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Pastor

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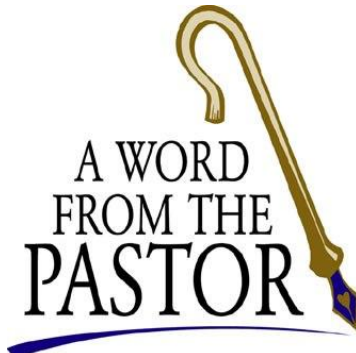
Important Dates

August

11, 18, 25 Pastor's Vacation

September

8 Grandparent'/Senior Citizen's Day
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22 Women's Day Service



Clearly, as I have learned over the years, church members like to go on road trips during the hot summer months. I am sure that many of these excursions are well deserved and heartily earned. But now, for our financial church support during these vacationing months we must not forget our Lord's work. We must remember that as Christians, the Lord Jesus has given us a job to do for him. As a united body of Christians, we must continue to work collectively in our duty before our God. Because, you and I are the candlestick in Christ's hand. So, we must not forget to serve him with all of our heart and mind. Jesus said in Matthew 6:20-21; "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." These words of the Lord Jesus will stand forever as the secret of heavenly blessings through our obedience of giving cheerfully, to the ministry and to the work of our Savior, especially during these summer months. Furthermore, I encourage every member to continue to work diligently toward the work God has given us here at First Community. Just imagine saying, I am here to help do something that God wants done, and I intend to do my best, because I love the Lord Jesus and my church. After all, what does it mean to love God, to do what God wants us to do, and to do it out of a sincere desire to please Him? In fact, that is the only way we can please and love Him. Let your generosity in giving come before Him with joy and gladness.

Pastor Richardson



Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Holy Week, the final days of his earthly ministry.

JESUS IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD

Jesus told His disciples that He had all power in heaven and earth. Because we believe in Him, we are to go out into all the world and proclaim this powerful gospel about Jesus Christ. We are to teach and baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. This means that we are to make disciples who will follow everything Jesus taught. He will forever be with us in this global task. Jesus is Risen from the dead! We are to share this with the world! False gospels will lead us away from salvation. The gospel message is unique compared with any other religion in the world. Jesus is God Himself in the flesh. He died and rose again so that we might experience the abundant, eternal life in Him. There is no other message that brings eternal life! False gospels will lead to destruction. Jesus has promised to be with us forever. Remember this true gospel and share it with the world.

Lesson 8 from the Bible Expositor and Illuminator
A.Koshy Muthalaly



**He's
Risen!**

EASTER STORY/EASTER EGG HUNT

April 20, 2019

First Community held its annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 20, 2019. This year, the children were treated to an Easter Story in addition to an Easter Egg Hunt. A skit about the Story of Easter and Jesus' Sacrifice was presented to the children. Spiritual education and fun was a marvelous combination, enjoyed by all. Sister Robin Wells created, produced and directed an inspirational and uplifting skit of Jesus before, during and after His crucifixion. Numerous members and friends participated in the skit including Brother Shermaine Hamlett as Jesus, Sister Stephanie Brodie as Mary, mother of Jesus, Sister Courtney Hamlett as Mary Magalene and Diondre Johnson as the Angel who greeted the women at the entrance of Jesus' tomb. Others narrated or played different parts such as the Disciples and Pontius Pilate.

The Easter Egg Hunt was held between Acts 2 and 3. The children were excited to find eggs with candy but the gold eggs were their focus as they contained cash. Breakfast with biscuits and juice was served by Sister Dorothy Lea and Sister Ann Johnson following the end of the skit.



Coordinator- Sis. Robin Wells



Sis. Courtney Hamlett, Bro. Shermaine Hamlett, Sis. Stephanie Brodie

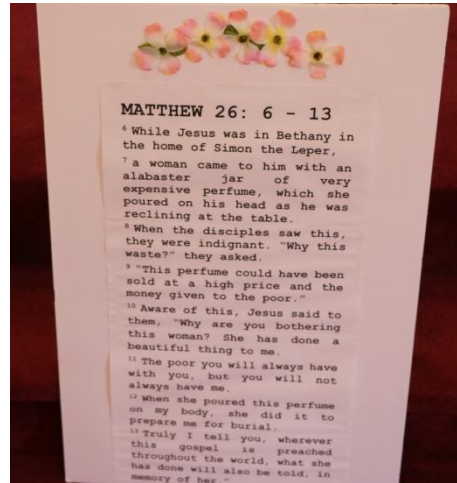


Jesus on the Cross



Diondre Johnson As The Angel At The Tomb

EASTER STORY/EASTER EGG HUNT PICTURES



DORIS M. RICHARDSON SENIOR MISSIONARY 28TH ANNIVERSARY

“Christian Hearts United In Mission For Christ” 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Sister Marjorie Vanhooke, Presiding

April 28, 2019

Sister Marjorie Vanhooke



Reverend Brenda McCormick



Call to Worship – Invocation - Sister Marjorie Vanhooke, Scripture – Sister Shirley Byrd, Prayer – Sister Lillie Lewis, Litany “Let There Be Light” – Sister Geraldine Fennell, Greeting Of Guests and Announcements – Sister Stephanie Brodie, Offertory Prayer – Sister Cherba Torian, Special Offering – Brother Lester Whitted & Brother Earl Brown,

Introduction Of Speaker – Deacon Elizabeth Mayo, Sermon – Rev. Brenda McCormick, Assistant Pastor, St. Mark AME Zion Church, Altar Prayer – Deacon Lloyd Roberson, Remarks – Sister Shirley Byrd and Rev. William Richardson.

