

It's Going On! What's Going On? **Champaign-Urbana Area Events/Meetings**

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Deadline to submit events for March 26? Wednesday, March 21, 2012.

General Primary Election – March 20 – 6:00am – 7:00pm

Monday, March 12

5:30pm – 7:30pm – FREE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) at Salem Baptist Church (500 E. Church St., C.). Monday, Friday & Saturday through April 21.

6:00pm - Champaign Unit 4 School Board Meeting

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 13

LAST DAY - Grace Period Voting at the Brookens Building (1776 E. Washington, U.) for those who need to **register to vote and/or change their name or address.***

8:30am – 9:30am - Hinds Community College Choir performing at Franklin Middle School.*

9:55am – 10:45am - Hinds Community College Choir & Jubilee Singers performing in the Donald Decker Theatre of Central High School.*

2:15pm – 3:00pm - Hinds Community College Choir & Jubilee Singers performing at Booker T. Washington STEM Academy.*

5:30pm – 7:30pm – FREE – Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) at Salem Baptist Church (500 E. Church St., C.). Monday, Friday & Saturday until April 21.

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting – **Oath of Office - Police Chief Anthony Cobb**; Study Session to follow.

7:00pm – Glory Center International's 7th Annual Ministry Celebration – “Commemorating, Celebrating, Embracing Our History. Our Now. Our Destiny” at 606 N. Country Fair Drive, Ch. For more info, call 217-355-5008 or www.glorycenter.org.*

7:00pm - Hinds Community College Choir & Jubilee Singers performing at Carter Metropolitan C.M.E. Church (448 E. Williams, Danville).*

Wednesday, March 14

DEADLINE to RSVP for The Women of Hope, New Hope COGIC'S (located at 911 W. Bradley, Champaign) **Prayer Breakfast**. The theme is **"Stop Now, It's Praying Time."** You must **RSVP no later than TODAY** to ladyenash@aol.com or to **217-352-0911**. Look forward to good food, fellowship with each other, and, most of all, our Lord!

9:00am – 9:30am - Hinds Community College Choir & Jubilee Singers performing at the Canaan Academy (207 Central Ave., Urbana).*

1:15pm – 2:30pm - Hinds Community College Choir performing in the Urbana Middle School Cafetorium.*

Wednesday, March 14 (cont'd)

5:30pm – Urbana Human Relations Meeting

7:00pm – **Hinds Community College Choir & Jubilee Singers** performing at Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church.*

Thursday, March 15

LAST DAY to Early Vote for March 20 primary at permanent early voting locations.

8:45am – 9:15am - Hinds Community College Choir & Jubilee Singers performing at Prairie Elementary School.*

5:00pm – 7:30pm – Wesley Evening Food Pantry Distribution at 1203 W. Green St., Urbana. Email info@wesleypantry.org for information or volunteer opportunities.

7:00pm – 9:00pm - CCNAACP & League of Women Voters of Champaign County hosting County Board Districts 7 & 11 Candidates' Forum in the Champaign City Council Chambers

Friday, March 16

TBA – Baking for Bucks Cottage Food Business School at the Land of Lincoln Legal Aid Building (302 N. First St., Ch.) Cost: **\$90.00, but scholarships are available.** Seating is limited, so reserve your seat today. Classes are on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 16-18. Learn about the Cottage Food Bill, Entrepreneurship, and earn your Food Service Safety Management Certification. For more information, contact Valerie McWilliams at 217-356-1351, ext. 114.

TODAY – March 19 - In-person absentee voting at the Brookens Building (1776 E. Washington, Urbana). You must already be registered to vote at your current address.

5:30pm – 7:30pm – FREE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) at Salem Baptist Church (500 E. Church St., C.). Monday, Friday & Saturday through April 21.

7:00pm – West African Dance Class, taught by Djibril Camara at the Independent Media Center (200 S. Broadway, Urbana) to benefit the Crisis Nursery of Urbana. Admission into the class is one or more of several items (includes, but not limited to: gift cards from Target, Wal-mart, Meijer, County Market, etc., Diapers size 4 or 5; inside games & activities, etc., and much more). This is part of the **All-Americorps Week** at the UCIMC.*

Saturday, March 17

TODAY – March 19 - In-person absentee voting at the Brookens Building (1776 E. Washington, Urbana). You must already be registered to vote at your current address.

