Greetings Holman Family and Friends!  February is a very special month.  February is the month designated by the United States of America as Black History Month.  During 2021, people across the world watched the first black woman, Mrs. Kamala Harris, become the Vice President of the United States of America.  We also witnessed the first black man, General Lloyd Austin, named as the Secretary of Defense.  This year the state of California named Ms. Shirley Weber as Secretary of State, the first Black Woman to hold this title.  Finally, we congratulate Holman United Methodist Church member Ms. Holly Mitchell who made history when she was elected as the representative for the Los Angeles County 2nd District Board of Supervisors in November 2020 to the all-female board of Supervisors!  In 2021, Black History is alive and well with Black Trailblazers across the United States of America and beyond.

During the month of February, we are extremely excited to celebrate the Holman UMC Church Anniversary, we acknowledge the history and legacy of ministry at Holman UMC!  Holman UMC will continue to highlight various forms of diversity such as in the areas of music, preaching, teaching, books, ministry, and partnerships.  The following are a few exciting upcoming activities within our congregation during the coming months:

1. Church Anniversary celebration on February 14, 2021
2. Lenten season exploration of the book by United Methodist Bishop Sharma Lewis, “Journey to Transformation: 2021 Lenten Study.”  Bishop Lewis has agreed to join us for at least one Zoom session as we explore her book.
3. Holman UMC book study exploring “CLU: Christlike Love Unit” written by Retired United Methodist Bishop James King.  Bishop King will join us for two zoom sessions as we explore his book.

On a personal note, my birthday is in February and I get to celebrate another year of life!  Please keep me in prayer as God continues to work in my life within my role as your Senior Pastor.  Michelle and I pray for renewal, peace, and strength for the journey for Holman Family and Friends as we enter this new year and season of life.  Step-by-step we will continue to follow in the footsteps of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

God Bless You!

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Dr. Ken Walden
Senior Pastor
Holman United Methodist Church
This is the title of a book by the Most Reverend Bishop Michael B. Curry, Presiding bishop and prelate of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America. He is best known for his sermon on the redemptive power of love at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle at Windsor Castle, a few years ago.

I fell in love with Michael Curry. I fell in love with this book. I fell in love with love and invite you to be a member of the “beloved” community. He definitely seize the way of love as an essential component of addressing the challenging issues of a world today: poverty, racism, selfishness, four ideological divisions, competing claims to speak for God.

This book is a particularly relevant and urgent text for those who call into being the future of the United States of America. It is the manifesto of Jesus’ call to discipleship and an invitation not so much to talk about God’s love in any virtuous way, but to learn to listen to the voices of others whose views may be totally different from ours; whose lens, however foggy, are the children of God.

In this book, Michael Curry says, “Love builds, hate destroys.” He elaborates on this in a January 8, 2021 interview. We have to stop the madness, and you don’t stop the madness with more madness.

Love is God’s way, the moral way, but it’s also the only thing that works. It’s the real moment where idealism actually overlaps with pragmatism. People don’t think of Jesus as a strategist, but he was a leader who successfully built what was essentially a radical equal rights movement within a brutal empire. You don’t do that without being a master strategist. When he said, “Love those who curse you” in the sermon on the Mount — his famous call for non-violence — he wasn’t just speaking about the kind of behavior his father preferred. He was offering a “how to” guide on changing a negative situation to a positive one. Love was a way that could help and heal, lift up and liberate, defang and disarm an empire without hurting and harming. What we call nonviolent resistance, or turning the other cheek, is in fact the strategic deployment of love. This is what Gandhi would later call, “pricking the conscience” – disarming your oppressor with behavior so loving that he can’t help feeling the wrongness of his hate and opening his mind to new possibilities. And in the end, that is the only thing that works.

Michael Curry walks the way and talks the way of love. He is among others, a modern day Prophet who disarms with love, speaks truth to power and to the human heart. Nothing in this world is stronger than the power of love. read this.

Rabbi Steve Leder, author of More Beautiful Than Before, says, “Bishop Curry asks us to love ourselves, one another, and God more fully, and unlike so many others, he actually shows us how to. There is no greater calling, no nobler blessing.”

“Love is the strongest force the world possesses and yet it is the humblest imaginable.”

