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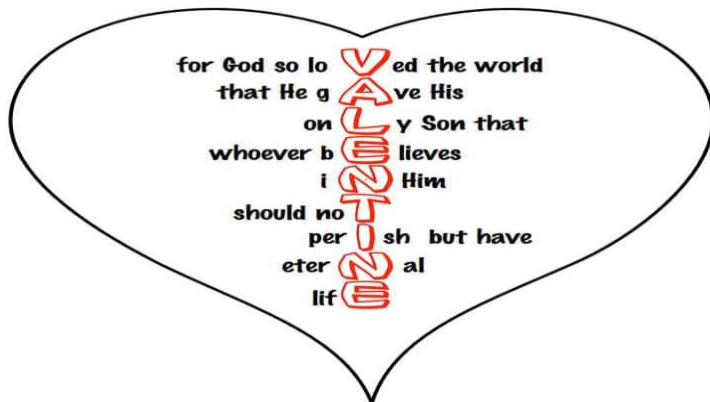
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PERFECT LOVE: THE ESSENCE OF HIS CHARACTER



John 3:16



Fenimorian Family,

As love is celebrated throughout the country this month, let's spend a little time contemplating the extravagant love that has been and remains available to us. **Love is the essence of God's character.** In the beginning we were created and formed in love: deeply wanted and desired and held the distinct honor of being made in His image and likeness. We know that 1 John 4:8 tells us that "God is love." As post resurrected disciples of Jesus Christ we know that God's love is perfect, unconditional and eternal

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and that when mankind plummeted into "darkness" metaphorically signifying our spiritual disconnection and separation, Father God showed us His love in a most powerful way. He sent His one and only Son into the world to die a sacrificial death which is the ultimate demonstration of love even while mankind were still sinners (Romans 5:8) yet assuring us that all who believe will not perish but live.

In the essence of who He is, love is shown through the gift of the Holy Spirit residing within the believer and empowering us with the capacity to love genuinely. Galatians 5:22 (the fruit of the Spirit) shows us the expression of this love that is meant to be shared with others. The Holy Spirit also through the Lord's love is always protecting and guiding us through even our darkest days. The analogy of a shepherd's rod and staff as indicated in Psalm 23:4 are tools that bring comfort and safety to the sheep as the Lord brings the same to His people.

In our individual experiences with God, we are assured of the truth of the essence of the Father and Son's vast love in tangible, everyday encounters time and time again. However, these encounters are more fully realized when we cherish the "blueprint"

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of love: the written word of the bible which instructs and informs us on what we can expect and will find in a loving relationship with both Father and Son. In the essence of His love we learn that He will meet all of our needs (Philippians 4:19) and that we can cast all of our anxieties on Him (1 Peter 5:7). In the essence of His love, we can relish that He answers prayers and knows us intimately. Isaiah 65:24 states that “Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.” “Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord” as stated in Romans 8:39. So this season and always rejoice in God’s perfect love: the very essence of His character.

Sis. Kim Jackson, Newsletter Ministry



Upcoming Church Events:

On Ash Wednesday, 3/5/25 we will have a noon day service at our church.

Bible study will be suspended during the Lenten season commencing 3/5/25 and will resume on **Wednesday, 4/23/2025 @ 7:00 pm. We will continue studying the books of Timothy and Titus.**

The United Women in Faith Anniversary Service celebrating 66 years in ministry is Sunday, 3/9/25 during the 11:00am service. The theme is: “Carrying Our Faith Forward: Sister’s Walking Together in Unity.” Guest Speaker: TBD.

Prayer on Zoom every Tuesday @ 8:00pm.

Family Life Ministry will be hosting an Easter celebration for our Unhoused Families from the NYC Homeless Services on Saturday, 4/5/25 from 11:00am – 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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Maundy Thursday Service, 4/17/25 will be in person at the church and include a Silent Supper. More details to follow.

Food Pantry Distribution hosted by Ladies in Waiting in Fellowship Hall every Tuesday between 10:00am-1:00pm.

Community Breakfast hosted by Family Life Ministry on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month: 2/11, 2/25, 3/11, 3/25

Senior Citizen Center in Fellowship Hall Mon., Wed. & Thurs. 10:00am-4:00pm.

From the Desk of the Pastor Jackson:



Grace, mercy and peace!

Can you believe that we are in the second month of the New Year? That saying that “time flies when you’re having fun” needs to be

modified to “time is flying by whether you are having fun or not!”