8:30am – 12noon - Champaign County Clerk's Office (Brookens Building, 1776 E. Washington, Urbana) open for early voting.

9:00am – **The Women of Hope, New Hope COGIC's** (located at 911 W. Bradley, Champaign) **Prayer Breakfast.** The theme is **"Stop Now, It's Praying Time."**

Look forward to good food, fellowship with each other, and most of all our Lord only if you **RSVP by Wednesday, March 14** to ladyenash@aol.com or to **217-352-0911.**

Saturday, March 17 (cont'd)

10:00am – 12noon – St. Luke C.M.E. Church **Food Pantry** – 809 N. Fifth St., Ch.
1:00pm – 5:00pm - FREE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)
at Salem Baptist Church (500 E. Church St., C.). Monday, Friday & Saturday
through April 21.

3:00pm – Champaign Park District Douglass Seniors' **"Tom Thumb Wedding"** at
the Douglass Community Center. Cost: **\$5.00**.

7:00pm -Deborah Chapter #27/OES' **Annual Wild Wild West Party** at American
Legion Post #71 (107 N. Broadway, Urbana). Cost \$5.00.

9:00pm – JazzStep Entertainment presents **30 & Over Jazz Saturdays** in the new
addition of the Arrowhead Bowling Lanes (1401 N. McKinley, Ch.). Grown Folks
Affair (for those 30 and older). DJ Master Blaster playing R & B, Old School, Jazz
and Steppin' Music. Cost: \$5.00.*

Sunday, March 18

10:45am – Bethel A.M.E. Church 149th Anniversary – Speaker: Nathaniel Banks.*

1:00pm – Jericho Missionary Baptist Church **Ushers and Greeters Salad Spread**
immediately following the morning worship service. Cost: \$8.00/adults and \$5.00
for youth.

1:00pm – **"Chicken Wing and Fries"** sale sponsored by the Pilgrim Missionary
Baptist Church Kingdom Builders' Ministry. Donation: \$5.00 for 4 chicken wings
and fries; desserts – 50 cents to \$1.00; soda – 50 cents. Immediately after morning
service.*

4:00pm – **"Women in Worship"** at New Hope Church of God in Christ (911 W.
Bradley, Ch.). Special guest speaker **Evangelist Shanae Dowell** of Danville IL.
Doors open at 3:45. Call 217-352-0911 for more information.

5:00pm – **Rev. Dr. Craig Melvin Smith, Senior Pastor of the Freedom Baptist
Church (Hillside, IL) celebrating 40 years in the Ministry** at Pilgrim Missionary
Baptist Church. Rev. B.J. Tatum to deliver the message. For more information,
contact Audrey Keaton-Mock at 217-649-6087.*

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through April 21.

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 20 – REMEMBER TO VOTE!!! 6 am – 7:00pm

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting

7:00pm – Glory Center International's 7th **Annual Ministry Celebration** –
**"Commemorating, Celebrating, Embracing Our History. Our Now. Our
Destiny"** at 606 N. Country Fair Drive, Ch. For more info, call 217-355-5008 or
www.glorycenter.org.*

Thursday, March 22

TODAY – Tuesday, October 9 - Voter Registration for those: who will be 18 on or before the General Election on Tuesday, November 6; those who have never registered; those who need to change their name and/or address.

7:00pm – Champaign County Board Meeting

8:00pm – Community Women's Choir Rehearsal for Annual Women's Day at Salem Baptist Church on **Sunday, March 25 at 3:30pm.**

Friday, March 23

DEADLINE to order Fannie Mae Candy from Team Trouble members. All of the proceeds raised will assist in the costs of uniforms, travel & lodging from March through July. The following varieties are available: Mint meltaways, assorted creams, trinidads, pixies and assorted chocolates. Cost: \$12 per box. The candy will be ready for delivery prior to Mother's Day!!! Money is due at the time of delivery and all checks can be made payable to: **Team Trouble Basketball.** For more information or to place your order, contact Kay Wells at 2317-351-6220 or illini34@comcast.net or Coach Mikki Johnson at www.teamtrouble.org.*

5:30pm – 7:30pm – FREE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) at Salem Baptist Church (500 E. Church St., C.). Monday, Friday & Saturday through April 21.