Sermon: Missionaries are called to a very specific mission. We are called to make disciples in order to grow the body of Christ. Division in the church is keeping us from being united. We need to encourage each other and pick each other up.

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A WALK FOR HUNGER

April 28, 2019



Sister Seletha Pherribo
OCIM Walk For Hunger Representative



The OCIM Walk for Hunger was held on April 28, 2019. Participants walked the designated trail after collecting and donating money to help combat hunger. First Community's Walk for Hunger representative Sister Seletha Pherribo and other members completed the entire walk. The OCIM Newsletter featured a picture of the walkers with a caption reading; "First Community Baptist made it to the end!"

Sister Pherribo raised and presented to OCIM, \$425.50 on behalf of First Community. The donation will be used to help the hungry in Orange County. Sister Pherribo is especially excited to participate in an organization that helps the children. In fact, she is looking forward to doing the Walk for Hunger next year. Sister Pherribo shared with First Community that the OCIM Samaritan Relief Ministry served over 2,400 school-aged children within the Orange County School District in 2018.

First Community members walking with Sister Pheribo were: Sister Brenda Breeze, Sister Novella Baines Latta, Sister Cherba Torain, Sister Romaine Waller and Sister Cothene Watkins.

MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

May 12, 2019



Mother's Day was celebrated on May 12, 2019. Sister Cherba Torain, Presiding – Called to Worship / Invocation – Sister Cherba Torain , Scripture – Deacon Elizabeth Mayo , Prayer – Sister Katie Robinson – Litany “A Mother’s Beatitudes” , Sister Corina Riley – Greeting of Guest & announcement – Sister Linda Snipes , Offertory Prayer – Sister Linda Whitted , Introduction of Speaker Sister Seletha Pherribo , Message – Sister Victoria Mattison “Mother’s Instinct Kicks In” , Altar Prayer – Deacon Elizabeth Mayo.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS TO THE MOTHERS

Presented By: The Youth, Sisters Shereen Johnson, Robin Wells, Christina Harris & Candace Truss.

**Mother's Day Tributes were given in Honor of our Mothers.
Mother's Day Tributes were given in Memory of our Mothers.**

Facilitator – Sister Stephanie Brodie
Special Presentations for Rev. William Richardson's Birthday

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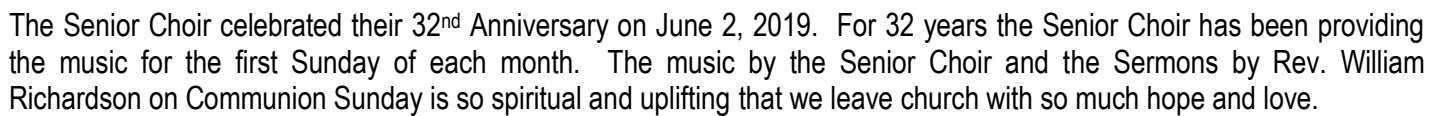
PASTOR'S BIRTHDAY

May 11, 2019

On Saturday, May 11, 2019, First Community members held a fellowship dinner to honor Reverend Richardson on his birthday. Happy Birthday Reverend Richardson! Hope your birthday was as wonderful and extraordinary as you are. We wish for you many more bright and healthy birthdays.



June 02, 2019



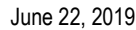
May God Bless You And Give You The Desire To Continue To sing For The Lord!

Congratulations to the Youth of First Community!
We congratulate our Youth for the accomplishments they made during the 2018 – 2019 school year. We encourage all our Youth to continue to strive to do their best and always know that you can do whatever you desire to do.

Congratulations to Tijon Clark on his recent promotion to Orion L1 Mechanical Engineer Position at Lockheed Martin. Tijon worked in his past position for only 7 months as a Mechanical Drafter/Designer before being promoted to his current position.

Taylan Johnson is the son of Thomas and Marsha Johnson. Taylan graduated from the University of North Carolina at the Charlotte College of Liberal Arts & Sciences with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religious Studies.

Congratulations to Taylan!



Sister Shirley Byrd, Sister Dorothy Lea and Sister Cherba Torain served on the Auxiliary Banquet Committee. Sister Tameka Bethea graciously served as a hostess. These ladies did an excellent job representing First Community. Other First Community members attending the banquet were: Sister Geraldine Fennell, Sister Barbara Prear, Sister Marjorie Vanhooke, Sister Mary Villines and Sister Linda Powell-Whitted.

Father's Day / Men's Day was celebrated on June 16, 2019. Called to worship – Invocation – Rev William Richardson, Scripture – Brother Leon Lea, Prayer – Brother Willie McCray, Litany "A Father's Day Litany"- Brother Jay Gray, Greeting Of Guest & Announcements – Brother Shermine Hamlett, Offertory Prayer – Rev. William Richardson, Special Offering – Brother Earl Brown & Brother Lester Whitted.

A group of people, including a young boy, a man in a white shirt and tie, a woman in a white shirt and black skirt, a woman in a floral top, a woman in a white shirt and black skirt, and a woman in an orange shawl, standing in a church setting.

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Thank You!

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Please call the church office, when...

- A member of your family is admitted to the hospital, so that visits can be made and the proper people notified.
- You have death in the family so that you can receive helpful advice and assistance from the pastor and the church family.
- Your group plans to have a meeting or program so that it can be placed in the church bulletin.
- Your home phone number is changed or
- You have a new address, so that the church records can be corrected.

Please feel free to call the church. We are here to serve. May God Bless You.

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