Mahatma Gandhi
In Fellowship

February Celebrants

1  SHARIAN SMITH NEAL
1  GERALDINE AFRICA STEPHENS
1  MARCEY THOMPSON
2  JOVERN JOHNSON
4  MONIKA Y. McMILLAN
4  GREG WILLIAMS
6  TONI RAVENS
8  VINSON I. JENKINS
9  KATHRYN P. CARR
9  ALISON GRIFFIN
9  RUTH GRAY
9  STEPHEN FAULK
10  JARED HARPER
11  RUBY C. BROWN
11  CARLA PITTMAN
12  VALENCIA NIKKI PHILLIPS
12  MICHAEL JONES
15  GEORGIA R. JOHNSON
16  LEROY HOLMES
17  ROBIN CLAY
17  JOYCE BURRELL GARCIA
17  LAVERNE MEIGHAN-COOPER
18  DORIS J. BURCH
20  RAYVETTE DRAWN
21  KEeva HAYNES
22  KESHON FOSTER
22  KIM EDWARDS
22  ALPHA DIXON, JR.
23  GENEVIEVE JOHNSON
24  ALVIN PITTMAN
24  JESTINA JONES
25  DONOVAN HARPE
25  PATRICIA TITUS
25  WENDELL BELGRAVE
25  GABRIEL JOHN WESLEY MACK
26  BETTI JO STREETER
27  IONIE GARCIA

Looking Ahead

Worship Celebration
11:00 A.M.
VIA RADIO BROADCAST ON
KJLH RADIO 102.3 FM
WWW.KJLHRADIO.COM
LIVE STREAM VIA FACEBOOK
(HolmanChurch)

Sun. Feb. 7  5th SUNDAY AFTER
THE EPIPHANY SUNDAY
• Scriptures: Psalm 147:1-11;
  Mark 1:35-39
  “RETREAT FOR RENEWAL”
• Preacher: Rev. Dr. Ken J. Walden

Sun. Feb. 14  TRANSFIGURATION
SUNDAY
• Scriptures: 2 Kings 2:1-12;
  Mark 9:2-9
  “LISTEN TO JESUS!”
• Preacher: Rev. Dr. Ken J. Walden

Sun. Feb. 17  ASH
WEDNESDAY

Sun. Feb. 21  1st SUNDAY IN LENT
• Scriptures: Genesis 9:8-17
  Mark 1:9-15
  “THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SIGNS”
• Preacher: Rev. Dr. Ken J. Walden

Sun. Feb. 28  2nd SUNDAY IN LENT
• Scriptures: Genesis 17:1-7
  Mark 8:31-38
  “AN EVERLASTING COVENANT”
• Preacher: Rev. Louis A. Chase
We GATHER for dynamic worship!

Grateful for 76 Years of Mission & Ministry
1945—2021

Share Your Love
Drive by Celebration
for Holman 76th Anniversary,
Pastor Walden & First Lady Michelle, and Valentine’s Day
Sunday, February 14, 2021
Immediately following our Worship Celebration!!

Please RSVP via Eventbrite by clicking on the following link:
Holman Anniversary-ValentineDay-Share Your Love Event
Happy Anniversary Holman! What a blessing from God that we can celebrate 76 years as the congregation called Holman. We are thankful to God for His grace and mercy and for the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit as we moved steadily forward since our beginning in February, 1945.

Our founders and early pioneers were not only visionary, spirit-filled people, but they were hard working, trusting souls who put their faith in God and put their hands to the plow. And so it has been through the years that Holman has persevered and “The Church of the Bells” has become a beacon of light and hope in the community and beyond. We lift our hands in praise. We lift our voices and shout, “Hallelujah!” We thank God for sending us a host of effective and committed leaders. The legacy of our founders continues in the members who have been courageous in the giving of their time, treasure and talent. We are thankful, that in a variety of ways, we have been able to serve, “the least of these.”

It has become our tradition to acknowledge and celebrate our Golden Bells on Anniversary Sunday. Golden Bells are those who have reached the membership milestone of fifty years of continuous membership and service. This year (2021), we are pleased to recognize Alice Grigsby and Elaine D. Moore.