Saturday, March 24

8:00am – 10:00am – Listen LIVE to **Higher Ground** on **WEFT/90.1FM Radio** or on-line at **WEFT.org**, hosted by Aaron & Carol Ammons. Listen in and/or call in to 217-359-5483 or 217-359-6545 for comments and/or questions.

1:00pm – 5:00pm – FREE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) at Salem Baptist Church (500 E. Church St., C.). Monday, Friday & Saturday until April 21.

2:00pm - Community Women's Choir Rehearsal for Annual Women's Day at Salem Baptist Church on **Sunday, March 25 at 3:30pm.**

9:00pm – JazzStep Entertainment presents **30 & Over Jazz Saturdays** in the new addition of the Arrowhead Bowling Lanes (1401 N. McKinley, Ch.). Grown Folks Affair (for those 30 and older). DJ Master Blaster playing R & B, Old School, Jazz and Steppin' Music. Cost: \$5.00.*

Sunday, March 25

10:45am – Mt. Olive Baptist Church **"Friends and Family Day."** Dinner served after the morning service.

11:00am & 3:30pm – Men & Women's Day at Jericho Missionary Baptist Church (1601 W. Bloomington Rd., Champaign)

11:00am and 3:30pm – Salem Baptist Church **Annual Women's Day Celebration.** Mrs. Montrula Shelby – 11am worship service speaker and Mrs. Carolyn Savage 3:30pm worship service speaker.

Monday, March 26

5:30pm – 7:30pm – FREE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)
at Salem Baptist Church (500 E. Church St., C.). Monday, Friday & Saturday
through April 21.

6:00pm - Champaign Unit 4 School Special Board Meeting

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 27

5:00pm – Freedom from Smoking classes

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting - Study Session

**7:00pm – Glory Center International's 7th Annual Ministry Celebration –
“Commemorating, Celebrating, Embracing Our History. Our Now. Our
Destiny”** at 606 N. Country Fair Drive, Ch. For more info, call 217-355-5008 or
www.glorycenter.org.*

7:30pm – Urbana School District #116 Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 28

1:00pm – 2:00pm - In Focus Group at the U of I Counseling Center is a six-week
group (March 28 – May 2) that offers education and peer support for students who
experience difficulties commonly associated with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity
Disorder (ADHD). Group meetings will be interactive and help students develop
valuable skills for succeeding in school, career, and daily life. For more information
and to register contact: Jodi Thomas at 333.3704 or email jmthomas@illinois.edu.

6:00pm – 7:00pm - Gal UP is a support group for women of any sexual orientation
over the age of 25, which meets the 4th Wednesday of every month at the UP Center
of Champaign County, and have several social activities in between meetings. The
group offers a casual, open atmosphere for a free-flowing conversation with the
opportunity to view movies, discuss books and poetry, and participate in other
creative activities. You may contact one of the co-facilitators with any questions:
Evelyn Tardy at Evelyne@unitingpride.org, or Jennifer Fowler at
vylica.8@gmail.com.

Friday, March 30

**11:00am – 3:00pm – Omega Fish Fry (Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Sigma Xi
Graduate Chapter)** at the Urbana Civic Center (108 Water St., U.). Catfish fillet,
string beans, coleslaw, spaghetti, bread and dessert. For Dinner tickets, contact:
Brother Reuben Greene at 309-360-5949 or Brother DaJuan Warren at 248-640-9439.
Cost: **\$8.00 if pre-ordered** before March 30 or **\$9.00 walk-in**. **Free delivery for 10
or more orders**.*

12noon – University of Illinois YMCA's Friday Forum - **Can Globalization
Promote Human Rights?** Rhoda Howard-Hassman, Canada Research Chair in
International Human Rights (2003); Professor Wilfrid Laurier University.*

Friday, March 30 (cont'd)

4:00pm – “Justice, Self-Respect and the Culture of Poverty” presented by Tommie Shelby (Harvard University Departments of African and African American Studies and Philosophy) at the Knight Auditorium in the Spurlock Museum (600 S. Gregory, Urbana). It is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Center for Advanced Study at 217-333-6720 or at cas.illinois.edu.

