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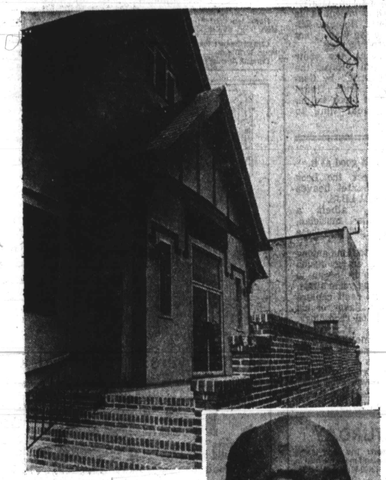
Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church 130 years old



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2110 MADISON AVE., is the location of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church that will be 130 years old April 24. It has a present membership of 360 members.

The oldest black Presbyterian church in Baltimore will be 130 years old on April 24.

Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church was organized in 1848 on the north side of Madison Street between Park Avenue and Cathedral and was named after the street.

Today, the church is located in the 2100 block Madison Ave. The Rev. Mr. Reginald Daniels, who has served as pastor for 34 years stated, "It has been quite rewarding serving as pastor of the oldest black Presbyterian church.

"I was a young man when I came to the church and things have changed through the years," he said.

Since Rev. Daniels has been pastor, Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church has ordained women elders and the form of services have changed from traditional to contemporary.

Speaking of the dress code of the church and young people, the minister said, "The acceptance of the mode of dress has changed and young people are following the sensationalism in the church but how permanent it will be is another question.

It was on April 24, 1848 that a committee of the Presbytery officially organized the church.

The committee consisted of the Revs. G. W. Musgrave of Third Presbyterian Church; John Backus, First Presbyterian and John Falconer, elder of the First Presbyterian Church.

In 1850, First Presbyterian Church purchased Madison Street Church from the Baptists for the use of the congregation.

Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church was organized at a time when blacks were not allowed to hold titles and deeds to property.

Therefore, the church was controlled by a white board of trustees, a self-perpetuating body.

The late Rev. W. W. Walker during his time was influential after tremendous prevailings to have the trustee board membership replaced with men of the congregation.

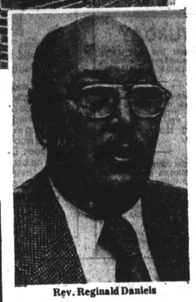
It was in 1948 when the name of the church was changed from Madison Street Presbyterian to Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church.

In the field of Christian education, the church has sponsored a long series of church school programs, Vacation Bible School, summer camps, Ecumenical broadcasts and exchange services with the pastors and choirs and members of local and out of town churches of the same and of other denominations.

The church has flourished and grown under the direction of Rev. Daniels and has stood firmly for the fundamental principles of Christian citizenship.

The ideals and premise upon which the church was established were expanded under the leadership of Rev. Daniels.

Since he has served as pastor, the membership of the church has increased greatly and women have been added to all three boards of the church.



Rev. Reginald Daniels

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE

New horizons for women in ministry

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of a three part series on new horizons for women in ministry)

By Rev. Miss Agnes Alston

It is no new thing for a woman to be a mystery to a man, but nowhere does the mystery seem more impenetrable than when a woman brings her femininity into traditionally masculine professions.

Why does she want to do this? For the women who succeed in entering professional male preserves must expect to encounter some hostility, amused tolerance, or acceptance.

Women doctors, journalists and scientists have at least grudging acknowledgement, as a predictable element in their various fields of endeavor, but women ministers find themselves caught between their pleas to serve the church and the church that is afraid of innovation.

The ministry of women cannot be considered apart from the total mission of the church, but today the mission of the church is itself problematic.

Does the church of Jesus Christ have a divine origin? If it has, is God still taking the initiative in its life, or do human leaders, tracing what appears to be a thread of redemptive purpose through history, chart its course?

To pose the question with special reference to female ministry: does God call individuals and bestow gifts upon them, trusting the church to discern and ordain those thus endowed, or does the church choose and recruit ministers, hopefully petitioning God to empower them?

If we narrow the question still further to the place of women in the ministry, we might ask: does God call woman to share the ministry with men, or do some women simply have vivid imaginations regarding their destiny?

