Mrs. Santa needs you!

Baltimoreans are facing a tough winter, what with layoffs, cuts in welfare payments and increased fuel and food costs. You would be surprised at the calls every day from people at their wits end trying to find ways to pay just their Gas and Electric bills.

The Mrs. Santa Fund, AFRO Charities, is a non-profit organization sponsored by the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers to raise funds to make sure that no family goes hungry this Christmas. Names are supplied by our readers, AFRO Clean Block Captains, city agencies and the Police Department.

There are three ways you can help us make our goal of $20,000.

One: - Make a generous cash donation so that food baskets may be purchased wholesale.

Two: - Wear a flower supporting the AFRO's Mrs. Santa. Senior Citizens and volunteers have crocheted red flowers which we will be selling during December at $1.00 each. Urge your club or other organization to sell these flowers at various social functions and business meetings.

Three: - Contribute good used toys and clean clothes to Mrs. Santa's Store. When you contribute to the store, we will contact our families so they can select the things they need in their sizes.

Special Note: - We'll be glad to arrange a picture with Mrs. Santa for all contributions over $100. When it is published in the AFRO, it will encourage others to give and we desperately need all the help we can get. money orders payable to Mrs. Santa, AFRO Charities, 628 N. Eutaw Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. All Contributions are tax deductable.

Call 728-8205 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mrs. Santa's cases:

Case 124 - My mother and her two sons and two daughters need help for the holidays. They would appreciate a basket for Christmas. Can someone please help them get help for some oil to heat their house for the cold winter months?

Case 125 - I am 14 and writing this letter for my mother. We are on welfare and my mother's check has been cut and we have been cut off from getting food stamps. My mother is sick and we don't have any food in our house. After my mother pays the bills, we don't have any money left to buy food. We didn't have a Thanksgiving dinner. Can you make our Christmas happy by giving us some clothes and food for Christmas. I am not old enough to work yet.

Case 126 - I am the mother of five children and I receive help from Social Service. When I pay the bills each month I don't have enough money to buy food. They cut my food stamps. I wrote this letter Thanksgiving day because we didn't have any food for a Thanksgiving dinner. My father is dead.

Case 127 - I need a Christmas basket or anything you can help us with. We didn't have a Thanksgiving dinner and I would like to have a Christmas dinner. My husband is very ill, he has been on a kidney machine for ten years. I have 3 children, a girl 10 and 2 boys, 13 and 2 and no one in our household works. I hope you can make this a happy Christmas for us.

Case 128 - This family needs help! The mother and son is out of work. Could they please receive a basket for Christmas? The bills are piling up. There is little money that is going in this house to make a living off of. The son needs a pair of shoes, size 8½.

Case 129 - My granddaughter needs help for Christmas. She is taking care of her grandmother and grandfather. Her grandfather is in and out of the hospital all the time. The grandmother can hardly walk. She does the best she knows how. Right now the grandfather is in the hospital.

'Fell out of subway'

Case 130 - My boyfriend fell out of the subway where he is working two months ago. He injured his right leg, elbow, and his lower back. He is unable to walk, his leg is in a cast and can hardly walk. His bills and rent are backed up. Can he please have a basket?

Case 131 - My grandson is in Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital for children. He has lead poisoning. He has been in there since Sept. 29. He is 2, and has a brother 9. Can my my grandsons have a happier Christmas by sending them a Christmas basket?

Case 132 - My husband works and bring home a very small check each week. By the time we pay our bills, we don't have any money left to even buy any clothes for my ten children. My gas and electric are been turned off. My sonwho was helping me pay some of the bills has been laid off. I don't know where we will be getting food from day to day. All I am asking for is some food to feed my family.

Case 133 - I am writing for my sister who has a problem with her family. She has 3 children. Her oldest son, 18 has cerebral Palsy. The son 16 will not go to school. Her daughter, 17, has a baby girl. They do not have any electricity, heat or food in their home. She has to live on her daughter's check. If there is anything you can do for her, please help her.

'Fractured wrist'

Case 134 - I fractured my left wrist on my job last August 22, 1980. I just came home a week ago from a operation on that same wrist. I have three children 16, 18 and two grandchildren 1 and 6. I am not asking for clothes just some food for Christmas.