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7:00pm – Glory Center International’s 7th Annual Ministry Celebration – “Commemorating, Celebrating, Embracing Our History. Our Now. Our Destiny” at 606 N. Country Fair Drive, Ch. For more info, call 217-355-5008 or got the website at: www.glorycenter.org.*

Saturday, March 31

9:00am - CCNAACP ACT-SO Youth Competition at Urbana Middle School. Community youth will showcase their talents! Come out and support our youth. Beginning in 1978, ACT-SO (Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics Program) was developed to enhance and exhibit the academic and artistic achievement of African-American high school students.

9:00am – 12noon – Church of the Living God presents **The Love Clinic** at the TLC Annex (310 E. Bradley. Cholesterol and diabetes screenings, health assessment survey, temporary prescription refills (bring medication bottles/no pain medication) and \$5.00 gift cards for everyone who is served. Sponsored by Provena Covenant Hospital, Dr. Christina Medrano, Mrs. Wamaitha Sullivan, the Love Corner and Gibson City Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 359-6920.*

9:00am – 12noon - Quarterly STAR Leadership Institute, at the Champaign Public Library. Participants will engage in dynamic workshops on the City's 2012-13 budget process and how citizens can be involved; Intelligence-Led Policing as a crime prevention strategy for neighborhoods; and property maintenance ordinances and how the City can partner with neighbors to maintain neighborhood livability. Register early, as seating is limited! Nominations for Star Awards Expo deadline is April 2. For more information, call 217-403-7070.*

10:00am – 2:00pm - Perfect Prom Project Boutique at the **University YMCA** (1001 S. Wright St., Ch.). **FREE Prom Dresses. FREE**

1:00pm – 5:00pm – FREE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) at Salem Baptist Church (500 E. Church St., C.). Monday, Friday & Saturday through April 21.

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COMING IN APRIL

TBA – It’s About Time For A Miracle” Play – More information to come.

TBA - Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club’s 3rd Annual SMART Girls Conference

Sunday, April 1 – Palm Sunday

2:00pm – The Taste of Pilgrim” sponsored by Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church as part of their 87th Church Anniversary Celebration at the Urbana Civic Center.

TBA – Community Summit Part II hosted by Rose & Taylor Barber Shop. More information to come.

Monday, April 2

DEADLINE to submit nominations for the 2012 Star Awards Expo sponsored by the City of Champaign Neighborhood Services Department at the I-Hotel. For more information, call 217-403-7070.*

5:30pm – Champaign Human Relations Commission Meeting

5:30pm – 7:30pm – FREE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) at Salem Baptist Church (500 E. Church St., C.). Monday, Friday & Saturday through April 21.

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 3

6:00pm – “Hell and Back Again” - Illinois Public Media’s (WILL/TV/Radio) Community Cinema Series film Screening and discussion at the Champaign Public Library. “U.S. Marine Sergeant Nathan Harris, 25, leads his unit to fight a ghostlike enemy in Afghanistan. Wounded in battle, he returns to North Carolina & his devoted wife to fight pain, addiction, & the terrifying normalcy of life at home.” **FREE.***

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting

7:30pm – Urbana School District #116 Board Meeting – Study Session

Wednesday, April 4

5:15pm – Check-in time for **Recess for Adults** at Huff Gym//start sweating at

5:45pm. Ten (10) instructors take you through a 1½ hour workout you will never forget. Fitness fanatics? Have you ever done a group fitness class with 500 plus participants? Here is your chance! Warm up with the pylometric moves of Ripped; shape and burn, followed by Hip Hop Abs and a well deserved cool down. Continue the party with Latin inspired dance moves of Zumba. Suggested donation - **\$2.00** per person and all proceeds benefit the American Diabetes Association.*

Thursday, April 5

7:00pm – **S.P.E.A.K. Café** at the Krannert Art Museum (500. E. Peabody, Ch.)

7:15pm – **Champaign County NAACP Meeting** at the Champaign Public Library, Robeson Pavilion Room B.

Friday, April 6

12noon – University of Illinois YMCA’s Friday Forum - **The Making of a Successful Multilateral Environmental Agreement: Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and its Montreal Protocol** w/Sotiria Koloutsou-Vakakis, Lecturer and Research Scientist, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Illinois.*

Friday, April 6 (cont'd)

5:30pm – 7:30pm – FREE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)
at Salem Baptist Church (500 E. Church St., C.). Monday, Friday & Saturday
through April 21.