Two very simple answers must be avoided: first, we must dismiss the idea of divine call as outmoded supernaturalism and second assuming that a woman's sexual function precludes her participation in the church.

With regards to the first, are we sufficiently advanced in scientific knowledge to delimit the natural in this way?

Are there no longer any mysteries? If religion must be modest about its revelations, is it not equally true that the behavioral sciences should avoid dogmatism about the absence of revelation?

I agree that neither men nor women are to blame for history; but the main thing now is to cooperate in progress. I also agree that part of the problem for the church is that so few women have, in the past, had either the training or the opportunity to become theologically articulate.

Minister speaks out

Rev. Miss Agnes Alston

While some men have honestly tried to represent female concerns at conciliar, council or conference levels, women themselves have often been denied this privilege.

I am aware that there are many men who wished they knew what place women wanted in the church so that they could help them reach it, but they have been put off, on the one hand, by the militancy of women about their rights, and on the other, by their silence in regard to their deepest desires.

Communication is needed, but where the meaning of female ministry is concerned, this is not usually easy. Mission is not found lying on the surface of life; it has to be searched out, partly through acceptance of ourselves as we are, female ministries calls for a profound sharing among men and women of their hopes and fears, partly through interaction with our own and the opposite sex, partly through estimation of our resources in the light of the church's need, and partly through more or less conscious relationship with God.

The discernment of potential of women in the church. The first is Mark 5:21-34. Jesus has received an urgent request from a prominent jewish leader to come to his house and heal his little daughter, who is at the point of death. As usual a large crowd is on hand to watch the developments. It includes a woman whose last hope for healing, a miserable hemorrhage centered in Jesus.

She has no intention of speaking to him or causing the slightest delay; but tells herself that if she can but touch the hem of his garment, she will be made whole.

That touch brings instantaneous relief. Then the whole-matter is taken out of her hands as Jesus whirls about with the question, "Who touch me?"

The crowd is electrified. What does he mean? "Who touch me?" There is a long moment of consternation in which Peter calls his attention to the mass of people, but Jesus' eyes continue to search face after face; as they rest upon the woman, she knows that she has been singled out of the crowd and tells her story publicly. Jesus' response is, "Your faith has made thee whole. Go in peace, and be whole of thy plague."

It is possible to conclude that Jesus wanted to lift her from a magical view of his healing to a recognition of the centrality of faith.

But there are two other things to note: first, he interrupts a mission of crucial importance to a man in order to help a woman; second, he is unwilling to let her go without eliciting her public confession of faith.

No doubt she would have praised God with her family and friends for the rest of her life, but Jesus was not satisfied with any such hidden ministry.

He permitted this with others, even taking one blind man out of town to heal him. Perhaps at that time he wanted to avoid publicity, but why did he not allow the woman the same privacy?

There is no easy answer to this, for his very relationship seems unique. There are women today who would welcome a hidden service but are called to that personal witness which is the core of every message.

Churchman's Club dinner is April 12

The Rt. Rev. Richard B. Martin will be the guest speaker at the Churchman's Club's spring dinner on April 12 at the Belvedere Hotel.

The Churchman's Club is an Episcopal lay organization in its 81st year which serves to bring together men and women from all the parishes of the diocese in a regular friendly and informal atmosphere.

Bishop Martin, formerly a rector of Grace Church, Norfolk, Va., and St. Phillip's Church in Brooklyn, N.Y. was elected Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Long Island in 1960.

He became executive for Education for Ministry at the Episcopal Church Center on Aug. 1, 1977.

For information regarding the Churchman's Club, call the president, John H. Murphy at 728-8200.

Rev. Richard B. Martin.

SPEAKER at the Churchman's Club dinner will be the Rt.

Metro church briefs

Miss Neida Armand, soprano, will give a recital at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, Lanvale Street and Carrollton Ave. on April 9, 5 p.m.

A graduate of Howard University, Miss Armand has performed with the Washington Opera Society and has given numerous recitals in area colleges and churches.

The seventh anniversary of the Rev. Darneal F. Johnson Jr., pastor of Wayland Baptist Church will be observed on April 14, 7:30 p.m. at a banquet in his honor. The affair will be held at the Holiday Inn, 301 Lombard St. For ticket information call 664-2774.