Alice Grigsby joined Holman in 1968. She is originally from Monroe, Louisiana. After moving to California, she was invited to Holman by Hazel Storey and Gloria Bailey, friends from her hometown. She also had a connection with Marguerite Phillips whom she met in Fresno, CA. For over 10 years, Mrs. Grigsby served on the Holman Usher Board. In addition, she participated as a member of the SPPRC and the Board of Trustees. Currently, Mrs. Grigsby works with the Greeting Card Ministry. In her professional life, Mrs. Grigsby had a positive impact on the lives of many during her tenure of over 30 years as a librarian in the Community College System.

Elaine D. Moore joined Holman in 1971. Along with other members of her family, she transferred her membership from Hamilton Methodist to Holman. They wanted to worship and serve together as a family. As a professional working for over 40 years with the YWCA and as a committed member of Holman, her work and her Christian service became her ministry. Much of her service has involved young people. She especially enjoyed serving as Camp Dean and as a member of the Parent Support Group. As a member of and Chairperson of the Board of the Holman CDC, Mrs. Moore has continued her ministry to young people by engagement with the Jobs for Kids program and 3FN which serves foster youth. Beyond the Battlefield is another outreach program in which Mrs. Moore is involved.

At Holman, we are family and together we celebrate the membership and service of our sisters Alice Grigsby and Elaine D. Moore. Congratulations to our newest Golden Bells!

Happy Anniversary Holman!!! We love you! To God Be The Glory!
Beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending Holy Saturday, Lent is a time for us as Christians to prepare for Easter through fasting, prayer, and the repentance of our sins. During this time we also celebrate the Holy Week, which is the week beginning with Palm Sunday that commemorates Jesus’ trial, death, burial, and resurrection.

Many fast the 40 days leading up to Easter to replicate the 40 days Jesus journeyed through the desert before Palm Sunday. This has typically been a time that many have drawn themselves closer to God through daily or weekly devotionals. But what does this mean to us as followers of Jesus Christ? Matthew 4:1-11 tells the story of Jesus fasting in the wilderness for 40 days and 40 nights. During this time his spirit was greatly tempted by the devil, but each time he was tempted, he refused to turn his heart away from God.

Throughout life, we are faced with many temptations that can threaten our closeness/relationship with God. Lent serves as a reminder to us all that even Jesus was tempted, but because he stayed close and remained faithful to God he was rewarded with Eternal Life.

This year for Lent, let us reflect on this past year of separation during COVID-19. In a way, we have had to fast from human interaction with each other, which may have led some of us to experience an even stronger closeness to God. As we approach the 2021 Lenten season, we are encouraging the congregation to think of ways they can connect with each other without physical contact, either with a daily prayer or a daily phone call to check-in with someone.
“How much do I love thee [Holman]? Let me count the ways.” My 52 years at Holman United Methodist Church has meant so much to me in so many ways, too numerous to count! Holman has offered me encouragement in feelings of self-worth, enhancement of my spiritual growth, and opportunities to expand my discipleship into more callings.

Before moving to Los Angeles, friends who knew LA and knew my love for church, and especially church music – hymns, anthems – told me, “You will love the music at Holman Church!” They were so right! Holman UMC also expanded my exposure and love for the Negro Spirituals. After visiting Holman for the first time, I never got around to transferring my membership to a CME church as I had planned. After meeting and marrying Earl, we both decided to join. As our 4 children came into our lives and our children’s children, Holman enriched our lives as a family with baptisms, Sunday School, children and youth choirs, confirmations, Debutants-for-Christ, church camp, wedding, anniversaries, and birthday celebrations.

I love teaching! Having been invited and mentored to be a Sunday School teacher and given the opportunity, I taught in my home church from high school, through college, and into part of my post-graduate years. Within the first few months of joining Holman, I sought the opportunity to team teach with a seasoned teacher (Deloach Beavers) who warmly welcomed me. Not long afterwards, when she chose to move on to other ministries, she handed me the Sunday School books, chalk, and eraser. I stayed right there for 30 years of joy with my life enriched by so many wonderful young people!

How my mother found a ballot school for little Black girls in the deeply segregated South, I never knew. However, I loved participating in dance from age 8-17. And then there was Holman in 1990-92, under the ministry of Rev. Lawson, with its first liturgical dance group! Not only did Holman give me the opportunity to return to dance (which I like to think of as “physical exegeses”), but enabled another family bonding with my 2 then teenage daughters through dance! With the rebirth of liturgical dance (IHS), I have enjoyed dance with 4 of my grandchildren, and husband, “Preacher Earl”! TGBTP!

