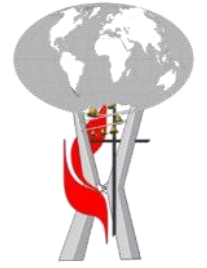


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OUR MISSION

To fulfill the Great Commission by inviting people into discipleship with Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

OUR VISION

*A place where bells are rung as we
GATHER for dynamic worship,
GROW through inspired learning,
GO into joyful service, and
LIVE the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

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WALDEN'S WORDS

A Fond Farewell

Dear Holman Family and Friends,

It is with a full heart that I write my final pastoral letter to you. My last day as the Senior Pastor of Holman UMC will be February 29, 2024. As I reflect on our time together, my heart is encouraged knowing that Holman UMC is stronger now than when we began our journey together in 2020.

We have accomplished much together. For me, some of the highlights have been:

- 1) Returning to in-person worship after 18-months of virtual-only worship services due to the Covid-19 pandemic
- 2) Increasing our YouTube subscribers from 65 to roughly 700
- 3) Expanded strategic relationships with community partners such as STAND-L.A., USC, LA County's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), CYFC, the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, Ignited Light, and the offices of Councilwoman Heather Hutt and Supervisor Holly Mitchell;
- 4) Completed renovation of the Education Building
- 5) Starting and completing significant repairs to the nursery and in the women's restroom in the sanctuary
- 6) Led by the Mortgage Reduction Task Force, exceeding our goal of reducing the mortgage
- 7) 100% of our apportionments

To allow the flexibility needed during this season of my life to care for my Mom as she suffers with Stage 4 breast cancer, I accepted a mostly remote faculty and administrative position with the new online School of Religion at Hampton University.

As I depart, I ask that you support Rev. Christian Washington, your interim senior pastor, and the new senior pastor who will follow him. My wife, Michelle, and I will continue to give prayerful support to Holman UMC as we believe Holman UMC's future is bright and full of God's grace and mercy. We love you and we are so proud to have served alongside you!

Grace and Peace
Rev. Dr. Ken J. Walden
Senior Pastor

*A Time of Farewell and Appreciation
for Rev. Dr. Ken J. Walden and Mrs. Michelle Walden*

*The members and friends of
Holman United Methodist Church
extend our gratitude and appreciation
to Rev. Dr. Ken J. Walden and Mrs. Michelle Walden
for the love and support they shared with us
as Senior Pastor and First Lady of our congregation.*

*We thank God for cherished memories
of their expressions of generosity and kindness,
gestures of compassion and encouragement,
and times of guidance and leadership.*

*We pray that they will be granted
wisdom, strength, and abundant grace
as they move with confidence in a new direction,
offering their gifts and talents
to work and serve faithfully
through Jesus Christ Our Lord.*

*As we bid Rev. and Mrs. Walden farewell,
we trust that God's blessings will be upon them
across every step of their journey.*

*May God's name be praised
for the time we have shared
and the promise of success in the days ahead.*

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*A special reception has been planned
in honor of Ken and Michelle.
You are cordially invited to join them
in L.L. White Hall
for a time of fellowship
immediately following each worship service
at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
on Sunday, February 18, 2024.*

FEBRUARY 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| 28 <i>Epiphany 4</i> 8am Worship Service 9:30 Adult Sunday Sch 11am Worship Service Mark 1:21-28 "What Is This?" | 29 11:30am HUMC Staff | 30 | 31 | 1 1pm Bible Study | 2 7:30am Prayer Svc 9am STAND L.A. | 3 10am Communion Stewards (sanctuary) |
| 4 <i>Epiphany 5</i> 8am Worship Service Mark 1:4-11 "The Holy Spirit" 9:30 Adult Sunday Sch 11am Worship Service Amb. Charles Stith Genesis 17:17 "Great Expectations" | 5 11:30am HUMC Staff Meeting | 6 5:30 Lay Leader (605) 313-4179 Access #399683 | 7 12 pm Prayer Shawl | 8 1pm Bible Study | 9 7:30am Prayer Svc | 10 9am Holman United Methodist Men 10am-12pm Holman Choir Rehearsal |
| 11 <i>Epiphany 6</i> Holman UMC 79th Anniversary 8am Worship Service 9:30 Adult Sunday Sch 11am Worship Service Mark 9:2-9 "Only Jesus" | 12 11:30pm HUMC Staff | 13 6:30pm SPPRC | 14 Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes 8-9am Drive-thru 12pm Service in Chapel 6pm Service in Chapel | 15 1pm Bible Study | 16 7:30am Prayer Svc | 17 9am-3pm Saturday School for African American History 10am-12pm SOULFORCE 10am-3pm Choir Retreat/Rehearsal |
| 18 <i>Lent 1</i> 8am Worship Service 9:30 Adult Sunday Sch 11am Worship Service Rev. Oliver Buie 1 Peter 2:6-9 "Who Are You?" 12:45-2:00pm Choir | 19 <i>President's Day</i> OFFICE CLOSED | 20 7pm Trustee Board | 21 12pm Prayer Shawl 7pm Lenten Book Study | 22 1pm Bible Study 6pm Stewardship | 23 7:30am Prayer Svc | 24 9am-3pm Methodist Federation for Social Action |
| 25 <i>Lent 2</i> 8am Worship Service 9:30 Adult Sunday Sch 11am Worship Service 5:00 Annual Concert of Negro Spirituals Romans 4:13-25 "It Depends on Faith" | 26 11:30am HUMC Staff | 27 6:30pm Finance | 28 7pm Lenten Book Study | 29 1pm Bible Study | 1 7:30am Prayer Svc | 2 |

