



COUNCIL DIGEST

FEBRUARY—APRIL 2014

GREATER FLINT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

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2014 ANNUAL DINNER:

The 84th 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 25, 2014**. Registration opens at 5:30 PM. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM. Tickets for the dinner are \$15 donation. For more information see page 2

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Welcome 2014

S.O.C. - "Stay out of cold"

Blessings to all church denominations. I hope to see you at our monthly meetings held 2nd Wednesday from Jan. – June and Sept. – Dec. at 12: noon lunch and meeting to follow. Call for any info you need 238- 3691 and speak with Barbara Shackelford our office coordinator.

Thanks

"Judd" Judkins

FEB—APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Feb.—April | Art Exhibits & Longway laser shows |
| Feb. 20-23 | Big Brothers Big Sisters—Bowl for Kids' Sake |
| 23rd | Orlando Roberts Concert—Flint Public Library |
| 25th | GFCC Annual Assembly |
| Mar. 7th | CWU Day of Prayer meeting |
| 9th | Orlando Roberts Concert—Flint Public Library |
| 12th | GFCC monthly meeting |
| 27-29 | Church Women United Michigan State Assembly |
| April 4th | CWU New Dimension Workshop |
| 9th | GFCC monthly meeting |
| 20th | Easter Sunrise service |

See our website for future events

Greater Flint Council of Churches

84th Annual Assembly will convene on Tuesday, February 25, 2014

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: Vikki Bayeh-Haley

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of Genesee County

Special Honoree—Harold Draper Award

Ms Sharon Webster

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

Guest Soloist

Dorothy Laws

Tickets \$15.00ea

FOR TICKETS & RESERVATIONS CALL THE COUNCIL OFFICE BY FEB. 20. 810-238-3691

Council Meetings

The next meeting will be held on March 12th 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 March 7, Dozier Memorial CME, 3212 S. Saginaw, Flint, 48503. registration 9:30 a.m., meeting 10:00 a.m.—noon

Church Women United Michigan State Assembly March 27-29, Holiday Inn Gateway Center , Hill Rd & US23, Flint, 48507. For information call Donna Sutton, 810-230-0043

Church Women United New Dimension Workshop, April 4, St. Peter CME, 711 E Pierson Rd., Flint, 48505. registration 9:30 a.m., workshop 10:00 a.m.—1 p.m. with luncheon. For reservations call Donna Sutton, 810-230-0043

Easter Sunrise Service

The annual Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Sunset Hills Cemetery, 4133 Flushing Rd., Flint., on April 20, 2014 at 7:00 a.m. It is an ecumenical service. All churches and individuals are invited to attend.

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.

Fall 2013—Gary B. Woods elected pastor, Rising Star MBC

March 2—Elder Patrick Sanders—New Jerusalem FGBC—2nd anniversary

ANNIVERSARIES

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

January 19—Providence MBC—47 years

January 26—Galilean Baptist—52 years

February—Family Missionary Baptist—35 years

February—First New Life MBC—22 years

Big Brothers / Big Sisters—35th Annual Bowl for Kids' Sake

February 20-23, 2014

Over 2,500 individuals from Genesee County and surrounding communities come out to Galaxy Bowling Center for the Big Brothers Big Sisters bowling challenge. The event provides a chance for all ages and bowling abilities to support mentoring needs and opportunities for children in our community. Corporate sponsors and pledges collected by participants provide Big Brothers Big Sisters with a significant portion of revenue to Support services and programs. The event attracts Families, co-workers, friends, service clubs, fraternities, sororities, faith-based groups, and others.

For more information, On-line registration, log on: www.bbbsflint.org/bowlingchallenge

Orlando J. Roberts Concert: February 23

Tunde Olaniran presents "Flint, A Sci-Fi Love Story"

Flint musician and artist Tunde Olaniran will debut an engaging performance installation inside of the Flint Public Library, set in an immersive, interactive environment for participants, who will lend their imaginations towards crafting a science fiction journey about the future of the city of Flint, through improvised storytelling, music-making, and dance. Doors open at 3:45.

Orlando J. Roberts Concert: March 9, 2014, 4 – 6pm

Edye Evans Hyde

West Michigan Jazz Musician of the Year and WEMU Best Regional CD recording artist Edye Evans Hyde has been performing jazz, blues and pop music for over 20 years in West Michigan, Los Angeles and Asia. Edye has shared the stage with world renowned blues singer Linda Hopkins, pop singer Michael Bolton, actress Connie Stevens, the late Ray Charles and Cuban trumpet player Arture Sandoval. Doors open at 3:45.

The Mott-Warsh Collection, based in Flint, Michigan, is a private collection of fine art created by artists of the African diaspora. The Mott-Warsh Collection lends collection items to Flint-based public institutions and nationally touring museum and college exhibitions.

With a focus on art produced since 1940, the Mott-Warsh Collection contains work by over 125 artists covering a range of media from drawing to painting, prints to photography and mixed media to sculpture.

Works from the collection can be viewed at Flint Institute of Arts, Mott Community College, Flint Public Library, Kettering University, Genesee County Health Dept., Mt Olive MBC, Ebenezer Ministries, Ruth Mott Foundation, Vernon Chapel and Applewood.

Free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

WHEN Saturday, February 15, 25 & March 2,9,23,30, 9am – 5pm

WHERE Main Library
1026 E Kearsley St

ROOM Lower Level Meeting Room (B-1)

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9 AM, AND ENDS WHEN THE DAY'S SLOTS ARE FULL

VITA volunteers will provide income tax assistance for families with yearly incomes of \$49,000 or less filing 2012 returns.

NOTE: No itemized deductions, business income or capital gains transactions.

BRING WITH YOU:

- Proof of Income (W-2, SSI benefits, etc.)
- Proof of Identity (MI Driver's License or State ID)
- Social Security Cards for every family member being claimed.

DETAILS Call (810) 249-2569 for more information.

Flint Cultural Center Exhibits

Point of View: Contemporary African American Art from the Elliot and Kimberly Perry Collection - January.26, 2014 – April 13, 2014—Flint Institute of Arts

Lavarne Ross Works on Paper—January 18, 2014 – Apri;.27, 2014—Flint Institute of Arts

SPACE: A JOURNEY TO OUR FUTURE— January 25-May 4, 2014—Sloan Museum

Great Space Chase Laser Show February 1-23, Sat & Sun at 3:30pm and Mon, Feb 17 at 2:00pm; March 1 - April 27, Saturday & Sunday at 12:30pm **No 3:30pm Show on February 15**—Longway Planetarium

Are We Alone? February 1 - April 27, Saturday & Sunday at 2:00pm
Longway Planetarium



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Office Hours Thursday 12:00 am until 1:30 pm

Greetings on behalf of the executive board of the Greater Flint Council of Churches.

As the Council continues to make plans and looks ahead to 2014, we will be in need of your financial support once again. Currently we are preparing for our Annual Assembly and Dinner. We are also looking ahead as we plan our annual Easter Sunrise service. We are continuing our Christian Education workshop, our Lay pastor Nursing Home Ministry, and the support of you and other churches in their many missions, ministries and programs. We also partner with various organizations such as Love INC (IN the name fo Christ) and Church Women United just to name a few. Currently we are also planning to put together a new directory of churches. Our newsletter goes out now bi-monthly. Once we get a data base set up for churches email we will be sending the newsletter out electronically.

Last year in addition to our regular services we also had an ecumenical “Fall Concert” to bring churches together in unity to praise God which is always our mission.

We hope we will be able to count on you for your support.

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

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THANK YOU

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.