(Continued on page 8—WHAT DOES HOLMAN MEAN TO ME?)
My spiritual growth was accelerated through the blessing of 5 years of Holman’s DISCIPLE Bible study, brought to Holman under the ministry of Rev. Henry L. Masters, Sr. I have often reached back to those teachings, especially with the many challenges life brings to us all. Through the Holman DISCIPLE experience I was invited to participate in a new women’s prayer ministry, Hannah’s Descendants, CWIP. Although some of the members have relocated to other parts of the country, we have continued to experience the joy of celebrating the power of prayer for over 17 years now! Again, TGBTP!

Not only has my family been blessed with the joys of being part of the Holman Family, we have felt the love of Holman in our low moments: the loss of our home in the Baldwin Hills fire, the serious auto accident in Zimbabwe with a month long hospitalization in South Africa, illnesses of family members, deaths of loved ones. Holman UMC ministers and members were reaching out to us none stop!

Do you get it? Can you grasp what Holman means to me? Just know that the same love, support, and spiritual growth are at Holman for you.

Blessings!

**Jo Isabel-Jones**
Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: “Everyone is looking for you!”

Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—I can preach there also. That is why I have come.” So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

There are times when we just need time alone to relax or have some peace (especially if we are in noisy areas). Picture this (a la Sophia Petrillo from the Golden Girls): You are playing your game console and after being on it all day, you get a signal telling you the battery is dying. What do you do? You place it on its charger. Well, Jesus also experienced times when He wanted to just be by himself. Even Jesus had to recharge.

What was He recharging? His Spirit. Why did He need to recharge His Spirit? The Bible tells us that, “He went to the house of two of his disciples, Simon and Andrew. Simon’s mother-in-law was in the house and she was sick with a fever. Jesus “took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she served them” (1:31). It also states, “many people came to Jesus to be healed of all sorts of diseases. The whole town gathered at the door to watch.” Get the picture? Jesus realized that in order for Him to continue with His ministry He needed to have rest and relaxation (RandR) in order to recharge.

We too must have RandR time. For many, it is going on vacation to the Caribbean to lay on some sunny beach. For others, it might mean taking a nap between studies or even relaxing in front of the television enjoying a movie or a favorite show. But the best and most important way to recharge is by praying, by spending time with God in prayer, Bible study, and worship.

Taking time to relax and recharge will help us to remember that just as our bodies must be renewed by proper rest, our spirit must be renewed by spending time with God in prayer, Bible study, and worship.

Interactive Activities - Prayer Collage
Give the children paper and magazine pictures to glue to their "collage page" of things to pray about (such as pictures of food, people, houses, school, weather, etc). Let children then tape or glue a large colorful CROSS on the top of all the pictures of the collage. Write PRAY on the cross.

Questions for reflection:
What did Jesus do when He was tired and needed to recharge?
What are some ways you can make praise and prayer a priority?
Who can you pray for this week?

Memory Verse:
"Let's go to other towns and villages so that I can preach to them, too. That's what I came to do.” (Mark 1:35-39).
We GO into joyful service!

SOCIAL ACTION & ADVOCACY MINISTRY

Oil is Toxic
Racism is Toxic
By Rev. Louis A. Chase

For over five years, Holman United Methodist Church has been a proud member of the environmental justice coalition Standing Together Against Neighborhood Drilling, also known as STAND-LA. We first got involved when the presence of a toxic oil drilling site right here in our own West Adams neighborhood was brought to our attention, known as the Murphy drill site on West Adams Boulevard between St. Andrews and Gramercy Place. Members of our church talked to neighbors, many of them at the Section 8 St. Andrews Apartments right next to the site, and heard stories of adults and children alike suffering from cancer, asthma and other illnesses—all while living a stone's throw from a facility that to this day posts a sign on its door stating “Warning: This area contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer or birth defects or other reproductive harm.” Our neighbor Don Martin—some of you have met him—lost his wife less than two years ago while his granddaughter Kiarri developed Hodgkins Lymphoma at age eight. Within just 3-4 blocks of the Murphy Drill site are schools that educate hundreds of children, and buildings housing and caring for our elderly neighbors. To this day, our community partners are finding dangerous toxic air emissions at levels well above the legal limit, while the government agencies charged with regulating them are ineffective or just missing in action.