Beyond the Battlefield 24/7 PRAYER LINE

Bible Study (Phone)*

Prayer Service (Phone)*

Adult Sunday School Class*

Children's Ministry/Sunday School*

(323) 703-1545

(605) 313-4179/Code: 399683

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Sundays @ 9:30am

[Electronic newsletter](#)

*Contact the office for details: (323) 703-5868



CONGRATULATIONS FEBRUARY 2024 CELEBRANTS

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|----|------------------------|----|------------------------|
| 1 | SHARIAN SMITH NEAL | 19 | DORIS J. BURCH |
| 1 | REV. ZAN HOLMES | 22 | ALPHA DIXON |
| 1 | MARCEY THOMPSON | 22 | KIM EDWARDS |
| 9 | STEPHEN FAULK | 23 | GENEVIEVE JOHNSON |
| 9 | RUTH GRAY | 24 | JESTINA JONES |
| 10 | JARED HARPER | 24 | ALVIN PITTMAN |
| 11 | RUBY C. BROWN | 25 | WENDELL BELGRAVE |
| 11 | CARLA PITTMAN | 25 | DONOVAN HARPE |
| 11 | HOLMAN UMC | 25 | REV. DR. KEN J. WALDEN |
| 17 | MARCELLO R. CLAY | 26 | IVOR DAWSON |
| 17 | JOYCE BURRELL GARCIA | 28 | EVELYN JOHNSON |
| 17 | LAVERNE MEIGHAN-COOPER | | |

Bless them with Your presence and surround them with Your love, that they may
enjoy many happy years, all of them pleasing to You.

United Methodist Book of Worship



LA OPERA Comes to Holman

Sunday, Feb. 18th, during the 11am service, tenor Rodrick Dixon from LA Opera, will be our guest soloist. Mr. Dickson currently has the lead role in one of two one act operas, *The Dwarf* (Der Zwerg), which opens this month, Saturday, Feb. 24th - March 17th, at the Dorothy Chandler Pavillion. Some may remember him as one of the original *Three Mo' Tensors*. He is also the cousin of Holman member, Yolanda Mitchell West.

LA Opera is offering Holman a 30% discount off admission using code: **STAGE30** to attend the two one act operas: *Highway 1, USA* (All Black cast), William Grant Still, composer / *The Dwarf* (Der Zwerg), James Zemlinsky, composer. Performances begin on Saturday, Feb. 24 and run through Sunday, March 17, 2024. Use the code **STAGE30** or click the following link that will apply the code directly in the purchase path: [Highway 1, USA/Dwarf](#)

A Historic LA Premiere: *Highway 1, USA*

First up is the uplifting *Highway 1, USA* by trailblazer William Grant Still, hailed as “the Dean of African-American Composers.” Norman Garrett and Nicole Heaston star as a hard-working Black couple determined to build a better life, whose years of sacrifice turn out to be misguided. Chaz'men Williams-Ali portrays the ne'er-do-well brother who squanders every opportunity granted to him. This new staging (only the second-ever professional production of this heartwarming opera) is helmed by visionary director Kaneza Schaal and production designer Christopher Myers, reuniting after their work on our stunning 2022 production of *Omar*.

