



# HOLMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## *Church of the Bells*

### 2009 Highlights

#### January

The year began with the excitement of the election of Barack Obama as the first African American and America's first president. Over 30 Holmanites traveled to Washington D.C. for the inauguration festivities. Pastor Masters preached at the historic Asbury UMC in Washington, D.C., on January 18<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday before to the election. Holmanites joined Pastor Masters and 105 year old Mrs. Helen McDowell, a member of Asbury and former member of Holman.

#### February

- Ash Wednesday service was held as the Lenten Season began.
- The Annual Concert of Negro Spirituals again drew large crowds over the weekend.
- Black History Month included special music and reflections of famous African Americans during worship.
- We celebrated our 64<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary.

#### March

- Holman hosted the Ebony Prophet's Revival with Bishop Violet Fisher, preaching.
- Woman's Day speaker was Rev. Dr. Monica A. Coleman.
- National Black Methodist for Church Renewal (BMCR) held its annual meeting in Pittsburg, PA (several from Southern California attended).

#### April

- Holy Week included a Pre-Easter Walk in our neighborhood, Maundy Thursday Service, Good Friday Service (St. John UMC), Revival at Central City Church of the Nazarene, and a rousing Easter celebration.
- Children Ministries held a "Dessert and Games" event to raise money for Summer Camp.
- The Annual Youth Recital provided opportunities for youth to "strut their stuff" with musical instruments.
- We celebrated the 104th Birthday of Mrs. Dulcy Embry.

#### May

- We celebrated with Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Thomas (our former intern) who received his PH.D from Claremont School of Theology.
- We joined Rev. Eugenio Raphael and St. Marks UMC in the rededication of their sanctuary after it was vandalized by graffiti.
- HYP (Holman Young People) provided leadership in worship (May 31<sup>st</sup>).

## June

- Over 75 graduated in our annual Disciple Bible Study Graduation.
- Cal-Pac Annual Conference was held in Redlands with Pastor and Lay Delegates.
- Rev. Dr. Zan Holmes was preacher for our annual Men's Day.
- Rev. S. Dianna Masters was Commissioned at Annual Conference and appointed Senior Pastor of Wesley UMC.
- Junior Ushers took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the George T. Grier Usher Drill Team Competition in San Diego, CA.

## July

- Twenty five (25) youth are awarded summer jobs in our Job for Kids Program (JFK).
- Homecoming this year included a "World House (Community) Festival" that drew a large crowd to our church campus.

## August

- The United Methodist Women held a "Debutantes for Christ" pageant in which nine (9) young ladies were presented.
- Over 35 children and youth attended summer camp at Camp Cedar Glen in San Diego County.

## September

- A "Back to School" event provided backpacks and other school supplies to 100 kids (along with dinner for families).
- Several Holman members attended "Strengthening the Black Church (SBC) event in Nashville, TN.
- Annual Ushers Day was a festive celebration that included Rev. Eugenio Raphael preaching, and the St. Mark's UMC family as our special guest.

## October

- Holman hosts the Wesleyan Institute, a gathering of United Methodists in the Southern California area.
- Clergy Appreciation Day was arranged by the Staff Pastor Parish Committee.
- Our annual Fall Fundraiser honored Holman member, Hal Williams (Hollywood actor of T.V. and Film).

## November

- Annual Pre-Thanksgiving service was celebrated with Rev. Douglas E. Nelson preaching.
- Annual Jubilant Voices Concert kicked off the Advent Season.

## December

- The Messiah was presented by the Holman Choir.
- 3,000 Foster kids were given dinner and gifts at the "Christmas in November" program.
- Christmas Eve Drama (written by Pastor Masters) was celebrated with our music and drama ministry.
- New Year's Eve Service included "Soul food from family traditions" (great program).