The Celestial Gospel Chorus will sponsor a concert on April 9, 3:30 p.m. at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, The Rev. H. Williamson is pastor.

Members of Israel Baptist Church are sponsoring a banquet April 15, 7:30 p.m. for their new pastor the Rev. Hartie Wilson at the Lord Baltimore Hotel. Mrs. Shirley B. Eaddy is chairman.

The Young Adult Choir of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Dundalk will observe their anniversary April 9. The Rev. Ronald Armstrong is pastor.

Open house will be held at Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church Sunday School on April 9, 9:30 a.m. Mrs. Moselle J. Armstrong is superintendent, the Rev. John W. Coleman is pastor.

The Sanctuary Choir of Shiloh Christian Community Church will hold its annual revival services April 9 - 13 with services starting at 7 p.m. The Rev. George W. Baynard is pastor.

Ms. Dolores Duckett will be presented in a recital April 9, 6 p.m. at Temple of God Pentecostal Church, 3301 Edgewood St. Bishop Edward Stancis is pastor.

The Senior Choir of New Shiloh Baptist Church in Turner Station will present the Ebony Expressions in concert on April 16, 4:30 p.m. Mrs. Martha Winston is chairperson; Mrs. Mary A. Gwaltney, president and the Rev. James A. Everette is pastor.

Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church, 3100 Walbrook Ave., will have spring revival services April 9-14 at 7 p.m. Dr. Clay Evans of Fellowship Baptist Church in Chicago will be the speaker.

The women of New Shiloh Baptist Church, Fremont Avenue and Lanvale Street will celebrate their 12th annual Women's Day on April 16.

Mrs. Lillie Bell Carter of Selma Alabama and mother of the Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter, pastor of New Shiloh Baptist will be the 6 p.m. speaker.

A showcase of talent will be held at Walbrook High School on April 30, 4 p.m. featuring choirs of All Saints, St. Ambrose, St. Bernardine, St. Cecelia, St. Peter Claver, Corpus Christi and other area parishes will be singing traditional gospel and folk music. Proceeds from the program will be for the benefit of the northwest area schools.

The Baltimore Baptist Association will sponsor a seminar for persons recently divorced or who are in the process of divorce.

The Rev. Raymond Farrow will preside at the conference scheduled for May 4, 6:30 p.m.

The Rev. Christina V. Phillips, pastor of East Baltimore Deliverance Center, 1001 - 05 Caroline St., will observe her eighth anniversary April 4 - 9.

GOSPEL GROUP—The Rev. Edna Isaac and the nationally known Greene Sisters will observe their 17th anniversary on April 16.

Gospel gala to be held April 16

If you like gospel music, be sure to attend the 17th anniversary of the Greene Sisters on April 16, 3 p.m.

The Rev. Mrs. Edna Isaac is associate minister of Mount Moriah Baptist Church and lead singer with the group.

"We are honoring four citizens from the community at our anniversary celebration," said Rev. Isaac.

Citizens who will be honored are Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, Mayor William Schaefer, Roscoe Herring and Ms. Pam Widgeon.

Among gospel groups participating in the program are the Dixie Hummingbirds, Stars of Zion, Whitney Singers, Mount Moriah Gospel Chorus, Ebony Players, Church of God Choir, Vashti Singers.

Also, Mattie Tyson, Barry and the Golden Echoes of Nassau Bahamas and St. Phillips Pentecostal Choir of Washington.

Emcees for the affair are Ms. Catherine Greene, mother of the Greene Sisters; Mrs. Pauline Wells Lewis, Ms. Mary Claiborne and James Stephanie.

Bishop Naomi Durante is pastor of New Refuge Deliverance Church.

For ticket information, call 624-0236, 578-1085 or 669-9704.

Providence celebrates 50th anniversary

Providence Baptist Church 50th anniversary celebration started with a prayer breakfast on April 1 at the Holiday Inn. Dr. Awrelia Downey of Greenbelt, Md., was the speaker.

During the month of April, a program has been planned for each night at the church, 4900 Liberty Heights Ave.

"A Legacy of Faith for a New Tomorrow," is the theme.