An Impossible Romance: *The Dwarf*

Next up is a gothic tale of one-sided love in a decadent Spanish court. **Tenor Rodrick Dixon** stars in the title role opposite audience favorites Erica Petrocelli and Kristinn Sigmundsson as we present Alexander Zemlinsky's *The Dwarf*. Last staged at LA Opera in 2008 to critical acclaim, Oscar Wilde's fable is brought to life through a lush and romantic score. Tony-winning director Darko Tresnjak conjures a royally opulent production, with costumes from fellow Tony Award winner Linda Cho.



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Welcome Rev. Christian Washington

Interim Senior Pastor



On March 1, Holman welcomes the Rev. Christian Washington as its interim senior pastor. Affable and well-read, “Pastor Christian” brings a solid theological background and impressive body of work as a marketing consultant in both corporate circles and faith-based communities. He will remain with us through June, working closely with Holman UMC leaders, Bishop Escobedo-Frank and D.S. Tu’itahi, and former Holman associate pastor and current Call-Pac change manager, Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin.

Ministry is a second career for Pastor Christian, a former lead facilitator at The Wildworks Group in Dallas, a boutique management consulting practice that employed the accelerated solutions method originated by M.G. Taylor. While at Wildworks, Rev. Washington designed collaborative solutions interventions with global corpora-

tions and nonprofits including Clear Channel Communications, Neiman Marcus, Airlines Reporting Corporation, World Vision, Bell Canada, Grady Hospital, and the United Methodist Church.

In 2004, Rev. Washington started REAL Coaching, Incorporated as the first “rapid solutions” consulting practice that focuses on faith-based and non-profit organizations. He has published extensively on innovative organizational development, the theology of “significance,” and personal and corporate philanthropy. Washington also collaborated with Dr. Rudy Rasmus on his book *TOUCH: Pressing Against the Wounds of a Broken World*, published by Thomas Nelson.

Pastor Christian, a native of Los Angeles, studied Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Cornell University; and management science at the University of California, San Diego. He is a Licensed Local Pastor with the United Methodist Church, and a Fellow of the Loyola University Institute of Politics. He has served several advisory boards including Fellowship Monrovia, The Greatest Story, and *Outreach* Magazine. When he is not doing the work that he loves, Christian enjoys travel, hiking, tennis, live music and cheering on his hometown sports teams the Lakers, Dodgers, and USC Trojans.

Get to know our interim pastor by reading his thought-provoking meditation, “My mother always ‘whispered’ the words ‘white people’ even when no white people were around,” reprinted on the following pages.

Source of biographical information: Real Coaching Incorporated, <https://realcoaching.net>

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My mother’s life was created and formed in the Jim Crow segregation of rural Texas

She was educated in Cuero's colored “school house”

She was raised to fear and obey "Mr. Charlie" whom she later called “Chuck”

Having seen the legal and violent consequences of “stepping out of place” up close

She attended the colored college in the State Capital city but dropped out when a young soldier’s marriage proposal included California relocation

"California is the place you outta be... Swimming pools, movie stars, beaches, hope”

California would be separate BUT equal for sure... right?

Better weather and paved sidewalks only masked the truth

Jim Crow had relatives in Los Angeles too

As twin tribulations moved in next door

Fear of her husband dying in Korea

And the soul crushing reality of her infertility

Starting a family would have to happen another way

Multiple Foster and Adoption days brought hope into her fearful world

As Civil Rights confrontations were caught on tape

Martin, John, Malcom, and Bobby prove NO ONE is safe

My mother always “whispered” the words “white people” even when no white people were around

350 years late arrives blood stained legislation

National Guard protected integrations

The allusion of police protection

"Black is Beautiful" and "I am Somebody” declarations

But “the talk” was still a necessity in this generation

Making the connection between “not appearing to be a threat”

And making it home alive after a traffic stop or arrest

The rules she taught me were not new

Hands at 10 and 2

"Yes sir" when spoken to

Appearing a little afraid can help too

Proper English and no slang or sass
Show any frustration and they will beat yo ass
Make the officer feel superior and he might let you pass
Do whatever you are instructed to do without hesitation
Answer every question and submit to every test
The ONLY thing that matters is making it home alive after a traffic stop
or arrest

