

HAPPENINGS AT THE MANOR



The Congregational Church of Park Manor, UCC Newsletter—Issue 1—January 2018

The Creation of the Newsletter

Has God ever placed something in your spirit and you wondered, how and when? Well, that was me. It has been on my heart for years, that Park Manor should have another way (other than the bulletin) to inform the members of what is “happening” here at the church. You see, I am a firm believer that if you are involved in something, you should know what is going on, even in the Church—whether it is a church vote or if someone has done something special—you should know. So after several years of prayer, as well as many discussions with Rev. Murff, my God-given vision is birthed, in the form of a newsletter. At the end of our last discussion regarding the newsletter, Rev. Murff said, “Move forward and think of a name”, and without hesitation, **“HAPPENINGS AT THE MANOR”** came out of my mouth - thus, the title.

Therefore, based on my prayers and vision, this will be a quarterly issued newsletter, (January, April, July, & October), which will be filled with information about YOU; with the intent to inform and reach out to everyone, including the homebound and snow-birds. Each issue may not have the same topics, but each issue will reflect on the life and members of Park Manor; and your help is needed—in the sense of your sharing any information you may have regarding those “special “ moments.

With this said, I am soooo excited about this endeavor; and I thank God for placing this on my heart. I pray that God will continue to breathe on this entire project - giving me guidance as I prepare each issue, with every word, topic, picture, thought, idea, etc. I thank you in advance, Park Manor, for your “gentle and loving” support, as you help me, help you, THE MEMBERS; and I pray that you will be blessed by what is shared in, **“HAPPENINGS AT THE MANOR”**.

Rev. Teresa M. Jackson—Administrative Assistant

“HAPPY NEW YEAR!!”

As a new year has started, remember to, “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; lean not to your own understanding, but in all thine ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy paths.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

HIGHLIGHTING A MINISTRY: USHER BOARD of PARK MANOR

The book of Numbers call them Levites, the book of Samuel call them Watchmen, and the book of Chronicles call them “Doorkeepers”.; but **1 Peter 4:9** says, “Use hospitality one to another without grudging.”

The Ushers of Park Manor continue to provide courteous service, by demonstrating cordial and genuine Christ-like hospitality for ALL occasions, to parishioners, visitors, and guests. For that, we **recognize** you, and we remember your “fearless leader” and usher extraordinaire, Asula Campbell.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness and service.

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Pastor's Corner

Happy New Year! I have shared with a few people that I feel something special and exciting for Park Manor during 2018. I feel a year of Jubilee! Some of my excitement is, this is my fifth year as Pastor here at Park Manor. So, let us together, both individually and collectively, resolve to be our utmost for God. Let us resolve to abandon ourselves to the worship and service of God with every aspect of our lives.

Park Manor, I am also excited about receiving the first newsletter of the New Year, and I praise God for the vision of Rev. Jackson, who approached me shortly after my arrival, and again recently, with excitement, about sharing church and non-church information with the congregation, via a newsletter. This is not Park Manor's first newsletter, and there was discussion two years ago to start a newsletter; however, all things are done according to God's timing (no slight was intended to others who may have had the same idea). With the population of our homebound church family continuing to grow, we "specifically" wanted to keep them abreast of current activities in the life of The Congregational Church of Park Manor, thus, "Happenings at the Manor".

Furthermore, since I have been here, we have recognized the Kwanzaa principles as the yearly themes for the church. Therefore, as we celebrate our 65th Anniversary this year, many of our activities and initiatives will be driven by the principle of Kuumba, which is Swahili for CREATIVITY – meaning, we will invest our time, talent and resources to make the Park Manor community better today and tomorrow, than it was yesterday. We will utilize our resources to combat under-education, joblessness, homelessness, and the nihilistic attitude that has infected our community. So, as we celebrate our 65 years in this community, let us do it in the spirit of Jubilee and Kuumba.

Rev. Dr. Terrill N. Murff, Pastor

HOMEBOUND: We continue to pray for our homebound members. "Is anyone among you sick? Then we must call for the elders of the church to pray for them." James 5:14

CHURCH EVENTS / ACTIVITIES & CHURCH CLOSINGS

February 10th
Men's Fellowship Jazz Brunch

February 14th
Ash Wednesday

February 26-28
Members Photos Taken

March 18th
Men's Chorus Concert

April 1st
Resurrection Sunday

April 22nd
Quarterly Meeting

WE ARE CLOSED ON —
February 19th Presidents' Day
March 30th Good Friday

NOTEABLE: SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW

MRS. LETTERIA HUNTER, a long time member of Park Manor, celebrated her 102nd birthday on December 31st (born in 1915). Mrs. Hunter was born in Jackson, MS (on Barrett Street). As an adult, Mrs. Hunter was a homemaker until starting her career at the U.S. Post Office in 1958. In her younger years, Mrs. Hunter stayed active by playing golf and square dancing. Her daughter Yvonne says, "My mom was the first black, female golfer I knew." God bless you, Mrs. Hunter!!

OUTREACH: As Jesus served and gave of Himself, we followed His example and gave of ourselves: gave 47 turkey baskets to families during Thanksgiving; served 60 persons at our Annual Christmas meal; and provided 70+ new coats to children at Park Manor Elementary School.

2018 LENTEN SCHEDULE

be served, but to serve.

World Day of Prayer @ Noon
Feb. 16

Bible Study, @ 10:30—Noon
Feb. 21 & 28, March 7, 14 & 21

Lenten Services @ Noon
Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23
Good Friday (7 Last Words) @
Noon, March 30

All services will take place at
Parkway Gardens Church
6600 S. King Drive

Mark 10:45a—"For even the Son of Man did not come to



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL
JANUARY, FEBRUARY &
MARCH MEMBERS**

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