Saturday, April 7

8:00am – 10:00am – Listen LIVE to **Higher Ground** on **WEFT/90.1FM Radio** or
on-line at **WEFT.org**, hosted by Aaron & Carol Ammons. Listen in and/or call in to
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through April 21.

Sunday, April 8 – Easter Sunday

6:00am – Bethel A.M.E. Church/St. Luke C.M.E. Church **Joint Easter Sunrise
Service** at St. Luke C.M.E. Church (809 N. Fifth St., Ch.)

Monday, April 9

5:30pm – 7:30pm – FREE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)
at Salem Baptist Church (500 E. Church St., C.). Monday, Friday & Saturday
through April 21.

6:00pm - Champaign Unit 4 School Board Meeting

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 10

6:30pm – 8:30pm – Open House and opportunity for families of Champaign Unit 4
fifth graders to visit Jefferson Middle School, 1115 S. Crescent, Ch.

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting - Study Session

Wednesday, April 11

5:30pm – Urbana Human Relations Meeting

6:30pm – 8:30pm – Open House and opportunity for families of Champaign Unit 4
fifth graders to visit Franklin Middle School, 817 N. Harris, Ch.

Thursday, April 12

6:30pm – 8:30pm - Open House and opportunity for families of Champaign Unit 4
fifth graders to visit Edison Middle School, 306 W. Green St., Ch.

Friday, April 13

DEADLINE to register for the **Alzheimer's Disease Challenges & Choices"**
Conference hosted by the Illiana Alzheimer's Fund of the Provena United Samaritans
Medical Center Foundation at the Beef House Banquet Center in Covington, In on
Wednesday, April 25. Cost: \$20 for caregivers, certified nursing assistants, the
public and students with student identification and \$80.00 for professionals; includes
lunch. For more information or to register, call 217-442-6583 or go to the Provena
United Samaritans Medical Center Foundation at 801 W. Fairchild St. in Danville*

Friday, April 13 (cont'd)

12noon – University of Illinois YMCA's Friday Forum - **Debts and Deficits: Combating Recession in the U.S., Latin America, and Eurozone** w/Mark Weisbrot, Co-Director, Center for Economic and Policy Research.*

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Saturday, April 14

1:00pm – 5:00pm – **FREE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)** at Salem Baptist Church (500 E. Church St., C.). Monday, Friday & Saturday through April 21.

6:00pm - Gamma Upsilon Psi Society's **40th Annual Cotillion Ball** at the I-Hotel and Conference Center.

TBA – **Champaign Urbana Schools Foundation's Annual Gala** to honor several public school alumni at the Illinois Terminal Building's Cityview Banquet Center: J. Steven Beckett, John David Mooney, Mike Armstrong, Troy Armstrong, Tom Coleman and Carol Scharlau. For tickets or more information, call 217-398-2873 or go to CUSchoolsFoundation.org and click on "2012 Gala Event."

7:00pm - **Second Saturday Men Choirs' Fellowship** – Location to be determined.

Sunday, April 15

TBA – **Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church's 87th Church Anniversary**

Monday, April 16

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7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 17

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting

7:30pm – Urbana School District #116 Board Meeting

Thursday, April 19

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7:00pm – Champaign County Board Meeting

Friday, April 20

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6:00pm – 10:00pm – **Bid Whiz Tournament** at Douglass Annex for those aged 50 and older. Cost \$10 per team. Prizes awarded to the top 4 teams. Call 217-398-2572 for more information.

Friday, April 20 (cont'd)

7:00pm – 10:00pm – SAVE THE DATE – for “Sankofa” poetry. More information to follow at the Independent Media Center (200 S. Broadway, Urbana).

Cost: \$7.00/\$5.00 for students.

9:00pm – Illinois Public Media’s Community Cinema Series Film “**Revenge of the Electric Car**” on WILL-TV/Radio (channel 12/channel 13 on Comcast).*

Saturday, April 21

8:00am – 10:00am – Listen LIVE to **Higher Ground** on **WEFT/90.1FM Radio** or on-line at **WEFT.org**, hosted by Aaron & Carol Ammons. Listen in and/or call in to 217-359-5483 or 217-359-6545 for comments and/or questions.

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4:00pm – Aaron & Carol Ammons renewing their wedding vows at Salem Baptist Church. **All Community Event** – African celebration (attire, food, etc.). Reception immediately following at the Independent Media Center.