***My mother always “whispered” the words “white people” even when
no white people were around***

And she was determined to see her children survive
Her greatest aspiration for me was never college or a profession
A high school diploma and no criminal record were all she could "say
grace over"
To that end she set about teaching me to reverence whiteness
And to never challenge its authority
Speak like them on command
Respect their version of American History
View their way of life as superior
View their institutions as superior
View them as superior, the standard to be judged by, and the judges
To survive you must assimilate
Imitate them to increase your chances of making it home everyday
And always watch what you say
You can never afford to step out of your place
You never know who is listening
You never know the allegiances of the person you are talking too
You never know who might be seeing you
The survival rules mom's elders taught her were passed down to me as
an inheritance
"Violate them at your peril" she would say as punctuation

***My mother always “whispered” the words “white people” even when
no white people were around***

She sent me into a world she didn't trust or understand fearing for my
life every day
Through college (I never told her about my experiences with police by
the way)
Through my moving to the South she once fled
Through "Blackness" becoming mainstream and profitable space
Finally a "glimmer of light on our dark race" she would say
But the triumph of the "MJ's" and "Cosby's" would soon be replaced
By the brokenness of Rodney King's spirit, body, and face
The exonerated cops who were caught on tape

Civil Rights legislation nullified
Justice expectations erased in the time it takes to say "not guilty"
The ensuing riots became the unheard voice of the perpetually unheard
Confirming my mothers worse fears
Black legal justice on white legal paper, signed in Black Ink by
White people
Can never protect her tall, dark and unmistakably Black son in this
White world

***My mother always "whispered" the words "white people" even
when no white people were around***

By 2008 her light and health began to fade
Her perception of time and reality vacillating between her distant
past and current moment
Near the end, her childhood would say "They will never let a black
man become Commander-in-Chief"
"They assassinate Presidents and King's in this country you know"
She was bed ridden by now but the November election was something
worth fighting off death to see
On election night in a moment of presence and overwhelming pride
she said, "I never thought I would live to see a this day... I never
dared to imagine the election of a black president. It's a miracle."
Those were the last coherent words I remember from her
But somewhere deep inside she fought to live on a little while longer
I believe she needed to see Obama actually sworn in to know it wasn't
just a dream
She needed to witness the moment when White people "allowed"
this miracle to happen
Only then would she take her rest
Dorothy Washington received her heavenly reward 10 days after the
inauguration of the 44th President of the United States
She entered her heavenly home praying and hoping to not see brother
Barack or her son "Buddy" anytime soon
***My mother always "whispered" the words "white people" even
when no white people were around***

Christian Washington
"UR Significant"



Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14, and ends Maundy Thursday, March 28, the night of Jesus's arrest and conviction. We honor this holy season through traditional practices such as fasting (perhaps relinquishing a habit or taking on a new discipline), prayer, meditation and study.

This year's Lenten Book Study is *Tarry Awhile: Wisdom from Black Spirituality for People of Faith* by British theologian Selina Stone. Read more about Stone, [here](#). Join Lenten Book Study and keep abreast of Holman Lenten activities by contacting:

HolmanLentenTaskForce@gmail.com.

Lent at Holman

by Jennifer Hightower

What Is Lent?

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 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.

During this time of Lent, let's continually encourage one another to fast from something that we feel hinders our closeness with God as we are reminded of Jesus' sacrifice for us.



What Is A Seder Meal?

A Seder meal is a tradition that started in the Jewish community to celebrate Passover and the Jews redemption from bondage in the land of Egypt. As members of the Christian African American community, we at Holman not only have a Seder meal to honor the redemption from the bondage of sin through Jesus' sacrifice of life, but also to celebrate our ancestor's redemption from the bondage of slavery in America as well. A Seder plate includes six food items (bitter herbs, charoset, greens, roasted egg, matzah, and a shank bone), that hold a special significance to the retelling of the exodus from Egypt. It is a special time for us to come together as a community of faith in great reflection to honor those that came before us while also looking ahead with great promise.

