

# The Christian Griot

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## Who's Who at St. Luke: Bro. Jan Thomas

### NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 13 District Stewardess Thanksgiving Service
- 13 Men's Fish Fry
- 20 Food Pantry
- 21 Men's Day
- 22 Missionary Thanksgiving Basket Outreach
- 25 Thanksgiving Day

### BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Devan Williams
- 4 Christina Sibley
- 5 Lou Connors
- 6 Ruby Huffman
- 8 Jaelyn Pirtle
- 9 Belle Miller
- 10 Alberta Fenderson
- 11 Timothy Summers
- 12 Lashaundra Lockett
- Erika Williams
- Kashif Lewis
- 13 Robin Smith
- 13 Jan Thomas
- 14 Brittany Barnhill
- 14 Candice Samuel
- 15 Vernon Lewis
- Lisa Hicks Boothe
- 19 Brianna Wright
- 21 Vernessa Macon Hunter
- 21 Neah Harvey
- 22 Tressa Easley
- 23 Patricia M. Lewis
- 24 William Nesbitt
- 26 Amber Kinard
- 28 Brenda Foster
- 28 Carla Samuel Parks
- 29 Tyanna Jones
- 30 Shanice Brown



Bro. Jan Thomas has been a dedicated member of St. Luke for over fifty years. Bro. Jan Thomas, a native of St. Louis, MO, graduated from Vashon High School in St. Louis, before moving to Champaign in 1953. He united with St. Luke CME in 1954 when Rev. Crowder was the pastor. He married his wife of fifty-three years, Betty, on June 23, 1957. They are the proud parents of a daughter, Vanessa and a son, Greg. They have three grandchildren. Bro. Thomas retired from Kraft Foods after 29 years of service.

Over the years, Bro. Thomas has been a faithful servant in many capacities at St. Luke. He has served as Superintendent of the Sunday School, a Sunday School teacher, a member of the Men's Ministry, the One Church One School Committee, and the Board of Stewards. His service to the Steward Board has lasted over fifty years. In the past, he could often be found at St. Luke assisting buddies, Ezell Derricks and Syral Easley, with the many projects they often spearheaded to maintain the physical condition of the church.

In his spare time, when his health permits, he likes helping people especially the sick and shut-in members who need help. He will turn seventy-nine in November and has slowed down physically, but not spiritually.

His fondest St. Luke memories are as a young man he attended church meetings and loved to listen to members, George Ray (deceased) and Bracy Easley (deceased), conduct church business. He admired how they conducted themselves as a Steward and a Trustee. He tried to model his stewardship to St. Luke after their examples as role models. He loved and still loves being a member of St. Luke.

Favorite Songs: "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Father I Stretch My hands to Thee"

Favorite Scriptures: The Book of Psalms

# Changes in the CME Church

## Actions That Are Headed for the CME 2010 Book of Discipline\*

The 37<sup>th</sup> General Conference of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church was held June 26-July 4, 2010 in Mobile, AL. Emerging from the Conference were some very important pieces of legislation that will appear in the CME 2010 Book of Discipline. Some of the legislation passed is as follows:

**Resolution 2010-02-05:** That the title "President" of the Board of Christian Education be eliminated and replaced with the title "Director." The duties of the President of the Board would be incorporated under those of the director.

Action: Passed, with change that the title "vice president" of the Board of Christian Education would be changed to "assistant director."

**Resolution 2010-02-07:** That the Discipline specifically state that members of the local Stewards Board are to assist in the collection or raising of General Funds.

Action: Passed

**Resolutions 2010-06-49 and 2010-06-50:** Changing names of Regional Lay Department and Local Lay Ministry to Regional Lay Council and Lay Council at the local church.

Action: Passed with changes.

**Resolution 2010-06-54:** Establish a Connectional Ushers' Day as the second Sunday in September.

Action: Passed

**Resolution 2010-06-55:** Deletion of "Christian Methodist Men's Fellowship" from the CME Discipline.

Action: Passed

These are only representative of legislation that was passed during the 37<sup>th</sup> General Conference. Typically, Disciplines are published and ready for sale the year following the General Conference. Each officer and member of the local church should be prepared to purchase a Discipline at a nominal fee when they become available.