Case 135 - My father has been out of the house for one year now. My mother works hard to take care of us. We will not have a Christmas without your help. This is the first time we had to ask for your help. My brothers are 5 and 10 and I am a girl, 14. My family and I would appreciate anything we can get.

Case 136 - I have a handicapped son, 3, who still believes in Santa Claus. There is always something extra I would like to give him. I have 3 girls 10 and 9 and son, 4 months. I am unable to do anything for them for Christmas. We need things to get through the Christmas holiday.

'Check Stolen'

Case 137 - I haven't had any money or food for the past few days. I have a daughter 7 and a son 4 months. Last month my check was stolen and this month I have not received one yet. My children's father is in jail. I have no one who can help me. I have been everywhere trying to get help for food but nothing has come through. I am only asking for food to feed my family. My children are catching colds because I have to take them everywhere with me when I try to find food. Please help me get food for my children.

Case 138 - I am 29 with two children and on welfare. My girls are 9 and 11. I have just moved in this old house because my sister didn't have enough room in her house for me and my family. I have no furniture and I am using my sister's beds heb. So that my daughters will have something to sleep on. I am sleeping on a couch that my friend let me have. Mrs. M. Carter at the Echo House gave me a refrigerator on Dec. 1, so that I can have food to last for the entire month. We are in need, so if you can help us we will be very grateful.

'Husband blind'

Case 139 - My husband is blind and I am raising 2 grandchildren, 3 and 6, both girls. I would like to receive a food basket. Last year my family didn't get anything for Christmas. We were adopted by a lady who came to our house, took my grandchildren's sizes. She said, "She was going downtown to purchase clothes, toys and food." We never saw or heard from her again.

Case 140 - My husband died last month. I have 4 grandchildren, girl, 8 and 3 boys 3, 7 and 8. I have to take care of my mother who had a stroke and cannot walk. I will be glad for anything you can give to help me with.

Case 141 - I am writing for my grandmother who needs help with her three grandchildren, girl 9 and 2 boys 8 and 15. My grandmother needs a coat, size 20 because she doesn't have one. We never have much heat in our house. We would appreciate a basket of food and anything else you can give us.

Case 142 - I am writing for my sister with 6 children, ages 13, 11, 10, 5 and 1. Her husband was in the hospital because of an eye operation. He is still out of work and his job might not call him back when he is ready to go back to work. He is unable to see out of one of his eyes. She needs help with toys and a food basket for Christmas. My sister cannot work because she just had a baby and 3 operations.

Case 143 - I need help for my son. I am on welfare and we never have enough food to eat. We didn't have any food for Thanksgiving. I would like to receive a basket of food for Christmas. I had to have my telephone removed because I can't afford to pay all the bills. I cannot work because I have breast cancer. We really need food for the holiday.

Case 144 - My husband had a heart attack two weeks ago. I have 3 children 14, 10, and 6, size 12, 10 and 18. We need toys and a food basket for Christmas. We receive a small income each month that only takes care of the bills.

Case 145 - I had surgery about 4 months ago and I was out of work for 3 months. I was cut off from Social Service because they said a new law was passed. I work 20 hours a week and I won't receive my first pay check until the last of Dec. I have 2 sons, 8 and 6. My son 8 read the articles in the paper and brought it to my attention. He said he wished he could help these poor people or wished there was really a Santa Claus in the North Pole. If we could have some toys, clothes and food for Christmas, we will be very grateful.

'Pray for her'

Case 146 - My daughter is sick in the hospital. She has a girl 9 and a boy 13. I am keeping her children until she is released. The children need something for Christmas and prayer for their mother to get well.

'We had to sell the car'

Case 147 - I have 2 children and my husband is laid off from work. He was called back to work for one week and was laid off again. We are behind in our house payments. We had to sell our car. He was receiving unemployment that was filed up someway. He has to sign up again to receive it. Please, can we have some help?

