



GREATER FLINT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

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2013 ANNUAL DINNER:

The 83rd Annual Assembly of the Greater Flint Council of Churches will be held at Baker College, 1050 West Bristol Road, in Flint. The Assembly will occur **February 26, 2013**. Registration opens at 5:30 PM. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM. Tickets for the dinner are \$15 donation. Invitations and tickets will be mailed to member churches and organizations. Pastor Maurice Horne of Lincoln Park United Methodist will receive the Harold Draper Award. Please call our office at 810-238-3691 to make your reservations, by February 20. For more information see page 3

PASTORAL NEWS

GFCC would like to welcome pastors to their new ministries and say farewell to those who are leaving. Please inform the GFCC office if you know of any changes in our area. This will also enable the directory to be kept up-to-date.

ANNIVERSARIES

If there are any churches celebrating anniversaries in our area, please let the GFCC office know.

FEB—MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 1	CWU annual meeting
13th	GFCC Monthly meeting 12 noon
16th	Black History Month Brunch—Genesee District Library
17th	Orlando Roberts Concert—Flint Public Library
21-24	Big Brothers Big Sisters—Bowl for Kids' Sake
22nd	BCMFF Family Dinner
26th	GFCC Annual Assembly
Mar. 1	CWU Day of Prayer meeting
5th	Annual Dinner of Abrahamic Traditions
23rd	GFCC Christian Education Workshop
31st	Easter Sunrise service

See our website for future events

BLACK CLASSICAL MUSIC FAMILY FESTIVAL

Since 2006, the Black Classical Music Family Festival has welcomed African American families and individuals to the Flint Institute of Music. A special BCMFF Gala Dinner begins this dynamic 10-day festival of celebrating African American heritage. Following the BCMFF Gala Dinner, the festival continues with the FSO February concert and proceeds into a series of multi-cultural performances, receptions and finalizes with a Family Dinner.

BCMFF 2013 Schedule

FEBRUARY 15 | FRIDAY

Student Interactive Workshop with FSO soloist, Indra Thomas 1 PM | At the FIM

Master Class with FSO soloist, Indra Thomas 4:30 PM | In the FIM Anderson Room

FEBRUARY 16 | SATURDAY Special BCMFF Fundraising Gala Dinner (*ticket prices vary*) 5:30 to 6:30 PM | In the FIM Atrium

FSO Preconcert Champagne Reception 6:30 to 7:30 PM | In the FIM Anderson Room

FSO Classical Concert with guest artist Indra Thomas **8 PM** | At The Whiting

BCMFF Conductor & Soloist Meet and Greet 10 PM | At The Whiting

FEBRUARY 21 | THURSDAY *You Can Tell The World About This!* **7:30 PM** | At the FIM

FEBRUARY 22 | FRIDAY Family Dinner 6 to 7:15 PM | At the FIM

You Can Tell The World About This! **7:30 PM** | At the FIM

FEBRUARY 23 | SATURDAY *You Can Tell The World About This!* **7:30 PM** | At the Unitarian Universalist Church

Council Meetings

The next meeting will be held on Feb 13th at noon. location to be at the Masonic Temple, 755 S. Saginaw St., Flint. The Council Board would be happy to have representatives (pastors and/or lay persons) from the community churches attend our meetings. They are held at noon on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, from September to June. Please let us know if you are attending, because we enjoy fellowship with a light lunch before the meeting. We do occasionally hold meetings at other locations, churches, etc. If you would be willing to host a Council meeting, including a light lunch (the members give a free-will offering to help pay for the lunch), please let the Council office know. If you can host a meeting, but not provide a lunch, let us know and other arrangements can be made. We would appreciate the hospitality!

**Church Women United Day of
Prayer Meeting**

Church Women United will be holding a Day of Prayer Program March 1, 2013, at Trinity United Presbyterian Church, 5151 Lennon Rd., Flint. There will be no luncheon for this meeting. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. The program is from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Appreciation Birthday Celebration

There will be an appreciation birthday celebration for Apostle Ruby Johnson, Sunday Feb. 24th at 4:00 p.m. at New Generation Holiness Center.