Thank God that as faith-filled believers, the speed by which time is moving is God’s doing for He knows the day and hour of the second coming of our Lord and Savior.

In preparation of that blessed event we are once again entering that season in the Liturgical calendar where we are reminded that our faith is founded upon that which no other religion can stake claim to, our Lord and Savior died physically, was buried and rose again to live forever in the presence of God the Father.

As we make our way, worshipfully, prayerfully and spiritually to that great day of celebration and commemoration on Resurrection Sunday, the weeks of Lent is our opportunity to experience another level of faith filled transformation. To assist in this regard, we are planning on having a Monday through Saturday time of prayer, scripture

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meditation and praise via conference call from 8pm to approximately 8:20pm.

Our time together will not be measured a success by the number of people who participate, or whether we do not, do or exceed the twenty minutes, but each of us are encouraged in faith.

The season of Lent is meant to be a lived experience as we identify with the suffering of Christ who denied Himself the pleasure of personal wants and desires.

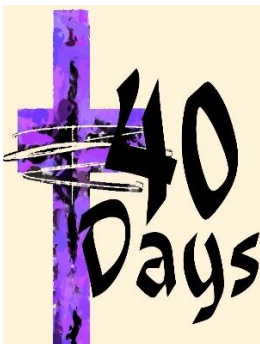
In this regard I am inviting all to enter into a fast where we do not eat anything between 1pm and 8pm on Mondays. If you are required to eat something when taking medication during this time then do that, God will honor your heart's desire to keep the fast.

The discipline of fasting is the act of emptying or making room for the Holy Spirit to fill us with all that we need for the journey in faith that is before us.

The fast is a Spiritual discipline designed to produce transformed lives that are empowered and pleasing to God!



May we, as a community of faith be in step with the timing of God, as we walk by faith and not by sight!



Pastor Jackson



Calling Covenant Partners

During this season of Lent, we will pause as a collective Church Family to engage in Daily Devotions, Prayer and Fasting on our zoom line.

Theme: 40 Days of Prayer for Healing and Deliverance

Devotional Guide: The Sanctuary for Lent 2025

By Justin LaRosa

Commencing on **Ash Wednesday**, we will gather via **Zoom every Monday-Saturday from 8:00-8:20p.m.**

Every Monday, we will collectively observe a Fast from 1:00pm-8:00pm.

Scripture Focus – James 5:14-15

“Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.”

The devotional guide distribution will be on Sunday, 3/2/25 and the Leader's Assignment Schedule is presently being compiled

Words of



*When Jesus mentions “another Helper,” He uses the Greek word **allos**, which means “another of the same kind.” Jesus promised He would send someone just like Him to be with us and **love** us just as He does. So the Holy Spirit’s presence with us is an expression of God’s love toward us.*

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever.”

John 14:16)

The late, great Dr. Charles Stanley



Lenten Service Partial Schedule

Church and locations will be provided once available

Church	Address	Date	Time
Each church will have their own service	Fenimore Street UMC	3/5/25; Ash Wednesday	12:00 noon (in person)
TBD		3/12/25; Wednesday	
TBD		3/19/25; Wednesday	
TBD		3/26/25; Wednesday	
TBD		4/2/25; Wednesday	
TBD		4/9/25; Wednesday	
We will have our own service	Fenimore Street UMC	4/17/25 Maudy Thursday	TBD
St. Marks UMC	2017 Beverley Rd. Bklyn.	4/18/25; Good Friday	12:00pm-3:00pm (in person)



Scripture Reminders To Help Us Model God's Love

“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourself” (Romans 12:10)

“Serve one another humbly in love.” (Galatians 5:13)

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ forgave you.” (Ephesians 4:32)

“Encourage one another and build each other up.” 1Thessalonians 5:11

“Make every effort to live in peace with everyone.” (Hebrews 12:14)

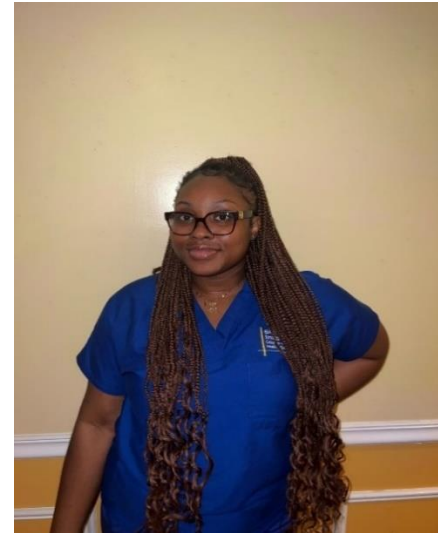
“Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.” Romans 12:13)

“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers.” (Hebrew 13:2)

Contributed by Sis Kim Jackson

Congrats, Ezinne Nwosu on passing the:

National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) this past Nov. 2024.



