

The Light

March 2021



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

Christmas on the Lot

By Lisa Robinson

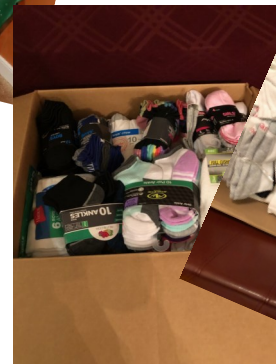
Christmas on the Lot, "the first and hopefully not the last successful event hosted by the Planning Ministry. First Union members and more came out to celebrate the birth of Christ and to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. The church displayed beautiful lights, decorated Christmas trees, deer in the snow, and most importantly Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus. It was a joy to see all the smiling faces and church members excited to see one another for the first time in months. Although, we had to maintain social distancing and wear masks, it did not stop the love and joy you could see in everyone's eyes. Gift bags which displayed the wording "Jesus is the Reason for the Season" were given to each person attending with a little something for the young and old inside. It was truly a Blessed event. Thanks to the members of the Planning Ministry for all your hard work and dedication in planning this event. Pastor Lomax and Deacons, we thank you as well for supporting the Planning Ministry in all we do. Looking forward to what God will place in our hearts for 2021. Be Blessed and Stay Safe!



Successful Sock Drive

By Andrea Mills

We were able to give 80 pairs of socks to the Envoy at the Meadows. The residents were able to get 3 pairs a piece. We were also able to give a box of children, women and men socks to Goochland Cares. I want everybody to know my heart was full and I truly appreciated all who contributed to this sock drive.



Congrats!

By Jordan Robinson

I graduated from Virginia State University in December with a degree in pre-veterinary medicine. I am currently back in school to obtain my license to become a Vet Technician (Animal nurse).

Youth Ministry Christmas Zoom Party



Black History

By Deanna Allen

Although we are still in the midst of a pandemic, we did not let it stop us from celebrating our heritage. This past February, during Black History Month, we focused on notable African American figures who recently passed and left behind a beautiful legacy. Cooper and Caeson Barnes did a wonderful monologue about Henry Louis Aaron, also known as Hank Aaron (nicknamed Hammer), in which, big brother, Cooper lovingly schooled little brother, Caeson on Mr. Aaron's amazing baseball career. Mr. Aaron battled racism throughout his career and was inducted to the Baseball Hall of Fame. Amaya Wilkerson wrote and presented on model turned actress, Cicely Tyson. Ms. Tyson made the decision to use her career as a platform to uplift black people and never play the stereotypical roles Hollywood wrote for black actresses. She stuck to her decision until her death. Amaya also spoke about the first historically black college and university, Lincoln University located in Pennsylvania, which still exists today. McKena Allen researched and spoke about civil rights icon, John Lewis. He famously led hundreds of marchers from Selma to Montgomery, AL on March 7, 1965, now known as Bloody Sunday. Lastly, McKena taught us about a slave named Onesimus, who introduced the African practice of what is now known as vaccination to the Massachusetts colony during the smallpox outbreak in 1721. Always remember, black history happens 365 days a year and WE are black history. Let's continue to make our ancestors proud.

Women's Fellowship Ministry 2021

By Keysha Ahmad-Winborne

FUBC's Women's Fellowship Ministry is energized, and ready for more kingdom building in 2021. This year's theme is "Transformational Ministry" taken from Romans 12:2; "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

We will resume our "Fellowship Fridays" beginning March 19th from 7 pm – 8 pm via the church teleconference line. These events will include women's bible study, in which we discuss topics relevant to Christian women of all ages, as well as round-table discussion of issues affecting our daily lives. Our "Fellowship Fridays" will be held on the third Friday of each month from 7 pm – 8 pm. All women are welcome to join us!

As we maneuver through this pandemic, may we continue looking to God as the source of our strength. We pray God's blessing upon our ministry, and the women of First Union.

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Men's Ministry Goochland Cares Drive

By Marcus Allen

On Saturday, February 27, 2021 the Men's Fellowship with support from the Youth Ministry held another successful food drive! Our goal was to donate 1000 pounds of food to the Goochland Cares Food Pantry. Church members heard our call and we donated 1021 pounds! God has richly blessed us and it is so wonderful to be a member of a church that cares so much about the community. We look forward to future food drives and know that they will continue to be a success!



Birthdays and Anniversaries

January

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

February

2/3 Larry Leabough

2/10 Brenda Allen

2/12 Andre Mills

2/13 Nancy Shelton

2/13 Thomas Shelton

2/13 Cynthia Snead

2/13 Nancy Shelton

2/14 Gordon & Rebecca Cox

2/16 Quentin Snead

2/17 LaQueta Barnes

2/25 Rebecca Cox

2/25 Rev. Benjamin Jackson

March

3/1 Robert McCowan

3/3 Carrie Carroll

3/4 Diane Turner

3/6 Rev. Hafiz Ahmad

3/14 Louise McCowan

3/17 Bessie McCowan

3/22 Sylvia Cox

3/25 Cooper Barnes

3/28 Dorothy Smith

3/30 Michael & Keysha Winborne

April

4/3 Brenda H. Allen

4/6 Annie Harris

4/6 Margaret Johnson

4/14 Ryan Allen

4/17 Rev. Frank Lomax, III

4/19 Rosa Allen

4/20 Doris Carroll

4/22 Dea. Michael Allen

4/26 Eric Banks

4/28 Oscar Allen

4/30 Laura Ross

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Worship with Us Virtually!

Sunday

9:15am Morning Worship

Wednesday

7:15pm Prayer, Praise & Bible Study

Saturday

9:30 Sunday School

Check our website for the latest service details