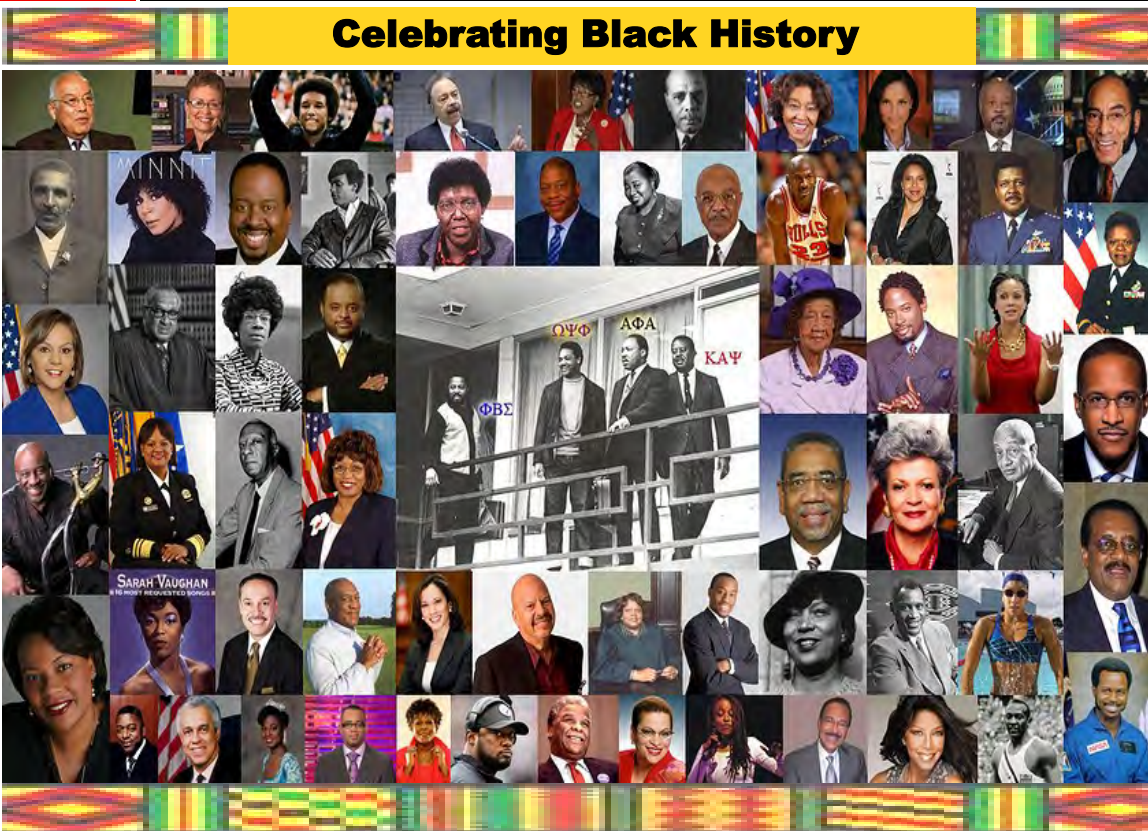


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“Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet depreciate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground.”

Frederick Douglass

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Every year we celebrate Black History. But how much do you really know? Put your knowledge to the test by answering the following questions:

1. Who was head of National Council of Negro Women for 40 years and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal for her work for social equality?
2. Who was member of Harlem Renaissance, an anthropologist, and author of many books, including *"Their Eyes Were Watching God"*?
3. Who organized and led the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters?
4. Who stated that *"The best thing you can do for the poor is not to be one of them"*?
5. Who was the first black woman in the world to earn a pilot's license, and was a barnstorming aviator who performed daredevil tricks?
6. What black woman chemist developed an extract from the Awa Root which relieved leprosy symptoms when injected and which was widely used until sulfa drugs were invented in the 1940's?
7. Who was the American jazz singer sometimes referred to as *"The First Lady of Song"*?
8. What 20th Century performer was known for his role in *"Emperor Jones and Othello"*?
9. What female athlete was considered *"the fastest woman of all time"* and set the record for the 100 and 200 meters in 1988?
10. What African American actor was the first to win an Academy Award and Golden Globe Award for Best actor in a film?

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Community Pantry Day #6



It was a cool and rainy day on Feb 6 as volunteers scurried about to set up Pantry Day #6. The weather may have been gloomy, but spirits were high in anticipation of all the guest who were expected to be the recipients of free produce and other food items on hand. Available were cabbage, carrots, onions, eggplants, mangos, canned goods and meats. As an added gift there were large size souvenir Baltimore Oriole/Coca Cola cups being given away. As usual the many recipients were very grateful and expressed their gratitude with hugs, smiles and thank yous.

The experience of being able to help someone is very rewarding. The many volunteers that come out for each Pantry Day could be anywhere else doing other things with their time. But they chose to be at St Mark. This is stewardship at it's best. Thank you volunteers for your service.

Many thanks to our coordinators Ramona Burnett of St Mark and Diana Taylor, AACO Partnership for Children, Youth and Families and thanks to the Maryland Food Bank.

by Hillary E. Brown



Surprise, Surprise!