News Worthy: Please note that Pastor Maurice Horne will be honored at the 83rd Annual Assembly of the Greater Flint Council of Churches on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Rev. Horne has been chosen to receive the **Harold Draper Service Award** for his outstanding community services through Lincoln Park United Methodist Church. There will be a meal served at 6:00 p.m., prior to the Assembly Program. Gary Daniels will provide the special music through musical solos. There are tickets @ 15.00 ea.

Greater Flint Council of Churches

83rd Annual Assembly will convene on Tuesday, February 26, 2013

At 6:00 p.m.

At Baker College-Center for Engineering & Technology, Bldg.

Rm. 103 North & South – 1051 W. Bristol Rd.

Flint, MI 48507

Guest Speaker: Rev. David Johnson

Pastor New Generation Holiness Church of God

Special Honoree

Rev. Maurice Horne

Pastor Lincoln Park United Methodist Church

Guest Soloist

Gary Daniels

Of Lincoln Park United Methodist Church



LOVE INC Board of Directors meeting is held the 4th Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at LOVE INC's office. Everyone is welcome to attend.

If you have an event and you would like us to participate, please do not hesitate to call.

Thank you so much for the prayers and support you give. And it is our hope that you can support the LOVE INC ministry in your upcoming budgeting as we pray God's blessing for your ministry abundantly.

Please call to set up a time when we can come speak about the LOVE INC movement.

We are located at 517 E Fifth Ave, Flint, MI 48503.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 1276, Flint, MI 48501.

Email: loveincfgcc@comcast.net

Web site: loveincfgcc.org

Hours: M—TH 9-2:30

Phone #'s:

Admin: 810-234-8891

Clearing House: 810-235-4990

Fax: 810-235-0521

Easter Sunrise Service

The annual Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Sunset Hills Cemetery, 4133 Flushing Rd., Flint., on March 31, 2013 at 7:00 a.m. It is an ecumenical service. All churches and individuals are invited to attend.

The pledge form on the next page can be turned in at the Annual Assembly meeting or mailed to the Council office.

2013 PLEDGE FORM

Church Copy

Date _____

Church Name _____

Church Address _____

Church Phone Number _____

Our 2013 Pledge to the work of the Greater Flint Council of Churches will be _____

To be paid in ___ Monthly ___ Quarterly ___ Semi Annual ___ Annual installments

Contact person's name _____

Daytime phone number _____

THANK YOU

Please return to: GFCC, P.O. Box 126, Flint, Michigan 48501

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THANK YOU



When: February 21-24, 2013

Where: Galaxy Lanes, Grand Blanc

Details: Our goal is to raise \$225,000 for 225 new matches in 2013! We invite you to join the celebration and ask you to partner with us as a sponsor, volunteer or bowler for the 2013 Bowl For Kids' Sake (BFKS).

The 2013 BFKS online registration is happening now. Make sure you register soon to get your preferred choice of bowling sessions. <http://www.bbbsflint.org/bowlingchallenge>

BBBS recognizes the unconditional friendship our committed bowlers, donors, and volunteers have provided to thousands of community youth in need of extra support from caring role models. Last year we introduced the Give Me Five program and called on our dedicated supporters to give a little extra. The results were amazing. This year we are again calling upon our veteran supporters to help BBBS with their leadership, by stretching their commitment and by supporting "GIVE ME FIVE" to make this year's Bowl for Kids' Sake even bigger, better, and more successful than ever. It's easy...and it makes a difference! You can support "Give Me Five" by:

- Bringing 5 new bowlers to BFKS
- Raising 5 new pledges or increased pledges (totaling at least \$25 more than your pledges last year)
- Recruiting 5 new bowling teams.

Give Me Five this year and you will receive special recognition when you bowl, plus a special gift of thanks.

