

RELIGION

Recognizing Black History Makers

Black History Month was established as a tribute to the many African Americans who have greatly influenced others with their struggle for freedom and equality.

Learn about these brave innovators and test your knowledge of their place in history by guessing the name of the individuals profiled. The answer is blocked-out, upside down, for your reference with the photo.



(1930-) Answer: Barbara Harris

By following her calling from God, she became the first African American woman bishop

Through my ministry, I like to speak out for the marginalized and invisible. My involvement is in behalf of the poor, gays and lesbians, women, those with AIDS, blacks, and prisoners, along with criticism and bombers of abortion clinics and opposition to the death penalty.

Through God, I was directed to offer my gifts and services to the Episcopal church. In 1980, I was ordained. After working as a rector of a church and chaplain of a prison system in Philadelphia, I later became executive director of an Episcopal publishing company.

For twenty centuries, there has been an unbroken line of religious authority, from Christ himself through the apostles. All of them have been men. On Feb. 2, 1989, I broke that tradition by being the first American or the first person of African descent to break through that barrier, but also the first woman bishop in history.

Daniels Memorial Presents Play

Area residents are invited to a night of singing and praising during a free play at Daniels Memorial Church of God in Christ, 1234 N.E. Killingsworth.

The performance, "If Anybody Asks You Who I Am... Tell Them I'm a Child of God," is presented on Sunday, Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. by the church's Fine Arts Department. H.B. Daniels Jr. is the church pastor.

For more information, call 503-284-3721.

obituaries

Long Time Resident, Veteran Dies

Lester Johnson

Funeral services were held Friday in New Hope Missionary Baptist Church for Lester Johnson, who died Jan. 30, 2002 at age 70.

Mr. Johnson was born March 14, 1931, in Hogansville, Ga., and moved to Portland in 1943. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1950 and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He was a truck driver for Consolidated Freightways for 20 years, retiring in 1994. In 1963, he married Thelma Graham.

Survivors include his wife; sons, Vincent, Richard, Thiel, Kelvin, Bashone and Dustin; daughters, Adrian Johnson, Marla Hartley, Rolanda Johnson and Danielle Johnson; 19 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Arrangements by Caldwell's Colonial Chapel.

Chef and Church Deacon Remembered

Albert Reed

Funeral services were held Jan. 18 in Mt. Olivet Baptist Church for Albert Reed, who died Jan. 11, 2002 at age 87.

Mr. Reed was born on May 27, 1914, in Fayette, Miss.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army. He moved to Portland in 1944 and was a chef for Union Pacific Railroad for 32 years, retiring in 1977. He was a member of the church for more than 50 years and a deacon. In 1944, he married Ruth Young; she died in 2000.

Survivors include his daughters, Lynn Gibson and Velita Hammon; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. His son, Stanley, died in 1985.

Remembrances to American Cancer Society. Arrangements by Caldwell's Colonial Chapel.

Washington High Grad Dead at 48

Chester Harris

Funeral services were held Jan. 21 at Killingsworth Chapel of the Chimes for Chester Harris who died Jan. 15, 2002, at age 48.

Mr. Harris was born Dec. 13, 1953, in Portland.

He graduated from Washington High School and received a degree in electronics from Oregon State University. During the Vietnam War, he served in the U.S. Marines. He later worked in the construction industry.

Survivors include his son, Javari; mother, Mary A.; sisters, Betty Stewart, Mary L. Harris, Norma J. Lovell and Debra Anderson; brothers, Cleo Turner Jr., Eddie Harris Jr., Jimmy Hawkins, Harmon Hawkins and Jerry Hawkins; and companion, Debbie Doty.

Service held. Arrangements by Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes.



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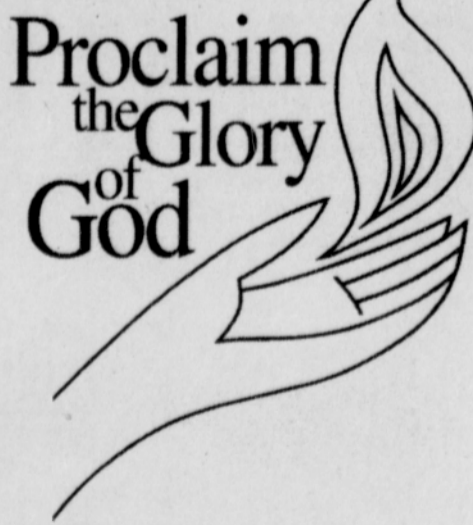
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Service Times

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Sunday Evening ~ 6:00pm
(except 4th & 5th Sunday and Holidays)

Wednesday Night ~ 7:00pm
(Activities for the whole family)

Catholic Faith Shared On Lent

Area Catholics will be meeting each week during the Lenten season to share their faith, concerns and hopes.

The Archdiocese of Portland begins its second year of "Disciples in Mission: An Evangelization Experience" to enrich Catholic faith, faith sharing with others and to transform the world around them.

Disciples in Mission is a 4-year process, which integrates Sunday liturgies, small faith-sharing groups, catechesis, fam-

ily activities, and parish planning into a parish-wide experience of evangelization.

Ninety-four parishes in the archdiocese, the Catholic deaf community and the Catholic Multnomah County Prison Ministry have joined the effort.

Disciples in Mission is designed to be both multicultural and inclusive. Materials are available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 13.

Food Box Needs Outstrip Supply

Union Gospel Mission's food box program has experienced a dramatic increase in demand from families and singles seeking boxes of food that can sustain them for about one week.

In January, the mission helped distributed 30 food boxes, which outstripped the supply from donations.

The church's food box program limits families and individuals to applying once

every three months. People seeking assistance may apply for a food box at Union Gospel Mission, 15 N.W. Third Ave., Tuesday through Friday, from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm.

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