second silent auction from 4 pm to 6 pm. The Art Show & Auction Fundraiser is free and open to the public. Donations and proceeds received will be used to defray the costs of the event and to support the community outreach programs of the Family Life Center Foundation. All are invited to attend and participate for as long as you desire and your schedule permits. For more information, please call Lorraine Holmes-Settles, Family Life Center Foundation Executive Director (202-713-7011 or 202-232-4288 ext. 21) or Keith Anderson (202-257-7682). We hope you will join us and help make the 27th Anniversary celebration of the Family Life Center Foundation a great success.

The Ushers' Corner November 2009

**For Training Call Charlotte Bolton-Hicks
(301/499-0628)**

Sunday, November 1 – Unit #2 Serves
10:00 a.m. Unity Service

Thursday, November 5 – Unit #2 Serves
6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise; Bible Institute

Sunday, November 8 – Unit #4 Serves

Thursday, November 12 – Unit 4 Serves
6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise; Bible Institute

Sunday, November 15 – Unit #5 Serves

Thursday, November 19 – Unit #5 Serves
6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise; Bible Institute

Community Outreach Ministry Recognition

November is Community Outreach Ministry Month at Shiloh. The Community Outreach Ministry is committed to providing assistance, counseling and other services that enhance the physical, spiritual and emotional well-being of those in need. There will also be weekly articles in the Shiloh Spirit offering more insight on the ministries. All Shiloh members are encouraged to volunteer toward achieving the successful outreach of the Community Outreach Ministries.

November 1st

Human Services Program, Reverend Robert Felton, Director.

November 8th

Frontiers for Social Justice Ministry, Wilbur Holcomb, Director (jholcomb20901@yahoo.com) (301) 593-1989)

November 15th

27th Anniversary of the Family Life Center Foundation., Reverend Dr. Crystal Kuykendall, Board Director and Lorraine Holmes Settles, Executive Director (202/ 232-4288, ext 21 or lholmes@aol.com.)

November 22nd

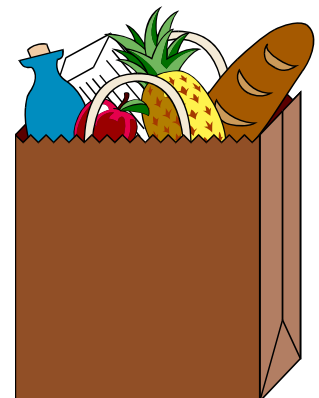
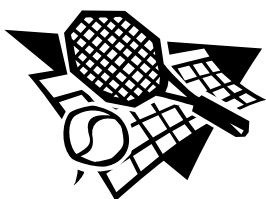
Missions Ministry, Christine Barker, Director (barkerdata@verizon.net.301/ 839-4242)

YACS (Your Active Christians of Shiloh) Edwenia Watkins, Chair (202/ 726-2913).

November 29th

Tennis-At-Shiloh, Maurice Patterson, Director (mpatterson@mandtbank.com.202/529-6698)

Exercise Program, Dr. Sheryl Lucas, Director (Sheryl.e.lucas@gmail.com)



Human Service Program

Jesus spoke of the need to protect the “least of these”. He also fed the hungry, healed the sick and preached the Gospel to the poor. In fact, it could be said Jesus was our best example of what community outreach and service should be. Special recognition is given to the work of the Human Services Program today.

Although it falls under the auspices of the Family Life Center Foundation, the Human Services Program has developed a reputation throughout the city for meeting the immediate needs of the “least, lost, locked out and left behind”. On a daily basis, Reverend Felton provides the resources that feed the hungry and facilitate the healing of sick bodies and minds. No one has ever left Reverend Felton’s office without hearing him deliver a sermonette.

The Shiloh Human Service Program is one of the most unique and comprehensive of its kind. Every month, Reverend Felton counsels hundreds of needy community residents who have fallen on hard times. Through his God-given and Jesus inspired compassion, Reverend Felton dispenses funds to those in great need. Assistance is given to pay utilities, delinquent rent, funeral expenses and a host of other survival needs.

For more information on the Human Services Program, contact Reverend Robert Felton at (202) 232-4288 or clfelton2@verizon.net.