Case 148 - I would like to receive a basket for Christmas. I am separated from my husband and my family needs help. I have two daughters, one with stomach problems and a sugar diabetic and the other is retarded. I have one son. I would just like to receive a basket of food for me and my family.

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Boone Furniture & Appliance Co.

William C. March Funeral Home helps with $1,000

Mrs. Santa's helpers

By Ida Peters

Mr. and Mrs. William C. March of March Funeral Home 1101 E. North Ave. by caring and sharing with the AFRO's Mrs. Santa families sent a check this week for $1,000. Praise the Lord!

Mrs. Santa now has $13,077.85 toward her goal of $20,000 with only $6,922.15 more to go. This means that the National Guard has been alerted and we're ready to purchase our first food baskets and food coupons.

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. A. Harrison Vessells who sent $25 and wished up good luck in the campaign. Also thanks to Mrs. Marie Murphy whose club the Chit-Chat Club purchased $25 of Mrs. Santa's Poinsetta flowers made my senior citizens.

Thanks also to the Northern-Johnson Family who sent in $85...Gilbert Northern, $30; Wilmer Northern, $20; Marietta Long, $10; Beatrice Johnson, $10, and Blanche Northern, $15.

Heartwarming is the letter received today from Mrs. N.B. (Agnes) Carrington. She is the widow of the Methodist minister and former head pressman at the AFRO for some 40 odd years. Mrs. Carrington sent a check for $75 to help Mrs. Santa. Up until the year Rev. Carrington died, he would always stick his head into our office with a word of encouragement and a check.

Mrs. Carrington wrote:

I always give $50 from my Christmas Savings, so last year I said I wanted to do a little more for the year 1981. I started saving pennies, dimes and quarters. This my goal and I reached it.

Thank you Mrs. Carrington. You are indeed a rare jewel in our fair city and you are the kind of people who truly make this a Charm City.

Thanks also to Mrs. Juanita Young, president and Ms Viola W. Wright, treasurer of the Coo-Coo Club for their check for $25. Also to Paul W. Moore Sr. whose note said "Keep Up the good work for the need grows from day to day", with a check for $20.

More thanks for $100 from the United Methodist Women of Ames Memorial United Methodist Church at Carey and Baker Sts. Rev. O. St. Clair Franklin is minister; Mrs. Edith Owens, president and Ms Jacqueline Hebron, treasurer. They wrote "May God bless you in your work". Signed, Your sisters in Christ.

Good neighbors helping Mrs. Santa this week included the White Family who brought in clothes and $25; Sharon Vaughn who brought in toys; Fred Bailey Jr. brought warm children's clothes. Rayner Banks of MTA has been picking up clothes on weekends.

The Western Community Association presented Mrs. Santa's helper, Mrs. Vanessa Johnson with $150. Making presentation are Mrs. Janet Carr, secretary; Mrs. Sarah McRae, president; Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Beatrice Lee, member and Mrs. Frances Bevans, financial secretary. The group has been together since 1968 and live in the Franklintown, Mulberry, Poplar Grove and Longwood area.

John A. Holmes Lodge No. 89, Prince Hall Affiliation presented AFRO'S Mrs. Santa with check for $100 to help needy families. Seated from (L) William B. Kidd, past master; Eugene Rhodes, Junior Deacon; Clyde Parker, Tyler. Standing from (L) Orpheus Tucker, Senior Warden; Robert L. Sellers, financial secretary; Theodore Dilworth, Worshipful Master.

Naomi Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star of the Hiram Grand Lodge presented AFRO's Mrs. Santa with $200. The group helped with Thanksgiving dinner at City Temple and contribute to Anna Mae Hunter Foundation, Santa Claus Anon., The League for the Handicapped and the School for the Blind. Above, (seated from L) Mrs. Thelma Griffin, Mrs. Mary A. Pettus and Miss Ruth Clayton, chairman of the charity committee. Standing, Mrs. Helen M. Carter, Grand Worthy Matron and Mrs. Ardessa Pitts, Grand Associate Matron.

Calendar

Saturday - Dec. 12 - Motorcycle Club, 2045 W. North Ave. has a charity disco for Mrs. Santa. Admission is 2 cans of food or $1.

