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Community Calendar

Sickle Cell Telethon

Join in the fight against sickle cell disease during the 2005 Sickle Cell Telethon Saturday, Oct. 8 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on MCTV Channel 21. Call in your pledge at 503-491-7434. Lots of entertainment is planned during the event.

Peninsula Park Night

A Family Night will be held on Friday, Oct. 7 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Peninsula Park on 700 N. Portland Blvd. Activities will include an ice cream social, the Oregon Zoo ZAPP team, Books 2 U and folk music from Andy Ferguson. Cost is a mere \$1.50 per family. For more information, call 503-823-3620.

Homeownership Fair

The African American Alliance for Homeownership will hold its 6th annual Home Buying Fair on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Emanuel Hospital Atrium on 501 N. Gresham St. The fair is free and open to the public. For information, call 971-506-8565.

Portland Art Museum

In a grand opening of the newly renovated Mark Building, the Portland Art Museum will host two weeks of free admission to the public through Oct. 16. For more information, visit www.portlandartmuseum.org.

Microbrew Festival

The Newport Microbrew Festival takes place Friday, Oct. 7 and Saturday, Oct. 8 at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Newport. For more information, visit www.newportchamber.org.

Salmon Festival

Metro Park's annual Salmon Festival will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 8 and Saturday, Oct. 9 at Oxbow Regional Park. The event celebrates the return of the fall Chinook salmon to the Sandy River, offering cultural exhibits, river walks, children's activities, arts and crafts demonstrations, music and storytelling, horse drawn wagon rides, salmon barbecue and a food court.

Preemie Reunion

Providence St. Vincent Hospital will celebrate the lives of its tiniest patients, with the premature babies and their parents as guests of honor, on Sunday, Oct. 16 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the medical center on 9205 S.W. Barnes Rd. in the East Pavilion Lobby. The event offers face painting, a ring toss, a bean bag toss and fishing.

Swimming Lessons

Portland Parks and Recreation will offer swimming lessons year round at the Columbia, Dishman, MLC, Mt. Scott and Southwest Community Center pools. Registration is now open and lessons are available for swimmers of all skill levels from ages 6 months to adults in group, semi private and private settings. For rates and information, call 503-823-5130.

Sewing for YWCA

YWCA's Women Offenders Rehabilitation, Training and Help Program is accepting donations of fabric and sewing machines in good working condition for the Clark County Jail's work center. The inmates are learning sewing skills by making nightgowns and donating them to the women and girls living in the YWCA's SafeChoice Domestic Violence Shelter. Donations can be dropped off at the YWCA Clark County on 3609 Main St. in Vancouver. For information, call 360-906-9153.