We are so proud of our newest Registered Nurse



WE THANK GOD

Celebrating

**OUR JOINT
USHER BOARD MINISTRY**



Joint Board of Ushers.

Photo by Nelson A. King

Following is an excerpt entitled **“Pastor Roger Jackson Urges FSUMC Ushers to Keep On Keeping On”** which was posted in the 12/12/24 edition of Caribbean Life by Dr. Nelson A. King.

The Joint Board of Ushers on Sunday, Dec. 1, celebrated their 47th Annual Usher Sermon, and Rev. Roger Jackson, has urged the ushers to “keep on keeping on.”

“We see that the favor of the Lord’s hand is rested upon your ministry among us because, you knowing that no good thing will the Lord withhold from them who love Him and are called according to His purpose, have kept you steadfast, unmovable and always abounding in the work of the Lord,” he said. “Your labor in the Lord will not be in vain.”

He added that the FSUMC ushers have been “a reflection of the goodness of God in speech and faithfulness.” “You have been truly servants working with your whole hearts because you know

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that you are working not to please men and women but to please the Lord, knowing that you will receive an inheritance for your labor from Jesus Christ.

“So, ushers, keep on keeping on, for you know that your confidence is in that He who began a good work in you will carry it to completion until the day of Jesus Christ,” he stressed. “I thank God that the ushers here in Fenimore Street UMC are equipped with what’s needed to serve. You are growing spiritually, you are hope-filled, and you are determined to keep on keeping on to the glory of our God.”

Usher Lavern Harrison, of Brownsville Community Baptist Church, served as liturgist during the celebratory 47th Annual Usher Sermon.

Junior ushers Kaiden Goodman read the scripture (1 Thessalonians 1: 2-3), and Nicholas Charles brought the welcome.

“The celebration was a success in many ways,” FSUMC Joint Board of Ushers President Gail Murray told **Caribbean Life**. “Since last year, our membership has grown with the addition of one junior, Angelica Nedd, and two senior ushers, Susanna Amisshah and Valcia Williams, and we are not finished yet.” “We are grateful for all God has done for us and continue to do, and, in line with our theme, ‘Hope, Endurance and Spiritual Growth’, we, God pleasers, look forward to continuing our work as greeters and doorkeepers in the house,” Murray said.

President Filmore F. Gregory, of The Church Ushers Association of Brooklyn and Long Island, was present with members from over 25 churches from the organization.





SERVING THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND SOUL



Usher Bro. Edward Hyde presents President Sis. Gail Murray with a bouquet of flowers.

Photo by Nelson A. King



Usher Sis. Felicita Jones receives bouquet of flowers from Vice President Sis. Paula Scott for her outstanding service and willingness to frequent the Usher Home and participate in usher trips when asked.

Photo by Nelson A. King



Usher Sis. Felicita Jones presents basket of goodies to Bro. Kristian Thompson on behalf of his ailing father Usher Bro. Earl Thompson.

Photo by Nelson A. King

FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL CANCER PREVENTION MONTH



National Cancer Prevention Month (NCPM) is celebrated this month and was created by the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) to promote healthy behaviors that can reduce the risk of cancer.

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Some things you can do to reduce your risk of cancer include:

Avoid Smoking – smoking and secondhand smoke are responsible for 90% of lung cancer deaths in the United States.

Protect your skin from the sun – Stay out of the sun between 10AM and 4PM, and use sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, and long sleeves and pants.

Get vaccinated - Some cancers are caused by pathogens and viruses, getting vaccinated can reduce the risk.

Maintain a healthy weight – If you have concerns about your weight, work with your provider to develop a plan to address your needs.

Be physically active – Physical inactivity can increase your risk of cancer.

Know Your Family Health History - get regular cancer screenings.

District Health Department #10 (Michigan) 2/2023 edition/compiled by AL.

