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Rev. and Mrs. Buchanan

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Happy Mother's Day!

Who's Who at St. Luke:

Nina Sibley Richardson, Church Announcement Clerk



A Young Mother Who Loves the Lord

Mrs. Nina Sibley Richardson is a young mother of three, wife, has two jobs, and still finds time to participate in activities at St. Luke. As the church Announcement Clerk on Youth and Young Adult Sundays, she conveys the warm voice which welcomes visitors and reads the church announcements. Being the granddaughter of Mrs. Nina Sibley, who is the matriarch of her family, we know she has a superb role model.

Nina was born in Champaign, but being part of a military family afforded her the opportunity to live in many communities in Colorado, Alabama and Maryland. Nina graduated from Aberdeen High School in Aberdeen, Maryland. She earned an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Parkland College where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

Over the years, she has attended churches of all denominations. She was baptized at the age of 15 at a non-denominational church in Maryland. She has attended St. Luke the past five years and participates in the New Life Choir, the Young Adult Fellowship and is a member of the Phyllis H. Bedford Young Adult Department of the Missionary Society. She said she loves St. Luke because the church is like one big family.

Although she doesn't cook, she proclaims that her mother, Theresa Sibley Williams, is one of the best cooks at St. Luke, and her grandmother, Mrs. Nina Sibley, cooks the BEST fried chicken. Her sisters, Christine and Deanna, and brother, Adolphus, most likely agree with her declaration. She and her husband, Cedrick Richardson, are the proud parents of three children: Ebony, Kaitlin and Camren.

In her spare time, she manages rental property, and due to her slight interest in politics since the age of eight, she watches a lot of CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, and C-Span. Nina aspires to become a real estate broker, and she has completed the Real Estate Transaction course at Parkland. She plans to continue her education to fulfill that goal.

Favorite Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 Favorite Song: "When the Saints Go Marching In"

In Memory of My Mother

You were a precious gift from God above,
so much beauty and so much love.
You touched our hearts in so many ways,
your smile so bright even on bad days.
You heard God's whisper calling you home,
you didn't want to go and leave us alone.
You loved so much, you held on tight,
till all the strength was gone and you could no longer fight.
He had called your name twice before,
you knew you could not make Him wait anymore.
So you gave your hand to God and slowly drifted away,
knowing that with our love we will be together again some day.

Lovingly submitted by Patricia McKinney Lewis



Rohelia Johnson
McKinney



Very Special
Mother's Day and
Get Well
Wishes to
Mrs. Willia Brown

May God continue to
bless you, heal and
strengthen you.

From Your St. Luke
Family

A Mother's Love

A Mother's love is something that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion and sacrifices of pain,
It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may.
For nothing can destroy or take love away...
It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking.
It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns,
It glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems.
It's far beyond defining, it defies all explanation and it still remains
A secret like the mysteries of creation .
A many splendid miracle man cannot understand,
And another wondrous evidence of God's tender hand.
Lovingly submitted by Vernon and Ronald Lewis



Muriel Giles Lewis

Thank God for Wonderful Mothers!



*Mrs. Mildred Sparks
Witcher
90 Years Young
(9-19-19)*

Without You

Mom, without you, there would be no me.
Your love, your attention, your guidance,
have made me who I am.
Without you, I would be lost,
wandering aimlessly,
without direction or purpose.
You showed me the way
to serve, to accomplish, to persevere.
Without you, there would be an empty space
I could never fill, no matter how I tried.
Instead, because of you,
I have joy, contentment, satisfaction and
peace.
Thank you, mom.
I have always loved you
and I always will.
By Joanna Fuchs



*Lovingly submitted
by
Mrs. Christine
Buchanan,
Daughter*

Happy Mother's Day to:

St. Luke's First Lady



Mrs. Dorothy Bishop



Mrs. Christine Buchanan and Former First Ladies



Mrs. Willia Brown



Mrs. Ethel Kennedy



Mrs. Blanche Douglass

Congratulations

United Council of Negro Women Living Legend Honorees



Mrs. Nina Sibley



Mrs. Ethel Kennedy

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." **Matthew 5:16**

Mrs. Sibley and Mrs. Kennedy will be honored on May 1, 2010

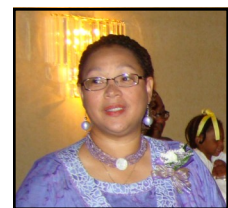
Young at Heart Mothers of St. Luke



Happy Mother's Day



Mrs. Earline Stewart First Lady of the Third Episcopal District



Mrs. Sheila Jones First Lady of the Chicago District

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW BLACK HISTORY?