Join the Lenten Task Force

at Holman United Methodist Church

as we celebrate the 2024 Lenten Season

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|---|---|
| <p style="text-align: center;">Ash Wednesday February 14</p> | <p>Receive ashes and worship 8:00-9:00am: Drive-by ashes in the parking lot 12:00pm: Service in the Chapel 6:00pm: Services in the Chapel</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Concert of Negro Spirituals February 25</p> | <p>Enjoy the 62nd Annual Concert of Negro Spirituals Holman UMC Sanctuary @3:00pm</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Book Study Wednesdays 6:30pm via Zoom Meeting ID: 856 0940 5566</p> | <p>Read <i>Tarry Awhile: Wisdom from Black Spirituality for People of Faith.</i> February 21: Rev. Dr. Ken J. Walden February 28: Rev. Louis Chase March 6: Rev. Christian Washington March 13: Rev. Louis Chase March 20: Rev. Christian Washington</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Psalm Sunday March 24</p> | <p>Celebrate the start of Holy Week 8:00am and 11:00am in the Sanctuary and live streamed on YouTube 11:00am: listen on 102.3 KJLH FM radio</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Maundy Thursday March 28</p> | <p>Commemorate the Last Supper 3rd Annual virtual Seder Meal @ 5:30pm RSVP to HolmanLentenTaskForce@gmail.com</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Good Friday March 29</p> | <p>Celebrate with BMCR at 12:00pm, location: TBD Listen to <i>Seven Last Words of Christ</i> as presented by the Holman Choir Holman UMC Sanctuary, 7:00pm</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Easter Sunday March 31</p> | <p>Celebrate the resurrection of Christ 8:00am and 11:00am in the Sanctuary and live streamed on YouTube 11:00am: listen on 102.3 FM KJLH</p> |

Please consider a sacrificial Lenten/Easter offering of \$2 a day.

January in Review



On Thursday, January 11, a one-mile stretch of Adams Boulevard was dedicated as Rev. James Lawson Mile. The renaming, spearheaded by Councilwoman Heather Hutt and AFL-CIO President Yvonne Wheeler, brought together activists from across Los Angeles and representatives from several city agencies. Recalling the 1968 March on Washington, attendees strode behind a 1960s era bus on loan from L.A. Metro, singing freedom songs. The unveiling of a street sign bearing Rev. Lawson's name in front of Holman Church was followed by a screening of *Rustin*, in the sanctuary. The Pastor Emeritus admonished attendees that **love is the only way to fight injustice** during his jovial acknowledgement and re-dedication of the **James Lawson Miracle Mile**. We at Holman will go with the second dedication!

Opposite page, clockwise from top left: Dr. Walden welcomes new members Siray Rodgers and Raven Gayle, 2024 West Adams Homeless Count volunteers ready to serve, Dr. Walden welcomes Interim Senior Pastor Christian Washington, Pastor Christian with Vilma Dawson, Melida Smith leads the Jubilant Voices of Holman.





Community Voices
THANK YOU
to ALL the Participants of the 2024 Count
by Tori Bailey, MPH



This year we had 160 volunteers, which would have been more had the LAHSA registration not prematurely stopped our input at 75 then reopened access a few days before the event. We were assigned 49 tracks, which were 100% done!

The teams were assigned (unless they came teamed up already) and everyone enjoyed the camaraderie. We had officials, pastors, including our own Dr. Ken J. Walden, running mates, physicians, UNNC, and a multidimensional/cultural core of community persons with quite a few first timers.

Thanks to Ignited Light for hygiene items, toothbrushes and paste, chips, and cookies which were handed out and thanks to the BEST store manager, Mr.

Rickie, who not only thanked us for shopping in his Albertson's but gave bananas that nourished the volunteers and the Homeless as well who were ever so grateful.

For me, the coordinator, the process was smoother than ever partially due to the app. I made sure there were two techs to conduct my double check mechanism. So thank you to Bridge Over the Digital Divide, who allows our community to have computer classes, usage for free, low cost computer purchases and confidential e-waste of old computers for recycling.

Thank you again to all participants including our homemade chili maker, Aaron, and homemade chicken soup care of Jackie. To God be the Glory...until next year.

Back/Black to the Future

by Don A. Norman

Dedicated to my grandson, Deon Sá, and my granddaughter Drew

*We take a lot of things for granted. Flip a switch and (if the bill has been paid) the **light** goes on. When we arrive at an intersection, we are guided by three colored circles: the red, green, and blue of a **traffic signal**. Perhaps we board the Blue Line trolley or the subway. The reason why we don't stay at the stop or in the station is because the **trolley** and the **third-rail** connect to high-voltage electricity, permitting our trains to go. Then the **airbrakes** on these and on railroad cars bring us to a safe stop. When we prepare to make a cake, pancakes, waffles, or a soufflé, it's a given that a **hand mixer** or an electric one will beat the eggs. If something drops on the floor while we're cooking, a **mop** will clean it up. Anything we need to preserve goes into the **refrigerator**. If our invited dinner guests have to sleep over, some of us conveniently open a sofa into a **folding bed**.*