Wednesday, Dec. 16 and Wednesday, Dec. 23 - Radio Station V-103 and Gatsby's are sponsoring a joint can-goods drive for AFRO's Mrs. Santa. On these two nights at Gatsby's from 6-9 p.m., admission will be canned goods, good usable toys. Larry Wilson of V-103 and Van Eaton of Gatsby's are coordinators. flowers made by senior Northern - Johnson was my goal and I reached it.

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Thursday, Dec. 17 - The men of Bethel A.M.E. and the D.J.'s of WWIN are playing a charity basketball game for Mrs. Santa at Carver High School Gym at 7 p.m. Admission is $1 for adults; 75 cents for children. Cleveland Brister is chairman.

Zetas help local charities

Alpha Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. has been an active community organization since its chartering in the early 1920s. It was the first graduate chapter established in Zetadom and has provided leadership at the national, regional and state level of the organization as well as leaders for many of the metropolitan community, civic and social organizations.

In keeping with its 1981 theme of "Zetas Working Together To Improve The Human Condition it has carried on an energetic and active program. The Chapter contributes annually in excess of $2,000 to a number of organizations, a few of which are Martin Luther King Center, Atlanta; March of Dimes; UNCF; YWCA; Provident Hospital; Sickle Cell Foundation; Anna Mae Hunter Home for Blind; the AFRO's Charities; and United Way.

It maintains at both Morgan State University and Coppin State College revolving emergency loan funds of $500 each. In its program of the nurturing and developing of young minds it sponsors undergraduate chapters on the campuses of Morgan State University, Coppin State College and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, as well as was instrumental in the establishment of a sorority chapter on the College Park campus of the University of Maryland. For over 30 years the chapter has sponsored a youth group of secondary school students.

Many of the 1980—81 activities included the following:

Conducted 10 general membership meetings which included a stress management workshop, parliamentary workshop, leadership workshop, presentations by the undergraduates anal youth group, speakers, and redledge service.

Hosted Atlantic Regional Conference (400 plus) 1980; two paid delegates; $7,000 balance for which a $3,500 Certificate of Deposit was purchased in anticipation of the 1988 Boule in Baltimore; too Sorors serve as Regional Officers.

Attended the Atlantic Regional Executive Board Meeting in Philadelphia.

Participated in and contributed to YWCA Soromundi Festival.

Co-sponsored Project COPE Dinner; $250 contribution.

Service Awards to 7 Sorors.

Sponsored booth at Women's Fair and signed up volunteers for Special Olympics.