Contributed by Sis. Kim Jackson

Unhoused Families Get Much Needed Christmas Cheer



Family Life Ministry. Front row (center) Sponsor Mr. Simon from the Lions Club, Inc. is flanked by Sis. Doff King (left) & Chair of Family Life Ministry Sis. Marlene Ferguson (right). *Photo by Nelson A. King*

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Following is an excerpt entitled “**Unhoused Families Get Much-Needed Christmas Cheer**” which was posted in the 12/14/24 edition of Caribbean Life by Dr. Nelson A. King

The Family Life Ministry on Sat., Dec. 7 brought much-needed, early Christmas cheer to several unhoused families in New York City, as the committee hosted its Annual Christmas Party for families in shelters.



Als (back to camera), and Pauline Thomas (far right) distributes gifts.

Photo Nelson A. King

Family Life Ministry members, Jackie Clarke, (left) Althea Aird (center), Angela



Sis Orielle Gooding (left) displays clothing.

Photo by Rev. Roger Jackson

Families from homeless shelters in Brooklyn and Staten Island – including Hospitality House, Urban Transitional Family Center and Staten Island Family Transition Center – were treated, along with walk-ins from the neighboring community, to a sumptuous lunch, as well as with donations of clothing and shoes, and other gifts.

“There was new and lightly-used clothing to choose from,” Joycelyn King, a committee member, told

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Caribbean Life “The adults were most grateful for the items of clothing and shoes. They also received donations of socks and shoes from a member of the Lions Club.



Bags of gifts that the children received.

Photo by Rev. Roger Jackson

They also participated in several activities, such as tug-of-war, sack races and tattoo parlor, after which winners were able to choose a prize.



TUG-OF-WAR



“Our visitors were served fruit, full lunch, cake and ice cream, and an assortment of drinks and water,” Joycelyn King, a committee member said.

“Everyone who requested a take-home dinner was gladly obliged.



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Nothing happens without a fantastic kitchen crew. Left to right Sis. Josette Hughes, Sis. Marjorie Walters, Sis. Glenner Strach, Sis. Maisie Davidson, Sis Lola Clark, Sis Diane Mitchell, and Sis Pauline Thomas. Photo by Rev. Roger Jackson

“At the end of the evening, all adults received a package of personal care items; teenagers received a care package, too,” King continued. “All the children received toys and a blanket. Babies also received a specially-prepared packet.” “To God be the Glory for the work of this ministry,” she said. “The team came together and made this happen for the sake of these children, who were very appreciative. May God continue to use us to bless others!”



Marlene Ferguson – described the celebration as “great,” but added: “Unfortunately, our hearts were broken as we remember our (recently) departed members **Minerva** Beaton, Cecille **“Peggy”** White and **Pearl** Douglas. **They will never be forgotten.**



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“My heart was overwhelmed, despite the sadness, because the children brought an exuberance of joy and excitement, dashing and prancing around like Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer,” she also told **Caribbean Life**.

“As I look back at all that we have accomplished this year, I look forward with great anticipation for a bountiful year, 2025, (Exodus 36:3-5), when we will have to restrain the people from bringing gifts,” Ferguson continued.



Families and coordinators at the Urban Transitional Family Center on Saratoga Avenue in Brownsville, Brooklyn.

Photo by Nelson A. King

“It was beautiful for all those in attendance,” Gaynor Martinez, recreational coordinator at Urban Transitional Family Center on Saratoga Avenue in Brownsville, Brooklyn, told **Caribbean Life**. “The children and parents were well-pleased.

“We look forward to going to their events (at FSUMC),” she added. “They are very generous and warm. We appreciate them. They’ve been a partner

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for our facility for years.

“We appreciate them because they really go out for the families,” Martinez continued.

Rev. Roger Jackson, was also present throughout the celebration, participating in activities with the families and giving them, as always, a very cheerful FSUMC welcome.



Pastor decked out in Christmas colors, enjoys some ice cream. *Photo by Nelson A. King*



Sis. Marlene Ferguson and Sis. Doreen Thomas takes a quick break to pose from faithfully serving our guest. *Photo by Nelson A. King*





TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE ON SCRITURES OF LOVE

- 1 The _____ is compassionate and _____, slow to anger, abounding in _____ *Psalm 103:8*
- 2 Whoever pursues _____ and love finds _____, prosperity and honor. *Proverbs 21:21*
- 3 My _____ is this: _____ each other as I have _____ you. *John 15:12*
- 4 But I tell you _____ your _____ and pray for those who persecute _____. *Matthew 5:44*
- 5 He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your _____ and with all of your _____ and with all of your strength and with all of your mind and, Love your neighbor as _____. *Luke 10:27*
- 6 _____ does no _____ to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. *Romans 13:10*
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Have you heard???