The celebration will close April 22 with a banquet at the Lord Baltimore Hotel. Speaker at the banquet will be the Rev. William Jones of Bethany Baptist Church in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Among ministers participating in the weekly services are the Revs. Samuel Ray, Morning Star; Edgar Reid, Gospel Tabernacle; Walter Paige, Faith Baptist; Porter Phillips, Enon Baptist; Elder Green, Community Church of God.

Also, the Revs. Harold Carter, New Shiloh Baptist; Maurice Holder, First Baptist; W. H. Thompson, Whitestone Baptist and John Bryant, Bethel A.M.E. Church.

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Prayer of St. Alphonsus Liguori

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8:00 A.M.—Holy Communion
9:00 A.M.—Church School in Guild Hall and Undercroft
9:00 A.M.—Holy Eucharist and Sermon (In Church)
11:00 A.M.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon

The Public Is Cordially Invited To Attend

COMMUNITY CHOIR — The Rev. Marcus Wood, pastor of Providence Baptist Church, is shown presenting Mrs. Mercedes H. Douglass a trophy from the Baltimore Choir for her development of the first Palm Sunday community program.

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9:35 A.M.—Church School and new members class
10:50 A.M.—Open Heart Service
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship Sermon by the Pastor Holy Communion
6:00 P.M.—BTU and New Members' Class

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10:00 A.M.—Sunday School
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3:30 P.M.—Worship at New Shiloh Baptist Church, Turner Station, Rev. James Everett, Pastor.

Come Grow With Us
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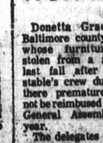

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Ebenezer & Macedonia	10,300
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Zion Hill Bapt.	10,100
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Northeast Bapt. Church	500
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Baltimore Church of God	100
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Rewan's Memorial	100
2000 Fulton Ave.	
Douglas Mem Comm. Church	100
Madison & Lafayette	
Muhammad Mosque No. 6	100
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Word of Faith	100
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HOME OF THE WINNER — This is St. Martin's Church of Christ, 2118 Madison Ave. St. Martin's was the grand prize winner in the AFRO Church of the Year Contest. The Rev. P. H. Franklin is pastor.

Services held for Mrs. Owens

Funeral services for Mrs. Helen Owens will be held April 7.

A mass was held at Father Tom's Church, Whitelock Street, April 6.

Mrs. Owens, 74, died April 3 at her home at 719 Reservoir St.

She was born in North Carolina and moved to Baltimore in the 20s.

She was the wife of the late Byrd Owens.

Mrs. Owens was a member of St. Katherine of Alexandria Church, Division and Preston Sts.

She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Mary Ford, Miss Julia Owens, Mrs. Gloria Webb and Mrs. Sonja Hardy; four sons, Raymond, Purdy, Franklin and Calvin Owens.

Last rites April 8 for J. M. Dyett Sr.

James M. Dyett Sr., died April 5 at his home in the 300 block Lennox Ave., in Towson.

The family will receive friends April 7 from 8 to 8:30 p.m. with last rites being held April 8, 11 a.m. at Emmanuel Christian Community Church, 1201 Lanvale St.

For 17 years, Mr. Dyett was employed with the Post Office. He was formerly president of the Steward Board at Emmanuel Christian Community Church and organized two Boy Scout troops.

Mr. Dyett is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Esther M. Powell and Mrs. Mary Easton; five sons, James M. Dyett Jr., Leroy O. Dyett Sr., Lewis C. Dyett; Marcus Jones and Anthony Jones.

Also, two sisters, Mrs. Mary Thomas and Mrs. Queen Jones; a devoted friend, Ms. Elizabeth Jones and seven grandchildren.

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Evicted woman won't get money

Donetta Grady, the Baltimore county widow whose furniture was stolen from a sidewalk last fall after a constable's crew dumped it there prematurely, will not be reimbursed from the General Assembly this year.

The delegates voted 61 to 39 against a resolution introduced by Del. Troy F. Brailey, D-Baltimore, which sought to give the 24-year-old widow $6,000.

"I think we're doing a bit much for this individual," said Del. American Joe Miedusiewski, D-Baltimore. She must have had "10 to 20 TV's and 30 to 40 sofas," he said.