*While grownups go to work and get up and down floors on an **elevator**, their children do schoolwork keeping their #2s useable by inserting them into **pencil sharpeners**. The teacher checks their work using a **fountain pen** or a ball-point to affix the grades. And at the end of the school day some parents come to pick up their children while pushing a **baby carriage**. Meanwhile, all over the city and throughout the world, people keep in touch by using their portable **cellular telephones**.*

***So what is the best kept secret in the world?** All the devices mentioned in **bold type** and those listed on the subsequent pages were conceived, invented, and patented by Black men and women. And this publication only mentions a small portion of African-American inventive achievements.*

As to why these accomplishments have escaped the general public's view, many of the inventions were patented in the late 1800s when Blacks were denied access to the business world. They were hired by corporations and given obscure titles and back-room jobs but, due to company policy, had to turn over their patent rights to the firms. Thus, few consumers know that some things we use daily began as a concept in the minds of African-Americans.

Let's see what we've been missing:

INVENTIONS AND PATENTS BY CREATIVE BLACK MINDS

(000,000) patent numbers noted when available

January: 7, 1890 - Fountain pen, William Purvis (419,065); 17, 1882 - carbon filament for electric bulbs, Lewis A. Latirner*(252,386)

February: 3, 1976 - supercharger for car engines, Joseph Gamell; 5, 1884 - mechanical egg beater, Willis Johnson (292,821); 23, 1960 - thermostat/ temperature control system, F.M. Jones (2,926,005)

March: 6, 1928 - device for setting thermostats, David N. Crosthwait, Jr.; 11, 1947 - 2-cycle gas engine, F.M. Jones (2,417,253); 17, 1896 - street sweeper, C.B. Brooks (556,711); 20, 1883 - shoe lasting (sewing) machine, Jan Matzeliger (459,899); 26, 1872 - fire extinguisher, T. J. Marshall (125,063)

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April: 4, 1899 - gas burner, B.F. Jackson (622,482); 7, 1885 - typewriter, Burridge & Marshman; 23, 1878 - rotary engine, B.H. Taylor (202,888); 26, 1844 - ironing board, Sarah Boone (473,653);

May: 4, 1897 - lawn sprinkler, J.W. Smith (581,785); 7, 1878 - fire escape ladder, J.B. Winters (203,517); 8, 1888 - velocipede [tricycle], M.A. Cherry (382,351); 9, 1899 - lawn mower, J.A. Burr (624,749); 22, 1894 - oil heater/cooker, S. Newson (520,188); 29, 1888 - overhead trolley, Granville T. Woods (383,844)

June: 5, 1893 - map with grids, George W. Murray; 7, 1892 - clothes dryer, G.T. Sampson (476,416); 13, 1893 - the mop, T. Stewart (499,402); 18, 1889 - baby carriage, William Richardson (405,599 -405,600); 26, 1872 - fire extinguisher, T.J. Marshall (125,063); 27, 1939 - movie ticket dispensing machine, F.M. Jones (2,163,754)

July: 5, 1892 - rotary engine, A.J. Beard (478,271); 6, 1971 - gamma electrical cell (cellular phone), Henry T. Sampson; 10, 1893 - first open heart surgery, Dr. Daniel Hale Williams in Chicago; 12, 1949 - refrigerated trucks, Frederick Jones (2,475,841); 14, 1891 - refrigerator, J. Standard (455,891); 16, 1944 - blood plasma, Dr. Charles Drew; 17, 1888 - tunnel boring machine for subways, Granville T. Woods (386,282); 18, 1899 - folding bed, L.C. Bailey (629,286);

August: 19, 1884 - lantern (fuel lamp), Michael C. Harvey

September: 13, 1881 - electric lamp, Lewis Latimer & Nichols (247,097)



October: 5, 1897 - convertible couches, J.H. Evans (591,095); 11, 1887 - elevator, A. Miles (371,207); telephone system improvements, Granville T. Woods (371,241); 13, 1914 - gas mask, Garrett A. Morgan (1,113,675); 27, 1891 - letter box [mailbox], Phillip B. Downing (462,093-462,096)

November: 20, 1923 - electric traffic signal, G. Morgan (1,475, 024); 23, 1897 - pencil sharpener, J.L. Love (594,114); automatic railroad car, A.J. Beard (594,059); 29, 1887 - railway telegraph system to prevent train collisions, Granville T. Woods (373,915)

December: 2, 1884 - telephone transmitter, Granville T. Woods (308,876); 6, 1932 - automatic gear shift (transmission), R.B. Spikes (1,889,814)



We have only touched on a few achievements of dedicated Black men and women who never lived to see how much their inventions have shaped our lives. There are dozens of labor-saving, safety-related, and innovative devices that could not be documented here. I hope that what has been written on these pages will provide a different perspective on the contributions African-Americans have given to society. Let this publication be a starting point on educating the vast number of Americans who never had a clue.

