



First Union Baptist Church

Pastor Frank Lomax, III

THE LIGHT

Celebrating 151 Years of Christian Service

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
Matthew 28:19

Congratulations to First Union's 2020 Graduates!

Morgan Allen



I will be graduating from Goochland High School on June 16th! During my high school career, I was a member of both the track team and varsity cheerleading team. I was also a member of the National Honor Society, the National Spanish Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, and a student of Blue Ridge Virtual Governor's School. I took part in an athletic tutoring program for elementary students, I was a teacher's assistant for a Spanish class, and I was also an intern at GoochlandCares for two summers.

I will be graduating in the top 10% of my class with a 4.3 GPA. I plan to attend the University of Virginia (UVA) in the fall as a nursing major with hopes to become a nurse practitioner.

LeMontre Taylor



LeMontr'e X Taylor is a recent graduate of Western Michigan University Cooley Law School, where he received his Juris Doctorate Degree. During his time at WMU Cooley Law School, he was the class representative for his class and elections chair for the Student Bar Association. LeMontr'e was a member of the mock trial team, president for the American Bar Association and Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honor Society.

He was also a member of the Black Law Students Association and was a publicity editor for WMU Cooley Law School, Law Review.

He enjoys community service and was a volunteer of America participant as well as volunteered for a non-profit called "Cardboard Box Prophets" in which helps the homeless find shelter and every week donates clothes to the homeless in the park.

LeMontr'e plans to sit for the Maryland Bar Examination in July. He would like to pursue a career in corporate litigation and to one day open up his own law practice.

LeMontre lives by the quote "The chance you take, the people you meet, the people you love, the faith that you have. That's what's going to define you." – Denzel Washington.

Ben Cox

My high school career has been an amazing journey. I managed the Goochland High School Varsity Boys Basketball team starting my sophomore year. When I was a part of the basketball team, they had great seasons. Sophomore year we made it to the State Quarterfinals, Junior year we made it to the State Semi-Finals, and this year we made it to the Regional Quarterfinals. This year I decided to become the manager of the Goochland High School

Varsity Football team. I will not regret making this decision because I became close to other peers in the Football Program.



My academics was really great this year. I had a GPA of 3.575. With that GPA, I chose to go to Liberty University and major in Sports Management. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we had to close school for the rest of the year. This completely changed my life because we wouldn't have a normal senior year. I will truly miss my teachers, administrators, and the friends I had in high school.

Yasmin Phillips

I am Yasmin Phillips. As I began to realize this was my last year in high school, it was a wake-up call to me. I had to make it the best and most important year of my life. I felt nervous but excited at the same time. I had to stay on track and get stuff done. It was tough at times because I had so much to do and no time to waste. But with God and my whole family supporting me, I endured it.



I made it through, and I am proud to say I'm a 2020 graduate of Hermitage High School. I am ready to see what the future holds for me as I continue on my journey to college.

Keep Letting Your Light Shine!



Pastor & People 19th Anniversary

By Keysha Ahmad-Winborne

A drive-thru celebration to honor our 19th Pastor & People Anniversary was held at the church on Sunday, June 14, 2020 from 12 pm – 1 pm. We did not allow Covid-19 to hinder our praise for blessing us to reach this great milestone! Our First Union family and community drove through our church lot to show their overwhelming support of our Pastor and First Lady. Some people made signs, brought balloons, or honked their horns with excitement! Members and friends were given bottled water, cupcakes, and goody bags as they drove through.

Special thanks to everyone who helped to make our 19th Pastor & People Anniversary a success! We thank God for his continued blessings over our church family. We look forward to celebrating many more anniversaries for years to come.

First Union has been busy during Covid-19

Weekly Service via Teleconference—Church Service on the Lot—
Weekly Bible Study Calls—Checking on Sick and Shut In—Staying Healthy by Walking—Remembering Lost Loved Ones during Covid times| Celebrating Graduations, Birthdays and New Babies with Parades and safe gatherings— Spending time with family—Working

Remotely or on-site —Cooking and Baking—Having School at Home— Praying for our country—Washing hands and using hand sanitizer—Virtual Committee Meetings—Supporting Black Lives Matter—Keeping up with Current Events—Wearing masks and socially distancing—**Remembering that God is Still in Control**



Giving Back During the Pandemic

By Deanna Allen

The need to help feed our community has greatly increased during the pandemic with some families experiencing the loss of employment or a decrease in work hours. The Men's Ministry, with encouragement from Pastor Lomax, recognized this and resumed their collection of non-perishable foods and personal items for the Food Pantry at Goochland Cares. They organized a drive-thru Food Drive in the church parking lot on June 6th. Church members were asked to purchase items and drop them off at the church. Following the recommendations of the CDC, the men masked up in the heat and collected the donations. The generosity of our church family remained true to form and the men collected 650 pounds of food and personal items. The event was such a success, they decided to organize another Food Drive on July 25th. This time our church family showed up and donated an astounding 894 pounds! The Men's Ministry is hoping to continue this drive-thru throughout the pandemic. Many thanks to those who were able to give and a very special thank you to the men who collected and delivered the donations.

Let's Celebrate! Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

July

- 7/3 Roy & Lucy Norris
- 7/5 Dea. Michael & Brenda Allen
- 7/18 Nakiya Anderson
- 7/22 John & Diane Turner
- 7/23 Raynard Payne
- 7/24 Khayla Leabough
- 7/24 Shirley Smith
- 7/29 Connie Jackson
- 7/29 Pamela Williams
- 7/29 Winston Ross
- 7/29 Dea, Mary H. Snead
- 7/30 Steve Mills
- 7/31 Marcus Allen
- 7/31 Diane Allen

August

- 8/4 Jordan Robinson
- 8/4 Ashley Snead
- 8/4 Gertie Wood
- 8/7 Ellen Shelton
- 8/10 Sandra Leabough
- 8/11 Yasmin Phillips
- 8/12 Elsie Hill
- 8/12 Morgan Allen
- 8/13 Leola Payne
- 8/13 Alvin Snead
- 8/14 Alfreda Turner
- 8/16 Cathy Lomax
- 8/16 Amber Robinson
- 8/16 Rev. Lonnie Johnson Sr.
- 8/16 Corey & LaQueta Barnes
- 8/17 Sandra S. Robinson
- 8/21 Benjamin Cox
- 8/26 Waverly Owens
- 8/26 Lorie Harris

September

- 9/3 Gladys McCowan
- 9/4 Eric & Cindy Cox
- 9/7 Erika Robinson
- 9/8 Bre'ana Mills
- 9/12 Lisa Robinson
- 9/14 Abbie G. Robinson
- 9/15 Dea. John H. Cox
- 9/15 Dea. Larry Bates
- 9/16 Corey Barnes
- 9/18 Brandi Wood
- 9/19 Eric Cox Jr.
- 9/20 Elijah Coles
- 9/23 Barbara Smith
- 9/24 Kamari Johnson
- 9/27 Cameron Carroll
- 9/28 Chantel Spencer
- 9/28 Jazlyn Marshall

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No Participant Code Needed

Sunday

9:15am Morning Worship

Wednesday

7:15pm Prayer, Praise & Bible Study