7:30pm – University of Illinois Black Chorus’ **Annual Mom’s Day Concert – “Jubilation – A Shout-Out for Mom” & Celebrating the 30th Anniversary Year with Dr. Ollie Watts Davis** as Music Director and Conductor. Tickets:

\$11.00/Senior Citizens: \$10.00//Students: \$8.00. In the Foellinger Great Hall of the Krannert Center for Performing Arts.

Monday, April 23

6:00pm - Champaign Unit 4 School Special Board Meeting

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 24

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting - Study Session

Wednesday, April 25

8:00am – 4:00pm – Alzheimer’s Disease Challenges & Choices” Conference hosted by the Illiana Alzheimer’s Fund of the Provena United Samaritans Medical Center Foundation at the Beef House Banquet Center in Covington, In. Registration begins at 7:30am (CST) and includes lunch. Cost: \$20 for caregivers, certified nursing assistants, the public and students with student identification. The cost is \$80.00 for professionals. For more information or to register, call 217-442-6583 or go to the Provena United Samaritans Medical Center Foundation at 801 W. Fairchild St. in Danville. **Registration deadline is April 13.***

6:00pm – 7:00pm - Gal UP support group for women over the age of 25 at the UP (Independent Media Center), and have several social activities in between meetings. The group offers a casual, open atmosphere for a free-flowing conversation with the opportunity to view movies, discuss books and poetry, and participate in other creative activities. Contact one of the co-facilitators with any questions: Evelyne Tardy at Evelyne@unitingpride.org, or Jennifer Fowler at vylica.8@gmail.com.

Saturday, April 28

CHRISTIE CLINIC'S MARATHON throughout Champaign-Urbana.

9:00am – 12noon – Church of the Living God presents **The Love Clinic** at the TLC Annex (310 E. Bradley. Cholesterol and diabetes screenings, health assessment survey, temporary prescription refills (bring medication bottles/no pain medication) and \$5.00 gift cards for everyone who is served. Sponsored by Provena Covenant Hospital, Dr. Christina Medrano, Mrs. Wamaitha Sullivan, the Love Corner and Gibson City Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 359-6920.*

11:30am - CCNAACP ACT-SO 10th Year Celebration Award Ceremony at the Holiday Inn. Special Honorees – Dr. Preston Williams and Dr. Willie T Summerville for their supportive roles since the first ACT-SO event. **Tickets: \$35.00.** For more information or to purchase tickets contact Chris Hamb at chris.hamb@gmail.com. Souvenir journal ads are available. This is a key event to raise money for the annual Youth Competition in Houston, TX.

2:00pm – “Reflections in the Mirror: Mothers and Daughters’ Relationships.” A dramatization to be held at Parkland College Theater to benefit the Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center, Inc. (UNCC). Freewill donations accepted. For more information, contact: mknightjr1@aol.com or cwestle@uillinois.edu.*

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Sunday, April 29

3:30pm – 4:15pm – Mo’Beta Music at the Ebert Film Screening Opening Reception at the Virginia Theater Tent

Tuesday, May 1

6:00pm – “Strong” - Illinois Public Media’s (WILL/TV/Radio) Community Cinema Series film screening and discussion at the Champaign Public Library. “Cheryl Haworth is a young woman with a big dream: to be the strongest woman in the world. As the 300-pound U.S. Olympic weightlifter prepares for Beijing 2008, she struggles with injury, confidence, and her place in a world where larger women are not readily accepted.” **FREE.***

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting

7:30pm – Urbana School District #116 Board Meeting – Study Session

Thursday, May 3 – Saturday, May 5

Baptist General State Convention of Illinois’ Pearl Beatrice Singleton Woman’s Auxiliary Retreat – **“Women of Faith Moving Forward”** at the Crowne Plaza Hotels & Resorts in Springfield, IL*

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7:15pm – Champaign County NAACP Meeting at the Champaign Public Library, Robeson Pavilion Room B.

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6:00pm – 9:00pm – Jericho Missionary Baptist Church **Black & White Ball** at Round Barn Banquet Centre. Pre-Anniversary Celebration honoring Pastor Lekevie Johnson and family. For tickets, contact the Church office at 217-355-3328.