Words of Appreciation

I would like to say thank you so very much to Holman's volunteer Fellowship Hour teams, ministers, Double Ring Club members, and individuals who faithfully take time out of their busy schedules to help serve refreshments for Holman's congregation, guests, and clergy and to keep Holman's kitchen clean.

Thanks, also, to our donors for supplying Fellowship Hour.

You are all a blessing.

Sharon Jackson
Hospitality Chair



L to r: Hospitality Ministry members Carmen Hayes, Beverly Thomas, Paulett Mallard, Thresa Thomas, Karen Middleton, Renee Levi, Sharon Jackson, Camille Woolfolk. *Opposite left panel:* Gloria and Elton Bailey, Thresa Thomas, Hospitality Chair Sharon Jackson with Renee Levy and Thresa Thomas; *opposite center:* Robert Brown, Gamma Double Ring Club volunteers Beverly T. Hall, Ida Younge, Paulett Mallard, E. Elaine Moore; *right panel:* Carmen Hayes, Camille Wookfolk, Ionie Garcia. Not pictured: Holman United Women in Faith.



In the Black with Melitta

Building Wealth in the Black Community



Melitta Johnson, MHA, grew up at Holman United Methodist Church. She is the daughter of Michael and Annie Stafford.

Mission: To increase wealth and share information in the Black community.

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Purpose: To share bite-size chunks of information to increase wealth in the Black community through Real Estate. This information is for personal use or it can be shared with your loved ones.

*In this season of love, we remain grateful for every single day of life.
Thank you Lord!*

What do you love about home ownership? What if there was a law that prohibited you from purchasing the properties that you love in the area(s) that you desire?

Consider this: prior to 1948, there were protective covenants that did not allow Black people to purchase homes in certain neighborhoods, including Crenshaw. Are you aware of the Shelley v. Kraemer case (1948)? In this important ruling, the U.S. The Supreme Court held restrictive covenants in real property deeds which prohibited the sale of property to non-caucasians unconstitutional. Violated the equal protection provision of the Fourteenth Amendment.

The case ultimately decided that states could not prohibit the sale of a property based on race.

We have been afforded the legal ability to purchase homes anywhere. If you had the financial resources to purchase a home in any community, where would you buy?

Want to learn more? Call or text me at 310.245.7888, or email

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You are cordially invited to attend a private screening
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THE ORCHESTRA CHUCK BUILT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH AT 6:30 PM

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This event will include:

- Live entertainment
- Post-Screening Reception
- A showing of the documentary
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Please RSVP your attendance via email at info@icyola.org





WEST ADAMS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

JANUARY 13, 2024

An all-new *Community Emergency Response Team "Basic Training Class"* is coming to the West Adams area of Los Angeles starting *March 7, 2024 and continuing for six successive Thursdays*. The class will teach attendees the basics of skills needed to take care of themselves, their families, and their community in the event of a disaster which delays professional responders.

This class will be held at the *West Adams Church of Christ (4959 West Adams Boulevard) from 11AM to 2PM starting March 7th*. Community members will learn the following skills:

Class 1 – MAR 7 (Introduction, Disaster Awareness)

Class 2 – MAR 14 (ICS and Disaster Psychology)

Class 3 – MAR 21 (Disaster Medical Operations 1)

Class 4 – MAR 28 (Disaster Medical Operations 2)

Class 5 – APR 4 (Fire Suppression and Hazardous Materials)

Class 6 – APR 11 (Light Search and Rescue)

Class 7 – APR 18 (Terrorism & CERT)

YOU MUST ATTEND ALL CLASSES TO RECEIVE A "CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION".

