

THE UPDATE

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Did you Know?!

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. **Love never fails.**

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (NIV)



MDAABC CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is Black History Month! Several local institutions and organizations have special events planned and Below you will find a list of exciting and informational events to help you celebrate through the end of the month!

Michigan African American Artists Exhibition/ARTWALK: Featuring original works. With live music and catered food and beverage. 6-9 p.m. Feb. 13. Greater Flint Arts Council, 816 S. Saginaw, Flint. 810-238-2787. Free.

Target Family Sundays: An afternoon of storytelling by Ivory D. Williams, art workshops and drawing in the galleries for adults and youths. Noon-4 p.m. Feb. 15 & 22. Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. 313-833-7900. \$8, \$6 seniors, \$4 ages 6-17.

Movies @ Bowen: "Their Eyes Were Watching God": 2-4:15 p.m. Feb. 21. Detroit Public Library, 3648 W. Vernor Hwy, Detroit. 313-297-9381.

Stories from the Underground Railroad: Presented by Tanya Dallas. 3-4 p.m. Feb. 28. Detroit Public Library, 12800 Harper, Detroit. 313-852-4346.

Just Jazz: Artwork by 31 artists depicting America's original musical form, jazz, in various media. Through Feb. 28. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wed.-Sat. Creative Arts Center, 47 Williams, Pontiac. 248-333-7849. Free.

Black History Month Film-Barack Obama: A profile of the first African-American president of the United States. Presented by Pi Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 2 p.m. Feb. 28. Southfield Public Library, 26300 Evergreen, Southfield. 248-796-4224.

"Celebrate Black History": View a musical civil rights drama, tour Rosa Parks' bus, learn about lunch counter sit-ins and diversity in the workplace and more. Events are included in museum admission. Traditional African-American food will be available in the cafe. Through March 1. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. daily Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood, Dearborn. 313-982-6220.

For More Activities and Events for Black History Month visit www.Freep.com

MDAABC YOUTH RALLY 2009

The MDAABC is excited to announce the 2009 Annual Youth Rally from 12P- 3P on **Saturday March, 28, 2009**. We are inviting American Baptist youth ministries from the entire Detroit Metro area to come together for food, fun, and worship. We will provide activities for youth between the ages of 12- 18. Our goal is to reach two hundred young people at this event. A location has not been decided yet, so for now just mark your calendars! If you are interested in participating or would like more information please contact the MDAABC office.

UPCOMING EVENTS



ABC-MI Youth Ministry Training

There will be a *Youth Worker CONNECT!* Training Event on **March 14, 2009** from **9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.** at the **Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church** in Flint with Guest Presenter, Danette Matty.

Danette Matty is a freelance writer and speaker. She is a Resource Correspondent for The Source for Youth Ministry (www.thesource4ym.com), and contributing author & tools reviewer for GROUP Magazine, Youth Worker Journal, and The Journal of Student Ministries. She volunteers by choice, having turned down paid offers in order to “keep the best of both worlds intact.” With self-deprecating humor and encouragement to her listeners, Danette has made a point of living out her call as volunteer, and helping others do the same.



Danette Matty

Come for renewal and affirmation for youth workers, a chance to connect with others in youth ministry and training to help you serve more effectively. Youth Worker CONNECT! Is affordably priced for not just your youth ministry group leader, but also for the volunteers and other staff persons that help. Please note that the registration fee for the first person in your congregation to attend is \$20.00. Additional participants from your congregation will pay a reduced fee of \$10.00 each when you register together by March 2nd. For more information contact Rev. Cheryl Swaker-Coneal at 313.924.6900, Sue Ellen Glover at 734.434.2318 or the MDAABC office.

AB Women’s 2009 Christian Life Experience “Put a Little Love in It”



Dr. Linnea Berg

Though registration is over we hope everyone has put in their reservation for the AB Women of Metro Detroit’s upcoming event “Put a Little Love in It” hosted by First Baptist Church of Detroit (21200 Southfield Rd., Southfield, 48075) on **Saturday, February 14 from 10A until 1P.**

We will be enjoying a beautiful lunch courtesy of Friendship House, have a songs of love sing-a-long, fellowship together and hear from guest speaker Dr. Linnea Berg, *Executive Director, Friendship House.*

We will also be collecting items needed by Friendship House, please check below to find a partial list of what you can donate!