Calling on Femimorians to help beautify our altar with live flowers on Sundays



Contact Chair Sis. Fran Johnson or any member of the Decoration Committee to place an order and/or for additional info.



Paint & Sip Another 5 Star Event

Following is an excerpt entitled "**Christmas Paint Soiree at FSUMC**" which was posted in the 12/18/24 edition of *Caribbean Life* by Dr. Nelson A. King.



Sis. Veronica Corbett (foreground) proudly strikes a pose with her artwork as Sis. Merle Bartley (center) looks on. Pastor displays his painting in background. [Photo by Nelson A. King](#)

Several art lovers and budding artists took Saturday evening to participate in what has been described as a "Christmas Paint Soiree."

"The only cause that can pull most people out of their home on a very cold, dreary evening is either a medical emergency or something else of interest," Dianne Brown, chairperson of FSUMC's Higher Education Scholarship Fund Committee, host of the event, told *Caribbean Life* on Monday.

"The Higher Education Scholarship Fund Committee couldn't think of a better time than the Christmas season when it's chilly and festive to host

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another sip and paint party for friends and family,” she added. “The intention is to raise funds for our



Sis. Dianne Brown, Chairperson of Higher Education Scholarship Fund Committee addresses Christmas Paint Soiree.

Photo by Nelson A. King

church

and to continue to pique the interest of the congregation by finding innovative ways to have good fun recreational time,” she said. “As part of a Christmas carol sings, ‘Joy to the World,’ I would say, yes, the sip and paint activity really brought joy to their faces and to their hearts. That’s the beauty of the event.

“I could see and hear participants joking about their art, some admiring their artistry, and some keeping each other encouraged,” Brown added. “Even I, myself, walked around and patted a few on their shoulders and offered the phrase, ‘never give up the fight,’ and it was a goofy moment.

“In fact, the activity suited the season,” she continued. “We ate, sang, listened to the Christmas carols, sipped, and painted.”



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Brown said the instructor, Cara Holland, originally from Dallas, TX, who has been living in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, for the past seven years, was also “fun and engaging.”

“Cara fitted in easily when she saw how welcoming we were and eager to learn,” Brown said. “It reassured her that it was going to be a wonderful evening.



Instructor Clara Holland directs class on final technique as Sis. Veronica Corbett adds finishing touches.

Photo by Dianne Brown

“Most of the participants were mature people, and it brought back the nostalgia of youthful moments, as the setting was similar to a classroom with an instructor,” she added. Holland told **Caribbean Life** afterward that she was delighted with the event. “It went well,” she said, stating that participants painted holiday mittens. “Overall, it went pretty good.”

Brown said that “I must also congratulate Team Higher Education and friends for their time, donation, and support,” she continued. “This event couldn’t have happened without you. All praise and thanks to God!”

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Mom, Sis. Sophie Eversley works diligently on her painting while daughter Shadae Gooding contemplates her painting.

Photo by Dianne Brown



Daughter, Anelia Gordon & Mom, Sis. Kerricka Golding look up for a quick pose.

Photo by Dianne Brown



Fenimoreian artists and friends. Photo by Nelson A. King

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Way to go Noelani Charles!!! -----
GREAT JOB!!

Photo by Dianne Brown



Sis. Althea Aird and Evangelist Evadney Murray proudly displays their paintings, as Sis. Veronica Corbett looks on in the background.

Photo by Nelson A. King



Bro. Hezekiah Malloy looks on as his mother-in-law, Sis. Mary McNabb holds up her artwork. "Mom" Mary is a "seasoned pro" and was also celebrating her 87th birthday. Photo by Dianne Brown



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Beyond Our Shores – Loving Our Persecuted Brothers & Sisters



EXTENDING LOVE is an action and is something that we can all participate in. Our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world are sustained by the love and hope of Jesus Christ and in the knowledge that the larger body of believers through brotherly love are praying, telling others of their suffering or even offering monetary assistance through supporting faithful, dedicated organizations such as Voice of the Martyrs. Following are excerpts taken from The Voice of the Martyrs' July 2024 edition entitled "**The Joy of Those Who Have Lost**" written by **President Cole Richards**.

"Photos are a powerful testament to the joy of the Lord, which transcends the fallen world's worst circumstances of suffering and loss. Tens of thousands of our Christian brothers and sisters in the northeastern border region of Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) are suffering. **They have lost**. Homes, farms and livestock. Churches and family members. Safety, security and even dignity. But because of their eternal hope in Christ, they have a joy and peace that their attackers cannot destroy.