We came to understand that West Adams is not the only neighborhood living with toxic oil extraction sites hidden in plane site. These sites plague South L.A.—the poorest neighborhoods in L.A.’s harbor—and also areas in mid-City, the West Side, and most conspicuously in the nearby Baldwin Hills. Since 2015, our church has joined forces with some of the fiercest environmental justice advocates and community-based organizations in the City with the goal of putting an end to neighborhood oil drilling. Among those groups; Esperanza Community Housing, SCOPE, Black Women for Wellness, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Los Angeles, and the Liberty Hill Foundation.

The STAND-LA coalition believes that all people, regardless of race or income or immigration status, have the right to clean air and a healthy environment where we live, work, play and pray. We are also acutely aware that producing and consuming oil is burning our planet, with record heat and wild fires in our state, only the most obvious manifestations of global warming.

STAND-LA has been working for four years running to establish a strong policies in the City and County of Los Angeles to end neighborhood drilling as an important step toward ending our addiction to fossil fuels altogether. We are waging a classic David & Goliath struggle against very powerful, well-funded opposition; oil companies and their well-connected lobbyists—but we have built a large city-wide coalition and we are winning. We are fighting not just for an end to oil drilling, but for what we call a just transition—where workers who currently work at oil sites are given the support to find safer jobs with equal or better pay in other sectors, and where the proper clean up of polluted oil sites can create jobs while leading to beneficial economic and possibly housing development for our communities.

Just this past December, a committee of the L.A. City Council voted unanimously to recommend a city-wide ban on oil extraction. But there still is a long and arduous road ahead to enact and implement such a policy.

Holman members and leadership have shown up at City Hall time and again to speak to our elected representatives. Elected officials with close associations with our church are playing an important role in this effort or can play an important role, and our role is to help bring them along.
Nurture through Outreach

HOLMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHILDREN MINISTRIES
Art Imitates Life
CONTEST
Our 1st annual contest is open to children ages 5-12.
The theme is:
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
The artwork can be a portrait or poster of a person or event
that commemorates or celebrates Black History Month.
It can be on canvas or other materials,
CONTEST RULES:
• All work must be original
• Only one entry per child
• Work must be submitted with child’s name, age and a brief
description of the art
• Please submit a photo of the work and a photo of the child
• Parents are encouraged to record the children creating their
work.
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: 2.25.21
All submissions will be acknowledged.
Three winning entries will be recognized and featured in the
church’s website, BellRinger, E-Ringer and weekly bulletin.
The contest is open to church members and non-members.

SUBMISSION FORM

Child’s first and last name: ________________________________ Age: __________
Parent/Guardian Name: ________________________________________
Email address: ________________________________________________
Telephone #: ____________________________
Title of child’s submission: ______________________________________
☐ Church Member  ☐ Non-Member  If not, connection to Church?

☐ I have read and understood the above rules and agree to the terms of the contest.
I also agree that my child’s name, age, and original work can be used for publication should
his or her poem be selected as a winner or honorable mention.

Please email submissions to: damchell@gmail.com or mail to Holman UMC
addressed to Children Ministries, Attn.: Deborah A. Mitchell

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LENTEN SEASON 2021

FEBRUARY 17—APRIL 4

ASH WEDNESDAY
February 17
Stay tuned for information on how to administer your ashes.

HOLY / MAUNDY THURSDAY
March 25
Virtual Seder Meal Event

GOOD FRIDAY
March 26

PALM / PASSION SUNDAY
March 28

EASTER SUNDAY
April 4

Lenten Study Book: 
Journey to Transformation
by Bishop Sharma Lewis

Virtual Study via Zoom
Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm, beginning 2/17 & facilitated by Pastor and Mrs. Walden

Sharing her individual journey, Bishop Sharma Lewis (VA Conf., United Methodist Church) invites readers to observe Lent by introspection, repentance, forgiveness, renewal, prayer, fasting, and Biblical Study.

