

Footprints of Sollers

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News Briefs:

Church Directory All photos have been taken for the directory. Darlene Cannady and Shelia Smith are now in the process of finalizing the layout and expect it to be published between late March and early April.

Scholarships- The Baltimore-Washington Conference awards a variety of college scholarships. The application process opens Jan. 3, 2019, and closes March 7. To be considered for a scholarship, students must complete the full online application, which includes uploading their current transcripts. In addition, they must provide contact information for their pastor and one additional church reference. [Learn more.](#)

Conference Call Service

On Sunday, January 13, we experienced our first Conference Call Service together as combined members of Sollers and St. Matthews UMC. Because of continuing reports on Saturday, forecasting a severe snowstorm, Rev. Wamble canceled morning

Worship service at the individual churches- however, it was not simply canceled but replaced with a **conference call service** at the individual member's homes. Thanks to modern technology and our **Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ**, who makes all things possible, the service went well.

The **Installation** of Church **Officers** is scheduled for **January 27, 2019** during the regular worship service.

Upcoming Trip

On **April 17**, we are off to the **Sight and Sound Theatre** in Lancaster, PA to see the production of "**Jesus**". We will be traveling by deluxe motor coach. The cost per adult is \$150.00 and per child under the age of 12 is \$100.00. Payment is due by **February 17**. The package includes the following: round trip by motor coach, breakfast stop at the Baltimore Bus Plaza, Outlet shopping, lunch, the production, and dinner. Departing Park and Ride, Southern Blvd, Lothian, MD @ 6:00 a.m., 14th and Taylor St. NE @ 7:00 a.m. and the Travel Plaza. Cost covers transportation, dinner, and the production. Contact **Earlene Smith McClain** for additional information @ **202-388-1945**.



Pastor's Corner

ARE YOU READY FOR OUR MIRACULOUS JOURNEY?

We enter 2019 with much anticipation. Though the word tells us in Phil 4:6 to "be anxious for nothing," it is difficult not to get excited when considering the awesome things God will allow us to do in the coming months.

It is my prayer that we increase our presence at Lothian Elementary School, an institution in our community that needs our presence. Our light and the love of Christ is needed there in many capacities. Let's move forward to do what God has called us to do.

I also look forward to new ministries. This is a year we will have the opportunity to do what we have never done before. We can't be shy; we can't be hesitant, and we can't be complacent. God has placed plans in the hearts of our members that will position us to touch lives, but if people won't step forward or continue to allow excuses to rule our lives, people won't be reached. We need to look at the elderly; the hungry; the undereducated; those struggling with mental challenges and depression – we can help them all.

We are also looking at starting the building project, which might be our greatest

challenge. We not only need the money to build, but we will need funds to pay a mortgage *and* continue to meet the financial responsibilities of running the church. That means we will not only have to pray more than ever, but we're also going to have to give more than ever. We will stare impossible in the face and say, "All are possible through Christ who gives us strength."

Everything I've written may be stretch to some, but you must not know the God I serve and the God I preach about every week. This God is a miracle worker. And God desires to perform more than a few miracles right here in Lothian – but you must believe. We must be willing to walk by faith as hurdles and challenges come our way. We must be ready to call on the name of Jesus as the enemy hurls doubt and fear in our path. But church, we can do this and more. Remember Jesus told us that we would be able to do greater things than He if we only believe.

I look forward to traveling this Miraculous Journey with you in 2019.

Your Pastor,
Rev. Marvin R. Wamble



Leap Of Faith

By First Lady, Anita Wamble



“Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” *John 20:29* (NIV)

An antelope can jump 8 feet from a standing position and run 56 mph. Yet, if you go to a zoo, you will see them behind a six-foot fence, eating grass and meandering around with other antelopes, that too could escape if they wanted to but there’s a couple of truths that keep them captive.

One truth is the fence. They are behind a brick fence so they can’t see where they would land if they jump over it, so they remain captive. In other words, their lack of faith is holding them in place, just like a lack of faith is holding many people in place.

A lack of faith holds people in place on the couch in front of the television to entertain them and drain their time. A lack of faith holds people in a dead end job which has no future and that they don’t like. A lack of faith holds people in worthless relationships and in our pasts.