\*Excerpted from *The Christian Index*, July, 2010



## A Prayer for Today

Father in heaven, thank You for filling me with Your Holy Spirit and for giving me Your authority here on the earth. Today I declare peace over every area of my life and thank You for working things out for my good. In Jesus' Name.

### Episcopal Assignments 2010-2014

- 1st Episcopal District - Bishop L.L. Reddick, III
- 2nd Episcopal District - Bishop Sylvester Williams
- 3rd Episcopal District - Bishop Paul A.G. Stewart
- 4th Episcopal District - Bishop Thomas L. Brown, Sr.
- 5th Episcopal District - Bishop W.E. Lockett
- 6th Episcopal District - Bishop Kenneth W. Carter
- 7th Episcopal District - Senior Bishop Thomas Hoyt, Jr.
- 8th Episcopal District - Bishop Henry Williamson, Sr.
- 9th Episcopal District - Bishop James B. Walker
- 10th Episcopal District - Bishop Godwin Umoette
- 11th Episcopal District - Bishop Teresa Snorton

### Episcopal Departmental Assignments

- Department of Finance - Bishop Thomas L. Hoyt, Jr.
- Department of Publication - Bishop Henry Williamson, Sr.
- The Christian Index* - Bishop Sylvester Williams
- Board of Personnel Services - Bishop Paul Stewart, Sr.
- Department of Christian Education - Bishop Thomas L. Brown, Sr.
- Department of Evangelism & Mission - Bishop James B. Walker
- Women's Missionary Society - Bishop L. L. Reddick, III, Patron Bishop
- Department of Lay Ministry - Bishop Teresa E. Snorton
- Department of Ministry to Men - Bishop W. E. Lockett
- Connectional Department of Ministers' Spouses - Bishop Godwin Umoette

# Men's Day November 21, 2010

# LAYITY DAY HELD AT ST. LUKE CME



Rev. Dr. Clarence Buchanan presents the Lay Council Charter to Interim Co-Lay Leaders Jo Samuel and Patricia McKinney Lewis. Pictured also are: Carmen Wood, Min. Noah Brown, LaShaundra Lockett, Toriano Harvey, and Nina Richardson.

The CME Connectional Church has set aside the second Sunday in October to observe Connectional Laity Day. Min. Noah Brown delivered the message: "Let Us Walk in Unity" at St. Luke CME in Champaign, IL. Members of the Young Adult Fellowship conducted the worship service. Toriano Harvey, Young Adult Fellowship President, was the worship leader.



Min. Noah Brown delivers the message: "Let Us Walk in Unity".

Rev. Dr. Clarence Buchanan presented Interim Co.-Lay Leaders, Jo Samuel and Patricia McKinney Lewis, the charter of the newly reorganized Lay Council. Forty-nine members joined the Lay Council at the conclusion of the special worship service.

The Lay Ministry aids the local congregation of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church to "equip" the members of the congregation to be more effective witnesses of Jesus Christ in stewardship and service. It also helps our local congregation to address the needs and concerns of people, as they confront the hostility of the present society.

The Lay ministry also helps to insure that its church members engage in such leadership and service roles as stewards, stewardesses, trustees, choir members, ushers and other leadership capacities.



## Who Would Have Thought?

1. Cucumbers contain most of the vitamins you need every day. Just one cucumber contains Vitamin B1, Vitamin B2, Vitamin B3, Vitamin B5, Vitamin B6, Folic Acid, Vitamin C, Calcium, Iron, Magnesium, Phosphorus, Potassium and Zinc.
2. Feeling tired in the afternoon, put down the caffeinated soda and pick up a cucumber. Cucumbers are a good source of B Vitamins and Carbohydrates that can provide that quick pick-me-up that can last for hours.
3. Tired of your bathroom mirror fogging up after a shower? Try rubbing a cucumber slice along the mirror, it will eliminate the fog and provide a soothing, spa-like fragrance.
4. Are grubs and slugs ruining your planting beds? Place a few slices in a small pie tin and your garden will be free of pests all season long. The chemicals in the cucumber react with the aluminum to give off a scent undetectable to humans but drive garden pests crazy and make them flee the area.
5. Looking for a fast and easy way to remove cellulite before going out or to the pool? Try rubbing a slice or two of cucumbers along your problem area for a few minutes, the phytochemicals in the cucumber cause the collagen in your skin to tighten, firming up the outer layer and reducing the visibility of cellulite. Works great on wrinkles too!!!