Sessions are taught by Firefighters from the **Los Angeles CITY Fire Department**. Actual members of the CERT Team will also be in attendance to answer questions and steer you to YOUR WEST ADAMS TEAM (Yes, there is one along with a city-wide team!). Please join us in this continuing effort to prepare ourselves, our families, and our communities to survive and thrive through any disaster that will be fall us. To register for this class, go to LAFD CERT's Eventbrite site or use the link below:

Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lafd-cert-west-adams-tickets-796136263997?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Note: *There is 50+ seats available, but Eventbrite limits us to 25...if you run int an issue where you cannot sign up, place yourself on the waitlist...you will get a seat. See you there!*

Questions? Email cert68chin@gmail.com



57th General Meeting
March 6-9, 2024
Self-Actualization
Our FAITH. Our FAMILY. Our FUTURE
Nehemiah 4:1-14

*Registration is open until February 27, 2024
 (NO ON-SITE Registration)
 Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza Hotel
 BMCR Room Rate: \$167.00 plus tax. Deadline for the
 room rate: February 12, 2024*

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc
Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter
2024 Scholarship



The Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is offering financial need and merit-based scholarships to qualifying students.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- African-American high school graduating senior within the County of Los Angeles school districts
- Extracurricular activities and leadership qualities
- Financial Need Applicants - 2.5 grade point average or higher on a four point scale, and a copy of your FAFSA report
- Merit-Based Applicants - 3.5 grade point average or higher on a four point scale

APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1) Complete application using URL below or QR code;
<https://bit.ly/DSTLAScholarship24>
- 2) Official copy of high school transcripts)
- 3) Respond to essay prompt -500 words maximum
- 4) Three (3) letters of recommendation

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Sunday, March 10, 2024

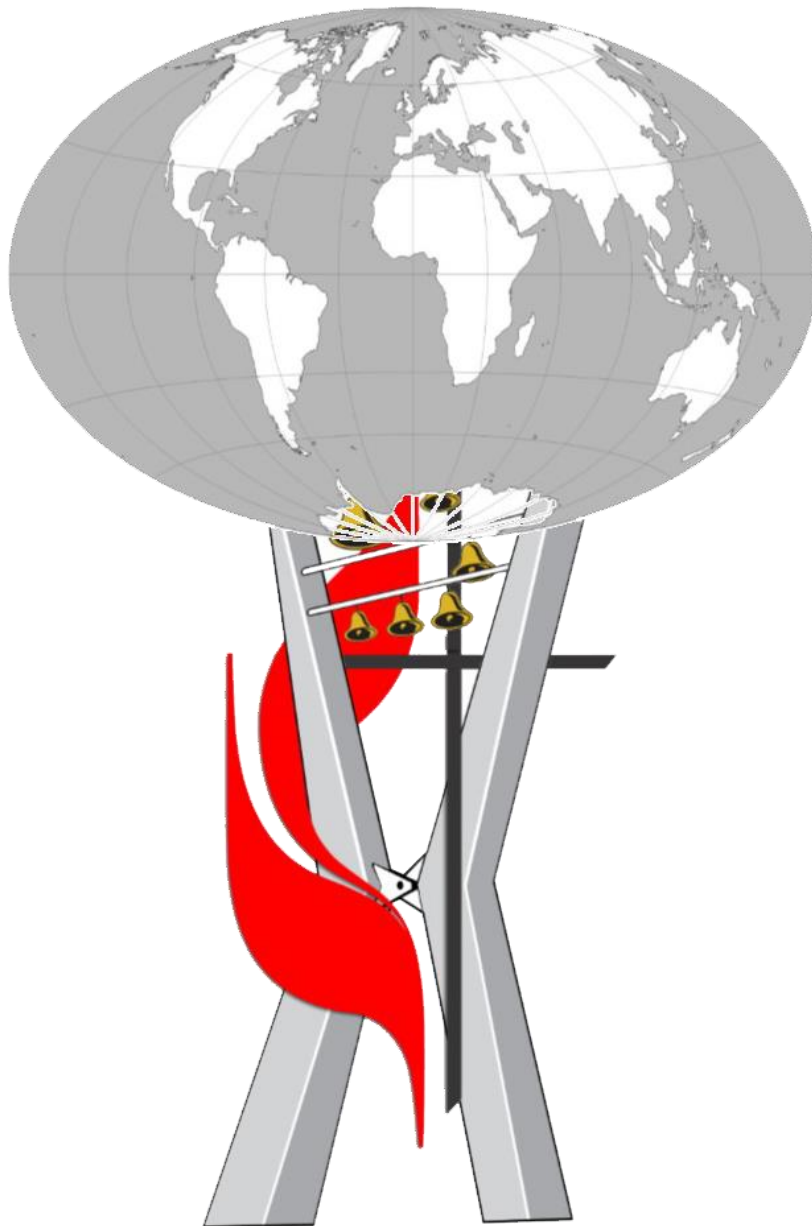


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