Mrs. Santa fund $13,077.85

Goal $20,000-Need $6,922.15 more

Softball Marathon	$2,010.85
General Electric Employees Community Fund	2,000.00
William C. March Funeral Home	1,000.00
AME Ministerial Alliance	700.00
Artistic Upholstery Co., Inc.-Steven Pace	400.00
M. Goldseker Co.	375.00
Martineer Reunion	300.00
In Memory of Peggy Howard -Maceo T. Howard	300.00
Naomi Grand Chapter, O.E.S.	200.00
McCormick & Company, Inc.	200.00
Avalon Social Club	200.00
St. James Church-Father Donald O. Wilson	200.00
Myra Grand Chapter, O.E.S.	200.00
Family of Positive Force	150.00
The Western Community Improvement Assoc. Inc.	150.00
Delta T.N.T. Pledgees	125.00
Md. State UAW Community Action Program Council	125.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dallin E. Wicks	100.00
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Alpha Zeta Chapter	100.00
John A. Holmes Lodge 89, F & AM	100.00
John and Beatrice Myers	100.00
Concord Baptist Church-Rev. Matthew H. Silver	100.00
Wo-Be-Co	100.00
Sugar Plum Records, Inc.	100.00
The V.A.G.'s	100.00
Mrs. Catherine B. Dixon	100.00
United Methodist Women of AMES Memorial Methodist Church	100.00
-Special Aid Club	100.00
Mrs. Jeanette L. Johnson	75.00
Mrs. Agnes A. Carrington	75.00
Baltimore Chapter of Links, Inc.	57.00
Arthur and Dorothy Hicks	50.00
The Original Gardenia Bridge Club	50.00
Wives of Firefighters	50.00
James Ross-Manhattans	50.00
Continental Society of Baltimore	50.00
Mrs. Enolia V. McMillan	50.00
Community Neighborhood Assoc.	50.00
Mrs. Inez Cox	50.00
Ms Mabel Dorsey	50.00
Neighborhood Club of 1100 N. Carrollton Ave.	50.00
In Memory of Frederick Robinson -Mrs. Cleatter M. Robinson & Family	50.00
Ms Mary A. Harris	50.00
The Monumental City Friends	50.00
Family & Friends Outreach Club	50.00
Mrs. Gladys M. Cobbs	50.00
Emerson & Mildred Anderson	50.00
Dr. Beryl W. Williams	50.00
Mrs. Eva Rawlings	50.00
William H. and Phyllis W. McNeal	36.00
Col. John L. Lee	35.00
Ms Jessie J. Ross	35.00
Frank Johnson, Jr.	30.00
Ms Mattie E. LeDuff	30.00
Gilbert Northern	30.00
Chit-Chat Pinocle Club	25.00
Ms Carol E. Haysbert	25.00
Mrs. Rosa L. Hodge	25.00
Ms Vyna M. Skinner	25.00
Ms Mary B. Ward	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. William Blackmon	25.00
Coo Coo Club	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Clifton A. Turner	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson	25.00
Dr. and Mrs. Roland McConnell	25.00
Mrs. Juanita J. Young	25.00
Herbert Alston, Jr.	25.00
Mrs. Blanche B. Bell	25.00
Bernard and Alma Reed	25.00
Mrs. Marie E. Murphy	25.00
Julius and Patricia Taylor	25.00
A Group of Friends	25.00
Robert and Juliamae McDaniel	25.00
Del. Walter R. Dean, Jr.	25.00
The Aquarians	25.00
Sarah and Charles Marshall	25.00
Mrs. Pe..y E. Crowner	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. Harrison Vessells	25.00
Ms Oletha X. M. Moore	25.00
Mrs. Perra S. Bell	25.00
Ms. R. Eleanor Scotland	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A.C. Young	21.00
Paul and Adora Moore	20.00
Johnson's Tavern	20.00
Mrs. June St. Thomas	20.00
Mrs. Lucille H. Nixon	20.00
Ms. Llewellyn H. Walker	20.00
Mrs. Beautine H. DeCosta	20.00
Ms Wilmer Norther	20.00
Carl J. Case	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. James R. Dennis	20.00
Rev. St. George R. Crosse	17.00
Mrs. Edna M. Coleman	16.00
Mr. and Mrs. Rodman Harris	15.00
Ms Blanche Northern	15.00
Samuel Green	15.00
Mrs. Vivian W. Young	15.00
Albert Taylor	15.00
Mrs. Mary Baker	15.00
Dr. Robert L. Gill	10.00
Ms Eloise M. Jones	10.00
Miss Ruth Crawford	10.00
Ms Marietta Long	10.00
Ms Beatrice Johnson	10.00
Ronald and Gwendolyn Tucker	10.00
Earl and Bernice Turner	10.00
Mrs. Esther Thomas	10.00
Mrs. Pearl Gordon	10.00
Mrs. Louise Kerr Hines	10.00
Mrs. Blanche Pettiford	10.00
Mrs. Sarah Rayne	10.00
Mrs. Francis Murphy Campbell	10.00
Ms. Louise L. Smith	10.00
Mrs. Rose Whitfield	10.00
Mrs. Anita B. Tyler	5.00
Mrs. Florence G. Lyles	5.00
Russell B. Wiley, Jr.	5.00
Rose and Allen Cooper	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Maddox	5.00
Ellsworth Wilson	5.00
Herbert Clardy	5.00
Cornelius H. Thomas	5.00
Dr. Thurman O'Daniel	5.00
Youth Out Reach Program	2.00

Founders' Day Celebration featuring Dunbar Chamber Singers at the Convention Center; approximately 300 in attendance; Meritorious