# Know Your History: Lane College



**Lane College** is a small, private, co-educational, church-related four-year institution, which provides a liberal arts curriculum leading to baccalaureate degrees in the Arts and Sciences. In 1882, Lane College, then the “C.M.E. High School,” was founded by the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America. Looking to the establishment of this enterprise as early as November 1878, Reverend J.K. Daniels presented a reso-



lution to establish a school at the Tennessee Annual Conference held in the old Capers Chapel C.M.E. Church in Nashville, Tennessee, and presided over by Bishop William H. Miles, the first Bishop of the C.M.E. Church. The resolution was adopted amid much applause. The Conference at once appointed a committee to solicit means with which to purchase grounds and to inaugurate plans to carry forward the proposed work. Reverends C.H. Lee, J.H. Ridley, Sandy Rivers, and J.K. Daniels constituted this committee. The institution began its first session in November 1882, as the “C.M.E. High School,” with Miss Jennie E. Lane, daughter of the Founder, Bishop Isaac Lane, as the first teacher.

Lane College is proud of its tradition of providing educational opportunities for those who may not otherwise have had the opportunity to attend college. It places priority on academic excellence, but is equally as concerned about the student's spiritual, social, and ethical development. Lane College is committed to preparing students, through its liberal arts curriculum, to assume meaningful positions in their chosen occupations or professions and/or to pursue graduate studies. This is done through a guided, nurturing program of intellectual experiences that enables students to identify and develop their "Power of Potential." Lane's tradition includes first-generation college students who have genuinely transcended their circumstances. The motto, "esse non videri": "to be, not to seem" is evident in its alumni who have become successful attorneys, physicians, educators, entrepreneurs, and scientists throughout the nation and the world. Since its inception, Lane College has strongly believed in the "Power of Potential." This is achieved in an environment that is sensitive and nurturing, but challenges students to achieve new levels of excellence at the same time. High standards are expected in and outside the classroom. Lane College trains leaders. Lanites develop an appreciation for art and culture and are life-long learners with a special love for history.

## Have a Blessed Thanksgiving Day!

Almost every culture in the world has held celebrations of thanks for a plentiful harvest. The American Thanksgiving holiday began as a feast of thanksgiving in the early days of the American colonies.

1939 President Franklin D. Roosevelt set it one week earlier. He wanted to help business by lengthening the shopping period before Christmas. Congress ruled that after 1941 the 4th Thursday in November would be a federal holiday proclaimed by the President each year.



## Albertina Walker

“Queen of Gospel”



(August 29, 2010-October 8, 2010)

Born August 29, 1929 in Chicago, Illinois, she began her singing career in the youth choir at the West Point Baptist Church at an early age. Early on, Ms. Walker was a standout even in Chicago's teeming, competitive gospel scene, and she became a protégé of Mahalia Jackson. With her good friend, James Cleveland, at the piano, she spent many evenings singing and socializing at Jackson's house, listening to critical advice.

## The Children's Sunday School Class Summarizing the Lesson



## Welcome New Members



October 10, 2010: Karen M. Stevens. Standing with her is her son, Bro. Jemal Dodd.



October 17, 2010: Tatiana Peppers. Standing with her is her father, Bro. Lemond Peppers.

Not pictured is new member:  
Alberta Fenderson  
October 3, 2010

## Christenings and Baptisms



Family and friends surround Jaelyn Alyssa Pirtle, with her mother, Pam Pirtle, and her grandfather, J.W. Pirtle, during Jaelyn's baptism on October 24, 2010.