Beware of anyone who tries to convince you that being faithful to God eliminates suffering in this world. That idea negates the obedient sacrifices of God's faithful servants throughout Scripture, all other martyrs throughout church history and, most important, Jesus Christ our Lord (Hebrew 12:2). Our Lord suffered obediently instead of being delivered from the pain (Luke 22:42) and in many situations throughout our lives, we are called to do the same. Suffering well, for God's glory, is what it means to be like Christ."

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"As we display unity of love and fellowship with persecuted members of Christ body who have **lost**, we are a powerful witness to the lost. Christ prayed that we would be perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them."

The Cross Is Everything

Marie Bayaga(left) & Moses Bayaga (center)



"In early 2023, ADF militants attached a Pygmy village in DRC where Moses and Marie Bayaga lived. Five of their adult sons were killed. They were shooting guns here and there killing children and men. As survivors of the attack, they fled their forest home and took refuge in a camp for displaced people. Even here they faced discrimination because of their relatively small stature. Some Christians near the camp met the couple, and began providing them with food and supplies and shared the gospel with them which they welcomed." "Through all these struggles, we came to understand that the cross is everything said Moses. God is the one who can provide and give help."

Forward After The Fire

Dr. Justin Mandaboy & Divine Grace.



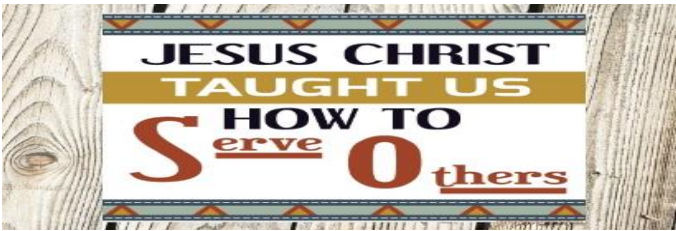
"When survivors found an 8-year-old girl in the ashes of a burned church, they named her Divine Grace because it was a miracle she had survived. The girl's parents died

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in the fire, which was set by militants during an August 2022 attack on their Christian village. Most medical personnel expected the 8-year-old to die too, burns covered 48% of her body. But the Christians who pulled her from the ashes prayed for her and looked for a doctor willing to help her.” “Dr. Mandaboy, who agreed to treat her,” said “he believes God intervened to help her survive six major surgeries. It is pretty easy to treat her because she is courageous, and she has a lot of strength. I have a lot of faith for her in the future.”

Contributed by Sis. Kim Jackson



SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE FAITHFULLY

Sis. Angela Als can be seen putting her faith into action in the many ministries and projects that she participates in throughout our church. She demonstrates and has indicated that she stands on Galatians 6:10 ESV that states “So then, as we have the opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.” Following is a synopsis of Sis. Angela’s journey and well executed plan to serve the college students of our church.

Sis. Kim Jackson

Last September while meditating, God placed the idea of giving care packages to our away students on my heart. As Co-Chair of the Membership, Nurture and Outreach Committee, I mentioned the idea to our recently departed Chairperson Sis. Cecille “Peggy” White and she was very encouraging and excited for the project. Though the idea has been

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done in some form by other committees, this is the first time our committee has coordinated the project. In my October 2024 report to the Charge Conference/Church Council, I brought the idea to our church members and the project was unanimously approved. With this support, I requested financial assistance from the committees and church. In addition, Pastor Roger Jackson wholeheartedly encouraged the idea so I completed the finance request form and the project was funded.

With the support of committee member, Sis. Orielle Gooding, we sourced some reasonably priced, essential and sustainable items that enhanced the care packages and accepted donations to maximize what we could provide. As a result, we presented care packages to 10 students during winter break, with all but one attending college. The care packages were greatly appreciated by students and parents and I feel that by reaching out and keeping in contact with the students would remind them that their church family is still thinking, praying, and loves them even though they are away from us.

On behalf of the Membership, Nurture, and Outreach Committee, I would like to thank Pastor Jackson, the finance committee, and our church members for their support and sponsorship and for ensuring that this venture was successful.