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BBBS of Greater Flint has been serving Genesee County since 1944 - Providing children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. Partnering with parents/guardians, schools, corporations and others in the community, BBBS carefully pairs children ("Littles") with screened volunteers ("Bigs") and monitors and supports them in one-to-one mentoring matches throughout their course. The organization holds itself accountable for children in the program to achieve measurable outcomes, such as higher aspirations; greater confidence and better relationships; educational success; and avoidance of delinquency and other risky behaviors. Most children served in BBBS are in single-parent and low-income families or households where a parent is incarcerated.

BFKS is about having fun to help kids. It is our most important and largest fundraiser of the year. 100% of the funds raised go directly towards matching children ages 6-16 with carefully screened, caring Big Brother and Big Sister volunteers.

Teams are made up of five members; friends, family members, co-workers, service clubs, etc. After you have secured your pledges, it's time to have fun! Participants bowl for one hour (shoe and ball



Greater Flint Council of Churches

Apostle Ruby Johnson – President

Presents

Christian Education Workshop

“Health In the Community” Advocates for Change

Physically, Spiritually, and Mentally

March 23, 2013 –(Sat.)

9am -12 noon

Held at:

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church

G- 5443 N. Saginaw St, Mt. Morris, Michigan 48458

Bishop Leo Roberson - Pastor

Registration Donation \$5

Contact Kathryn Blake – Christian Education Chair

810-701-4569, blakeka81@aol.com



Program: 9am-12 noon

Continental Breakfast—

Devotion:

Rev. Alma Fordham

Welcome.....Apostle Ruby Johnson—President

Introductions:

Ice Breaker:

National Kidney Foundation.....Mr. Bryan Spencer and Laurie Gustafson

(How does Diabetes cause Kidney Disease)

Hurley Center for Health Outcomes.....Michele Bernreiter MS RD CDE

(Diabetes and You, Healthy Outcomes)

Gift of Life MOTTEP.....Remonia A. Chapman-

(Increasing Public and Professional Participation in Organ and Tissue Donation)

Jordon Dickerson

CPR Training from Hurley Hospital-

(Chest Compressions and Rescue Breathing)

Mrs. Sharon Saddler—Victory Over Violence

Mrs. Kenyetta Dotson—WOW

Rev. Jeffery Hawkins—Pastor Prince of Peace

(David and Goliath— “God Not Guns” —Faith in Action to prevent Gun Violence)

Vendors:

Church Women United SERV

Malinda Waltz

Love INC — Judd Judkins

Sunshine Bible Shop —



African American Genealogy for Families (205)

This 2-part program is designed for 4th to 6th graders, accompanied by a parent or grandparent, and will introduce kids to the process of researching ancestors, genealogical databases and creating a family tree. Space is limited and registration is required, please call 810-249-2170. Please note that you must attend the first session to participate the second week.

Saturday, February 9 & 16, 2013 | 2 – 3:30pm—Flint Public Library, Main Branch, 1026 E. Kearsley, Flint, MI 48503

The Greater Flint Afro-American Sports Hall of Fame Induction Announcement Reception

Tuesday, February 12, 2013, 6:00 p.m.,
Flint Public Library Lower Level Meeting Room

Take a virtual tour of the Hall and explore Flint's athletic history;
www.fpl.info/hallfame/

Orlando J. Roberts Concert Series presents Flint native, Mama Sol, Flint Public Library Sunday Feb. 17th at 4 p.m.

Flint native **Mama Sol & Tha** will bring their socially aware Neo-Soul / Hip Hop to our stage. Mama Sol has allowed her positive vibe and hope filled messages to be spread through her music. They will be performing on Sunday, February 17th at 4pm. It's sure to be an uplifting and fun concert.

African American History Month Book Circle

January 21-February 27: Pick up a reading list for your child's age range and set a reading goal! Then join us on the following Wednesdays: January 30th, February 13th & 27th at 4pm to report on what you've read and make a craft to take home.