Sunday, May 6 – Saturday, May 12

TBA - Children's Mental Health Awareness Week (CMHAW) 2012

Monday, May 7

5:30pm – Champaign Human Relations Meeting

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 8

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting - Study Session

Wednesday, May 9

Happy 18th Birthday Blake!

TBA - ACCESS Initiative/Community Elements' National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day.

5:30pm – Urbana Human Relations Meeting

Saturday, May 12

7:00pm - Second Saturday Men Choirs' Fellowship – Location to be determined.

Monday, May 14

6:00pm - Champaign Unit 4 School Board Meeting

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 15

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting

7:30pm – Urbana School District #116 Board Meeting

Thursday, May 17

5:00pm – 7:30pm – Wesley Evening Food Pantry Distribution at 1203 W. Green St., Urbana. Email info@wesleypantry.org for information or volunteer opportunities.

Friday, May 18

TBA – Star Awards Expo at the I-Hotel, sponsored by the City of Champaign Neighborhood Services Department. Nominations for the Star Awards will be accepted until April 2. For more information, call 217-403-7070.*

Saturday, May 19

8:00am – 10:00am – Listen **LIVE** to **Higher Ground** on **WEFT/90.1FM Radio** or on-line at **WEFT.org**, hosted by Aaron & Carol Ammons. Listen in and/or call in to 217-359-5483 or 217-359-6545 for comments and/or questions.

10:00am – 12noon – St. Luke C.M.E. Church **Food Pantry** – 809 N. Fifth St., Ch.

11:00am – National Council of Negro Women presents the 2012 Living Legends Brunch – “**Silent Thunder: Honoring Female Community (S)heroes 80+ years of age**” at the Hawthorne Suites. Tickets: \$25.00.Adults and \$12.50/Youth 12 and under. Call 217-359-3840 or email champaign_ncnw@hotmail.com for tickets or information. **Mo' Betta Music** will provide music.

Monday, May 21

6:00pm - Champaign Unit 4 School Special Board Meeting

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 22

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting - Study Session

Thursday, May 24

7:00pm – Champaign County Board Meeting

Saturday, May 26

1:00pm – 2:00pm - Mo' Betta Music Recital at Salem Baptist Church.

TBA – SAVE THE DATE FOR DEHRIZZ ENTERTAINMENT

Sunday, May 27

3:00pm – Urbana High School Class of 2012 Graduation – Assembly Hall

Monday, May 28 – Memorial Day – We Shall Not Forget!

Tuesday, May 29

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting - Study Session

Saturday, June 2

8:00am – 10:00am – Listen **LIVE** to **Higher Ground** on **WEFT/90.1FM Radio** or on-line at **WEFT.org**, hosted by Aaron & Carol Ammons. Listen in and/or call in to 217-359-5483 or 217-359-6545 for comments and/or questions.

Monday, June 4

5:30pm – Champaign Human Relations Meeting

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 5

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting

7:30pm – Urbana School District #116 Board Meeting – Study Session

Thursday, June 7

7:15pm – Champaign County NAACP Meeting at the Champaign Public Library, Robeson Pavilion Room B.

Saturday, June 9

6pm – 6am - American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Champaign County at Centennial High School. For more information, call 217-356-9076 or go to the website at www.relayforlife.org/ChampaignIL.

7:00pm - Second Saturday Men Choirs' Fellowship – Location to be determined.

Monday, June 11

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 12

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting - Study Session

Wednesday, June 13

5:30pm – Urbana Human Relations Meeting

Saturday, June 16

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Thursday, June 21

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7:00pm – Champaign County Board Meeting

Monday, June 25

7:00pm – Urbana City Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 26

7:00pm – Champaign City Council Meeting - Study Session

Saturday, June 30

8:00am – 10:00am – Listen **LIVE** to **Higher Ground** on **WEFT/90.1FM Radio** or on-line at **WEFT.org**, hosted by Aaron & Carol Ammons. Listen in and/or call in to 217-359-5483 or 217-359-6545 for comments and/or questions.

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Friday, July 13 - **GUESS WHO IS TURNING 50? “Praise God From Whom ALL Blessings Flow!”**

Friday, August 10 – Sunday, August 12 – Champaign-Urbana Day Weekend

Friday, August 10

SAVE THE DATE - **DehrIzz Entertainment (ETC)** is hosting another fantastic event

*****Next Update – March 26. Deadline to submit events/meetings: March 21*****