Contributed by Sis. Angela Als



Some of the appreciative recipients flanked by Sis. Kim Jackson, Sis. Angela Als and Pastor. *Photo by Zuria Thorpe*





TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE ON SCRIPTURES OF LOVE

- 1 Lord, gracious, love
- 2 Righteousness, life
- 3 Command, love, loved
- 4 Love, enemies, you
- 5 Heart, soul, yourself
- 6 Love, harm

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HYMNS FOR CHRISTIANS OVER 65 YEARS OLD



Precious Lord, Take My Hand, And Help Me Up

Blessed Insurance

Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing

It is Well With My Soul, But My Knees Hurt

Go Tell It on the Mountain, But Speak Up

*By Charles Specht 8/18/12
Contributed by Sis. Kim Jackson*

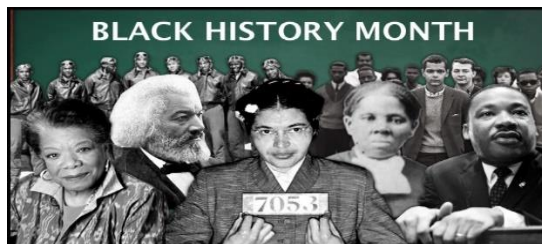


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Sis. Barbara Moody, Bro. Arma and Sis. Felicita Jones greet Bro. Earl Thompson after service. Bro. Thompson returned to church after an illness. It was also his birthday.

Photo by Sis. Kim Jackson



Test your Knowledge Match Up

We are recycling this match-up that we received previously from the Sunday School to see what our Fenimorians have remembered or may have learned. Match the famous African American with their definition.

- ___ 1. First black woman elected to Congress.
- ___ 2. Set a World Record in Long Jump in 1936.
- ___ 3. Led the Civil Rights Movement
- ___ 4. First licensed black pilot in the world
- ___ 5. Led hundreds of enslaved people to freedom along the route of the Underground Railroad.
- ___ 6. First black author to win the Pulitzer Prize in 1950 for the novel Annie Allen.
- ___ 7. A civil rights activist, poet who Wrote "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings."
- ___ 8. First black athlete to play Major League Baseball.
- ___ 9. A Black Educator and Inventor.
- ___ 10. An influential Jazz singer.
- ___ 11. The Mediator who was the First African American Nobel Peace Prize winner.
- ___ 12. The first African American to serve as a US Senator
- ___ 13. An African American actress who won an Oscar for their supporting role in "Gone With the Wind."
- ___ 14. The first African American To win the Scripps Spelling Bee.
- ___ 15. A leader in the civil rights movement, minister and supporter of black nationalism.

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| A | Martin Luther King |
| B | Maya Angelou |
| C | Billie Holiday |
| D | Shirley Chisholm |
| E | Harriet Tubman |
| F | Ralph Bunche |
| G | Jackie Robinson |
| H | Jesse Owens |
| I | Hiram Revels |
| J | Zaila Avant-Garde |
| K | Gwendolyn Brooks |
| L | George Washington Carver |
| M | Bessie Coleman |
| N | Malcolm X |
| O | Hattie McDaniel |

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CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

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Rev. Roger Jackson, who portrays “King Herod” with Mary (Sis. Dianne Brown) and Joseph, second and third from right, with Baby Jesus, and the cast of the pageant, “God Keeps His Promise.”
 Photo by Nelson A. King

Following is an excerpt entitled **“FSUMC Celebrates Nostalgic Children’s Christmas Pageant** which was posted in the 12/23/24 edition of Caribbean Life by Dr. Nelson A. King.

With the theme “God Keeps His Promise,” our Sunday School children brought much nostalgia to congregants and invitees as they celebrated their Second Annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday 12/22 to rave reviews, guided by their teachers, assistants, parents, and grandparents, performing spectacularly during the two-hour-long pageant that focused on the birth of Jesus Christ. The children portrayed angels, shepherds, and wise men, among other roles, in the pageant coordinated by Assistant Sunday School teacher Joycelyn King. Superintendent Gail Murray, assisted King along with teachers Veronica Corbett and Debra Hull. Chaplain Selena Lubell served as Mistress of Ceremonies.

The children also read poems and literature and performed with musical instruments: *What Christmas Means To Me* by Akiera Goodman;

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Candy Cane by Daen Blemur; *Bethlehem* by Chase King; *Piano Selection* by Noelani Charles; *Christmas Giving* by Nicholas and Noelani Charles; *Once Upon a Christmastime* by Kaiden Goodman; *Piano Selection* by Anelia Gordon; *Drum Selection* by Nicholas Williams; *A Song Was Heard At Christmas* by Angelica Nedd; and *Christmas Star* by Anelia Gordon.

The cast concluded the pageant by singing lustily “Joy to the World,” and the congregation joined.