On February 13, the UMW decided to forego their usual business meeting and opt instead to throw a surprise baby shower for member Eliesha Brooks. Eliesha and her spouse Ronald (at the time of this article) were expecting their first born in March 2020. The food was great and the gifts were bountiful and beautiful.



Girl Scout Sunday, March 8



The young ladies of Girl Scout Troop 2638 stood with pride as they were given certificates for participating in worship service and demonstrating their faith. The smiles on their faces said it all. The troop is constant in their quest to conduct outreach activities in the community and faithfully live up to the Girl Scout Promise and the Girl Scout Law. Their current community service project is to collect basic toiletries to be distribute to families through The Shelter Diversion Program. Many family members and friends were in attendance to support the young ladies. Troop Leader Kimberly Jenkins and Co-Leader Rhonda Caldwell-Dove presided over the ceremony. The Girl Scouts along with their family and friends were called to the altar for a special prayer given by Troop Leader Jenkins.

by H. E. Brown

Hebron Family Pay Homage to Family Matriarch, March 8



It was a day to celebrate as members of the Hebron family came together to remember and pay homage to Mabel Simms Hebron-Cook, family Matriarch. Hebron-Cook was born in 1889 and passed away in 1996. On March 17 she would have been 131 years old.

Nikki Handy, who is the great granddaughter of Hebron-Cook introduced guest speaker, Pastor Devan A. Hebron of A New Life

Church of Christ. Pastor Hebron is the great grandson of Hebron-Cook. His sermon placed emphasis on what one might miss when not attending church. He pointed out that when you fail to attend church you miss fellowship and the presence of Jesus. You also miss the message, the full effect of the message and you miss God's power.

Representing the Hebron family, Catrina Hebron-Hogue, great granddaughter of Hebron-Cook, presented to St Mark a monetary gift, which was gratefully accepted by Pastor Herbert W. Watson Jr.

by Hillary E. Brown

God's Glory..... "They Danced For Us All."



It's always a day to celebrate whenever God's Glory dance and on Sunday March 8, they danced for us all. The Girl Scouts, the Hebron Family the St. Mark family and for all who may have

been visiting. It was everyone's day to sit back and enjoy the joy brought to us through the power of dance. Their song of choice was "Broken But I'm Healed, by Byron Cage."

As always God's Glory delivered an outstanding performance.

by Hillary E. Brown

Emergency/Non-Emergency Phone Numbers

The best known and most used emergency number is 911. Since most of us are sheltering in due to COVID 19, it's good to know there are other emergency and non emergency numbers available to us. Please note the following:

211- Non Profit and Human Service Programs.

Maryland is a partnership of 4 agencies working together to provide simple and easy access to health and human services information.

311 - Non Emergency and Government Services.

For non emergency issues and complaints related to city services. Department of Public works, Sanitation, Animal Control, Health and Human Services are a few of the departments you can reach through 311.

511- Statewide Travel Information Services.

Provides reliable traffic and weather information using real time traffic data from various sources throughout the state.

Please share this information with others who may not have access to email/social media.



Women's History Month - March 2020 - Saluting Rosa Parks



The Library of Congress presents: 'Rosa Parks: In Her Own Words' The Real Person Behind The Icon.

The collection includes Park's personal correspondence, letters from presidents, her writings from the time of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, thousands of photographs, her Presidential Medal of Freedom and Congressional Gold Medal.

Rosa Parks is best remembered as the African American woman who refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man. It was 1955 in the segregated South and the start of the Montgomery bus boycott. That moment made her the face of the civil rights movement - but there was much more to her than that single act of defiance. As a young girl in Alabama in the 1920s, Parks often stayed up all night, helping her grandfather Sylvester Edwards keep watch. In the years after World War I, the Ku Klux Klan rode throughout black communities, terrorizing families, burning churches and homes.

The two wanted to be prepared, so her grandfather "always had his shotgun within hand's reach," Parks wrote when she was 6 or 7. "I wanted to see him kill a Ku-Kluxer. He declared the first to invade our home would surely die." This handwritten note is among the documents, photos and heirlooms such as her family's Bible now on display. The exhibit aims to reveal the real person behind the civil rights icon known by many only as a demure seamstress.

This exhibit was planned to be at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. , through September 7, 2020. However it has been temporarily closed due to COVID -19. For updates go to <https://www.loc.gov/events>.

Celebrating Black History (cont. from page 1)



To celebrate Black History month St Markers deemed Sunday February 15 to be Heritage Sunday. The congregation and choir dressed in festive attire representing their heritage. Music rendered by the choir was reminiscent of old Negro spirituals.

Richard and Carla Quamina shared a short narrative about their native country Trinidad, where many residents are descendants of Western Africa.

Pastor Watson reminded each of us to honor our ancestors and remember their contributions to this nation and how they paved the way for our freedom with their blood, sweat and tears.

by Adrian Thompson



Black History Quiz Answers: 1. Dorothy Height, 2. Zora Neal Hurston, 3. A. Phillip Randolph . 4. Rev. Frederick J. "Ike" Eikerenkoetter II., 5. Bessie Coleman, 6. Alice Ball, 7. Ella Fitzgerald, 8. Paul Robeson, 9. Delorez Florence "Flo-Jo" Griffin Joyner, 10. Sidney Poitier.