Congratulations Byron Smith, Jr. Mr. Tuskegee 2010-2011



History of Mr. Tuskegee University

The title of "Mr. Tuskegee University" has been a long-anticipated addition to the list of Tuskegee Student Leadership positions. Mr. Tuskegee University is the representation of the collegiate black male at Tuskegee University. Mr. Tuskegee University is also a liaison and an ambassador for the University. The position of Mr. Tuskegee University has become one of great respect and prestige, and from its beginning, it has since become a key part of student leadership at Tuskegee University.

Happy Mother's Day First Lady Jill Smith . We know you are proud of your children.



Rev. Byron, Sr. and Mrs. Jill Smith with their children Aaron, Deron, Byron, Jr. and Imani.

Dorothy I. Height



Dorothy I. Height, 98, a founding matriarch of the American civil rights movement whose crusade for racial justice and gender equality spanned more than six decades, died early Tuesday morning, April 19, 2010, of natural causes, a spokesperson for the National Council of Negro Women said.

Ms. Height was among the coalition of African American leaders who pushed civil rights to the center of the American political stage after World War II, and she was a key figure in the struggles for school desegregation, voting rights, employment opportunities and public accommodations in the 1950s and 1960s.

Ms. Height was president of the National Council of Negro Women for 40 years, relinquishing the title in 1997. The 4 million-member advocacy group consists of 34 national and 250 community-based organizations. It was founded in 1935 by educator Mary McLeod Bethune, who was one of Ms. Height's mentors.

As a civil rights activist, Ms. Height participated in protests in Harlem during the 1930s. In the 1940s, she lobbied first lady Eleanor Roosevelt on behalf of civil rights causes. And in the 1950s, she prodded President Dwight D. Eisenhower to move more aggressively on school desegregation issues. In 1994, Bill Clinton awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

Excerpt from the Washington Post by Bart Barnes

Ascension Day

Ascension Day marks the day when Jesus Christ ascended up into Heaven. It was 40 days after his resurrection from the dead, which was on Easter Sunday (in A.D. 30). If you begin with Easter Sunday (April 4, 2010) and count 40 days, you end up on Thursday, May 13.

The Biblical account of the Ascension appears in the book of Acts, chapter one:

After his suffering, he (Jesus) showed himself to these men (the apostles) and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command:

"Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

St. Luke Stepping Out in Style at the Palm Sunday Tea



Palm Sunday Tea Chairman, Co-Chairman and Birthday Month Chairpersons

Stewardess Day
April 11, 2010
Presenting the Women of the Bible
The Good and the Bad...

St. Luke was treated to an afternoon of great music and portrayals of women of the Bible by St. Luke women and women representing various churches in the Champaign-Urbana community. Among the ladies participating were :

Clara Bright, Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church; Fay Weatherspoon, St. Luke CME Church; Mary Harris, Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church; Brenda Owens, St. Luke; Mary Haywood Benson, Bethel AME Church; Audra Owens, Vineyard Church; and Tina March, St. Luke CME Church.



Clara Bright, Ruth



Fay Weatherspoon, Queen of Sheba



Mary Harris, Sarah



Brenda Owens, Delilah

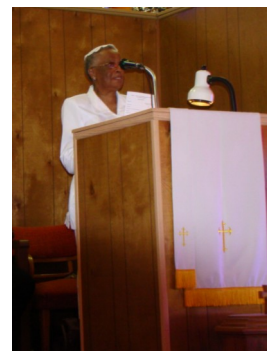


Audra Owens, Martha



Tina March,
Woman at the Well

Mary Haywood Benson, Dorcas



Sis. Melinda Wallick,
Stewardess Board President