The Light

December 2022



First Union Baptist Church Established 1868

Pastor Frank Lomax, III

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life

John 8:12

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Our "4th Sunday in August" Homecoming worship service was spirit-filled. Rev. Lomax 's sermon titled "Welcome Home Jesus" came from Luke 4:16. Thanks to the hospitality committee for delicious meals and desserts.

We were blessed with awesome revivalists for the week. Monday, August 29th, Rev. Cavell Philips brought a word from Isaiah 40:13. Those same hands on the cross will still fight for us today. We were also favored with songs from his wife, Rev. Vanessa Philips.

Dr. Ricardo Brown brought the message on Tuesday from Ecclesiastics 3:1-10. He gave us a good reminder that like those old relish and ketchup packets in the fridge everything has a season. There is a time to keep things and a time to throw away.

The week concluded with Min. G. Bonita Grant speaking to the youth and young people. Her topic from Ephesians 3:16 offered an important reminder that we all need. It's what's on the inside that counts. We thank each of them for coming to worship with us during the week.



Homecoming & Revival 2022







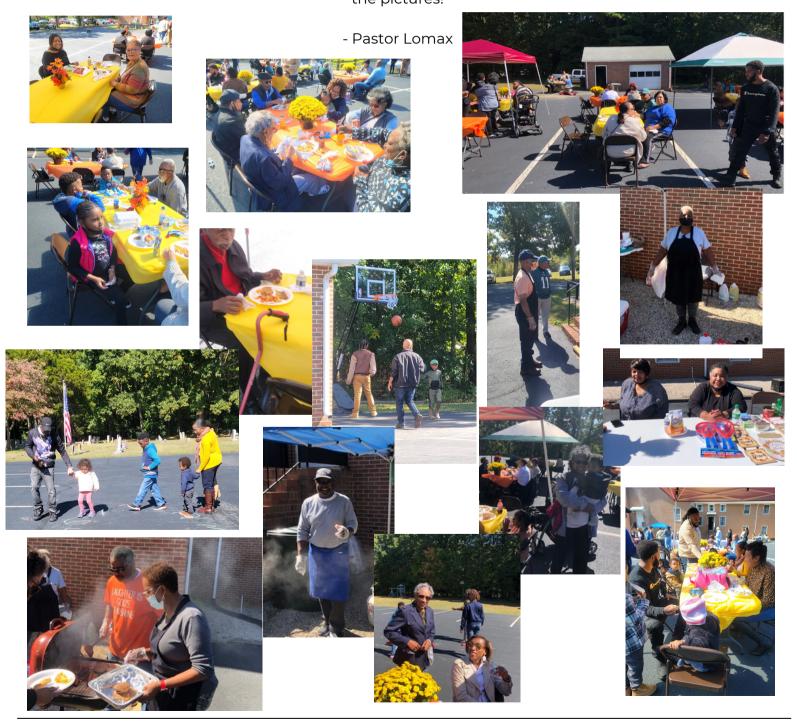
Ordination of Deacon Corey J. Barnes

On Sunday, November 20th, 2022, it felt like "old times" as First Union's newest Deacon, Corey J. Barnes was ordained. Rev. Dr. Emanuel Harris of Jerusalem Baptist preached the ordination sermon. We were blessed with the melodious voices of First Union's own volunteer choir. The hospitality committee prepared tasty to go meals. Thanks to all who made the day such a joyous celebration!

Grandparents Day & Back-to-School Cookout

On Sunday, October 9th (originally scheduled for Sunday, September 11th), First Union celebrated Grandparent's Day and Back to School with a cookout after our morning worship. Thank you to the Sunday School for pulling this event together and the Hospitality Ministry and others who prepared the delicious food. Thank everyone who pitched in and helped in any way.

The attendance was WONDERFUL and so was the weather. Everyone was so excited to see family and friends that they hadn't seen in a while. The fun and the laughter were contagious! Our young people enjoyed the games and basketball and our seniors enjoyed the fellowship. Thanks again to all who made this a special day! Enjoy the pictures!



THANK YOU!!!







*The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk was held on Sunday, October 16th at Libbie Mill. The FUBC Team collected over \$1,600 in donations.

*On Saturday, November 12th, some members of the Men's ministry, including some very young men, cleared leaves around the church and collected for Goochland Cares. First Union donated 1,350 pounds of food to help for Thanksgiving. We could not have done this without the support of our First Union Members.

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Come Worship With Us!! Sunday 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship Service Wednesday 7:15pm Bible Study (conference line)





Reminder: We are collecting socks for the Envoy Nursing Iome and children at Goochland Cares. Please bring your donations in by Sunday, Decembe<u>r 18th!</u>

Birthdays and Celebrations

November

11/3 Lucy Cox 11/5 Sarah Shelton 11/14 Charles McCowan 11/18 Arlene Smith 11/20 Lucy Norris 11/20 Bonnie Robinson 11/21 Courtney Cox 11/28 Isaiah Fife 11/29 Katina McCowan 11/29 Tyler Spratley 11/30 Keysha Winborne



<u>December</u>

12/1 Catherine Camp 12/1 Walter Jackson 12/4 Rhonda Brooks 12/5 Eric Cox, Sr. 12/8 Amaya Wilkinson 12/8 Dea. Deborah Smith 12/9 Audreana Mills 12/9 Barbara Gale Shelton 12/14 James Brooks 12/20 Charles Snead 12/23 Jonah Cox 12/24 Brenda Brown 12/24 Mary Cox Hicks 12/24 Torry Fife 12/25 Lori McCowan

<u>January</u>

- 1/1 Dea. Theresa Snead
 1/1 Alexander Hicks
 1/2 Rhonda Fife
 1/6 Shelby Woodson
 1/7 Dea. Ellen Johnson
 1/11 Brenda Ahmad
 1/13 Hazel Randolph
 1/17 Elizabeth Allen
 1/17 Deanna Allen
 1/21 Patricia Redmon
 1/24 Tina Bates
 - 1/25 Melvin Allen
 - 1/28 Andrea Turner