Exhibits at the Flint Public Library January 19-February 22

Second Floor, Flat and Upright Cases
Teen Exhibit co-sponsored with the Flint Chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Akettes sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Delta GEMS and Delta Academy sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Black History Month Brunch—Feb. 16, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Genesys Conference and Banquet Center. This year's honorees are:

Reta Stanley, President and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Flint

Tendaji Ganges, Executive Director of the University of Michigan Flint Office of Educational Opportunity Initiatives

The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan

Dr. Raymond Gist, local dentist and first African American president of the American Dental Association

Claressa Shields, 2012 Olympic gold medalist
Entertainment will be by Marvin Sapp & Modern Tribe.

This event is sold out.

For more information at the Flint Public and Genesee District Libraries go to their websites:

www.fpl.info and www.thegd.org



Dear Council Friend,

Niagara Foundation organizes Dinner of Abrahamic Traditions every year for the purpose of strengthening friendship and understanding among three Abrahamic

Traditions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. We proudly host a diverse group of guests, including clergy from churches, synagogues, and mosques, academicians from universities and seminaries, and leaders of many charitable and civic organizations.

We cordially invite you to this year's "Annual Dinner of Abrahamic Traditions" and will be honored by your presence.

Kindest regards,
Yasir Bilgin
Executive Director
Niagara Foundation-Michigan

The Annual Dinner of Abrahamic Traditions

Theme : Perspectives on Abrahamic Traditions; Stewardship of Wealth, Health and Time

Date : Tuesday, March 5, 2013

Time : 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Venue : Riverfront Banquet Center
1 Riverfront Center W Flint, MI 48502

Speakers:

Dr. Luay Alkotob, Flint Islamic Center

The Reverend Barbara Cavin, St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Flint

Edward Powers, Beth Israel of Flint

Live Water Marbling Performance

RSVP:

Please RSVP by filling out the RSVP form following [this link](#) or by sending an e-mail to flint@niagarafoundation.org

This invitation is not for fundraising or solicitation. Registration is required as seating capacity is limited.

IMPORTANT

Future copies of the Digest will be sent electronically to churches and individuals. Please send your email address(es) to the Council office or include them in the directory form on the next page. If you prefer hard copy, please let the office know.

The Council will continue to send hard copy 3 times a year.

The Digest is also posted on the GFCC website along with past issues.

The Greater Flint Council of Churches is planning to update the Directory of Churches of Genesee County. To do this, we need your help. Please fill out the form on the next page and mail it to the Council office or check the GFCC website to fill it out online. We appreciate your co-operation.

Church Name _____

Denomination _____

Address _____

City _____ **Zip** _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Pastor _____

Co-Pastor or Asst. Pastor _____

Additional Staff _____

Email _____

Website _____

Services (including worship, Sunday School, etc.)

Facilities (Handicapped accessible, choirs, etc.)

Profile or history (Beliefs, previous names, founding date, special features, etc.)

Number of members _____

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OUR MISSION:

The Greater Flint Council of Churches, in our calling to express our oneness in Jesus Christ as Divine Savior and Lord, seeks to maintain fellowship among the participating churches: to develop programs by which the churches may work in concert to address human concerns: to communicate among the participating churches so that we may all learn, grow, and serve, and to facilitate opportunities to worship and wit-

OUR PURPOSE:

To witness to the ecumenical spirit and purpose of the cooperating churches in carrying out their mission in the community and the world.

To do for the churches such cooperative work as they authorize the Council to carry on in their behalf. This may include work in Christian Education, Christian Missions, Church in Society, Christian Unity and Interfaith Cooperation, evangelism, stewardship, and the use of the media, planning, adjustment and counseling in matters of church extension, and such other religious activities of the churches.

To encourage fellowship and mutual counsel concerning the spiritual life and religious activities of the churches.

To study the religious needs and social concerns which confront the churches of the community and devise plans to meet those needs.

To maintain fellowship and cooperation with other ecumenical bodies that, by action of their highest constitutional authority, are in agreement with the Preamble of the Constitution.