THE LIVING CHURCH

Father and son participate in Ecumenical Revival

Bethel AME ministers to preach in Rome

The Rev. John R. Bryant

Bishop Harrison J. Bryant

Photo by Michael B. Howie

ECUMENICAL REVIVAL — Ms. Hazel Bryant (L) and Ms. Anne D'Arbelloff Guerrieri, are assisting in making plans for the Rev. John R. Bryant and retired Bishop Harrison J. Bryant to participate in the revival services scheduled to be held in Rome in January. The revival will be held in conjunction with a 20 day international black cultural arts festival, founded by Ms. Bryant. She was instrumental in having her brother and father take part in the service

The Rev. John R. Bryant, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Druid Hill Avenue and Lanvale Street and his father, Bishop Harrison Bryant, a retired bishop of the AME Church will be participating in the ecumenical revival to be held in Rome Jan. 21-24 1982.

This festival will be the first Protestant-Catholic revival in Rome. Traveling with the ministers will be Bethel's gospel choir, five liturgical dancers and gospel musicians.

The revival will be held in conjunction with a 20-day international black cultural arts festival, founded by Hazel Bryant, daughter of Bishop Bryant in 1979. She was instrumental in having her brother and father take part in the revival.

Ms. Anne D'Arbelloff Guerrieri, president of the Teatro Club of Rome said the Catholic church is suffering a crisis and the uniting of the Catholic church with other churches may help ease the crisis and form a bridge between the African-Americans and the Italians.

She said she hopes the revival will be a teaching tool for Catholics in learning how to respond in a church service and open new doors in the Catholic church experience.

According to Ms. Guerrieri the "The revival will start in Rome and should bounce like a ball back to America."

The festival will include Ms. Bryant's adaptation of Langston Hughes' pla, "The Black Nativity and several exhibits.

The Teatro Club will celebrate its 25th anniversary this year. Founded in 1957 by Ms. Guerrieri and four several years sponsored by the city of Rome and the Italian Ministry of Tourism and Performing Arts, the club has presented numerous artists in Italy.

The Richard Allen Center is one of the major producing art institutions. The group has produced an international black arts festival at Lincoln Center in New York. Since 1968, the Richard Allen Center has produced over 150 musicals and plays.

"We welcome this opportunity to share our work for the first time with audiences of another country," said Ms. Bryant. The revival will include workshops on the origins of gospel music. The theme for the revival is "One World One God.

Supreme Court rules prayer meetings allowed in college

By Barbara Rosewica

A public university cannot ban student groups from holding religious services on campus if the school allows students to hold other kinds of meetings, the Supreme Court ruled Dec. 8.

The 8-1 decision was a victory for Cornerstone, a student Evangelical group that had been barred from meeting on the campus of the University of Missouri at Kansas City to praise Jesus Christ with song and discussion.

The university had argued its building and grounds could not be used for worship services because of the constitution's ban against entanglement of government and religion.

But in a narrowly drawn decision, the high court held that if a university opens its facilities to student groups, it cannot discriminate against some just because the content of their speech is religious.

The key consideration in the free speech controversy is equal access, the court said.

"Having created a forum generally open to student groups," wrote Justice Lewis Powell, "the university seeks to enforce a content-based exclusion of religious speech.

"Its excusionary policy violates the fundamental principle that a state regulation of speech should be content neutral, and the university is unable to justify this violation under applicable constitutional standards."

In a second decision released Tuesday, the high court refused to allow the families of five scottish citizens killed in a 1976 plane crash in Scotland to sue the aircraft's American manufacturers in Federal court.

The court ruled 5-2 that foreigners do not have a right to bring suits in federal court by simply showing that American law would be more favorable to their case than the law of their own country. Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Powell did not participate in the ruling.

The decision in the religion case still allows universities discretion to limit use of their campuses. It does not, for example, automatically open campuses to use by non-student religious groups. It simply requires equal access.

As explained by Justice John Paul Stevens in a concurring opinion, it would be unjust to allow "groups of young philosphers to meet to discuss their skepticism that a supreme being exists" but at the same time to ban "a group desiring to express a belief in God."

The court's ruilding upholds a federal appeals court ruiling invalidating the university's written policy against use of its facilities for worship or religious instruction.