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| *First Class Stamps | * Gently used clothing | * Gift Cards |
| * Baby Items | * Conduct a food drive | * Donate a Car |
| *Digital Camera | * Office Supplies | * Use Goodsearch.com |

CHURCH CONNECTIONS

Church Connections

The purpose of the MDA is to “be a diverse and unified community of faith dedicated to carrying out God’s mission.” To help facilitate this belief we have begun an exciting new section in *The Update* and on the MDA website (www.metrodetroitassoc-abc.org) called *Church Connections*. If your church has an activity or event that you would like to advertise to your fellow MDA churches we are here to help! **Information must be received by the 1st of every month to be published in the newsletter.** It is recommended that website information is received 2-3 weeks before event. **The MDA is a free source of advertisement for your church so don’t forget to send in your information!**



*Coming Together and
Making a Difference*

Comedy Night Fundraiser for Camp Lael & Friendship House

“Two Lepers and Jesus Walk Into a Bar...” will be held on **Thursday, February 19** at *Mark Ridley’s Comedy Club, 269 E. Fourth Street, Royal Oak*. The fundraiser will benefit both Friendship House and Camp Lael. The evening will begin with a light supper at 6:30 PM, and the show will start at 8:00 PM.

Tickets are \$25 before February 12th and \$30 after.

Johnnie B. Saulsberry Ghanaian Scholarship Fundraiser

The late Rev. Johnnie B. Saulsberry expresses his love for Africa with his thoughts, words, and deeds. His contributions to Ghana led to his installment as a Chief in Nsakyee, Ghana, West Africa. So those who appreciate uniquely designed outfits straight from the Motherland please come out and join us at *Greater Southern Missionary Baptist Church 13624 Stout (at Schoolcraft) in Detroit* on **February 14, 2009 9 A.M.– 6 P.M.** and help us to make this fundraiser a huge success!

B’ Jazz Vespers– First Baptist Church of Birmingham

Enjoy hearing Michigan’s finest Jazz Musicians in an historic church sanctuary with superb acoustics and *state-of-the-art sound system*

Sunday, February 15, 2009 6P to 8P

A Post Valentine Special B’Jazz Vespers Concert

“We’re In This Together ... A Jazzy Valentine”

Featuring *Tony Camilleti*, vocalist *The Darryl Roenicke Trio* with Special Guest Vocalist, *Sandra Bomar*.

FBC– Birmingham is located at 300 Willits, Birmingham, 48009. For more information call (248) 644-0550

Congratulations Reverend Alex Pickens III!

Congratulations and many blessings to Reverend Alex Pickens III who was called to University Baptist Church of East Lansing to be their pastor. Rev. Pickens has served as the associate pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Detroit since 2006. The congregation of University Baptist “...looks forward to how the Lord will grow us in ministry with the community around us, and are anxious for Rev. Pickens to join us on March 1, 2009!”



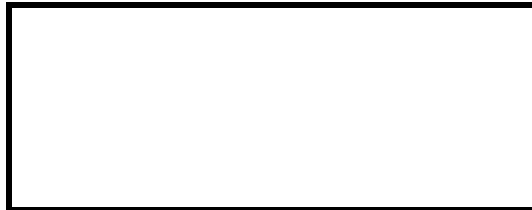
“Let’s Connect!”



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AB Women of Michigan proudly present;

SMORGASBORD

Spring Fling 2009
"Jump of Faith"

Saturday, March 21, 2009
New Hope Baptist Church
3360 E. Midland Road
Bay City, MI
989.684.6830

REGISTRATION ENDS MONDAY,
MARCH 16th.

To Register call Marie Samples at
734.482.6884

Cost of Registration is \$10
made payable to American Baptist
Women Ministries of Michigan or to
ABW Ministries, MI. For more informa-
tion contact the MDAABC office.

LET US KNOW!

Have an event,
announcement, or other news
you'd like to share with your
MDA family? E-mail or Snail
Mail a short description of
your event to the MDA and
we'll include it in the next
issue!

E-mail: All photos must be in .JPEG, or PDF
form.

Ministry Leadership Certification Class Postponed

The first class in Detroit location has been postponed. How-
ever, registration for the New Testament class, Feb. 20 - 21, is
now going on. The first class in the Charlotte location has al-
ready taken place, but registration is open for the New Testa-
ment class, Feb. 27 - 28. For more info go to www.abc-mi.org
to download the brochure and registration form.

2009-2010 Directories

The **2009-2010 MDAABC Church Directory** and the **Pastor's
Directory** are well underway! Throughout February the MDA
office will contact your church regarding a "photo session" with
your Pastor. We need new pictures of all the association Pastors
to begin the new directory. Also in February churches and
Pastors will receive an information card with the current con-
tact information the MDA has. Directions and a deadline will
be posted on the card.

Way to Go **First Baptist Church of Detroit** for hosting the
first successful 4th Sunday Dinner in conjunction with
Friendship House on January 31! Keep on giving back!!!

The 2009 ABC-USA Biennial in
Pasadena, California will be here
before you know it! Start planning
your trip today!

For information on early registra-
tion, call
1.800.ABC.3USA x2234 or email
biennial.meeting@abc-usa.org.

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