35
years of
community service

Keeping a Legacy Alive

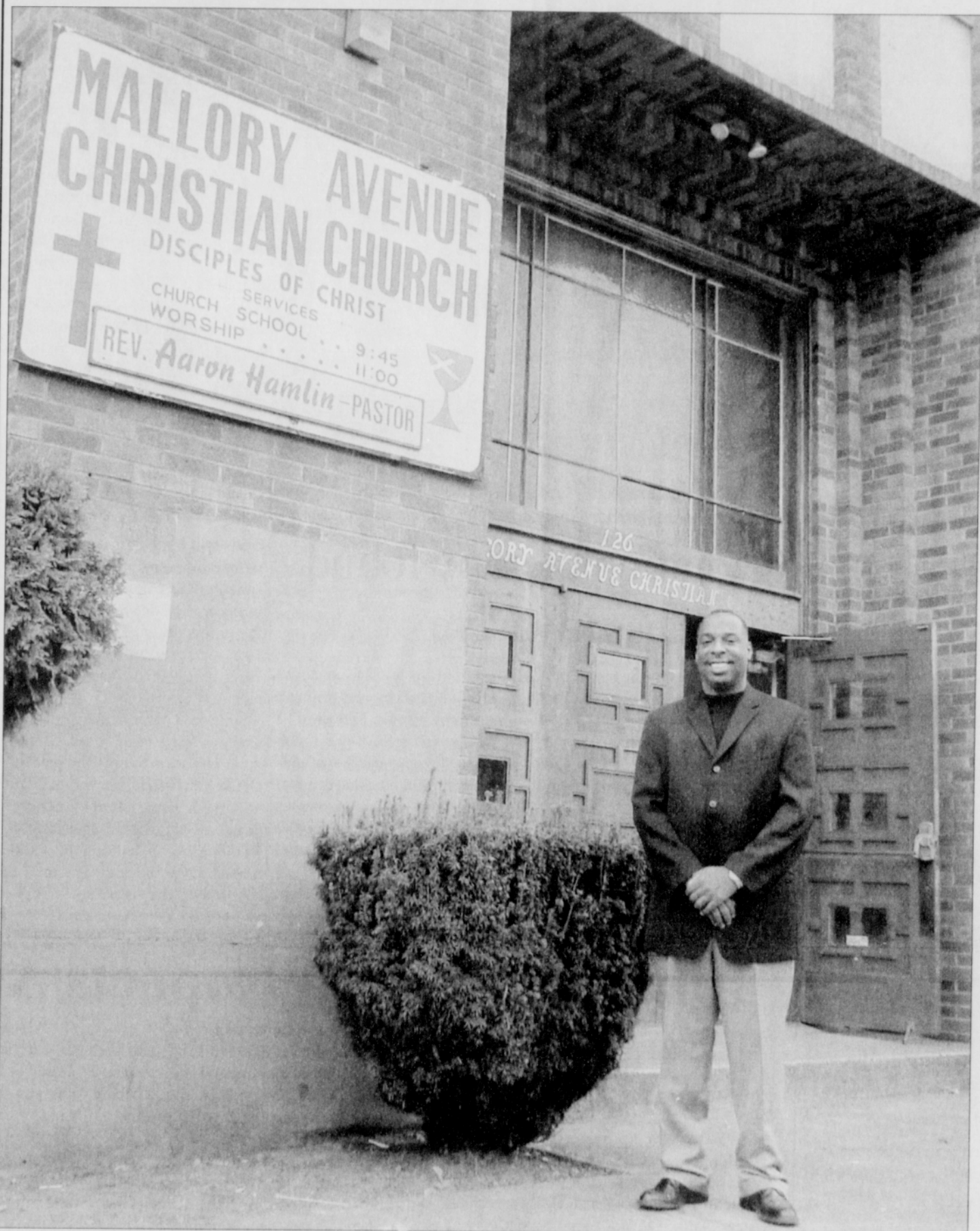


PHOTO BY KATHERINE BLACKMORE/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
Pastor Frederick Woods, founder of Calvary Christian Center Ministries, has taken on the dream of restoring the Mallory Avenue Christian Church, a landmark community center on Northeast Alberta Street.

Mallory Church needs renovation

Pastor Frederick Woods, founder of the Calvary Christian Center Ministries, has been working feverishly to re-establish the once burgeoning Mallory Avenue Church at 126 N.E. Alberta St.

Mallory has been in existence for more than 85 years serving as a community center in addition to its weekly worship services. The building once served as home to the YWCA, summer programs for youth and a meeting place for many community agencies and programs, along with being the incubator to many ministries throughout north and northeast.

Last August, Rev. Dr. Aaron Hamlin retired as pastor of the church and the congregation disbanded.

Pastor Woods is re-establishing a new ministry at the site. Within its walls are four levels of office space, conference rooms, classrooms, multi-purpose rooms, kitchens, a gym, a library, a small chapel and a beautiful sanctuary.

Goals include using the space for an after school program that focuses on academic support, sports and Christian learning; a venue for plays, poetry readings and concerts; and a meeting place for family activities.

To accomplish this awesome task, much work is needed through volunteers and financial donations.

An estimated \$200,000 in renovations would make the building wheelchair accessible, with improved lighting and safety rails; a refurbished gym floor, new paint, classroom and conference room repairs, plumbing and electrical upgrades and the addition of a computer lab.

Those able to assist in this revitalization effort are encouraged to contact Pastor Woods by email at woods4044@comcast.net or by phone at 503-818-1849. All donations are tax deductible.

Urban League Celebrates 60 Years

Honoring achievements in equal opportunity

The Urban League of Portland celebrates 60 years of service to the community at its annual Equal Opportunity Day Dinner on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at the Portland Hilton Hotel, downtown.

At this year's celebration, the league will present an Equal Opportunity Award to Fred Hansen, general manager of TriMet. Hansen has achieved an impressive record of embracing diversity at TriMet with progress in multicultural employment, ridership and contracting.

The keynote speaker for the dinner is



Fred Hansen



Nate McMillan

Nate McMillan, the new head coach of the Portland Trail Blazers, spent nearly two decades as a player and coach of the Seattle SuperSonics before joining the Trail Blazers in July.

The dinner's emcee is Rev. Matt

Hennessee, president and CEO of Quiktrak, Inc. and senior pastor at Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church. The dinner's honorary co-chairs are Peggy Fowler, chief executive officer and president of Portland General Electric and Dr. Preston Pulliams, President of Portland Community College.

"We at the Urban League are thrilled to have the opportunity to honor Fred Hansen of TriMet as an individual who has consistently demonstrated a commitment to equality and economic advancement for all people," said Charles

Wilhoite, chair of the Urban League of Portland's board of directors and principal with Willamette Management Associates. "Fred's nomination

for this award was accompanied by a significant expression of support and praise from the public and private sectors, and is attributable to Fred's unwavering promotion of diversity-based activities and programs."

The Urban League of Portland, headquartered in north and Northeast Portland and serving the greater metropolitan area, helps empower African Americans and others to achieve equality in education, employment and economic security.

For more information about Urban League programs and services, visit the website at www.ulpdx.org or call 503-280-2600.

TriMet 'Intersections' History Project Awarded

Local lives retold

TriMet has earned recognition for its "Intersections" book, an 83-page publication containing photos and inspiring personal stories from residents of the communities along the Interstate MAX Yellow Line.

The book captures the rich and

diverse history of north and northeast Portland through oral histories from 10 men and women.

Written by Judy Blankenship and photographed by Julie Keefe, it portrays the growth of a vibrant African-American community, the flooding of the city of Vanport, the forced internment of Japanese-



'Intersections' is about the people living in the communities near the Interstate Max Yellow Line.

Americans during World War II, the vibrant jazz scene of the '50s and '60s, and other important chapters in the history of the city.

The American Association for State and Local History has recognized the book for significant achievement in the field of state and local history.

AASLH established the award program in 1945 to encourage standards of excellence in the collection, preservation and interpretation of state and local history throughout the United States.