Justice Byron White, the only dissenter on the high court, said he would have upheld the university's policy because it puts only a "minimal" burdern on free speech rights.

The decision stems from a suit filed in 1977 against the university after it refused to let Cornerstone use classrooms to hold Saturday night meetings.

The purpose of the meetings was to encourage "a knowledge and awareness of Jesus Christ" through prayer, hymns, scripture readings and discussion.

Cornerstone students lost their suit in Federal District Court, which ruled the university had a compelling interest to keep church and state strictly separated. On review, however, the eighth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals invalidated the University's policy.

In Kansas City, Mo., Cornerstone spokesman Jonathan Williams said his first response was hallelluhjah.

"Secondly, I was relieved that it was all over." Williams said. "I really didn't have any feilings of justification or vindication. I knew all along that our case was right."

School of Theology announces new courses at St. Mary

The Ecumenical Institute of Theology of St. Mary's Seminary and University will offer 18 graduate evening courses for the spring semester, beginning Jan. 20 and continuing through May 13.

Classes are open to men and women of all denominations. The Ecumenical Institute, founded in 1968, is Baltimore's pioneer effort to offer interdenominational graduate theology.

"Philosophical Bases for Contemporary Theology" will be offered in Philosophy.

"Moral Development and Values Education" and "Interpersonal Communication" will be offered in religious education.

Courses available is scriptural studies are "The Wisdom Literature of The Old Testament," "Introouction to the Old Testament", Sin and Redemption in Paul, The Gospel of John and Prophetic and Hymnic Tradition.

Courses in systematic theology are The Black Experience: The Black Churches, History of Christian Ministry, History of Theological Systems, Ecumenical Dialogues and Word and Sacrament.

In history, Church History to 451 will be offered; In history of religion, Eastern Philosophy and Religion will be offered.

Basic Biblical Hebrew 11, Basic Ecclesiastical Latin 11 and Basic New Testament Greek 11 are language courses available.

All courses are three graduate credits except for language courses, which are two graduate credits. Registration deadline is Jan. 8. A full catalogue is available upon request.

Other courses being offered at the School of Theology of St. Mary's Seminary and University include 23 graduate theology courses. Synoptic Gospels, Gospel of John, Genesis 1 to 11 and Biblical Greek 11 will be offered in Biblical studies.

Courses to be offered in systematics liturgical studies are fundamental Theology, Christian Social Ethics, Medical Ethics, Ministry of Spiritual Direction, Christian Faith and Personal Development and The Church in the Marketplace.

Preaching 1 will be offered in professional studies. Courses in pastoral studies are Working with Groups, Addictive Disorders and Crisis Counseling.

Language courses available are Ecclesiastical Latin 11 and Pastoral Spanish 11. Pastoral Spanish is open to students who were not in the first semester's course, if such students have had some elemental study of Spanish. Inquiries should be directed to Sister M. Neil Corcoran at the Spanish Apostolate. Registration deadline for courses offered by the School of Theology is Jan. 11.

Grace Presbyterian has dedication for new organ

Kenneth M. Dean Jr.

The Rev. William T. Peters Jr.

Members of Grace United Presbyterian Church, 2604 Banister Road recently had dedication services for the church's newly designed Rodgers Alexandria 820 custom organ.

The new organ is the first of its kind to be installed in the state of Maryland. Its custom voicing and design will allow the organist to perform music including the Baroque, Classic, romantic and contemporary periods.

Kenneth M. Dean Jr., minister of music at Grace said for 2,000 years the Christian church has developed a musical tradition that is one of its principal glories and most priceless treasurers.

Dean said the the organ at Grace will be one means of carrying on the great tradition of music at Grace.

The Rev. William T. Peter Jr., is pastor of Grace Presbyterian. In 1971 the congregation moved into its new edifice. It was financially unable to purchase a organ. Floyd Adams and his wife Rachel, gave to the church a new Baldwin organ.

Following the retirement of Adams, Mercedes Wilson served as choir director fom 1978 through 1980 during which time she built up and revitalized the choir. Kenneth Dean Jr., has been serving as minister of music since March.

