

# GETC Missionary Newsletter

## Mystery Reader

For the last three years Missionary Dr. Shirley Stewart has read a book to a group of fourth graders in the Colonial School District in New Castle, DE. The students are a part of the district's Virtual Learner Program. This year she read via Zoom a book entitled *When I Was Little* by Toyomi Igus and illustrated by Higgins Bond. Dr. Stewart chose the book because it reminded her of her rural upbringing and fishing outings with her maternal grandmother as a child. The book is beautifully illustrated with paintings of African Americans. Dr. Stewart wanted to show the children people of color in a positive manner. She highly recommends this book for children



As you know February is recognized as Black History Month. Greater Emmanuel Temple missionaries donned their diverse ethnic outfits as a salute to ethnic diversity. We believe God wants all people without regard to race and culture to worship him in spirit and truth. Greater Emmanuel Temple is blessed with a multicultural congregation.

Moreover, the missionaries did a salute to Black History Month via Zoom on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Stewart opened up with prayer, followed by a powerful PowerPoint show synchronized to the **Black National Anthem**.

The following missionaries did an excellent job on their self-selected figures: Missionary Dr. Shirley Stewart-Harriet Tubman; Missionary Anne Wood-Sojourner Truth; Missionary Terri Walker-William Seymour; Missionary Beverly

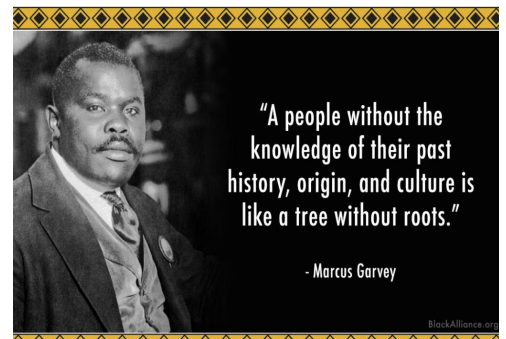
Selma Burke; Missionary Debra Brown-Bessie Coleman.

The presentation can be viewed by clicking on the following link:

[2024 Missionary Black History Salute.mp4](#)

Throughout the month the missionaries participated with the church in its salute to Black History Month. Photos of Greater Emmanuel Temple members from Ethnic Awareness Day on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> are displayed in the church on our photo gallery wall, which was arranged by Missionary Dr. Stewart.

More photos are posted on the Greater Emmanuel Temple Church Facebook page.



- Marcus Garvey

## GETC Book Club

Our book club has grown. We are delighted to have Mother Emily Banks from New York. She was invited to join the book club by Dr. Stewart's sister, who also resides in New York. Mother Banks is 89 years old and an avid reader. She recommended Max Lucado's Book *When God Whispers Your Name* to the group. It was a hit. It took the group three sessions to discuss it. This book is worthy of an annual read.

We read *Overcomer* by Dr. David Jeremiah in January. Another terrific book with all kinds of spiritual nuggets for everyday living.

Presently we are reading Pastor Paul Sheppard's book. Plan to join us for the discussion on March 13<sup>th</sup>,



Join us for the next Book Club (author, Pastor Paul Sheppard) discussion on Wednesday, March 13th at 7PM

**REBUILDING WHAT THE ENEMY ALMOST DESTROYED**

Meeting ID 896 2060 8793  
Passcode 439987

Facilitator: Missionary Dr. Shirley Stewart



GETC continues to donate items to our global missions. We support on a monthly basis. Upendo United Foundation, Inc., which is a non-profit 501 ©3 organization based in Newark, Delaware and Nakuru, Kenya. We donate money to help ship items to Kenya, such as boxes of diapers of assorted sizes, books, feminine products, and clothing. Check out the website [www.upendounitedfoundation.org](http://www.upendounitedfoundation.org).