Bishop Sharma Lewis will participate in March 3rd session.
Outreach through Witness

Lenten Daily Devotional

Weeks 1 – 3
(FEBRUARY 17 – MARCH 9)

Week 1
(February 17-23): The Fast We Choose
Genesis 9: 8-17. When have you, after loss, experienced new life?
Psalms 25: 1-10. How do you offer thanks?
Peter 3: 18-22. When have you sacrificed something for the sake of someone else?
Mark 1: 9-15. What helped you move through a wilderness experience in your life?

Week 2 (February 24-March 2): A Royal Order
Psalm 22: 23-31. Where do you find hope in troubled times?
Romans 4: 13-25. How do you describe God’s grace in your life?
Mark 9: 2-9. What helps you trust in God?

Week 3 (March 3-9): Acting Out Our Faith
Exodus 20:1-17. How do you keep God as a central focus in your life?
Psalm 19. How do you experience and honor God’s laws in your life?
1 Corinthians 1 :18-25. What does it mean to you that “God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom in your life?
John 2: 13-22. Do the actions of Jesus fit with the way you generally picture him?

Adapted by the Lenten Task Force from the
Upper Room Disciplines 2021: A Book of Daily Devotions. An Upper Room Publication
Holman United Methodist Church
Youth Ministry

Words in Motion
Poetry / Spoken Word Contest

Calling all Youth ages 13-18! Do you like to write, rap or rhyme? Here’s an opportunity to showcase your skills.

Topic: Various (See Below)

Deadline to Submit: 3.1.2021

ALL SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED.
THREE WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE RECOGNIZED AND FEATURED IN THE CHURCH’S WEBSITE, BELLRINGER, E-RINGER AND WEEKLY BULLETIN.
THE CONTEST IS OPEN TO CHURCH MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS.

WE’RE EXCITED TO SEE THE WORK OF OUR FUTURE JAMES BALDWIN, NIKKI GIOVANNI!

Submission Form

Youth’s first and last name: __________________________ Age: __________
Parent/Guardian Name: ______________________________
Email address: _______________________________________
Telephone #: _________________________________________
Title of submission: __________________________________
☐ Church Member  ☐ Non-Member  If not, connection to Church?

☐ I have read and understood the above rules and agree to the terms of the contest. I also agree that my child’s name, age, and original work can be used for publication should his or her poem be selected as a winner or honorable mention.

Please email submissions to: damchell@gmail.com or mail to Holman UMC,
addressed to Holman Youth Ministries, Attn.: Deborah A. Mitchell

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FEBRUARY 20 AT 4:00 PM

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Select “Other” and add “Y.A.M. Comedy Show”
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Please RSVP by 02/19/2021 to receive Zoom link

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For many, the beautiful trumpet-shaped white flowers symbolize purity, virtue, innocence, hope and life—the spiritual essence of Easter. History, mythology, literature, poetry and the world of art are rife with stories and images that speak of the beauty and majesty of the elegant white flowers.

Often called the “white-robed apostles of hope,” lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ’s agony. Tradition has it that the beautiful white lilies sprung up where drops of Christ’s sweat fell to the ground in his final hours of sorrow and deep distress.

Churches continue this tradition at Easter time by banking their altars and surrounding their crosses with masses of Easter Lilies, to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and hope of life everlasting.

Easter Lilies

During the Lenten Season it is our tradition at Holman UMC to adorn our sanctuary with Easter Lilies donated by our Holman family. We invite members of Holman UMC and all others to purchase as a donation a virtual Lily plant in Memory or Honor of a loved one.

The donations received will be used to continue providing year round support in our community through our Storehouse Ministry.

Each 7” Plants cost $10.00.
Please indicate your donation for virtual Lily plant(s) by completing the form below.

Your Name: ________________________________

Telephone_______________________

Donation in MEMORY of: ________________________________

In HONOR of: ________________________________

Total # of plants_________

Total amount enclosed: $_________

☐ Check #___________
☐ Cash ☐ Credit (online)

Thank you for your Support and your Donation
When change happens, the adaptation to that change matters. Holman United Methodist Church's legacy is a story of transformation built on a foundation of changes by people willing to trust the Spirit of God and adapt. (And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. —Romans:12:2)

76 years ago, nine laymen and laywomen (Ulysses S. Griggs, Sr., J.W. Bryant, J.B. Jones, William Page, Ethel Page, Mrs. Charlie Jackson, Nina Lott, Mary Harris, and Chaplain James L. Jones) founded Holman United Methodist Church. Recognizing the Black community's changing interests and conditions, the founders boldly accepted the opportunity to disciple extended relevant outreach services for the changing needs of Black people in Los Angeles. They acknowledged the impact of Black people moving to reside on the west side of Los Angeles city, which presented a chance to reach out, accommodate and demonstrate timely active engagement, the United Methodism hallmark.

