

Church News Briefs

First United Presbyterian Church Opens Its Archives Sunday, December 31

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Post Staff Writer

The History-Archives Committee of the First United Presbyterian Church will open its archives for public viewing on Sunday, Dec. 31, in the Fellowship Hall at 4:00 p.m.

Taped interviews and a devotional service will precede the opening of the archives at 3 p.m.

First United Presbyterian Church is one of the earliest black Presbyterian churches in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area.

The taped conversations will pertain to the history of the Brooklyn and Seventh Street churches which merged in 1968 into First United Presbyterian Church.

Older members of both churches and people who knew original members will be speaking. They include: Charles Rhyne, Ruth Kennedy, Thomas Wyche, Louise Young Harris, Estelle Liston, Vernon Grigg Sr., Annie Maxwell, Minnie Maxwell Richard, Airy Maxwell Clark, Lucy Maxwell, Dr. J.W. Smith Sr., Addison Yongue Sr., Catherine Hawkins, Helen Holsey, Amie Maxwell and Annette Maxwell Payne.

Over 1,000 items will be on display in the 32 categories of the exhibit.

Documents and prepared papers from First United Presbyterian will be concerned with the founders and charter members, consultants for the researched history of J.C.S.U. (Inez Parker Archives), First United members



Ms. Esther P. Hill
...exhibit consultant

with their honors and awards, Girl Scouts and youth programs at First United and family donations to the church.

Three collections have been donated by the families of the following:

John M. Murphy Sr. Collection—donated by Mrs. John Murphy and family in Nov. '78.

J.W. Smith Sr. Collection—donated by J.W. Smith Sr. and family in May '78.

H. Wilson collection—donated by Pinckney Wilson and family in Nov. '78.

Other researched documents from First United Presbyterian Church will involve early correspondences, men's and women's documentation, Christian education, Usher

Board history, uptown ministries. Altar Flower Guild and Christmas tree, archival activities, properties, architectu-



Gerson Stroud
...committee spokesman

ral design of First United, committee history, Religious Emphasis Week history, Mariner's history, and taped interviews with parishoners having knowledge of the church's history and Commissioners to the Catawba Presbyterian and General Assembly.

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and Brooklyn members who became ministers, church music from the two parishes, family collections, historical data of the founding of Seventh Street and Brooklyn churches, sessions and Sunday school.

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The Music Department of First United Presbyterian Church will present Christmas musical selections during the Sunday morning worship service on Christmas Eve at 11 a.m. Both the Senior Choir and the Men's Choir will perform musical renditions.

The following selections will be sung: "Comfort Ye" from the "Messiah"; Vernon Grigg, tenor soloist; "Every Valley"; Harry Ezell, tenor soloist;



The second annual Charlotte District Ushers Fellowship banquet was recently held at Greater Gethsemane AME Zion Church in their lovely Education Building. Mrs. Eva Houston of Grace AME Zion Church presided over the affair. Music was rendered by Smith Turner IV, also from Grace AMEZ. Guests included: Edward O. Tracey, president of the Western N.C. Conference Board of Ushers; Russell Lackey, president of the Statesville District Ushers; and Mrs. Mildred-Cross,

invocation by Rev. George E. Battle, pastor of Gethsemane, the following selections will be sung: "Angels From The Realms of Glory" by Montgomery, choir; "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" by Longfellow, solo by Eddie Byers; "Negro Bell Carol" by James, choir; "Gloria In Excelsis Deo" by Duncan, soloists Eddie Byers and George Allen; "Roun' de Glory Manger" by James, "Ava Maria" by Schubert, solo, Mrs. Rachel Byers-soprano; "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" by Neale, solo, Mrs. Thelma Ladd-soprano; "Gesu Bambino" by Yon, solo, George Allen-baritone.

Following the aforementioned selections, Rev. Battle will give a brief meditation on "The Nativity." The choir will then sing excerpts from the "Christmas Messiah" by Handel. Tenor Alexander Byers will sing "Comfort Ye My People"; "And The Glory of the Lord" will be sung by the choir; "He Shall Feed His Flock," Mrs. Lorraine Thornton-soprano; "Come Unto Him," Mrs. Sarah Hafer-soprano; and "Hallelujah," the choir.

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GETHSEMANE AMEZ

president of the Winston-Salem District Ushers. A plaque was presented to Mrs. Verona M. Vaughn, president of the usher board of Greater Gethsemane, for outstanding community and church work. Her husband, Willie Haywood Vaughn, is treasurer of the Charlotte District Ushers. Secret pals were revealed and gifts were exchanged. Elder L.C. Clark is Presiding Elder of the Charlotte District. Rev. George E. Battle is the pastor of Greater Gethsemane.