GETC Missionaries are responsible for Third Saturday Prayer at the

church. Each month we decide the prayer focus. The prayer is 10 AM-12 Noon. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

**TROUBLED WATERS: DE SCHOOL WATER CRISIS**

**PANELISTS**

Bethany Long-Hall IT, ADVOCATE	Jamie Mack DEPT OF EDUCATION	James Hanes DEP
Dr. Terri Hodges NAACP CENTRAL	Jeff Taschner DSEA	Dr. Jonathan Miller MEMOURS
Donald Parnell TENANT RIGHTS ADVOCATE	George Wick CSO FACILITIES & GROUNDS	LaVonda Owens-White DE STATE NAACP HEALTH COMM CHAIR

TUESDAY, FEB 27th  
ROUTE 9 LIBRARY  
7:00 - 8:30 PM  
3022 NEWCASTLE AVE, NEWCASTLE DE, 19720  
HOSTED BY: NEWARK NAACP HEALTH/ ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES

Missionary Dr. Stewart is a member of the Newark, Delaware NAACP Health/Environmental Justice Committee. She first brought the issue of lead in water in Delaware schools as one of the proposed objectives of the committee in 2023. This topic developed into a panel discussion with members from various organizations to share their respective perspectives on the issue. Members of the community could ask questions at the in-person event or send in questions via the online

## Florence Price

*Snapshots of My Soul*

February 18, 2024  
3:00pm

Newark United Methodist Church  
49 East Main Street, Newark, DE 19711



### Admission is Free.

Reservations required (see link below). Parking is available behind the church (40 E Delaware Ave) or in municipal lots #1 (30 E Delaware Ave), #2 (220 S Pine St) or #3 (10 E Delaware Ave), or #7 (41 E Pine St) from myapp.

Music provided by Riet Tymne 2004

Kyara Hayes, Director; Crystal Payne Smith, Narrator

Performing as soloists: Elizabeth Cochran, Nina Costman, Alberta Douglas, Cheryl Everett, Malinda Hampton, Kathleen Hoagins, Hiroshi Tamazaki, and featuring the Lincoln University Select Chorus Ensemble.

About the program: Florence Price (1887-1933) was the first African American woman composer to have her symphony performed by a major American orchestra. In addition to concert and chamber works, she also composed music for films, radio, plays and songs, as well as ten songs and original settings of spirituals, a style that has been described as "Afro-Romantic." Her Price's life trajectory bridges the period of Post-Reconstruction and the dawn of the Civil Rights Movement, a process and movement that she herself refers to as "snapshots" of her soul.

This concert is sponsored by Music Performance Trust Fund, Delaware Division of the Arts, Newark NAACP and The

Missionary Stewart attended this highly informative concert on Florence Price. Knowledge is powerful. We are encouraged to be lifelong learners.

Kudos to Dr. Stewart for receiving an A in her class *Mental Health and the Church* taught by Deacon William Moore at the Church of Christ Bible Institute.

GETC Missionaries participate in weekly prayer line sessions and support international sessions on assorted topics, such as ToGetHer Healthier programs sponsored by the International Women's Council on the fourth Monday of the month. Dr. Stewart was honored to be the featured speaker on Refuge Women's Inspirational and Prayer Hour in January.



The Greater Emmanuel Temple Missionary band is delighted to have Missionary **Marsha Smith** (on the left) back with our group. Marsha has always been an ardent supporter of our efforts. Marsha also serves on the usher board.

Missionary Smith came to this country many years ago from Jamaica. She is one of five siblings. She has one son, Dale. They reside in West Chester, PA.

Missionary Smith is employed as a nursing assistant. She has worked in this area for 31 years.

Her favorite scripture is Colossians 1:18 and her favorite song is *Wonderful, Wonderful, Jesus is Wonderful*

is her favorite saying. Green is her favorite color.

One day she wants to visit Egypt and China. Welcome back senior Missionary Marsha Smith.

Missionary Sue White was born in India. She is the youngest of two. She has an older brother.

Missionary White and her family presently reside in Bensalem, PA. She is married to Elder Chris White. They have sixteen-year-old fraternal twins- Christopher and Maya.

Missionary White has been a part of COOLJC for nineteen years. She has planned and coordinated various

events for groups within the body of Christ

She holds a B.A. in Sociology, M.S.W. in Social Work and B.S.N. in Nursing. She is employed as a Social Worker at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia.

Her favorites are as follows:

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6

Song: *Sovereign God* by Maurette Brown Clark

Color: Purple

Food: Indian

Saying: ‘I am blessed to be a blessing!’

Lastly, her favorite place to visit is Tahiti.

Welcome senior Missionary Sue White.