Members of the organ dedication committees were: David D. Brown, Rosina Edmonds, Christyne G. Ivey, James M. Mebane Jr., Joyce Weaver, Charlotte C. Mebane, Jeanne Fitts, Christyne G. Ivey, Gloria Hagan, Mildred Bryant, Katrine N. Whie, Beatrice G. Pitts, Kathellen Green, Martha Jones, Elizabeth Taylor, Ida G. Milbourne, Frances H. Sith.

Also, Willia Bland, Datie B. Russell, Kathryn T. Frisby. Youth ushers were Daryl Brown, Jeannie C. Brown, Claudette Gordon, Monda Hanson, Teresa Harris, Charylene Ledbetter, Edra Woods, Andrea Peters, Tanya Roney and Albert Walker.

Metro Church Briefs

Mrs. Celestyne Grace, a member of Manna Bible Baptist Church will be the guest soloist at a Christmas concert, Dec. 20, 7 p.m. at Heritage United Church of Christ, 3106 Liberty Heights Ave. The Rev. Wendell Phillips is pastor.

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The John Richard Bryant Study Library will present a lecture series on various topics exploring religion and biblical research and study on Monday, Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m. in the library of Bethel AME Church, 1300 Druid Hill Ave.

The lectures will be offered every Monday from December through May at 7:30 p.m. Some of the topics include Disciplines of the Spiritual Faith Action and Creative Expressions: Discovering Your Gifts. December's topic will be how to study the Bible. The Rev. John R. Bryant is pastor.

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The Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah" ranks among the greatest musical expressions of Christ's birth. The fact that Handel wrote the work as an "entertainment" enhances its natural drama.

"The charisma of the Messiah has inspired Virginia Blair, of the music faculty of Catonsville Community College, to offer the community a sing-in several times in the last five years.

Everyone is welcome to attend, either to sing or to listen. This season, St. John's United Church of Christ, Rolling Road and Wilkens Ave., has invited Opus X and the public to rehearse and perform the work on Sunday, Dec. 13, 4 p.m.

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The men of Mt. Zion AME Church, 1278 Manor Road will be observing Men's Day. Bishop John Hurst Adams, presiding prelate for the second Episcopal district of the African Methodist Church will be the speaker at 11 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Maurice T. Wilson is pastor and Elmer Miller is chairman.

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The 100 voice Women's Chorus of the Women's Convention Auxiliary of the United Baptist Missionary Convention will be featured in a pre Christmas concert at Enon Baptist Church, Edmondson Avenue and Schroeder Street on Sunday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m. Mrs. Mary Brown is director of the choir. Mrs. Bessie H. Mason is president of the Women's Convention and the Rev. Porter Phillips is pastor of Enon.

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The Melvin Chester Swann Memorial Choir will be celebrating their annual day on Sunday, Dec. 13. A gospel extravaganza is planned at 3 p.m. Nadine D. Robinson is president and the Rev. John W. Duckett is minister.

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The Voices of Tabernace will be in concert to celebrate their eighth anniversary on Dec. 13, 6 p.m. Maurice Roberts is president, Catherine Demby is corresponding secretary and the Rev. Edgar L. Reid is pastor.

An appreciation banquet will be held Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. at Friendship Baptist Church, 346 Denison St., for Mrs. Audrey Morton, musical director. The Rev. William McCoy is pastor.

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The Methdoist Women of Christ Edmondson United Methodist Church will sponsor a Christmas bazaar on Dec. 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the benefit of the church. Mrs. Myrtle Brooks is chairman, Mrs. Helena Bolar is assistant chairman and Mrs. Geraldine Brown is treasurer.

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The Educational Fund Committee of United Baptist Church will sponsor Tommy Roberts and Indora Jones in concert on Dec. 13, 6 p.m. at Wayland Baptist Church, 3200 Garrison Blvd.

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The Trustee Board of the Maryland Baptist Aged Home will sponsor their annual luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 12, 12:00 at the Lord Baltimore Hotel. Mrs. Maggie Green is luncheon chairperson and the Rev. Matthew R. Silver is president of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland.

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