Day in and day out, we remain behind the walls of our captivity so we can remain in the familiar. But I say to you; it’s time to jump! It’s time to trust God, who gave you the ability to leap out of your captivity and into your freedom in Him. Come on, take the leap and see what’s on the other side of the wall!

Prayer: Lord God, help me to look at my life in the light of your truth; the truth of the gifts, talents, and abilities you’ve given me. Help me figure out what I need to accomplish and how I can exercise more faith. In Jesus name, I pray. Amen.

Just for Today: I will assess my life and see what new places I’m comfortable exercising my faith.

Quote: “Nobody understands how the world will change. The only way you can plan for the future is to have scenarios. You have to have the courage to take a leap of faith on one of them.” Anand Mahindra



Veterans Day Celebration of a Special Day



On November 11, 2018, Brother Donald Smith led the Veterans Day celebration. His major focus was those who stood on the front line to protect and serve.

It was a day to honor the noble and the brave; the men and women who dedicated their lives and the sacrifices they had/have made for generations.

When America had an urgent need, they were here with their hands raised without thinking twice about it. They were proud to take a stand.

Some came back from war with battle scars, others returned in flagged, draped coffins. For many, Internment was Sollers Church or Moses Cemetery. Even though the flesh may have been long gone, their spirits will never be forgotten. Remember that they unselfishly and knowingly put their lives on the line knowing **“Freedom is not free.”** So, when you see a veteran, thank him/her and never forget because without them, freedom would have died.

NOW Musings

The Nurturing, Outreach, and Witness Committee never misses an opportunity to reach out to those in need.

Holiday Request- The Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services and St. Matthews UMC requested the assistance of the Sollers UMC family for the 2017-18 holiday season. The **NOW Ministry** and **Sollers Sunday School** answered the call from the Lothian and District of Columbia communities. The wish list was received from 17 children in 2018. They received 11 requests from the Lothian community and 1 child from the District of Columbia. The wish list consisted of clothing and toys.

Food Distribution- During the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, NOW received a request for food support and was able to honor the request of 15 families in the community near and far.

During the years- Sollers has provided assistance to the **Boys’ Village of Maryland Cheltenham Youth Facility. This was a conjoined effort with Adams UMC in Lothian.**

Volunteers-Anyone requiring **volunteers** for the upcoming year are encouraged to travel to the Anne Arundel County Food Bank at 120 Marbury Drive, Crownsville, MD from 9-12 noon or from 1-3p.m-weekdays.

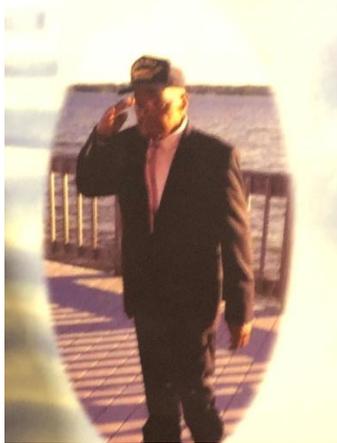
Senior members and friends who are sick and shut-in are never forgotten. During the holiday they were presented gifts that were selected with the assistance of their family members for gift appropriateness.

May His Memory Live On



In honor of **Louis Wilson's** legacy, the Douglass Elementary School building has been renamed the Louis Wilson Facilities Building at 13300 Old Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, MD. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for **Friday, March 1, 2019 at 11:00am**. Family and friends are invited.

A Celebration of Life



One of our own has taken a new address and is peacefully at rest. **Brother Methuselah Pumphrey** departed this life here on earth on **December 26, 2018**. At age 96 he was our oldest male member. He was a simple man with lots to share, and to give. He was a dedicated soldier from beginning to end. *As he departed he packed his one soda and flowers for someone waiting high above. It was a celebration of homegoing between*

two loves. We will miss you **Brother Pumphrey**. May God Bless you in the clouds above.

**A Special Thank You
To
Brother Calvin Holt
For
Painting the Sanctuary Once More.**

We acknowledge and appreciate your talent, Skills, and your lasting support for Sollers United Methodist Church. May God continue to Bless You!