## Jr. Missionary Jayla Morris



Dr. Stewart and Jr. Missionary Jayla Morris are working closely together as mentor/mentee on missionary procedures and life skills. The lessons and discussion to start off 2024 were focused on being a good steward in life and being financially responsible. Jayla was assigned various articles on obtaining and keeping good credit. She also had to obtain her credit reports for all three agencies. There was a Zoom discussion about her findings and a discussion about the importance of budgeting for major items or events- like attending conventions and a future mission trip out of the country.

## Upcoming Events

### Women Matter to the Lord!

Guest Speaker  
Dr. Dorcas E. McCoy, 13th IWC President  
Saturday, March 16, 2024

12 -1 PM Corporate Prayer  
1 PM Speaker  
Fellowship Luncheon



Greater Emmanuel Temple Church  
296 Pemberton Road  
Kennett Square, PA 19348  
GETC Women's Council President Sister Alicia Morris  
Aliciamorris415@yahoo.com.

- March 11th, March 18<sup>th</sup>, March 25<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> -Dr. Stewart moderator of PA Mainline Prayer: 7:15-7:45, Call in on 1-657-390-7145
- March 16<sup>th</sup> -Third Saturday Prayer 12 Noon-1 PM.
- Women's Council Event March 16<sup>th</sup> -see flyer
- Women's History salute March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM
- March 31<sup>st</sup> -Easter Program at GETC
- April 1-3 Leadership Seminar in Norfolk, VA
- April 3-6 International Congress in Norfolk, VA

*Dr. Shirley Stewart  
will be a featured  
speaker on Saturday,  
May 4<sup>th</sup> at the retreat.*



### Greater Refuge Temple WDC Women's Council

Presents

### 2024 Women's Retreat

### "KINGDOM WOMEN STAND & PROCLAIM"

"Proclaim the Word of God and stand upon it no matter what! ..."  
2 Timothy 4:2 (TPT)

May 3-5, 2024

Hilton Garden Inn

65 Priority Dr. Martinsburg, WV 25403

**\* DEADLINE SUNDAY, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> FULL PAYMENTS DUE! \***

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Apostle W. Michael Fields

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# All Things Mental Health

March is **Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (DDAM)**!

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month was first recognized by President Ronald Reagan in 1987.

Developmental disabilities are defined as impairments in physical, learning, language or behavior areas, and include:

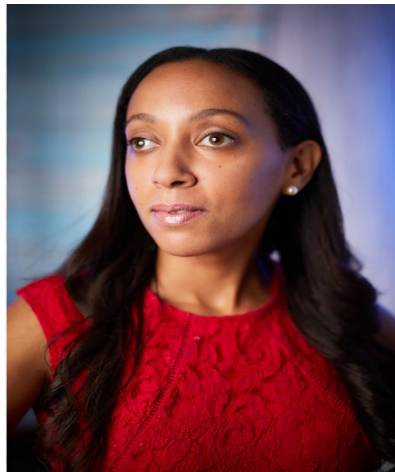
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Cerebral Palsy
- Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
- Learning or Intellectual Disabilities
- Hearing loss
- Vision Impairment
- Other Developmental Delays.



DDAM was created to increase public awareness regarding the needs of those living with disabilities. The National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities has been on the forefront of advocating for the inclusion and representation of people with developmental disabilities. Further, people with developmental disabilities have been made numerous contributions to society. Learn about a few below:



Nicolas Hamilton is a British race car driver who has Cerebral Palsy.



Haben Girma, J.D. is a disability right lawyer and the first Deafblind person to graduate from Harvard Law School.



Dr. Temple Grandin is a prominent animal behaviorist who has Autism and is a fierce advocate for others on the spectrum



*Greater  
Emmanuel  
Temple Church  
Supporters  
Appreciation Day!*

**Fun \* Games  
\*Food\* Good  
Fellowship**

*Pastor: Elder Wayne Glasco, Sr.*

ANSON B. NIXON PARK 405 N WALNUT RD, KENNETT SQUARE, PA 19348  
SATURDAY, JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup> , PAVILION # 4, TIME : 12 NOON-3 PM  
CONTACT DR. SHIRLEY STEWART FOR MORE INFORMATION VIA 302-836-3840 OR  
GETCOMMISSIONARY296@GMAIL.COM.



*Thank you*  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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## Services

Tuesday Night Virtual Bible Study @ 7 PM

Sunday School for all Ages @ 9:30 AM

Morning Worship @ 11 AM