The founders met the people where they were physically, economically, and socially. Willing to create and trod into new territory while confidently led by the Spirit of God's divine wisdom, their faith allowed them to adapt to relevant ministry and release the status quo's mindset. (Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. —Hebrews 11:1) They recognized the opportunity for change and courageously embraced the change and became the change. They unselfishly approached the necessity for change and diligently adapted to relevant active engagement; with God's favor.

Fortunately, we are operating on the shoulders of these great visionaries who established a prominent presence within the Los Angeles community and the United Methodist Church fellowship because change and adaption reigned and Holman United Methodist Church's legacy was born. In consideration of maintaining a sustainable legacy, let us re-evaluate Holman's purpose, position, programs, and power for the community and the world. We are responsible for stepping out of our comfort zone and addressing the needs for equity —social & economic, and human rights. We must continue to formulate vibrant partnerships domestically and globally. For a time such as this, Holman's ministries must reflect relevant outreach beyond the sanctuary's glass windows and weekly 11:00 am Sundays across the radio airways.

As we move forward into 2021, let us recommit and adapt to a new game plan to address the tumultuous calamities of the global Coronavirus pandemic's social and economic injustices. We must stay vigilant, strong, and rise. For a time like this, amplify our voices, reach out, show up and show out with partnerships in love and peace and justice for a resounding presence. (But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint. —Isaiah 40:31)

Holman is more than "The Church of the Bells."
In Community

3FN’s EAVE (Education and Volunteer Engagement) Virtual Series aims to educate the community on all aspects of foster care from start to finish. The word “eave” comes from an old English word which means border. Eaves provide protection for a house. 3FN’s EAVE series will provide information, ("protection") necessary to support children and families impacted by foster care. The four part series will culminate in a discussion about the various ways we can build a village of support for foster youth and families.

THE REMAINING SESSIONS IN OUR 4-PART SERIES INCLUDE:

FEBRUARY 16, 2021 6:00 -7:30 P.M.

2. FOSTER CARE IN L.A. COUNTY
The history of foster care in L.A. County including the role of kinship support and disparity in the system.

MARCH 16, 2021 6:00 -7:30 P.M.

3. UNDERSTANDING THE FOSTER CARE POPULATION
The beautiful children, teens and young adults impacted by foster care and the challenges they experience.

APRIL 20, 2021 6:00 -7:30 P.M.

4. BUILDING THE VILLAGE – MAKING A DIFFERENCE
Volunteer Engagement and Opportunities
Understanding the areas of need and identifying the areas for engagement.

Network Members

REGISTER via EVENTBRITE

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Our Connectional Ministry

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East District Leadership Training:
First-of-Three Webinar

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: BISHOP HAGIYA

DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2021
TIME: 10 A.M TO 12 NOON
ZOOM LINK: To Be Announced

WORKSHOPS:
- Spiritual Practices
- Mental Health Strategies
- Online Discipling and Spiritual Growth
- Basic Virtual Ministry 101

REGISTRATION REQUIRED - NO CHARGE
RSVP by February 8, 2021

Technical requirements:
To participate in Zoom meetings, participants must have a reliable Internet connection, and a laptop, tablet, or smartphone device that can download and install the Zoom app. A web or phone camera and a microphone are highly recommended, although some users may call in via phone if a mic is not available.

For questions about this event, contact Rev. Carrie Cesar at pastorcarriecesar@gmail.com

This event is the first of a series of three webinars planned for East District local church leadership but also open to members from all districts. The additional sessions are yet to be determined and will be announced in the future.

Click the link below to RSVP

RegisterHere
Inviting ALL into Discipleship with Jesus Christ!!

SEEK THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND; CALL UPON HIM WHILE HE IS NEAR.

Isaiah 55:6

FOR YOUR SPIRIT

WORD FOR THE SOUL

“History has shown us that courage can be contagious and hope can take on a life of its own.”

– Michelle Obama

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