Broadneck African- American Project

Annual Black History Month Presentation is scheduled for Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 11:00 a.m.- 4: 00p.m. at St. Phillips Episcopal Church, located at 730 Bestgate Road- Annapolis.

This event will be presenting "Inspiring and Extraordinary Ladies"-the History and the Journey of Black Ladies through Fashion, Hair, Education, and Awareness There will be a \$15.00 donation.

A Fashion and Hair Show will be included in the event. Inspiring Authors and vendors will also be present. Presentations will begin at 12 noon.

For additional information, contact the following:

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WOMEN'S DAY EXPLOSION

Donned in African attire, filled with colors of glory and bright and sunny days, the women of Sollers dressed for the occasion.



A new delivery of the word was introduced by sisters **Sharese Steven, Gloria Miller, Cindy Whittington and Amanda Belt** as they gathered around a “red table” for a discussion. They presented a fifteen-minute highlight on the life of Asenath, wife of Joseph.



Later we were introduced to “A Unique Survivor” by pastor Margo Gross, Senior Pastor of the Remnant of Hope International Church.



Her challenge to the congregation was accepting that a change is necessary to move into the next season. She expressed how survivors don't quit and that there are two types of survivors. There are those that survived because they survived, “I made it” is their way of thinking. Then you have those that survived because they were rescued by God Himself, it was all Him. She ended by telling the congregation to SOS and take a knee. We have to STOP and LISTEN for the VOICE OF GOD and know “Our help comes from the Lord.”

THE SEASON FOR GIVING

The **NOW committee and Church School** collaborated and created 10 food baskets for the giving. Many thanks to our church family, friends, and others who made donations. There were goodies for kids and a full Christmas dinner, packed especially for friends and families during this season.

CHURCH SCHOOL LIVE



The church school, small in number was loud in song as they brought forth the Birth of Jesus in song and word. The celebration started with “This Little Light of Mine” as they began their journey, then viewed the “Three Ships Sailing In” to witness the miraculous birth and ending with “A Miracle Child.” They were excited and delivered a message of love during the holiday season. Sunday service was delivered in song and praise as well as a message from the Good Book by Pastor Wamble

UGLY CHRISTMAS Sweaters Sunday

Many in the congregation began the celebration for the season dressed in their ugly Christmas sweaters. Bright,

funny and colorful was the day but one member brought the sweaters to life and the winner is...



Thanks, to Sister Sylviane for lighting the way!

Reflect but Never Forget

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed—we hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal. I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr
March on Washington Address
August 28, 1963

This is the meaning of our liberty and our creed, why men and women and children of every race and every faith can join in celebration across this magnificent Mall. And why a man whose father, less than 60 years ago might not have been served at a local restaurant can now stand before you to take a most sacred oath.

President Barack Obama
Inaugural Address **January 2009**

The Message: Connecting the Past and the Present

During the month of **February**, we will celebrate black history month, and in **March**, we will celebrate women's history month. We will be celebrating our history **as a people, as a race and as African Americans.**

Although we have an African American president, many young people are not aware of the sacrifices and struggles that those before them have made in order to be where we are today. However, we can't take this accomplishment as an end point. We should use this opportunity to reach even greater heights. It is easy to take the **rights** we have **for granted** if

we don't remember the determination shown by that of earlier generations. Much has changed over time, but there is much to be done. We are still fighting some of the same battles: for justice, for freedom, for equality, and for dignity as we did more than 100 years ago.

Could you imagine where the black race would be today if it were not for strong, courageous, unrelenting black women! The deeds of thousands of women around the country have shaped history and contributed significantly to the betterment of all people's lives. Their struggles are testament to an ongoing commitment for women. We owe so much to them, for their timeless contributions to our own lives. Through their commitment and sacrifices, they paved the way for future generations.

So, throughout the month of March, as we salute women of all races, and ethnicity, applauding their accomplishments, let us both women and men, young and old, vow never to be content to wait and see what happens, but have the determination of our foremothers to make the right things happen. Years following slavery, many black men were left with a sense of hopelessness and felt beaten and abused by a racist society. Some simply gave up, abandoned and/or neglected their families, but it was the women who never gave up the struggle.

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