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Cantata on December 24, Christmas Eve at 6 p.m. at the church. The theme is entitled, "Chimes of the Holy Night." Rev. John F. Epps is the pastor of St. Mark's, located on 917 Clanton Road.

ST. MARK'S BAPTIST
The members of St. Mark's Baptist Church will present a Christmas Program complete with a Christmas tree on Friday evening at 7 p.m. at the church.

Rev. A.G. Coley is the pastor of St. Mark's on 615 Grandin Road.

GETHSEMANE BAPTIST
Gethsemane Baptist Church will celebrate the birthday of their pastor's wife, Mrs. C.E. Dewberry, on Saturday, February 23. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. in the Education Building of Gethsemane Baptist.

FAITH MEMORIAL
The YAs in Action of Faith Memorial Baptist Church will host their Watch Night service on Sunday, December 31, at 10:45 p.m. The Week of Decision services will commence on January 1 and continue through January 5. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. A.B. Sutton, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church will be the guest preacher. Faith Memorial invites the public to come and share in starting the year off right by praising God together.

Pastored by Rev. W.H. Caldwell, Sr., Faith Memorial is located on 211 Lakewood Ave. Janice Morris is president of the YAs.

SIMPSON-GILLESPIE
The Council on Ministries of Simpson-Gillespie United Methodist Church will sponsor Thomas Moore in a concert of Christmas and Spiritual music on Christmas Eve, December 24 at 4 p.m. at the church.

Mr. Moore is a graduate of the Manhattan School of Music. He began his career as Director of "Sounds of America," a singing group. He has appeared in many churches and art centers throughout the country. Locally, he has appeared at Spirit Square and other community functions. He has recorded several albums and is widely known for community development through music.

Mr. Moore currently serves as Ambassador of Music and Understanding at Bethlehem Center.

The public is cordially invited to attend this special event at Simpson-Gillespie located on 540 Winston Street. Rev. Joseph S. Haskins is the pastor.

WALLS MEMORIAL
The Christian Education Department of Walls AME Zion Church will sponsor a Christmas Play on Sunday, Christmas Eve at 4 p.m. at the church. The play is under the direction of Cheryl Givens and Mrs. Richardine Horne.

Gifts were presented last Sunday to Rev. and Mrs. J.T. White from the church family and Stewardess Board.

MAYFIELD BAPTIST
The Young Adult Choir of Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church will present a Christmas Cantata on Sunday, Christmas Eve at 4 p.m. at the church. The Cantata is entitled "The Story of Christmas." Ms. Barbara Alexander is director and organist.

Dr. H.S. Diggs is the pastor of Mayfield Memorial.

CLINTON CHAPEL
The Sunday School Department of Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church will sponsor their annual Christmas Program on Sunday, Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. at the church. Clinton Chapel is pastored by Rev. Morgan W. Tann.

Gary, Small Will Attend

Youth Council Meeting

Ms. Annette L. Gary, District director of Youth for the Charlotte District and Miss Lawanda Smalls, president of the Western North Carolina Conference Youth Council will attend the Annual Meeting of the National Christian Youth Council (NCYC) of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Pittsburgh, Penn.

1979 Minority

Business Directory

The single most comprehensive guide to minority businesses in Mecklenburg, Gaston and Union Counties is currently being compiled by the Charlotte Business Resource Center and the Minority Development Action Council (MDAC) of the Greater Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. Printing is scheduled for early January 1979.

This directory is widely distributed on a local, regional and national basis to major corporations seeking to identify and establish a buying relationship with minority businesses that have a product or service that their company can utilize. Copies are also distributed to the general public to promote increased purchasing from local minority firms.

George E. Battle, who has for the past 2 years been responsible for coordinating the publication of this Directory, will again chair the MDAC Directory Committee. Subscribe to the Charlotte Post! Your support helps!

sylvania, December 27-30. "The Bible: All The Truth You'll Ever Really Need!" will be the meeting's theme.

More than 150 denominational youth leaders, youth delegates and adult youth leaders will participate in the meeting where plans and suggestions will be made for programs and activities that will affect the youth of the denomination. Thaddeus Steele of Tuscaloosa, Ala. is the National Youth Council President.

Headquarters for the Christian Education Department of the A.M.E. Zion Church is located in Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Williams Hosts

Washington Height

Garden Club

Gertrude Williams of Huntersville was hostess for the December meeting of the Washington Heights Garden Club.

Lois Scott, president of the Club, presided over the meeting. The members finalized plans for their Christmas Party, scheduled to be held at the Greenville Community Center on Friday, December 22. Secret pals were revealed and useful and lovely gifts were exchanged.

Fifteen members were present at the meeting. The January meeting will convene at the home of Edena Williams, 1826 Taylor Avenue

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