PICTORIAL:



The Sunday School class pose after “showcasing their individual talents.”
 Photo by Nelson A. King



Mom, Sis. Densa Belony and her son, Daen Blemur, “blew the roof off” with a song, “The Prayer” prompting a standing ovation and sustained applause.

Photo by Nelson A. King



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Nicholas Charles plays the drums.



Photo by Nelson A. King

need for protection.

3 /4 - Employee Appreciation Day: a day to recognize and appreciate the contributions of employees.

3/8 –International Women’s Day: celebrates the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. It also serves as a call to action for accelerating women’s equality.

3/9 – the start of daylight savings time which starts at 2:00am

3/20 – equinox : in the Southern Hemisphere marks the beginning of spring

3/21 - World Down Syndrome Day: raises awareness about Down Syndrome and promotes the rights and well-being of individuals with Down syndrome.

3/22 – World Water Day: Focuses on the importance of freshwater and advocates for the sustainable management of this vital resource.

March 2013 – Women’s suffrage in Washington D.C. – women in DC gained the right to vote.

WOMAN’S HISTORY MONTH (MARCH)

AI, [Cultural infusion.org.au](http://Cultural.infusion.org.au),
washU/ideasatdom.nationaldaycalendar.com,
Contributed by Sis Kim Jackson



**Answer Key for:
(Black History Month)**

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| 1. D | 9. L |
| 2. H | 10. C |
| 3. A | 11. F |
| 4. M | 12. I |
| 5. E | 13. O |
| 6. K | 14. J |
| 7. B | 15. N |
| 8. G | |

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MARCH EVENTS

“March is a month packed with significant events, celebration, and observances.” Here is a list of a few and you can research for more in-depth info at your leisure.

3/1 – Zero Discrimination Day: Aims to promote equality, justice, and human rights for all.

3/3 – World Wildlife Day: raise awareness about the importance of wild animals and plants and the

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May the Lord continue to shower you with His blessings and grant YOU immeasurable joy as we celebrate your **February** & **March** birthdays



Fenimorian's Initial	Birthdate
JMC	2/1
KG	2/5
FB JE	2/17
AA	2/20
AP	2/24
YR	2/29
JR	3/1
GS	2/18
JR	3/1
NC, NC	3/3
KL	3/7
EH	3/12
OG	3/15
KG	3/21



Following is an excerpt entitled "**Caroling, Candlelight Service Climax Christmas Celebration at FSUMC**" which was posted in the 1/4/25 edition of Caribbean Life by Dr. Nelson A. King.

Caroling, Candlelight Service Climax Christmas Celebration at FSUMC



Fenimorians singing Christmas carols on Christmas Eve night on the steps of the church with Santa "Grinch" (Sis. Natalie Wilson). Photo by Nelson A. King

Christians and Christmas lovers braved the frigid weather on Christmas Eve night for almost an hour, singing popular Christmas carols during an annual ritual to the community on the steps of the church. Songs included "Deck The Halls," "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire," "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," "Sleigh Bells Ring," "Jingle Bell Rock," "Feliz Navidad," "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," "Away in a Manger," "Rocking Around the Christmas Tree," "All I Want for Christmas," "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear," "White Christmas," and "Someday at Christmas."

The caroling outside was immediately followed inside the sanctuary by a 1 ½-hour-long Candle Light Service, dubbed "A Festival of Scripture Lessons and Carols."

During the service, congregants sang hymns and carols, read Scripture lessons, and participated in the lighting of candles.

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Usher Bro. Edward Hyde lights the Advent candles to begin the Candle Light Service.

Photo by Nelson A. King



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was celebrated by all,” Rev. Jackson added. “Reading and singing about all the pronouncements leading up to and the birth of our Savior fortified our belief that the Messiah has come.”



Pastor addresses the congregation.

Photo by Nelson A. King



The Williams family reads the Advent Message while the Advent candles are lit.

Photo by Nelson A. King

Rev. Roger Jackson, told **Caribbean Life** afterward that the faith community gathered “to remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. “The caroling was our way to reaching out to the community, and being a part of a faith community encompasses the enjoyment of singing together secular songs of love and joy that reflect the essence of this season,” he said. “The Festival of Scripture Lessons and Candlelight Service remind us of the reason for the season. “Through word and song, God’s display of love for the world in sending his only begotten Son



The church choir sings “Once in Royal David’s City.”

Photo by Nelson A. King

The Caroling and Candle Light Service brought to a climax the month-long celebration at the church, commemorating the birth of Jesus Church.



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